**Planning & Building Control SPC**

**Minutes of Meeting of 6th March 2019**

**In the Chair:** Cllr Jim Moore

**Present: :** Cllr Marie Doyle,Cllr. Willie Fitzharris, Mr. Tony Larkin, Mr. Diarmuid Houston, Mr. Tony Nolan, Ms Deirdre Kearns, Mr. Paul O’Rourke, Ms. Claire Lawless Cllr. Anthony Donohoe, Cllr. Tony Dempsey, Cllr Larry O’Brien, Cllr Pip Breen, Cllr Oliver Walsh

**Apologies:** Mr.Anthony Neville, Cllr. Robert Ireton

Minutes and Matters Arising

On the proposal of Cllr. Willie Fitzharris, seconded by Cllr. Jim Moore the minutes of the SPC meeting held on the 15th November 2018 were approved with amendments.

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Regional Assembly who were invited to attend the special SPC meeting.

R.S.E.S

The draft submission from Wexford County Council on the Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy – Southern Region was discussed.

Deirdre Kearns, Senior Executive Planner outlined issues with the content of the draft RSES. Items included Population/Zoning, Eastern Economic Corridor, Economic Development, Rosslare Port, Towns and Villages, Rural Areas, Greenway and Education.

A discussion ensued emphasising the importance of maintaing a high profile for Wexford at Regional level in particular Enniscorthy and New Ross as they are not mentioned in the strategy. A question arose in regard to the methology of the section of Counties in the strategy. The distributions of employment needs to be emphasised and strategic employment locations needed to be identified.

The Chairman emphasised that any submission should include a reference to the Seafood Industry include our fishing centres in Wexford i.e. Kilmore Quay

The final date for the submission on the draft RSES is Friday 8th March 2019.

It was agreed that a pack on our submission to the Regional Assembly would be circulated to the members.

Planning & Development (Amendment Act) 2018

The Administrative Officer, Planning gave a outline of the main provisions of the Act including: The appointment of an independent Planning Regulator, Past failures to comply with planning permission, Development Contributions, Taking in Charge of estates, Enforcement, Fees for Submissions, Planning application fees, Fees for pre planning consultations, Major pre planning, Extension of Duration

It was agreed that the consolodation of all the Planning & Development Acts would be circulated to the members electronically.

A.O.B

The meeting was advised that when refusing planning applications the Council used an evidence based approach.

Planning density guidelines were briefly discussed.

A brief discussion in relation to pre planning meetings ensued. There are some issues in the lenght of waiting time for the meetings. The Director of Service advised that measurements have been put in place and the service will be regurlarised by the end of the month.

It was agreed that the dates for the next SPC will be decided between the Chairman and Director of Service and will be circulated to the members.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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