

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Louth County Council on Wednesday,
16th January 2019

In Attendance: Cllr. L. Reilly (Chairman)
Cllr. A Campbell
Cllr. D Minogue
Ms. Jillann Harper

Officials: Mr. P Donnelly, Director of Services
Ms. A Lawler, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. D McMahan, Social Worker
Ms. A Cullen, Social Worker

Also in attendance: Ms. Sinéad Meehan (Minutes)

Apologies: Ms D. Boyle

1. Minutes

- Minutes of meeting held on the 5th December 2018 were proposed by Cllr. D Minogue and seconded by Cllr. A Campbell.

2. Matters Arising

- No matters arising.

3. Review & Discussion of Assessment Report 2019-2024

- The members were advised that all qualified traveller housing applicants were invited for an assessment interview for the new programme and 97% of these attend. The members were informed about the outcome of the assessment. The assessment showed that the majority of the traveller housing applicants are seeking Standard Social Housing accommodation. Nine groups were formed by travellers seeking traveller group housing. Many of these applicants requested either traveller group housing or standard social housing, whichever became available first. The greatest need for traveller group housing is in the Dundalk Municipal District.
- The members were informed that there were only one request for halting site accommodation in Dundalk and no formal requests for the site in

Drogheda. Members were advised that the need for halting site accommodating in Louth could be met through re letting of existing bays.

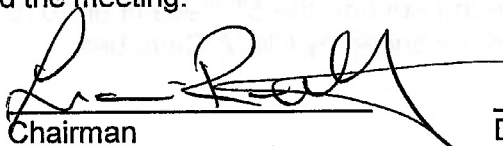
- Provision of accommodation to travellers in the next five years was discussed and the below annual targets were considered realistic to be achieved:
 - 49 units of SSH
 - Completion of two traveller group housing schemes of three dwellings
 - Identification of sites for two traveller group housing schemes
 - Review of need for halting site in Drogheda
- Members discussed the need for a transient site in Co Louth and felt that it was not required at present.
- Members briefly discussed funding for the implementation of the programme. The members were informed that the Department provides funding for traveller group housing schemes. Members enquired if funding for traveller group housing scheme could include the purchase of land.
- The members asked the officials to take the recommendations and prepare a draft programme to be presented at the next meeting

4. A.O.B

- The next meeting will take place in Civic Office, Fair Street, Drogheda, on Wednesday, 6th March 2019 at 4.30 pm.

That concluded the meeting.

Signed:


Chairman

6/3/19
Date