**Minutes of Meeting of Cavan County Council held on Monday 22 July, 2019 in the Council Chamber at 2 p.m.**

Councillor S.P. O’Reilly, Cathaoirleach presiding

Present; Councillors M. Argue, W. Bennett, C. Brady, P. Brady, B. Fay,

A. Fitzpatrick, J. P. Feeley, C. Kelly, C. Lovett, P. McDonald, P. McVitty,

S. O’Reilly, T.P. O’Reilly, S Smith, T. Smith, V. Smith, P. Walsh.

In Attendance; T. Ryan, Chief Executive

 P. Connaughton, Director of Service

 B. Jennings, Director of Service

 L. McGavigan, A/Director of Service

 M. Mohan McNally, A/Head of Finance

 E. McGinn, Senior Staff Officer

1. **To confirm Minutes of Meeting held on 13 May 2019. Miontuaririsci cruinnithe 13 Meitheamh a dhearbhu.**

It was;

Proposed by Councillor P. McVitty

Seconded by Councillor J.P. Feeley

And

Resolved;

“that minutes of meeting of Cavan County Council held on 13 May 2019 be hereby approved”

1. **Disclosures of Interests (Section 177 Local Government Act, 2001)**  Noted.

**Note Minutes of Committee Meetings**

1. **To note Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 4 April 2019.** Noted.

 **Note Members’ Reports from Conferences / Training events**

1. **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**

**5(a) To note reply from Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection regarding pension provision for Community Employment (CE) Supervisors.**

Noted.

 **(b) To note reply from Department of Finance in relation to insurance reform.**

 Noted. Councillor S. O’Reilly expressed her disappointment with the reply from the Department. It was proposed by Councillor S.P. O’Reilly and seconded by Councillor P. McVitty that the Council write to the Insurance Federation of Ireland asking that a representative attend a meeting of Cavan County Council as soon as possible to address the members in relation to the continuing difficulties companies in the region are facing when it comes to insurance policies.

 **(c) To note reply from Office of the Tanaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade regarding the potential for disposal of nuclear waste in Ireland.**

 Noted.

 **(d) To note reply from the Minister for Health regarding the availability of sanitary products.**

Noted.

 **(e) To note reply from Minister for Health regarding the wider issues in the nursing and mid-wifery profession.**

 Noted.

**(f) To note reply from Minister for Health and the Health Service Executive regarding additional health services at Virginia Primary Care Health Centre for East Cavan.**

 Noted.Councillor T.P. O’Reilly expressed his disappointment with the reply stating that there will be no radiography unit for Virginia Primary Care Health Centre. Councillor T.P. O’Reilly noted the outstanding services already provided by Virginia Primary Care Health Centre.

**(g) To note reply from Office of the Minister for Education and Skills regarding Capitation Grants in Primary Schools.**

Noted.

**(h) To note reply from the Office of the Tanaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade regarding the establishment of a task force for the border region in the context of the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union.**

Noted. Councillor J.P. Feeley expressed his disappointment with the reply received noting that it did not address the points in question.

**(i) To note reply from Health Service Executive regarding Locum GP Panels and Frozen Panels in Cavan town.**

Noted. Councillor P. Brady stated that he is currently awaiting further information on the matter.

**(j) To note letter of thanks from Diocesan Administrator following expression of sympathy.**

Noted.

 Councillor S. Smith asked that a further letter be sent to An Post in relation to TV licenses for holiday homes and Councillor P. McVitty asked that a further letter be sent to the ESB in relation to fallen power lines.

Councillor J.P. Feeley asked that a letter be sent to Minister Halligan requesting a meeting with him in relation to School Transport.

 **6. To approve attendance of members at the following:**

 **Training**

* **Association of Irish Local Government “Induction Training for Elected Members” held on 11 July in Mullingar Park Hotel and the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Tipperary on 13 July (retrospective approval)**

It was proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor W. Bennett

And

Resolved

“that the attendance of Councillors C. Kelly, T.P. O’Reilly, M. Argue, P. McVitty, S. O’Reilly, V. Smith, T. Smith, S.P. O’Reilly at the Association of Irish Local Government “Induction Training for Elected Members” held on 11th July in Mullingar Park Hotel and the attendance of Councillors C. Brady and W. Bennett for attendance at the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Tipperary on 13 July 2019, be retrospectively approved”.

* **Association of Irish Local Government “Autumn Seminar” to be held in the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan on 11 & 12 September.**

It was proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor W. Bennett

And

Resolved

“that the attendance of Councillors M. Argue, C. Brady, W. Bennett, T.P. O’Reilly, V. Smith, T. Smith, P. McVitty, J.P. Feeley, C. Lovett, A. Fitzpatrick, P. Brady, P. Walsh, C. Kelly, S.P. O’Reilly, B. Fay and S. O’Reilly at the Association of Irish Local Government “Autumn Seminar” to be held in the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan on 11 & 12 September be hereby approved”.

**Conferences**

* **Parnell Summer School – 11 to 15 August at the Avondale House, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow**

It was proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor W. Bennett

And

Resolved

“that the attendance of Councillors J. P. Feeley, C. Lovett, A. Fitzpatrick, P. Brady, P. Walsh, S. Smith, C. Kelly, T.P. O’Reilly, V. Smith, B. Fay and T. Smith at the Parnell Summer School – 11 to 15 August at the Avondale House, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow be hereby approved”.

* **MacGill Summer School – 21 to 26 July in Glenties, Co. Donegal**

It was proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor W. Bennett

And

Resolved

“that the attendance of Councillors J. P. Feeley, M. Argue, W. Bennett, P. McVitty & C. Brady at the MacGill Summer School from 21 to 26 July in Glenties, Co. Donegal be hereby approved”.

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

1. **To note Chief Executive’s monthly report *(Section 51 Local Government* Reform Act 2014).**

Noted.

1. **To appoint 5 representatives to the Cavan Local Sports Partnership Board.**

It was proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley and seconded by Councillor C. Kelly that Councillors B. Fay, P. McDonald, C. Lovett and P. Walsh be appointed to the Cavan Local Sports Partnership Board. It was proposed by Councillor P. McVitty and seconded by Councillor W. Bennett that Councillor M. Argue be appointed to the Cavan Local Sports Partnership Board.

Councillor P. McVitty stated that those elected on to Committees should attend all meetings.

 **9(a) To approve the disposal of land at Corduff, Ballinagh, Co. Cavan containing .086**

**Hectares, .213 acres of land, including house to Artur Zupanski and Bozena Zupanska, Kildoragh, Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan for the sum of €55,000, 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 W. Bennett

Seconded by Councillor P. Brady

And

Resolved

 “that the disposal of land at Corduff, Ballinagh, Co. Cavan containing .086

Hectares, .213 acres of land, including house to Artur Zupanski and Bozena Zupanska, Kildoragh, Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan for the sum of €55,000, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000 be hereby approved”.

**9(b) To approve the disposal of land at 12 Station Road, Cootehill, Co. Cavan**

 **containing .015 Hectares or 0.037 acres of land to Carmel Crudden, 12 Station**

 **Road, Cootehill for the sum of €222.00, 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 C. Brady

Seconded by Councillor A. Fitzpatrick

And

Resolved

 “that the disposal of land at 12 Station Road, Cootehill, Co. Cavan

 containing .015 Hectares or 0.037 acres of land to Carmel Crudden, 12 Station

 Road, Cootehill for the sum of €222.00, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local

 Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning &

 Development) Act 2000 be hereby approved”.

**9(c) To approve the disposal of** **land at Cootehill Business Park containing 1.201**

 **hectares or 2.968 acres of land to Paul Quinn, Mastek Ltd., Cootehill Business**

 **Park, Cootehill, Co. Cavan for the sum of €74,200, 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 A. Fitzpatrick

Seconded by Councillor C. Brady

And

Resolved

 “that the disposal of land at Cootehill Business Park containing 1.201

 hectares or 2.968 acres of land to Paul Quinn, Mastek Ltd., Cootehill Business

 Park, Cootehill, Co. Cavan for the sum of €74,200, pursuant to Section 183 of the

 Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning &

 Development) Act 2000 be hereby approved”.

**10. To approve** **Scheme of Priority for Affordable Purchase Arrangements under**

 **Section 85 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and the Housing**

 **(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 (Part 5, S.I. 81 of 2019).**

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. Kelly

Seconded by Councillor C. Brady

And

Resolved

 “that the Scheme of Priority for Affordable Purchase Arrangements under

Section 85 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 (Part 5, S.I. 81 of 2019) be hereby approved, subject to one amendment “that one member of the household may be employed within 250kms of the dwelling advertised to allow for those people who live in West Cavan and travel to work in Dublin”.

Ms. Lynda McGavigan, Acting Director of Service informed the members that the purpose of this Scheme of Priority is to set out the manner in which affordable dwelling purchase arrangements will be made available by the Council and the methodology that will be applied to determine the order of priority to be accorded to eligible households where the demand for such arrangements exceeds the dwellings or resources available. Ms. McGavigan stated that it was agreed at the CPG meeting to make an amendment stating that one member of the household may be employed within 250kms of the dwelling advertised to allow for those people who live in West Cavan and travel to work in Dublin.

**11. To approve the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J.P. Feeley

Seconded by Councillor A. Fitzpatrick

And

Resolved

 “that the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 be hereby approved”.

**12. Consideration of Revisions to Cavan County Council Waste Management Bye-**

 **Laws.**

The revisions to Cavan County Council Waste Management Bye-Laws were considered by the members. Mr. Sean Guider, Senior Executive Waste Enforcement Officer made a presentation to the members on the revisions being made to Cavan County Council Waste Management Bye-Laws. Mr. Guider stated that the purpose of making the bye-law is to ensure that households and businesses provide evidence of participation in an authorised waste collection service, use approved receptacles and storage, appropriately segregate waste and remove hazardous waste and ensure that an orderly waste collection is carried out in County Cavan. Mr. Guider informed the members that the revised Waste Management Bye-Laws will be going for public consultation.

**13(a) Approval of replacement nominee from Public Participation Network, Ms. Doris**

 **Galligan to Cavan Local Community and Development Committee.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. Kelly

Seconded by Councillor A. Fitzpatrick

And

Resolved

 “that replacement nominee from Public Participation Network, Ms. Doris

 Galligan to Cavan Local Community and Development Committee be hereby approved”.

**13(b) Approval of replacement nominee from Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Tom Brady to**

 **Cavan Local Community and Development Committee under Section 128C (3) (b)**

 **of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Argue

Seconded by Councillor P. Walsh

And

Resolved

 “that replacement nominee from Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Tom Brady to

 Cavan Local Community and Development Committee under Section 128C (3) (b)

 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 be hereby approved”.

**Votes of Congratulations:**

* Castlerahan Senior Football team on winning the County Senior League Final 2019 for the second year in a row.
* The executive of Mullahoran GFC for the success of their Country Music Festival.
* Bishop Michael Router on being ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh.
* Mr. Shane Lowry on winning the Claret Jug at the Open Golf Championship at Portrush.
* Drumgoon GFC on winning the Division 3 league final.
* Denn GFC on hosting the Ireland v Australia Masters International rules test for the Paddy Gaffney Memorial Cup.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

* Mr. Bob Cooper, Bawnboy on the death of his brother Ivan Cooper. Mr. Ivan Cooper was a politician from Northern Ireland who was a member of the Parliament of Northern Ireland and a founding member of the SDLP.
* The family of the late Fr. Seamus Hetherton, Munterconnaught who was a member of the 1952 All-Ireland Cavan winning football team.
* The family of the late Councillor Manus Kelly, Donegal who was killed tragically in an accident.
* The family of the late Councillor Oliver Tully member of Louth County Council.
* The family of the late Councillor John Bailey member of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.
* The family of Tommy Byrne, Drogheda who was a former Councillor.

A minute’s silence was held in memory of the deceased.

**MEMBERS’ ITEMS – DEFERRED FROM MAY MEETING**

 **1. Derelict Sites**

Councillor S. Smith stated that derelict sites are becoming an issue in all towns in County Cavan. Councillor S. Smith stated that it is unfair to local voluntary groups such as Tidy Towns who do their best to keep an area looking well. Councillor S. Smith asked that the Council put a process in place to open a channel for works to be carried out, demolition or otherwise.

Councillor P. McVitty supported the motion. Councillor P. McVitty noted that there are a number of vacant houses in Swanlinbar Village for quite some time and asked if the Council could do anything with these houses.

Councillor J.P. Feeley supported the motion stating that derelict sites are an issue in most towns and villages and have an impact on local communities and adjoining landowners. Councillor J.P. Feeley stated that the Council needs to take a more aggressive approach when dealing with owners of derelict sites.

Councillors W. Bennett, C. Kelly, P. McDonald and P. Walsh supported the motion.

Mr. Brendan Jennings, Director of Service informed the members that the Planning Department had received extra resources to address the issue of derelict sites. Mr. Jennings informed the members that the Council had issued 34 Section 8(2) notices to property owners putting them on notice that they may be placed on the derelict sites register if they do not carry out works to their property. Mr. Jennings stated that the Council have the power to put those who did not respond to the letter on to the derelict sites register and put a levy of 7% on the property or CPO the property. Mr. Jennings stated that in relation to vacant houses it can take a while to track down owners and in some cases the houses are owned by the banks.

 **2. To ask the Minister for Agriculture if he has plans to deal with the increasing population in the deer herd in Ireland.**

Councillor S. Smith proposed that the Council write to the Minister for Agriculture to put regulations in place to deal with the deer herd as the national deer population is spiralling out of control. Councillor S. Smith stated that deer pose a risk to the spread of TB as well as the danger they pose to the public and motorists. Councillor S. Smith noted that deer have damaged farmland and fencing which imposes additional costs on farmers.

 Councillor W. Bennett seconded Councillor S. Smith’s proposal.

 Councillor P. McVitty supported the motion and asked if you had to be licensed to shoot deer or if there is a particular time in the year when this can be done.

 Councillor J.P. Feeley supported the motion noting that he knew of a few near accidents involving deer and motorists. Councillor J.P. Feeley stated that no member is condoning individuals taking the law into their own hand when it comes to deer herds and suggested that regulations were needed in relation to culling the deer herd nationally.

Councillor S.P. O’Reilly stated that there is a major problem in relation to classification of prescribed species.

 **3. That Cavan County Council, in order to avoid the huge fines which will arise if we fail to comply with our international obligations, call on the Government to introduce a programme of supports for all sectors of the economy to assist them in meeting our climate change targets.**

Councillor P. Brady, on behalf of the Fianna Fáil Group, noted that Ireland remains completely off course to meet its target to reduce carbon emission by 2020 and 2030. Councillor Brady stated that our targets for 2030 represent a 2% per annum reduction in emissions that we need to make. He stated from 2030 to 2050 that will accelerate massively to deliver a 7% reduction per annum. Councillor Brady stated that this is going to be a sustained challenge for our communities, homes, ways of travel and working, to change those in such a way that we can meet the obligations. Councillor Brady stated that Cavan County Council needs to create awareness within our different sectors in the County. Councillor Brady stated that he unveiled a green flag in Mullahoran N.S. recently noting the knowledge the children had on climate change. Councillor Brady noted that electric cars will not reduce enough carbon tax. Councillor Brady proposed that the Council call on the Government to introduce a programme of supports for all sectors of the economy to assist them in meeting climate change targets.

 Councillor J.P. Feeley seconded Councillor P. Brady’s proposal. Councillor J.P. Feeley called on the Government to introduce practicable proposals and asked that Cavan County Council include climate change in its new SPC.

 Councillor W. Bennett supported the motion stating that the Council need to look at implementing anaerobic digestion and solar panels.

 Councillor B. Fay noted that in Germany all houses had solar panels built in and farms had black panels on their sheds. He stated that farmers in Ireland should be given a grant to put in panels to heat water on their farms.

Councillor T.P. O’Reilly noted that the farmer is the best man to adapt to climate change which can already be seen through the GLAS scheme. He stated that if farmers have solar panels then they should be allowed to feed back into the grid.

Mr. Paddy Connaughton, Director of Service stated that the difference between Germany and Ireland is that Germans pay a green energy tariff. He stated that the new Strategic Policy Committee could form policies in relation to same.

**MEMBERS’ ITEMS – JULY MEETING**

 **4. To request that the Register of Electors be reviewed by the Department and Local Authority.**

Councillor M. Argue noted that while she was on her canvass trail there was a number of houses in new estates where habitants were not on the register of electors. She stated that people who were deceased were still on the register. She stated that foreign nationalists were anxious to vote but few filled out supplement forms. Councillor Argue stated that when Councils are giving out new houses the applicants should then be put on the register.

 Councillor P. McVitty stated that this problem arises after every election. He stated that quite an amount of people on the register did not vote.

 Councillor P. Walsh noted that while it is up to each individual to put themselves on the register she came across a few people taken off the register and no reason as to why they were removed.

 Councillor J.P. Feeley stated that as a country we need to look at legislation and if we do not improve on how the register is compiled it will be another service taken away from the local authority. Councillor J.P. Feeley also noted that many people are passing polling stations beside them to vote at a polling station further away.

 Councillor S. Smith asked that the Council advertise in the Anglo Celt some indication of who is responsible for compiling the register as this is important to the general public.

 Councillor B. Fay noted that people aged 20–25 were not on the register and had never been registered. He stated that in some countries a fine is imposed on those who do not vote and maybe we should do the same in Ireland.

 Councillor A. Fitzpatrick suggested doing a ballot in different languages to accommodate Eastern Europeans.

 It was proposed by Councillor S. Smith and seconded by Councillor S. O’Reilly that the Council write to Mr. Joe Smith, County Registrar in relation to polling stations.

 Councillors P. McDonald, C. Kelly and S.P. O’Reilly supported the motion.

 Ms. Lynda McGavigan, A/Director of Services informed the members that Minister John Paul Phelan T.D. launched a public consultation process with the deadline in March in relation to changes to the register. She stated that submissions were received but to date no correspondence has been received from the Department. She stated some of the changes suggested were to have a one step process in getting on the register, look at online and or paper and a single secure data base. She stated that no dates have been issued as to how soon changes will be implemented.

 **5. That the Government reject the ratification of the proposed Mercosur Trade Deal.**

 **6. That Cavan County Council call on the Government to oppose the ratification of the Mercosur Trade Deal.**

Councillor S. Smith proposed that the Council write to the Minister for Agriculture asking that the Government reject the ratification of the proposed Mercosur Trade Deal. He stated that cheap beef and steak from Brazil and Argentina would put pressure on beef farmers across Europe. He stated that the same environmental, ethical and health standards as the EUs would not be met. Councillor S. Smith stated that the deal will see the importing of 99,000 tonnes of beef into the EU per year, tariff free which will devastate the Irish beef industry, while simultaneously doing severe climate damage.

 Councillor J.P. Feeley supported the motion stating that he is disappointed with Commissioner Hogan seeing it fit to endorse the agreement. He stated that the wider economic impact of damaging the farming industry will further accelerate the decline of rural Ireland through the closure of small businesses and loss of local jobs. He stated that it undermines our 2030 emission targets and the Government’s recently published Climate Action Plan by importing beef and by accelerating the deforestation of the Amazon rainforest. Councillor J.P. Feeley seconded Councillor S. Smith’s proposal and proposed that the Council also write to Commissioner Hogan and The Taoiseach.

Councillor S. O’Reilly supported the motion noting that she marched in protest outside the Dáil with the farmers in relation to same. Councillor O’Reilly noted that the farmers are the main economic drivers in rural Ireland. Councillor S. O’Reilly asked that the Fine Gael Councillors in Cavan send a strong message to the Government in support of the farmers.

 Councillor W. Bennett agreed that he did not want to see any more imported beef coming into the country but felt we should not oppose the deal totally.

 Councillor T.P. O’Reilly stated that the 99,000 is only 1% of the imports into Europe regarding beef. He stated that Ireland needs to look at all its exports leaving the country and currently Brexit poses a bigger threat to Ireland that the Mercosur Trade Deal.

 A vote by roll call was taken as to whether or not the Council would write to the Minister for Agriculture asking that the Government reject the proposed Mercosur Trade Deal.

 10 members voted in favour of the rejection, 7 members abstained and 1 member was absent.

 **7. That Cavan County Council call on the Government to implement a programme of pay improvements to members of the Defence Forces.**

Councillor J.P. Feeley noted that there is a strong tradition in County Cavan with the Defence Forces and stated that the Government must address the pay crisis in the Defence Forces which has now reached the point where its effectiveness is so broken that it can no longer guarantee the security of the State and its citizens. Councillor Feeley stated that 166 personnel left the Defence Forces in the first three months of 2019, while a high-profile recruitment campaign last year led to a net gain of just three and the overall number in the Defence Forces now stands at around 8,500 which is 1,000 less that the recommended minimum number of 9,500. Councillor Feeley stated that young members are relying on their parents to survive and possibly sleeping in their cars due to redeployment. Councillor Feeley stated that it is a terrible situation to see our Defence Forces and all the good work they do being the single lowest paid sector in the public service. Councillor Feeley proposed that Cavan County Council call on the Government to implement a programme of pay improvements to members of the Defence Forces.

 Councillor P. Walsh seconded Councillor Feeley’s proposal noting family ties to the army over the past number of years. Councillor Walsh stated currently morale is at an all time low within the service. She stated that it was a wrong decision to close Dun a Ri Barracks in Cavan. She stated that it is sad to see highly skilled personnel, recognised all over the world on peace keeping missions and they cannot get in this country what they are entitled to.

 Councillors P. McDonald, S. Smith and P. McVitty supported the motion.

 **8. That the Minister for Employment Affairs & Social Protection review the conditions for Disability Allowance and the Blind Pension and other payments in terms of their impact on persons with visual impairment.**

Deferred to September meeting.

1. **That this Council expresses concern with the proposed EU Law that would ban the use of lead in shooting and fishing.**

Councillor Paddy McDonald stated that proposals from the EU which would see the use of lead in shooting banned, are imposing a major financial burden on farmers and gun-owners. Councillor P. McDonald stated that 70% to 80% of shotguns in Ireland will be rendered unusable in Ireland and the cost of replacing these will amount to thousands of euros. Councillor P. McDonald stated that the only option to gun-owners is to send their gun to Britain to be modified at a cost of anything up to €300 per gun. Councillor P. McDonald proposed that Cavan County Council express their concern to the Government in relation to the proposed EU Law that would ban the use of lead in shooting and fishing.

Councillor W. Bennett supported the motion stating that if the law is carried through it could cost up to €10,000 to purchase a new gun.

Councillor P. McVitty seconded Councillor P. McDonald’s motion and proposed that the Council write to the EU members asking them to put pressure on the European Commission not to bring in this new law.

Councillors S. O’Reilly, J.P. Feeley, A. Fitzpatrick and S. Smith supported the motion.

 **Taste of Cavan**

Mr. Brendan Jennings, Director of Service informed the members that the Taste of Cavan takes place on the 9th and 10th of August in Cavan Equestrian Centre. Mr. Jennings noted that there will be the usual chef demonstrations and added that this year the Committee are delighted to bring the “Health & Wellness Village” to the Taste of Cavan. Mr. Jennings noted that on the Saturday there will be a fashion show with MC Noel Cunningham from Ireland AM. Mr. Jennings asked the members for their help in promoting the Taste of Cavan.

Councillor W. Bennett asked the members to volunteer a few hours of their time to help over the two days.

The meeting concluded at 4.45pm

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