



Transportation, Environment and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 6th December, 2021 at 3.30 pm
Via MS Teams

Present:	Cllr. Paddy Bracken (in the Chair), Cllr. Willie Aird, Cllr. John Joe Fennelly, Cllr. Ben Brennan Mr. John Talbot, Mr. John Killeen Ms. Deirdre Hopkins -O'Connell	Laois County Council Laois County Council Laois County Council Laois County Council Farming Sector Construction Sector Trade Union Sector
In Attendance:	Mr. Simon Walton, Mr. Adrian Barrett, Ms. Louise McEvoy,	Director of Services Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation Administrative Officer, Roads and Transportation
Apologies:	Cllr. Noel Tuohy Ms. Deirdre Hopkins-O'Connell	Laois County Council Trade Union Sector

1. Quorum present.

Confirmed

2. Confirmation of Minute of SPC Meeting held on 6th September 2021

On the proposal of Cllr. John Joe Fennelly and seconded by Cllr. Ben Brennan, the minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2021 were agreed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising.

4. Director of Services' Progress Report

Mr. Simon Walton updated the Committee on following policies that were developed by the SPC ;

- SPC Policy recommendation on the allocation of Local Improvement Scheme funding was agreed at the November meeting of Laois County Council .
- SPC Policy for the naming of housing developments, commemorative naming of infrastructure and the provision of monuments , memorials and plaques will be considered at the January Council Meeting .

- Draft Litter Management Plan – Public consultation to commence on 9th December to 20th January 2022. Full report will be available in February 2022.

5. Hedgecutting

The matter of hedgecutting was discussed by the SPC members and some queries were raised in relation to liability for hedgecutting , cleaning of roads , tree felling on major roads . Adrian Barrett SE will give a presentation to the SPC Members on hedgecutting early in 2022.

6. Fire Safety

A report on fire safety prepared by Declan Power , Chief Fire Officer was presented to the Members . Areas covered by the report fell under the following headings ; Community Fire Safety policy, Activities , National Fire Safety Week & Smoke Alarm Campaign.

Arising from the SPC a Press Release to emphasise fire safety in the home will issue in the lead up to Christmas.

7. Correspondence

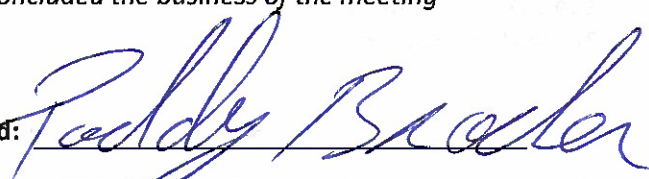
None

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 7th March 2022 at 2.00pm

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed:



Cllr. Paddy Bracken
SPC Chairperson

Date:

