

**Minutes of Meeting of Planning & Development, Heritage, Community, Arts & Culture  
Strategic Policy Committee (SPC3) held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at 3.00 pm in  
Meeting Room 1**

**Chairman:** Cllr. Pat Dunphy

**In Attendance:** Cllr J Brennan, Cllr P. Fitzpatrick, Cllr M. Noonan, , M.T. Brennan, P O'Brien, J Burke, S McKeown DOS, D. Malone SP, M Delahunty SEO, Ed. O'Reilly, Senior Exec, Tech (temp), E.O'Reilly ASO.

**Apologies:** Cllr D. Kennedy, M. Mulholland, D. Ledwidge

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**Item 1- Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 were proposed by Cllr P. Fitzpatrick, seconded by P O'Brien and agreed.

**Item 2 - Matters Arising**

- ❖ Repair & Leasing Scheme: S McKeown advised that he had been advised by Housing staff that there have been 16 expressions of interest under the RLS to date, 10 of which have been deemed potentially viable.  
Following a discussion including contributions from Cllr. M Noonan, Cllr J Brennan & Cllr M Noonan it was agreed that S McKeown would investigate if relief under the Living City Initiative is available to qualifying participants in the Repair and Leasing Scheme.

**Item 3 – National Planning Framework (NPF) /Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES)**

- NPF: D Malone outlined the journey of the NPF to Draft stage. The four main elements of the Strategy are **1.** Irelands Cities **2.** Our Regions & Rural Fabric **3.** Compact Growth & **4.** Our Capital. The Department are currently reviewing submissions made (including the submission made by Kilkenny County Council.)
- RSES: The submission deadline prior to the preparation of the Draft RSES has been extended to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018. Submissions will be taken into consideration prior to the preparation of the Draft RSES. The Southern Regional Assembly intends publishing the Draft RSES during the second quarter of 2018.  
Following a discussion including contributions from Cllr J Brennan, Cllr M Noonan & M.T. Brennan it was agreed that a workshop would be held on Fri 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 @ 2pm in the County Council Chamber in preparation for Kilkenny County Councils submission to the RSES.

**Item 4 – County Development Plan/Local Area Plans update**

D. Malone advised that the amendments to the Ferrybank Belview Local Area Plan would be presented to members for adoption at the December meeting of the Council.

Over 20 submissions were received following the public display of the Draft Castlecomer Local Area Plan. It is expected that amendments to the draft will be back for public display early 2018.

Two further LAP's are planned for 2018 i.e. Thomastown & Callan.

The review of the County & City Development Plans will begin in April 2018 which will include the publications of a notice of intention to review and Issues Paper.

D Malone proposed that a public conference be held before the official notices are published with a view to encouraging both public interest and participation in the preparation of the new plans.

All members were in agreement with this proposal.

### **Item 5 – Derelict Sites/Vacant Sites Update**

Ed. O' Reilly advised that Kilkenny County Council is obliged to have a Vacant Sites Register and this register will go live during December 2017. Approximately 50 vacant sites were initially identified of which 31 will be added to the register. Kilkenny Council have written to the landowners of these 31 sites and to date 70% of owners have responded.

Following a query from P O' Brien regarding Vacant Vs Derelict sites, D Malone advised that Lands zoned Residential are the target for Vacant Sites.

### **Item 6 – Community & Culture Facilities Grant Scheme (CCFCS) 2018 -2020**

M. Delahunty provided an update on the CCFCS 2018-2020. Following consultation with Elected Members at Municipal District level, Draft Guidelines and Application form have been produced. It is proposed to bring these to the July meeting of The Council for adoption. Once adopted it is intended to have an official launch of the scheme.

Following a discussion with contributions from M. T. Brennan, Cllr J Brennan, P O' Brien & M Noonan it was suggested that the area of environmental enhancements & reference to the Carlow Kilkenny Energy Agency be included as advisory items in the Guidelines.

### **Item 7 – Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday **07<sup>th</sup> March 2018 @ 3pm** in Meeting Room 1, County Hall, John Street., Kilkenny.

That concluded the business of the meeting.