

# CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse  
Cavan

5<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

**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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 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 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
4. To hear presentation from Mr. Maurice Brady, Irish Farmers' Association.

### **Note Members' Reports from Conferences/Training events**

5. 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**

6(a) To note reply from Office of the Minister for State with special responsibility for Communications and Circular Economy regarding legislation on a mandatory waste collection service.

(b) To note reply from An Bord Pleanála regarding the request that planning applications be dealt with more quickly.

(c) To note reply from Office of the Minister for Finance regarding the Disabled Drivers and Disabled Passengers Scheme.

- (d) To note reply from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding current income limits for social housing support.
- (e) To note reply from Office of the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth regarding child trafficking.
- (f) To note reply from the Office of the Minister for Education regarding the process of the STEM Learning grant.
- (g) To note reply from the Office of the Minister of State for Transport regarding the National Car Testing Service.
- (h) To note reply from the Office of the Minister for Justice regarding an Garda Siochana.

- 7(a) To approve attendance of members at AILG training on “Local Election 2024 Preparation” to be held in Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
- (b) To approve attendance of members at 2024 Annual Suck Valley Way Training Conference to be held in Hannon’s Hotel, Athlone road, Roscommon on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **8. Member’s Question – Councillor John Paul Feeley**

That the Council set out details of all sponsorship provided by Cavan County Council over the past two years, setting out the reason for such sponsorship and the budget from which such sponsorship was allocated.

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

- 9. To note Chief Executive’s monthly report (*Section 51 Local Government Reform Act 2014*).
- 10. To approve the Cavan Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2023 under *Section 128(b)(i) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014*.
- 11. To approve the Cavan Local Economic and Community Plan 2024-2029.
- 12. To approve the borrowing of €5m, in accordance with *Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001*, and subject to Ministerial sanction, for the Abbeylands Phase 1 Project.
- 13. To approve the borrowing of €3m, in accordance with *Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001*, and subject to Ministerial sanction, for the Shannon Pot and Cavan Burren Park Development Project.

## **MEMBERS' ITEMS – DEFERRED FROM FEBRUARY MEETING**

### **14.1 Councillor Brendan Fay**

In light of the recent storms, to ask ESB networks to carry out a comprehensive report on their overhead lines particularly those running through forested areas or adjacent to trees. Lack of access to overhead lines has been causing difficulty in carrying out timely repairs.

### **14.2 Councillor Peter McVitty**

Delays in getting ESB power restored after outages.

### **14.3 Councillor T.P. O'Reilly**

To explore the possibility of a rebate of VAT for anyone availing of the Croí Cónaithe Scheme.

### **14.4 Councillor John Paul Feeley / Councillor Clifford Kelly**

The Cavan County Council call on the Minister for Health to introduce a vaccination programme for shingles.

### **14.5 Councillor John Paul Feeley**

Following on from the widespread disruption caused by recent storms, that forestry companies complete an urgent programme of works to remove trees near to powerlines and that the Ministers for Energy and Agriculture amend existing regulations to protect services in communities from reckless planting of trees.

### **14.6 Councillor Madeleine Argue**

To discuss the terrible impact of suicide in our county.

### **14.7 Councillor Sarah O'Reilly**

To discuss the upcoming Referendum on the Family Amendment and the Care Amendment.

## **MEMBERS' ITEMS – MARCH**

### **14.8 Councillor Clifford Kelly**

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

### **14.9 Councillor Philip Brady**

Calling on Cavan County Council to raise awareness for people with hidden disabilities.

**14.10 Councillor Philip Brady**

Calling on the Minister for Health to urgently look at the long waiting lists to see rural GPs.

**14.11 Councillor Philip Brady**

Calling on the Minister for Transport to ensure all airlines have a box to tick to ensure your passport is in date while booking a flight and will be in date by the time you fly.

**14.12 Councillor Áine Smith**

To discuss the need for an Irish Officer in Cavan County Council to help promote the Irish Language.

**14.13 Councillor Shane P. O'Reilly**

To request the Broadcasting Commission, An Garda Síochána and Meta to combat broadcasting scams on social media.

**14.14 Councillor Shane P. O'Reilly**

To call on the government to reinstate and increase the cancelled bereavement grant.

**14.15 Councillor Shane P. O'Reilly**

To call on the Minister for Road Safety to engage with car manufacturers regarding the dangers caused by strong LED and Xenon headlights on Irish roads.

**14.16 Councillor Madeleine Argue**

That Cavan County Council clarify the process by which newly appointed local authority tenants can claim additional needs payments from the Department of Social Protection.

**14.17 Councillor Paddy McDonald**

The need for more information on the number of refugees and asylum seekers coming into our county.

**14.18 Councillor Paddy McDonald**

I am calling on Cavan County Council to engage with Conradh na Gaeilge to ensure that a full Programme of events is organised for Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025.

**14.19 Councillor Trevor Smith**

To discuss the imbalance of public transport in the county.

**14.20 Councillor Brendan Fay**

That this Council ask the Department of Social Protection & any other relevant department to re-visit fantastic schemes like the RSS, TUS & job initiative schemes and to look at extending time frames and age limits that people can stay on these schemes as they are vital to local communities.

**14.21 Councillor Brendan Fay**

That we ask the Department of Rural & Community Development and any other relevant departments to work with local councils across Ireland to initiate a formal advertising campaign to highlight the rules in relation to restricted dog breeds in Ireland.

**14.22 Councillor Brendan Fay**

That we write to the Garda Commissioner and the Data Controller to request further information on the roll out of much needed CCTV in our towns in County Cavan.

**14.23 Councillor Aiden Fitzpatrick**

To ask Cavan County Council to discuss insurance for community halls and amenities.

**14.24 Councillor Aiden Fitzpatrick**

To ask Cavan County Council to write to the relevant department and express our concerns over the shortage of carers in our county.