**MINUTES OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON**

**ENTERPRISE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Cavan County Council Offices**

**23rd March 2018**

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

 Mr Eoin Doyle Director of Service

 Ms Marcella Rudden, Head of Enterprise, LEO

Mr. Chris Kirk, Cavan PPN

Cllr. Sarah O’Reilly

Cllr. Carmel Brady

Nikki McGoohan

John Donohoe, Chief Officer

Ms. Andrea Corrigan, LEO Cavan

Cllr. Peter McVitty

Grainne O’Connor

Nicholas O’Kane

1. **Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr. Carmel Brady and seconded by Nikki McGoohan, minutes of meeting held on February 22nd were approved.

1. **Matters Arising**

No matters arising from the Minutes.

1. **Briefing on National Planning Framework –** Nicholas O’Kane, Head of Planning, provided a brief update on the NPF and noted the importance of the Regional Economic Spatial Strategies currently being prepared by the Regional Assemblies. The Chairperson requested that the North Western Regional Assembly should be invited to present to the Council on this region’s RESS. Cllr. Peter McVitty raised concern about sites in the county being underutilised and not being developed, in particular the lands at Corranure. Nicholas O’Kane raised the point about rural housing, particularly the challenges faced in rural areas of West Cavan. The Chairperson noted the absence of the East West Link being mentioned and suggested that this should be included in the RESS.
2. **Briefing on Tourism Development Projects –** Grainne O’Connor, Acting Tourism Officer gave a helicopter view of various tourism projects in development. The Chairperson noted that due to time constraints, a further Tourism update should take place at the next scheduled meeting.
3. **Progress Report on Lands in ownership of Cavan County Council at Virginia and Cootehill and IDA owned lands at Killygarry** - Eoin Doyle, Director of Service provided an update on the lands at Virginia and explained issues around a variation requirement to develop the lands going forward. It was noted that the future development of the Virginia Bypass will also have significant impact on the attractiveness of the site. Marcella Rudden, Head of LEO, provided an update on lands at Cootehill and IDA owned lands in Killygarry.
4. **A.O.B.** – Chris Kirk informed the members of a new website and heritage trail developed by Killeshandra community. He circulated a booklet to all members and thanked Grainne O’Connor for her support and help on the project.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on June 22nd at 9.15am

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 Chairperson

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

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