

Kilkenny PPN Representative Report on SPC3 Meeting

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

Committee: SPC3

Date: April 11th 2018

Time: 15 h

Venue: County Hall

Key Issues

1. County Kilkenny Cultural Strategy 2018 -2022: An over view of the strategy was presented. The vision is to create and sustain great places and communities. It is an integrated plan for the delivery of the Arts Heritage and Library Services in the County. It was welcomed by all.
2. Vacant Sites Register: An update was provided on the process of ensuring that vacant land in Kilkenny City and Castlecomer is brought into beneficial use. Twenty nine sites have been registered. There are five appeals with An Bord Pleanala. The market valuations of the sites will be determined by the end of April, then the owners will be notified and they may appeal it. Councillors objected to some working farms, in areas zoned residential, being classified as vacant and requested the Council to seek legal advice on the classification.
3. Update on NPF & RSES Process. Notice was given of a workshop on the Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy to be held in Waterford on April 16th.
4. Update on County Development Plan and LAPs: An outline of the two year process was presented. Review of the current Development Plan will commence before the end of April. The new plan will be a single document for the city and county. An issues paper will be published and public consultation will take place for eight weeks. Continuation of the process will have to await completion of the RSES report.
5. Public Consultation on Hinkley Point C Nuclear Power Station: A presentation will be given on the implications for Ireland of this development in the New Park Hotel on April 16th by Attracta Ui Bhrion of the Irish Environment Network. It was indicated that due to short notice Kilkenny County Council will not be making a submission.

Decisions made: The Council will seek legal advice on classifying working farms in areas zoned residential as vacant sites

Did you make any contributions to this meeting? Comments on No. 1 and No. 4 above.

Do you require feedback from the PPN on any issue raised? No

Date of next meeting: July 18th 2018

Signature: *Mary T. Brennan*