**Minutes from Environment and Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, 9th October 2018, 9.30am, Old Reference Library**

**Present: Cllr Winston Bennett** **(Chairperson),** Thomas Cooney, IFA, Cllr. Val Smith, Cllr. Madeline Argue, Conor Craven, Paddy Connaughton, Colm O’Callaghan, Tommy Costello

**Apologies:** Cllr. Damien Brady, Cllr. Fergal Curtin

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Conor Craven.

**Anti-Dumping Initiative**

The Administrative Officer from the Waste Management Section provided a presentation on the 2018 Anti-Dumping Initiative and provided a handout to all attendees detailing the three sites which were targeted in this year’s initiative. He also advised that just over 11tonnes of hazardous waste was taken in at the Hazardous Waste Collection Day held in Corranure in May 2018.

**Rural Water Capital Programme**

The Administrative Officer from the Water Services Section provided information on the above programme. He advised that €290,000 was allocated to the programme in January 2018. 11 schemes were approved, and an addition €110,000 funding was granted. 6 schemes are being monitored for Trihalomethanes (THMs). Stradone Group Water Scheme to be completed by end of 2018.

Cllr. Smith enquired who is responsible for road maintenance for the Stradone GWS as some roads were in poor condition. It was noted that some snags were to be addressed and the GWS would be responsible.

The Administrative Officer advised that proposals are in place to end the Service Level Agreements between Irish Water and the local authorities aimed at providing a better service. Proposals include establishing a National Shared Service or allowing Irish Water to become solely responsible for the production, distribution and monitoring of drinking water.

**Waste Presentation Byelaws**

The Administrative Officer from the Waste Management Section outlined briefly the previous byelaws for the collection storage and presentation of household and commercial waste which were adopted in November 2008. A revision of these byelaws is now required. New byelaws will be prepared in consultation with the Connaught Ulster Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority and will go to public consultation in early 2019.

**Cavan Sustainable Energy Communities**

Jack Stanley, Plan Energy and Mary McCabe, Breffni Integrated provided a presentation on the Sustainable Energy Communities which aims to use renewable energy where feasible and adopt smart energy solutions.

Mr. Stanley advised that this is a 3-year partnership between the local authority, Breffni Integrated, Plan Energy/SEAI and the community to develop skills, self-sufficiency and expertise. Currently 5 applicants have availed of grant funding with a projected annual financial saving of €25,111.

Mr. Stanley asked if the SPC were aware of any potential projects that may be suitable to forward their details to Plan Energy or Breffni Integrated.

**River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021**

The Administrative Officer from the Waste Management Section outlined the aims and objectives set out under the plan. The plan works with local stakeholders including industries and the farming community to promote best practice in water quality management. The key aims of the plan is to build foundations and momentum for long term improvements and regional work programmes to be developed and implemented by local authorities and agencies working together.

**AOB**

Thomas Cooney informed the meeting that Monaghan County Council have proposed amendments to their Development Plan regarding wayleaves on landowner to maintain road frontage when building agricultural structures and asked if this would be under consideration in Cavan.

**Date of next meeting**

The date for the next meeting was set for 4th December at 11.00am in the Old Reference Library.