**Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) for Roads and Infrastructure held on Friday 22nd July, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in Council Chamber**

**Present:**

Cllr. Clifford Kelly CCC (Chairman)

Cllr. Paddy Smith, CCC

Cllr. Paddy McDonald, CCC

Cllr. Philip Brady, CCC

Cllr. Sean Smith, CCC

Ms. Pauline Flood, Construction

**In attendance:**

Mr. Joe McLoughlin, DOS – CCC

Mr. Brendan Jennings, A/SE - CCC

Mr. Danny McGovern, EE - CCC

Mr. David Farrelly, SO - CCC

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1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting of 7th March 2016**

No issues arose from the minutes.

Minutes were proposed by Cllr. Clifford Kelly and seconded by Pauline Flood

1. **Parking Bye-Laws**

Danny handed out draft copies of the new parking bye-laws. He advised that the new bye-laws are less prescriptive and allow for more flexibility. They are enforceable when the appropriate signage and/or lines are in place. Danny went through the process of adopting bye-laws including the public consultation. He advised that they were available for viewing in MD Offices and libraries and on the council website. He advised that very few comments were received from the public. He stated that they will now go to the Municipal Districts for approval. A general discussion then took place in relation to parking in Cavan Town and other towns in the County.

The Bye-Laws were proposed by Cllr. Sean Smith and seconded by Cllr. Paddy McDonald.

1. **Road Safety Plan 2017-2020**

David advised the meeting that the Cavan Road Safety Working Together Group had been established and the Road Safety Plan has been produced. He went through the various sections of the plan and outlined some of the actions. He advised that the plan will be officially launched in October to coincide with Irish Road Safety Week and the Axa Roadsafe Roadshow.

1. **Speed Limit Bye-Laws**

Brendan advised that group that the TII and DTTaS are reviewing speed limits around the country and as a result CCC is reviewing speed limits in Cavan. These limits have to be reviewed by April, 2017. All the national roads in Cavan have been reviewed and we are currently working on the non-national roads. Some of the limits may be reduced and some increased, depending on the width of the road and other factors included in the national guidelines.

A discussion took place in regard to various routes and whether they will change and Brendan advised that we are bound by the guidelines.

1. **AOB**

Cllr. Paddy McDonald asked if the TII listen to the Council when deciding on safety schemes, particularly in regard to the N3 at Lisgrey. Brendan advised that he speaks to TII representatives everyday and they do listen to us.

Cllr. Sean Smith asked why Virginia had not been prioritised for a by-pass. Joe said there were a lot of factors and Brendan advised that Virginia has been allocated €2.9m for improvements.

Pauline asked about a ‘Set Down’ area on Abbey Street which was removed when the road was resurfaced. Brendan said he would discuss it with the Town Engineer.

Cllr. Sean Smith asked when the Cavan-Leitrim Greenway will be completed. Brendan advised that the consultant’s report has just been received. We are preparing a submission to do Belturbet to Ballinmore but are competing with other submissions.

The Meeting concluded at 12.55 p.m.