**Minutes of Meeting of Cavan County Council held on Monday 17th February 2020 in The Ramor Theatre, Virginia, Co. Cavan at 2.00p.m.**

Councillor S.P. O’Reilly, Cathaoirleach presiding

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

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

T.P. O’Reilly, 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

Apologies were received from Councillors M. Argue and S. Smith.

Cathaoirleach S.P. O’Reilly welcomed all to the Ramor Theatre for the monthly meeting of Cavan County Council.

Mr. Padraic McIntyre, Theatre Manager welcomed all to the Ramor Theatre and thanked the members for bestowing them the honour of hosting the February Meeting of Cavan County Council. Mr. McIntyre informed the members that Mr. John Wilson, Senior Engineer would brief them on the new plans for Ramor Theatre and Library.

Mr. John Wilson, Senior Engineer stated that tenders for the proposed €5.3m Virginia “Civic, Cultural and Library Services” project, an ambitious regeneration project for the centre of Virginia Town will issue shortly once Department approval is attained. He stated that the development will see a three storey facility built, comprising a community library, meeting rooms and events/exhibition areas. He stated that the complex has been designed to provide a high level of multifunctional and flexible space, while the former Parochial House, located adjacent to the theatre, will be transformed to provide a box office and office space along with a digital suite with an interactive tourist information system. He stated that the existing theatre will be upgraded and linked to the new box office space and library, through the construction of a glass foyer which will provide access to the Civic Centre and link the three elements.

Mr. McIntrye, Ramor Threatre Manager and now the newly appointed Director across both it and the Townhall Arts Centre in Cavan Town thanked Mr. Wilson for his detailed presentation. Mr. McIntyre paid tribute to the vision of several people not least among them the late County Manager, Brian Johnston who saw the Ramor building’s potential as a theatre almost two decades ago. Mr. McIntyre stated that with these plans he believes that we will have a cultural centre unrivalled in Ireland and something all the people of Virginia and Cavan will be very proud of, a true beacon for the arts and culture in East Cavan. He stated that the project comes at an exciting time for arts and culture in the County, with the newly renovated Townhall Arts Centre in Cavan town set to officially reopen next month. He stated that the Townhall and Ramor Theatre will work in tandem in a manner that will share expertise, experience and resources to deliver top class events to both venues.

The members in turn congratulated Mr. McIntyre and wished him well in his new role.

1. **To confirm Minutes of Meeting held on 13th January 2020.**

**Miontuaririsci cruinnithe 13 Mi Eanair 2020 a dhearbhu.**

It was;

Proposed by Councillor P. McVitty

Seconded by Councillor C. Kelly

And

Resolved;

“that minutes of meeting of Cavan County Council held on 13th January 2020 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 9 December 2019**

Noted

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

**4. 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**

**5(a) To note correspondence from Bishop Michael Router, Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh following Civic Reception.**

Noted.

**(b) To note reply from Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment regarding the introduction of a levy on plastic bottles.**

Noted.

**(c) To note reply from Barry Mills, Inspector, Garda Community Engagement & Public Safety Bureau.**

Noted.

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

**Training:**

**AILG – Module 2 training programme held in the Hotel Kilmore on 13 February 2020 (retrospective approval).**

It was proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor C. Brady

and

Resolved

“that the attendance of Councillors J.P. Feeley, C. Lovett, C. Kelly, C. Brady, W. Bennett, V. Smith, P. McVitty, T. Smith, B. Fay and S. O’Reilly at the AILG – Module 2 training programme held in the Hotel Kilmore on 13 February, 2020 be hereby approved”.

**AILG – Annual Conference to be held in the Longford Arms Hotel, Longford on 4-5 March 2020.**

It was proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor C. Brady

and

Resolved

“that the attendance of Councillors J.P. Feeley, P. Brady, C. Lovett, C. Kelly, S.P. O’Reilly, P. Walsh, W. Benentt, C. Brady, T.P. O’Reilly, T. Smith. P. McVitty, V. Smith, M. Argue, B. Fay and S. O’Reilly at the AILG Annual Conference to be held in the Longford Arms Hotel, Longford on 4-5 March 2020 be hereby approved”.

**Conferences**

**Celtic Conferences “Health and Safety in the Workplace” to be held in O’Donovan’s Hotel, Clonakilty from 21-23 February 2020.**

It was proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor C. Brady

and

Resolved

“that the attendance of Councillor B. Fay at Celtic Conferences “Health and Safety in the Workplace” to be held in O’Donovan’s Hotel, Clonakilty from 21-23 February 2020 be hereby approved”.

**Colmcille Winter School to be held in Gartan, Letterkenny on 28-29 February 2020.**

It was proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor C. Brady

and

Resolved

“that the attendance of Councillors J.P. Feeley, A. Fitzpatrick, P. Brady, C. Lovett, W. Bennett, C. Brady, T.P. O’Reilly and P. McVitty at Colmcille Winter School to be held in Gartan, Letterkenny from 28-29 February 2020 be hereby approved”.

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

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

Noted.

**8.** **Adoption of Corporate Plan 2019-2024 (Section 51 Local Government Reform Act**

**2014).**

It was proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor C. Kelly

and

Resolved

“that the Corporate Plan 2019-2024 (Section 51 Local Government Reform Act 2014 be hereby approved”.

Councillor S.P. O’Reilly thanked Ms. Caroline Brady, Corporate Services for her work on the Corporate Plan.

**9.**  **To approve Arts Awards recommendations.**

It was proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor P. McVitty

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 2020** |

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| **No** | **Name of Group / Event** | ***Event description, location, etc.*** | **Fund amount approved** |
| 1 | Kate Ennals | Published authors or poets read for 15 minutes and Open mic sessions. | €800 |
| 2 | Kilnaleck Youth Drama Society (KYDS) | We will perform two plays, 'Oliver Twist the musical' and 'Mamma Mia' locally in May & June 2020. | €800 |
| 3 | Belturbet Comhaltas Branch | For support during the Fleadh and help increase in numbers of local children looking to learn instruments. | €600 |
| 4 | Susuana Komolafe | To host workshops Susuana Africa Storytelling for School and Exhibition Expo. | €500 |
| 5 | Aisteoiri Muinchille / Cootehill Players | Produce "The Beauty Queen of Leenane" and "Little Lies" | €600 |
| 6 | Na Píobairí Uilleann | To support uilleann pipers of all levels from around Ireland and abroad during the festival weekend 22-24th May in Cavan Town. | €750 |
| 7 | Cavan Camera Club | To engage the expertise of professional photographers from other clubs throughout the country to deliver lectures and workshops in the Backyard Arts Centre. | €600 |
| 8 | PLC Access Programme - Mary Mc Kenna with Artist Rosie Cole in conjuction with Cavan Arts Festival. | To hold workshops with Access students in Cavan Institute creating multiple free-standing dolmen inspired archway/portals. With a kaleidoscope paint effect and Celtic artwork finish. | €700 |
| 9 | The Cavan Drama Festival Committee | To hold Dramatic Symposium on (provisionally) April 1st to promote and plan a programme of events to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Festival in 2021 | €700 |
| 10 | The Moth Magazine | A celebratory night of The Moth's 10th Anniversary with artists include Michael Harding, Pat McCabe, Kate Ennals, Mark Lawlor and Mairead Donnellan, along with local musicians and members of the public. | €900 |
| 11 | Cootehill Arts Festival | Support towards the Cootehill Arts Festival 9th - 12th July 2020 | €1,000 |
| 12 | Shercock Drama Festival | Support towards Annual Drama Festival, 8 nights, 12th - 20th March 2020, Adjudicator Walker Ewart. | €400 |
| 13 | Theatre Lab Cavan | To continue to develop the groups skills in commedia and clown-based techniques and to develop the production for presentation in Autumn 2020. | €700 |
| 14 | Accora Orchestra | To engage the services of Dr. Patricia Kavanagh, Professor of Accordion and Piano at the Royal Irish Academy of Music. | €600 |
| 15 | NYAH Comhaltas Cavan | Celebrating the Arts and Creativity as we age, NYAH Comhaltas group members & friends (15 Performers) coming together with live performances in support of those in the Nursing Homes community. | €500 |
| 16 | The Virginians Drama Group | Performance of 'Many Young Men of Twenty’ written by John B. Keane | €400 |
| 17 | Joe Keenan | Present a curated selection of music videos by Cavan born, London based director, Finn Keenan, at this year’s Cavan Arts Festival in a bespoke cinema tent, blacked out and hired specifically for this event. | €600 |
| 18 | Young at Heart Women's Group | An 8-week ceramics course of workshops Marie Smith and Young at Heart Women’s Group at Tullacmongan Resource Centre Cavan. | €500 |
| 19 | The Contrition Mission | Contrition booth, one side will be for audience use, decorated using recycled goods from charity shops, upcycled and fixed to create a space of contemplation and with a comedy undertone. The other for the hosts to interact with those that come into the booth. | €450 |
| 20 | Cavan Arts Festival | Support towards the Cavan Arts Festival 15 - 17 May 2020. | €1,000 |
| 21 | PoD Youth Theatre | Support towards the production costs of producing two production, ‘All Out and Over’ and to hire a Circus artist to do a Circus skills/clowning workshop. | €1,000 |
| 22 | Ballyjamesduff Musical Society | To support “Frolics” music, comedy and dance from 28 February to 8 March 2020. | €250 |
| 23 | Saint Killians NS | To facilitate the upskilling of teachers by professional artists and hold classroom workshops under the theme “Where I’m From Is Everything” | €500 |
| 24 | Cootehill Branch Comhaltas Ceolroir Eireann | Support towards the 16th Annual Gerry Whelan Memorial Traditional Irish Week End | €400 |
| 25 | Kingscourt Youth Drama | To provide two tutors to give weekly workshops in stage work, costume and prop making in order to have an end of year production for families. | €500 |
| 26 | Gerry Henderson | To help support with the re-recording of “Dreaming Out Loud” demo CD using a professional musician. | €200 |
| 27 | Virginia Gospel Choir | To help support the choir members travelling to Copenhagen Music and Arts Seminar/Workshop with Donald Lawrence | €750 |
| 28 | Heather Brett C/o (Windows Publications) | Performance "Bring Poetry to The People" with Noel Monahan and music at the Cavan Arts Festival. | €500 |
| 29 | Focus Family Resource Centre CLG | To run 10 week block of workshops with facilitator Carolann Farrelly for children age 9 to 13. | €700 |
| 30 | Bailieborough Lit Lab Writers Group | Support of the 8th Annual Poetry Festival in Bailiborough October 2020. | €900 |
| 31 | Bailieborough Creative Hub | To organise creative workshops on a range of topics for members, schools and the community in order to promote Bailieborough and arts organisations | €600 |
| 32 | Cavan Town CCE | Support towards the 6th annual Ed Reavey Festival. | €400 |
| 33 | Creative Voice Cavan | To hold drama and musical theatre workshops in Cavan Town over 10weeks for 2hours per week. | €500 |

**Emerging Artists Awards Recipients 2020**

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| **No** | **Name of Group / Event** | ***Event description, location, etc.*** | **Fund amount approved** |
| 1 | Emmeline Cosnett | Support with second year at Edinburgh Atelier of Fine Artas purchase of oil paint, mediums, brushes, and other essential equipment. | €2000 |
| 2 | Áine Farrelly | Support to the DCCOI Ceramics Skills and Design Course in Kilkenny in 2020. | €460 |
| 3 | Sarah Mckenna Dunne | Support with IDENTITY a production in Ramor Theatre and development of a consent workshop will be mentored by leading professionals in their industries. | €2000 |
| 4 | Glenn Davis | To create an art book containing over one hundred pieces of his own art | €1000 |

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| **Tyrone Guthrie Residency Recipients 2020** | | |
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| **Name of Group / Event** | ***Event description, location, etc.*** | **Fund amount approved** |
| Aaron Monaghan | I wish to use the residency to allow me time and space on a number of projects I am currently developing for 2020 and 2021, some of which will be in collaboration with my company, Livin' Dred, and some of which will be solo projects. Livin' Dred will present a major new production of Tarry Flynn, and we are also in the process of developing a new ensemble play by writer Clare Monnelly, The Shed. | €390 |
| Gráinne Brady | I am a fiddle player and composer from Cavan, based in Glasgow, where I work as a full-time musician. My current project is an adaptation of Patrick MacGill’s CHILDREN OF THE DEAD END. | €780 |

**Professional Artists Awards Recipients 2020**

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| **No** | **Name of Group / Event** | ***Event description, location, etc.*** | **Fund amount approved** |
| 1 | Bee Smith | Poetry workshops involving, Blacklion, Glangevlin, Corlough, Dowra and Swanlinbar National Schools between 20-30 April 2020. | €760 |
| 2 | Trina Mc Cann and Rachel Burke | To undertake an intensive period of early stage research and development working towards a new performance piece. | €1166 |
| 3 | Eleanor Bell | To support post production of ‘The Hug’ a short film being told about people with disabilities but not just focusing on the disability or having them as secondary characters. | €1000 |
| 4 | Marie Smith | To hold community-based workshops relating to the theme of identity will commence in Spring 2020. | €1000 |
| 5 | Suella Holland | To support photograph exhibition ‘An Act of Madness’ | €649 |
| 6 | Yvonne Chilton | To run music workshops helping teachers in the St Kilian’s NS, Mullagh with both Recorder and Singing and also accompaniment. | €800 |
| 7 | Alan D’Arcy & Liam McCabe | To compose and record three pieces of electro acoustic music by Autumn 2020 exploring the art, architecture and built environment interface in Cavan. | €2000 |
| 8 | Grainne Daly | To travel to a conference on Sport Literature would greatly enhance my understanding the area of literary sports writing. | €1197 |
| 9 | Laura O'Connor | To help fund the purchase of equipment for a new artwork that will be in the 3-person exhibition ‘Human’ | €1000 |
| 10 | Ciarán O Neill (C O NEILL & CO) | Funding for music video for the first single from that album. The song is called "How do you do" and will be directed by Padráig Conaty. | €1000 |
| 11 | Robbie Perry | Design and construct a portable interactive mural during the summer months of 2020 and have it ready in time for workshops in schools and community come September. | €1000 |
| 12 | Laura Smith & Lorraine Harton | Promotion and distribution of ‘Gringo Mike’ by submitting the film to various festivals including Sundance film festival and Tribecca film festival. We aim to submit and attend Irish festivals such as The Galway Film Fleadh and Cork Film Festival, furthering our careers by networking with peers. | €1000 |
| 13 | Heather Brett | To work with local artist Marie Smith creating an exhibition entitled “Identity” as a follow on from Cavan Convergence which explored themes of borders and creative identities. | €2000 |

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| 14 | Jackie O’Neill | To interview individuals from Irish Diaspora of all ages and backgrounds exploring the meaning of “Home” and create a textile exhibition. | €2000 |

**10. To approve the Road Traffic (Special) Speed Limits (County of Cavan) 2020.**

It was proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor W. Bennett

and Resolved:

“that the Road Traffic (Special) Speed Limits (County of Cavan) 2020 be hereby approved”.

Councillor C. Lovett stated that he had previously looked for a reduction in the speed limit at Ballynarry N.S. and Church and was wondering if there was any update on same.

Councillor S. O’Reilly queried speed limits at Killinkere N.S. which she stated needs to be reduced.

Mr. Paddy Connaughton, Director of Services informed the members that if they had any issues in relation to speed limits on roads to contact Mr. John McKernan, Senior Engineer, Roads Department directly and he would let them know the situation.

**Presentation on Broadband**

Councillor S.P. O’Reilly welcomed Mr. Billy Manley, Mr. Joe Lavin and Ms. Nicola Cooke from National Broadband Ireland to the meeting.

Mr. Joe Lavin, Chief Commercial Officer of National Broadband Ireland gave a detailed presentation to the members on the process of rolling out high speed broadband to thousands of homes and businesses currently without services which will begin in the coming weeks with a major review of the existing network. Mr. Lavin stated that in March staff attached to National Broadband Ireland will be travelling roads and laneways within a twenty-kilometer radius of Cavan town to kick start the deliver of broadband. He stated that currently there are 16,200 premises across Cavan without access to high speed broadband. He stated that that benefits of high-speed broadband will be felt in communities from as early as this time next year once work in completed on building the network. He stated that the network will expand like a jigsaw from central locations starting with Cavan town. He stated that Cavan town will act as a connection point in the high speed national broadband network backbone, that will then link with nodes located in more rural areas. He stated that some nodes across the County such as those located in the east and west would be connected to core connectivity points in neighbouring counties Monaghan and Leitrim. Mr. Lavin stated that they are making sure they leave nobody behind in the company’s seven-year commitment to deliver broadband.

The members in turn thanked Mr. Lavin for his presentation.

**Votes of Sympathy**

* The Young family on the death of Mary Young Doherty, Drumcrave, Cavan and Belfast, sister of Ann McMahon, Corporate Services.
* The Keavney family on the death of Maura Keavney, Moynehall, Cavan.
* The McManus family on the death of Monsignor P.J. McManus, Kilnaleck.

**Irish Water**

Councillor C. Kelly stated that locals in Kingscourt are very annoyed that they were

left without water for four days without any notice issued to them by Irish Water that this

was going to happen. He stated that when locals checked with Irish Water, they were told

that they were not registered for updates. Councillor Kelly stated that the water from the

taps in Kingscourt at times looked as if a person had gone and filled mugs of water from the

bog. Councillor C. Kelly asked Cavan County Council to seek clarification on same.

Mr. Paddy Connaughton, Director of Service will check out the situation regarding

registering with Irish Water.

**MEMBERS’ ITEMS – DEFERRED FROM JANUARY 2020 MEETING.**

**1. North South Interconnector.**

Councillor C. Kelly asked the Director of Service, Mr. Brendan Jennings if there had been any communication or discussions between Cavan County Council and Eirgrid or ESB in relation to the North South Interconnector.

Mr. Brendan Jennings, Director of Service informed the members that since the last County Meeting in January there has been no communication or discussions between Cavan County Council and Eirgrid or the ESB.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Kelly and seconded by Councillor S. O’Reilly to write to the Minister for Communications stating that underground cables are the only cables that will be accepted within the area.

**2. That Cavan County Council call on the Minister for Health and the Chief Executive of the HSE to allocate sufficient resources to deal with the following:**

**(i) Waiting time in Cavan General Hospital**

**(ii) Home Care Packages and other community resources.**

Councillor J.P. Feeley stated that there is a huge crisis at the moment in relation to waiting times in accident and emergency units in our hospitals. He stated that this is putting huge pressure on staff and is unsustainable. He stated that there are old people occupying acute beds and cannot be discharged because there are no step-down services available to them. Councillor J.P. Feeley proposed that Cavan County Council call on the Minister for Health and the Chief Executive of the HSE to allocate sufficient resources to deal with waiting time in Cavan General Hospital and Home Care Packages and other community resources.

Councillor S. O’Reilly seconded Councillor Feeley’s proposal.

Councillors P. Walsh, T.P. O’Reilly and P. McVitty supported the motion

**MEMBERS’ ITEMS – FEBRUARY.**

1. **That Cavan County Council supports the Child Care Section in their request for Government support in addressing urgent insurance reform and regulation in the child-care sector.**

Councillor S. O’Reilly stated that this is the first time ever childcare workers went on strike outside the Dáil calling on the Government to increase funding to ensure recruitment and retention of staff, and satisfactory wages for those who look after their children. She stated that those who work in the sector are at breaking point due to escalating insurance, overregulation and low wages. Councillor S. O’Reilly stated that these workers need to be supported and proposed that Cavan County Council supports the Child Care Section in their request for Government support in addressing urgent insurance reform and regulation in the childcare sector.

Councillor J.P. Feeley seconded Councillor S. O’Reilly’s proposal. Councillor Feeley stated that the level of pay for childcare workers is appalling.

Councillor P. Walsh supported the motion stating that community workers and staff are finding it hard to make a living.

1. **That the TII urgently addresses safety issues on the N3.**

Already dealt with at the January meeting.

1. **That Library for Kingscourt.**

Councillor C. Kelly raised the issue in relation to a new library for Kingscout. Councillor Kelly stated that the town has a growing secondary school population, estimated to grow as large as 800 pupils in the next two years, however despite this people are travelling to towns including some outside the County to access library services. He stated that Kingscourt has been overlooked time and time again for a new library. Councillor C. Kelly called for the Council to deal with the matter urgently.

Councillor P. McDonald supported the motion.

Mr. Eoin Doyle, Director of Service stated that Cavan County Council has expanded further its search for a landbank in Kingscourt with potential to resolve parking issues in the town and perhaps also capable of delivering a library for the town. He stated that Cavan County Council is liaising with the National Library Service on the matter. He stated that Cavan County Council will commit to pursuing all options available for a suitable property.

**6. East West Link**

Councillor C. Kelly stated that the East West Link has been a bone of contention for many years. He stated that this is a serious link from Louth to Sligo and will be of huge benefit to County Cavan. Councillor C. Kelly asked the Executive if money had been allocated this year towards the East West Link and an update of what progress is going to be made. Councillor C. Kelly proposed that a delegation from Cavan County Council meet with the Department of Transport in relation to the road upgrade. This was seconded by Councillor P. McVitty.

Councillor S. O’Reilly supported the motion stating that with the high level of industry in Kingscourt and Shercock, the roads are not fit for the high level of HGV traffic.

Councillor A. Fitzpatrick asked where the money allocated to the project had been spent to date.

Councillors C. Brady, W. Bennett, B. Fay and S. P. O’Reilly supported the motion.

Mr. Paddy Connaughton, Director of Service informed the members that he would provide a full breakdown of monies at the March meeting.

**7. That Cavan County Council explore the potential of entering into a twinning arrangement with Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.**

Councillor W. Bennett stated that the PEACE IV Cross Border Programme is being delivered under the Building Positive Relations theme within the PIV Local Action Plan. He stated that the programme relates to a Cross Border Programme with Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and Cavan County Council. He stated that the aim of the cross border programme is to explore community planning links with Cavan County Council, with a specific focus on PCSP, Policing Committees, Good Relations Programme and PEACE Partnerships. He stated that to date the programme has delivered two cross border exchanges between Cavan County Council and Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, with seven elected members and five social partners participating from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and eleven elected members and two social partners from Cavan County Council. He stated that the primary focus identified by participants was the desire to build relationships that foster friendship and trust as the basis of any future initiatives. He stated that following the successful exchanges the elected members from both Councils expressed a desire to explore the possibilities of formally linking the two Councils through twinning. Councillor Bennett proposed that Cavan County Council explore the potential of entering into a twinning arrangement with Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.

Councillor A. Fitzpatrick supported the motion stating that there is lots of similar problems in both communities.

Councillors C. Brady, P. Walsh and C. Kelly supported the motion.

Mr. Tommy Ryan, Chief Executive agreed that it is important to explore and share the knowledge between the two jurisdictions and stated that the Council would look into same.

**8. To ask Cavan County Council who has responsibility for the repair and maintenance of signposts on roadsides.**

Councillor C. Brady asked the executive of Cavan County Council who is responsible for the repair and maintenance of signposts on roadsides. She stated that the road signage within the county is quite bad and this makes it very hard for people visiting the County that don’t know the roads. She noted that there are fingerpost signs in the county broken, dirty and bits missing off them.

Councillor P. McVitty supported the motion noting that overgrown bushes are also a major issue within the County.

Councillor W. Bennett supported the motion.

Mr. Paddy Connaughton, Director of Service stated that Cavan County Council is responsible for the repair and maintenance of road traffic signs within the County. He asked the members to contact him directly in relation to the various signs and he would have them looked at.

Councillor S. P. O’Reilly informed the members that the March meeting will commence at 10.00a.m with the three municipal districts meeting to allocate grant funding for Cavan Calling. This will be followed by the Roadworks Programme meeting. He stated that after the March meeting there will be a Cathaoirleach’s Reception for the INMO in recognition of it’s Centenary.

Councillor S.P. O’Reilly congratulated Councillors T.P. O’Reilly and S. O’Reilly on their outstanding effort and commitment to democracy in the county and Constituency of Cavan Monaghan. Councillor S.P. O’Reilly congratulated Deputies Brendan Smith, Niamh Smith, Heather Humphries, Pauline Tully and Matt Carthy on their recent election to Dáil Eireann. He stated that it was the first time in the history of Cavan and Monaghan that County Cavan hold three of the five seats and the first time to have three female representatives elected in the constituency.

The meeting concluded at 4.15p.m.

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