**Minutes of the Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Meeting held on 12th March 2020 @ 10.00 am in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse Cavan**

Present: Cllr John Paul Feeley, Chair

Cllr Madeleine Argue

Cllr Patricia Walsh

 Mr Thomas Maughan

 Ms Christine McDonagh

 Ms Teresa Mongan

 Mr Eoin Doyle, Director of Services

Ms Bridie McBrearty, Housing

Ms John Wilson, Housing Construction

Ms Angela Fitzpatrick, C & E

Apologies: Cllr Trevor Smith

Ms Jacqueline McDonagh

Cllr Feeley, Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and advised that social distancing was being observed hence the gaps between seating.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2019 were proposed by Mr. Maughan, seconded by Ms Mongan.

1. **Annual Traveller Account**

The results of the annual traveller count were provided by Ms McBrearty. It was noted that there was a total of 141 households included in the count, 117 of which were in receipt of some form of social housing support provided by the Council.

1. **Meeting with CENA**

Ms McBrearty advised that since the previous meeting she had met with Brian Dillon from CENA to explore options with them for the provision of accommodation for travellers in the county. He had advised that there may be an opportunity for him to seek funding from the Department to undertake an in-depth analysis of traveller accommodation needs in the County. The work would be overseen by his organisation in consultation with the Council, following which a report would be presented to the Committee for consideration in the development of future housing plans for travellers in the County. Ms. McBrearty sought the support of the Committee to such an approach. Following discussion, the Committee gave its support to such an approach and Ms McBrearty confirmed that she would follow up with CENA. They will also attend a future meeting of the Committee to update on developments.

Ms McBrearty also advised the Committee that she had confirmed the Council’s support to a proposal to provide housing for a specific family in the County. CENA will now follow up and submit a CAS application when a suitable dwelling has been located.

1. **Any other Business**

Cllr Feeley thanked everybody for attending.

1. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 11th June 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Chairman**