**Minutes of the Transport Infrastructure & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) held on Friday 15th November, 2019 at 3.00p.m. in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Cavan**

**Present:**

Cllr. Sean Smith CCC (Chairman)

Cllr. Peter McVitty, CCC

Cllr. Sarah O’ Reilly, CCC

Mr Padraig Young

Mr Eamon Mulcahy

Cllr Trevor Smith, CCC

Cllr. TP O’ Reilly CCC

Cllr. Brendan Fay CCC

**In attendance:**

Mr. Paddy Connaughton, DOS – CCC

Mr. John McKernan, SE – CCC

Mr Danny McGovern, SEE - CCC

Ms Eileen Burns ASO – CCC

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1. **Welcome**

The Chairman Cllr Sean Smith welcomed everybody, and he introduced the New Members representing the Sectoral interests to the Committee.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting of 30th April 2019**

In respect of matters arising from the minutes Paddy Connaughton stated that it was raised at the previous SPC meeting that the New SPC would discuss whether a bias should be placed on the County Town in respect of Roads funding or should funding be spread over the entire county on Engineering basis. Paddy stated that Cavan Town was the economic driver of the County, but it was the Committee’s decision how to allocate Roads funding.

**3. Update on Roadworks Programme 2019**

John McKernan gave a presentation on the 2019 Roadworks Programme. Questions were raised as to what are the qualifications for the Local Improvement Scheme. John McKernan stated there needs to be at minimum:

1. Two Landowners
2. Two engaged in Agricultural activity
3. 100 meters to first Dwelling

He stated that the Local contribution is capped at €1200 and all Landowners need to be identified and agree on the Lane.

Paddy Connaughton stated that the LIS is more attractive than the Community Involved Scheme which has a 15% contribution.

In response to a question raised John McKernan stated that it is unlikely that Cavan County Council would receive any additional LIS funding at this late stage, unlike last year.

Paddy Connaughton explained that the difficulty in dealing with LIS applications in chronological order is that the entire allocation could be taken up on one scheme if the lane is long. Paddy Connaughton further explained that the Local Improvement Schemes take up a disproportion amount of County Council time relative to the overall Roads allocation.

In response to questions raised regarding Safety on the Dublin Road, John McKernan stated that Consultants had been appointed to develop a Safety Scheme for the N3 Dublin Road Roundabout to Kilmore Roundabout to address Safety & Congestion issues.

In respect of issues raised John McKernan said the County Council would investigate safety concerns at the Roundabout at Staghall.

In response to issues raised concerning tree plantations alongside the edge of Roads and the fact that the Owners of such plantations ignore all correspondence from the County Council, Paddy Connaughton stated this was a planning issue and as such could be referred to the Planning SPC.

1. **Draft Noise Action Plan**

Danny McGovern did a presentation on the Draft Noise Action Plan. In response to a question Danny explained the Noise Action Plan relates to all environmental noise. It was proposed that the Draft Noise Action Plan would go to the Corporate Policy Group for further consideration.

1. **Cavan Monaghan Transport Co Ordination Unit**

In response to several issues raised concerning the Local Link Service all over County Cavan, Paddy Connaughton stated that the SPC role in respect of Transport is as a policy maker and the County Council would be guided by that. It was agreed that the CMTCU would be requested to give a presentation to the Roads SPC.

Paddy Connaughton explained to the SPC their remit is to develop policy in respect of

1. Road Maintenance & Improvement
2. Road Safety
3. Public Transport
4. Car Parking
5. Traffic Management
6. Emergency Services
7. Playgrounds
8. Greenways
9. Water Services Strategic Planning
10. **AOB**

In response to questions about the Winter Maintenance Programme John McKernan stated that the Winter Maintenance Programme is very expensive and resource depended but that the same routes as last year would be treated and that the Primary National routes take priority. He further stated that the Municipal Districts do some salting with Pick Up Trucks throughout the County in priority locations. The Municipal Districts also provide some salt for use by Businesses and Private Individuals.

Meeting concluded at 4.30