

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Infrastructure, European and Cross Border Affairs and Sustainable Energy Strategic Policy Committee meeting held in The Cooley Room, County Hall, Dundalk on Thursday 8th March 2018 at 4.00pm.

Present: Cllr O Tully Acting Chair
Cllr Dolores Minogue
Cllr Kenneth Flood
Mr Matthew Mc Greehan
Mr P Malone, Business/Commercial Rep

Officials: Mr A Sherry, Senior Executive Officer
Ms T Mc Ardle, Administrative Officer
Mr E Mc Manus, Administrative Officer
Ms M O Callaghan, Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr E Coffey (Chairperson)
Ms Catherine Duff, Acting Director of Services
Ms Emer O Gorman, Director of Services
Cllr E Corrigan
Cllr Colm Markey

1. Minutes

On the proposal of Kenneth Flood seconded by Cllr D Minogue it was agreed that Cllr O Tully would act as Chairperson for this meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr D Minogue seconded by Cllr O Tully the minutes of the meeting held on 27th Nov 2017 were noted and approved with an amendment to matters arising.

2. Matters Arising

3. Speed Limit Review

E Mc Manus Administrative Officer Infrastructure addressed the meeting he explained to the members that the current Speed Limit review is based on Guidelines issued by the Department in March 2017. Draft Bye laws have been published in February 2018 and are on display in all Louth Co Cos' public offices and are on the Louth Co Co Website, written submissions can be made by 3rd April 2018. The Draft County of Louth Special Speed Limit Byelaws 2017 are map based

so are very comprehensive. Mr Mc Manus said when submissions come in they are considered with all National Roads submissions referred to the TII. Questions were taken from the members including clarification on whether submissions relating to the speed limits on the National Road at Hunterstown could be changed Mr Mc Manus said it was very unlikely that any National speed limits would change. He also confirmed that the submissions relate to what is contained in the draft and additions at this stage were unlikely. The draft will be brought to the full Council for approval in due course.

4. Peace IV Update

Ms T Mc Ardle informed the members that the Letter of Offer has been received in relation to the Peace IV funding. The amount of funding available to County Louth is €2.24m. The balance of €1.3m from the original indicative budget of €3.5m has been applied for last week in a Rebids process. The decision on this rebid application is with SEUPB for consideration in due course. Ms Mc Ardle proceeded to give an updated presentation on Peace IV to the members which included an outline of the Peace Partnership, a breakdown of the letter of offer over the three themes, the importance of output indicators in this funding process, the procurement of the projects and the next steps.

The 22 member Peace Partnership has been set up and has met twice over the last couple of months. Members of the partnership are from various groups in County Louth all the decisions made by the partnership must go through the LCDC.

A press release will issue shortly in relation to the fund and the launch event is scheduled for 8th May 2018.

A discussion ensued it clarified

- that the Peace fund cannot be used if a funding stream already exists for your project the criteria
- The criteria for application for small grants available under peace will be approved by the partnership and should be an efficient process.

It was agreed Ms Mc Ardle's presentation would be circulated to the members.

5. Brexit Update

Mr A Sherry noted that a recent Brexit presentation by T Mc Evoy, Louth Enterprise Office was circulated to members and that any further Council presentations on Brexit will be forwarded also.

It was agreed that A Sherry would check for updates on the MOU advisory committee meetings.

P Malone suggested a meeting on the National Development plan 2040 be planned before the next scheduled date for this SPC.

P Malone requested a meeting be set up with this committee's equivalent committee in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. Mr A Sherry will investigate the possibility of such a meeting and revert to the members.

Any Other Business

The date for next SPC meeting is scheduled for May 2018

Confirmed at Meeting held on: 7th June 2018

Signed: Alan Kelly
Chairperson

