**MINUTES OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON**

**ENTERPRISE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**20th June 2017**

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

Mr Eoin Doyle Director of Service

Ms Marcella Rudden, Head of Enterprise, LEO

Mr. Chris Kirk, Cavan PPN

Cllr. Sarah O’Reilly

**Apologies:** Cllr. Peter McVitty

Nikki McGoohan

Cllr. Eugene Greenan

1. **Minutes**

On the proposal of Chris Kirk and seconded by Eoin Doyle, minutes of meeting held on 24th April 2017 were approved.

1. **Matters Arising**

Cllr John Paul Feeley had requested that the names of the members of the Economic Forum be circulated to the SPC members. A list of the Economic Forum members were circulated at June 20th meeting.

1. **Update – Economic Advisory Forum and IDA**

Marcella Rudden briefed members on a meeting held with IDA Ireland’s CEO, Martin Shanahan and John Nugent, Border Region IDA, on June 6th 2017. In attendance were Cllr. Fergal Curtin - Cathaoirleach, Tommy Ryan - Chief Executive, Eoin Doyle – Director of Service, Marcella Rudden, Head of Enterprise and P.J. Fitzpatrick – Economic & Advisory Forum. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how County Cavan can position itself to attract mobile foreign direct investment.

1. **Enterprise Ireland Regional Development Fund Call**

Marcella Rudden updated members on a Call for Proposals issued by Enterprise Ireland on May 29th 2017. The Enterprise Ireland Regional Development Fund is a Government backed Regional Competitive Fund with the objective of supporting significant regional initiatives to build on sectoral strengths and/or to better leverage identified resources to improve enterprise capability.  This is in line with the overall objectives of the Action Plan for Jobs: Regionalinitiative and national enterprise policy.

1. **Sustainable Energy Community Initiative – Cavan Energy Mile**

Marcella Rudden informed members of an initiative by Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland called the Sustainable Energy Community Network. The aim of the Network is to catalyse and support a national movement of SECs operating in every part of the country. A Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) is a community in which everyone works together to develop a sustainable energy system. To do so, they aim as far as possible to be energy efficient, to use renewable energy where feasible and to develop decentralised energy supplies. A group of businesses along the Dublin Road, have set up a network, called the Cavan Energy Mile.

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

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 5th September at 9.15am.

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Chairperson

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

Secretary.