**Minutes of Meeting of Cavan County Council held in St. Patrick’s Hall, Glangevlin**

**on Monday 12th December, 2022 at 2.00p.m**

Councillor J.P. Feeley, Cathaoirleach presiding

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

A. Fitzpatrick, C. Kelly, C. Lovett, P. McDonald, P. McVitty, S. O’Reilly,

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

In Attendance; T. Ryan, Chief Executive

B. Jennings, Director of Service

P. Connaughton, Director of Service

E. Doyle, Director of Service

M. McNally, A/Head of Finance (online)

L. McGavigan, Senior Executive Officer

E. McGinn, Senior Staff Officer

E. Smith, Senior Staff Officer

An apology was received from Councillor S. Smith.

Councillor J.P. Feeley welcomed all to the meeting and noted that this was the first Cavan County Council meeting to be held in Glangevlin. He noted that the Community Centre in Glangevlin is very much part of the Community and thanked Cavan County Council for providing funding through various schemes over the years to help do works to keep the Community Centre functional. Councillor Feeley noted that Glangevlin is a very special part of County Cavan with the Shannon Pot and Geopark.

1. **To confirm Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 14th November 2022.**

**Miontuaririsci cruinnithe 14 Mí na Samhna a dhearbhu.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. Kelly

Seconded by Councillor C. Brady

And

Resolved;

“that minutes of meeting of Cavan County Council held on 14 November 2022 be hereby approved”

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

Noted**.**

1. **To note Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 6 October 2022**

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.

1. **To hear presentation on Croí Cónaithe (Rural) Fund Scheme (John Wilson, Senior Engineer and Sinéad Gibbs, Vacant Homes Officer).**

Sinéad Gibbs, Vacant Homes Officer informed the members that since 15th November 2022, the vacant property refurbishment grant has been expanded to include vacant properties in both cities and rural areas to ensure the existing housing stock is being used to the fullest extent possible. She stated that a grant up to €30,000 will be available for the refurbishment to a vacant property and where refurbishments are expected to exceed the standard grant a maximum top up grant of up to €20,000 will be available where the property is confirmed to be derelict. She stated that properties considered for inclusion must be vacant for two years or more and must have been built pre 1993 with confirmation of vacancy verified. Ms. Gibbs stated that the fund is focused on home ownership applicants who are first time buyers or who qualify under the “Fresh Start” principle. The refurbished property must be the applicant’s principle primary residence. Ms. Gibbs noted that a sustainable energy authority of Ireland better energy home scheme grant may be available in combination with this grant. Ms. Gibbs stated that applications can be made to the Local Authority and informed the members of what information needs to accompany the application form. Ms. Gibbs stated that it is expected that the applicant(s) would normally live in the qualifying residential property for a period of at least five years from the date of payment of the subsidy and if at any time they sell the property within ten years they must reimburse the State an element of the full value of the subsidy.

Councillor S.P. O’Reilly thanked Ms. Gibbs for her informative presentation and noted that these grants will breathe new life into rural communities.

Councillor P. McVitty welcomed the grant but noted that most families who have these rural vacant houses are already living in a residence and won’t be moving into the renovated house.

Councillor T.P. O’Reilly welcomed the scheme but stated that it needs to be expanded further to help rural areas where houses are situated in the middle of farm holdings and farmers won’t release the houses into the market.

Councillor C. Kelly proposed that Cavan County Council write to the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage asking that legislation be amended in order to allow vacant house owners in rural areas rent the houses for 10 years.

Councillors A. Fitzpatrick, T. Smith, J.P. Feeley and P. McDonald supported the scheme.

Councillor P. McVitty seconded Councillor C. Kelly’s proposal.

Councillor S.P. O’Reilly noted that three years ago the vacant house scheme was introduced where the house had to be rented back to the local authority for ten years and people would not take up the scheme because they did not want the local authority putting tenants into their houses. He stated that €50,000 is a great amount of money but at least another €50,000 would have to be added to do any substantial works on a house with the price of materials currently. Councillor O’Reilly proposed that the funding be increased to €100,000.

Councillor T.P. O’Reilly stated that he was not asking for the house to be rented back to the local authority for a period of ten years.

Councillor B. Fay seconded Councillor S.P. O’Reilly’s proposal.

**Correspondence**

1. **(a) To note replies from Minister O’Brien’s office regarding Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Scheme.**

Noted.

**(b) To note correspondence from Bank of Ireland regarding cash services.**

Noted. Councillor B. Fay expressed his disappointment with the reply and noted that cash is still king.

**(c) To note reply from Bus Eireann regarding the school transport scheme.**

Noted.

**(d) To note reply from Cavan GAA regarding digital ticketing system.**

Noted. Councillor S. O’Reilly welcomed the reply and the review to take place at the end of the year.

**Member’s Questions**

1. **Councillor John Paul Feeley**

To ask the Director of Service to outline what steps have been taken to avail of the Serviced Sites included in Croí Cónaithe to include the number of sites identified to date, the timescale for drawing down funding and when sites will be offered for sale and what plans have the executive to develop a pipeline of such sites around the County.

A reply to the question posed by Councillor J.P. Feeley was circulated prior to the meeting.

1. **Councillor John Paul Feeley**

To ask for a report on the activities of each of the registered companies owed in full or in part by Cavan County Council comparing their financial status to projections provided for them.

A reply to the question posed by Councillor J.P. Feeley was circulated prior to the meeting.

**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. Councillor C. Kelly welcomed the news that twenty five laneways had been completed under the Local Improvement Scheme.

Councillor C. Kelly congratulated the Area Manager on the great work done to improve public lighting in Kingcourt on the Dublin Road out to Kingspan.

1. **To approve disposal of land containing 0.0226 hectares or 0.0558 acres at Kilconny, Belturbet, Co. Cavan to L & M Developments Ltd., Cortagher, Roslea, Co. Fermanagh, BT92 7BA for the sum of €1,000 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 B. Fay

Seconded by Councillor P. McVitty

And

Resolved;

“that the disposal of land containing 0.0226 hectares or 0.0558 acres at Kilconny, Belturbet, Co. Cavan to L & M Developments Ltd., Cortagher, Roslea, Co. Fermanagh, BT92 7BA for the sum of €1,000 pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000 be hereby approved”.

1. **Approval of nominee to Cavan Local Community and Development Committee under Section 128C (3)(b) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014: Ms. Ruth Woods, Health Service Executive replacing Ms. Mary Rose Smith, Health Service Executive.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. Kelly

Seconded by Councillor P. Walsh

And

Resolved;

“that the replacement of Ms. Mary Rose Smith, Health Service Executive by Ms. Ruth Woods, Health Service Executive as nominee to Cavan Local Community and Development Committee under Section 128C (3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2014 be hereby approved”

**Votes of Sympathy:**

* The McEvoy Family, Virginia on the sad and sudden passing of Mr. Paddy McEvoy.

**Votes of Congratulations:**

* Ballyconnell Community Centre on receiving €300,000 under the Community Centre funding from Minister Heather Humphreys.
* Margaret Farrelly of Clonarn Clover Free Range Eggs, Mullagh, on the publication of her new book “Free Range Blessings” based on her adventures on her small farm.
* Cavan Institute on receiving €40m for a new campus. Councillor C. Brady noted that this is the biggest funding allocation in Cavan ever. She noted her disappointment with the Anglo Celt newspaper for highlighting the news on Page three as she felt it warranted being published on the front page.
* Castlerahan Community Centre on receiving €300,000 under the Community Centre funding from Minister Heather Humphreys.
* Padraig McIntyre, Administrator Town Hall Theatre for his hard work on bringing good shows to the theatre.
* Paddy Sheanon and Millrace Drama Group on winning the All-Ireland one act play in Ballina, Co. Mayo recently.
* Mr. Martin Cahill on his new position as Head of Operations with Cavan GAA
* Gallonray House on receiving €50,000 under the Community Centre Funding from Minister Heather Humphreys.
* Marcus Magee & The Hollaw Mens on their recent gig in the Townhall Cavan.
* Tullyvin Musical Society on their recent production of the Adams Family.
* Mr. Liam McCabe on his retirement as Secretary of Cavan County Board. Councillor B. Fay noted that he was a loyal servant to Cavan GAA and the youngest secretary ever to take up the position.
* Mr. Joe McQuillan on refereeing the Ulster Club Semi-Final. Councillor A. Fitzpatrick proposed that a civic reception be given to Mr. McQuillan to recognise and acknowledge his work as a referee. Councillor Fitzpatrick noted that Mr. McQuillan had refereed four All-Ireland Finals which is a great achievement. Councillor S.P. O’Reilly seconded Councillor A. Fitzpatrick’s proposal.

**Water in Kingscourt**

Councillor C. Kelly proposed that Cavan County Council write to Irish Water inviting them to attend a meeting of Bailieborough Cootehill Municipal District to discuss the serious situation in Kingscourt in relation to lime in the water.

Councillor P. McDonald seconded Councillor C. Kelly’s proposal.

Councillor B. Fay supported the motion and noted that there are issues across the entire County with water and suggested bringing Irish Water to a full Council meeting.

Mr. Paddy Connaughton, Director of Services stated that the Council will write to Irish Water in relation to the lime situation in Kingscourt and asked Councillor Fay to discuss with him the issues he has with water and he would deal with them separately.

Councillor S. O’Reilly noted that Irish Water hold online meetings with elected members which is a very useful forum.

**Mast in Kingscourt**

Councillor C. Kelly stated that a mast has been erected in Kingscourt by Vodafone and all televisions in that area of the town cannot get RTE1 or RTE2 since the mast was installed. Councillor C. Kelly proposed that Cavan County Council write to Vodafone asking that a member of their company attend a meeting of Bailieborough Cootehill Municipal District to discuss the matter. Councillor C. Brady seconded Councillor C. Kelly’s proposal.

**Accident and Emergency Department, Navan Hospital**

Councillor S.P. O’Reilly stated that he attended a recent protest outside Navan Hospital in relation to closing the Accident and Emergency Department at Navan Hospital. Councillor S.P. O’Reilly stated if Navan Hospital is downgraded as planned the knock on effect will have additional pressure on Cavan General Hospital. Councillor O’Reilly stated that management at Cavan General Hospital were forced to issue public appeals asking patients to seek alternative options to the Emergency Department due to delays and limited bed capacity. Councillor O’Reilly stated that from 14th December 2022 ambulances will no longer bring critically ill and unstable patients to Navan under HSE plans to replace the emergency department there with a twenty four hour medical assessment unit. He stated that patients will instead be transferred to other nearby hospitals. Councillor S.P. O’Reilly stated that a number of consultants in Drogheda hospital have signed a letter to Minister Donnelly to express worry about the impact of the decision on their hospital which is already operating at full capacity. Councillor S.P. O’Reilly noted that there are a large number of industrial businesses in the east of the County Cavan and are possibly closer to Navan hospital in the case of a crisis. He stated that he has no doubt but lives will be lost if this decision to close the emergency department in Navan goes through. Councillor S.P. O’Reilly proposed that Cavan County Council write to the Chief Executive Officer of the HSE, the Manager of CHO8 and the Minister for Health asking for reprieve of the new protocol until such time as better procedures are in place.

Councillor C, Kelly seconded Councillor S.P. O’Reilly’s proposal.

Councillor S. O’Reilly supported the motion and commended Aontú’s party leader Peadar Tóibín for his efforts to support Navan hospital to date and noted that all hospitals will come under pressure if the accident and emergency department in Navan is downgraded.

Councillors P. McDonald, T.P. O’Reilly, C. Lovett and B. Fay supported the motion.

**Salting of roads**

Councillor P. McVitty stated that he was not criticising Cavan County Council when it comes to salting our roads as he is aware not all roads can be covered. Councillor McVitty stated that in Corlough Parish there is a school and the section of the road there that is being used by school buses and cars bringing children to the school is extremely dangerous at the present time and needs to be salted. He noted that there is a dangerous stretch of road from the Mountain Cross between Ballyconnell and Carrigallen that goes on for Killeshandra that was salted in the past by a local tractor but this has now stopped and the road is no longer salted. He stated that when he asked why the road was not salted he was told that the Council do not have the manpower to deal with the task in hand.

Councillor J.P. Feeley agreed with Councillor McVitty that the road at the schools needs to be salted.

Mr. Paddy Connaughton, Director of Service noted the comments made by Councillor McVitty and stated that the tractor salter is not operational currently. Mr. Connaughton stated that there is over 3,000km of road in Cavan and 700km of that has been salted to deal with the adverse weather conditions this week. He stated that the salting programme in County Cavan is one of the best in Ireland when compared with other counties.

**MEMBERS’ ITEMS DEFERRED FROM NOVEMBER MEETING**

**12.2 That Cavan County Council:- Call on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to amend the regulations to increase the “tree free zone” adjacent to electrical supply lines to at least 30 metres each side of the line to minimise the number of power outages for households, and Call on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to direct the Forestry Service to commence a programme of inspection to ensure that existing forests are planted and maintained in accordance with the Regulations currently in force.**

Councillor J.P. Feeley stated that Coillte and ESB Networks attended a Cavan Belturbet Municipal District meeting because of problems with continuous outages for houses due to overgrowing trees on lines. Councillor Feeley noted that the tree free zone is a condition for grant aid which is approved by the Department of Agriculture. Councillor J.P. Feeley proposed that Cavan County Council write to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine asking him to amend the regulations to increase the “tree free zone” adjacent to electrical supply lines to at least 30 metres each side of the line to minimise the number of power outages for households. Councillor Feeley also proposed that Cavan County Council write to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine asking him to direct the Forestry Service to commence a programme of inspection to ensure that existing forests are planted and maintained in accordance with the Regulations currently in force.

Councillor P. McVitty seconded Councillor J.P. Feeley’s proposal. Councillor McVitty stated that this is an ongoing issue for years. Councillor McVitty stated that trees should also be planted 30 metres back from the roadside.

Councillor B. Fay supported the motion.

**12.3 That Cavan County Council write to Minister Helen McEntee T.D. regarding the proposed reform of alcohol licensing laws for information or research conducted into outcomes in terms of crime, anti-social behaviour, health and alcohol abuse if proposed changes are introduced**

Councillor S. O’Reilly proposed that Cavan County Council write to the Minister for Justice, Ms. Helen McEntee T.D. regarding the proposed reform of alcohol licensing laws for information or research conducted into outcomes in terms of crime, anti-social behaviour, health and alcohol abuse if proposed changes are introduced. Councillor O’Reilly stated that under the new measures introduced in October pubs will stay open until 12.30pm, late night bars until 2.30am and night clubs will be allowed operate until 6.00am and noted that the country is in the midst of a housing crisis with Local Authorities struggling to attract people to live in towns. Councillor O’Reilly stated that these laws and the subsequent increase in anti-social behaviour and crime in towns as a result of late opening will do nothing to deal with the dereliction problems across rural Cavan. Councillor O’Reilly noted that the attempts and threats of murder, assaults and harassment have also increased significantly and the recruitment process within An Garda Siochána has not been successful.

Councillor B. Fay stated that legislation needs to be looked at in relation to opening hours for both urban and rural areas. He stated these proposed opening hours will benefit urban areas but pubs in rural areas are finding it difficult to stay open until 11.30 not to mind 12.30. He stated that rural pubs would benefit by extending opening hours at weekends.

Councillor T.P. O’Reilly stated that legislation cannot be issued for every town and a balance is needed across the country,

Councillor P. McDonald supported Councillor S. O’Reilly’s motion.

Councillor J.P. Feeley supported the motion noting that there is a huge difference between local pubs and night clubs.

Councillor O’Reilly thanked the members for their comments and stated that she was currently just looking to see what research was conducted in order to come up with this idea and what makes it a good idea.

**12.4 That Cavan County Council write to Minister Michael McGrath, T.D. asking that all Church and Parish Halls in Ireland be included for the energy credit supports announced in the budget.**

Councillor S. O’Reilly proposed that Cavan County Council write to Minister Michael McGrath, T.D., asking that all Church and Parish Halls in Ireland be included for the energy credit supports announced in the budget. She stated that these buildings are facing huge energy bills and small groups such as scouts, active retirement groups and other community groups avail of these facilities regularly. Councillor O’Reilly urged the Government to make assistance available to these vital community facilities. Councillor O’Reilly noted that since she placed her motion funding had been opened up but only for a two week period.

Councillor T.P. O’Reilly stated that there had been a scheme in place for these groups and supports were in place.

Councillor S. O’Reilly stated that this scheme was run by Pobal and had a very short window to apply and you must be tax compliant. She stated that the form was very complex.

Councillor J.P. Feeley stated that these people are volunteers giving time to their communities and yet expected to be professionals to fill forms.

**MEMBERS’ ITEMS – DECEMBER**

**12.5 That Cavan County Council provide an update on the North South Interconnector**

Councillor C. Kelly asked the executive of Cavan County Council if there had been any

recent updates on the North South Interconnector.

Mr. Brendan Jennings, Director of Service informed the members that there had been no

meetings with Eirgrid or ESB Networks since the last Council Meeting.

**12.6 That the Community Welfare service be re-instated at Outreach Centres in Virginia and Bailieborough as an urgency and not centrally located in Cavan.**

Councillor S.P. O’Reilly stated that quite a number of people rely on the Community Welfare Service and have to travel to Cavan town to avail of the service. He stated that the Community Welfare Service needs to be brought into our towns face to face as some people need help which can be for personal reasons. Councillor S.P. O’Reilly proposed that Cavan County Council write to the Minister for Social Protection asking that the Community Welfare Service be re-instated at Outreach Centres in Virginia and Bailieborough as an urgency and not centrally located in Cavan.

Councillor T.P. O’Reilly supported the motion and noted that a Community Welfare Officer is a very important person in the community.

Councillor C. Kelly seconded Councillor S.P. O’Reilly’s proposal.

Councillors P. McDonald, S. O’Reilly and T. Smith supported the motion.

**12.7 That the CPO procedure be used by Cavan County Council in cases of pedestrian and driver safety.**

Councillor S.P. O’Reilly stated that he raised this issue in December 2008 and it has still not been resolved in relation to the compulsory purchase order procedure within the local authority. He stated that money is granted to community organisations to ensure that safety is complied with and yet works cannot be carried out due to landowners and absentee landlords not giving a small part of road to solve the issue. He stated that when he queried the CPO process previously, he was informed that it was too costly and too drawn out. He stated that when safety works are being carried out for the greater good of the community then the Council should carry out the CPO procedure. Councillor O’Reilly asked that the CPO procedure be used by Cavan County Council in cases of pedestrian and driver safety.

Councillor B. Fay seconded Councillor S.P. O’Reilly’s proposal.

Mr. Paddy Connaughton outlined the background of the Compulsory Purchase Order stating that it is a legal function that the Council cannot take into their own hands without the consent of the landowner. He stated that CPOs are used for large scale developments such as motorways. He stated that these specific projects are outlined in the County Development Plan. He stated that it is a very cumbersome process which can be legally challenged. He stated that a change in legislation is needed rather than a change in Cavan County Council policy.

Councillor S.P. O’Reilly stated that he did not agree with the Director of Service, Mr. Connaughton and something needs to be done and the only option is a CPO.

Mr. Connaughton reiterated that the legislation is not meant for small scale projects and the role of Cavan County Council is to implement legislation, not interrupt it.

**12.8 To request SEAI to release funds to successful grant applications.**

Councillor S.P. O’Reilly proposed that Cavan County Council write to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) asking them to release funds to successful grant applications. Councillor O’Reilly stated that people were delighted to avail of the SEAI grants to install insulation or solar panels but unfortunately after getting the work done they have still not received grant payment. He stated that some of these people had to borrow money to make their homes more energy efficient and grant aid has not been paid quickly enough.

Councillor B. Fay seconded Councillor S.P. O’Reilly’s proposal.

**12.9 Support for the National Retained Fire Services**

Councillor P. McDonald noted that retained fire fighters are the backbone of our County

and provide a top-class service. He noted that retained fire fighters are first responders and are often first on the scene of awful tragedies. He stated that it is a difficult job with enormous pressure and they are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and must be in the vicinity of the fire station at all times, yet the money they receive is not reflective of that commitment. He stated that over the next three years 58% will leave the service while 77% are finding it difficult to balance work with their private lives. Councillor McDonald commended the work of the fire fighters during Covid. He noted that fire fighters are always there to help and they are now looking for our help. He stated that an increase in pay is needed to make it more attractive for new recruits. Councillor McDonald noted that there are issue with the failure of management to take seriously fire fighters’ concerns about the provision of proper training, consultation and the supervision of the use of new technologies.

**12.10 That Cavan County Council welcome the Review on the Retained Fire Service and ask Darragh O’Brien, T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to ensure that his officials implement the recommendations urgently.**

Councillor J.P. Feely proposed that Cavan County Council welcome the Review on the Retained Fire Service and call on Minister Darragh O’Brien, T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to ensure that his officials implement the recommendations urgently. Councillor Feeley stated that there are issues nationally in relation to the retention and recruitment of staff. He stated that the service is relying on people to fulfil criteria of job which is 24 hours, 7 days a week commitment. He stated that it is important that the Minister implements recommendations in terms of pay and conditions.

Councillor T. Smith supported the motion.

The motion was agreed unanimously.

**12.11 That in light of the provision for new office space for Cavan County Council in our Capital Programme, that future plans retain the historic link to the Courthouse which has been the home of local government in County Cavan since the establishment of local government.**

Councillor J.P. Feeley proposed that in light of the provision for new office space for Cavan County Council in our Capital Programme, that future plans retain the historic link to the Courthouse which has been the home of local government in County Cavan since the established of local government. Councillor Feeley stated that staff employed by Cavan County Council need adequate facilities and need to cater for future needs of the organisation. He noted that the Council will have to use other buildings in Cavan town for space but asked that its headquarters remain in the centre of Cavan town and retain its historic link with the Courthouse.

Councillor T.P O’Reilly supported the motion. He stated that it is important to keep the Courthouse building in use and bring it up to a standard that complies with the climate action plan when it comes into force.

Councillors M. Argue, P. Walsh, C. Kelly and S. O’Reilly supported the motion,

Mr. Eoin Doyle, Director of Service stated that the executive will assess future plans by the Council at the Courthouse and noted that the executive will consult with the members as it progresses.

**12.12 Calling on the Government to look at the situation regarding the cost of insurance cover for community groups and community events.**

Councillor C. Kelly proposed that Cavan County Council call on the Government to look at the situation regarding the cost of insurance cover for community groups and community events. Councillor Kelly noted that events have been cancelled due to rise in insurance costs. Councillor Kelly stated that the Government needs to look at the situation as it is going to kill the work of communities in running social events.

Councillor S.P. O’Reilly supported the motion stated that community run festivals and annual outings did not have their insurance renewed in the last few years due to Covid and now when they are trying to get back up and running they are fleeced with insurance costs. He stated that some play centres and bouncy castle owners have had to close their business due to high insurance costs.

Councillor P. McVitty seconded Councillor C. Kelly’s proposal. He stated that insurance costs have increased so much that it currently is not worth the hassle to run a festival.

Councillor A. Fitzpatrick supported the motion and stating that it is a major problem for somebody starting out and looking for insurance for the first time.

Councillor S. O’Reilly supported the motion and noted that Healthy Ireland are encouraging us all to be active and yet insurance companies will not insure you if you are active,

Councillor J.P. Feeley supported the motion and noted that each year we fall for insurance companies yarns. He stated that insurance companies are out to maximise profit for their stakeholders. He stated that insurance companies are settling cases not worthy of payment.

Councillors P. Walsh, T. Smith, B. Fay and P. McDonald supported the motion.

Item no 1 was deferred.

Councillor J.P. Feeley thanked all for their attendance. Councillor Feeley thanked Lynda McGavigan, Evelyn Smith and Elaine McGinn for their extra work in facilitating the meeting. Councillor Feeley thanked MK Sound, Patricia McGovern and local volunteers in Glangevlin. Councillor Feeley wished all a very Happy Christmas and Good Health for 2023.

Councillor Feeley asked that we think of Councillor S. Smith who was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health. Councillor Feeley stated that it was a proud occasion for him to hold the first ever Council meeting in Glangevlin and noted that he was looking forward later to recognising Neven Maguire’s contribution to the County of Cavan.

The meeting concluded at 16.55p.m.

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