**Planning & Building Control SPC**

**Minutes of Meeting of 4th April 2018**

**In the Chair:** Cllr Jim Moore

**Present:** Cllr. Tony Dempsey, Cllr. Willie Fitzharris Cllr. Robert Ireton, Mr. Danny Forde,Mr. Edward Lyng, Mr Tony Larkin, Mr. Diarmuid Houston, Mr. Tony Nolan, Mr. Enda Waters, Ms Helen Frayne

**Apologies:** Cllr Anthony Donohoe, Cllr Oisin O’Connell, Mr. Anthony Neville

Minutes and Matters Arising

On the proposal of Cllr. Robert Ireton, seconded by Cllr. Willie Fitzharris the minutes of the SPC meeting held on 2nd February, 2018 were approved.

Matters Arising: No matters arising

Project Ireland 2040

 A presentation was made by the Senior Executive Planner. The meeting were advised that two documents have been launched under ‘Project Ireland 2040’ , the National Planning Framework and the National Development Plan. The County Development Plan must take account of the RSES and NPF. The meeting was further advised Wexford is currently within the statutory timeframe for review of the CDP but that a Bill currently before the Houses of the Oireachtas which could halt the CDP. If the CDP is adopted , variations may be required to keep it in line with the RSES .

The main elements of the NPF were outlined to the members including Growth, population disperal , ecomonic growth and rural housing.

The NDP is the Capital Investment Programe for the period 2018 – 2027. The mention of the Oylegate to Rosslare Hbr Route and the Acquistion of a site for the Wexford Campus of Carlow I.T, within the programme were welcomed by the committee.

A lengthy discussion ensued emphasising the importance of maintaining a high profile for Wexford at Regional Level

It was agreed to invite members of the Regional Assembly to attend a special meeting of the Committee. This meeting requires a focused approach with the following items suggested: Ecomonic Development, Rural Housing, Population Settlement Dispersal, and Social Implications

Update on County Development Plan

It was agreed that this matter was sufficently covered under the previous item

Update on Development Contribution Scheme

The Administrative Officer Planning presented a report to the meeting.

The meeting was advised that the Public Consultation period ended on 27th February 2018. Observations were received from the Dept. of Housing, Planning & Local Government. No other submissions were received.

The meeting was further advised that the scheme will be presented to the full Council at the April meeting.

Update on Work – Building Control

The Acting Executive Engineer, Building Control outlined details of the report circulated. A number of issues were discussed including how an estate is managed following taking in charge . The meeting was advised that services are maintained by the Local Authority and Irish Water with responsibility for maintenance of open spaces remaining with the residents. The Planning Authority has no role in relation to Management Companies – residents should exercise their vote in this regard. It was noted that the inspection rate for Building Control is focused more on housing schemes rather than one off houses.

Update on Work - Enforcement

The Administrative Officer outlined details of the report circulated.

Any Other Business

The lack of accessibility to the public consultation process in relation to the proposed Wexford to Curracloe Greenway was raised. The meeting was advised that this was an Environment Dept. matter rather than a planning matter but that Environment would be asked to publish the information on their web page. It was futher agreed that the Planning Dept. would keep the documents avaialble for viewing in the public office beyond the public consultation period..

The matter of Hinkley Point C Nuclear Power Plant Public Consultation was also raised.

It was noted that while submissions could be made until 17th April, 2018 , it was agreed that given the limited time frame and lack of knowledge in this area the Committee would not make a submission.

 It was agreed a special meeting of the committee would be held to set up a stucture for the proposed meeting with the Regional Assembly.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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