CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse

Cavan

7 March 2023

**To / Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Council**

Dear Councillor,

The monthly meeting of Cavan County Council will be held **in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Cavan on Monday 13 March 2023 at 2pm.**

Agenda is given hereunder.

Yours sincerely,

**L. McGavigan**

**Meetings Administrator**

**A G E N D A – CLÁR**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

1. To confirm Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13 February 2023.

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 5 January 2023.

4. To note Minutes of the Cultural Development, Irish Language & Sport Strategic Policy Committee meetings for 2022.

5. To hear presentation from Kim McCaffrey on Cavan Arts Festival.

6. To hear presentation from Evelyn Cusack, Head of Forecasting at Met Éireann regarding weather alerts to the public.

7. To hear presentation from the Parents’ Association, Holy Family School, Cootehill regarding concerns over the lack of services and opportunities for young adults after they graduate from the School.

**Note Members’ Reports from Conferences / Training events**

 8. 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**

9(a)To note reply from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

 regarding the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant.

(b) To note reply from the Office of the Minister for Finance regarding the protection

 of vulnerable mortgage holders against further rises in interest rates.

(c) To note reply from Minister Eamon Ryan, T.D., Minister for Transport regarding

 funding for regional and local roads in Co. Cavan.

10.To approve attendance of members at the following Conference:

 The Suck Valley Way “Inspiring Rural Creativity Conference” to be held in Abbey

 Hotel, Roscommon Town on 5 and 6 April 2023.

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

11. To note Chief Executive’s monthly report *(Section 51 Local Government Reform*

 *Act 2014)*.

12. To approve co-option of Áine Smith to fill a casual vacancy arising from the

passing of Sean Smith, in accordance with Section 19 of Local Government Act 2001.

13. In accordance with 134(A) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as inserted

by Section 50 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014), adoption of the 2023 Annual Service Delivery Plan.

**MEMBERS’ ITEM – DEFERRED FROM FEBRUARY**

14.1 **Councillor Sarah O’Reilly**

To investigate how potatoes originating in France were labelled with a Bord Bia quality mark and to ask what measures are being put in place to ensure this does not happen again.

**MEMBERS’ ITEMS – MARCH**

14.2 **Councillor Clifford Kelly**

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

14.3 **Councillor T.P. O’Reilly**

The need to retain firefighters after their retirement age due to the problem with recruitment of new members.

14.4 **Councillor T.P. O’Reilly**

The need for more education on the banking system within our colleges and schools.

14.5 **Councillor T.P. O’Reilly**

 The need for extra supports for the sheep sector.

14.6 **Councillor Madeleine Argue**

To ask Cavan County Council what Regulations are in place regarding the public having their dogs on a lead in public parks.

14.7 **Councillor Patricia Walsh**

That this Council calls on the new Minister for Defence to award the medals as recommended by Commandant Pat Quinlan to the veterans of Jadotville. Failure to do so is a stain on the reputation of the State.

14.8 **Councillor Brendan Fay**

That we write to the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly T.D. and the HSE to ask that a special unit be set up in Cavan General Hospital & all public hospitals in the country for mental health issues, suicide and anything pertaining to mental health, as being sent to A & E is inappropriate & wrong on almost every scale and that we should circulate to all Councils in Ireland.

14.9 **Councillor Brendan Fay**

That we write to the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications and Transport outlining the concerns people have that petrol will have added ethanol moving from E5/E7 to E10 from 1st April as with the cost of living crisis, this will lead to extra hardship for people with older vehicles and garden equipment.

14.10 **Councillor Aiden Fitzpatrick**

To ask Cavan County Council to write to the Minister for Justice to include a child protection objective in the Sale of Alcohol Bill which is currently before the Oireachtas Committee.

14.11 **Councillor Aiden Fitzpatrick**

To discuss the problem of dog fouling in our towns and possible solutions, including asking our Government to fund a national campaign to highlight this problem and to educate dog owners of their responsibilities.

14.12 **Councillor Clifford Kelly**

 Affordable Housing.

14.13 **Councillor Clifford Kelly**

It should be the responsibility of Utility Companies to maintain their manholes on our footpaths and roads.

14.14 **Councillor Clifford Kelly**

Roads budget.

14.15 **Councillor Trevor Smith**

 To ask the Minister for Transport to have the Driver Theory Test reviewed.

14.16 **Councillor Sarah O’Reilly**

To write to the Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan T.D. demanding him to take immediate action by increasing the roads’ budget in line with inflation costs so as to prevent the savage cuts being made to roads programmes by local authorities all over Ireland due to insufficient funds.

14.17 **Councillor Sarah O’Reilly**

To write to the Minister for Health and the HSE to ask what steps they are taking to address the huge increase in the numbers of patients leaving hospital Emergency Departments without being seen.