**MINUTES OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON**

**ENTERPRISE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Boardroom, Cavan Innovation & Technology Centre**

**June 6th 2018**

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

Mr Eoin Doyle Director of Service

Mr. Brendan Jennings, Director of Service

Ms Marcella Rudden, Head of Enterprise, LEO

Mr. Chris Kirk, Cavan PPN

Cllr. Sarah O’Reilly

Nikki McGoohan

John Donohoe, Chief Officer

Grainne O’Connor

Joanne Hayes, Tourism Officer

Apologies: Cllr. Carmel Brady and Cllr. Peter McVitty

1. **Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr. Sarah O’Reilly and seconded by Nikki McGoohan, minutes of meeting held on March 23rd were approved.

1. **Matters Arising**

No matters arising from the Minutes. The Chairperson congratulated Brendan Jennings on his recent appointment as Director of Service and commended Eoin Doyle for his contribution to the committee. He also welcomed Joanne Hayes and Grainne O’Connor to the meeting.

1. Walking & Cycling Strategy – Bill Murphy & Associates

Mr. Murphy briefed the Committee on the recent report commissioned by Cavan County Council and outlined the various recommendations and plans detailed in the report/study. There was discussion around implementation of certain actions and possible funding streams for same.

Cllr. Sarah O’Reilly raised the point that Coillte will only work with groups who will maintain the walks and have a specific trail plan. Mr. Murray said that a good Trails Manager would get to know the community and they could set up a Community Trails group to determine a trails plan.

John Donohoe stated that the Outdoor Recreation Scheme was open for applications and Lough Neagh will be part of it.

Grainne O’Connor made the point that perhaps the Geoparks Ambassador’s role could be widened.

Chris Kirk raised the point of sustainable tourism and how accessible are the trails for people to get to. There is a need to develop Greenways (Cavan to Killeshandra) and disused railway lines.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Murray for his presentation.

1. **Hidden Heartlands Brand Campaign Presentation – Grainne O’Connor** – Geopark Officer - Grainne’ gave a presentation on the new Hidden Heartlands Campaign. The Chair noted that while we are included in the Hidden Heartlands area, there appears to be a lack of capital funds to capitalise on this development.
2. **A.O.B.** – Brendan Jennings said he looked forward to working with the committee in the future.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on October 23rd at 4.00pm

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Chairperson

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Secretary.