CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL TERM REPORT 2019-2024

"A Council that leads and collaborates with all to drive and shape a better future for our County."





















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FOREWORD /

It gives us great pleasure to introduce this term report for the 2019-2024 sitting of Cavan County Council, five years in which extraordinary progress has been made by this local authority.

There are many factors that can be attributed to this success, the dedicated staff, the comprehensive statutory framework put in place by the management team - led for much of that period by our recently retired colleague Tommy Ryan, and the support and vision of the nineteen councillors who have represented the people of Cavan so well over the past five years.

From a management perspective, this has been an excellent cohort of councillors to work with - always performing their oversight role with diligence and clear-eyed resolve, but always with respect and understanding of the challenges faced by staff. Equally the councillors have found management and staff committed, responsive, and willing to work together on behalf of the people we all represent. We would like to pay particular tribute to the late Seán Smith, who served the people of Cavan with great dignity and dedication right up until his death last year.

Despite the many positive highlights that are outlined throughout this document, this has been an exceptionally challenging period in geopolitical terms. The past five years has seen the UK leave the European Union, the invasion by Russia of Ukraine, the Coronavirus pandemic, and more recently the war in Gaza.

The humanitarian and economic consequences of these seismic events have been felt across the globe, and have

presented challenges in Cavan also, both in the increased numbers of those seeking international protection, and in the impact inflation has had upon construction costs among others.

As such it is with immense pride that we outline the achievements of this term, to provide a snapshot of the many positive ways public funds are being put to good use in the county, but also to serve as inspiration to continue to strive for excellence in everything that we do.

We want to conclude by thanking all of those that have contributed to the myriad achievements outlined in these pages, our staff, the elected members, previous Cathaoirligh Cllrs John Paul Feeley, Clifford Kelly, Sarah O'Reilly, and Shane P O'Reilly, our Oireachtas members, the community and voluntary sector in Cavan, the business community, and the people of Cavan, who share our passion and our commitment to making this a better place in which to live.





Cllr Philip Brady, Cathaoirleach Eoin Doyle, Chief Executive

CORPORATE AFFAIRS /

Statutory Meetings

Ordinary In-Committee Annual and Policy Group Monthly Meetings Budget Meetings Meetings Joint Policing Ballyjamesduff MD **Cavan Belturbet MD 56 Strategic Policy Committee** 43 Housing, Social Inclusion and Corporate Services (ii) Transport, Infrastructure & Emergency Services **Local Community** (iii) Climate, Biodiversity Action & Environment Development **Protocol** (iv) Economic, Enterprise and Planning Committee **Cultural Development, Irish Language and Sport**

CATHAOIRLIGH /



Cllr Shane P O'Reilly 2019-2020



Cllr Sarah O'Reilly 2020-2021



Cllr Clifford Kelly 2021-2022



Cllr John Paul Feeley 2022-2023



Cllr Philip Brady 2023-2024

AWARDS /



















REVENUE EXPENDITURE /

€135m Housing





€72m

Development

Management



€56m Water Services





€49m
Environmental
Services

€3.7m Agriculture



HOUSING /

337
New Council Houses



299 Vacant Homes Returned to use



1,528
Families Supported with Accommodation



158
Croí Cónaithe Grants
Approved in Principle

£8.8m
Disabled Persons
Grants Issued



HOUSING SCHEMES /





















TRANSPORTATION /

573km **Surface Dressing**



358km **Improvement** Schemes



51km CIS/LIS

14.5km

Greenway and Cycle Lanes/Paths Constructed



53km

Greenway and Cycle Lanes/ Paths Planned/ in Development

4,218 **Street Lights Retrofitted with LEDs** 93

New and **Repaired Bridges**



48 **Low Cost Safety**

Climate Adaptation **Schemes**



78 Private Lanes Funded Under Local Improvement Schemes

13km New and Upgraded

Footpaths

TRANSPORTATION SCHEMES /

Virginia N3 Bypass





Cavan North West Greenway Active Travel Cavan Town Cycle Lanes

N55 Corduff South of Killydoon Realignment Section B













COMMUNITY, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM /

€49.6m

Total Grant Funding over 5 years supporting 4,397 Recipients

LEADER

€9.52m 152 Recipients



Community Grants

€2.23m - 699 Recipients

ORIS

€2.33m 9 Recipients



Town & Village Renewal

€5.08m - 61 Recipients



Covid Supports

€321k - 51 Recipients

Community Enhancement

€685k - 283 Recipients



CLÁR

53 Recipients

RRDF

€15.8m 5 Projects **SICAP**

€5.2m

LIBRARY AND CULTURAL SERVICES /

Decade of Centenary
Events Hosted



110
Healthy Ireland at your Library
Free Events



National Award for Covid Book Delivery Programme

Library Branch Enhancements

Ballyconnell, Cavan, Cootehill, Arva



New Library
Branches Opened
(Virginia)

2,472%

Increase in Membership in Virginia Library





13m

Books, CDs, and DVDs available to borrow

Creative Ireland Funding

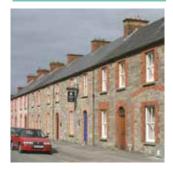


PLANNING /

3,187
Planning Applications
Processed

22 Estates 'taken in charge' 1,310
Commencement
Notices Received





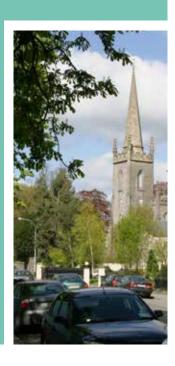
70%
E-planning Uptake

4,995Population Growth 2016-2022

212
Heritage Projects
Delivered

PLANNING PUBLICATIONS

- · Cavan County Development Plan 2022-2028 incorporating a Local Area Plan for Cavan Town
- · Residential Zoned Land Tax
- · Cavan Housing Strategy 2022-2028
- · Cavan Economic Study Strategic Economic Framework, February 2021
- · Cavan County Retail Strategy 2021-2028
- · Record of Protected Structures Review and Update
- · Cavan Town Assets and Projects Overview, January 2021
- · 16 Architectural Conservation Areas
- · Virginia Masterplan Area 1
- · Virginia Masterplan Area 2
- · Bailieborough Masterplan
- · Masterplan 1 Cootehill
- · Masterplan 2 Cootehill
- · Abbeylands Masterplan, Cavan Town
- · Biodiversity Guidelines for Historic Graveyards
- · Film Production: An Ancient Hush
- · Film: In the Footprints in the Past
- · Golden Way Promotional Films
- · Podcast Series: Where We Belong



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT /

€2.82m

Business Grants
Allocated



3,300

Number of Participants in Training

63
Networking Events
Organised



Cavan Digital Hub

In operation since June 2019 with 100 highly skilled jobs with a cluster of digital companies



First Phase of

Cootehill Enterprise Park

completed with Company Operation from new premises in 2024

National Awards for Best Micro Start Up

1 Nuálach Automations supported in winning LAMA Award 2023

CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES /

09EV Charging Points

36
Solar Panels on
Council Buildings

71Housing Retrofits



59Home Energy Kits Borrowed

Publications

Climate Action Plan Litter Management Plan County Development Plan Corporate Plan 33325
Saplings Planted

51
Anti-Dumping Projects

17
Green Kilometre
Scheme Groups

8,966T

Glass and Cans collected from Bring Banks 7,407T

Recycling collected from <u>Civic</u> Amenity Sites

340T

Bulky Waste
Collected during
from Drop Off Days

>1600

River and Lake Samples Taken



129

Solid Fuel Retailer Inspections



35%

Energy Efficiency Improvement in Cavan Courthouse Sustainable Energy
Communities

National Festival of the Year Award win for Cavan Monaghan Science Festival

EMERGENCY SERVICES /

€54.54 6 Min 2,853 149 Average Mobilisation Average cost per Capita of Service **Chimney Fires** Time (Fire) in Houses 142 179 Other Fires **Bog/Forest Fires Other Domestic Building Fires** 89 91 **Motor Vehicle Fires Chemical Incidents Flooding** Special Services False Alarm False Alarm (Other) (Good Intent) (Malicious) 01 02 **Long Service New Water Tankers New Fire Stations Civil Defence National Awards** for Best Emergency Headquarters Response Team Opened

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES /

84% Motor Tax Payments Online

-0.94% Mean Gender Pay Gap €16m

Covid Business
Supports
Processed

164%
Increase in total
Social Media
Followers

15%
Increase in Staff Employed

1,555
Covid Community
Helpline
Responses

08Ambassador Visits

CURRENT MAJOR COMMUNITY AND TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS /









Shannon Pot Discovery Centre
Cavan Burren park Redevelopment
Abbeylands Regeneration
Percy French Hotel Regeneration Ballyjamesduff
Ballyconnell Market House
Bailieborough Courthouse











ELECTED MEMBERS OF CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL /







Cllr Brendan Fay



Cllr Áine Smith



Cllr Carmel Brady



Cllr Clifford Kelly



Cllr John Paul Feeley



Cllr Madeleine Argue



Cllr Paddy McDonald



Cllr Peter McVitty



Cllr Philip Brady



Cllr Sarah O'Reilly



Cllr Shane P O'Reilly



Cllr Val Smith



Cllr Winston Bennett



Cllr Craig Lovett



Cllr TP O'Reilly



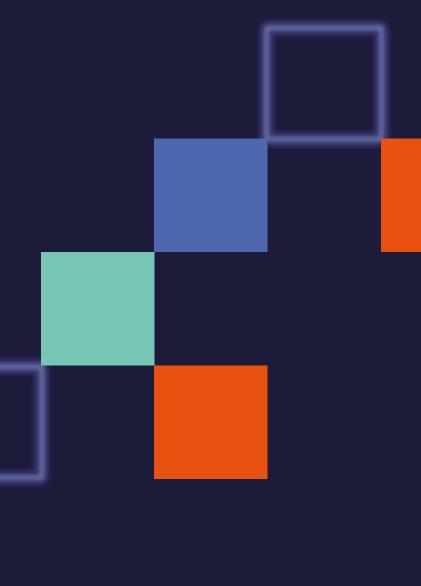
Cllr Trevor Smith



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