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Minutes include:

- Lists of names of those in attendance at meetings and are signed by the Chairman, and in more recent times, by the Chairman and County Secretary.
- Resolutions proposed and /or passed by the Council. These may relate to local, national or international events and some give a flavour of the political beliefs of the Council. For instance, a resolution passed at the first meeting of the Council (22 April 1899) reads: 'That we the County Councillors of Cavan at this our first meeting assembled desire to place on record that nothing less than a full measure of Home Rule (as defined by Mr. Parnell) will ever satisfy the wants and aspirations of the Irish people, and that no country need ever expect peace, happiness or prosperity that is ever governed against its will be a foreign nation.' Resolution also gives support for a compulsory Land Purchase Bill. Later minutes (25 February 1901) contain a proposal, 'That in future a preference be given to any other contractor supplying paper or any other material or Irish manufacture for the use of this Council.'
- Depending on the time when they were created, the minutes contain reports tendered by various employees (for instance, the County Surveyor/Engineer) or committees (for instance, Library Committee, Finance Committee, Executive Committee for Contagious Diseases Act).
- Minutes include summaries or transcriptions of incoming correspondence from a wide variety of sources. The Local Government Board and later, the Department of Local Government is a frequent correspondent.
- In earlier minutes, the topics of Monaghan District Lunatic Asylum and the Cavan and Leitrim Railway Company frequently arise. The Asylum in particular, the cost of which the Council covered in part, seems to have been a contentious issue. One set of minutes (2 May 1901) refers to the possible conversion of Cavan Gaol for the accommodation of 'harmless lunatics.' Later, there is a record of a proposal (19 September 1912) to use Cootehill Union workhouse as an auxiliary asylum for the same group.
- The subject of co-operation with Rural District Councils is frequently mentioned.
- Rates, as a major source of income for the Council, is frequently treated of. This includes the relationship between the Council and rate collectors, and the appointment of the latter.
- Employee and salary matters are frequent topics.
- The drainage of rivers and lakes was a major concern for a period (for example, see minutes for 8 April 1913) and there are frequent allusions to it, permitting better maintenance of roads and safety of crops. References to the Lough Oughter and Gowna and the River Erne Drainage District Joint Committee.
- Minutes list the names of those awarded scholarships to secondary and vocational schools.

- Record (15 February 1900) that an application was made by the Clerk of the Crown for a strong-room for preservation of Council records.
- Reference (21 November 1939) to a meeting of the Air Raid Precautions Scheme.
- Note (14 July 1899) of compensation given to named Baronial Constables.
- Frequent votes of congratulations and sympathy
- Reference (21 May 1940) to the fact that Lord Headfort has sold Virginia lodge and demesne and has no further use for the Lough Ramor Ferry. However, he would not like to discontinue the Ferry without giving interested parties an opportunity to form a committee to operate it.
- Reference (21 February 1950) to a proposal for change of the placename Scrabby to Loch Gowna. In accordance with Section 77 of the Local Government Act there is to be a plebiscite and placename will change if four-sevenths of the ratepayers of the area approve it.
- Record of special meeting (14 September 1954) which was attended by the Minister of Health to discuss the provision of health services in Cavan. Minutes include references to hospital services, school medical service and maternity and child welfare.

Document code	Dates
CCC/1/1	22 April 1899-5 August 1909
CCC/1/2	12 October 1909-15 June 1917
CCC/1/3	17 July 1917-6 June 1927
CCC/1/4	4 July 1927-18 March 1930
CCC/1/5	15 April 1930-16 January 1934
CCC/1/6	20 February 1934-20 December 1938
CCC/1/7	17 January 1939-15 November 1949
CCC/1/8	20 December 1949-10 June 1967
CCC/1/9	12 July 1967-21 May 1985
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