

**Minutes of The Housing Strategic Policy Committee of Wicklow County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Wicklow Town, A67 FW96 on Wednesday 26th February 2024.**

**In Attendance:** Cathaoirleach Graham Richmond, Cllr. Mark Barry, Cllr. Peter Stapleton, Cllr. Paul O'Brien, Mr. David Porter (WCC), Mr. John Douglas (Trade Union), Ms. Emma McMillen (Homeless Sector)(Simon Community), Mr. Joe Lane (WCC), Mr. Marc Devereux (WCC), Mr. Michael Nicholson (WCC), Mr. Paddy Mordaunt (Business Commercial), Mr. T.J. Foley (Development Construction) (CIF), Mr. Séan O'Callaghan (Environment Conservation), Ms. Kathleen Kelleher (Social Inclusion), Ms. Caroline Fox (WCC), Ms. Cici Zheng (Community/Voluntary), Ms. Lynda Healy (WCC), Ms. Aideen Russell (WCC)

**Apologies:** Cllr. Gail Dunne, Cllr. Gerry O'Neill (Unable to logon, problem with laptop)

Cathaoirleach Richmond opened the February meeting of The Housing Strategic Policy Committee and welcomed all present.

**1. To confirm and sign minutes of The Housing Strategic Policy Committee of Wicklow County Council dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

It was proposed by Mr. Paddy Mordaunt, seconded by Cllr. Barry and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes of The Housing Strategic Policy Committee of Wicklow County Council dated 4th December 2024.

**2. Matters Arising – None.**

**3. Housing – Capital Delivery**

**To receive a presentation on the Part V process from David Porter Administrative Officer Transportation & Infrastructure Delivery.**

Mr. Porter gave a detailed presentation to the members, showing why a new Part V policy is required. Mr. Porter advised the members that the Affordable Housing Officer will give a presentation at the next SPC meeting which will be held in April 2025 to explain the Affordable Housing Scheme. And, following on from that presentation a discussion can be held about how Part V & Affordable can operate and the issues and complexities involved.

A breakdown of Part V, Turnkey and Approved Housing bodies build delivery was given and photographic examples shown.

Mr. Porter explained amendments introduced over the years to Planning and Housing Acts which relate to Part Vs & Affordable Housing.

Mr. Porter went through the Part V process step by step and gave examples showing the breakdown of Part V figures.

Questions were answered by Mr. Porter and Ms. Russell was actioned to distribute a copy of the presentation to the members.

#### **4. Housing – Services**

**(b) To receive a presentation on the Draft Traveller Accommodation Plan 2025-2029.**

Ms. Fox advised that the Draft Traveller Accommodation Plan 2025-2029 will be going out on public consultation. Any person or organisation who wishes to make a submission in respect of the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme is invited to do so by the 9th May 2025 at 5pm.

Questions were answered by Ms. Fox and the members were advised that a copy of the plan and advertisement would be circulated once available.

**(a) New Differential Rent Scheme. (As circulated)**

Mr. Nicholson advised that a new differential rent scheme, amalgamating Wicklow County Council and Bray Municipal District's schemes had been prepared and would be noted on the agenda of the full Council meeting for March 2025.

**5. Correspondence – None.**

**6. Any other business – None.**

**7. Date of next meeting.**

The next Housing Strategic Policy Committee meeting of Wicklow County Council will be held on Wednesday, 30th April 2025 at 2:30pm.

**There being no other business, Cathaoirleach Graham Richmond, concluded the meeting.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
CATHAOIRLEACH, Cllr. Graham Richmond

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_