

# Kilkenny PPN Representative Report

<b>Date:</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	<b>Time:</b> 11 a.m.	<b>Venue:</b> Council Chamber, KCC, John's Street, KK
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**Reporting Representatives Name:** Mary T. Brennan

**Committee:** SPC 2

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**Were you in attendance at the last Committee Meeting?** Yes

**Did you consult with the wider PPN / Linkage Group before this meeting?** Yes

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**Please outline the key issues discussed at the meeting:**

- 1. Work Programme for SPC2  
The Director of Services, Mary Mulholland, suggested a list of topics (which may be added to), all must be linked to the *Corporate Development Plan*.
  - Speed limit review process
  - Climate action in road sections e.g. Sustainable water drainage (SuDS), HCVs, road infrastructure and fleet management.
  - Rural water programme
  - Small road surfacing
  - Road safety plan
  - Public trespass
- 2. Rural Water Programme  
An outline of drinking water testing and costs in the County was presented. When private wells are found to be contaminated, the owner is advised on testing and treatment options.
- 3. Zevi Programme (Electric Vehicles)  
Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) operate the 'National charging network plan', a key aim is to provide EV charging stations at 60 km spacing on the motorways. The Local Authority will cooperate in the 'Regional and Local plan' (Tipperary LA is the leading authority). KCC will put local infrastructure for residential neighbourhoods and services in place and lease out the operation. At present 80% of EV owners have their own chargers so it is important to identify areas with sufficient demand for the programme to be viable. An additional challenge is a deficit in the ESB network.

**Were any decisions made at the meeting?**

- Material relevant to the work programme will be circulated to SPC members prior to the next meeting.

**Are there any actions to be taken as a result of this meeting? Who by?**

- All are expected to read the *Corporate Development Plan* and reflect on the suggested work programme.

**Did you or another PPN representative make any contributions to this meeting?**

- I questioned why the source of drinking water pollution was not investigated. The south east has high cattle numbers and extensive slurry spreading. Answer - It is the responsibility of the owner to investigate (very expensive).
- Agreed with the need to proceed cautiously with the roll out of EV chargers.

**Do you require feedback from the wider PPN Network / Linkage Group on any issues raised? (specify issue)**

- No

**Are there any issues / difficulties for you as a representative of the PPN arising from this meeting?**

- No

**Any other comments?**

- Under AOB, issues included (a) provision of more public drinking water taps, to reduce use of plastic bottles (b) the dangerous location of the bus stop on the northbound side at McDonagh Junction (an intercity stop, narrow footpath, no shelter).

<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
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