

Fingal Public Participation Network – Housing Linkage Group Meeting – 15.11.16

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Present:

Odran Reid (Community Representative), Oliver McCann, Peadar O’Kelly

Note Taker: Ann Mulligan – Acting Resource Worker

- Odran gave an outline what the SPC has been concerned with over the last few meetings
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 - The SPC looks at **social housing** specifically and the capacity of the Council to deliver – the policies around building etc. is very much based on National policies
 - The SPC has looked at policies around 1. Building Social Housing (2) Purchasing existing houses (3) taking back houses that are void – all with the aim of eliminating/tackling **homelessness**.
- The minutes of the last SPC meeting and the Agenda for the upcoming one were distributed.
 - Odran explained what is meant by modular housing – there was a concern that these **modular units** were only semi -permanent that might have consequences for ‘community spirit’ – when tenants will not form a connection with the area because they will be moving on. – suggested that more community consultation should take place with existing tenants – to allay fears etc.
 - Odran outlined what is meant by – ‘**under-utilised**’ housing – where houses might become under- used with decreasing numbers living in the house (children leaving home etc.) - FCC are sympathetic to individual circumstances
- **High Density developments** – this was discussed – particularly re the fire risk of such developments – Ann outlined that the Planning Linkage Group are already looking at High Density Developments
- **Airbnb** was discussed – question asked - is this causing a problem in Fingal?
- **Linkage Group Work Plan** –
 - the draft work plan was distributed and discussed – agreed that the issue of ‘Planning Gain’ – quality consultation with existing residents when new housing developments are planned would be added as an issue
 - Homelessness – suggested that raising awareness of homelessness should also be in the plan – communities should be made aware that homelessness is being tackled on a national basis – communities should also be made aware that Fingal County Council are achieving their targets around homelessness
 - Odran will add to the work plan and get back with suggestions etc.