

COMMUNITY & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2025, 2.30PM, ARDEE CIVIC OFFICE

Present: Cllr. Robbie Nash (Chair), Cllr. Shane McGuinness, Miriam McGuill, Garreth Weldon, Kevin Moran, Aaron Karol Pundol (Remote)

Officials: David Jones-Director of Services, Mark Johnston-Senior Engineer, Finbar Gethins-Senior Executive Officer, Michelle Curran-Administrative Officer, Paula Gribbons-Administrative Officer, Shane Gorham-Asst. Staff Officer.

Apologies: Lorna Costello, Cllr. Paddy McQuillan, Cllr. Michelle Hall, Cllr. Fiona Mhic Conchoille

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action
1.	<u>Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd July 2025</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th March 2025 were agreed. Proposed by K. Moran, seconded by Cllr McGuinness.
2.	<u>To consider & agree the Draft Traffic Calming Policy</u> Members were advised that one amendment had been made to the draft policy following the review of the document at the July meeting of the committee. The amendment pertained to the inclusion of reference to outlier analysis in respect of speed data assessment. It was noted that no comments had been submitted for consideration by members subsequent to the July meeting of the SPC. The draft policy was agreed by members present and the matter to proceed for consideration by full Council, with a view to final adoption.
3.	<u>Urban Speed Limit Bye-Laws Presentation</u> A presentation was provided on the current status of the urban speed limit review process, which included reference to the national Vision Zero Road Safety Strategy, completion of Phase 1 speed limit review on local roads and the introduction of a default 60km/h speed limit, general statistics on road fatalities in urban areas indicating a high risk for pedestrians/cyclists and the recent non statutory public consultation by the Council on urban speed limits. It was noted that there were circa 250 submissions in respect to same which are currently being reviewed. Final Departmental guidelines on the implementation of the urban speed limit review are yet to issue and further local progress on the matter will be dependent on same. Once issued, there will be further workshops for elected members and statutory public consultation thereafter.

4.	<u>Active Louth Outdoor Recreation Plan, the Local Sports Plan & Play Policy</u> An update presentation was provided on the development of the Active Louth strategies, including the Outdoor Recreation Plan, Local Sports Plan and Play Policy, funded by the DRCDG, Sports Ireland and Louth County Council respectively. It was noted that consultants had been appointed, with a steering group in place to guide development of the plans. Consultation has been to the fore in the process to date, including workshops for elected members, engagement through PPN, Sports Partnership and local media, with specific surveys targeting schools and youth groups. Consultation remains open to the end of October. Members welcomed the update and emphasised the importance of the Active Louth strategies particularly in terms of overall wellness and promotion of mental health. The completion of the three strategies simultaneous was also welcomed given the commonality and synergies that can be achieved. The need for increased infrastructure and facilities was also highlighted, inclusive of shared facilities and small-scale infrastructure. It was noted that it was intended that the Strategies would be complete by year end. Once complete, these plans will be incorporated into the County Development Plan.
5.	<u>Any Other Business</u> - Age Friendly Strategy Update – The Train Station works now complete. Meeting will be held next Tuesday 30th September on the final strategy. An update will be shared with members of this SPC via email following the meeting. - Next Meeting will be held Thursday 11th December 2025, at 10am in Dundalk venue. Exact meeting room to be confirmed.
	This concluded the business of the meeting. Minutes confirmed at SPC meeting held on: <u>15th December 2025</u> Signed by Chairperson: <u></u>