

**Minutes of County Kildare Housing SPC
March 2nd 2016
Kildare County Council.**

Present:

Cllr Joanne Pender
Cllr. Aoife Breslin
Cllr Thomas Redmond
Cllr. Brendan Weld
Raymon O' Reilly
Denis Buckley
Pat Doyle
Tadhg Mc Donnell, Director of Services

In attendance:

Annette Aspell, SEO, Housing
Sinead Fitzpatrick, AO, Housing
Mary Mc Carthy, AO, Housing
Mark Mc Loughlin, AO, Housing

Apologies:

Cllr. Deborah Callaghan
Cllr Paddy Kennedy, Chairperson
Cllr Robert Power

1. Welcome and Introductions

Good wishes were extended to Cllr. Paddy Kennedy who was absent due to illness. In his absence Cllr. Brendan Weld agreed to chair the meeting.

Pat Doyle of the Peter Mc Verry Trust was welcomed to the SPC, Pat is representing the community pillar as set out in the SPC scheme.

2. Minutes of SPC Dec 10th 2015

The minutes of the SPC December meeting were approved. Proposed by Cllr. Redmond, seconded by Cllr. Breslin.

3. Correspondence

A query was raised about correspondence from Teach Tearmann, Taghg Mc Donnell confirmed that correspondence was received by the CEO on December 21st 2016 and that he has been liaising with Tusla on the matter.

A list of housing related circulars received in 2016 was circulated for the members information.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. SPC Standing Orders

Draft standing orders for the SPC committees were circulated, any comments should be returned as soon as possible as they will go to CPG in April for approval.

6. Housing Section Update

- HAP: The Housing Assistance Payment was introduced in November 2015. In the first 3 month approx. 100 application have been processed. The members raised issues relating to the transfer list but it was confirmed that the applicant must return the appropriate documentation requesting their inclusion on the transfer list within two weeks.

- Housing Needs Assessment: A HNA is due in 2016 but formal notification has not yet been received.

- Capital Programme Update:

1. Design documents for Kilcock housing scheme (20 houses) are currently being prepared for submission to the Dept for approval, weekending 08/04/2015.
2. Design consultancy for Dunmurray Rise(28 houses) and Anne St (10 houses) is currently out for tender, the deadline for receipt of tender documents is 08/04/2015.
3. Tenders for refurbishment units in 6 St Patricks Park, Rathangan, will be invited in April 2016. Drainage work is commencing on 3rd May.

7. 2016 Work Programme.

A presentation was provided on the key policy areas for 2016. The priority areas and schemes examined included the Tenant Purchase Scheme, The Anti-Social Behaviour policy, the Allocation Policy and the Self Help Scheme 2016.

In advancing the work programme it was agreed to hold a special meeting on on Wednesday 6th April to further examine the allocations policy. A copy of a draft allocation policy will be circulated in advance.

8. SPC report to Council:

It was agreed to defer the Housing SPC report to full council until May 2016.

This concluded the business of the meeting.