**MINUTES OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON**

**ENTERPRISE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Council Chamber Cavan County Council**

**January 18th, 2019**

**Present:** Cllr. John Paul Feeley, Chairperson

Mr. Brendan Jennings, Director of Service

Ms Marcella Rudden, Head of Enterprise, LEO

John Donohoe, Chief Officer

Mr. Chris Kirk, Cavan PPN

Cllr. Peter McVitty

Cllr. Sarah O’Reilly

Apologies: Cllr. Carmel Brady and Nikki McGoohan

1. **Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr.Peter McVitty and seconded by John Donohoe, minutes of meeting held on October 23rd, 2018 were approved.

1. **Matters Arising**

No matters arising from the Minutes.

1. **Regional Economic Spatial Strategy** – Brendan Jennings updated the committee on recent discussions at council meeting and noted that final consultations were imminent. Key issues are around population growth, key development towns, Virginia bypass, Cavan Dundalk East West road. C. Kirk noted that West Cavan has a serious issue with depopulation. The balance between encouraging growth in the towns which may be to the detriment of rural villages was also discussed.
2. **Rural & Urban Regeneration Fund 2019** Update – B.Jennings updated the committee on the status of the 5 applications which were submitted under recent calls. Cllr. Sarah O’Reilly noted that there was no application submitted from Bailieborough area.
3. **Local Enterprise Week and IBYE** – M.Rudden briefed the committee on the schedule of events for the upcoming LEO Enterprise Week in March 2019 and the Ireland’s Best Young Entrepreneur competition for 2019.

1. **Outdoor Recreation Scheme** – J. Donohoe stated that eight applications had been submitted under Measure 1. Cllr. Sarah O’Reilly stated that they were all worthy projects and congratulated Cavan County Council on their good work.

C. Kirk raised the issue of greenways. B.Jennings stated that we have to fit in with the current status of the Ulster Canal and linear greenways in Ireland.

1. **A.O.B.** – C. Kirk informed that committee that Killeshandra Community Centre was available for hire for meetings and events etc.

The Chairperson thanked all committee members for attending the meeting and their respective contributions.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on March 25th at 9.15am.

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Chairperson

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Secretary.