

Minutes of Meeting of Planning & Development, Heritage, Community, Arts & Culture Strategic Policy Committee (SPC3) held on the 12th July, 2017 at 3.00 pm in Meeting Room 1

Chairman: Cllr. John Brennan

In Attendance: Cllr D. Kennedy, Cllr M. Noonan, Cllr P. Dunphy, M. Brennan, D. Malone SP, Nicolaas Louw SEP, M Delahunty S.E.O., J. Bourke, P O' Brien, M. Brennan , P O'Brien E.O'Reilly ASO.

Apologies: Cllr P. Fitzpatrick, John Hurley, M.T. Brennan, D. Ledwidge

Item 1- Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 12th April, 2017 were proposed by Cllr D. Kennedy seconded by Cllr. J Brennan and agreed.

Cllr J Brennan on behalf of the Committee extended sympathy's to Cllr D Kennedy, J Bourke & Mary Butler on their recent family bereavements.

Item 2 – Update – Ferrybank Local Area Plan

N Louw advised that the LAP has been on public display sine 09th June 2017. A public information session was held on 21st June which was well attended. Four submissions have been received to date and the closing date for receipt of submissions 04th August 2017. It is hoped to have the Chief Executive Officers report available to members for the September 2017 meeting of the Council and the LAP published by the end of this year.

A discussion followed with contributions made by Cllr. D. Kennedy, Cllr P Dunphy.

Item 3 – Ferrybank Park Progress Report

N Louw advised that the plans and particulars of the proposed Ferrybank Neighbourhood Park were on public display until 7th July 2017 during which time seven submissions were received . It is planned to have the Chief Executive Officers report available to members early September for adoption at the September meeting of the Council.

The next step following adoption of the plan will be to proceed to the tender stage.

A discussion followed with contributions made by Cllr. D. Kennedy, Cllr P Dunphy.

Item 4 – LIHAF / Variation 3 update

D. Malone outlined the key points of the proposed variation which included placing the housing area close to the adjacent park, increasing the school site and creating a framework for effective delivery.

The Plan was on public display in June 2017 and will be brought to members for approval at the July meeting of the Council. It is hoped to commence work in Quarter 1 2018.

Contribution was received from Cllr M. Noonan in relation to Smarter Travel and water attenuation from the Breagah River.

Item 5 – Castlecomer LAP progress report

N Louw advised that the Draft plan is currently being prepared and nearing completion with plans to have the Draft plan on public display mid/end of August 2017. The plan will be on display for a period of 8 weeks within which time submissions can be made.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr J Brennan.

Item 6 – Town & Village Renewal - update on progress & overview of applications

M Delahunty outlined for member details of the Action Plan for Rural Development.

Following a competitive call from the Town & Village Renewal Scheme for proposals, detailed sessions were held with the various community groups to assist them with developing their projects into applications. Thirteen projects were advanced and are now waiting on a decision from the Department.

Cllr J Brennan welcomed M. Delahunty to the SPC 3 meeting and extended his appreciation to all the Community & Culture Staff for their work assisting the various Community Groups preparing their applications for submission.

Item 8 – Any other business

Paul O' Brien raised his concerns regarding the Regional Veterinary Laboratory based in the Hebron Road, Kilkenny which is facing closure. Cllr Noonan advised that given the importance of the service the case to retain the Kilkenny Laboratory had both Council & cross-party support.

Cllr Noonan reminded all members that Heritage Week will take place the third week in August with over 70 events being held.

Cllr J Brennan thanked all members and Council staff for their support and advice over the past three years of his chairmanship of the SPC 3. From the October meeting Cllr P Dunphy will take over from Cllr Brennan as meeting Chairman.

All were in agreement with D Malone who thanked Cllr Brennan for his dedication over the past three years as chairman.

Item 9 – Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th October 2017 in Meeting Room 1, County Hall, John Street., Kilkenny.

That concluded the business of the meeting.