

**CLIMATE ACTION AND PLANNING**

**STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of** **Climate Action and Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting**

**held via Microsoft Teams**

**on Wednesday, 1 February 2023 at 3pm**

**PRESIDING**: Councillor Garry Murtagh, Chairperson

**PRESENT**: Councillor – Peggy Nolan, John Browne, Mark Casey, Uruemu Adejinmi, Martha Kelly, Francesca Pawelczyk

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  Mr. John Brannigan - Director of Services

Mr. Donall Mac An Bheatha, Senior Planner

Ms. Aoife Moore, Executive Planner

Mr. Ian Lacey, Executive Planner

Ms. Lorraine McKee, Administrative Officer- Planning

**APOLOGIES**: Councillor Gerry Hagan

Andrew Mc Hugh

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Claire McNabola

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Francesca Pawelczyk it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Climate Action and Planning Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on the 19 October 2022, as circulated.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Councillor Garry Murtagh asked was there any change in Land Tax and Donall Mac An Bheatha replied that there wasn’t.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

**E-PLANNING PROJECT Q1 2023 – ONLINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS WILL BE ROLLED OUT IN LONGFORD**

Lorraine McKee made a presentation to the members on the E- Planning Project. The project will be rolled out in Longford in the coming month and will migrate the paper planning applications to on paperless online application. This will prove more timely, cost effective and efficient.

Lorraine highlighted the main advantages of this new project:

* Once agent has drawings complete no need to print minimum of six copies, save them to the application on the portal
* Prescribed form can be completed on-line
* No need to drive to planning office or post
* Less handling of documents therefore less chance of contamination with biological hazards (covid flu, common cold etc.)
* No need to outsource printing or maintain expensive plotters
* Pay application fee online
* Same on line prescribed form can be used to apply to all 31 planning authorities each planning authority will have their own supplementary form eg. Local Need Form, Agricultural form, Traffic management form
* Clone an application (useful for invalid files etc) for the agent/applicant
* Logged on as an agent your details are automatically populated into each application
* Can accumulate a draft application over a period of time

The members welcome this new development in the Planning Section. A video will be circulated to the members to demonstrate the portal.

Lorraine McKee and Donall Mac An Bheatha answered any questions raised by the members.

**DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME**

Ian Lacey gave a presentation to get members on the Draft Development Contribution Scheme. He gave them an introduction to the scheme and then gave an overview of the main changes and amendments:

* Specific funding categories have been allocated for the following types of infrastructure:
  + Roads = 70%
  + Surface Water Infrastructure works = 15%
  + Climate Change Projects =15%
* Reduced contributions to be sought for Industrial Wind Turbines = €25,000 per MW
* Solar & Other Renewable projects €8,110 per MW
* Battery storage unit €8,000 per MW or €15,000 per hectare whichever is greater

Ian then gave an overview of the exceptions and incentives of the scheme.

**CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

17 April 3pm

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

**Claire McNabola**

**Meetings Administrator.**

**Confirmed and adopted at Climate Action and Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 17 April 2023.**

**Signed:**

**Chairperson.**