

**Minutes of Meeting of Bailieborough-Cootehill Municipal District held in the Courthouse, Cavan on  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at 12.00pm**

Councillor Clifford Kelly, Cathaoirleach presiding.

Present; Councillors P McDonald, A. Fitzpatrick, V. Smith, S O'Reilly, C Brady

Apologies;

In Attendance; Paddy Connaughton, Director of Services  
John Donohoe – SEO Community, Enterprise & Tourism  
Deidre Donnelly – AO Community, Enterprise & Tourism  
Ann McQuillan – Minutes Administrator  
Liam Mannix - KPMG  
Michelle Taite – Anglo Celt.

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Cathaoirleach Clifford Kelly opened the meeting welcoming John Donohoe and KPMG to the meeting.

**1. To confirm Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

**Miontuaririsci cruinnithe 12<sup>th</sup> Meitheamh 2023 a dhearbhu.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor S O'Reilly

Seconded by Councillor V. Smith

And

Resolved;

“that minutes of meeting of Bailieborough-Cootehill Municipal District held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 be hereby approved”

**2. Disclosure of Interests.**

There were no disclosures of Interest.

**Business prescribed by Stature, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the council.**

### 3. New Local Economic & Community Plan – Presentation by KPMG Future Analytics.

John Donohoe Senior Executive Officer give a brief outline of the plans for LECP and introduced Liam Mannix from KPMG. The council have appointed KPMG Future Analytics to assist in preparing a new plan for the years 2023-2028. John advised the six-year plan is at a “critical stage” and “pretty close” to what would appear once finally published.

He stressed the importance of the new plan reflecting priorities within the community to address the needs of all those who live, work, and visit County Cavan.

Liam Mannix from KPMG laid out the six high-level goals for the county (see below) as well as the Objectives and Actions which support the delivery of these Goals over the lifespan of the LECP. He highlighted that it was essential that these objectives and actions allow for stakeholders in the county to adopt these actions and make them their own. He also encouraged feedback as it will be essential to ensure they align with the ambitions and motivations of key stakeholders.

| Goal   | Goal Description                                                                                                                                       |
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| Goal 1 | Cavan will have a dynamic, innovative, and equitable economy that supports enterprise and employment.                                                  |
| Goal 2 | Cavan will support the development of sustainable tourism in the county that appreciates the county’s natural, built, artistic, and cultural heritage. |
| Goal 3 | Cavan will facilitate lifelong learning and education opportunities to support the personal development and attainment of its people                   |
| Goal 4 | Cavan will support the regeneration and revitalisation of its towns, villages, and localities as attractive places to live, work and visit.            |
| Goal 5 | Cavan will be an inclusive, healthy and equitable county that supports wellbeing across its communities.                                               |
| Goal 6 | Cavan will proactively support climate action to create resilient and sustainable communities.                                                         |

Cllr Paddy Mc Donald enquired about regeneration of towns especially Bailieborough town, Liam from KPMG stated that this is covered in Goal 4 which will support the regeneration of all towns.

DOS Paddy Connaughton enquired about the cultural and heritage of the county.

Liam Mannix from KPMG replied that under Goal 2 – Objective 1 - Action 2 – this particular query was addressed and noted that the nature of tourism has changed dramatically compared to 10 years ago and suggested that more “joined-up thinking” is required to best position Cavan to take advantage. Aside from developing those “opportunities”, either new or by enhancing what already exists, the plan places a focus on investing in Cavan Calling as a festival and building the ‘This is Cavan’ brand, as well as improving recreational infrastructure.

Cllr Carmel Brady enquired if fishing would be included in the plan, given Cavan has 365 lakes. Liam replied that under Goal 2 – Objective 2 - Action 2 – Angling was addressed under this point. Also in response, Mr Donohoe stated that, the local authority is engaging with stakeholders on developing an “angling strategy” for the county.

DOS Paddy Connaughton made a point regarding Goal 4 – Objective 1 – Action 1, should the wording ‘young people’ be changed to ‘all people’. On discussion between Liam, John Donohoe and Paddy Connaughton they decided to change the wording to read ‘all people particularly younger people’.

John Donohoe SEO asked if anyone had any more comments to make regarding the plan to please come back to him before the end of the week.

Cathaoirleach Clifford Kelly stated it was an excellent presentation.

The New Local Economic & Community Plan was Proposed by Councillor Val Smith with amendments and Seconded by Councillor C.Brady with amendments.

## **AOB**

Cllr Aiden Fitzpatrick wished to express his concern over the lack of canteen and gym facilities in St Aidens Comprehensive School Cootehill. Students are having to stand eating their lunch and also with such emphasis on the mental health of our young people, it is incredible that there are no correct gym facilities in the school. He wondered could a letter be sent to the Department of Education on this matter as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Carmel Brady agreed with Cllr Fitzpatrick stating that the facilities have not changed since she attended the school and the numbers attending the school has risen. A new principal has been appointed and hopefully she might be able to move things forward on this matter.

Cathaoirleach Clifford Kelly stated that he fully supported Cllr Aiden Fitzpatrick and Cllr Carmel Brady and would fully support a new canteen and sports hall in St Aidens Comprehensive School Cootehill.

The date of the next meeting was agreed and set for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 4pm in the Chamber in Cootehill.

The meeting concluded at 1.00pm.