

Minutes of Meeting of Planning & Development, Heritage, Community, Arts & Culture Strategic Policy Committee (SPC3) held on the 11th April 2018 at 3.00 pm in Meeting Room 1

Chairman: Cllr. Pat Dunphy

In Attendance: Cllr J Brennan, Cllr P. Fitzpatrick, Cllr M. Noonan, Cllr P McKee, J. Hurley, M.T. Brennan, P O'Brien, S M^cKeown DOS, M Mulholland DOS, D. Malone SP, M Delahunty SEO, N Louw SEP, D Ledgwidge, J Coyne, E.O'Reilly ASO.

Apologies: None

Item 1- Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 13th December, 2017 were proposed by Cllr J. Brennan, seconded by Cllr P Fitzpatrick and agreed.

Item 2 - Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item 3 – County Kilkenny Cultural Strategy 2018-2022

D Ledwidge provided an update on the draft Cultural Strategy for 2018-2022. The strategy encompasses the areas of Arts, Heritage & Library with the overall vision to create and sustain great places and communities.

It is planned to bring the draft plan before the Council members for adoption at the May 2018 meeting of the Council.

M Mulholland highlighted that adoption of the strategy will be very important in relation to securing funding under Project Ireland 2040.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr Noonan, Cllr, Fitzpatrick, M. T. Brennan, M Brennan, M Noonan, & P.O'Brien.

Item 4 – Vacant Sites Register

D. Malone provided an update regarding the Kilkenny County Council Vacant Site Register & advised that the Register is available on the County Council website.

S M^cKeown advised of the appeals procedure to An Bord Pleanala and that further policy direction regarding the Vacant Site Levy is expected shortly from central Government

A discussion followed regarding the addition to the Register of sites zoned for residential purposes which are currently being used for agricultural purposes, with contributions from Cllr McKee, Cllr Brennan, Cllr Fitzpatrick, Cllr Noonan, P O'Brien, M.T. Brennan, M. Brennan & J Burke.

It was proposed by Cllr McKee & seconded by Cllr Fitzpatrick that Kilkenny County Council seek advice from the Council solicitor as to whether a site that is zoned residential & is currently being used for agricultural purposes is considered “vacant & idle” (with respect to the Act).

Item 5 – Update on NPF & RSES Process

D Malone advised that following the publication of the NPF it is expected that the draft RSES will be on public display in July 2018. It is envisaged that final sign off by the Regional Assembly will follow in January 2019.

Item 6 – Update on County Development Plan & LAP's

N Louw advised that the County Development Plan 2020-2026 review has started. The 2020-2026 development plan is a single consolidated plan for the City and County. The notice of the pre-draft Public Consultation phase will be advertised in next week's Kilkenny People. The RSES will guide the Core Strategy of the Development Plan.

A discussion followed with contributions from M.T. Brenann & Cllr Noonan.

The draft Castlecomer Local Area Plan will be brought to members for adoption at next week's meeting of the Council.

Work on the preparation of the draft LAP for Callan has commenced. It is envisaged that a draft will be available during September 2018 with a view to having the final document by April 2019.

Item 7 – Public Consultation on Hinkley Point C Nuclear Power Station

D Malone advised that the closing date for receipt of submissions is 17.04.2018. Any submissions received are required to be sent to The Dept of Housing Planning & Local Government within one week of this closing date.

Cllr Noonan advised that a public meeting of the Irish Environmental Network was being held in the Newpark Hotel on 12th April 2018 @ 7.30pm.

Item 8 – Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th July 2018 @ 3pm in the Council Chamber, County Hall, John Street., Kilkenny.

That concluded the business of the meeting.