**MINUTES OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON**

**ENTERPRISE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**5th September 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

Cllr. Carmel Brady

Nikki McGoohan

Grainne O’Connor, A/Tourism Officer

John Donohoe, Chief Officer

**Apologies:** Cllr. Peter McVitty

1. **Minutes**

On the proposal of Nikki McGoohan and seconded by Chris Kirk, minutes of meeting held on June 20th 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. However, Cllr. John Paul Feeley requested the names of the Forum members be stated in the Minutes as follows:

Cavan Economic Forum Members:

Tommy Ryan – CE; Eoin Doyle, Director of Service; Marcella Rudden, Head of LEO; Ann Rudden, Aine’s Chocolates; Michael Hanley, CEO Lakeland Dairies; Philip Moynagh, INTEL; Darren Sherry, MD Galetech Energy Ltd; Tony Walker, GM Slieve Russell Hotel; Sharon O’Brien, CEO, Liberty Insurance; P.J. Fitzpatrick, Praesta Ltd; Tom Collins; Alo Mohan.

1. **Draft Angling Strategy**

Grainne O’Connor, Acting Tourism Officer, gave a presentation on the Draft Angling Strategy for County Cavan and outlined some of the key actions that will be implemented through the new strategy.

Chris Kirk raised the point that it is difficult to sustain a local tourism business without a strong continental angling market, particularly in an area like Killeshandra. He emphasised the need to develop tourism product in the area more, particularly in relation to the Geopark.

Grainne O’Connor stated that Cavan actually does very well in terms of overseas visitors and that the main focus going forward is on the “culturally curious” markets which would include heritage, walking and angling.

Cllr. Carmel Brady raised the issue of fish stock and the fact that angling groups are having to replenish the lakes themselves due to the “clearing out” of some lakes by other anglers, particularly non-nationals. There needs to be some form of monitoring put in place, especially as the number of Inspectors have been reduced.

Grainne O’Connor informed the committee that there is work underway to erect signage with information in terms of education and awareness and contact numbers for people to report such incidents.

Nikki McGoohan suggested that any signage with regard to Bye Laws etc. should be stated in different languages.

1. **Update on IDA Business Park Proposed Planning Application**

Marcella Rudden informed the Committee that a preliminary meeting had taken place between Cavan County Council and the IDA Property Division to discuss the potential to apply for advance planning on lands owned by IDA in Killygarry Business Park.

1. **Food Strategy – Recruitment of Food Co-Ordinator**

Eoin Doyle stated that with the recent launch and publication of a Food Strategy for the county that a specific Food Co-Ordinator will need to be recruited to drive and implement the strategy. A submission will be included in the 2018 budget for same.

1. **Bank of Ireland Enterprising Town Awards 2017**

Marcella Rudden briefed the committee on the recent submission of the 3 Town Teams (Cootehill, Cavan, Virginia) into the Bank of Ireland Enterprising Town Awards competition. Judging took place on September 7th and 8th and announcement of awards on November 15th 2017.

1. **Trading On-Line Initiative – Regional Event Cavan, October 9th 2017**

Marcella Rudden informed the committee that LEO Cavan was asked to host one of three Regional events in conjunction with the Department of Communication, Climate Action & Environment, to promote the Trading On-Line Initiative on October 9th in the Hotel Kilmore, Cavan. Minister Heather Humphreys T.D. will be in attendance.

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

Eoin Doyle stated that Mr. Shane Campbell, ICBAN will make a presentation to the committee at the next meeting on the analysis of the National Broadband Plan, North and South. Kieran Hever will also present on current status of the NBP and the various offers.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 7th November at 9.15am

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 Chairperson

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