**Minutes of Meeting of Cavan County Council held on 13th February 2017 in the Council Chamber**

Councillor F. Curtin, Cathaoirleach Presiding

Present: Councillors M. Argue, W. Bennett, C. Brady, P. Brady, N. Connell,

J.P. Feeley, E. Greenan, C. Kelly, P. McDonald, P. McVitty, P. O’Reilly, S. O’Reilly, S. P. O’Reilly, P. Smith, S. Smith, V. Smith.

In Attendance: T. Ryan, Chief Executive

 E. Doyle, Director of Service

 J. McLoughlin, Director of Service

 G. Finn, Director of Service

 E. McGinn, Meetings Administrator

An apology was received from Councillor D. Brady.

**1(a)To confirm Minutes of Meeting of Cavan County Council held on 9th January 2017. Miontuairiscĺ cruinnithe 9 Eanair 2017 a dhearbhu.**

 It was:

 Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

 Seconded by Councillor P. McVitty

 And

 Resolved:

“that minutes of monthly meeting of Cavan County Council held on 9th January 2017 be hereby approved”.

**(b). To note minutes of Environment & Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 13 December 2016**

Noted.

**(c) To note minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 9 January 2017.**

Noted.

**2. To note Chief Executive’s Orders.**

Noted.

**3. To note Chief Executive’s monthly report.**

Noted.

 Councillor J.P. Feeley asked the executive of the 15% that refused housing from the local authority what percentage were second refusals. Councillor Feeley also noted that homelessness in the Council had increased substantially.

 Mr. Joe McLoughlin, Director of Services stated that he did not have the figure for second refusals to hand at the meeting but would get them for next meeting. Mr. McLoughlin stated that the increase in homelessness is a developing factor in society. He stated that homeless people are dealt with on a priority basis but don’t get priority over those on the housing list in being offered a house. He stated that there is no indication that homelessness will ease off in the near future. He noted that the Department is assisting with the cost of placing homeless people in private accommodation and this money is not being taken from the Council’s resources.

 **4. To hear presentation from John Pollock, Project Director, National Paediatric Hospital Development Board and Eilish Hardiman, CEO, Children’s Hospital Group regarding plans for the new Children’s Hospital at St. James Hospital in Dublin and the OPD and Urgent Care Centres at Tallaght Hospital and Connolly Hospital.**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Eilish Hardiman, CEO, Children’s Hospital Group and Mr.John Pollock, Project Director, National Paediatric Hospital Development Board to the meeting.

 Ms. Hardiman and Mr. Pollock made a detailed presentation to the members outlining the following:-

* The new hospital will be developed on a shared campus with St. James’s Hospital and will bring the three existing children’s hospitals – Crumlin, Temple Street and the paediatric services at Tallaght under the one roof for the first time in the history of the state. The facility is the largest, most complex and significant capital investment project ever undertaken in Ireland.
* In addition to the new children’s hospital, two new facilities for children will be constructed on the campuses of Tallaght Hospital in the South of Dublin and Connolly Hospitals in the North of Dublin. The new children’s hospital will be seven storeys tall and will have 380 single inpatient rooms.
* What is best for children – saving children’s lives: The sickest children and young people have better clinical outcomes if treated in a hospital that has scale and critical mass.
* Why co-location with St. James’s Hospital – St. James’s Hospital has greatest number of clinical specialities/national services in the adult hospitals and widest range of adult sub-specialities to support paediatric services, ensuring children with conditions whose prevalence does not warrant paediatric-only consultant get the best support. Twenty five percent of consultants in paediatrics have adult commitment.
* Joint management of children and adults provides better quality of clinical care.
* The National Children’s Hospital and St. James’s Hospital have matching levels of service complexity delivered by highly specialist staff. To bring Connolly Hospital up to a comparable level would require very significant investment and configuration.
* Economics of scale: access to highly specialised equipment that it would not otherwise have access to. Radiation oncology on campus.
* A model for transition to adult services for children and young people with chronic conditions better served from co-location with St. James’s Hospital.
* Six hundred and seventy five dedicated car parking spaces for families. The parking system will allow families reserve spaces ahead of arriving at the hospital and specific car parking spaces will also be provided for emergency drop off parking.
* The tri-location of these three hospitals – the new children’s hospital, St. James’s Hospital and in time the relocated Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital will create a campus of unrivalled clinical expertise to support highly specialist service delivery, research, innovation and education.

Following the presentation Ms. Hardiman and Mr. Pollock responded to queries from the elected members. The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. Hardiman and Mr. Pollock for their very comprehensive presentation and wished them every success with the project.

 **5(a) To approve the disposal of 4.41 sq. metres of land to the Electricity Supply Board at Rahardrum, Virginia, Co. Cavan for the sum of €1.00 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 M. Argue

 Seconded by Councillor J.P. Feeley

 And

 Resolved:

“that the disposal of 4.41 sq. metres of land to the Electricity Supply Board at Rahardrum, Virginia, Co. Cavan for the sum of €1.00 pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000 be hereby approved”.

 **5(b) To approve the disposal of land at Portaliff or Townsparks, Killeshandra, Co. Cavan to Cavan County Enterprise Fund for the sum of €100.00,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 disposal of land at Portaliff or Townsparks, Killeshandra, Co. Cavan to Cavan County Enterprise Fund for the sum of €100.00, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000 be hereby approved”.

**6. To approve Roadworks Programme 2017.**

Mr. Joe McLoughlin, Director of Services outlined briefly the roadworks programme. He stated that Cavan County Council has been notified of the total allocation of €18.3m for the improvement and maintenance of National, Regional and Local Roads for 2016. He stated that the grant allocation of the County for 2017 is €6,850,892 and this allocation will support ongoing improvements to the National Road Network in the County. He stated that in this grant figure is €1m for closing out any remaining defects on the N3 Butlersbridge to Belturbet Road improvement Scheme. He stated that €4.3m has been allocated by Transport Infrastructure Ireland towards the continuation of the N55 Corduff to South Killydoon Scheme. He stated that the overall grant for Regional and Local Roads is €9,117,182 an increase of 7.9% on the 2016 allocation and this is the first increase since 2009. He noted that despite the increase the allocation is well below what is required to maintain the road network. He stated that with this level of funding the efforts of Cavan County Council will be concentrated on trying to keep as much of the road network intact as possible. Mr. McLoughlin noted that Cavan County Council has allocated €2,326,379 from its own resources towards the improvement and maintenance of the non-national road network in 2017. Mr. McLoughlin stated that €550,000 from the Council’s own resources has also being put towards the cost of public lighting. Mr. McLoughlin stated that funding has also been provided for Phase 2 of the N3 Virginia Safety Scheme for the provision of improved pedestrian and parking facilities along the town’s main street. Mr. McLoughlin stated that €24,000 has been allocated towards the 2017 speed limit review, €195,000 for low cost safety improvement and €210,000 for the Community Improvement Scheme. He stated that €810,000 has been reallocated to discretionary maintenance to cater for additional surface dressing and winter maintenance.

After much discussion by the members on the roads allocation a particular area of contention was the absence of Local Improvement Scheme funding which goes towards private lanes in rural areas which are not serviced by the local authority. Some members were of the opinion that the Government has shown a complete disregard for people in rural areas. It was proposed by Councillor S. Smith and seconded by Councillor C. Kelly that the Council write to Minister Shane Ross asking that he meet with a deputation from Cavan County Council and a separate allocation be made available for local improvement schemes.

The proposed road works programme was deferred to the March meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Eugene Greenan and seconded by Councillor Madeleine Argue that the meeting be extended to 5.30p.m.

**7. To approve Arts Awards recommendations as circulated.**

It was:

Proposed by Councillor S. Smith

 Seconded by Councillor P. Brady

 And

 Resolved:

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

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| Name of Organisation or Group | Amount |
| Kate Ennals (At the Edge): At the Edge literary evenings – Published authors or poets read for 15 minutes + Open mic sessions. | **€700** |
| Drumgoon Community Centre: 38 One Act Drama Festival | **€400** |
| Ann Donoghue: Digital Photography Book | **€130** |
| Aisteoiri Muinchille (Cootehill Players Drama Group): for rights | **€270** |
| Larry McCluskey: A spoken word performance | **€400** |
| Gonzo Youth Theatre: Play “Don’t Feed the Animals” – A play involving young people | **€1,000** |
| Kasia Zimnoch and Pawel Kleszczewski: LA short documentary film – recording interviews with community members | **€650** |
| Lit Lab Writers Group: Bailieborough Poetry Festival 2017 – Published authors + open mic sessions x3, 5th Poetry Festival with increase popularity | **€800** |
| Ballyhaise Community Pre-School Limited: Dance and Drama workshop Programme for Pre-School | **€300** |
| Cavan Camera Club: Purchase of printing equipment – The Club needs to source a suitable printer for members to print digital images | **€350** |
| Cavan Drug and Alcohol Service 6 week drama workshop | **€350** |
| Ballyjamesduff Musical Society: Music and Comedy Show – Produce musical and comedy show | **€400** |
| The Open Door Sessions: Music and Arts Gathering – Provide a venue for monthly gathering of musical and artistic talents from the up-and-coming, new and more established musicians and artists locally to showcase their talents. | **€1,000** |
| Brendan McCann: Publish Poetry Book – Assistance with preparation and publication of one collection of poetry. | **€600** |
| Marilyn Gaffney: Create a solo exhibition at the Custom House Studios | **€300** |
| Belturbet Dramatic Society: workshop delivering acting lessons to young people, 10 workshops delivering acting lessons to two age groups 13-15 and 16-17 years. | **€500** |
| 13th Annual Gerry Whelan weekend: 13th Annual Gerry Whelan Memorial Traditional Irish Weekend, 3 day festival to include tuition and workshops in musical instruments i.e. Fiddle, Irish dancing, sean-nos, set and ceili including Irish Language sessions. | **€500** |
| Theatre Lab Cavan: Run workshops exploring theatre disciplines | **€500** |
| Cavan Drama Festival Committee: Hosting the drama festival | **€500** |
| Teach Oscail Resource Project: 6 week dance project for children aged 6-12 years from Tullacmongan area. | **€200** |
| Roisin Harten: Training Course in Aerial Dance at the Aerial Dance Festival in Letterkenny. Two week training course with the intention to produce a high quality solo piece that will be filmed by Jym Daly of Fidget Feet Aerial Dance Theatre. | **€550** |
| Joe Keenan: Music Workshops & Performance – a weekend of music workshops with professional musicians culminating with a performance in Townhall Arts Space. | **€700** |
| Castletown Accordion Orchestra: Mid Summer Classical Concert | **€400** |
| Pauline Halton: Large Canvas Paintings for Exhibition | **€200** |
| Mad4Trad: Attend Ri Ra Festival in Butte Montanta in August 2017 recognition through arts office budget direct | **€1,000** |
| Siobhan Harton New Art Exhibition: Aim of exhibition is to develop on last two exhibitions | **€300** |

**8. To adopt Training & Development Programme for members.**

It was:

Proposed by Councillor M. Argue

 Seconded by Councillor J.P. Feeley

 And

 Resolved:

 “that the Training & Development Programme for members be hereby approved”

Mr. Eoin Doyle, Director of Service informed the members that the dates listed in the draft programme are subject to change and the members will be notified of exact dates of training.

**9. Casual vacancy on Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board**

It was:

Proposed by Councillor N. Connell

 Seconded by Councillor E. Greenan

 And

 Resolved:

“that the nomination of Councillor Paddy McDonald to fill the casual vacancy on Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board be hereby approved”.

Councillor J.P. Feeley informed the members that Councillor P. Brady asked that he be replaced on the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG).

It was:

Proposed by Councillor C. Kelly

 Seconded by Councillor S. Smith

 And

 Resolved:

“that the replacement of Councillor P. Brady by Councillor S.P. O’Reilly on the Association of Irish Local Government be hereby approved”.

**10. To note Circular Letter LG 01/2017 regarding planned changes to the allowances for expenses incurred by elected members of local authorities.**

 Noted.

**11. To note Cavan Joint Policing Committee’s Annual Report for 2016.**

Noted.

**12. To approve attendance of members at the following:-**

**(a) Colmcille Winter School 2017 to be held in Gartan, Letterkenny on 24-25 February**

 It was:

 Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

 Seconded by Councillor C. Kelly

 And

 Resolved:

“that the attendance of Councillors P. Brady, S. O’Reilly and F. Curtin at the Colmcille Winter School 2017 to be held in Gartan, Letterkenny on 24-25 February be hereby approved”.

**(b) Celtic Conferences “The Fair Deal Scheme” to be held in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth from 10-12 March.**

 It was:

 Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

 Seconded by Councillor C. Kelly

 And

 Resolved:

“that the attendance of Councillors P. Brady, S. O’Reilly and S. Smith at Celtic Conferences “The Fair Deal Scheme” to be held in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth from 10-12 March be hereby approved”.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

* The Kelly Family, Moynehall, Cavan on the death of Mr. John V. (Sean) Kelly.
* The Bannon Family, Derrylurgan, Ballyjamesduff on the tragic death of Patrick Bannon.

**Votes of Congratulations:**

* William & Jean Kells on receiving the Rolex Watch award for breeder of the year 2016 in Geneva.
* Loreto College Senior Camogie Team on winning the Ulster Final.
* Leanne Kiernan on winning the Anglo Celt “Young Sportsperson of the Year”.
* Gary Kiernan and Keith Moriarty on winning the modified section in the Galway International Rally.

It was proposed by Councillor Eugene Greenan and seconded by Councillor Madeleine Argue that the meeting be extended to 5.30p.m.

**13(a) To note reply from Department of Social Protection regarding the re-instatement of the Bereavement Grant.**

Noted. Councillor S.P. O’Reilly expressed his disappointment with the reply.

**(b) To note reply from Eamon Scanlon T.D. regarding proposed acquisition of Independent News and Media Holdings Limited of CMNL Limited.**

Noted.

**(c) To note reply from Health Service Executive regarding Arva/Killeshandra health centre.**

Noted. Councillor S. Smith welcomed the reply.

**(d) To note reply from Simon Harris T.D. Minister for Health regarding the retention of the A & E Department of Our Lady’s Hospital, Navan.**

Noted.

**(e) To note reply from Simon Harris, T.D. Minister for Health regarding the illnesses included on the Long Term Illness Scheme (LTI)**

Noted. Councillor S.P. O’Reilly expressed his disappointment with the reply.

**(f) To note reply from EPA regarding Regulations in relation to septic tanks.**

Noted. Councillor J.P. Feeley expressed his disappointment with the reply noting that there is still no change to regulations. He stated that the EPA seem intent in allowing smaller counties to deteriorate further.

**(g) To note reply from Department of Social Protection regarding the Rural Social Scheme.**

Noted.

**(h) To note reply from Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade regarding the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust (KBRT)**

Noted

**(i) To note reply from Denis Naughton T.D., Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment regarding the roll out of rural broadbrand.**

Noted.

**(j) To note reply from Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding the deer population in Ireland.**

Noted.

**(k) To note reply from Department of Transport regarding the East West Link Road.**

Noted. Councillor C. Kelly proposed that a deputation from Cavan and neighbouring counties meet with Minister Ross in relation to progressing the East West Link Road.

**(l) To note reply from Simon Harris, T.D., Minister for Health regarding the GMS and Long Term Illness Scheme.**

Noted.

**(m) To note correspondence from Niamh Smyth, T.D.**

Noted.

The meeting concluded at 5.50p.m.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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