**Transportation, Community and Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee**

**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 7 December at 2pm. MCC Chamber Mtek1 & Microsoft Teams**

**Chairperson:** Cllr. Raymond Aughey

**Present:**

Cllr Sean Conlon Monaghan County Council

Cllr Brian Mc Kenna Monaghan County Council

Cllr Hugh McElvaney Monaghan County Council

Cllr Seamus Coyle Monaghan County Council

Lorraine Cunningham PPN

**In attendance from Monaghan County Council:**

Gareth McMahon A/Director of Services - Transportation, Community and Rural Development

Orla Brady Senior Executive Officer - Community Development

Kevin West A/Senior Executive Engineer – Transportation

Padraig Trappe Staff Officer Transportation

Adrian O Sullivan Road safety Officer

Seamie McMahon Administrative Officer – Transportation

**Apologies:**

Fergal Mc Mahon & Ann Murray

The Chairman Cllr. Raymond Aughey welcomed members to the meeting.

1. **Confirmation of Minutes 22 February 2022**

The minutes of SPC meeting held on 19th May 2022, were proposed by Cllr Brian Mc Kenna and seconded by Cllr Sean Conlon and agreed by all.

1. **Matters arising from previous minutes**

Cllr Brian Mc Kenna asked if Active Travel would give an update to the full council in January, Gareth Mc Mahon confirmed that he would get this added to the agenda.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked for an update on the Dutch Style Roundabout, Gareth McMahon stated that there was no update and that this was in the very early stages of development.

1. **Update on LECP**

Orla Brady updated the members on the LECP. A lot of work has been done since the last meeting. A Socio and Economic survey of the county had been completed and the data was currently being reviewed to get a clear picture of what the county needs. A tender to appoint a consultant was published and 1 tender was received, it is hoped that the consultant will be in place by January. Following a further review of the previous plan and a series of Public Consultation event it is hoped that a draft plan would be ready in July with the final plan agreed in August.

The members welcomed the update. Cllr Brian McKenna spoke of the importance of public Consultation and asked what strategy the council would use. Gareth Mc Mahon stated that the public consultation would b e a mixture of public meetings and online events.

Cllr Raymond Aughey raised concerns that only 1 tender was received, Gareth Mc Mahon stated that the tender was within budget and was from a very reputable consultancy agency.

1. **Road Safety Plan 2022-30**

Adrian O Sullivan updated the members on the new Road safety Plan 2022-30. This is Monaghan’s second Road Safety Plan and it is hoped that this will further reduce death and injury on our roads.

The members welcomed this update. Cllr Seamus Coyle spoke of his own experiences on the roads and off the importance of High Viz clothing. Adrian O Sullivan added that it was important to continue to get the message out there. Cllr Raymond Aughey asked that the local walking routes at sports clubs be publicised. Cllr Brian McKenna stated that Monaghan County Council should actively be encouraging people not to walk on public roads. The members requested that Adrian O Sullivan give this report to the full council.

1. **EPA Waste Guidance on Asphalt Plainings**

Mr Kevin West updated the members EPA guidelines in relation to the use of Asphalt Plannings. The members welcomed this report and congratulated Kevin West on the great work done to date. Kevin West spoke on the high levels of engagement with the EPA. Cllr Brian McKenna expressed his frustration with the EPA and added that he feared that in future years the reclaimed asphalt wouldn’t get used on the local road network. Cllr Hugh McElvaney hoped to see further local roads done in the future. Kevin West confirmed that there was now an agreement with the EPA and that the scheme will be rolled out further in the years to come. Gareth Mc Mahon added that it would be important to work in conjunction with other LAs as the machinery involved came from Germany.

1. **Green Procurement**

Padraig Trappe gave a report to the members on Green Procurement Process Whereby Local Authorities would seek to procure goods at a reduced environmental impact. The members welcomed this and hoped that this could lead to the council procuring goods more locally. Padraig Trappe spoke of the importance of not giving any bidder an unfair advantage.

Next meeting 8th of February 2pm MTEK 1 Chamber

Meeting concluded.