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Environment and Emergency Services SPC

16th December 2016, Board Room, Innovation House, Navan

Attendees -Councillors:

- Cllr. Tommy Reilly (Chair): Cllr. Joe Bonner : Cllr. Eimear Ferguson : Cllr. Wayne Forde : Cllr. Michael Gallagher : Cllr. Claire O’Driscoll : Cllr. Wayne Harding
- **Apologies:**
Cllr. Sharon Tolan, Bill Sweeney.

Sectoral Representatives:

- Ms Karen Mahon : Mr. Tommy Rogers
- Ms Aoife McGrath, LAWCO

Officials:

- Mr. Kevin Stewart, Director of Services : Mr. Larry Whelan, Senior Executive Officer : Ms. Caroline Corrigan ,Senior Executive Engineer : Mr. David Keyes, Senior Executive Engineer : Ms. Bernadine Carry, Senior Staff Officer : Ms Grainne Tuomey, Staff Officer :

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on Meeting held on the 29th September and re-adjourned meeting on the 28th October 2016 were adopted. – Proposed by Cllr Joe Bonner, Seconded by Cllr Wayne Forde</p>
2.	<p><u>Received a copy of the Chief Executive’s Report as it relates to Environment and Emergency Services. Position Noted</u></p>
3.	<p>Aoife McGrath Local Water Communities Officer made a presentation in respect of the operations of the Local Authorities Water Communities Office (LAWCO) and advised on the imminent publication of the Draft River Basin Management Plan. In particular she outlined the very extensive levels of consultation proposed with local Community Groups and sectoral interests to elicit participation in measures which will protect and restore clean water as required under the Water Framework Directive.</p> <p>Points raised in the discussion that followed :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of agriculture on Water Quality – confirmed that impact is very significant. • Co-ordination with Northern Ireland in any cross border Water related activities – confirmed that Monaghan WCO is co-ordinating such activities

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resource constraints may restrict engagement with Communities over the 3 year period - Aoife advised that she hoped to meet with bigger groups 1st, greater capacity to get things done, then engage with smaller groups, schools etc. <p>Larry Whelan advised that the objectives of the 1st Series River Basin Management Plan were seen to have failed due to lack of public buy in. The Draft 2nd Series RBMP which are scheduled for publication on the 22nd December will be on public display at local level until the 22nd June 2017 and details of consultation on same will be made known to Councillors SPC, PPNs, ETC.</p>
4.	<p>Karen Mahon gave details of a Waste Survey / Questionnaire being commissioned by the Meath Public Partnership Network designated to obtain the views of public and local groups in respect of waste issues in their locality in County Meath.</p> <p>Questionnaire covered various areas and broke down waste into individual groupings to be able to provide overview of what problems exist per area.</p> <p>Karen requested that every member of the SPC was to give 20 email addresses of people who might carry out the survey.</p>
5.	<p>Larry Whelan gave a report in respect of the take in of additional waste into the Knockharley Landfill.</p> <p>Points raised in the discussion that followed :</p> <p>Concerns that the additional waste into the facility is resulting in MD staff being assigned to clearing litter on the N2 at the expense of other services and other roads being targeted for dumping – Officials confirmed that litter of the N2 is the subject of regular complaint and recent levels of littering could not definitively be attributed to the additional intake of waste.</p> <p>L. Whelan confirmed that there is a condition in the Waste Collectors Licence requiring that all collection trucks be covered up and this matter will be taken up with the Operators if the Knockharley facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concerns about a proposed SID application for the Knockharley facility which would inter alia see an increase in activity of up to 440,000 tonnes and a height increase of up on 12 metres.• That while accepting the Chief Executives hands were tied in invoking the Section 56 some concerns exist in relation to the EPA monitoring of the site.• The Councillors role in respect of the SID application – Kevin Stewart confirmed that the application with An Bord Pleanala for an SID cannot currently be commented on as it is not before MCC but we will comment formally when requested. He advised that Knockharley initially applied for a lot more annual capacity than MCC Planning Permission allowed, and that their current PP limited the site to 88,000 tonnes p.a. and to accepting waste for 14 years which is a lot less



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	than that applied for.
6.	<p>L Whelan briefed meeting on a report published by the three Regional Waste Management Plan Offices in respect of the shortage of disposal capacity for construction and demolition waste (soil & stone).</p> <p>C Corrigan SEE advised of the issues regarding proximity to Dublin, sites filling up mid-year, nowhere for developers / builders to bring waste at end of year. Advised of compliance issues with Waste Management Permit Applicants, and issues with identifying sites. Points raised :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of bigger the bigger sites / quarries to resolve the difficulties • The use of the Tara Mines site – confirmed that t tara mines tailing pond was still accepting C&D waste. • The extent of enforcement of illegal sites by the Council - C Corrigan confirmed that extensive enforcement taking place and by way of example indicated that 11 cases before the Court on this very day between litter and waste.
7.	<p>Larry Whelan gave brief presentation on the National Enforcement Priorities for 2017. Advised Priorities set by EPA under RMCEI, and broken down into Waste, Water and Air Enforcement, and explained categories thereunder.</p>
10.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>The condition of a Garage site in Drumconrath which was subject to a recent fire and is surrounded by ELVs for number of years. Officials advised that we are looking at tackling this garage which was subject to fire under Waste Management Act but it was a difficult case.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clearplas site in Gibbstown. LWhelan advised Udaras have taken over site and are removing waste. • Conditions at the old Village Hotel. G.Tuomey advised that we are pursuing with receivers and had passed receiver details onto EHO in HSE. • K Mahon advised that she will be looking to give presentation circa March on Renewable Energy Strategy. L Whelan advised this may tie in with upcoming Climate Change SPC. • Remediation of Tymoole landfill paused. C. Corrigan advised background planning, draft documents etc underway. Tender documents imminent.