

Kilkenny PPN Representative Report

Date: 6 th March 2026	Time: 11 a.m.	Venue: Council Chamber, KCC, John's Street, KK
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Reporting Representatives Name: Mary T. Brennan

Committee: SPC 2

Were you in attendance at the last Committee Meeting? Yes

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

Please outline the key issues discussed at the meeting:

- 1. Work Programme for the SPC – Mary Mulholland. An outline of the work programme was circulated and discussed.
- 2. Flood Scheme Update – Philippe Beubry. The flooding events of last winter in Graiguenamanagh, Ballyhale and Thomastown were described and measures applied at the time and proposed delivery of improved schemes were described.
- 2. Road allocations 2026 – Seamus Kavanagh. Presented a breakdown of funding for roads in Kilkenny from TII and Dept. of Transport for 2026, and notice of upcoming consultations on road schemes.
- 3. Kilkenny City Strategic Projects – a list was circulated.

Were any decisions made at the meeting?

- With respect to the work programme it was agreed that notified topics from the suggested list would be covered at each of the four meetings.

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

- We were invited to study the work programme outlined and to engage with the Climate Action team at future meetings. Chairperson wants to write to the OPW in relation to progressing flood relief schemes.

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

- Everyone engaged in discussion on all topics. I enquired about the contribution of sediment erosion to flooding and if there were any plans to enhance buffer zones along rivers.

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? No AOB – none.

Date of next meeting: Friday 5 th June 2026
