

## Linkage Group Meeting

Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC

### Meeting Record

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2021

11 attendees

1. **Terms of Reference for Linkage Groups** were introduced and noted. Available on the website for further study. These have been approved by Plenary Meeting.
2. **Northern Distributor Road:** Draft Statement from the Community Development and Social Inclusion SPC Linkage Group in relation to the road was screened and the meeting agreed to support this statement with one amendment to delete the sentence:

*We note that sections of this road project that serve middle and upper class constituents have been completed without issue.*

from the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph as it was seen as divisive and unnecessary.

This will be conveyed to the Community Development and Social Inclusion Linkage Group meeting tomorrow.

3. **SPC Agenda Items:**

- Notice of Motion by Cllr. C Sheehan re Taking in Charge of Housing Estates by the Council. Agreed to support this motion as per previous Linkage Group decision.
- National Water Resources Plan: Reps agreed to report back to the next meeting of the Group on this issue after considering the presentation to be given. Not enough knowledge to discuss.
- Derelict and Vacant Sites:
  - This generated most debate on the night.
  - Not enough dialogue with communities and owners about this issue.
  - Is there finance available and how do owners access funding for repairs, etc? Reps to raise this at the meeting.
  - Raised issue of procedures to ascertain ownership and Reps will seek information on these from the Council.
  - Reps also need to enquire about what initiatives are planned, if any, to address dereliction in small and medium sized towns and villages.
  - How can PPN help? Discuss with Council officials about a role for PPN in partnership with the Council.
  - A Forum for all stakeholders in the affected communities to discuss the issues around dereliction was suggested and will be pursued.
- Food Strategy: Reps to report on the presentation. Not enough knowledge to discuss.
- Meeting agreed that Linkage Group will actively participate in the consultations around the new Limerick Development Plan 2022-28. Reps to report on the update to be given.

**4. Linkage Group Priorities/Meetings:**

- Time constrained discussion here but no priorities were identified other than to keep abreast of issues and address as they arise. Special meetings would not be ruled out to look at single issues.
- Agreed to schedule meetings around SPC Meetings as currently with caveat about special meetings as above.