

To Helen Howes:

New Planning, Development and Environment Strategic Policy Committee, ("SPC") report

Name of Representative: Joan Campbell

Date of meeting; Monday 11th November 2019

The following matters arose;

1. This was the first meeting of the new Planning, Development and Environment Strategic Policy Committee, ("SPC"). Each member of the SPC introduced themselves.
2. There was then a description and explanation of how a STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE is supposed to do its work. This was a summary of the document I circulated with my last email. I would welcome input from the wider PPN with regard to the issues you would like me to raise.
3. We are supposed to draft a plan for the year and to submit ideas and proposals, for example, one proposal was for recycling machines in shops. Again, I would welcome input from the wider PPN
4. Sorcha Walsh, planner, outlined the timeframe for preparation and completion of a new County Development Plan for the years 2021 to 2027. This is an extremely important document. It affects absolutely everyone living in the County. The public consultation phase opened on 6th November 2019 and will close on 10th January. There is an inter-active website and an Issues Paper. The new plan will provide for new housing growth targets. If Bray is treated as within the Metropolitan Area Wicklow will be able to target additional figures for the rest of the county because growth targets for Bray will not be treated as part of Wicklow's allocation of population growth. The representative for the Construction Industry Federation (CIF) at the meeting confirmed CIF wants "*more supply*". The Development Contribution Scheme and planning levies were raised. Places like Delgany upset because although it is carrying the burden of several different construction projects that are generating large income for the Council in the form of levies the public realm in Delgany is receiving no benefit whatsoever. Builders of dwellings in rural areas query what they get for the planning levies.
5. Ian Davis gave an excellent presentation on the work that the PURE Project does. It is something Wicklow can be very proud of but its current funding stream will expire at the end of 2019. Mr Davis has applied for renewal of the funding. I would encourage everyone to send an email or letter to Minister Richard Bruton at the Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment and support PURE's application for funding.
6. AOB. Steve Matthews raised "Allotments" and queried policy on same.