

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**HOUSING & CORPORATE ESTATE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**13<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Attendance:** Cllr. John Snell, Cllr. Mags Crean, Cllr. Paul O'Brien, Cllr. Aoife Flynn Kennedy, Cllr. Grace McManus, Cllr. Tommy Annesley, Mary-Anne Parsons (PPN), Paddy Mordaunt, Simon Blankensee, Joe Lane (WCC), Theresa O'Brien (WCC), Helena Fallon (WCC), Jackie Carroll (WCC), Declan Marnane (WCC), James McCawley (WCC),

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At the outset of the meeting Cllr John Snell wished Jackie Carroll well in her new role and thanked her for all her dedication to her role in housing and wished to make a record of her legacy within Housing and Estate Management of WCC. He also welcomed Theresa O'Brien to the section

**Item 1: Minutes of Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and Matters Arising:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 was proposed by proposed by Cllr Paul O'Brien and seconded by Cllr Mags Crean.

**Item 2: Correspondence and Circulars:**

The members were advised that the new Housing Application Form has been updated and is more concise than before, allowing for greater detail to be submitted and will allow and assist in the making of more educated decisions.

**Item 3: Presentation on Co. Wicklow Strategic Plan for Housing People with Disability 2021-2027:**

The members were delivered a presentation on the Strategic Plan for Housing People with Disabilities which included a breakdowns of key outcomes from 2016-2020 and of allocations from 2016-2021.

A brief discussion was held on the Strategic plan and the following points were raised  
Dementia – age in place  
Mental health

Carnew Community Care and the amazing service it provides

The committee were advised the a lot of progress has been made by WCC in housing people with a disability and that all units especially ground floor and bungalows are retained for housing persons with a disability

**Item 4: Homelessness:**

Updates received on new presentations and numbers in emergency accommodation. Services at Kilmartin running well and issues at new facility in Bray have been ironed out. Shared Houses in Bray & Arklow available and being used well. HAIL services are being used successfully and refurbishment at Carrig Eden carried completed.

Assessments continue to be carried out over the over the phone, with a member of the team also carrying out assessments in Five Loaves in Bray.

Homeless HAP continues to be very successful with a focus on intervention not prevention.

#### Item 5: Traveller Accommodation:

Updates were received regarding construction of new and ongoing developments as follows

- **Ballinteskinn – 3 houses** - Detailed design stage and tender documents completed, stage 3 with Dept Nov 2020, awaiting approval to go out to tender for a contractor in Q2
- **Avondale Heights, Rathdrum – 4 houses** - Approval received for funding from Department, draft design now agreed with the proposed tenants
- **Bardarrig Group Housing scheme for 2 houses** - Revised Stage 1 approval received March 2021. Survey of utilities in the area has commenced.
- **DPG Woodview Works** nearing completion on this extension
- Ballinteskinn - Stage 1 for a disability extension has now gone to Department for approval

#### Age Friendly Schemes

- going to plan in Greystones, Carrig Eden and Kilcoole which will result in 22 units being provided.

#### Fabric Upgrade Phase 1

- Lot 1 88 houses in Bray and Greystones – awaiting determination of Department regarding repointing of properties.
- Lot 2 90 houses in Arklow, Wicklow and West Wicklow commenced in December 2020 and all tenants have been contacted in this regard.

#### Fabric Upgrade Phase 2

- Contractor has commenced on site on 20 properties in Wolfe Tone Square West, Bray, approx 10 nearly complete.
- Tender has been advertised for 23 properties in West Wicklow and Gleanely, closing date was the 15<sup>th</sup> July, currently being evaluated.

#### Item 6: Housing Maintenance

Virtual Inspections are being carried out, 324 this year since February. Houses will be re-inspected as soon as restrictions allow.

#### Item 7: Housing Supply:

The members were updated on the status of the programme.

- -Kilbride Lane nearing completion. Final works to be carried out
- -Merrymount and Delaney Park Arkow both progressing well.
- Hawkstown Park and Ard Na Greine due for completion Feb 2022.
- -Mountainview: Good progress being made.
- Avondale: Phase 2 Re-Tendered.
- Greenhill Rd – Commencing June 2021.
- Cedar Court: Out to Tender tomorrow
- All supplies moving at a reasonable speed.
- Fassaroo inspections being carried out due to unique design of the area
- Delany Park (Pts: 2 & 3) Number of Units to be confirmed at 47 units

#### Item 8: Affordable Housing:

Covered all areas of Housing Supplies and notified of increase in building costs.

#### Item 7: Update on COVID-19 Housing Business Continuity Plan:

No further updates from current procedures in place.

**Item 8: Any Other Business:**

**Direct Provision:** Update on various difficulties with housing in this area.

Jackie was thanked for her assistance and work to date. Date of next meeting confirmed at 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Signed:

  
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Cllr. John Snell, Cathaoirleach

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