**Minutes of Meeting of Cavan County Council held on Monday 11th June 2018 in the Council Chamber at 2.00p.m.**

Councillor P. McDonald, Cathaoirleach Presiding

Present: Councillors M. Argue, W. Bennett, C. Brady, D. Brady, P. Brady,

N. Connell, F. Curtin, D. Downey, J.P. Feeley, C. Kelly, P. McVitty,

P. O’Reilly, S. O’Reilly, S.P. O’Reilly, P. Smith, S. Smith, V. Smith

In Attendance: T. Ryan, Chief Executive

E. Doyle, Director of Service

J. McLoughlin, Director of Service

B. Jennings, Director of Service

D. Maguire, Finance Officer

E. McGinn, Meetings Administrator

**1. To confirm Minutes of Meetings held on 14 May, 2018. Miontuairiscí cruinnithe 14 Bealtaine 2018 a dhearbhu.**

It was:

Proposed by Councillor P. McVitty

Seconded by Councillor S. Smith

And

Resolved:

“that minutes of meetings of Cavan County Council held on 14 May, 2018 be hereby approved”.

Councillor P. O’Reilly queried once again if the Council had designated a person to look after the site in Virginia. Councillor O’Reilly asked why it took ten years for the Council to realise that the lands would need to be rezoned before being developed and asked why they were advertising it to investors without the required rezoning.

Mr. Tommy Ryan, Chief Executive informed Councillor P. O’Reilly that the Director of Service with responsibility for Community and Enterprise is the designated person.

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

Noted.

**Note Minutes of Committee Meetings**

**3. To note Minutes of Roads & Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 22 March, 2018.**

Noted.

**4.** **To note Minutes of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 4 April 2018.**

Noted.

**To note Members’ Reports from Conferences/Training Events**

**5. 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)** Noted.

**Correspondence:**

**6(a). To note reply from Minister Heather Humphreys T.D. and Niamh Smyth T.D. regarding the fodder crisis.**

Noted.

**(b). To note reply from Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality regarding rural crime.**

Noted.

**(c). To note reply from Minister Damien English, T.D. regarding the phasing out of Microbeads in all products in the State.**

Noted

**(d). Consultation document from Local Government Funding (Baseline) Review Group.**

Noted

**7. To approve attendance of members at Seán MacDiarmada Summer School 2018.**

It was:

Proposed by Councillor S.P. O’Reilly

Seconded by Councillor P. McVitty

And

Resolved:

“that the attendance of Councillors C. Kelly, S.P. O’Reilly, J.P. Feeley, S. O’Reilly, F. Curtin, S. Smith, P. Brady, W. Bennett, P. Smith, V. Smith, P. McVitty, P. O’Reilly, C. Brady, M. Argue and D. Brady at Seán MacDiarmada Summer School 2018 be hereby approved”.

**8. To hear presentation from Ms. Bernie McCrory, Chief Officer and Ms. Sadie Bergin, Communications Manager, Co-operation and Working Together (CAWT) the cross border health services partnership.**

Councillor P. McDonald welcomed Ms. Bernie McCrory, Chief Officer and Ms. Sadie Bergin, Communications Manager, Co-operation and Working Together (CAWT) the cross border health services partnership to the meeting to make a presentation to the members.

Ms. Bernie McCrory, Chief Officer informed the members that CAWT is a cross border health and social care partnership which enables health services to be more accessible within border areas. Ms. McCrory stated that CAWT’s vision is to realise opportunities and develop new ways to improve health and social care services for the well being of people through collaboration across borders and boundaries. Ms. McCrory stated that €30 million of EU funding has been secured for five successful project applications namely:

* acute hospital services “connecting services, citizens and communities”.
* mental health innovation recovery
* children’s services multiple adverse childhood experiences (MACE)
* primary care and older people (Scotland leading ‘mPower’)
* population health community health sync ‘CoH-Sync’.

Ms. McCrory stated that the projects will continue to 2022 i.e. beyond the UK’s departure from the EU.

Ms. Sadie Bergin, Communications Manager noted that the acute hospital services project is to create innovative cross border approaches to the assessment and treatment of patients which incorporate new technologies and patient pathways and enable optimal utilisation of human, financial and physical resources across three jurisdictions. She stated that this will result in an increase in patients treated for specific specialities and the development of community paramedic hubs. In relation to Multiple Adverse Childhood Experience (MACE), it is hoped to create five community based areas of excellence to concentrate activity to initiate change at local level and build resilient communities. Ms. Bergin stated that in relation to the Innovation Recovery Project it is hoped to scale up recovery education across three cross border sites, adopt a hub and spoke approach – responsive to local need, engage 8,000 people in recovery education and develop a virtual recovery college. Ms. Bergin stated that the mPower project is to enable older people to live well, safely and independently in their own homes through social and digital connectivity, support reduction in unnecessary presentation to primary care, empower more people to self manage their health and care in the community. Ms. Bergin stated that the CoH-Sync project hopes to deliver eight cross border area interventions to support positive health and well-being. Ms. Bergin stated that CAWT’s next steps are successful project implementation, evaluate and embed EU funded services where appropriate, assist with removing/reducing barriers to the cross border mobility of patients and professionals. She stated that CAWT will continue to tackle health inequalities and poor access to services for border populations and play a positive and problem solving role in relation to post Brexit related issues.

The members in turn thanked Ms. McCrory and Ms. Bergin for their presentations.

**Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Council.**

**9. Consideration of Annual Financial Statement 2017 (Section 108 of Local Government Act 2001)**

The Annual Financial Statement 2017 (Section 108 of the Local Government Act 2001) was considered by the members.

Mr. Des Maguire, Head of Finance outlined in great detail the annual financial statement of financial year ended 31st December 2017. Mr. Maguire noted that this is the second most important document after the budget. Mr. Maguire informed the members that the Annual Financial Statement will be audited by the Local Government Auditor and the report will be presented to the members at a later stage. Mr. Maguire stated that the figures reveal an overall surplus of €98.

**10. Approval to Additional Revenue Expenditure 2017 (Section 104 of Local Government Act 2001).**

It was:

Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor S. Smith

And

Resolved:

“that the additional revenue expenditure 2017 be hereby approved”.

**11. Approval Transfers to Capital 2017.**

It was:

Proposed by Councillor S. Smith

Seconded by Councillor P. McVitty

And

Resolved:

“that Transfers to Capital 2017 be hereby approved”.

**12. Statement of Rate Collection 2017.**

The statement of Rate Collection 2017 was considered by the Members and noted.

**13. To approve of the disposal of a plot of land at Highfield Road, Lisnalea, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan containing 0.01 ha to Mark and Ashling Gilsenan, 26 Highfield, Lisnalea, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan for the sum of €1.00 pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000, and notices circulated.**

It was:

Proposed by Councillor S. O’Reilly

Seconded by Councillor V. Smith

And

Resolved:

“that the disposal of a plot of land at Highfield Road, Lisnalea, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan containing 0.01 ha to Mark and Ashling Gilsenan, 26 Highfield, Lisnalea, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan for the sum of €1.00 pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000 be hereby approved”.

**14. To adopt Annual Report 2017 (Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended).**

Mr. Doyle, Director of Service noted that the Annual Report for 2017 had been circulated to all members for adoption. He stated that the Annual Report outlines the achievements and activities of Cavan County Council for 2017. He stated that the report provides an opportunity to reflect on the wide range of activities and services carried out by Cavan County Council during the year.

It was:

Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor M. Argue

And

Resolved:

“that the Annual Report 2017 be hereby adopted”.

Councillor J.P. Feeley stated that the report was excellent but would like to see next year comparisons with performance indicators listed over two years.

Councillor P. O’Reilly asked that next year’s Annual Report acknowledge members of staff with over thirty years service to Cavan County Council.

**15. To note Chief Executive’s Orders**

The Chief Executive’s Orders were made available for inspection.

**16. To note Chief Executive’s Monthly Report.**

Noted.

. **MEMBERS’ ITEMS – JUNE MEETING**

**11. To ask Cavan County Council to assist in whatever way possible to encourage new families into the West Cavan Area.**

Councillor P. McVitty called on Cavan County Council to assist in whatever way possible the encouragement of new families into the West Cavan Area. Councillor McVitty stated that Curravagh N.S. is a two teacher school situated three miles from the village of Glangevlin enroute to Dowra in West Cavan. He stated that the school promotes a safe, nurturing and caring environment for its pupils but unfortunately due to the population declining in West Cavan the school is at risk of losing a teacher and going from a two teacher to a one teacher school. Councillor McVitty asked that the Chief Executive and Director of Service would meet with members of the community to see what assistance could be given to bring new families to the area. Councillor McVitty noted that currently there are four houses available for rent in the area and it would be a boost to the area if families with school going children moved into them. Councillor McVitty stated that five extra children are needed on the School’s role by 30th September 2018 in order to keep their two teachers. Councillor McVitty thanked Northern Sound and the Anglo Celt for their publicity on the matter.

Councillor J.P. Feeley supported the motion stating that the school is at crisis point to retain its second teacher. Councillor Feeley noted that back a number of years ago, Curravagh N.S. underwent a major refurbishment and to go to a one teacher school would be a disaster for the area.

Councillors D. Brady, S. Smith and M. Argue supported the motion.

Councillor P. McDonald informed the members that a member of the Executive will attend a meeting with members of the community in the coming weeks.

**14. To ask Cavan County Council for an update on Killykeen and why there has been no caretaking, grass cutting etc carried out.**

Councillor W. Bennett welcomed the plans to revamp Killykeen holiday complex by CABU noting that a planning application had been lodged with Cavan County Council for changes to existing facilities. However, Councillor W. Bennett stated that he visited Killykeen a week ago and expressed his disappointment with the deplorable conditions of grass areas left uncut and the toilets not working. He stated that there were families with young children there who could not play due to the long grass. Councillor W. Bennett asked the Council to get in touch with the relevant people to do a tidy up on Killykeen.

Councillor P. Smith supported the motion.

Mr. Brendan Jennings, Director of Service stated that the Council has a good working relationship with Coillte and a working group has been set up to address these issues.

**MEMBERS’ ITEMS – DEFERRED MAY MEETING**

**1. Calling on the Department of Health to institute the “Opt Out” Rule for Irish Organ Donations.**

Councillor N. Connell proposed that Cavan County Council write to the Minister for Health, Simon Harris T.D. asking that his Department institute the “Opt Out” Rule for Irish Organ Donations. Councillor N. Connell spoke of a personal experience noting that organ transplantation adds years of life as well as quality of life to organ recipients. Councillor Connell stated that given the scarcity of organs available in Ireland for transplantation, it is important that as a society we do all we can to increase the number of organs available. Councillor Connell noted that Ireland is one of four European Countries that do not have an “opt-out” system in place. Councillor Connell called on the Government to implement an “Opt Out” rule whereby consent will be deemed for organ donation unless the person has, while alive, registered his or her wish not to become an organ donor after death.

Councillor S. P. O’Reilly seconded the proposal.

Councillor P. O’Reilly complimented Councillor Connell on such a worthy motion and stated that everybody should carry a donor card. Councillor O’Reilly stated that he was honoured to attend the Donor Thanksgiving Day held in Dublin recently.

Councillors S. Smith and D. Downey supported the motion.

**Community Involvement Scheme**

Mr. Joe McLoughlin, Director of Service informed the members that Cavan County Council will receive a total of €950,000 in funding over the next two years under the Community Involvement Scheme. Mr. McLoughlin stated that the Council had applied for €2.5m in order to repair twenty four roads. Mr. McLoughlin noted that the Council will receive €400,000 in 2018 and €550,000 next year facilitating some €1.5m worth of repairs over the next two years. Mr. McLoughlin stated that without this scheme, some of the roads on the Community Involvement Scheme list would not have made the Council’s repair list for at least four to five years. Mr. McLoughlin stated that the roads listed for repair will be given to the members at their Municipal District Meetings.

Items 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12 and 13 were deferred.

The meeting concluded at 4.00p.m.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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