**Minutes of the Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Meeting held on 12th December 2019 @ 10.000 am in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse Cavan**

Present: Cllr Trevor Smith

Cllr Madeleine Argue

Mr Thomas Maughan

Ms Christine McDonagh

Mr Eoin Doyle, Director of Services

Ms Bridie McBrearty, Housing

Ms Susan Monaghan, Housing Construction

Apologies: Cllr John Paul Feeley, Chair

Cllr Patricia Walsh

Ms Theresa Mongan

Mr John Wilson, Housing Construction

In absence of Cllr Feeley, Mr. Maughan, Vice-Chair chaired the meeting.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Argue, seconded by Cllr. Smith and approved.

1. **Terms of Reference**

The Terms of Reference as supplemented by the Standing Orders and adopted by Committee were circulated and noted.

1. **CENA Presentation**

Mr. Maughan, on behalf of the Committee, welcomed the representatives of CENA to the meeting and invited them to give a presentation on the working of their organisation to the Committee.

Brian Dillon welcomed the opportunity to present to the Committee and outlined the approach to traveller housing taken by CENA with reference to the CENA Development Cycle which involves travellers at all stages of the process. He outlined the short-term initiatives that they can take with funding from the Capital Assistance Scheme i.e. extend family developments, purchase of units, utilise the buy and improve scheme or the management and development of existing sites.

The longer term aims to expanding capacity through AHB partnerships, creating and maintaining employment, testing an ‘ownership’ model and transient options. He provided a summary of the current CENA initiatives nationally and outlined the emerging learning points to date.

Mr. Maughan thanked Mr. Dillon on behalf of the Committee for a very informative presentation. It was agreed that the approach could prove a useful tool in accommodating travellers in Cavan and Ms. McBrearty agreed to meet with representatives from CENA in January to explore options/opportunities further.

1. **Any other Business**

**Annual Count for Travellers 2019:** It was noted that the annual count for travellers had taken place in November and was being finalised. An update to be provided at the next meeting.

Mr. Maughan expressed his annoyance and advised he wished to raise a complaint in relation to the non-response to telephone calls in respect of repairs to housing. He believed that as the Traveller Representative on the Committee that he should at least get a return call. He understood the issue with funding but is required to return calls to travellers who ask him to make representations on their behalf. He needs to do so to maintain this relationship as Traveller Rep. Mr Doyle agreed to investigate this matter further.

It was noted that Brendan Joyce and Emily Murtagh from the Irish Traveller Movement were providing the training organised directly after the meeting.

1. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 12th March 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

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

**Chairman**