

Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee

Minutes of meeting held at 3 p.m. on Friday, 26 May 2017 in Aras Chill Dara, Naas.

Cathaoirleach:	Councillor Suzanne Doyle
Present:	Councillors Darragh Fitzpatrick, Billy Hillis, Padraig McEvoy, Mr. Gerry Prendergast.
Apologies:	Councillor Naoise Ó Cearúil
Unable to attend:	Cllrs. Morgan McCabe, Mark Lynch, Mark Wall, Mr. Brendan Allen
Also Present:	Sonya Kavanagh, Director of Services; Peter Minnock, Director of Services; Ken Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer; Jacqui McNabb, Head of LEO, Mark McLoughlin, Administrative Officer, Gerard Mackey, LEO.

1. To consider draft minutes of meeting held on 24 February 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2017 were proposed by Councillor Hillis, seconded by Mr. G. Prendergast and duly adopted.

2. To receive an Update on Development Control

Mr. Willie Hannigan presented a report on Development Control. The main issues were:

- 11,746 houses in 154 estates with a population of c.31,746 persons taken in charge by Kildare County Council since 2006.
- Bonds - Performance bonds paid by developers from €2,000-€9,000 per unit depending on housing densities however bonds do not take into account other infrastructural requirements.
- Street lighting – noted that developers are responsible for arranging connection and paying bills until taken in charge.
- Irish Water – Some initial issues with taking in charge of estates when Irish Water was established and issues remain with taking in charge of older estates.
- Management companies – Noted that apartment developments are not taken in charge by the local authority.

3. Update on Forward Planning

Peter Minnock, Director of Services advised that the Celbridge and Leixlip Local Area Plans were on public display and would be adopted during the year. The preparation of the Naas and Athy Local Area Plans would commence later in 2017.

5. Draft Work Programme 2017

The members were circulated with the Draft Work Programme as follows:

- Consider the production of a Design Aid / Guideline for Single Rural houses.
- Consider SPC members input into National Planning Framework
- To oversee Economic Development Objectives of the LECP / Regional Action plan for jobs and LEDP 2017-20.
- Review Part 8 process – document circulated.

6. LECP Economic Development Actions

Ms. Sonya Kavanagh, Director of Services circulated an update on LECP Economic Actions and advised the committee that the Council and the Local Enterprise office were working on the delivery of all 31 actions in the programme.

7. Update from Head of Enterprise

Ms. Jacqui McNabb, Head of Enterprise circulated a report to the members of the committee. Issues covered included:

- Town and Village renewal scheme
- Foreign Direct Investment
- Allenwood Enterprise Sub-Committee
- Action Plan for jobs
- Kildare County Show
- Shop Front Scheme
- Community Concept Competition
- Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur Awards 2018
- Craft Hub
- Lean Business Programme Kildare
- Brexit Support

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday 26 May 2017.