**MINUTES OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON**

**ENTERPRISE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Council Chamber Cavan County Council**

**Monday April 29th, 2019**

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

Mr. Brendan Jennings, Director of Service

Ms Marcella Rudden, Head of Enterprise, LEO

John Donohoe, Chief Officer

Nikki McGoohan

Mr. Chris Kirk, Cavan PPN

Cllr. Peter McVitty

Cllr. Carmel Brady

Apologies: Cllr. Sarah O’Reilly, John Donohoe

1. **Minutes**

On the proposal of Chris Kirk and seconded by Cllr. P.McVitty, minutes of meeting held on January 18th were approved.

1. **Matters Arising**

It was noted that a more detailed discussion about the RESS was required at a future date.

1. **Rural & Urban Regeneration Fund 2019** Update – B.Jennings updated the committee on the second call of the Rural Regeneration Programme detailing the criteria for this particular call. It was noted that the three applications being submitted by Cavan County Council were Virginia Library, Ballyconnell Market House and Bailieborough Courthouse. Deadline August 6th, 2019. Cllr. J.P. Feeley noted the importance of having a pipeline of shovel ready projects, which can take time to develop. B.Jennings agreed but commented that it can be difficult to have projects at a particular stage of development considering the amount of resources that need to available. C.Kirk noted that the Town & Village Revitalisation Plans were complete. B.Jennings stated that the aim would be to progress the recommendations of those plans to enable our towns and villages to function better. However, it will take significant funds and resources to do so. There are other funding streams available such as T&V and Community Schemes. Cllr. S.O’Reilly commented that is very difficult to attract new businesses into the towns and that it required a cultural change. Cllr. J.P.Feely stated that our towns are not designed for family living.
2. **Cavan Digital Hub Update** – M.Rudden gave an update on the Digital Hub and progress in terms of an opening date in early June.
3. **LEO Impact Report 2018** – M. Rudden briefed the committee on the latest LEO report published outlining the achievement of the LEOs nationwide during 2018.
4. **A.O.B.** – Cllr. J.P.Feeley, Chairperson stated that this meeting was the last meeting of the current Enterprise & Economic SPC as Local Elections due to take place on May 24th, 2019. The Chairperson thanked all the members for attending meetings and for their contributions. Chris Kirk informed the Chair that he was retiring from the committee and thanked everyone for the mutually beneficial discussions during his time on the committee. Cllr. P.McVitty thanked all those on the committee. B.Jennings, on behalf of the Executive, thanked all those who attended and participate on what was a very good working group. He also wished all the elected members well on their election campaigns.

A new SPC will be convened in due course after the elections.

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Chairperson

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

Secretary.