

Strategic Policy Committee Meeting

Environment & Emergency Services

Aras an Chontae, Roscommon 11th December 2018

Present:

Cllr. John Naughton, Chairperson
Cllr. Orla Leyden
Cllr. Paschal Fitzmaurice
Cllr. Kathleen Shanagher
Cllr. Laurence Fallon
Michael Ewing
Shane Tiernan, Director of Services
Kieran Madden, Senior Engineer
Sarah Scott, Senior Staff Officer

Cllr. Naughton, Chairperson welcomed all of the members and officials to the meeting. Apologies sent by Cllr. Creaton, Cllr. Kilduff

Cllr. Naughton, on behalf of the SPC welcomed Shane Tiernan, DOS wishing him the best of luck in his new role stating the environment is such an important issue and we all have to work together to improve it

Shane Tiernan, DOS stated that there is a major emphasis on the environment particularly in enforcement. New regulations in relation to recycling are being introduced. New website mywaste.ie is currently being developed

Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Leyden and seconded by Cllr. Fitzmaurice

No Matters arising

Update of 2018 Anti Dumping Initiative and Mattress Amnesty

S. Scott gave a presentation on the 2018 Anti Dumping Initiative and Mattress Amnesty

Cllr. Naughton

- Disappointing to see the level of dumping in the County.
- Proposed that the presentation be shown to the full Council
- Go to media to highlight the problem
- Ballaghaderreen Town Team to be advised of the problem of illegal dumping in the area
- If the mattress amnesty is to be run again could a location in the south of the County be considered

Cllr. Fallon

- Complimented works carried out and value for money received
- Any ideas for projects for 2019 initiative
- Waste in grass verges very obvious after grass has been cut
- Can anything be done in relation to fast food outlets

M. Ewing

- Reasonable to move away from waste removal
- Publicise projects through local media
- Encourage takeaways reduce packaging and to encourage their customers to dispose of their waste correctly
- Waste Champions – visit areas and advise people on proper waste disposal
- Could mattress recycling be introduced in County

Cllr. Leyden

- Good result in Green Heartlands
- Clean ups will also need to be carried out as a lot of instances of dumping are large and outside areas cleaned by Tidy Towns groups
- Awareness of mobile cctv in operation
- Clean ups are necessary as we are trying to encourage tourism
- Engage with fast food outlets - look at possibility of organising a campaign through the schools
- Plastic Free Roscommon – link up with this group to develop projects

Cllr. Shanagher

- Tenants need to be informed in relation to proper waste disposal
- Target dashboard diners

S. Tiernan

- Key message is awareness
- Intensified check points checking waste movement
- Radio campaign being launched
- Penalties for illegal control of waste

K. Madden

- The initiative will most likely be repeated
- The focus for the 2019 initiative will not be on clean ups but to attempt to come at the problem from a different direction – come up with new ideas and other initiatives
- Any projects that fit the ADI conditions would be considered
- Money comes from the Department but is administered through WERLA
- CU WERLA drew down the full grant. The two other WERLAs have not drawn down the full grant payable
- As soon as details of the 2019 initiative become available the SPC will be notified
- Discuss with CU WERLA initiatives that have been successful in other areas and bring same to a future meeting
- Insufficient quantity of mattresses to introduce recycling of same at CAS

Presentation on Food Waste/Brown Bin rollout

A presentation was given on the above by Kieran Madden,

- Target set in 2018 RMCEI Plan for household waste inspections was reached
- Section 18 Notices to be issued to collectors requesting information monthly or quarterly for 2019

- Eircodes Project does not look like it will roll out until 2020 at earliest given all the issues that have arisen

Cllr. Leyden

- In areas where there are no brown bins can composting be encouraged – composting award
- Could public bins be compartmentalised on a trial basis
- Could there be a refund scheme for plastic bottles

M. Ewing

- Wormery rather than composting
- Proper presentation of recyclable waste
- Complimented staff in Boyle CAS

Cllr. Fitzmaurice

- Collector obliged to take in brown waste and ensure proper disposal. In Castlerea all waste bins are collected on the same morning – could an inspection be carried out
- Queried the operating costs of €500,000 for four civic amenity sites. Asked for a breakdown of costs associated with the running of the sites to be brought to the next meeting

S. Tiernan

- Operational costs for CAS include wages, fees for processing materials, advertising etc.

AOB

M. Ewing

Suggested that presentation on Sustainable Development Goals be given to full Council

Date is to be arranged for the next meeting

This concluded the business of the meeting

John Naughton
Chairperson
Environment & Emergency Services SPC

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