**Minutes of Meeting of Cavan County Council held in The Hotel Kilmore, Cavan on Monday 14th February 2022 at 9.30a.m.**

Councillor C. Kelly, Cathaoirleach presiding

Present; Councillors M. Argue, W. Bennett, C. Brady, P. Brady, A. Fitzpatrick,

B. Fay, J.P. Feeley, C. Lovett, P. McDonald, P. McVitty, S. O’Reilly,

S.P. 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

M. McNally, A/Head of Finance

L. McGavigan, Senior Administrative Officer

E. McGinn, Senior Staff Officer

E. Smith, Senior Staff Officer

Councillors P. McVitty and T.P. O’Reilly joined the meeting online.

Councillor C. Kelly welcomed all to the meeting.

1. **To confirm Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 9th January 2022.**

**Miontuaririsci cruinnithe 9 Eanair a dhearbhu.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Smith

Seconded by Councillor J.P. Feeley

And

Resolved;

“that minutes of meeting of Cavan County Council held on 9 January 2022 be hereby approved”

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

Noted.

**Note Minutes of Committee Meetings**

**3. To note Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 2 December 2021.**

Noted.

**4. To note minutes of Economic, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee**

**Meetings held in 2021.**

Noted.

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

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.

**6. Correspondence**

**(i) To note reply from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine**

**Regarding the designation of a Coillte Forest in County Cavan as a non-commercial**

**recreational forest.**

Noted. It was proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley and seconded by Councillor S. O’Reilly

that Cavan County Council request a meeting with the CEO of Coillte.

**(ii) To note reply from Office of the Tanaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and**

**Employment regarding the introduction of legislation regarding bullying in schools,**

**homes and workplaces.**

Noted

**(iii) To note reply from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage**

**regarding derelict sites.**

Noted.

**(iv) To note reply from the Office of the Minister for Education in relation to substitute**

**teachers.**

Noted.

**(v) Tenure of Office of Chief Executive.**

Noted. Councillor C. Kelly informed the meeting that he had received correspondence from Mr. Tommy Ryan, Chief Executive, by way of prescribed notification, to extend his tenure in accordance with the provisions of Section 147 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended. He stated that in accordance with the Act Mr. Ryan had transmitted a copy of the notification to the Minister and to the Chief Executive of the Public Appointments Service.

**7. To approve attendance of members at the following training and conferences.**

**AILG Training**

To approve the attendance of members at training (Module 1) to be held in The Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar on 17th February or the Clayton Silver Springs Hotel, Co. Cork on 19th February.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor M. Argue

And

Resolved;

“that the attendance of Councillors M. Argue, C. Brady, W. Bennett, P. McVitty, V. Smith, T. Smith, T.P. O’Reilly, S. P. O’Reilly, B. Fay, J.P. Feeley, S. O’Reilly, A. Fitzpatick, C. Lovett and P. Walsh at training (Module 1) to be held in The Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar on 17th February or the Clayton Silver Springs Hotel, Co. Cork on 19th February be hereby approved”

**Celtic Conferences (retrospective approval)**

To approve attendance of Councillors S. P. O’Reilly and B. Fay at Celtic Conferences “Housing for All” Conference held in Clonakilty, Co. Cork from 21st to 23rd January 2022.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor M. Argue

And

Resolved;

“that the attendance of Councillors S. P. O’Reilly and B. Fay at Celtic Conferences “Housing for All” Conference held in Clonakilty, Co. Cork from 21st to 23rd January 2022 be hereby approved.

**Celtic Conferences**

To approve attendance of members at Celtic Conferences “Tourism & Digital Marketing” conference to be held in Carlingford, Co. Louth from 4-6 March 2022.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor M. Argue

And

Resolved;

“that the attendance of Councillors S. O’Reilly, A. Fitzpatrick and C. Lovett at Celtic Conferences “Tourism & Digital Marketing” conference to be held in Carlingford, Co. Louth from 4-6 March 2022 be hereby approved.

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

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

Noted.

**9. To approve the provision of a Letter of Comfort by Cavan County Council to Cavan Regional Health, Sports and Leisure Company Ltd., for restructuring of loans to the sum of €725,000.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor M. Argue

And

Resolved;

“that the provision of a Letter of Comfort by Cavan County Council to Cavan Regional Health, Sports and Leisure Company Ltd., for restructuring of loans to the sum of €725,000 be hereby approved.

**10(i) To approve representative to the Northern and Western Regional Assembly (Section 62 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014) – Cllr. Clifford Kelly to replace Cllr. Craig Lovett.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor S. Smith

And

Resolved;

“that the replacement of Cllr. Craig Lovett by Cllr. Clifford Kelly on the Northern and Western Regional Assembly be hereby approved.

**10(ii) To approve representative to Management Board of Irish Central Border Network Ltd (ICBAN) – Cllr. Craig Lovett to replace Cllr. Clifford Kelly.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Smith

Seconded by Councillor J.P. Feeley

And

Resolved;

“that the replacement of Cllr. Clifford Kelly by Cllr. Craig Lovett on the Management Board of Irish Central Border Network Ltd (ICBAN) be hereby approved.

**11. The adoption of the Cavan County Council Derelict Sites Policy.**

Deferred to March Meeting.

**12. To note statutory requirement to complete Annual Declaration in accordance with Section 5 of the Local Government Act 2001- Part 15, Section 171 (Ethics Register).**

Noted.

**13. In accordance with Section 35 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 to adopt the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2022-2027.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. P. O’Reilly

Seconded by Councillor C. Brady

And

Resolved;

“that the adoption of the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2022-2027 in accordance with Section 35 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 be hereby approved.

**14. To approve recommendations for Arts Awards including development, emerging and professional artist awards.**

It was proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor C. Brady

and

Resolved

that payment of Arts Grants in accordance with following list, as circulated, be hereby approved”

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| **Arts Development Awards Recipients 2022** |

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| **No** | **Name of Group / Event** | ***Event description, location, etc.*** | **Fund amount approved** |
| 1 | Bailieborough Creative Hub | ‘Continuing to Connect' In 2022 - overall plan is to continue to connect with members and the wider local community through the 'Hub Huddles' to learn new creative techniques and develop existing artistic skills. | €1500 |
| 2 | Kilnaleck Youth Drama Society | Planning performances in May and June with each group having their own showcase. | €1383.5 |
| 3 | Virginia Gospel Choir | To perform songs and music in nursing homes and residential care settings throughout the area. Proposing to stage four shows in four different venues in County Cavan | €1500 |
| 4 | NYAH Co Cavan Traditional | Cavan Town Characters Full of Stories, Spoken Word, Storytelling, Singing, Dancing & Irish Music/  NYAH group will organise a concert of these very important Men and Women who come with a long history of providing entertainment in Cavan and beyond | €1500 |
| 5 | NYAH Comhaltas | NYAH youth singers under the direction of Karen McMahon hope to help singers & students understand the value and importance of handing down Songs and Singing traditions through the generations. Would like to extend their singing lessons by exploring more old-time singing styles through YouTube and the Web /Archive resources. | €680 |
| 6 | The Moogles | The production of new comedy, 'Entangled' by Alice Lynch. It involves a cast of four to be performed in two Cavan venues, The Townhall and Mullagh Hall and The Cornmill Arts Centre in Leitrim, with a view to touring to other venues. | €1700 |
| 7 | POD Youth Theatre | Weekly workshops for Pod Junior and Senior groups. Forty young people and two facilitators | €1500 |
| 8 | Arva Town Development | Title of the event: Colouring the winter (Art and crafts Workshops)  Location: Arva Community Hall | €1500 |
| 9 | Dowra Courthouse | Working with Cavan artist Heather Brett in conjunction with Dowra Childrens Arts Hub group (10). The idea is the kids would be taking photos of Dowra and representing the village in an altogether new way, but artistically, through the medium of montage/tear sheets/ collage | €1500 |
| 10 | Belturbet Heritage Railway | The project involves organizing a series of three musical events related to the calendar celebrations: St. Patrick's Day, Mother’s Day and Easter. Intention is to use the wonderful space for artistic activities, which is the Belturbet Railway Museum for events for the local community | €1500 |
| 11 | Creative Voice | Aim to advance the group towards production. Creative voice has reached the stage now where the participants feel they would like to experience performance | €1500 |
| 12 | Cavan Arts Festival | Cavan Arts Festival (henceforth CAF) will take place for its 5th Edition in Summer 2022. (exact dates TBC, Various locations, conventional as well as non-conventional arts spaces around Cavan Town) CAF 2022 at a glance : 20 Key Programmed events | €1575 |
| 13 | Crosserlough ICA | Plan to engage Marie Smith, sculptor, to provide pottery classes for 6-8 weeks commencing March/April 2022 | €1000 |

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**Emerging Artists Awards Recipients 2022**

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| **No** | **Name of Group / Event** | ***Event description, location, etc.*** | **Fund amount approved** |
| 1 | Helen Keenan O Brien | Current objectives are to improve skills in the delivery of this arts participation style. Would like to create an assured practice where dance is shared with older populations | €1994.73 |
| 2 | Aisling Kearney | Focuses on supporting the development of a literary fiction manuscript. Would like to enroll in a creative writing workshop taught by Arabel Charlaff and Max Porter. The course offers a 5-week programme that delves into the necessary skills that would support the development of said novel | €2000 |
| 3 | Fiona Maria Fitzpatrick | To enable dedicated time and space to explore, focus and navigate the new direction of one’s art. A further development through mentorship and creative collaboration over two days | €2000 |
| 4 | Sarah McKenna Dunne | Dedicate time to the continued script writing process. The workshop’s purpose is to hear how the work translates for audiences, when it is taken from the page and communicated through actors | €2000 |
| 5 | Clare Martyn | Record three new songs for release  Specifically, intend to use this EP to promote music in Ireland, the UK and Germany | €2000 |
| 6 | Onai Tafuma | Create a choreographed dance visual centred around dancers in Ireland and highlighting the beauty of Cavan. | €2000 |
| 7 | Trevor Woods | Currently studying mould making and bronze casting in evening classes at NCAD. Would like to develop these mould making skills at the firestation studios in Dublin occurirng April/May 2022 | €520 |
| 8 | Anthony Moriarty | Writing a script for a film on the Foster Care System - The film has been backed by Channel 4 and Virgin Media and is now in research and development stages. | €2000 |

**14,514.73**

**Professional Artists Awards Recipients 2022**

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| **No** | **Name of Group / Event** | ***Event description, location, etc.*** | **Fund amount approved** |
| 1 | Julie Corcoran | To engage the services of a professional mentor, Sheelah Moloney of 2020 Curates for 12 months | €1,170 |
| 2 | Siobhan Harton | Studio time, thinking, learning, creation, and discovery. In order to grow and enhance my own authentic creative expression | €2,500 |
| 3 | Marie Smith | Research and development time, cover some material costs and pay the course fee for the portrait workshop | €2,475 |
| 4 | Stephen Dunne | Participate in online training and mentorship in the animation and 3d programs SideFx Houdini and Zbrush | €2,500 |
| 5 | Daragh Slacke | Contribute to professional development as an artist Allowing time and space to collaborate, study and compose new music for response to the 'The River God's' project | €2,500 |
| 6 | Heather Brett | Assist in publishing fifth book of poetry | €2,500 |
| 7 | Laura Smith | Research and development of new documentary, ‘The Honeypot’. The Honeypot is a dark and intriguing mystery film | €2,000 |
| 8 | Sally O’Dowd | Research and develop new work, work collectively with two female artists to support the development of work and co-design a group exhibition with outreach programme | €2,500 |
| 9 | Claire Crehan | Create a new body of work called The Land Sings and collaboration with Seanan Brennan | €2,000 |

**€20,145**

**MEMBERS’ ITEMS**

**3. That Cavan County Council call on the HSE to urgently review the support for schools in times of tragic circumstances or a death of someone within the school and to review the resources available to young people in the community.**

**4. To call on Cavan County Council to liaise with Cavan County Board to bring a key speaker or group in Mental Health and Suicide Prevention to every GAA club in County Cavan.**

Councillor A. Fitzpatrick stated that it is unfortunate that we are once again discussing the issue of a young person not being able to cope with life. He stated that following consultation with local schools and people in the medical profession he is proposing that the HSE urgently review the support it offers schools following incidents of death by suicide. Councillor Fitzpatrick stated that there is a need for the establishment of a critical incident plan in schools. Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that more state resources need to be focused on community groups for children and young adults to address the crisis of rising suicide numbers. He stated that currently there are no resources available late at night or during the weekend to these people. He stated that we now have an epidemic worse than covid in our County and we urgently need the Minister for Health to set up a task force and carry out a pilot scheme in County Cavan. Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that there is one Suicide Crisis Assessment Nurse available in County Cavan who works from 9 to 5 and proposed that the Council write to the Minister for Health to resource our community and appoint at least one more SCAN nurse. Councillor A. Fitzpatrick called on Cavan County Council to liaise with Cavan County Board to bring a key speaker or group in Mental Health and Suicide Prevention to every GAA club in County Cavan. Councillor Fitzpatrick also proposed that the Council write to the Minister for Children to provide funding in order to set up a Teenspace EducationCampaign on the impact of suicide, similar to the RSA’s road safety campaign to be rolled out in schools, sports clubs and Foróige Groups throughout the Country.

Councillor P. Brady concurred with what Councillor Fitzpatrick had said. Councillor P. Brady stated that the GAA is a great resource to get the message out to young people, but there needs to be more avenues of communication especially where there are young people who have no interest in sport. Councillor Brady noted the cross-community impact of suicide noting that it affects everyone. Councillor Brady noted that Ms. Emer Mulligan, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention and Dr Paul Gaffney founder of Psychological Consulting helped develop The Stronger Programme which is run by the GAA and its aim is to develop and provide a resource for clubs and communities, to help with recognition of changing behaviours. Councillor P. Brady informed the meeting that Denn GFC have organised Dr Paul Gaffney to speak in Drumavaddy Community Centre on 24th February 2022 and Rory’s stories is also coming to Drumavaddy Community Centre on the 18th February 2022 and he encouraged people to attend.

Councillor S.P. O’Reilly supported the motion and noted that in the last sixteen months, six families have found themselves in a situation where none of us want to find ourselves. He stated that it is a serious problem that A&E and psychology services are the only state supports available for mental health crisis intervention and suggested that these are not suitable for every underage person in dire circumstances. Councillor S.P. O’Reilly noted that drug problems are an underlying factor in some cases, and we must face up to the problem of illegal drugs. He stated that young people are slaves to cocaine and gardai are at the pin of their collar in dealing with an avalanche of drugs in the County. Councillor S.P. O’Reilly commended the work of Emer Mulligan, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention and noted that she cannot do all the work on her own.

Councillor P. McDonald supported the motion and acknowledged that drugs are a problem in County Cavan. Councillor P. McDonald called on the Minister for Health to put more resources at the disposal of community groups and sports organisations to support mental health initiatives.

Councillor C. Lovett supported the motion and asked that an amendment be added to Councillor A. Fitzpatrick and Councillor P. Brady’s motions for an outreach roadshow that would go into schools, community groups and sports clubs to educate young people about mental health.

Councillor B. Fay supported the motion and noted that Counties Cavan and Monaghan are the second worse outside of the capital with a drugs problem.

Councillor P. Walsh supported the motion and noted that drugs are a scourge in all communities.

Councillor T.P. O’Reilly supported the motion and stated that speakers need to visit schools as well as GAA clubs. He stated that we need to get it through to young people that life is hard, but it is up to them to reach out for help.

Councillor C. Brady supported the motion and noted that currently within the CMETB schools there is a critical incident team that moves into the school when an incident arises.

Councillor J.P. Feeley supported the motion and noted that mental health and suicide is a difficult issue with no one solution.

Councillor W. Bennett supported the motion.

Councillor A. Fitzpatrick and P. Brady thanked the members for their support.

**Votes of Congratulations**

* Leona Maguire, Ballyconnell becoming the first Irish Winner of the LGPA tour in Florida. It was agreed that a Civic Reception be held to honour Leona when she returns home to Cavan. Councillor M. Argue proposed that the Council invite Leona Maguire to be Grand Marshall at the Cavan Parade.
* Leanne Kiernan, Bailieborough on her success as striker with Liverpool in the FA Women’s Championship and with the Republic of Ireland.
* Sheila Naughton, Northern Sound on her new position as Head of News, Tipp fm.
* Elsa Desmond with family connections in Castlerahan, who marked her Winter Olympics debut with a personal best run in the women’s singles luge.
* Maggie Farrelly, referee a native of Laragh who will become the first woman to take charge of an Allianz National Football League game.
* Loreto Cavan and Virginia Schools on winning Ulster Ladies titles recently.

**Votes of Sympathy**

* The Wilton Family, Crosserlough on the death of Mr. George Wilton
* Geraldine McGrath, Cavan County Council on the death of her aunt Ms. Mollie Galligan, Kilnaleck in her 100th year.
* Micheal Boyle, Council staff member, Cootehill Area on the death of his son Cillian Boyle.
* The Gilheany Family, Swanlinbar on the death of Joey Gilheany.

A minute’s silence was held in memory of the deceased.

**Item Nos. 1, 2, 5 – 15 were deferred to March Meeting.**

**The meeting concluded at 10.45a.m.**

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