

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
HOUSING & CORPORATE ESTATE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
22nd July 2021

Attendance: Cllr. John Snell, Cllr. Paul O'Brien, Cllr. Aoife Flynn Kennedy, Cllr. Grace McManus, Joe Lane (WCC), Theresa O'Brien (WCC), Helena Fallon (WCC), Declan Marnane (WCC),

Apologies: Cllr. Mags Crean, Mary-Anne Parsons (PPN) Simon Blankensee, 'Aoibhinn McCloy, Derek Casserley

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Item 1: Minutes of Meeting of 13th May 2021 and Matters Arising:

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May was agreed and there were no matter arising that would not be dealt with during the course of the meeting.

Item 2: Correspondence and Circulars:

The members were updated on all correspondence and circulars since the last SPC

Item 3: Presentation on Mid-East Homeless Action Plan 2021 - 2023:

The members received a presentation on the Mid East Homeless Action Plan 2021 - 2023 which included breakdown of key findings, priority objectives and future plans for the implementation of the Action Plan.

A brief discussion was held on the Mid East Homeless Action Plan 2021 - 2023 and the following points were raised

- Homeless Presentations
- San Remo – the fact that was up and running well
- Peter McVerry Trust and housing first -it was decided that PMcV Trust would be invited to make a presentation to the SPC at some stage to update the members on Housing First and the progress being made using the Housing First Model

Item 4: Homelessness:

Updates were given to the committee on new presentations and numbers in emergency accommodation.

Services at Kalimantan and Sam Remo are running well

Shared Houses in Bray & Arklow available and being used well.

HAIL services are being used successfully

Refurbishment at Carrig Eden completed.

Homeless assessments continue to be carried out over the phone due to COVID

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

- **Ballintесkin – 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
- **Barndarrig 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
- **Ballintесkin** - Stage 1 for a disability extension has now gone to Department for approval

Age Friendly Schemes

- 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 15th 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 Bray – completed and allocated
- Merrymeeting Rthnew - completed and allocated
- Delaney Park Arkow - 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:

A discussion took place around what is really affordable especially given land costs in County Wicklow

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

No further updates from current procedures in place.

Item 8: Any Other Business:

The Cathaoirleach raised the Bray Women's Refuge and the need for a move on facility for people exiting the Refuge - it was decided to ask the board of the Bray Woman's Refuge to make a presentation to a future meeting of the SPC

Signed:


Cllr. John Snell, Cathaoirleach

Dated:
