

Minutes of Meeting of SPC 3 – Housing

Held on 2nd June 2022, Council Chamber County Hall

Present: Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr Eamon Aylward, Cllr. Eugene McGuinness, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Michael Leahy, Lisa Morris, Mary Mulholland, Maria O’Shea, Edwina Grace, Eimear Cody, Brid Hynes

Apologies: Mags Morrissey, Brian Dunlop, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr. Joe Lyons, Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, Cllr. Denis Hynes, John Bourke, Yvonne Moriarty

Cllr. Joe Malone Chairman welcomed all.

Item 1 – Minutes of Meeting of 24th February 2022

Minutes were agreed. Proposed by Cllr. Andrew Mc Guinness Seconded by Cllr. Joe Malone

No matters arising

Item 2 – Housing for All – Capital Update

Eimear Cody the through the Capital Update. She went through the various projects on the Capital Update report. There has been a delay with Inchacarron, Mullinavat. She also informed us the New Architect started this week and another next week. In the coming weeks the Affordable Housing Survey will be advertised to be completed by the public. The information will be used to inform the Council on the level of demand and locations for affordable houses and the house prices that people might be able to afford. This will help us design a scheme going forward that suits the needs of people insofar as possible.

Contributions: Cllr. Joe Malone & Cllr Eugene McGuinness

Item 3 – Homeless Update

Michael Leahy went through the May Statistics for homeless services. We at full capacity in the good Shepherd at the moment. 5 in Hotels and 3 of those are families and a number of single/couples and families in Own Front Door accommodations.

There have been many challenges with Ras with tenant on notices to quit notes and landlords selling properties and not taking on anymore tenants.

Also, there is assumption there if you get a Notice to Quit you will get put up the list with is not the case its time on the list.

Mary Mulholland spoke with regard to homeless situation.

Contributions: Cllr Eugene McGuinness

Item 4 – Self Help Scheme

Michael Murphy advised on a new Scheme for Council Tenants and the objective of this scheme is to assist tenants to carry out improvement works which are deemed Tenant responsibility. Tenants can get improvements works done to the house and the Council will assist them up to 50% of the cost of the works. The tenant arranges the contractor and payment to the contractor.

Action: Members are asked to look over the scheme and to make any submission for changes to Maria O'Shea.

Contributions: Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr Eugene McGuinness, Cllr Eamon Aylward.

Date for next Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on the 1st July

This concluded the business of the meeting.