**Minutes of Meeting of Environment and Planning SPC held on 8th March 2017, 10.20am Council Chamber, Courthouse, Cavan**.

In attendance: Cllr. Fergal Curtin (Chairperson), Cllr. Winston Bennett, Cllr. Madeleine Argue, Cllr. Val Smith, Fintan McCabe (Environment) Thomas Cooney (Agriculture), Orlaith Sheridan (Public Participation Network) N O’Kane Senior Planner, P. Connaughton, Senior Engineer, C. O’Callaghan A/Senior Engineer, C. Craven Administrative Officer, C. Boylan, Litter Management Officer.

Apologies: Cllr. Damien Brady.

Minutes of previous meeting were proposed by Cllr. W. Bennett and seconded by Cllr. M. Argue.

No Matters arising

**A Presentation on Casual Trading**

C. Craven stated that the first Casual Trading Byelaws for Cavan Town had been approved by Cavan UDC on the 9th of February 1998. The first Casual Trading Laws for Co. Cavan were approved by the Members of Cavan County Council in July 1997 and subsequently revised byelaws were approved at a meeting of the Council on the 20th of July 1998. He stated that the existing byelaws for Casual Trading have been in place since the 11th of March 2002. In line with changes in Local Government since 2014, he explained that the existing byelaws required revision

The Administrative Officer explained that a person or their agents cannot engage in casual trading unless they hold a casual trading licence (Casual Trading Act 1995). He stated that all applications must be made in writing to the Council and payment of an appropriate fee. He confirmed that the new proposed byelaws would include Cavan town and a proposed trading area for Arva.

This proposal will be published in local media with an estimated 4 – 6 week period for receipt of submissions. Once the closing date for submissions has passed, they will be reviewed and will be discussed at the SPC meeting to be held on 24th May 2017.

Conor stated that casual trading exists in most of the main towns i.e. Cavan town, Cootehill, Kingscourt, Bailieborough and Ballyjamesduff (seasonal). The draft Byelaws sets out the schedule of what days that trading can take place.

**AOB**

No items for consideration.

**Date and Time of next meeting**

24th May 2017 @ 10am to be held at the Old Reference Library, Farnham Street, Cavan.