**Minutes of the Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Meeting held on 9th July 2021 @ 10.00 am via Microsoft Teams**

Present: Cllr John Paul Feeley, Chair

Cllr Madeleine Argue

Cllr Patricia Walsh

Cllr Trevor Smith

Mr Thomas Maughan

Ms Theresa Mongan

Mr Eoin Doyle, Director of Services

Ms Bridie McBrearty, Housing

Ms John Wilson, Housing Construction

Ms Deirdre Donnelly, C & E

Apologies: Ms Jacqueline McDonagh

Ms Christine McDonagh

Cllr Feeley, Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting. He acknowledged that it had been some time since the Committee had met due to the unusual situation, we have found ourselves in for the past number of months.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2019 were proposed by Cllr Argue and seconded by Ms Mongan.

1. **Update on Covid Arrangements**

Ms McBrearty provided an update in relation to the self- isolation units provided for use by the travelling community during the pandemic together and advised of the protocols agreed with Social Inclusion in CH01, HSE for their use. She confirmed that there had not been an occasion for which they had to be used temporarily and advised that they remain available. She further advised that one of the units had been used to permanently house a young single traveller who had been homeless in April last year.

1. **CENA**

Ms McBrearty advised that the accommodation that CENA had selected for purchase under the CAS scheme had fallen through. She continues to work with the Group, however there is a lack of supply of large houses for sale in the given area but it was still hoped that a house could be identified for purchase under the CAS scheme in the near future.

1. **Any other Business**

CO’Sullivan asked if it was possible to agree dates for meetings in advance.

BMcBrearty advised that the TAP is due to be reviewed by end of the year.

TMongan asked if the roads and footpaths in their estate could be upgraded out of the traveller funding programme. Cllr Feeley asked JWilson to examine this and discuss directly with Ms Mongan.

Cllr Feeley thanked everybody for attending advising that he hoped that the next meeting could be held in the Council Chamber given the number of members of the group and the ability to be social distanced given size of room.

1. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 24 September and following meeting on 10 December, both at 10 a.m.

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

**Chairman**