CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse

Cavan

6th February 2024

**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 12th February 2024 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 Meeting held on 8th January 2024.

2. **Disclosure of Interests** *(Section 177 Local Government Act 2001*).

**Note Minutes of Committee Meetings**

1. To note Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 7th December 2023.
2. To hear overview from Enda Tiernan, Head of Information Systems regarding new hybrid meeting setup in the Council Chamber.
3. To hear presentation from Diarmuid O’Callaghan, President and Irene McCausland, Vice President of Strategic Planning, Communications and Development, Dundalk Institute of Technology regarding their Strategic Plan for 2023-2028.

**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)).*

**Correspondence**

7(a)To note reply from Office of the Minister for Agriculture regarding the granting of approvals to TAMS applicants who require investments relating to slurry.

(b)To note reply from HSE regarding free or reduced car parking charges in Hospitals.

(c)To note reply from Office of the Minister for Justice regarding allocations to open centres.

(d)To note reply from CEO, Courts Service regarding the request for the expansion of the Drug Treatment Courts to Cavan.

(e)To note reply from Office of the Minister for Education in relation to the two year PME Post Primary Initial Teacher Education programme.

(f)To note reply from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding the management of roadside trees.

(g)To note reply from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage regarding the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme.

(h)To note reply from CEO, Waterways Ireland regarding the development of

the Shannon Navigation north of Lough Allen towards the village of Dowra.

(i)To note reply from Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding additional support and assistance to small businesses.

(j)To note reply from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant.

8. To approve attendance of members at Association of Irish Regions training

event and seminar held in the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, Co. Limerick on 7th and 8th February 2024 (retrospective approval).

9. **Member’s Question – Councillor Sarah O’Reilly**

To ask Cavan County Council to confirm if it has applied for funding for the installation of public electric charge points under a recent SEAI Government Scheme and to ask:

1. The number of public electric charge points installed in the county since 2020;
2. The location of electric charge points installed since 2020;
3. The number of future electric charge points to be installed.

**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 disposal of 0.123 hectares or 0.305 acres of land at Lurganboy, Cavan to Cavan Gaels GFC for the sum €2,650.00, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000, and notices circulated.

12. To approve recommendations for Arts Awards including development, emerging

 and professional artist awards.

13. 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).

14. To approve Cavan County Council’s Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.

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

15.1 **Councillor Clifford Kelly**

Call on the government to introduce a school bus scheme to facilitate all families who wish to avail of it.

**MEMBERS’ ITEMS – FEBRUARY**

15.2 **Councillor Clifford Kelly**

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

15.3 **Councillor Áine Smith**

The need to establish a local Hackney Scheme throughout County Cavan.

15.4 **Councillor Sarah O’Reilly**

Cavan County Council call on the Minister for Expenditure and Reform to clarify what farm equipment is eligible for VAT refund under the current “interpretation of the law” for farmers and to ask that the government amend the statutory instrument to remedy and include previously allowable equipment.

15.5 **Councillor Paddy McDonald**

That Cavan County Council supports proposed Local Link Bus Routes.

15.6 **Councillor** **Áine Smith**

VAT refunds for farmers.

15.7 **Councillor** **Áine Smith**

Means assessment for public services.

15.8 **Councillor Brendan Fay**

I call on this Council to ask Minister Roderic O’Gorman, T.D., Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to be more open and cooperative and to communicate with local communities as lack of information is allowing false information to be spread and is causing anguish and fear in some communities.

15.9 **Councillor Brendan Fay**

In light of the recent storms, to ask ESB networks to carry out a comprehensive report on their overhead lines particularly those running through forested areas or adjacent to trees. Lack of access to overhead lines has been causing difficulty in carrying out timely repairs.

15.10 **Councillor P. McVitty**

Delays in getting ESB power restored after outages.

15.11 **Councillor T.P. O’Reilly**

To explore the possibility of a rebate of VAT for anyone availing of the Croí Cónaithe Scheme.

15.12 **Councillor John Paul Feeley / Councillor Clifford Kelly**

The Cavan County Council call on the Minister for Health to introduce a vaccination programme for shingles.

15.13 **Councillor John Paul Feeley**

Following on from the widespread disruption caused by recent storms, that forestry companies complete an urgent programme of works to remove trees near to powerlines and that the Ministers for Energy and Agriculture amend existing regulations to protect services in communities from reckless planting of trees.

15.14 **Councillor Madeleine Argue**

To discuss the terrible impact of suicide in our county.

15.15 **Councillor T.P. O’Reilly / Councillor Winston Bennett**

To seek a review and clarification from the Minister for Agriculture on certain items on which VAT is retainable under TAMS.

15.16 **Councillor Sarah O’Reilly**

To discuss the upcoming Referendum on the Family Amendment and the Care Amendment.