**MINUTES OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON**

**ENTERPRISE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Boardroom, Cavan Innovation & Technology Centre**

**October 23rd, 2018**

**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. Carmel Brady

Apologies: Cllr. Sarah O’Reilly and Nikki McGoohan

1. **Minutes**

On the proposal of Chris Kirk and seconded by John Donohoe, minutes of meeting held on June 6th were approved.

1. **Matters Arising**

No matters arising from the Minutes.

1. Rural & Urban Regeneration Applications – Brendan Jennings updated the committee on the applications submitted under both programmes. Five applications were submitted under the Rural call (Cootehill (2), Virginia, Kingscourt and Ballyjamesduff and one under the Urban call (Cavan).

Cllr. J.P. Feeley noted that there was a geographical imbalance but acknowledged the excellent projects that were put forward for submission. He also noted that there would be further opportunities for Category 2 project submissions in 2019, which would apply to other parts of the county.

B. Jennings highlighted the intended focus on the town core in the Cavan application under the Urban call, which will form part of the masterplan to revitalise that quarter (Abbeylands) of the town.

1. LECP Economic Actions Update – Marcella Rudden briefed the committee on the latest update (Mid Term) of the Economic actions in the LECP.

Cllr. Peter McVitty asked about the current status of the QQI HGV driver qualification. He understood that this had already been rolled out in Waterford and could this be clarified with regard to Cavan. M. Rudden to seek update from John Kearney, CMETB.

Cllr. Carmel Brady raised the issue of incentivising living in accommodation above vacant premises in order to encourage people to reside in rural towns. It was noted that there may be issues with regard to living above business premises.

1. **A.O.B.**

C. Kirk raised the point of an application being submitted under the National Greenway Fund specifically for disused railway lines being developed as walks/trails. B. Jennings stated that an application was submitted under the Outdoor Infrastructure Scheme. Funding was also approved and rolled out for the provision of Geopark signage. He also noted that the overall branding of walks/trails would be looked at to ensure consistency across the county.

J. Donohoe stated that there were a number of recommendations from the Walking & Cycling Strategy that formed the basis of successful applications. However, he also noted that under the larger Greenway schemes long distance linear projects which are shovel ready is the key criteria for applications and the biggest issue from our perspective, is land.

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 Friday January 18th at 4.00pm.

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Chairperson

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Secretary.