

Kilkenny PPN Representative Report on Committee Meeting

Reporting Representative Name: Mary T. Brennan (Environmental Pillar)

Committee: SPC3

Date: Dec 13th 2017

Time: 15.00 h

Venue: County Hall

Key Issues:

1. Issues Paper for Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy: Following discussion it was decided to hold a workshop on January 19th 2018 in order to draft the Council's response. The Environmental Pillar will submit additional issues prior to the workshop.
2. County Development Plan and Local Area plans (LAP): The meeting was informed that responses to submissions on the Ferrybank and Castlecomer Area Plans are being prepared. Next year LAPs will be prepared for Thomastown and Callan and at a later date for Graiguenamanagh. County & City Development Plans will also be worked on next year and public meetings will be held.
3. Vacant Site Update: Thirty six vacant sites have been identified in the areas of Kilkenny City, Castlecomer and Ferrybank. Owners have 12 months to address the issue before charges are levied in 2019. There was a discussion of derelict sites in towns, and rural areas including old farm houses.
4. Community and Culture Facilities Grant Scheme (CCFCS) 2018. The SEO of the Community Section KCC presented revised application and assessment forms for the Scheme. Concern was expressed on behalf of the Environmental Pillar about the lack of Community contribution to biodiversity enhancement, mitigation of climate impact and other environmental factors in the process.

Were any decisions made? Yes, to hold a workshop on the Issues for Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.

Are there any actions to be taken as a result of this meeting? Yes (i) Additional issues to be submitted by the Environmental Pillar Rep for inclusion in the Issues Paper at No 1 above. (ii) Environmental Rep to provide SEO of Community Section with further details re engagement of community with environmental aspects of CCFCS at No. 4 above.

Did you make any contributions to this meeting? Yes at No. 1 and No. 4 above.

Do you require feedback from the PPN on any issue raised? Yes, all PPN members are encouraged to look at the Issues for Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy which may be found at www.southernassembly.ie/regional-planning and contact their Reps prior to the workshop on Jan 19th.

Date of next meeting: Workshop on Jan 19th 2018, Committee meeting on March 7th 2018

Signature: *Mary T. Brennan*