

SPC 2 Meeting 9th March at Meeting rooms 1, Council Chambers

Strategic Policy Committee 2 - Infrastructure, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services

PPN Representative: Mairead Phelan

Minutes of last meeting 1st December were agreed and sanctioned

Tim Butler Director of Services (KKCC) gave a report on Services during the last two Storms Ophelia 28th February and Emma 5th March. County Council employees were deployed to various parts of Kilkenny. A phone/email link/telly/weather conference centre was set up with the County Council, Weather and Fire Services. Risk Assessments are to be done before workers go out to Emergencies. 24 Staff were sent out to Castlecomer and Piltown areas. The Defence Forces helped and Civil defence as well.

A report was given by Seamus Kavanagh A/SE about the amounts of money to be spent on various parts of the County, on roads public and private, drainage Total €21,349,440. We got a detailed report about what it was spent on. If you want to see it this speak to Seamus Kavanagh in the Kilkenny County council if its not available to the general public your local TD may tell you if it affects your area. This report may come out with the official minutes they will appear on the www.ie Kilmacow and Ferrybank are dealt with by Ferrybank office.

A Seveso (A place in Italy) report was given by the Frank Dunne assistant fire officer to John Collins CFO, he spoke concerning emergencies re chemicals that may cause fires or be a dangers to the general public.

PPN Reps Contribution

Address the weight of fire doors with the fire officer

Raised concerns re: fire escapes in multi storey buildings. Could we have a situation like Grenfell towers? We now have 2 sets of fire escape stairs/routes in all buildings to avoid such a tragedy.

I stated that I felt older people were not catered for in the Abbey Quarter development. The chairman Seamus Doran said that he is in touch with Kilkenny Age Friendly re same.