**Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) for Roads and Infrastructure held on Tuesday 30th April, 2019 at 2.00p.m. in Ballyjamesduff MD Office, Virginia**

**Present:**

Cllr. Paddy O’Reilly CCC (Chairman)

Cllr. Paddy Smith, CCC

Cllr. Paddy McDonald, CCC

Mr. Jim Maguire

Ms. Pauline Flood

**In attendance:**

Mr. Paddy Connaughton, A/DOS – CCC

Mr. John McKernan, SE – CCC

Mr. David Farrelly SO – CCC

**Apologies:**

Cllr. Sean Smith, CCC

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1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting of 6th December, 2018**

Proposed by Jim Maguire and seconded by Cllr. McDonald

Matters arising - Cllr. O’Reilly asked for the LIS figures for 2019 and this was dealt with under next item.

1. **Local Improvement Scheme 2018 & Community Involvement Scheme 2018**

John advised the meeting that the 2019 LIS allocation is €269,254 which is less than 2018, however we may get a further allocation. This amount will allow us to carry out one lane as one scheme is costing €90,000.

John further advised that we have fully assessed 37 applications and of those, 5 were deemed ineligible, further information is being sought for 11, which may also turn out to be ineligible and so 21 schemes are ready to be done. A change to the scheme now means that we have to check each landowner and the contribution has been capped at €1,200.

A discussion took place as to how to reduce the cost of the lanes and it was agreed that work would stop at the last occupied dwelling and we would look into letting occupiers carry out drainage and preparatory works as long as they were done to council standard.

John advised that a list of 24 CIS schemes were sent to the Department in 2018 and the allocation for 2018/2019 was €579,759. Out of this budget, 5 schemes were carried out last year and 6 should be done in 2019.

1. **Bridge Rehabilitation Programme 2019**

John circulated a sheet showing the bridge works to be carried out in 2019 and their current status. He advised that bridges are surveyed, given a rating and works are carried out in order of need. He requested that members inform him of any bridges they are aware of which need work.

1. **Funding – Roads**

John stated that the issue of funding for Cavan Town arose at the Roadworks Programme meeting and it was agreed to discuss it at SPC level. A discussion took place as to whether a bias should be placed on the County Town or whether funding should be spread over the entire county based on road length. It was agreed to raise the issue with the new SPC.

1. **AOB**

Cllr. Paddy Smith advised that this was his last SPC meeting and he thanked everyone for their help and courtesy.

Paddy Connaughton thanked Cllrs. O’Reilly and Smith for their contributions to the Council and the SPC during their terms in office and wished them well for the future.

Cllr. Paddy O’Reilly also thanked everyone and acknowledged the improvements which have been made over the years.

Meeting concluded.