CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse

Cavan

7 February 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 February 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 & Special Meetings held on 9 January and 20 January 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 8 December 2022.

4. To hear presentation from Kim McCafferty on Cavan Arts Festival.

**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 replies from the Office of the Minister of State for the Department of

Public Expenditure, National Development Plan, Delivery and Reform Ossian Smith T.D. and the Commission for Communication Regulation regarding charges for directory enquiries.

(b) To note reply from Vodafone Ireland Limited regarding television coverage in

 Kingscourt.

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

 regarding the zones adjacent to ESB power lines.

(d) To note reply from the Office of the Minister for Justice regarding the General

 Scheme of the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022.

(e) To note reply from the Office of Minister for Children, Equality, Disability,

 Integration & Youth regarding financial support for private occupational

 therapists.

(f) To note reply from Health Service Executive regarding Long Covid Clinics.

7. To approve attendance of members at the following Conferences:

(a) Clonakilty Conferences “Protecting your mental health as a public representative” to be held in Clonakilty from 3-5 March.

(b) Dundalk Chamber “Cross Border Tourism Conference” to be held in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford on 29 March.

**Member’s Questions**

8. **Councillor John Paul Feeley**

To ask the Director of Services for Housing to give an update on the rollout of the serviced sites initiative in County Cavan

9. **Councillor John Paul Feeley**

To ask the Director of Service to report on the implementation of *Housing for All* targets for social housing and to set out the status of the various projects, the current stage of development and time scale to bring each to completion and detail any delays arising on construction.

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

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

 *Act 2014)*.

11. To approve Arts Awards under the Categories: Professional Artist, Emerging

 Artist and Arts Development Awards.

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) by 28 February 2023.

**MEMBERS’ ITEM – DEFERRED FROM JANUARY**

13.1 **Councillor Aiden Fitzpatrick**

 To ask Cavan County Council, as we approach the 80th anniversary of the fire

 at St. Joseph’s orphanage, to erect a memorial in the town centre in memory of

 the children who lost their lives on the 23 February 1943.

13.2 **Councillor Shane P. O’Reilly**

 Car parking charges at hospitals nationwide.

**MEMBERS’ ITEMS – FEBRUARY**

13.3 **Councillor Clifford Kelly**

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

13.4 **Councillor Sarah O’Reilly**

That Cavan County Council request further protections for family farms by writing to the Minister for Agriculture demanding him to -

(a) Urgently intervene and prevent Semi-State body Coillte from entering into joint venture arrangements with the Gresham House Fund,

(b) To investigate how a Go Vegan poster campaign promoting disinformation targeted at farmers on public buses, did so without challenge and to ask what measures are being put in place to ensure this does not happen again.

(c) 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.

13.5 **Councillor Sarah O’Reilly**

Considering the enormous pressure on the asylum process currently in Ireland and the burden on the State, to ask the Minister for Justice what steps she is taking to reduce the asylum processing time in Ireland.

13.6 **Councillor Trevor Smith**

That Cavan County Council opposes any proposed plans to reduce the opening time of the NDLS office.

13.7 **Councillor Paddy McDonald**

This Council supports the setting up of a Citizens’ Assembly to give people from all backgrounds across the island a voice in which to debate and prepare for an Irish Unity referendum.

13.8 **Councillor Paddy McDonald**

This Council commits to clamping down on short term holiday lets that don't have the necessary planning permissions in place.

13.9 **Councillor Brendan Fay**

That we write to the Minister for Finance, Michael McGrath T.D. and the Central Bank to highlight people’s total fear and worry that their mortgages have been sold to third partly lenders who are now refusing to re-negotiate with them on high interests rates.

13.10 **Councillor Brendan Fay**

That we write to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie Mc Conalogue and Minister of State Pippa Hackett to outline that the forestry deal between Coilte and Gresham House and selling Irish lands to an outside fund is not in the best interest of the people of Ireland and that we should circulate to all Councils in Ireland.

13.11 **Councillor Brendan Fay**

That we write to the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly T.D., the HSE and the General Medical Council of Ireland highlighting the serious problem with G.P.s retiring from practice and the lack of new doctors in rural towns and villages resulting in families sometimes waiting up to two weeks for appointments with their overrun local G.P.s.

13.12 **Councillor Aiden Fitzpatrick**

To ask Cavan County Council to write to the relevant authority asking what plans they are going to put in place to help towns and villages get the necessary services and resources to help communities accommodate incoming refugees.

13.13 **Councillor John Paul Feeley**

That Cavan County Council call on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to review the relationship between Coillte and Gresham House and the proper control of commercial afforestation.