**Minutes of Meeting of Cavan County Council held in The Hotel Kilmore on**

**Monday 11th October 2021 at 2.00p.m.**

Councillor C. Kelly, Cathaoirleach presiding

Present; Councillors W. Bennett, C. Brady, B. Fay, A. Fitzpatrick, J.P. Feeley,

C. Lovett, P. McDonald, P. McVitty, S. O’Reilly, T.P. O’Reilly, S. Smith,

T. Smith, V. Smith, P. Walsh.

In Attendance; T. Ryan, Chief Executive

E. Doyle, Director of Service

P. Connaughton, Director of Service

B. Jennings, Director of Service

E. McGinn, Senior Staff Officer

Apologies were received from Coucillors M. Argue, P. Brady and S.P. O’Reilly.

Councillor C. Kelly welcomed all to the meeting.

1. **To confirm Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13th September 2021.**

**Miontuaririsci cruinnithe 13 Mean Fomhar a dhearbhu.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McVitty

Seconded by Councillor P. Walsh

And

Resolved;

“that minutes of meeting of Cavan County Council held on 13 September 2021 be hereby approved”

**3. Presentation**

**To hear presentation from Dundalk Institute of Technology regarding plans for a Technological University in the North East.**

Mr. Michael Mulvey, President Dundalk Institute of Technology, Mr. Paddy Malone, Chair of Governing Body and Ms. Irene McCausland, Vice President for Strategic Planning, Communications and Development made a presentation to the members regarding plans for a Technological University in the North East. Mr. Malone asked the Councillors of Cavan County Council for their support behind a campaign calling for the upgrading of Dundalk IT to university status. Mr. Malone highlighted the work being undertaken in a bid to secure technological university status, following on from the launch of the Technological University of the Shannon, Midlands and Midwest. He stated that the purpose of the briefing session was to update members on progress made since the approval of the Strategic Plan 2020-2022, the vision as a campus of a multi-campus regional technological university, to update on technological metrics and technological university transformation fund submission and the route open to DKIT in terms of a joint application with a technological university/designated technological university. Ms. Irene McCausland stated that it is important that the DKIT continues to serve County Cavan as there is a lot of work and industry in Co Cavan and noted that 60% of the college students are from Cavan. She stated that there is a lot of work being done by the college in Cavan which is not visible including training and upskilling with local companies. She stated that it is hoped to set up a memorandum of understanding between DKIT and local councils to set out strategic goals and a plan for a three year period.

Councillor C. Kelly thanked the members of the DKIT for their presentation and he acknowledged the work done by the late Mr. Phelix McCabe in setting up the link with Ballyhaise Agricultural College and DKIT.

Councillor J.P. Feeley thanked the members from DKIT for their presentation and noted that many students travel from other parts of the Country to college due to the poor transport options linking the County with Dundalk. He stated that Dublin is more convenient for many than Dundalk. Councillor J.P. Feeley stated that a proper link needs to be set up with Cavan Institute.

Mr. Malone stated that there was already a lot of collaboration with Cavan and Monaghan Institutes but not as much as the Institute would like to see. He praised the work between DKIT and Ballyhaise Agricultural College, as well as partnerships developed with local businesses.

Councillors C. Kelly and T.P. O’Reilly welcomed the presentation.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Kelly and seconded by Councillor W. Bennett that Cavan County Council show their support behind a campaign calling for the upgrading of Dundalk IT to University status.

**Votes of Sympathy**

* Councillor S.P. O’Reilly on the death of his uncle Philip O’Reilly, Moynalty, Co Meath.
* The McHugh Family, Corlough on the death of Andy, member of Cavan County Council staff.
* The McLoughlin Family, Louth on the sudden death of Judge Denis McLoughlin.
* The McEntee Family, Bunnoe on the death of Nan McEntee, one of the founding members of the Cavan Association in London.
* The Brady Family, Virginia on the death of Amanda Brady.
* The Heaslip Family, Carrickaboy, Cavan on the death of Eden Ray Heaslip.

A minutes silence was held in memory of the deceased.

1. **Disclosures of Interests (Section 177 Local Government Act 2001)**

Noted.

**Note Minutes of Committee Meetings**

**4. To note Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 8 July 2021.**

Noted.

**5. To note minutes of Housing, Social Inclusion & Corporate Services meeting held on 2**

**July 2021.**

Noted.

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

6. 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)).*

Noted.

**Correspondence**

**7(i)To note reply Minister Heather Humphreys T.D., Minister for Social Protection**

**regarding the eligibility criteria for Domiciliary Care Allowance.**

Noted

**(ii) To note reply from the Office of the Minister for Health regarding a request to**

**increase capacity in Cavan Monaghan for assessment for Autism and the reason**

**for the 2-3 year wait time in CHO1.**

Noted

**(iii) To note reply from John Kearney, CMETB regarding construction training**

**programmes.**

Noted

**8. To approve attendance of members at the following:**

**AILG Training**

Tower Hotel, Waterford on 18 September 2021 – Councillors C. Kelly, S. O’Reilly, V. Smith, T. Smith, S.P. O’Reilly and B. Fay.

AILG Training in Wicklow on 23 September 2021 – Councillors C. Brady, M. Argue and W. Bennett

AILG Training in Sligo on 2 October 2021 – Councillor T.P. O’Reilly

AILG Training in Ballinasloe on 7 October 2021 – Councillor P. McVitty

(all retrospective approval).

It was

Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor W. Bennett

And

Resolved;

“that the attendance of Councillors C. Kelly, S. O’Reilly, V. Smith, T. Smith, S.P. O’Reilly, B. Fay, C. Brady, M. Argue, W. Bennett and T.P. O’Reilly at AILG Conferences in Waterford, Wicklow and Sligo be hereby approved”.

**Celtic Conferences**

**Health and Safety in the Workplace** – O’Donovan’s Hotel, Clonakilty from 24 to 26 September 2021 – Councillors S.P. O’Reilly & B. Fay (retrospective approval)

It was

Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor W. Bennett

And

Resolved;

“that the attendance of Councillors S.P. O’Reilly & B. Fay at Celtic Conferences, Health and Safety in the Workplace held in O’Donavan’s Hotel, Clonakilty from 24-26 September 2021 be hereby approved”.

**Budget conference** - O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork from 15th to 17th October 2021 – Councillors P. McVitty, A. Fitzpatrick, W. Bennett, S. O’Reilly, C. Kelly, C. Brady, M. Argue, P. Brady, B. Fay, V. Smith, T.P. O’Reilly, T. Smith, J.P. Feeley

It was

Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor W. Bennett

And

Resolved;

“that the attendance of Councillors P. McVitty, A. Fitzpatrick, W. Bennett, S. O’Reilly, C. Kelly, C. Brady, M. Argue, P. Brady, B. Fay, V. Smith, T.P. O’Reilly, T. Smith and J.P. Feeley at the Budget Conference to be held in O’Donavan’s Hotel, Clonakilty from 15th – 17th October 2021be hereby approved”.

**Housing for All Conference** – Carlingford, Co. Louth from 29th to 31st October 2021 – Councillors B. Fay, S. O’Reilly, J.P. Feeley, A. Fitzpatrick, C. Lovett, C. Brady, M. Argue, W. Bennett, T.P. O’Reilly, V. Smith, P. McVitty, T. Smith.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor W. Bennett

And

Resolved;

“that the attendance of Councillors B. Fay, S. O’Reilly, J.P. Feeley, A. Fitzpatrick, C. Lovett, C. Brady, M. Argue, W. Bennett, T.P. O’Reilly, V. Smith, P. McVitty and T. Smith at the Housing for All Conference to be held in Carlingford, Co. Louth from 29th – 31st October 2021be hereby approved”.

**Slurry Spreading:**

Councillor S. Smith raised concerns over new Department proposals to shorten the slurry spreading season by up to thirty days by Autumn 2023. He stated that the proposed change would see increased slurry storage capacity required on many farms where slurry is produced between mid-September and mid-October. He stated that this will lead to extra costs on farmers. He stated that farming families in rural Ireland need to be protected. Councillor S. Smith proposed that the Council write to the Minister for Agriculture asking that the new proposals in relation to slurry spreading be not implemented and that slurry spreading should not be confined to calendar dates, farmers should be able to spread slurry when the weather is right.

Councillor W. Bennett seconded Councillor S. Smith’s proposal.

Councillor P. McVitty supported the motion.

Councillor J.P. Feely stated that calendar farming makes no sense and there should be more grace given to farmers when spreading slurry.

**MEMBER’S QUESTIONS**

**Councillor Paddy McDonald**

**9. How much did Cavan County Council spend on a) Litter management Services in**

**2020 and b) Illegal dumping in 2020?**

An answer to the question posed by Councillor P. McDonald was circulated to him prior to

the meeting.

**Councillor Paddy McDonald**

**10. That Cavan County Council examine the merits of providing the bin collection**

**service directly and provide details of how much it cost to provide this service**

**directly as opposed to through the current arrangement.**

An answer to the question posed by Councillor P. McDonald was circulated to him prior to

the meeting.

**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)*.**

Noted.

**12. Adoption by Cavan County Council of Part IV Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890 (as amended) with respect of each Municipal District in County Cavan. Motion before the members to read as follows:-**

*“It is resolved that Cavan County Council shall adopt Part IV of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890 (as amended) (hereinafter “the Act”) and that the said Part IV of the Act shall come into effect in all of the Municipal Districts in the County of Cavan on the expiry of one calendar month from publication, pursuant to Section 4 of the Act, of the adoption by Cavan County Council of this Resolution”.*

It was

Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor P. McVitty

And

Resolved;

“that Cavan County Council shall adopt Part IV of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890 (as amended) (hereinafter “the Act”) and that the said Part IV of the Act shall come into effect in all of the Municipal Districts in the County of Cavan on the expiry of one calendar month from publication, pursuant to Section 4 of the Act, of the adoption by Cavan County Council of this Resolution”.

**13. To approve lease of Creche facility at Fairgreen, Belturbet, Co. Cavan to Happy Days Childcare Services, c/o Fairgreen, Belturbet, Co. Cavan for a period of four years for the rent of €1,500 per annum, pursuant to *Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000,* and notices circulated.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Fay

Seconded by Councillor S. Smith

And

Resolved;

“that the lease of Creche facility at Fairgreen, Belturbet, Co. Cavan to Happy Days Childcare Services, c/o Fairgreen, Belturbet, Co. Cavan for a period of four years for the rent of €1,500 per annum, pursuant to *Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000,* be hereby approved”.

**14. To approve transfer of two Council owned plots of land at the Gallops, Cavan town, Co. Cavan to Cluid for the purposes of providing 2 accommodation units, completing development and facilitating management of all social units at this location by Cluid, pursuant to *Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000,* and notices circulated.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor S. Smith

And

Resolved;

“that the transfer of two Council owned plots of land at the Gallops, Cavan town, Co. Cavan to Cluid for the purposes of providing 2 accommodation units, completing development and facilitating management of all social units at this location by Cluid, pursuant to *Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000,* be hereby approved”

**15. “To note Audit Committee Report pursuant to *Section 121 of the Local Government Act, as amended by Section 60 of the Local Government Act 2014.”***

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Bennett

Seconded by Councillor S. Smith

And

Resolved;

“that the Audit Committee Report pursuant to Section 121 of the Local Government Act, as amended by Section 60 of the Local Government Act 2014 be hereby noted.

**MEMBERS’ ITEMS – DEFERRED FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING**

**11. That Cavan County Council call on Minister Heather Humphreys, T.D. to extend the date for completion of streetscape enhancement grant scheme beyond 5th November 2021 to allow successful applicants sufficient time to complete same.**

Councillor T. Smith stated that he put the motion on the agenda to ask the Minister to extend the date for completion of the streetscape enhancement grant to allow successful applicants sufficient time to complete same. Hs stated that since placing the motion on the agenda he is delighted to hear that the Minister has now extended that deadline for the scheme and he welcomed same.

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

Councillor C. Kelly asked the executive of Cavan County Council if there had been any recent updates on the North South Interconnector.

Mr. Brendan Jennings, Director of Service informed the members that since the last Council meeting Eirgrid made a submission to the Planning Department and a response has been issued by the Local Authority asking that they ensure they comply with An Bord Pleanala’s planning conditions.

1. **Progress report on additional Digital Hub facilities in County Cavan.**

Councillor C. Kelly asked the executive for an update on additional Digital Hub facilities in County Cavan.

Mr. Brendan Jennings, Director of Services gave a brief update on digital hub facilities in the County. He stated that since Covid there is a bigger demand for these facilities due to people working from home. He stated that as part of the rural regeneration and development fund, facilities will be enhanced in Ballyconnell, Bailieborough and Kingscourt. He stated that there are currently thirteen broadband connection points spread throughout the County in community centres. He stated that the main digital hub is situated in Cavan town.

Councillor C. Kelly thanked Mr. Jennings for his report noting that he is getting quite a number of enquiries regarding a digital hub for Kingscourt.

Councillor J.P. Feeley noted that while there are connection points around the County in various community facilities. He stated that some of this may not be well furnished for use. Councillor Feeley asked if there was any way this could be targeted.

Mr. Brendan Jennings, Director of Services noted that there are a number of funding streams available due to Covid and they should be able to help local communities.

1. **To request a report on additional library facilities in the County.**

Councillor C. Kelly asked the executive of Cavan County Council for an update of library services in County Cavan.

Mr. Eoin Doyle, Director of Services informed the members that the current Library Investment Programme was launched in January 2016 and is bringing investment of €29m to 19 capital projects over a five year period. He stated that this investment programme includes an allocation of €2.3m for the mainstream roll-out of the My Open Library initiative which will offer seven day opening from 8am to 10pm. He stated that while the development of a state of the art library facility as part of the new Civic Centre in Virginia is currently underway, Cavan County Council is committed to securing a consistent standard of library infrastructure across the County. He stated that in relation to Kingscourt Library there is a major capital development planned for Kingscourt Library, pending funding and the refurbishment of the existing library in Kingscourt is planned as an interim measure. He stated that plans are also underway for a new library in Ballyjamesduff and the local authority is working to identify a suitable property within the town. He stated that Cavan Library Service will continue to pursue funding opportunities to enhance the range of services and facilities available to new and existing library users across the County.

Councillor C. Kelly thanked Mr. Doyle and expressed his disappointment with the slow progress being made in relation to the library in Kingscourt. He stated that this project will take years to deliver and currently there are students in Dun a Rí College who have to go to neighbouring Counties to use their library facilities.

Councillor T. Smith welcomed the news in relation to Ballyjamesduff library,

Councillor J.P. Feeley stated that there are huge sections within our County with no library facilities and asked if the Council could once again look into a mobile library service.

Mr. Eoin Doyle, Director of Service stated that the Council will have another look at the budgetary issues around a mobile library service.

1. **To ask Cavan County Council, in conjunction with the public, to actively seek out swimming areas and identify blue flag areas within our county which could be monitored by lifeguards during swimming season.**

Councillor A. Fitzpatrick thanked the members for giving him to opportunity to speak on this very important motion that he had on the September agenda and is waiting on a reply from the executive of Cavan County Council. He stated that bathing areas would have to be identified in each municipal district and at least one lifeguard employed by the Council. He stated that 62% of drownings occur at inland waterways. He stated that investment in lifeguards would be well worth while. He stated that in the interest of water safety, the local authority should place lifebuoys along lakes and rivers in the County. He stated that the Council should also promote the wearing of inflatable swimming belts while people are in the water.

Councillor T. Smith supported the motion.

Councillor S. O’Reilly suggested that the Council link up with Water Safety Ireland to seek funding.

Councillors C. Brady, T.P. O’Reilly, P. Walsh and B. Fay supported the motion.

Mr. Paddy Connaughton, Director of Services stated that Water Safety Ireland is the statutory body with responsibility for safety at bathing areas not Cavan County Council. He stated that after consultation with Water Safety Ireland and other local authorities, it would cost approximately €80,000 to provide lifeguard cover at designated bathing areas in the County. He stated that this included lifeguards working for 10 weeks from 11am to 7pm daily. Mr. Connaughton stated that Water Safety Ireland had determined a greater focus on the educational aspect of water safety is needed.

Councillor A. Fitzpatrick stated that he had been contacted by a number of parents who said they cannot get their child enrolled in swimming lessons at the minute.

1. **To request the Government to carry out an urgent review on payments made to those on CE, TUS and RSS schemes etc. and the need for better incentives.**

Deferred.

1. **That Cavan County Council ask the Minister for Education to review the School Transport Scheme to ensure that the maximum number of children are brought to their local school on public transport.**

Councillor J.P. Feeley proposed that Cavan County Council write to the Minister for Education to review the School Transport Scheme to ensure that the maximum number of children are brought to their local school on public transport. Councillor J.P. Feeley stated that the system seems to be trying to stop people getting on a bus rather that facilitating as many people as possible. He stated that the Minister for Transport needs to review the criteria in place for travel for primary and secondary school buses. He stated that with more pupils travelling on buses it will reduce the number of cars at school gates. He stated that this would benefit the environment and also would be less cost to Cavan County Council in providing traffic calming measures and adding additional parking spaces at schools if public transport was available to students.

Councillor C. Kelly supported the motion and described the current scheme as a disaster with parents being refunded when a bus was deemed to be full, rather than capacity being increased.

Councillor T.P. O’Reilly supported the motion stating that in some cases one family member can travel to school on the bus and another family member cannot.

Councillor S. O’Reilly supported the motion noting that a large number of students across Cavan, Monaghan and Louth were left without places on buses this year.

Councillor B. Fay supported the motion.

**MEMBERS’ ITEMS – OCTOBER**

1. **That the Government consider reforms to the planning system which affords greater certainty to developers in bringing forward projects which will lead to much needed job creation and capital investment in our county.**

Councillor W. Bennett proposed that Cavan County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage asking that the Government consider reforms to the planning system which affords greater certainty to developers in bringing forward projects which will lead to much needed job creation and capital investment in our County. Councillor W. Bennett stated that planning must be streamlined and allow people to know beforehand if they are going to hit obstacles.

Councillor T.P. O’Reilly supported the motion noting that serial objectors need to put their money where their mouth is.

Councillor P. McVitty supported the motion and stated that people who have no connections to an area should not be let object for the sake of objecting.

Councillor S. Smith supported the motion and stated that if people are generating jobs in our County then they should be supported.

Councillor S. O’Reilly stated that it was also important for individuals to have the right to object to planning.

1. **The increase in fuel, the green agenda and the knock on effect to businesses and working people.**

Councillor S. O’Reilly stated that we have a moral responsibility to hand the planet on to the next generation in at least as good a shape as we received it. She stated that while climate change is happening, she believes we are addressing it in the wrong way. She stated that the Government has decided that taxing, penalising and creating fear in society is the way to resolve climate change. She stated that every day we are being bombarded with stories and images of what is happening all over the world creating fear within many people. She stated that climate action bill and the Government’s approach is that it is being built on the backs of the sectors of society that can least afford more pain especially those on low incomes. Councillor O’Reilly stated that she has concern regarding the recent meteoric rise in the cost of food. She stated that there is also the craziness of the double standards of government that people see, causing reluctance to buy into the whole thing, i.e. Bord na Mona has moved to end all peat harvesting from Irish bogs whilst former Bord na Mona workers watch briquettes and peat being imported from Germany and elsewhere. She stated that the draconian taxation measures being implemented have not been fully thought through and asked that this Government consider the extremely high cost of living currently in this Country and listen to the people and consider not increasing the carbon tax this year.

Councillor J.P. Feeley supported the motion and stated that we all agree with protecting our environment and climate change. He stated that the Government need to look at Ireland as a Country as see what we can do. He stated that there are currently a lot of issues regarding the green agenda. He stated that the first priority is to provide people with housing who need it. He stated that we cannot allow farming to be scapegoated. He stated that most people do not care whether their car is diesel, petrol or electric once it gets them safely and efficiently to where they are going.

Councillors W. Bennett and P. McVitty supported the motion.

1. **To ask Minister Donnelly T.D. to recognize the crisis that is happening in our hospitals; to take urgent action in reducing 8 hour waiting times in EDs and to urgently increase clinical capacity to address the one million people on hospital waiting lists.**

Councillor S. O’Reilly proposed that Cavan County Council write to Minister Stephen Donnelly, T.D., to recognise the crisis that is happening in our hospitals; to take urgent action in reducing the eight hour waiting times in Emergency Departments and to urgently increase clinical capacity to address the one million people on hospital waiting lists. Councillor O’Reilly stated that Ireland has half the number of the OECD average, we have the lowest percentage of consultants in Europe, we have 20% consultancy posts not filled, we are losing medical doctors and nurses to other countries and we have a huge rate of burn out with all health care workers. She stated that Dr. Gabrielle Colleran, Vice President IHCA called on the Government to stop using nurses and doctors as political footballs and requested that the Government get over their implementation deficit disorder. Councillor O’Reilly stated that the medical profession should not have to come out publicly and beg for enough people to staff their medical teams safely. Councillor O’Reilly stated that she is concerned with the sudden and unexpected resignations of three key members of the Slaintecare Implementation Advisory Committee. She stated that as solutions to the problem we need to improve working terms, pay and conditions for HCW in a bid to retain our domestic doctors and nurses. She stated that we have a group of seventy doctors who are being refused entry into the health service because they have not sat an exam, an exam which has been cancelled for approximately twenty months.

Councillor P. McDonald supported the motion and asked that Minister Donnelly get involved with Slainte Health Care.

Councillor J.P. Feeley supported the motion and noted that massive resources have been put into the health service. He stated that there is a huge need for change in work practice in our health service.

Councillor A. Fitzpatrick supported the motion and seconded Councillor S. O’Reilly’s proposal.

1. **To ask Minister O’Gorman T.D. and Minister Humphreys T.D. for urgent support and intervention in the Early Years sector in order to address the shortages that are now at crisis levels.**

Deferred.

**12. Call on the Minister for Finance to apply a VAT exemption on the purchase and maintenance of defibrillators.**

Councillor T.P. O’Reilly proposed that the Council write to the Minister for Finance asking that the Government apply a VAT exemption on the purchase and maintenance of defibrillators. He stated that in most cases it is community groups who look after the maintenance of defibrillators in the community.

Councillor W. Bennett seconded Councillor T.P. O’Reilly’s proposal.

Councillor C. Kelly supported the motion.

**13. To ask Cavan County Council to write to the Minister for Education and the**

**Minister for Transport to formulate a uniform S.O.P with regard to student safety for vehicles approaching and leaving our schools, for student drop off and pick up, for traffic passing our schools and for students entering and exiting our schools on foot.**

Councillor A. Fitzpatrick proposed that Cavan County Council write to the Minister for Education and the Minister for Transport to formulate a uniform S.O.P. with regard to student safety for vehicles approaching and leaving our schools, for student drop off and pick up, for traffic passing our schools and for students entering and exiting our schools on foot. Councillor A. Fitzpatrick stated that he had received numerous issues in relation to this matter and many schools have no pedestrian crossings or ramps.

Councillor P. McDonald supported the motion and stated that driver behaviour needs to be looked at.

Councillor C. Brady supported the motion and stated that we should be educating parents rather than the children.

Councillor C. Kelly supported the motion and stated that planning authorities should get schools to put in what is required when they are applying for school extensions.

**14. That Cavan County Council write to Deputy Hildegarde Naughton TD and ask her to look at giving an amnesty to all drivers of vehicles towing trailers with over 10 years experience and that they be granted a BE licence.**

Councillor W. Bennett proposed that Cavan County Council write to Deputy Hildegarde Naughten, T.D. and ask her to look at giving an amnesty to all drivers of vehicles towing trailers with over ten years experience and that they be granted a BE licence. Councillor W. Bennett stated that this extra step is a money gathering exercise and he has been contacted by a number of farmers who had previously been driving without knowing they needed a BE licence. He stated that it costs a farmer over €700 to follow the process and also takes up a lot of their time.

Councillor S. Smith supported the motion.

Councillor P. McVitty seconded Councillor W. Bennett’s proposal.

Councillor T.P. O’Reilly supported the motion.

Item nos. 5 and 10 were deferred.

The meeting concluded at 5pm

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