

COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHABHÁIN

Teach na Cúirte
An Cabhain

2 Nollaig 2025

Don CHATHAOIRLEACH AGUS GACH BALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

A chara,

Beidh cruinniú mósúil Chomhairle Contae An Chabháin ar siúl **Dé Luain, 8 Nollaig 2025 ag 2.00 ag an t-Ionad Acmhainní, An Damhshraith.**

Ta Clár an chruinnithe leis seo.

Mise le meas

D. Gilchrist
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse
Cavan

2 December 2025

To CATHAOIRLEACH AND EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Dear Councillor,

The monthly meeting of Cavan County Council will be held **in Dowra Resource Centre on Monday 8 December 2025 at 2.00p.m.**

Agenda is given hereunder.

Yours sincerely,

D. Gilchrist
Meetings Administrator

CLÁR - A G E N D A

Confirmation of Minutes

1. To confirm Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 10 November 2025.

2. Disclosure of Interests (*Section 177 Local Government Act 2001*).

Note Minutes of Committee Meetings

3. To note Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 13 October 2025.

Note Members' Reports from Conferences/Training events

4. To note members' reports from conferences and training events (*Section 142 and Section 143 of the Local Government Act 2001; Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members) Regulations 2014 Part V Section 5 (1)*).

Correspondence

5.(a) To note reply from the CEO, Road Safety Authority regarding older people's licence renewals.

(b) To note reply from the Department of Social Protection regarding Community Employment, Rural Social Scheme and Tús Schemes.

(c) To note reply from Jack Chambers T.D., Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform & Digitalisation regarding the industrial action of school secretaries and caretakers.

(d) To note reply from Office of the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage regarding the provision of grants to householders in County Cavan served by public drinking water supplies.

(e) To note reply from the Office of the Minister of State for Community Development, Charities and Rural Transport regarding transport services from Cootehill to Dundalk on Sundays.

(f) To note reply from the Office of the Taoiseach regarding Irish Unity.

(g) To note reply from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding plans for TB eradication in Ireland.

6. To approve attendance of members at Celtic Conferences "The Evolving Role of AI in Public Relations" conference held in O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty from 7 to 9 November 2025 (retrospective approval).

Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Council

7. To note Chief Executive's monthly report (*Section 51 Local Government Reform Act 2014*).

8. To approve the disposal of lands containing 1.4180 hectares or 3.5038 acres at Cootehill Enterprise Park, Errigal, Cootehill, Co. Cavan to McCabe Civil Holdings

Ltd., Derrylea, Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan for the sum of €122,633, subject to planning approval, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000, and notices circulated.

9. To approve the disposal of lands containing 0.3506 hectares or 0.8663 acres at Cootehill Enterprise Park, Errigal, Cootehill, Co. Cavan to Wedlock Windows, Drumhurt, Cootehill, Co. Cavan for the sum of €30,320, subject to planning approval, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000, and notices circulated.
10. To approve Cavan County Council's Draft Litter Management Plan 2025-2028.
11. To nominate 7 no. elected representatives from Cavan County Council to sit on the Cavan Local Community Safety Partnership.
12. To approve Cavan County Heritage Plan 2025-2030.
13. To approve Cavan Biodiversity Action Plan 2025-2030.
14. To consider Chief Executive's Report on the Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2026-2030 and make Scheme.
15. To consider Chief Executive's Report on NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) July 2025.
16. To note County Cavan Road Safety Plan 2025-2027.
17. To note Audit Committee Report for 2024 pursuant to Section 121 of the Local Government Act, as amended by Section 60 of the Local Government Act 2014.
18. To approve Cavan Local Authority Audit Committee Annual Report 2024 – (Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014).

MEMBERS' ITEMS - DECEMBER

19.1 Councillor Clifford Kelly

That Cavan County Council provide an update on the North South Interconnector.

19.2 Councillor Shane P. O'Reilly

To request a full review and adequate confirmation by the Central Bank of Ireland of fail safe measures and procedures to never have a Tracker Mortgage scandal in this jurisdiction again.

19.3 Councillor Shane P. O'Reilly

That Cavan County Council requests all MEPs, TDs and Senators to oppose and vote against the proposed Mercosur Trade Deal, due to the detrimental effect it will have on both our agricultural and food safety in the future, as stated by all political parties in the recent General Election 24 and European Election 24.

19.4 Councillor Áine Smith

To restrict children's access to social media.

19.5 Councillor Niall Smith

To ask Cavan County Council to write to Minister Dara Calleary, T.D. to consider approving current participants on Rural and Town Community Employment Schemes (CE) to assist with gritting of footpaths leading to schools in their respective areas during the winter period as required.

19.6 Councillor Trevor Smith

Calling for better public engagement from the Minister for Justice in regard to IPAS centres.

19.7 Councillor Áine Smith

Shortage of essential therapies for children with additional needs.

19.8 Councillor Noel Connell

To ask Cavan County Council to engage with the Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill T.D. to highlight the serious shortage of essential therapies for children with additional needs in our county.

19.9 Councillor John Paul Feeley

In light of the ongoing issues with the management of commercial afforestation in our county that Cavan County Council:

- Call on the Taoiseach and the Minister for Agriculture to bring forward an amendment to the Forestry Act, 1988 to remove the obligation from Coillte to manage their portfolio on a 'commercial basis,

- To remove property from the Coillte portfolio which has a special archaeological, geological and/or biodiversity value so that such lands can be properly protected for the common good and accessed by the public. Such lands should be placed in the ownership of the local authority or another state agency,
- Given the clear conflict of interest arising for the Department of Agriculture as the Department responsible for the promotion of forestry, that all regulatory functions relating to afforestation be removed from the Department,
- That any proposal for commercial afforestation, clear-felling or replanting be made subject to the Planning and Development Act.

19.10 Councillor John Paul Feeley

That Cavan County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage to put in place an annual allocation of funds under the Measure A8 of the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme so that municipal treatment systems can be installed in subserviced settlements throughout the country.

19.11 Councillor Niamh Brady

Speed on our main roads and country roads.

19.12 Councillor Niamh Brady

Serious shortage of essential therapies for children with additional needs in our county.

19.13 Councillor Brendan Fay

That we write to the Minister for Health and the HSE to highlight the serious shortage of essential therapies for children with additional needs in our county as this crisis is having a significant and lasting impact on children's development, family wellbeing, and the ability of schools and early-year settings to meet children's needs safely and effectively. Across the county, families are facing long waiting lists for Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy and Psychology.

19.14 Councillor Brendan Fay

That Cavan County Council write to the Minister for Transport and Bus Eireann to ask why scheduled buses are late or simply don't turn up in towns across the county leaving people stranded, especially late-night buses leaving people sometimes alone and vulnerable.

19.15 Councillor Clifford Kelly

To ask the Director of Services for an update on Rural Regeneration Development Funding (RRDF).

19.16 Councillor Philip Brady

To address the shortage of essential therapies for children with additional needs and to look at the crucial designation of medical cards for these children.

19.17 Councillor Clifford Kelly

I call on the Council to clarify why they continue to engage with ESB instead of EirGrid, as it was EirGrid who got planning approval for the North South Interconnector project and are responsible for agreeing the planning conditions.

19.18 Councillor Clifford Kelly

Can Cavan County Council confirm that ESB's proposal to seek approval for condition No. 3 in segments is in compliance with the published conditions attached to the planning approval for the North South Interconnector.

19.19 Councillor Stiofán Conaty

Ag glaoigh ar an rialtas chun soléiriú a thabhairt ar a gcuid miantaí ó thaobh Bille na gCríoch faoi Fhorghabháil, agus chun an reachtaíocht seo a chur i bhfeidhm, faoi mar a ghealladh, gan a thuilleadh moille / To call on the government to clarify its intentions in relation to the Occupied Territories Bill and to adopt and implement the legislation, as promised, without further delay.