**Planning & Building Control SPC**

**Minutes of Meeting 2nd February 2018**

**In the Chair:** Cllr Jim Moore

**Present:** Cllr. Tony Dempsey, Cllr Anthony Donohoe, Cllr. Willie Fitzharris Cllr. Robert Ireton, Cllr Oisin O’Connell, Mr. Anthony Neville, Mr. Danny Forde, Mr Tony Larkin,

Mr. Tony Nolan, Mr. James Lavin, Ms Claire Lawless.

**Apologies:** Diarmuid Houston

The meeting expressed condolences to the Senior Planner on his recent family bereavement.

Minutes and Matters Arising

On the proposal of Cllr. Robert Ireton, seconded by Cllr. Anthony Donohoe the minutes of the SPC meeting held on 30th November, 2017 were approved.

Matters Arising: No matters arising

Vacant Site Levy

A presentation was made by Administrative Officer Planning. A brief discussion ensued.

The meeting was advised that going forward residential sites would be assessed and included on the register as appropriate and in accordance with legislation and that invoices are scheduled to issue in January 2019.

The meeting was advised that vacant site legislation does not allow for compulsory purchase of the site. Details of activity levels were outlined.

Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES)

 A presentation was made by the Senior Executive Planner. A discussion ensued.

The timelines on the County Development Plan was also discussed.

The meeting stressed the importance of maintaining a high profile for Co. Wexford in the context of any National/Regional plans or strategies.

The potential of divergence of timelines between the National Policy Framework, Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and the County Development Plan was outlined and discussed.

Water Services Guidelines for Planning Authorities

A presentation was made by the Senior Executive Planner. It was agreed that the SPC make a submission in relation to the potential negative impact on rural villages in relation to this before the final submission date of 28th February 2018. A copy of submission should also go to Director of Service involved.

The meeting was advised there was a perceived reluctance to accommodate connectivity to the water/wastewater network in respect of developments with less than 100 and in some cases 200 units.

E Planning

The Administrative Officer, Planning made a presentation to the meeting. A brief discussion ensued. The meeting was advised that the procedures and processes in relation to E Planning are subject to legislation.

The meeting was also advised that paper applications will most probably be accepted initially.

Concern was expressed in relation to broadband connectiviy in the County when

E Planning is introduced.

Update on Development Contribution Scheme

The Administrative Officer Planning presented a report to the meeting.

The meeting was advised of timelines and legislative requirements of the process.

It was noted that the closing day for submissions is 27th February 2018. The scheme will then be presented to the full Council. It was agreed that a meeting could be arranged if necessary following submissions if they need to be discussed.

Schedule of Meetings for 2018

A Schedule of Meeting for 2018 was submitted. It was agreed to change the date of the meeting in April to the 4thApril to accommodate discussion on submission of the Development Contribution Scheme if necessary before the Council meeting.

Any Other Business

The possibility of placement of cameras in rural villages to stop crime was raised. It was agreed that this issue would be forwarded to the next Joint Policing Committee meeting for discussion.

The matter of road development and collateral access was raised. It was agreed that this issue would be referred to the Roads SPC for discussion.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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