

Draft Minutes of Special Meeting of Kildare County Council
Held at 11am on Monday 11th April 2016
At Aras Chill Dara, Naas, Co. Kildare

Members Present: Councillor B.Weld (Mayor), Councillors M. Aspell, F Brett, K Byrne, B Caldwell, R Cronin, I Cussen, M Dalton, S Doyle, T Durkan, B Hillis, I. Keatley, C. Kelly, A Larkin, P McEvoy, J McGinley, F McLoughlin-Healy, M. McCabe M. Miley Jnr, T Murray, N O’Cearuil, M. Coleman, R Power, D Scully, M Stafford, M Wall and B Young.

Absent: Councillor A Breen, A. Breslin, M. Lynch, S. Moore, J. Neville, S. Power.

Apologies: Councillor M. Lynch, A. Breslin and A. Breen.

Also Present: Mr. P. Carey (Chief Executive), Mr. P. Minnock (Director of Services), Mr. Ml. Kenny (Senior Planner), Ms. K. Kenny (Senior Executive Planner) Mr. K. Kavanagh (Meetings Administrator), Mr. Alan Cunniffe (Executive Planner), Ms.V.Cooke (Administrative Officer) and other officials.

The Mayor thanked the members for their attendance and set out the order of business of the meeting.

The Mayor **proposed** to the members that two members per group would speak for three minutes each on the subject of the proposed draft of the rural policy, that the officials would respond to any issues or comments raised and that the members would then commence consideration of the notices of motion and any proposed Chief Executive’s amendments.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Mayor’s proposal.

Councillor Miley stated that considerable change was required to the draft rural housing policy before them and also acknowledged that some positive changes had already be incorporated into the draft as a result of motions submitted. Councillor Miley referred to the fact that 27% of Kildare’s population lived in rural areas and that there was a need to have a well balanced policy in place.

Councillor Keatley stated that chapter 4 was contentious as there was a housing crisis and a huge lack of housing availability currently. Councillor Keatley requested that a compromise be reached regarding the policy and sought a

commitment from the officials to the further amendment of the policy at the end of the public display period.

Councillor Wall agreed with the previous speakers and stated that the draft policy needed to be fit for purpose. Councillor Wall stated that the draft policy did not allow for second or third members of a family and that that was not acceptable. He also stated that the proposed draft would affect communities, would be challenged and that the current policy was better than the proposed new draft policy. Councillor Wall sought a debate on motion 2.

Councillor Cussen stated that there was a need to strike the correct balance, that there was a shortage of housing and agreed with the previous speakers. Councillor Cussen stated that the proposed policy was stifling and that the backlands policy was prescriptive.

Councillor Durkan agreed with Councillor Wall regarding the need to cater for second and third family members and stated that the indigenous population needed to be catered for. He also requested compromise on the issue.

Councillor R. Power stated that everyone was seeking balance regarding the policy and requested that the policy not be overly prescriptive concerning farm families. He also was of the view that infrastructural costs should not restrict such development.

K. Kenny informed the members that chapter 4.12 had been re-examined to take account of concerns raised by members and a revised Section 4.12 is presented as a Chief Executives amendment. The Chief Executive's amendment to the proposed draft reduced the number of years which a person needed to be resident from 15 years to 12 years. Concern was raised regarding 1-off developments and the need to arrive at sustainable solutions. The AIRO research demonstrated that the level of 1-off developments affected the character, environment and road network of the county.

K. Kenny informed the members that it was intended that a substantial study would be undertaken on this issue early in the life of the new County Development Plan. The members stated that a more definite proposal needed to be provided.

The Mayor reminded the members that there were a number of Local Area Plans which required review when the County Development Plan review was completed.

The Chief Executive noted the views of all the members and stated that it was not his intention that the draft policy would detrimentally affect the local population but that there was a legal obligation to note and have regard to national policy documents. It was also important to move the proposed draft to the public display stage of the review. It was necessary to review the position regarding the villages and settlements and to strengthen them also. There was also a need to be proactive and to take account of the fact that there were already 18,000 or 19,000 septic tanks in the county.

Councillor Young stated that continuous ribbon development couldn't continue and that threshold numbers needed to be sustained.

Councillor Durkan **proposed** the removal of the cap on the total number of dwelling units permitted for members of farm families under the Rural Housing policy. Councillor Hillis **seconded** the proposal.

The members agreed to accept the new proposal regarding distance.

K. Kenny asked members if they would consider adopting the Chief Executives amendment with the exception of the cap on dwelling numbers.

M. Kenny advised the members that the removal of the restriction would have to apply to everyone and not just to farm families. He advised the members that the proposal would result in the removal of policy RH2 and RH3 and that RH4 from the current County Development Plan (2011 – 2017) would be reinstated.

K. Kavanagh advised the members that if the Chief Executive's amendments were adopted by them motion 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 would be deemed to have been dealt with in accordance with the members' decision regarding the Chief Executive's amendments to chapter 4.

The Mayor then proceeded with the items and motions as listed in the Chief Executives report.

1. Chief Executive's Amendments

1.1

To replace Section 4.12 with amended Section 4.12.

Reason

The Council acknowledges the distinct characteristics of rural communities in Kildare and the genuine housing needs of people living and working in rural areas. There are, however, serious concerns in relation to the growth in one-off rural housing development in County Kildare over the past two decades.

- The rural character and landscape of many areas of the County, particularly in north and mid-Kildare, around the key towns and along the motorway network, has been significantly eroded by high concentrations of piecemeal housing development.
- The capacity of the environment and the road network is also reaching its limits in many of these areas.
- The Kildare Rural Housing Study, 2016, highlights the additional cost of servicing dispersed rural dwellings, which is borne by service providers including the Council and by all citizens who pay higher tariffs for key services.

The level of existing development coupled with a sustained demand for new rural housing is considered to pose a threat to the future development of the

County. There is a need to carefully manage future rural housing development in County Kildare and to exercise a level of control, so that the integrity of rural areas can be preserved and that those who have a genuine local need to live in the rural area can be accommodated into future generations.

In the first instance the needs of people with a direct involvement in farming or similar enterprises that are intrinsically linked to a rural location should be prioritised. While consideration can also be given to those who seek to reside close to their family home this must be balanced against the carrying capacity of the rural area. In this regard, increased mobility over the past two decades has allowed rural dwellers to remain in their local community and to commute for employment, where previously they may have moved closer to their job. While the gain to the rural community is noted, this has manifested itself in an exponential demand for rural housing in Kildare. The Council needs to be proactive in facilitating more sustainable housing options for families in rural communities.

Taking account of discussions, motions and the sentiments expressed by members in relation to the policies contained in the Proposed Draft County Development Plan, the Chief Executive's Amendment (1.1) presents a revised Section 4.12.

Table 4.5 (now 4.3) is amended to reduce the time period from 15 years to 12 years, in line with the current CDP.

The distance of the site from the family home is retained at 2km in zone 1 and 5 km in zone 2. These distances are considered to offer flexibility to those who do not have family land available but who are making a case based on a need to reside **close** to their family home by reason of immediate family ties or direct involvement in a rural enterprise. Distances outside of this, would see applicants passing nodes, settlements, villages and towns to build a rural dwelling, contrary to the settlement strategy for the County, which is to focus development into designated settlements.

In acknowledgement of the need to work towards a more sustainable long term solution, CE's amendment no. 1.3 proposed to insert an objective into the Plan to investigate the feasibility of providing / facilitating serviced sites in nodes, villages, settlements and small towns to cater for rural generated housing demand for persons who meet the criteria set out in Table 4.3 (formally 4.5) Schedule of Local Need, as an alternative to housing in the open countryside. It is envisaged that this study will be undertaken in conjunction with a sub-committee of the Council.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's amendment was accepted subject to the removal of policy RH2 and RH3 and their replacement by policy RH4 for the County Development Plan 2011 - 2017.

Recommendation:
No Change

1.2

Amend footnote 3 Policy RH 26 of Proposed Draft Plan as follows:
Structure in a ruinous or dangerous condition, ~~incapable of restoration.~~

Reason

To refine the footnote.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s amendment.

1.3

Insert new objective RO4 as follows:

To investigate the feasibility of providing / facilitating serviced sites in rural nodes, villages, settlements and small towns to cater for rural generated housing demand for persons who meet the criteria set out in Table 4.3 Schedule of Local Need, as an alternative to housing in the rural countryside.

Reason

See CE’s amendment above.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive’s amendment was accepted subject to the removal of policy RH2 and RH3 and their replacement by policy RH4 for the County Development Plan 2011 - 2017.

2. Fine Gael

That the Schedule of Local Need read as follows.

(A) Meet one of the following category of applicant;

- 1. A member of a farming family
- OR
- 2. A member of the rural community.
- AND

(B) Meet one of the local need criteria (i)-(iv) set out in Table 4

Applicant Category 1: A member of a farming family actively engaged in farming the family landholding.	
The applicant must demonstrate a genuine local need to reside in the area through active and direct involvement in the running of the family farm. The farm must be in the ownership of the applicant’s immediate family for a minimum of seven years preceding the date of the application for planning permission.	
Rural Housing Policy Zone 1	Rural Housing Policy Zone 2
(i) Persons engaged full time in agriculture (including commercial bloodstock/horticulture), wishing to build their home in the rural area on the family landholding and who can demonstrate that they have been engaged in farming	(i) Persons engaged full time in agriculture (including commercial bloodstock/ horticulture), wishing to build their home in the rural area on the family landholding and who can demonstrate that they have been

at that location for a continuous period of over 7 years, prior to making the application.	engaged in farming at that location for a continuous period of over 5 years, prior to making the application.
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Applicant Category 2: A member of the rural community.	
The applicant must demonstrate a genuine local need to reside close to their family home by reason of immediate family ties of their active and direct involvement in a rural based enterprise.	
Rural Housing Policy Zone 1	Rural Housing Policy Zone 2
(ii). Persons who have grown up and spent substantial periods of their lives (12 years) living in the rural area of Kildare, as members of the rural community who have left the area but now wish to return to reside near to, or to care for, immediate family members, seeking to build their home in the rural area on the family landholding or on a site within 8km of the original family home. Immediate family members are defined as mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister or guardian.	(ii) Persons who have grown up and who have spent substantial periods of their lives (12 years) living in the rural area of Kildare as members of the rural community who have left the area but now wish to return to reside near to, or to care for immediate family members seeking to build their home in the rural area on the family landholding or on a site within 8 km of the original family home. Immediate family members are defined as mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister or guardian.
(iii) Persons who have grown up and spent substantial periods of their lives (12) years living in the rural area of Kildare, as members of the rural community and who seek to build their home in the rural area who currently live in the area. Where no land is available in the family ownership, a site within 8km the original family home may be considered.	(iii). Persons who have grown up and who have spent substantial periods of their lives (12 years) living in rural area of Kildare as members of the rural community and who seek to build their home in the rural area and who currently live in the area. Where no land is available in family ownership, a site within 8km of the original family home may be considered.
(iv). Persons who can satisfy the Planning Authority of their commitment to operate a small scale, full time business from their proposed home in the rural and that the business will contribute to and enhance the rural community and that the nature of such enterprise is location dependent and intrinsically linked to a rural location.	(iv). Persons who can satisfy the Planning Authority of their commitment to operate a small scale, full time business from their proposed home in the rural area and the business will contribute to and enhance the rural community and that the nature of such enterprise is location dependent and intrinsically linked to a rural location.

Response

Refer to Chief Executive's amendments.

Recommendation

No Change

Councillor Wall stated that he was not in agreement with the Chief Executive's amendments 1.1 or 1.3 and wanted motion 2 adopted instead. The members discussed the content of the amendments in detail and asked how rigidly the distances would be enforced and the point from where the distance would be measured.

M. Kenny stated that the distances would have to be strictly enforced in the interests of clarity and that the distance would commence from the family home.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's amendment was accepted subject to the removal of policy RH2 and RH3 and their replacement by policy RH4 for the County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 and that motion 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 would be deemed to have been dealt with in accordance with the members' decision regarding the Chief Executive's amendments to chapter 4.

3. Councillor Martin Miley

Chapter 4 Rural Housing

(a) Analysis of figure 4.2 Rural one off housing in County Kildare 1998 to 2015

Under County development plan 1999 to 2005 there was on average of 700 houses Yearly granted on rural sites

Under County development plan 2005 to 2011 there was on average of 380 houses yearly granted on rural sites.

Under County development plan 2011 to 2015 there was an average of 76 houses yearly granted on rural sites.

Year 2010 to 2011 number of houses granted 269

Year 2012 to 2013 number of houses granted 122

This analysis shows that the extremely restrictive policies that we have in the County development plan from 2011 to 2017 are working to the desired effect of reducing one-off housing to a very acceptable level in County Kildare.

(b) Table 4.2

This proves since 2005 the County development plans that was passed to date has reduced substantially amount of one-off houses being built in rural areas. 2011 to 2017 plan has proven to be effective

(c) I would propose that County development plan 2017 to 2023 reflect the very same policies as we have in the 2011 to 2017.

Response

Refer to Chief Executive's amendments.

In response to specific items raised in relation to the rate of housing output the following points are made:

- In 1998, there were 10,464 rural one-off houses in County Kildare.
- In 2015 (Q4), there were 19,371 rural one-off houses in County Kildare.
- On average approximately **530** rural one off dwelling units have been built annually since 1998.

The reduced rate of rural housing output over the period of the current and previous Plan is linked to the prevailing economic circumstances during the Plan period. Of the **1,553** residential dwellings completed during the current plan period very few were in towns, villages and settlements with a much higher proportion in rural areas.

A total of **654** Rural 'one-offs' were developed between 2012 and 2015, representing **42.7%** of all housing developments within the county.

The Kildare Rural Housing Study, 2016 sets out the proportion of rural one-off housing development over the three previous plan periods.

Recommendation

No change.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's amendment was accepted subject to the removal of policy RH2 and RH3 and their replacement by policy RH4 for the County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 and that motion 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 would be deemed to have been dealt with in accordance with the members' decision regarding the Chief Executive's amendments to chapter 4.

4. Councillor Mark Wall

That Kildare County Council maintain the rural housing housing policy from the 2011-2017, removing the proposed one in the new development plan. The existing plan has allowed for proper rural development. The proposed plan is regressive and is in my opinion detrimental to sustainable development in rural Kildare. Not allowing the third member of a farming family or the second member of a genuine rural developer to live where they belong is not acceptable. I believe such a plan should and will be challenged.

Response

Refer to Chief Executive's Amendment 1.1.

Recommendation

No change.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's amendment was accepted subject to the removal of policy RH2 and RH3 and their replacement by policy RH4 for the County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 and that motion 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 would be deemed to have been dealt with in accordance with the members' decision regarding the Chief Executive's amendments to chapter 4.

5. Councillor Martin Miley

4.12.1

Introduction in the way it is constructed indicates that 90% of residents do not contribute to rural communities. Either rewrite remove as all rural residents contribute to rural communities whether it's true sporting community church or any other aspects of life to enrich or grow that community.

Response

This is addressed in Chief Executive's Amendment 1.1.

Recommendation

Agreed.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

6. Councillor Martin Miley

Map 4.1

I am very concerned that these tables are pitching rural against urban. I propose they be retained with additional cross analysis from County development plans 2005 to 2011 and 2011 to 2017.

Response

A key message of the DECLG Planning Policy Statement 2015, is that planning must be plan-led and evidence based.

Maps 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 provide an evidence based analysis of the quantity of rural one off development in the county. It is considered appropriate to retain these maps in Chapter 4 of the CDP.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's amendment was accepted subject to the removal of policy RH2 and RH3 and their replacement

by policy RH4 for the County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 and that motion 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 would be deemed to have been dealt with in accordance with the members' decision regarding the Chief Executive's amendments to chapter 4.

7. Councillor Martin Miley

Request the removal of Table 4.3

Response

This is addressed in Chief Executive's Amendment 1.1.

Recommendation

Agreed

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

8. Councillor Martin Miley

Request the removal of Table 4.4

Response

This is addressed in Chief Executive's Amendment 1.1.

Recommendation

Agreed

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

9. Councillor Martin Miley

4.12.4 Rural countryside

Explain the definition of urban generated rural housing give example of this type of housing being granted under 2011 to 2017 plan.

Response

The National Spatial Strategy definitions for urban and rural generated housing are included in the Proposed Draft CDP and are retained in the CE's amendment.

As set out in Section 4.12.2 of the plan, The National Spatial Strategy 2002-2020, advises planning authorities to ensure that key assets in rural areas are protected. It recognises that the demand for one off housing tends to come from two distinct areas – rural generated housing demand and urban generated housing demand.

- Rural generated housing demand arises from persons who are an intrinsic part of the rural area by way of family links to the area and/or who

work in a type of employment, intrinsic to the rural economy, which requires them to live in a rural area, to be close to their rural based employment.

- Urban generated housing demand is defined as housing in rural areas sought by people living and working in urban areas. The NSS states that urban generated housing should take place, as a general principle, within the built up areas and on lands identified, through the development plan process, for integrated, serviced and sustainable development. The strategy states that towns and villages have a key role in catering for this type of housing demand in a sustainable manner.

These definitions were further referenced in the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2005.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's amendment was accepted subject to the removal of policy RH2 and RH3 and their replacement by policy RH4 for the County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 and that motion 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 would be deemed to have been dealt with in accordance with the members' decision regarding the Chief Executive's amendments to chapter 4.

10. Councillor Martin Miley

Replace Table 4.5 with the existing Rural Housing Policy (CDP 2011-2017)

In your response please show existing policy.

Response

Refer to Chief Executive's Amendment 1.1.

Note: Addendum to this report sets out the rural housing criteria of the current Plan and that of the two preceding CDPs.

Recommendation

No Change

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's amendment was accepted subject to the removal of policy RH2 and RH3 and their replacement by policy RH4 for the County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 and that motion 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 would be deemed to have been dealt with in accordance with the members' decision regarding the Chief Executive's amendments to chapter 4.

11. Councillor Mark Lynch

In Policy Zone 1, that the distance is opened from 2km to 20km

Response

Refer to Chief Executive's Amendment 1.1. The distance of the site from the family home is retained at 2km in zone 1 and 5km in zone 2.

Increasing the distance from the family home from 2km to 20 km would be contrary to the aim of the rural housing policy to facilitate people who have grown up and spent substantial periods of their lives in a particular rural area in Kildare and who wish to reside close to their immediate family.

The distances in the Proposed Draft Plan offer significant flexibility to those who do not have family land available but who are making a case based on a need to reside close to their family home by reason of immediate family ties or direct involvement in a rural enterprise. Distances outside of this, would result in applicants passing nodes, settlements, villages and towns to build a rural dwelling and would be contrary to the settlement strategy for the County, which is to focus development into designated settlements.

It is therefore not considered appropriate to revise the distance as requested.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's amendment was accepted subject to the removal of policy RH2 and RH3 and their replacement by policy RH4 for the County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 and that motion 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 would be deemed to have been dealt with in accordance with the members' decision regarding the Chief Executive's amendments to chapter 4.

12. Councillor Mark Lynch

In Policy Zone 1, that the distance is opened from 4km to 20km

Response

Refer to Chief Executive's Amendment 1.1. The distance of the site from the family home is retained at 2km in zone 1 and 5km in zone 2.

Increasing the distance from the family home from 2km to 20 km would be contrary to the aim of the rural housing policy to facilitate people who have grown up and spent substantial periods of their lives in a particular rural area Kildare and who wish to reside near their immediate family.

These distances are considered to offer significant flexibility to those who do not have family land available but who are making a case based on a need to reside close to their family home by reason of immediate family ties or direct involvement in a rural enterprise. Distances outside of this, would result in applicants passing nodes, settlements, villages and towns to build a rural dwelling and would be contrary to the settlement strategy for the County, which

is to focus development into designated settlements. There is also concern that an increase of this extent would take in significant parts of adjoining Counties. It is therefore not considered appropriate to revise the distance as requested.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's amendment was accepted subject to the removal of policy RH2 and RH3 and their replacement by policy RH4 for the County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 and that motion 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 would be deemed to have been dealt with in accordance with the members' decision regarding the Chief Executive's amendments to chapter 4.

13. Councillor Martin Miley

RH 2: would be concerned restricting the number of developments per one family to 2 units.

Propose to remove this policy.

Response

Refer to Chief Executive's Amendment 1.1.

Recommendation

No change.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's amendment was accepted subject to the removal of policy RH2 and RH3 and their replacement by policy RH4 for the County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 and that motion 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 would be deemed to have been dealt with in accordance with the members' decision regarding the Chief Executive's amendments to chapter 4.

14. Fine Gael

That RH2 reads as follows

To ensure that a grant of planning permission for a rural one off dwelling to a farming family member in the rural area on the basis of their being actively engaged in the running of the family farm (Applicant Category 1) will not preclude any other member of the family from applying for planning permission on the basis of any other of the reasons for which a person may be eligible for a dwelling in the rural area.

Response

This motion seeks to delete the last sentence of the motion as follows:

The total number of incremental houses per existing house in the rural area for which planning permission is granted to members of any one family within the rural area shall not exceed two units.

Refer to Chief Executive's Amendment 1.1.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's amendment was accepted subject to the removal of policy RH2 and RH3 and their replacement by policy RH4 for the County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 and that motion 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 would be deemed to have been dealt with in accordance with the members' decision regarding the Chief Executive's amendments to chapter 4.

15. Councillor Martin Miley

RH 3

would be concerned restricting the number of developments per one family to 2 units. Propose to remove.

Response

This motion seeks to delete policy RH2 in full:

RH 3 To ensure that the total number of incremental houses per existing house in the rural area for which planning permission is granted to members of any one family within the rural area on the basis of a genuine local need to reside close to their family home by reasons of immediate family ties or their active and direct involvement in a rural base enterprise (Applicant Category 2) shall not exceed one unit.

Refer to Chief Executive's Amendment 1.1.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's amendment was accepted subject to the removal of policy RH2 and RH3 and their replacement by policy RH4 for the County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 and that motion 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 would be deemed to have been dealt with in accordance with the members' decision regarding the Chief Executive's amendments to chapter 4.

16. Fine Gael

That RH3 be deleted from the development plan.

Response

This motion seeks to delete this policy:

RH 3: To ensure that the total number of incremental houses per existing house in the rural area for which planning permission is granted to members of any one family within the rural area on the basis of a genuine local need to reside close to their family home by reasons of immediate family ties or their active and direct involvement in a rural base enterprise (Applicant Category 2) shall not exceed one unit.

Refer to Chief Executive's Amendment 1.1.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Durkan, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's amendment was accepted subject to the removal of policy RH2 and RH3 and their replacement by policy RH4 for the County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 and that motion 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 would be deemed to have been dealt with in accordance with the members' decision regarding the Chief Executive's amendments to chapter 4.

17. Fine Gael

That RH6 be deleted from the development plan.

Response

This motion seeks to delete this policy:

RH 6: To strictly prohibit residential development on a landholding, where there is a history of development through the speculative sale or development of sites, notwithstanding the applicant's compliance with the local need criteria.

This policy is contained in the current CDP 2011-2017 (RH 7) and also in the 2005-5011 CDP (RH 4). The principle of the rural housing policy is to facilitate genuine rural generated housing need in a sustainable manner while also protecting the environment and the rural character of the area. In this regard factors such as the sensitivity of the receiving environment, the nature and extent of existing development in the area and the extent of development on the original landholding will be considered.

It is not considered appropriate to omit this policy from the plan.

Recommendation

No change

Councillor Durkan stated that a compromise would be acceptable for this policy. The members discussed the issue of road safety and enquired if it would be possible to purchase a site from someone with access to a local road if the purchaser on had regional road frontage. M. Kenny advised the members that the purpose of the policy was to try to discourage speculative sales and that each case would have to be examined on its merits.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

18. Fine Gael

That RS9 reads as follows

To recognise and promote the agricultural and landscape value of the rural area.

Response

This motion seeks to delete the last sentence of the motion as follows:

“and prohibit the development of urban generated housing in the rural area”.

In accordance with the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2005 the principle of the rural housing policy is to facilitate those who are intrinsic to the rural area. The guidelines state that urban generated housing should be directed into cities, towns and villages in the area of the development plan. To omit this section of the policy would be contrary to national guidelines as issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2015.

Recommendation

No change

Councillor Durkan asked the reason for the inclusion of the phrase “and prohibit the development of urban generated housing in the rural area” and for an explanation of “urban generated”.

K. Kenny advised the members that to omit the phrase would change the draft Plan and would be contrary to policy including the National Spatial Strategy, the rural housing policy and the criteria of 4.3. The Chief Executive’s response to motion 9 was also relevant to this motion.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.

19. Councillor Martin Miley

RS10

Add-on to allow new build on Existing site

Response

4.13.6 Replacement of Derelict Dwellings Policy RH 26 seeks to facilitate the sensitive replacement of a structurally unsound derelict dwelling as an alternative to the construction of a one off dwelling elsewhere in the countryside. The scale of the replacement dwelling shall have regard to the scale of the existing dwelling to be replaced and size of the site. Documentary evidence in the form of a structural survey and photographs shall be submitted to

accompany the application. The proposed applicant shall comply with local need criteria identified in the Plan and shall be subject to an occupancy condition.

It is considered that this policy adequately facilitates replacement dwellings in the rural area while catering for those with a genuine rural generated housing need.

Recommendation

No change.

It was **agreed** by the members that motion 20 would be considered in conjunction with motion 19.

Councillor Miley disagreed with the Chief Executive's recommendation and stated that newly built dwellings could be built to better standards of insulation than could be attained by renovating old dwellings. Councillors Keatley and Wall agreed with Councillor Miley and stated that there had to be consideration of new regulations and standards and that the policy was too restrictive. With regard to motion 20, Councillor Cussen disagreed with the phrase "where financially viable".

K. Kenny advised the members that the proposed draft Plan allowed for the removal of derelict dwellings under RH26. M. Kenny advised the members that the policy used the phrase "to encourage" and it was not an absolute requirement.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

20. Fine Gael

That RS10 reads as follows

To encourage the appropriate re-use and adaptation of the existing rural residential building stock in preference to new build where financial viable

Response

Policy RH 10 seeks to encourage the re-use and adaption of existing residential building stock in preference to new build where this is feasible.

The motion seek to insert the new text "**where financially viable**". The policy seeks to encourage re-use of existing stock in the interests of sustainability and to preserve the established character of rural areas. Through the Development Management process each building will be assessed on its own merits and sensitive replacement will be considered where the applicant can demonstrate that a dwelling is beyond repair or that the cost of re-use is prohibitive and the proposed text is considered overly specific.

Recommendation

No change

It was **agreed** by the members that motion 20 would be considered in conjunction with motion 19.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

21. Fine Gael

That RH 11 read as follows

To recognise that exceptional health circumstances, supported by relevant documentation from a registered medical practitioner, may require a person to live in a particular environment. Housing in such circumstances will generally be encouraged in areas close to existing services and facilities and in Rural Settlements. All planning permissions for such housing granted in rural areas shall be subject to a 7 year occupancy condition.

Response

In accordance with the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2005 the principle of the rural housing policy includes provision for exceptional health circumstances that may require a person to live in a particular environment or close to family support.

It is considered reasonable to direct rural one off development complying under this policy RH11 to locate close to services and facilities where possible rather than in the open countryside removed from key services and facilities which the occupant may require access to.

It is agreed that a permission in this instance, should be subject to a 7 year occupancy condition.

Recommendation

Agreed in part

RH 11 read as follows:

To recognise that exceptional health circumstances, supported by relevant documentation from a registered medical practitioner, may require a person to live in a particular environment. Housing in such circumstances will generally be encouraged in areas close to existing services and facilities and in Rural Settlements as opposed to the rural countryside. All planning permissions for such housing granted in rural areas shall be subject to a **7 year occupancy condition**.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

22. Councillor Martin Miley

4.13.1 RH 12

Remove this policy. Hedgerows can be re integrated

Response

This motion seeks to delete Policy RH 12 in relation to the siting and Design of rural dwellings, which seeks the protection of features that contribute to local attractiveness including; landscape features, hedgerows, trees, historic and archaeological landscapes, water bodies, ridges, skylines, topographical features, geological features and important views and prospects.

The Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2005 states that the removal of roadside boundaries should be avoided and that planning authorities should seek to protect existing hedgerows and to encourage hedgerow formation/regeneration using native species. Such features have an important role to play in protecting the character of the rural and in maintaining bio-diversity linkages between natural and semi-natural habitats.

Chapter 13 of the Proposed Draft Plan recognises the importance of native hedgerows as important wildlife corridors. They form part of the green infrastructure of the county and policy NH1 seeks to encourage the preservation and retention of woodlands, hedgerows, stonewalls, rivers, streams and wetlands.

Recommendation

No change

Councillor Miley stated that the policy would inhibit recessed entrances and should only seek to avoid removing hedgerows if possible.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

23. Fine Gael

That RH 12 reads as follows.

To ensure that, applicants comply with all local siting and design considerations, applicants will be required, where a design issue is raised to supply a photo montage of houses in the vicinity of their site as a design rationale and appropriate landscaping of proposed developments using predominantly native species as per Table 19.5 of this plan

Response

This is a matter that will be assessed in a Development Management context at planning application stage. Each application is assessed on a case by case basis including matters such as design and siting of the development. This is not a matter for the development plan.

Recommendation

No change

Councillor Keatley informed the members that the motion was a effort to assist applicants and that the wording could be examined during the public consultation period and K. Kenny undertook to do so.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

24. Councillor Mark Lynch

4.13.1 (vi) refers. That the council do not preclude new wastewater treatment technologies such as reed beds once they comply with national regulations.

Response

Policy RH 12 does not preclude the use of new wastewater technologies provided they comply with EPA Code of Practice for Wastewater Treatment Systems for single houses (2009) and the County Kildare Groundwater Protection Scheme. Each application is dealt with on a case by case basis.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

25. Fine Gael

That RH13 be deleted from the development plan.

Recommendation

This motion seeks to delete policy RH13.

RH 13: To control the level of piecemeal and haphazard development of rural areas close to urban centres and settlements having regard to potential impacts on:

- (i) The orderly and efficient development of newly developing areas on the edges of towns and villages;
- (ii) The future provision of infrastructure such as roads and electricity lines;
- (iii) The potential to undermine the viability of urban public transport due to low density development.

Response

The aim of this policy is to prevent urban sprawl outwards from urban towns, villages and settlements and maintain the distinction in character between the urban and rural areas by the prevention of unrestricted sprawl of development on the edge of designated settlements. This policy also seeks to ensure the orderly and efficient development of newly developing areas on the edges of

towns and villages. It is considered that the proposed amendment would undermine this policy.

Recommendation

No change

Councillor Durkan stated that the policy would affect farm families who lived close to urban areas and asked that the text be less onerous.

K. Kenny advised that policy RH13 was central to the Core Strategy of the draft Plan.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

26. Fine Gael

That RH14 reads as follows.

To preserve and protect the open character of transitional lands outside of settlements in order to prevent linear sprawl near towns, villages and settlements and to maintain a clear demarcation and distinction between urban areas and the countryside. This policy will not affect applicants who comply with the schedule of local need.

Response

The aim of this policy is to prevent urban sprawl outwards from urban towns, villages and settlements and maintain the distinction in character between the urban and rural areas by the prevention of unrestricted sprawl of development on the edge of designated settlements. This policy also seeks to ensure the orderly and efficient development of newly developing areas on the edges of towns and villages. It is considered that the proposed amendment would undermine this policy.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

27. Fine Gael

That RH 15 reads as follow.

To discourage ribbon development (defined as five or more houses alongside 250 metres of road frontage). The Council will assess whether a given proposal will exacerbate such ribbon development, having regard to the following:

- (i) The circumstances of the applicant, if no other site is available the application will be considered in a positive manor.
- (ii) The degree to which the proposal might be considered infill development;
- (iii) The degree to which existing ribbon development would coalesce as a result of the proposed development;

Notwithstanding the above, special regard will be given to the circumstances of immediate family members of a landowner on infill sites in a line of existing dwellings with 5 or more houses alongside 250 metres of road frontage.

Recommendation

This policy is contained in the current CDP (RH 12) and is in compliance with the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2005.

These guidelines recommend against the creation of ribbon development for a variety of reasons relating to road safety, future demands for the provision of public infrastructure as well as visual impacts. The guidelines also states that planning authorities will need to arrive at a balanced and reasonable view in the interpretation of ribbon development criteria taking account of local circumstances, including the planning history of the area and development pressures. The amendments proposed to RH15 seek to place a greater emphasis on the circumstances of the applicant and would prejudice a balanced assessment of site specific circumstances. It is therefore considered appropriate to retain this policy as contained in the current CDP 2011-2017.

Response

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

28. Councillor Martin Miley

RH 1

RH 16

That this policy should be made more prominent in the plan

Response

The policy is appropriately located within Section 4.13.1 Siting and Design along with related policies.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

29. Fine Gael

That RH 16 reads as follows

To consider applications for the provision of a recessed cluster form of development. The cluster shall be designed in such a way that is appropriate to the rural context and shall be set back into the landscape from the public road. Clusters shall not exceed five houses and will be subject to normal, planning, siting, design and local need considerations. Where there is a likelihood of more than one applicant seeking planning permission over a period of time, the Council will engage with the landowner to provide for an appropriate site layout

capable of accommodating a recessed cluster development. Notwithstanding the above the Council understands that this policy would not be suitable in respect of an application made on the basis of full / part time employment in agriculture (including commercial bloodstock/horticulture).

Response

As recommended in the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2005, this policy refers to a situation where more than one family member or applicants that comply with the rural housing policy wish to build in the rural area. In this instance the Council would encourage an appropriate cluster approach rather than the development of an extensive area of ribbon development but will assess each case based on its own merits depending on the specifics of the application and the site context.

It would not be considered appropriate or necessary to include the proposed wording as each application is assessed on a case by case basis.

Recommendation

No change

Councillor Durkan stated that the policy might not suit farm families and that 60% of such families were part-time farmers. Councillor Miley informed the members that the amendment had been sought at the last review of the Development Plan but had not been included.

K. Kenny advised the members that each application was examined on its own merits and that she was not aware of difficulties to date but that she would review the policy during the public display period.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

30. Councillor Mark Lynch

4.26 (RH17)

That other apart from family members are not precluded from so called "backland development

Response

This policy remains unchanged from the current CDP 2011-2017(RH 14). Given that road frontage has been taken up with housing development there is a need to keep backland development unobtrusive and to minimise its impact on the local area and in particular adjoining or nearby residential properties.

Given the sensitive and challenging nature of this type of development, it is considered appropriate to continue to cater for family members only in the instance of backland development.

Recommendation

No change

Councillor Cussen stated that it should be possible to build in back gardens if that was what the owner wanted.

It was **agreed** by the members that motion 30 would be considered in conjunction with motion 31.

M. Kenny advised the members that the policy was intended to minimise the impact on neighbouring sites, the original house, the environment and on other infrastructure and that such developments were contrary to planning principles.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation.

31. Fine Gael

That RH 17 read as follows

To only consider family members for backland development. The proposed development shall have no negative impact on third parties / neighbouring property owners and viable sites with sufficient independent percolation areas will be required in order to meet technical guidelines. Sufficient screening will be required to screen the house from adjacent homes and this has to be in place prior to occupation of the house. Single storey bungalow and dormer type houses will be allowed in such backland locations in close proximity to other dwellings two storey type dwellings will only be considered where a 50 meter separation distance is achievable

Response

This motion seeks to make the following changes to this policy:

RH14: To only consider family members for backland development ~~Such applications shall be explicitly supported by other family members with documentary evidence to this effect.~~ . The proposed development shall have no negative impact on third parties/neighbouring property owners and viable sites with sufficient independent percolation areas will be required in order to meet technical guidelines. Sufficient screening will be required to screen the house from adjacent homes and this has to be in place prior to occupation of the house. Single storey bungalow type houses only will be allowed in such backland locations ~~to limit visual impact and overlooking~~ **in close proximity to other dwellings two storey dwellings will only be considered where a 50 meter separation distance is achievable.**

This policy remains unchanged from the current CDP 2011-2017 (RH 14). Given that road frontage has been taken up with housing development there is a need to keep backland development unobtrusive and to minimise its impact on the local area and in particular adjoining or nearby residential properties.

Given the sensitive and challenging nature of this type of development, it is considered appropriate to continue to retain the requirement that such development is single story.

Recommendation

No change

It was **agreed** by the members that motion 30 would be considered in conjunction with motion 31.

Councillor Durkan stated that there were Department of Environment, Community and Local Government guidelines available for this type of development. Councillor Stafford suggested that applications from families in exceptional circumstances should be considered.

The members **agreed** to amend RH14 to allow single storey dwellings with accommodation in the roof space.

M. Kenny advised the members that he was not in agreement with them on the issue as the Department guidelines referred to urban sites and not to rural sites.

Councillor Durkan **proposed** that the text concerning the family be removed from the text and the proposal was **seconded** by Councillor R. Power.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

32. Councillor Martin Miley

RH 18

Add-on after existing entrance. Or close Existing entrance and reopen dual entrance in a more appropriate location

33. Fine Gael

That RH 18 reads as follows.

To restrict new accesses for one-off dwellings onto regional roads, where the 80km/hr speed limit applies in order to avoid the premature obsolescence of regional roads, (see Chapter 6), through the creation of excessive levels of individual entrances and to secure investment in non-national roads. Where applicants comply with Policy RH 4 and cannot provide access onto a nearby county road and therefore need to access a Regional Road, permission will only be granted to maximise the potential of an existing entrance.

Response

Motion 32 seeks to add onto the last sentence 'or close existing entrance and reopen dual entrance in a more appropriate location.'

Motion 33 seeks to delete the following from the last sentence:

~~'and the onus will be on applicants to demonstrate that there are no other accesses or suitable sites within the landowner's landholding.'~~

Regional roads perform a key role in the local and regional transport system, linking the principle towns of the region, carrying significant traffic volumes and supporting economic, social and community development. The safe and

efficient operation of the Regional Road network is important for the ongoing sustainable development of the County and must be protected. Policy RR2 seeks to restrict access onto regional roads to protect the safety and capacity of the network. The appropriate design solution for developments that access the regional road network is determined through the development management process.

Recommendation

No change

It was **agreed** by the members that motion 32 would be considered in conjunction with motion 33.

Councillor Miley stated that he would provide an alternative wording during the review process. Councillor Keatley stated that the restriction should only be imposed in it would result in a safer entrance.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

34. Fine Gael

That RH 20 reads as follows.

Given the rise in rural crime the following is acceptable as entrance treatments in a rural area. All applications for a dwelling in a rural area should include detailed drawings and specifications for entrance treatments. The roadside boundary should ideally consist of a sod/earth mound/fencing planted with a double row of native hedgerow species e.g. Hawthorn, field maple, holly, blackthorn, hazel etc. Block walls and gates with a maximum height of two meters are permitted.

Response

This motion seeks to delete the first sentence of this policy as follows:

~~The design of entrance gateways should be in keeping with the rural setting.~~

And to revise the last sentence as follows:

~~High Block walls and gates and ornamental features will not be permitted with a maximum height of two metres are permitted.~~

The issue of rural crime is not a matter for the CDP. In the interest of rural amenity and protecting the character and landscape of the open countryside, it is considered necessary to prevent the development of excessively scaled entrances that have a suburban character and to retain and augment existing hedge planting in so far as is possible.

Recommendation

No change

Councillor Keatley stated that the policy was too prescriptive and that the height restriction needed to be re-examined.

K. Kenny advised the members that the policy was an effort to protect the character of an area but also understood the concerns raised by the members.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

35. Councillor Mark Lynch

4.27 (RH21) (i)

That landholding is moved from 10ha to 5ha

36. Fine Gael

That RH 21 reads as follows.

To ensure that planning applications for a rural dwelling on the basis of the establishment of a fulltime / part time equine or other rural enterprise on site will generally be favourably considered, having regard to the following criteria:

- (i) The landholding shall comprise a minimum of 5 ha.
- (ii) All other siting and design considerations will be taken into account in assessing the application.
- (iii) It must be demonstrated that the nature of the enterprise is location dependent.
- (iv) The minimum requirement of 5 ha will not apply to an applicant who holds a professional horse training licence.

Response

The aim of this policy is to accommodate those wishing to operate a fulltime viable rural enterprise that is intrinsically linked to a rural location. This is consistent with the rural housing policy of the current plan and of the proposed draft plan.

The landholding size seeks to ensure that applicants applying under this section of the rural housing policy are involved in a viable and full time operation that is their primary source of income. Reducing the size of the holding below 10ha and inserting part / time to the criteria would undermine the type of applicant that this aspect of the Rural Housing Policy seeks to address. Refer to Chief Executive's amendment 1.1.

Recommendation

No change

It was **agreed** by the members that motion 35 would be considered in conjunction with motion 36.

The members discussed both motions in detail and referred to the fact that 61% of farmers are part-time farmers, the fact that there were examples of viable holdings of less than 10 ha and insurance implications for holdings which did not contain a dwelling. Councillor Keatley requested that the strict guidelines operated by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine be adhered to.

M. Kenny advised the members that the proposed policy was prepared to address the issue of one-off dwellings in rural areas and that reducing the minimum holding size would be contrary to rural policy.

Resolved: That a majority of the members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation.

37. Councillor Martin Miley

4.13.4 RH22 RH23

Very restrictive need to preserve our heritage some of these buildings very poor repair and would restrict the overall development of employment and farming generation. Policy should reflect saving what's worth saving and not for the sake of it.

Response

This motion seeks to amend the following policies:

RH 22:To protect the vernacular building stock in the rural areas of the county.

RH 23: To promote the re-use and sensitive restoration of existing dwellings, particularly those of traditional vernacular architecture. Regard should be had to Kildare County Council's "*Reusing Farm Buildings – A Kildare Perspective*", (2006) and any other design guidelines issued during the period of the Plan.

Section 4.13.4 addresses the restoration/refurbishment of the existing housing stock including vernacular structures. Vernacular is a term used to describe something that is common to a specific area or place.

The principle of this policy is to ensure that rather than continuing to lose the built heritage of Kildare a defining feature of the rural landscape, the Council will promote the retention and appropriate refurbishment of buildings within the county.

Each application which includes works to a vernacular structure is assessed on a case by case basis having regard to the condition and nature of the structure and having regard to Kildare County Council's "*Reusing Farm Buildings – A Kildare Perspective*", (2006).

Policies RH 22, RH 23 and RH 24 should remain in Chapter 4.

Recommendation

No change

Councillor Miley stated that the proposed policy was over prescriptive and would cause problems due to energy costs and room size. The members also referred to renovation costs.

M. Kenny advised the members that the policy was aimed at protecting current buildings and that such buildings are not in the list of protected structures. M. Kenny undertook to examine the design guidelines.

The Mayor suggested that the design issue be reviewed later in the year.

Following a detailed discussion it was **agreed** by the members to defer the motion to the final meeting.

38. Councillor Mark Lynch

4.28 (vii) refers. That the 25% maximum floor increase is removed and no % listed, other than what is suitable to location site.

Response

This motion seeks to amend the following policy:

RH 25: To accept the replacement of a dwelling other than a vernacular dwelling in circumstances where such a dwelling house is habitable, subject to the following:

g) In cases where an applicant/occupant wishes to replace an existing habitable dwelling on the same footprint and of the same or similar floor area (with an allowance of up to 25% increase of floor area for modern living requirements) there will be no requirement to comply with local need criteria identified in this plan.

This policy is included to allow for the reuse of existing residential properties where the existing dwelling is unsuitable for reuse, subject to a range of safeguards including that smaller scale traditional dwellings are not replaced with large and incongruous development.

Recommendation

No change

Following a detailed discussion it was **agreed** by the members to defer the motion to the final meeting.

39. Fine Gael

That RH 25 reads as follows

To accept the replacement of a dwelling other than a vernacular dwelling in circumstances where such a dwelling house is habitable, subject to the following:

- (i) The structure must last have been used as a dwelling and the internal and external walls and roof must be intact.
- (ii) A report from a suitably qualified competent person shall be submitted to verify that the dwelling is habitable but that replacement of the dwelling is the most sustainable option.
- (iii) The design of the proposed replacement house shall be of a high standard and its scale and character appropriate to the site and to existing development in the vicinity and to the rural area.
- (iv) Normally a condition to demolish the existing dwelling will be included in any grant of permission.

Response

This motion seeks to delete the following requirements from this policy:

- (i) Documentary evidence of the most recent date of occupation should be submitted with the application.
- (i) To require applicants to comply with local need criteria identified in Table 4.5 of the Plan. Normal planning considerations will be taken into account in the assessment of planning applications for replacement dwellings.
- (ii) In cases where an applicant/occupant wishes to replace an existing habitable dwelling on the same footprint and of the same or similar floor area (with an allowance of up to 25% increase of floor area for modern living requirements) there will be no requirement to comply with local need criteria identified in this plan.

This policy is included to allow for the reuse of existing residential properties where the existing dwelling is unsuitable for reuse, subject to a range of safeguards including the confirmation that the property has been in residential use in the recent past, that applicants comply with the local need criteria of the plan and to ensure that smaller scale traditional dwellings are not replaced with large and incongruous development.

This policy seeks to ensure that local rural people can acquire lands and redevelop houses and sites, as an alternative to new rural dwellings.

Recommendation

No change

Following a detailed discussion it was **agreed** by the members to defer the motion to the final meeting.

40. Fine Gael

That RH26 reads as follows.

To facilitate the sensitive replacement of a structurally unsound derelict dwelling as an alternative to the construction of a one off dwelling elsewhere in the countryside. Documentary evidence in the form of a structural survey and photographs shall be submitted to accompany the application. The proposed applicant shall comply with local need criteria identified in the Plan and shall be subject to an occupancy condition.

Response

This motion seeks to revise this policy as follows:

4.13.6 Replacement of Derelict Dwellings

RH 26: To facilitate the sensitive replacement of a structurally unsound derelict dwelling ~~dwelling⁴~~ as an alternative to the construction of a one off dwelling elsewhere in the countryside. ~~The scale of the replacement dwelling shall have regard to the scale of the existing dwelling to be replaced and site size.~~ Documentary evidence in the form of a structural survey and photographs shall be submitted to accompany the application. The proposed applicant shall comply with local need criteria identified in the Plan and shall be subject to an occupancy condition.

Policy **RH 26** seeks to facilitate the sensitive replacement of a structurally unsound derelict dwelling as an alternative to the construction of a one off dwelling elsewhere in the countryside and to ensure that the scale of replacement dwelling is related to the existing dwelling.

It is considered that this policy facilitates replacement dwellings of an appropriate scale.

Recommendation

No change

Following a detailed discussion it was **agreed** by the members to defer the motion to the final meeting.

41. Councillor Martin Miley

RH 27

Remove no suitable family-owned site in adjoining county

Response

This motion seeks to revise this policy as follows:

RH 27: To assess applications for one-off housing, in areas bordering neighbouring counties, where the proposed site is located on family land within County Kildare, at a distance of up to 2km located in Zone 1 and up to 4km located in Zone 2, from the county boundary. Applicants will be required to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the planning authority, that ~~no suitable family owned site is available in the adjoining county~~ and that all other aspects of rural housing policy including local need, siting and design are complied with. The applicant shall also fully demonstrate that they are building their first rural dwelling and that it will be for their permanent place of residence.

This policy is unchanged from the current CDP 2011-2017. The principle of the Rural Housing Policy is to cater for rural generated housing need for people who have grown up and spent substantial period of their lives living in a particular area of rural Kildare. Where they have grown up and spent substantial periods of their lives in an adjoining County it is considered appropriate that the housing need would be met in that County in the first instance. This policy should remain in the plan in order to ensure the needs of Kildare rural dwellers are catered for.

Recommendation

No change

Councillor Durkan stated that there was scope to slightly re-word the policy to allow for those living close to county boundaries where there was a non residential farm.

M. Kenny advised the members that Kildare County Council had received planning applications from applicants resident in counties where the policy was more restrictive and that the policy was aimed at coping with this issue.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

42. Fine Gael

That RH 27 reads as follows.

To assess applications for one-off housing, in areas bordering neighbouring counties, where the proposed site is located on family land within County Kildare, at a distance of up to 4km located in Zone 1 and up to 6km located in Zone 2, from the county boundary. Applicants will be required to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the planning authority, that no suitable family owned site is available in the adjoining county and that all other aspects of rural housing policy including local need⁴, siting and design are complied with. The applicant shall also fully demonstrate that they are building their first rural dwelling and that it will be for their permanent place of residence.

Response

The principle of the Rural Housing Policy is to cater for rural generated housing need for people who have grown up and spent substantial period of their lives living in a particular area of rural Kildare.

Where they have grown up and spent substantial periods of their lives in an adjoining County it is considered appropriate that the housing need would be met in that County in the first instance.

This policy should remain in the plan in order to ensure the needs of Kildare rural dwellers are catered for.

Recommendation

No change

M. Kenny advised the members that there was a need for consistency with the 2 Km and the 5 Km zones policy.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

43. Councillor Martin Miley

4.13.8 Rural Nodes

Policy unworkable and will not deliver and the units as you have to comply with rural housing policy. rh 28 rh 29 rh30.

Response

Rural nodes identified in the proposed CDP comprise largely unserved areas with limited social and community infrastructure. It is anticipated that each rural node can cater for a 10-15% population growth from their current population base over the period of the plan. Rural nodes are designated for limited development at a sustainable scale for immediate local need through the development of clusters to encourage an appropriate level of consolidation.

Existing nodes are diverse in their role and function within the rural area and while the CDP recognises these varied roles and functions, the principle of the policy is to provide an alternative to housing in the open countryside for those who comply with the rural housing policy.

CE's amendment no. 1.2 seeks to insert an objective into the Plan to investigate the feasibility of providing / facilitating serviced sites in nodes, villages, settlements and small towns to cater for rural generated housing demand for persons who meet the criteria set out in Table 4.3 Schedule of Local Need, as an alternative to housing in the open countryside. Rural nodes may play a role in meeting this demand.

Recommendation

No change

Councillor Miley stated that there was a need to have a policy in place to encourage rural nodes.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

44. Councillor Mark Lynch

4.29 refers. That the council explain the definition of a rural node within the plan and leave the list open for further additions for areas which may have been overlooked.

Response

Rural nodes are defined in Section 4.13.8 of the proposed CDP as largely unserved areas with limited social and community infrastructure. Rural nodes are designated for limited development at a sustainable scale for immediate local need through the development of clusters to encourage an appropriate level of consolidation.

There will be an opportunity for interested parties to make a case for the inclusion of new nodes as part of the consultation on the Draft CDP. Following the adoption of the CDP, any new additions would constitute a material amendment to the CDP and would require a formal variation of the Plan.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

45. Councillor Martin Miley

RH 33

Remove May and replace it with will

Response

This motion seeks to revise this policy as follows:

RH 33: To restrict tourist accommodation on greenfield sites in the rural countryside. However, some tourist development, by its nature, may **will** require a rural location and in this regard consideration may be given to:.....

This policy remains unchanged from the current CDP 2011-2017. By its nature, not all tourism accommodation is dependent on a rural location in the open countryside. The policy caters for instances where a rural location may be required with particular consideration for agri tourism enterprises and other rural based tourism activities.

The proposed amendment would not be appropriate or correct.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

46. Fine Gael

That this Council adopt a rural housing policy as follows.

In the case of an application for a one off rural dwelling, this Council will give the applicant the full benefit of the planning process through the use of further information and clarification of further information to reduce the financial burden on applicants at planning stage.

Response

Section 34 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) prescribes the requirements for the assessment of planning applications. This includes a requirement to facilitate pre planning meetings and to seek additional information or clarification in appropriate circumstances, based on the specifics of the application. This is not a matter that should be addressed through the CDP.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

47. Fine Gael

That this Council adopt a rural housing policy as follows.

That the Council recognises the role of part time farmers in County Kildare and their requirement to live within the vicinity of their farming enterprise. Mandatory information to be supplied with an application for a one off rural house is as follow.

- (i) Herd number from the Dept. of Agriculture in the applicant's family name.

- (ii) Field identifier codes (plot numbers) from the Dept. of Agriculture in the applicant's family name.

Response

Section 34 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) prescribes the requirements for the assessment of planning applications. The Planning Authority in considering an application can seek information that is deemed necessary to allow for the full consideration of the application. This is not, therefore, a matter that should be addressed through the CDP.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

48. Fine Gael

That this Council adopt a rural housing policy as follows.

That the Council accepts the site selection of an applicant for a one off rural dwelling who is a member of a farming family on the basis that an alternative site in the ownership of an immediate family member would be damaging to the farming enterprise by virtue of its location or that a site be strategically located on the family home place or on an out farm in the ownership of the applicants family to improve the security of the farming enterprise given the rise in rural crime.

Response

This is not a matter for the development plan. Each application is assessed on a case by case basis having regard to the supporting information submitted with the application.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

49. Chief Executive's Amendments

49.1

Section 10.5.5 - Forestry

FT 6: To encourage the improved management of woodlands and to promote the Native Woodland **Conservation** Scheme under the ~~NDP 2007-2013~~ **2015 and the Native Woodland Establishment GPC9 & GPC10 Silvicultural Standards 2015** which aim to protect and enhance existing native woodlands and to increase the total native woodland cover where appropriate, in forms that respect and enhance local character and local biodiversity.

Reason

Updated policy

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

50. Councillor Martin Miley

10.4.1

That we identify and record the number of secondary related jobs to agriculture

Response

In Census 2011 the CSO recorded 3,166 no. of persons of the labour force of County Kildare in the "*farming, fishing and forestry*" occupational group. The 2010 Census of Agriculture sub-divides the farming labour force for Kildare into the following groups

Labour Input 2010

Total Farms: 2,578

Regular Labour

Family: 2,853

Non-family: 340

Non Regular Labour

Contract: 60

Casual: 62

Relief: 4

Recommendation

Include a new table with the above information from the 2010 Census of Agriculture in Section 10.4.1 Agriculture.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

51. Councillor Martin Miley

10.4.2

That we ensure that the Curragh remains the centre of excellence for horse training

Response

Agreed

Recommendation

Include an additional policy in Section 10.4.2

EQ 6: To ensure that the Curragh remains the centre of excellence in Ireland for horse training.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

52. Councillor Mark Lynch

10.4.6

That this council actively requests Bord na Mona to establish native woodland on used bogs

Response

Not Agreed

Bórd na Móna has produced a 15 year strategy Sustainability 2030 which recognizes the role and responsibility of Board na Mona in the rehabilitation of its peatlands to an environmentally sustainable condition with a higher biodiversity value.

The following policies which are included in the proposed draft CDP address the issue raised:

BL 3: To take a balanced approach to the re-development of cutaway bogs. Large portions of cutaway bog should be developed as areas for wildlife, biodiversity, conservation and their amenity value, whilst other portions can be utilised for economic uses such as grassland, forestry and wind energy, subject to all planning and environmental considerations being met.

BL 4: To liaise with Board na Mona, the Irish Peatland Conservation Council, Coillte, National Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, to ensure the sustainable use of cutaway bogland, with due consideration given to their ecological and amenity value.

Recommendation

No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

53. Sinn Féin

Add the following:

10.4.7 To establish a tourism officer in the county in line with other counties.

Response

The issue of staffing is not a matter for CDP.

Recommendation

Not a matter for the CDP

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

54. Councillor Martin Miley

10.4.7

That we add in field sports

That we add in meditation Retreat centres

Response

Agreed

Recommendation

Amend Section 10.4.7 Tourism as follows:

Tourism is a growing sector within Kildare's rural economy. The natural environment and landscape of the county together with sport-tourism linked to e.g. equine, **field sports**, golf amenities and **retreat centres** are significant attractions to a wide ranging consumer profile. Rural tourism has the potential to support and augment the county's economic profile. The Council will endeavour to facilitate the development of the tourist industry in rural areas in accordance with the policies and objectives outlined in Chapter 5 – Economic Development.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

55. Councillor Martin Miley

10.4.10

That we remove point 3

Response

Not Agreed

The Council acknowledges that the development of rural enterprise and employment opportunities will be vital to sustaining the rural economy. In accordance with the economic strategy for the overall county, employment which services rural areas, should, in general, be directed to local employment

centres, small towns and villages catering for local investment and small scale industry.

In order to ensure proper planning and sustainable development where established authorised rural based enterprises seek to expand beyond their existing capacity and, in the opinion of the planning authority, the expansion proposed, would seriously affect the rural nature or amenity of the rural areas and surrounding countryside, it will generally be encouraged to locate in serviced zoned lands. This is to ensure that development is located in the most accessible locations.

Recommendation

No Change

Councillor Miley stated that small industries which employ five or six people in rural area were very important and they should be allowed to extend a premises rather than relocate.

K. Kenny advised the members that the policy sought to encourage industries to relocate in instances where the industry had outgrown its current location and was no longer compatible with its rural location.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

56. Councillor Martin Miley

5.4.10 10.2

Remove point the proposal should be accompanied by a mobility plan catering for employees home to work transportation

Response

Not Agreed.

The issue raised refers to Table 10.2 Criteria for Assessment of One-off Enterprises in Rural Areas. Proposals for the development of one-off new small scale enterprises in rural areas outside of designated employment centres will be assessed against criteria including requesting that the proposal should be accompanied by a mobility plan catering for employees home to work transportation.

The mobility plan is required to assess the likely transportation impact of the development and to balance car use, available road capacity and to provide for more sustainable modes of transport.

Recommendation

No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

57. Sinn Féin

10.5.2 Agriculture

AG Page 10-8

Add the following:

That KCC consult with farming organisations in respect of a review of the restrictions that calendar based farming imposes on farmers in an era when weather patterns are becoming more unpredictable and forecasts for climate change are more pessimistic

58. Sinn Féin

10.5.2 Agriculture

AG Page 10-8

Add the following:

That KCC ensure that compensation be pursued on behalf of farmers being prevented from farming by environmental designations, e.g. Hen Harrier

59. Sinn Féin

10.5.2 Agriculture

AG Page 10-8

Add the following; That KCC declare its opposition to GM trials.

60. Sinn Féin

10.5.2 Agriculture

AG Page 10-8

Add the following: That Kildare County Council declares its opposition to TTIP.

Response (57-60)

The CDP is a spatial land-use plan. The issues raised relate to the farming practices, compensation for protected species, food trials and international trade between the EU and the USA. These are matters for the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and other Government Departments and agencies and are not matters for the development plan.

Recommendation

Not matters for the CDP

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation with regard to motion 57, 58, 59 and 60.

61. Councillor Martin Miley

AG 6

About the overuse of buildings with vernacular importance. We already have a protected structure list which is overloaded.

Response

Not Agreed

Policy AG 6 seeks to support those who live and work in rural areas and who wish to remain on the land-holding. The policy states that favourable consideration will be given to on-farm based diversification, which is complementary to existing agricultural practices, is operated as part of the farm

holding and is intended to supplement existing farm income such as the conversion of redundant farm buildings of vernacular importance such as stone barns and stables for appropriate owner-run enterprises, such as agri-tourism.

Recommendation

No Change

Councillor Miley stated that there was an over emphasis on vernacular buildings throughout the proposed draft Plan which would lead to building constraint.

K. Kenny advised the members that the proposed policy allowed the retention of such buildings without the need to add them to the register of protected structures.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

62. Sinn Féin

10.5.5 Forestry

Add to FT: To increase the planting of native Irish trees.

Response

Not Agreed

The Environmental Impact Assessment (Amendment) Regulations 2013, provided for the introduction of a new statutory consent system for forestry which is operated by the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The Forest Service determines applications for initial afforestation and felling, it consults with the Council in circumstances where the proposal relates to a designated scenic area; an area of high amenity; applications greater than 10 hectares within the catchment area of designated local authority water schemes; all applications for areas greater than 25 hectares and clear felling proposals at the end of rotation to ensure that felling is not incompatible with environmental protection.

The Council will seek to accommodate afforestation throughout the county where it is deemed appropriate. The following policy (with the CE amendment) seeks to encourage the planting of native species.

FT 6: To encourage the improved management of woodlands and to promote the Native Woodland Conservation Scheme under the NDP 2007-2013 2015 and the Native Woodland Establishment GPC9 & GPC10 Silvicultural Standards 2015 which aim to protect and enhance existing native woodlands and to increase the total native woodland cover where appropriate, in forms that respect and enhance local character and local biodiversity.

In addition Chapter 16 Rural Design Guidance and Chapter 19 Development Management Standards seek to ensure the retention and planting of indigenous trees and hedgerow as part of any development proposals and landscape plans.

Recommendation

No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

63. Councillor Brendan Young

Ch 10-10

BL 2: delete the word "maximising"

Response

Agreed

Recommendation

Amend policy as follows:

BL 2: To seek a balance between ~~maximising~~ the peat extraction potential of the county, whilst ensuring **the** protection and conservation of bogland habitats. Limiting extraction to those bogland areas currently under development will help to minimise impacts by localising effects and thus protect the bog landscape character areas within the county.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

64. Sinn Féin

10.5.6 Boglands

Add to BL:

To encourage people to offer up old bog parcels of land to the council for ecological non profit reasons.

Response

Not Agreed

The acquisition of lands is not a matter for the CDP. Policy BL 3 below seeks to ensure the rehabilitation of peatlands to an environmentally sustainable condition with a high biodiversity value.

BL 3: To take a balanced approach to the re-development of cutaway bogs. Large portions of cutaway bog should be developed as areas for wildlife, biodiversity, conservation and their amenity value, whilst other portions can be utilised for economic uses such as grassland, forestry and wind energy, subject to all planning and environmental considerations being met.

Recommendation

No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

65. Sinn Féin

10.7.4

Add to this: Following the closure of the extractive industry. To ensure that a viable and ecologically friendly plan is in place following the exhaustion of our bog lands in Kildare from mill peat harvesting.

Response

Not Agreed

Section 10.7 relates to sand and gravel extraction. Section 10.5.6 (as amended by motion 63) contains the policies listed below seek to ensure the rehabilitation of peatlands to an environmentally sustainable condition with a high biodiversity value.

BL 2: To seek a balance between maximising the peat extraction potential of the county, whilst ensuring the protection and conservation of bogland habitats. Limiting extraction to those bogland areas currently under development will help to minimise impacts by localising effects and thus protect the bog landscape character areas within the county.

BL 3: To take a balanced approach to the re-development of cutaway bogs. Large portions of cutaway bog should be developed as areas for wildlife, biodiversity, conservation and their amenity value, whilst other portions can be utilised for economic uses such as grassland, forestry and wind energy, subject to all planning and environmental considerations being met.

BL 4: To liaise with Bord na Mona, the Irish Peatland Conservation Council, Coillte, National Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, to ensure the sustainable use of cutaway bogland, with due consideration given to their ecological and amenity value.

Recommendation

No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

66. Sinn Féin

10.16 Extractive Industry Objectives

Add the following:

EO4

That KCC supports a full legislative ban on fracking

Response

Legislation is a matter for the Oireachtas and not for the CDP.

Recommendation

Not a matter for the CDP.

Councillor Cronin stated that the policy was required in case the processing commenced in a neighbouring county.

M. Kenny advised the members that the issue was more appropriate for the relevant SPC or for full council to debate rather than for the Development Plan.

Resolved: That a majority of members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

Chapter 11

67. Chief Executive's Amendments

None.

68. Councillor Brendan Young

Ch 11-3

C 2: replace the word "encourage" with "promote"; delete "where possible".

Response

Agreed

Recommendation

To replace the word encourage with **promote** in policy C2 as follows:

C 2: To **promote** the shared use of educational and community facilities for community and non-school purposes where possible so as to maximise the sustainable use of such infrastructure and promote community cohesion.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

69. Sinn Féin

Young People and Children

Add to policy:

11.7 SN1:

To ensure that wheelchair friendly swings are in all playgrounds in Kildare

Response

The design and specifications for individual play facilities is not a matter for the CDP.

Recommendation

No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

70. Sinn Féin

Children/Young People

11.8.1

Add to policy:

That KCC works to ensure Comhairle na nÓg and members have the occasion/opportunity to engage and have active input in developing the CDP as we have the youngest county in the State.

Response

This is not a matter for the County Development Plan. This is a procedural matter relating to the carrying out of public consultation that is required under the Planning and Development Act.

The motion is noted and taken into account when finalising the consultation strategy for the Draft CDP. The Draft Plan will be available to view online and in libraries and civic building throughout the County. Staff will also be available to answer questions and queries at consultation events in each MD.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

71. Sinn Féin

Add the following:

Children and Young People

SNO

To ensure there are fences around all children's playgrounds and play sandpits as per EU legislation.

Response

This is not a matter for the County Development Plan. The design and specifications for individual play facilities is not a matter for the CDP.

Recommendation

No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

72. Sinn Féin

11.8 PD4

Add to policy PD

Celbridge has been selected as an area to review all pedestrian crossings, entrances/exits to buildings etc in order to make it an accessible for all place to live. That Kildare County Council implement this model across the County.

Response

It is considered that Local Area Plans are the appropriate place to deal with specific policies for an individual town. In relation to a county wide approach the policy and objectives in the Proposed Draft Plan cater sufficiently with PD 1

referring specifically to the Building for Everyone and Access for the disabled documents.

PD 1: To ensure that all buildings, public and open spaces, recreational and amenity areas are accessible for people with disabilities, having regard to the Building Regulations, the objectives of 'Building for Everyone' (National Disability Authority) and 'Access for the Disabled' (No. 1 to 3) (National Rehabilitation Board).

Recommendation

No change

Councillor Cussen stated that she did not agree that the policy was more appropriate for each Local Area Plan as it should be an objective of the entire county.

K. Kenny advised the members that the County Development Plan contained broad based policies and that specific policies were contained within Local Area Plans.

Resolved: That a majority of members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

73. Sinn Féin

PD01

Insert "as per the vertical blue/white poles which denote Disabled parking bays in Celbridge".

Response

The issue raised in the motion is addressed in the Proposed Draft CDP. PDO 1 seeks to ensure that parking spaces for people with disabilities are appropriately indicated and located.

PDO 1: To ensure that parking spaces provided for people with disabilities are appropriately indicated and are located in a manner which has regard to dismounting, safety of driver and passengers, etc.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That a majority of members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

74. Sinn Féin

People with Disabilities

PDO1

Add the following:

To ensure there is a disability parking space in every urban area centre.

Response

The issue raised in the motion is addressed in the Proposed Draft CDP. Objective PKO 1 Chapter 6 Movement and Transportation will provide for the identification of parking needs in each of the settlements of the county including spaces for people with disabilities.

PKO 1: To prepare parking strategies and investigate the appropriate locations for vehicular, bicycle and park and ride facilities within the county. The Council will seek to provide these facilities either on its own or in co-operation with others. The locations of such facilities can be identified where appropriate through the Local Area Plan process or any planning processes / mechanisms.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

75. Sinn Féin

For Kildare county council to establish a framework document for care in the community and housing people with disabilities that will occur with the closure of some institutions in Kildare.

Response

This is not a matter for the County Development Plan. Kildare County Council is not responsible for the provision of care facilities for people with disabilities. The Health Service Executive (HSE) provides a range of services for people with intellectual, physical and sensory disabilities or autism. These services include basic health services as well as assessment, rehabilitation, income maintenance, community care and residential care. Some services are provided directly by the HSE. Many of the community, residential and rehabilitative training services are provided by voluntary organisations with grant aid from the HSE.

Section 4.7 of Chapter 4 Housing provides policies and objectives that support the delivery of housing for people with disabilities at appropriate locations.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

76. Sinn Féin

Local Development/Community Groups
Add to LDG:

To utilise the PPN as a two-way method of communicating information re Public Consultations.

Response

This is not a matter for the County Development Plan. This is a procedural matter relating to the carrying out of public consultation that is required under the Planning and Development Act.

The motion is noted and will be taken into account when finalising the consultation strategy for the Draft CDP. The Draft Plan will be available to view online and in libraries and civic building throughout the County. Key stakeholders, including the PPN, will be notified of consultation events in each MD during the consultation period.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

77. Sinn Féin

Arts and Culture in the Community

Add to AC

To publish a yearly review of arts and culture that KCC was involved in or that it funded.

Response

This is an operational matter and is not a matter for the Draft CDP.

Recommendation

No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

78. Sinn Féin

Add to AC

To establish the Athy Museum as the county museum

Response

The designation of a county museum is not a matter for the County Development Plan.

Objectives of Chapter 11 support the development of cultural spaces, heritage centres and museums where appropriate throughout the county.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

79. Councillor Mark Wall

Add

AC07

To support the development of Athy Heritage and Museum including the Shackleton exhibition incorporating the potential of the Dominican site and Library and Community Arts centre as a unique cluster of Arts , Culture and Heritage in the South of the County .

Response

Specific policies and objectives in relation to the community / cultural development in a particular settlement, such as Athy would be more appropriately addressed in the forthcoming Athy Local Area Plan.

Recommendation

No change

Councillor Wall noted that the County Development Plan policy was broad based by that policy ACO 3 specifically referred to another town and asked why some towns were identified under the Objective while others were not.

M. Kenny advised the members that national bodies were involved the case of ACO 3.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Wall, seconded by Councillor Miley with 16 members voting in favour and 7 members voting against that the Chief Executive's recommendation be rejected.

80. Councillor Mark Stafford

Objectives: Arts and Culture in the Community

To insert an additional objective at ACO " To support and promote additional cultural and arts spaces throughout Kildare".

Response

Agreed

Recommendation

To include objective ACO 7 in section 11.10 as follows:

ACO 7 To support and promote additional cultural and arts spaces throughout Kildare".

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

81. Councillor Naoise Ó'Ceairúil

That an additional objective on Arts and Culture in the Community include ACO 7: Go gcuirfidh an Comhairle Contae an Ghaeilge chun cinn ar aon le hAcht na dTeangacha. That Kildare County Council promotes the Irish Language in accordance with the Official Language Act.

Response

This is not a matter for the County Development Plan. It may be more appropriately addressed in plans such as the Corporate Plan and / or heritage publications.

Recommendation

No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

82. Sinn Féin

Add to LS

To also add to the communities such as Calverstown and Narraghmore by an expanded county library bus.

Response

The issue raised in this motion is addressed in the Proposed Draft CDP. Objective LBO 1 provides for the expansion of services in settlements. It is not considered appropriate to list individual settlements.

LBO 1: To improve library provision and services to all settlements/areas in which population and/or demands have increased, subject to the availability of resources and finance

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

83. Sinn Féin

To focus on the use of genealogy services and history in our Library Services.

Response

Agreed with Modification

Recommendation

To amend policy LS 2 as follows:

LS 2: To provide and improve access to library services and provide an integrated approach to the delivery of library, arts, **genealogy**, archives and local studies services.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

84. Councillor Mark Wall

Add

LB 0 4

To provide a state of the art Community Library at the Dominican site Athy.

Response

Specific policies and objectives in relation to the community / cultural development in a particular settlement, such as Athy would be more appropriately addressed in Local Area Plans, such as the forthcoming Athy Local Area Plan.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

85. Councillor Brendan Young

Ch 11-11

F1: add at end of clause "including for gaelcholaistaigh".

Response

This is not a matter for the County Development Plan. The existing policy is inclusive and covers all types of schools proposals, including gaelcholaistaigh. It is not considered appropriate to specify a particular type of school or ethos.

Recommendation

No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

86. Councillor Brendan Young

New EF2 and re-number accordingly:

To work in conjunction with the relevant education authorities to promote the provision for after- school care and community use of school buildings / facilities, by the incorporation of design specifications appropriate to such use in any new schools program and in existing school expansions or upgrades.

Response

Agreed

Recommendation

To include objective EF 4 in section 11.12 as follows:

EF 4 To work in conjunction with the relevant education authorities to promote the provision for after-school care and community use of school buildings / facilities, by the incorporation of design specifications appropriate to such use in any new schools programme and in existing school expansions or upgrades.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

87. Sinn Féin

Educational Facilities

Add to EF :

To support the provision of a Gaelcholaiste in the south of the county.

Response

This is not a matter for the County Development Plan. The identification of patronage bodies for school is a matter for the Department of Education and Skills.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

88. Sinn Féin

Educational Facilities

Add the following:

To support the provision of a Gaelcholaiste in the northern area of Kildare.

Response

This is not a matter for the County Development Plan. The identification of patronage bodies for school is a matter for the Department of Education and Skills.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

89. Sinn Féin

Educational Facilities

Add the following:

To explore the potential of having a Gaeltacht area in Kildare.

Response

This is not a matter for the County Development Plan. The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht is responsible for Irish speaking areas. This Departments 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010-2030 sets out the strategy for the development of the Irish language.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

90. Sinn Féin

To establish firm links with Maynooth University and South Kildare towns and villages: Athy, Monasterevin and Castledermot.

Response

Agreed with modification

Recommendation

To include the following objective in section 11.12

EFO 6 To promote links between NUI Maynooth and other education and training facilities in the county.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

91. Sinn Féin

Add to EFO

To only cluster schools where there is sufficient roads and pathways as well as cycle lanes to cope with large numbers.

Response

The clustering of schools is proposed as part of the transition towards more sustainable modes of transport and to facilitate coordinated traffic management arrangements for Schools, which attract high traffic volumes at school start and end times. More specific matters such as the local traffic management measures can be more appropriately addressed through Local Area Plans, Town or Village Plans, through the Development Management process and through funded schemes such as the NTA's Sustainable Traffic Management Grants scheme.

Recommendation

Insert new policy EFO 6:

To promote the clustering of educational facilities and ensure that new schools are located and designed so as to facilitate walking and cycling. The transport network in the vicinity of schools should also seek to facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

92. Councillor Brendan Young

Ch 11-13

New CPF 3

To specify the inclusion of childcare facilities, including community crèche facilities, of an appropriate type and scale, in the design of developments where the presence of a significant number of children is envisaged.

Response

Section 19 Development Management Standards sets out policies and standards for the provision of Childcare Facilities in accordance with the requirements of the Childcare Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2001.

Recommendation

No change

Councillor Young stated that the Childcare Guidelines were inadequate and only a recommendation. Councillor Doyle agreed with the sentiments of the motion and said that a critical mass was required but that the issue might be more appropriate to an SPC.

M. Kenny advised the members that as different areas of the county developed at different rates, it was important not to jeopardise existing facilities.

Resolved: That a majority of members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation.

93. Sinn Féin

That it be an objective of the council to establish a crèche or childcare facilities at Kildare County Council.

Response

This is not a matter for the development plan.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

94. Sinn Féin

Health Services

Add the following:

To facilitate primary health care units in south Kildare and work with the HSE to deliver an elderly care unit in Monasterevin.

Response

The policies and objectives of section 11.14 support the development of public and private health care facilities in the county. It is considered that specific policies and objectives in relation to the provision of community infrastructure in specific settlements would be more appropriate for the Local Areas.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

95. Councillor Mark Wall

Add
HS 6

To facilitate the development of St Vincent's Hospital Athy as the most important Public centre for the care of older persons within the County .

Response

The prioritisation and use of hospitals is a matter for the HSE. The policies and objectives of section 11.14 do support the development of public and private health care facilities in the county. It is considered that specific policies and objectives in relation to the provision of community infrastructure in specific settlements would be more appropriate for the Local Areas.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

96. Councillor Mark Stafford

Objectives: Burial Grounds

To amend objective BGO 2 to read as follows:- "To explore the possibility of the provision of regional-type burial ground, including crematoria and natural wood cemetery (subject to a site specific feasibility study) in the north east of the county".

Response

The Proposed Draft Plan supports the provision of two facilities based on the forecast future needs of the county.

BGO 2: To explore the feasibility of the provision of a regional-type burial ground, including crematoria and a natural wood cemetery (subject to a site specific feasibility study), at two locations as follows;

- (i) North-east of the county
- (ii) Centre of the county

Recommendation

No change

Councillor Stafford stated that the proposed policy would only suit metropolitan areas as hinterland areas had lower populations. The members suggested that the word “regional” be amended to “district” or “shared” or that the issue be referred to the relevant SPC.

M. Kenny advised the members that there were many cemeteries in the county that were reaching capacity. He also advised the members that he would agree to have the policy changed to “district” rather than “regional”.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation subject to the altering of the word “regional” to “district”.

97. Councillor Rob Power

11.16 Burial Grounds

Amend BGO 3 with additional line:

"...and to encourage and facilitate development of suitable facilities for visitors to Wolf Tone's grave."

Response

Agreed

Recommendation

To amend objective BGO 3 As follows:

BGO 3: To investigate the feasibility of developing lands adjacent to Bodenstown cemetery to facilitate an extension to the existing graveyard **and to facilitate development of suitable facilities for visitors to Wolf Tone's grave.**

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.

Chapter 17

98. Chief Executive’s Amendments

17.1

To take Chapter 17 Village Plans and Rural Settlements and Chapter 18 Small Towns and Environs to a separate volume (Volume 2) and rename Volume 2 to Volume 3.

Reason

To reduce the scale of each volume and make villages, settlements, small towns and environ plans more accessible and user friendly.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

17.2

To delete policy VRS 8 page 17-4.

This policy is considered to be duplication of existing policies and standards. Policy HCO 4 Chapter 4 sets out the council's position with respect to design statements for housing.

Reason

Section 19.4 Housing Mix in Chapter 19 Development Management Standards also sets out the position regarding housing mix.

This amendment was **withdrawn**.

99. Councillor Rob Power

VRS 5: To amend the policy to ensure that the sequential development of housing does not interfere with the future potential for village centre sites to provide retail/local employment at the heart of the village rather than the village outskirts. The addition of the following as a bullet point is proposed:

"Consideration will be given to the potential for town centre sites to deliver local employment opportunities where possible."

Response

Agreed in principle. This motion seeks to ensure that the village centres have capacity for mixed use development, facilitating local employment opportunities. Policy VRS 5 generally relates to residential development. As such a new policy is proposed as set out below.

Recommendation

Retain VRS 5 and insert additional policy as follows:

VRS 12 To encourage appropriate mixed use development(s) in the village centres to enhance the range of services and promote local employment opportunities.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

100. Councillor Martin Miley

17.1

That we refer to settlements as settlements and not rural settlements

Response

As set out in Section 17.3, it is recognised that the settlements have developed as local centres for their rural catchments. As such they are rural in character and form, and this is reflected in their definition as 'rural settlements'.

Recommendation

No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

101. Councillor Martin Miley

That Kilkea be added to rural settlement

Response

Kilkea is currently designated as a rural node in the CDP 2011-2017. The node designation is based on the scale and form of the existing node and the level of socio-economic services that are provided to the node and surrounding rural hinterland. No development has occurred in the intervening period to warrant designation as a settlement, which are larger in scale and provide a wider socio-economic service to local rural communities.

Recommendation

No change.

Councillor Miley stated that there were currently 60 or 70 houses in Kilkea and had a sewerage treatment plant. Councillor Wall agreed with Councillor Miley. Councillor Doyle stated that there was a need to re-examine the definitions within the Core Strategy.

Resolved: That a majority of members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation and to revisit the issue.

102. Sinn Féin

Chapter 17: Village Plans and Rural Settlements

General Policy:

That Kildare County Council communicates with all Residents Associations, Churches, Credit Unions, Post Offices etc (supplying posters for display where appropriate) to encourage and facilitate greater local interaction with CDP. LEO4 PPN refers.

Response

This is not a matter for the County Development Plan. While the request is noted, this is not a matter for inclusion in the Draft CDP. This is a procedural matter prescribed under the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2015.

Recommendation

No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

103. Councillor Mark Lynch

17.10

Offices should be open for consideration in C, Q and U

Response

Agreed with respect to land uses C New Residential and Q Enterprise & Employment.

In relation to Utilities, offices that are ancillary to the main use of the site will be considered on their merits in accordance with the nature and extent of development proposed.

Recommendation

Amend Table 17.5 so that **Offices are Open for Consideration under zonings C New Residential and Q Enterprise & Employment.**

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

104. Councillor Mark Lynch

17.10

Warehouse should be open for consideration in A

Response

Agreed.

Recommendation

Amend Table 17.5 so that **Warehouse (Wholesale) / Store / Depot are open for Consideration** under zoning A Village Centre.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

105. Councillor Mark Lynch

17.10

Workshops should be permitted in Q, U

Response

Workshops are already permissible under Q Enterprise & Employment. Agreed that Workshops should be permissible under U Utilities

Recommendation

Amend Table 17.5 so that **Workshops are permissible** under zoning U Utilities.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

106. Councillor Mark Lynch

17.

Allenwood, Coill Dubh, Milltown should be given options for additional residential development zoning.

Response

The allocation of growth targets for all towns, villages and settlements is addressed in Section 2.8 of Chapter 2 Core Strategy.

Sufficient lands (11 ha) are zoned as C New Residential in Allenwood over the lifetime of this Plan. In addition, c.2 ha are zoned as A Village Centre which could accommodate residential development.

A total of 5.8 ha are zoned as C New Residential in Coill Dubh/Coolearagh. The land use zonings in both villages allow for up to 25% growth in villages over the plan period. This is considered appropriate in order to ensure that the physical and social infrastructure is delivered in tandem with population growth. Milltown is designated as a Rural Settlement as per Map Ref: 17.29. A total of 2.2ha are identified for settlement expansion which is considered appropriate having regard to the physical and socio-economic infrastructure in the settlement.

Recommendation

No change.

Resolved: That a majority of members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

107. Councillor Mark Stafford

17.5.1 Allenwood

17.5.1.11 To insert a new policy objective at PU3 "To investigate the feasibility of upgrading the waste water treatment network in the Allenwood North and Allenwood South areas of the village".

Response

This is not a matter for the County Development Plan. This is a matter for Irish Water under Irish Water's Capital Investment Plan.

Recommendation

No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation and to **adopt** the motion to insert a new policy objective – "PU 3: To investigate in conjunction with Irish Water the feasibility of upgrading the waste water treatment network in the Allenwood North and Allenwood South areas of the village".

108. Councillor Mark Stafford

17.5.1 Allenwood

To insert a new policy objective at CE2 "To facilitate the provision of open space and amenity areas including a playground facility in the village.

Response

The zoning map for Allenwood is set out in Map 17.2. This includes a number of areas designated as F Open Space and Amenity. Playgrounds are permissible under this zoning. The construction of a playground is a budgetary issue which can be agreed at Municipal District level in consultation with the relevant internal department(s). There are also other funding sources available to communities for the development of playgrounds, such as Leader.

Recommendation

No change.

Councillor Stafford stated that the text should support the map.

Resolved: That a majority of members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

109. Councillor Martin Miley

17 Ballitore

That we zone an acre of land around the meeting house for community and education

Response

Community / Recreational / Sports Buildings are all open for consideration on lands zoned C New residential which are located to the north and west of the meeting house in Ballitore. It is also noted that there is a roads objective to the north of the meeting house. The zoning of lands at this location could prejudice the delivery of the road and undermine the ability of prospective development(s) in the vicinity to deliver a coherent high quality design and layout at this location.

Recommendation

No change.

Councillor Miley stated that the review of the Plan was the only opportunity to show support for the meeting house.

M. Kenny undertook to re-examine the issue.

Resolved: That the motion would be deferred to the last of the special Planning meetings.

110. Councillor Mark Wall

Chapter 17 Ballitore

Add AM4 page 17-20

To work with the local Soccer Club to develop the Soccer pitch as a complete community facility.

Response

This is not a matter for the County Development Plan.

Recommendation

No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

111. Councillor Rob Power

Caragh

17.5.4.11 Development Objectives:

Addition of Public Utilities Objective (Caragh)

To facilitate the improvement of 3G, 4G and broadband services for the village and wider rural hinterland.

Response

Section 8.14 Telecommunications Infrastructure and Section 8.15 Broadband in Chapter 8 sets out the council's policy with respect to such infrastructure in Kildare.

In relation to telecommunications infrastructure, policies TL 2, TL 3 and TL 4 1 seek to support the provision of such infrastructure.

TL 2: To promote and facilitate the provision of an appropriate telecommunications infrastructure, including broadband connectivity and other technologies within the county.

TL 3: To co-operate and co-ordinate with relevant bodies regarding the laying of key infrastructural services within towns and villages.

TL 4: To co-operate with telecommunication service providers in the development of the service, having regard to proper planning and sustainable development.

Regarding broadband, policies BR 1 to BR 6 seek to improve and work with statutory providers in the provision of such infrastructure.

BR 1 To assist in the provision of information and communication technologies throughout the county.

BR 2 To co-operate with the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources and public and private agencies where appropriate, in improving high quality broadband infrastructure throughout the county.

BR 3 To facilitate the delivery of a high capacity Information and Communications Technology (ICT) infrastructure and broadband network and digital broadcasting throughout the county.

BR 5 To support the provision of the National Broadband Plan in so far as it relates to the County.

BR 6 To cooperate with service providers in securing a greater range and coverage of telecommunications services in order to ensure that people and

business have equitable access to a wide range of services and the latest technologies as they become available.
Such policies are considered sufficient for all towns and villages in the county, without specifically identifying one such village.

Recommendation

No change.

M. Kenny agreed to amend the policy to include the additional sentence.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

112. Councillor Rob Power

Caragh

Addition of Amenity and Recreation Objective (Caragh)

"To work with the community to provide a children's playground in the lifetime of this plan"

Response

The zoning map for Caragh is set out in Map 17.5. This includes a number of areas designated as F Open Space and Amenity. Playgrounds are permissible under this zoning. The construction of a playground is a budgetary issue which can be agreed at Municipal District level in consultation with the relevant internal department(s) and the local community.

Recommendation

No change.

Councillor R. Power stated that the text should support the map.

Resolved: That a majority of members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

113. Councillor Rob Power

Caragh

Addition of Residential Object (Caragh)

To apply the following development requirements to lands identified C2 (New Residential) on Map 17.5: In recognition of the incline on the site and of the potential impact on local sight-lines any new development shall be restricted in height to dormer-bungalow style.

Response

Chapter 19 Development Management Standards sets out specific standards for residential developments. National policy guidelines such as Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas and the associated Urban Design Manual all seek to ensure that developments respond to the site and character of the area and meet a high quality design and layout. Design statements are also required for schemes as set out under policy HCO 4 (Chapter 4) and Section 19.4 Housing Mix in Chapter 19. These are considered sufficient.

However considering the varying topography of the site, it is considered appropriate to attach the following specific zoning objective under C2 New Residential:

‘Any development proposal for lands zoned C2 shall have regard to the typology of the land and seek to minimise the visual impact through high quality design and landscaping’.

Recommendation

Attach the following specific zoning objective as RD 2 under section 17.5.4.11 Residential Objectives:

‘RD 2 Any development proposal for lands zoned C2 shall have regard to the typology of the land and seek to minimise the visual impact through high quality design and landscaping’.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.

114. Councillor Mark Stafford

7.5.5. Coill Dubh/Coolearagh

17.5.5.12 To amend objective T3 to include the provision of a footpath between Coill Dubh and Coill Dubh AFC at Blackwood.

Response

Agreed.

Recommendation

Insert new objective T5 as follows:

T5: To provide for continuous footpath of a suitably high standard between Coill Dubh and Coill Dubh AFC at Blackwood.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.

115. Councillor Martin Miley

17 Crookstown;

that we rezone land to facilitate car parking

Response

While there is no provision for the zoning of land specifically for a car park, car parking is permitted in principle and open for consideration in a number of zoning objectives. Car parking is generally provided in conjunction with a development proposal or by Council through a public realm scheme.

Recommendation

No change.

Councillor Miley stated that there was a parking difficulty at Crookstown and suggested that an area near the school be zoned for parking.

M. Kenny undertook to discuss the issue with the Transportation section and to revert to the members on the issue.

116. Councillor Mark Wall

Add 17.5.6.8 page 17-42

To work with Kildare Wicklow ETB to develop the old school as a community , training and educational facility .

Response

This is not a matter for the Draft CDP.

Recommendation

No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

117. Councillor Martin Miley

Kildangan; in the lifetime of the plan ensure that the railway bridge is made pedestrian friendly

Response

Agreed.

Recommendation

To include the following objective under Transportation Objectives:

'T 5 To investigate the possibility of re-aligning the road, in co-operation with Iarnoid Eireann, between Kildangan Manor and the village centre, and to make the railway bridge pedestrian friendly'.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

118. Councillor Mark Wall

Add T 6 page 17-62 Kildangan

To re-align the road with the cooperation of Iarnoid Eireann at the railway bridge in the centre of the Village, in the interest of Pedestrian safety and to allow the Village to grow

Response

Agreed.

Recommendation

To include the following objective under Transportation Objectives:

'T 5 To investigate the possibility of re-aligning the road, in co-operation with Iarnoid Eireann, between Kildangan Manor and the village centre, and to make the railway bridge pedestrian friendly'.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

119. Councillor Mark Wall

Kildangan

Add AR 2 page 17 -62

To facilitate the provision of a public Car Park with the assistance of the local land owner at land in front of the Church and School in the Village, improving safety at all locations.

Response

While there is no provision for the zoning of land specifically for a car park, car parking is permitted in principle and open for consideration in a number of zoning objectives. Car parking is generally provided in conjunction with a development proposal or by Council through a public realm scheme.

Recommendation

No change.

Councillor Wall informed the members that a local landowner was prepared to gift the land to the council.

M. Kenny undertook to discuss the issue with the Transportation section and to revert to the members.

120. Councillor Mark Stafford

17.5.10 Kilmeague

That for the purposes of this plan that given the proximity and connectivity of Allen to Kilmeague that Allen be included as part of the village plan for Kilmeague.

Response

Kilmeague is a higher order settlement and classified as a village having regard to population and local services. While both settlements are proximate, there is no planning rationale for merging these settlements.

Sufficient lands are identified for Settlement Expansion in Allen over the lifetime of the plan.

Recommendation

No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

121. Councillor Martin Miley

Moone;

Remove the zoning of residential in the church and graveyard car park

Response

Agreed.

Recommendation

Re-zone the lands identified as C New Residential (0.5ha) to E Community & Educational.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

122. Councillor Mark Stafford

17.5.12 Robertstown

17.5.12.13 To amend transport objective at T1 by adding the following "including the provision of additional car parking at Robertstown National School".

Response

Agreed.

Recommendation

T 1 To implement footpath, junction and parking improvements in the village, **including the provision of additional car parking at Robertstown National School.**

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

123. Councillor Mark Stafford

17.6 Rural Settlement Objectives

That it is an objective to provide cattle grids to entrances to all settlements on the Curragh.

Response

This motion was similar to Motion 216 agreed at the previous meeting on April 5th 2016 by Cllr. Stafford.

The recommendation as agreed was as follows:

Reword objective as follows:

AT 16: To provide gateway speed deterrent, signage **and to examine the provision of cattle grids if warranted** at the following locations:

- On approach from Newbridge (R416)
- On approach from Kilcullen (R416)
- **On approach from the Curragh L2032**

Recommendation

It is recommended to add the following bullet point:

- On approach to all settlements on the Curragh

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

124. Councillor Mark Wall

Chapter 17 Page 113 Kilberry

To include the Council owned lands in the settlement expansion of Kilberry as a rural settlement given the need for such housing there.

Response

Agreed. Although the Council owns part of the field, it is recommended that the entire field is included as SE 4.

Recommendation

Insert the area (1.3 ha) attached in Fig. 1 below as SE4 under the Kilberry Rural Settlement Map 17.24

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

The meeting concluded.