

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
HOUSING & CORPORATE ESTATE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
21st October 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, Niamh Power, Joe Lane (WCC), Theresa O'Brien (WCC), Helena Fallon (WCC), Declan Marnane (WCC)

Item 1: Minutes of Meeting of 22nd July 2021 and Matters Arising:

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2021 was proposed by Cllr Paul O'Brien and seconded by Cllr Aoife Flynn Kennedy.

At the outset of the meeting Cllr John Snell offered his sympathies and those of the SPC to the Casserly' Family on the passing of Derek who had been a member of the Housing and Corporate SPC until his untimely passing. All the members of the SPC wished to be associated with the condolences and asked that a letter would issue to the Casserly' family from the members advising them of the above.

Item 2: To Receive a presentation on Housing for All - A New Housing Plan for Ireland' the government's housing plan to 2030.

Joe Lane Director of Service gave a presentation to the committee on Housing for All the new housing plan for Ireland to 2030

Following the presentation a lengthy discussion was had during which the following items were raised by the members of the SPC

- Affordable Housing and its delivery in County Wicklow
- Turnkey Developments and the chance of getting affordable units under this stream
- Shared equity Scheme
- Lott Lane Scheme – details to be circulated to the members of the SPC – Part V111 for Lott Lane and when will it be advertised
- Availability of Land within County Wicklow
- Shortage of zoned Land
- High density developments
- Community Led Housing
- Acquisition of housing on the open market
- Wicklow County Councils housing target 1348 units by 2026
- Part 5 going from 10% yield for LA to 20% welcomed
- Construction costs and the increase in material costs
- Affordable sites

At the end of the discussions Joe Lane advised that today's presentation was very high level and that over the coming months many areas would be delved into more

deeply and that going forward this item would remain on the agenda of the SPC for regular updates

Item 8: Any Other Business:

Cllr Paul O'Brien raised a query regarding Fitzwilliam Road the family hub due to be opening there soon. Niamh Power Dublin Simon was welcomed onto the committee and the members were advised that it is anticipated that the hub would be up and running by mid-December. The members asked if it was possible for them to visit before it was occupied and Niamh said that she would try to facilitate this.

Cllr Tommy Annsley raised an issue that was a concern to the members of Arklow MD regarding the amount of rent that is collected within the MD versus the amount of monies for repairs in the MD area.

Simon Blankensee welcomed the blended attendance at the meeting and asked that this be facilitated going forward. He also announced that this would be his last meeting as his term on the committee was up.

Cllr John Snell thanked Simon for his attendance and contributions to the SPC while he was a member of the committee

It was agreed that the next meeting of the SPC will be held on 9th December 2021 at 2.30.

Signed:

Cllr. John Snell, Cathaoirleach

Dated:

