

Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 5
Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy
Held on 19th September 2018

In the Chair: Cllr. Tomás Breathnach

In Attendance: Cllr. Pat Dunphy, Cllr. Breda Gardner, Cllr. Ger Frisby, James Murphy, Shem Caulfield

Also Present: Mr. Sean McKeown, Director of Service
Mr. Frank Stafford, A/Senior Engineer
Ms. Catherine Millea, Senior Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr. Maurice Shortall, Mr. Brian Hamilton

Item 1

Minutes of SPC 5 Meeting held on 23rd May 2018

Proposed by Cllr Breda Gardner, seconded by Cllr. Pat Dunphy and agreed: "that the minutes of SPC5 meeting held on 23rd May 2018, a copy of which was circulated to each member with the Agenda, is hereby adopted"

Item 2

LAWCO Presentation

Michael Nugent and Ruth Hennessy gave a presentation and gave clarification on issues raised.

A discussion took place and there were contributions from Cllr Pat Dunphy, Shem Caulfield, Cllr. Breda Gardner and James Murphy.

Item 3

Litter Management Plan 2018 -2020

Mary Cashin, Environmental Awareness Officer, gave a presentation. Mary also highlighted that 622 mattresses were collected at the Dunmore Civic Amenity Site on the mattress amnesty day.

Cllr. Pat Dunphy raised the issue of dog fouling and the bottle banks.

Frank Stafford responded that a new tender has been advertised for the bottle banks collection and recycling and that same would likely be in place before the end of the year.

Mary Cashin advised that an anti dog fouling media campaign would be launched over the coming weeks to raise awareness of this issue.

James Murphy commended the purchase of a drone as a deterrent to littering. Cllr Ger Frisby advised of the need to advertise that recyclables cannot be left at the bring banks if the banks are full.

Item 4

Draft Waste Management Bye Laws

Frank Stafford gave an update on the draft Bye Laws. Frank Stafford advised, subject to SPC approval, the draft Bye Laws would go out to public consultation on the 28th September. The consultation period would provide for a six week display period with a further 2 weeks for observations and comments ending on the 23rd November. A copy of the draft Bye Laws would also be circulated to the Elected Members, the Minister and Garda Superintendent. He also advised members that they could email him with any queries.

Members broadly welcomed the draft bye laws and it was proposed by Cllr Pat Dunphy and seconded by James Murphy that the bye laws be brought before the main council meeting in December.

Item 5**Draft Horse Bye Laws**

Sean McKeown advised that there has been a delay progressing this item due to new staff in the Environment office.

Item 6**Climate Adaptation Strategy Plan**

Sean McKeown gave an update on the plan. A discussion took place and members of the committee enquired about having a workshop on Climate Action at the next meeting. Sean McKeown to make the necessary enquiries.

Item 7**AOB**

It was proposed that the next meeting be held on 12th December and that if possible to include a workshop on Climate Action.