RTPI IRELAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the RTPI Ireland Executive Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2018 at the Chamber of Commerce, Dublin 2 at 5:00pm.

PRESENT: Marion Chalmers – Chair (MC); Aidan Culhane – Vice Chair (AC) Rosemary Gibbons (RG) –Niall Byrne (NB); Tadhg Daly (TD); Colin King (CK);
In attendance: Craig McLaren, Director (CMcL); Catherine Bolster, Administrator (CB)

Minutes:

Committee Chair, Marion Chalmers, opened the meeting at 5:00pm, welcomed everybody.

Item		**Action**
1	**Welcome & Apologies** MC opened the meeting at 5:00pm welcoming everybody noting apologies; Berna Grist; Conor Norton; Klara Crowley; Tomas Bradley; Tom Maguire; Deirdre McGrath	
2	**Declarations of Interests** There were no declarations of interest.	
3	**Minutes of last Meeting** Minutes were agreed subject to correction: Item 4 Matters Arising Rory Murphy to be changed to Rory Mulcahy. Correction of an error in item 5.	
4.	**Matters Arising** MC confirmed that she attended a Planning, Environment and Local Government Bar Association Event on Recent Legal Developments in Housing Supply, which was followed by a Christmas Drinks Reception, where she talked to Solicitors and Barristers who are interested in becoming Legal Associates of RTPI. She said that this needs to be encouraged and that the difficulty in becoming a member should be looked at. MC has raised this with Education and Life Long Learning Committee and said it must be raised with the Membership and Ethics Committee. MC said that Young Planners should be a priority for 2019 and that she has made contact with Young Planners who are willing to become involved.	
5.	**Ireland's Best Places** CMcL gave an update on his circulated report. Ireland's Best Place competition attracted over 11,000 votes, the highest number of votes in any competition. Minister Damien English announced the winner - Lough Boura Parkland - at the Annual Dinner on 15 November. Tully Cross, Co. Galway and Cork City Centre were second and third respectively. The President, Chair and Director visited Lough Boura on Friday 16 November for a photo call with representatives of Offaly Co. Co and Bord Na	

	Mona plus invited guests. There was significant media coverage with RTE, Virgin TV and social media.	
6.	**Operational Plan** CMcL gave a brief summary of his circulated Operational Plan for 2019 CMcL said that APC events should be held not just for Licentiates but also for Associates and Experienced Practitioners. RG suggested developing a mentoring programme. CMcL confirmed that there is one in place, though he was unsure how may mentors were based in Ireland.	
7.	**Policy and Public Affairs** CMcL gave an overview of his circulated report. CMcL asked for comment by noon on 13 December on the National Marine Plan as the submission deadline is Friday 14 December.	
8.	**Future Subcommittees** CMcL confirmed that under the new Governance structure the two subcommittees can be formed: (i) Policy & Strategy (ii) Education and Lifelong Learning. Craig has agreed to draw up term of reference to be approved by the Board of Trustees for the next meeting. At the January meeting the Executive Committee can select members for the subcommittees from both Executive Committee and from the membership. It has been agreed that both Executive Committee members and Non-Executive Committee members can sit on the subcommittees.	
9.	**Proposed Calendar for 2019** CMcL circulated the proposed Calendar for 2019 which is to be agreed at the first meeting on January 15th. AC said the Young Planners should be a priority focus for 2019 and that we should explore the possibility of hosting the Young Planners Conference in Ireland at a venue outside Dublin	
10.	**Update on ECTP** No update	
11.	**HQ Committee's & Panels** No reports.	
12.	**Correspondence** MC circulated a newspaper article from the Independent newspaper on Friday 30 November 2018 "Death of a Town". This reported on a study commissioned by the SCSI and undertaken by Future Analytics.	
13.	**Any Other Business** MC highlighted that under the 6 Year Rule that the Executive Committee would be losing a considerable number of current members in 2019, namely John Downey; Berna Grist; Philip Jackson; Deirdre McGrath and Conor Norton, although as RTPI Ireland Representative on the General Assembly, Rosemary Gibbons would remain on the Committee for a further year. She	

	noted the vast experience and commitment to the Executive Committee over many years by all and extended her and the Committee's great and warm thanks for this but hoped their contribution would continue through membership of the two new subcommittees.	
14.	**Date of Next Meeting** 15 January 2018, 6:00pm at Chamber of Commerce	

MC thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 6:00pm