

Kilkenny PPN Representative Report

Date: 5 th June 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. Sustainable Mobility – Kilkenny SUMP presented by Stan Cullen & Catriona Corr, a summary of the consultation on proposed measures for sustainable mobility in the city.
- 2. Climate Action Plan (as applied to Roads in Callan and Thomastown) – an account by Declan Murphy of climate mitigating measures e.g. relocation of urban space towards sustainable movement of people, junction improvements at schools employing virtual ramps, using 'water gardens' to alleviate road flooding, using energy-efficient warm-mix tar macadam on roads.

Were any decisions made at the meeting?

- No

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

- I will make a submission to the consultation on the SUMP on behalf of An Taisce. There were no other reps (apart from Councillors) present at the meeting so there was no scope for debating input from this SPC on sustainable mobility issues.

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

- Queried some of the proposed traffic schemes and junction treatments proposed in the SUMP. Questioned the ambition of the mechanisms specified to achieve the objectives.
- Discussed the value of rain gardens and accepted the necessity of improvements to junctions at schools, even though aesthetically unpleasing, due to safety issues associated with speeding motorists.

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?

- I consider addressing Kilkenny City Sump as one of the most important issues for this SPC, an opportunity to have an input to mobility in the city for the next 15 years. Few turned up, not even the Chairperson, only three Councillors and myself attended. It was embarrassing that Staff who had prepared good presentations found so few present to address.

Date of next meeting: Friday 4 th September 2026
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