**Minutes of the Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Meeting held on 9th November 2018 @ 9.15 am in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse Cavan**

Present: Cllr Damien Brady, Chairperson

Cllr John Paul Feely

Cllr Daniel Downey

Ms Theresa Mongan

Ms Winnie McDonagh

Mr Eoin Doyle, Director of Services

Ms Bridie McBrearty, Housing

Mr John Wilson, Housing Construction

Apologies: Cllr Paddy Smith

Ms Siobhan Donnelly, Social Worker

Ms Emer Coveney, Community & Enterprise

Mr Thomas Maughan

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Cllr Damien Brady, Chairperson, welcomed the committee and invited those present to introduce themselves.

It was noted that the meeting of 13th September 2017 did not proceed due to low attendance.

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th May, 2017 were proposed by Ms Winnie McDonagh, seconded by Ms Theresa Mongan and approved.

1. **Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2023 (TAP)**

Bridie McBrearty circulated the Summary of Action in implementation of TAP and advised that the circular and guidelines directing local authorities to prepare and adopt 5-year Traveller Accommodation Programmes issued on 19th July 2018.

Work has commenced in Cavan and the date for adoption of the new TAP 2019 – 2024 is 30th September 2019 and the schedule of key dates for completion of the associated work is as follows:

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| **Key dates** | **Summary of Action in Implementation of TAP** |
| **2018** |  |
| 19th July 2018 | Department Circular directing local authorities to prepare and adopt 5-year Traveller Accommodation Programmes |
| 21st September, 2018 | Notification to Community & Public bodies etc. advising of DCC intention to prepare Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2023 to replace existing programme |
| 23rd October, 2018 | Closing date for receipt of submissions |
| 25th October 2018 | One-month notice of intent to carry out assessment of need. Section 6(1) of the 1998 Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act |
| 26th November 2018 | Latest date for receipt of submissions |
| November 2018 | Review Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2023 at LTACC meeting |
| November / December 2018 | Analysis of results of assessment of need |
| **2019** |  |
| January / March 2019 | Preparation period for Draft Programme |
| 1st April 2019 | Newspaper notice of Draft Programme available for inspection (Section 9 of the 1998 Act) |
| 31st May 2019 | Latest date for receipt of submissions on Draft Programme. Section 9(1)(c) Two-month period required to make submissions |
| June 2019 | LTACC Workshop to consider submissions to Draft Programme |
| 1st July 2019 | Latest date for submission of Draft Programme to members for adoption. Section 12 of the 1998 Act (one-month) |
| 30th September 2018 | ADOPTION OF PROGRAMME – Specified latest date for adoption of Programme. Section 7 of the 1998 Act – at least 3 months required between submission of Draft Programme to members and adoption of Programme |
| 21st October 2019 | Latest date for adjournment of Council meetings |
| 21st November 2019 | FAILURE TO ADOPT – If there is a failure to adopt by elected members, a further one-month is allowed before the programme, as may be modified, is adopted by Managers order. Section 14 of the 1998 Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act |
| Following adoption | Publication and submission to Minister. Section 15 of the 1998 Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act |

She advised that the TAP would be reviewed at the next meeting of the LTACC.

It was noted that the annual traveller count would be carried out before the end of November and that the Circular and guidelines are awaited.

1. **A.O.B.**

John Wilson advised the committee that 17 houses in Townparks had benefited from the €130k received under the capital allocation for travellers 2017 / 2018. Works included replacement of stoves, bunded oil tanks and new burners.

Bridie McBrearty advised that 46 families had been identified under the existing Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018 and that Cavan County Council were making every effort to meet the targets set before the end of the year.

1. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 10th December 2018 at 4.00 pm.

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Chairman**