**Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) for Roads and Infrastructure held on Thursday 22nd March, 2018 at 2.00p.m. in Council Chamber**

**Present:**

Cllr. Paddy O’Reilly CCC (Chairman)

Cllr. Sean Smith, CCC

Cllr. Paddy Smith, CCC

Cllr. Paddy McDonald, CCC

Ms. Pauline Flood, Construction

**In attendance:**

Mr. Joe McLoughlin, DOS – CCC

Mr. Brendan Jennings, A/SE – CCC

Mr. David Farrelly SO – CCC

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1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting of 30th November, 2017**

Proposed by Cllr. Sean Smith and seconded by Cllr. Paddy Smith

1. **Community Involvement Scheme 2018**

Brendan set out the guidelines for the 2018 CIS as per the Department Circular. He explained that it had been decided that the local contribution will be 15% in all cases. He further explained that we have to submit a priority list to the Department by Friday 23rd March and was looking for direction on how it was to be done. A discussion took place about the number and cost of the schemes per Municipal District.

It was decided that the list should be in order of application per MD.

1. **Local Improvement Scheme 2018**

Cllr. Paddy O’Reilly queried if there was an administration fee in the CIS or the LIS. Joe explained that there was none in the CIS and a maximum of 15% on the LIS according to the Department Guidelines.

Joe stated that we have been allocated €295,000 based on the size of the county and circulated guidelines for the 2018 scheme which set out how to prioritise applications. He proposed that we continue with the current way of date application received, regardless of Municipal District. He said some MD’s will benefit more than others this year, but it will balance itself out.

Brendan explained that we have to submit a priority list to the Department by 29th March 2018 to the value of the €295,000 allocation and a second list of other lanes we wish to do.

A discussion took place and it was decided to go by the date of application, regardless of the Municipal District and if an offer was refused, it would stay on the list an offer be made the following year.

1. **Roadworks Programme 2018**

Joe went through the 2018 Roadworks Programme and set out the most notable aspects.

A discussion took place about the Virginia Bypass and the new Project Appraisal Stage, which was recently introduced by the Department.

**Date for next meeting – Thursday 14th June, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m.**