

**Minutes of Council Meeting held by Leitrim County Council
In the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on
Monday 14th April 2008**

Members Present:

<i>Bohan, Mary</i>	<i>McDermott, Sean</i>
<i>Colreavy, Michael</i>	<i>McElgunn, Liam</i>
<i>Dolan, Frank</i>	<i>McGloin, Enda</i>
<i>Dolan, Gerry</i>	<i>McGowan, Sean</i>
<i>Ellis, Caillian</i>	<i>McTernan, John</i>
<i>Flynn, Aodh</i>	<i>Mulligan, Thomas</i>
<i>Ferguson, Anthony</i>	<i>O'Rourke, Paddy</i>
<i>Gilmartin, Francis</i>	<i>Reynolds, Gerry</i>
<i>Guckian, Sinead</i>	<i>Shortt, Jim Joe</i>
<i>Hughes, Gordon</i>	<i>Stenson, Enda</i>
<i>Kenny, Martin</i>	

And Councillor Damian Brennan, Cathaoirleach presiding

Officials Present:

Ms. J. Maguire, County Manager
Ms. K. Murphy, Head of Finance
*Mr. M. Dolan, Director of Services, Planning Environment and
Emergency Services*
*Mr. J. Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community and Enterprise
Development*
Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services Infrastructure
*Ms. M. Quinn, Director of Services, Housing and Corporate
Services*
Mr. B. Lowe, Senior Engineer
Mr. B. Kenny, Senior Engineer
Mr. S. O'Connor, Senior Engineer
Mr. M. Gallagher, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. G. Miney, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. S. Rynn, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. P. MacShera, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. V. Dwyer, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. C. Caslin, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. A. McGovern, Meetings Administrator
Mr. G. Doyle, A/Meetings Administrator

Part I – Statutory Business

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14/4/2008 Deimhniu Miontuairisci

***Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson, seconded by Councillor Tony Ferguson and
unanimously resolved;***

“That the Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon on Monday 3rd March 2008, be adopted.”

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Votes of Sympathy

The members extended a vote of sympathy to the following;

- Aiden Colleary, Curry, Co. Sligo on the death of Rita Colleary
- Joan Doherty, Spa Brea, Kinlough on the death of Rita McQuaid
- Seamus McMorrow, Amorset, Manorhamilton on the death of Peggy McMorrow
- Terry McNulty, Kiltybarden, Aughnasheelin, Ballinamore on the death of Frank McNulty
- Meabh Hillary, Spanish Point, Co. Clare on the death of Dr. Patrick Hillary
- Peter McGloin, Ahanlish, Kinlough on the death of John McGloin
- Keaveney family, Brackery Beg, Manorhamilton, on the death of Maureen Keaveney
- Billy Lowe, c/o Leitrim County Council on the death of Ann Lowe
- Family of the late Noel Gilmartin, Annagh Lower, Dowra, Cavan

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Local Authority Development

Report from Senior Planner 08/C/01 enclosing proposal in accordance with the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as circulated to the Members appears as **Appendix 1** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin seconded by Councillor Sean McGowan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That proposal to construct a 177m³ water storage reservoir and associated site works including new access road and chlorination building/booster pump house at Derreen (Johnston) Td. Aghacashel, be approved.”

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14/4/2008

Draft Parking Place Bye Laws 2008 for Carrick on Shannon

The draft Leitrim County Council Parking Place Bye-Laws 2008 in respect of the Town of Carrick on Shannon, as circulated to the members appear as **Appendix 2** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson seconded by Councillor Jim Joe Shortt AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That proposal to proceed to public consultation in relation to the draft Parking Place Bye-Laws for 2008 for the town of Carrick on Shannon be approved.”

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Draft Carrick on Shannon Taxi Stand Bye-Laws 2008

The draft Carrick on Shannon Taxi Stand Bye-Laws 2008, as circulated to the members appear as **Appendix 3** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson seconded by Councillor Liam McElgunn AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That proposal to proceed to public consultation in relation to the draft Carrick on Shannon Taxi Stand Bye-Laws 2008, be approved.”

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14/4/2008

Annual Financial Statement

The Annual Financial Statement for Leitrim County Council for year ended 31st December 2007, as circulated to the members, appears as **Appendix 4** to the minutes of the meeting, in the minute book.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson seconded by Councillor John McTernan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council’s Annual Financial Statement 2007 be adopted, in accordance with Section 108 of the Local Government Act 2001.”

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14/4/2008

Over Expenditure in the Financial Year ended 31st December 2007

Report in accordance with the provisions of Section 108 (4) of the Local Government Act 2001, in relation to financial expenditure incurred by Leitrim County Council during 2007, as circulated to the members appears as **Appendix 5** to the minutes of the meeting in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson seconded by Councillor John McTernan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the over expenditure in the Financial Year ended 31st December 2007, be approved, in accordance with Section 108 of the Local Government Act 2001.”

Ms. K. Murphy, Head of Finance outlined the contents of the Financial Review for 2007 and stated that Leitrim County Council is in a healthy financial position.

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14/4/2008

Litter Management Plan 2005-2007

Report dated 8th April 2008 from Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services, as circulated to the members appears as **Appendix 6** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

Councillor Kenny sought clarification on registered letters recently issued by Leitrim County Council to businesses in the county, requesting details of waste disposal arrangements. He queried why this correspondence requested details of annual turnover.

Councillor Reynolds also advised that he had been contacted by a number of business people in relation to this correspondence and sought clarification.

Mr. M. Dolan, Director of Services Planning, Environment and Emergency Services outlined that under the provisions of the new Waste Packaging Regulations the Council is obliged to contact all businesses in this regard, and the detail set out in this correspondence is in accordance with the requirements of the legislation.

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14/4/2008

Draft Lough Allen Catchment Plan

The Draft Lough Allen Catchment Plan report, as circulated to the members, appears as **Appendix 7** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Louise Browne of Colin Buchanan & Partners to the meeting. Ms. Browne delivered a presentation to the Elected Members in relation to the Draft Lough Allen Catchment Plan Consultation Phase. The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. Browne for the professional and comprehensive presentation and invited questions from the members.

Mr. J. Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community, Cultural and Enterprise Development outlined the background to the preparation of the Catchment Plan and the importance of identifying ways to promote the economic, social and cultural development of Lough Allen and its catchment. He advised that the report reflects the outcome of the public consultation process in relation to the Draft Plan and the recommendations and actions to be implemented.

The members welcomed the report and presentation and recognised that a lot of the issues that had been raised at the Draft Stage had been addressed.

Following discussion it was agreed that a Community, Cultural and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Meeting would be held prior to the next Council Meeting to discuss the Draft Plan and actions in detail. All members will be notified of the time and date of the SPC meeting and are welcome to attend. It was further agreed that the adoption of the Plan be listed on the agenda for the May Council meeting.

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14/4/2008

Draft Annual Report 2007

The Draft Annual Report 2007 was circulated to the members.

Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson, seconded by Councillor Martin Kenny AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council’s draft Annual Report for 2007 be adopted”.

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14/4/2008

Service Indicators 2007

Report dated 3^d April 2008, from County Manager regarding National Service Indicators 2007, as circulated to the members appears as ***Appendix 8*** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

The report as circulated was noted by the members.

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14/4/2008

Community and Voluntary Sector Grants Scheme 2008

Report dated 14th April 2008, from Administrative Officer, Community and Enterprise Department as circulated to the members appears as ***Appendix 9*** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Martin Kenny AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That proposals for the allocation of grants under the Community and Voluntary Sector Grant Scheme be approved.”

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14/4/2008

Allocation of Grants under the Arts Act 2003

Report from Arts Officer, as circulated to the members appears as ***Appendix 10*** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Enda Stenson AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That proposals for the allocation of grants under the Arts Act 2003, be approved.”

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14/4/2008

Corporate Policy Group Report

Ms. A. McGovern, Meetings Administrator outlined the issues considered by the Corporate Policy Group at their meeting:

▪ **Strategic Policy Committees Update Report**

Transportation SPC –

The Transportation SPC had considered the Draft Parking Place Byelaws and Taxi Stand Byelaws for the town of Carrick on Shannon, and had recommended both to the Council for consideration for approval to proceed to public consultation. Both matters are listed on the agenda for this Council meeting.

Environmental SPC –

The Environmental SPC had considered the preparation of Waste Presentation Byelaws which will be brought to the Council in draft format in due course. The SPC had also considered a summary of the Waste Management (Facility Permit & Registration) Regulations 2007 together with issues to be included in the Draft Litter Management Plan 2008-2010. The Draft Litter Management Plan will be submitted to the Council for consideration and approval prior to proceeding to public display.

This update was noted by the Members.

Planning Policy SPC -

The Planning Policy SPC had considered the update in relation to the Draft Leitrim County Development Plan 2009-2015. The SPC had considered a detailed public awareness and publicity campaign including public meetings, public presentations etc. The Draft Plan is to be considered in detail following completion of the public consultation period.

The SPC had also considered the Draft Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas and the Urban Design Guidelines. The SPC had considered that the proposals in relation to the limitation of the scale of development and in relation to higher densities were unacceptable. It was further considered that most of the proposals were inappropriate/irrelevant to Leitrim. It was agreed that a comprehensive submission be made outlining the concerns in relation to the Draft Guidelines. In relation to the Design Guidelines it was considered that they had limited relevance to Leitrim but that there were aspects that could be taken on board.

The SPC had also considered the requirement to adopt a Taking in Charge Policy by end June 2008. A Draft Policy is to be considered at a further meeting of the SPC prior to being recommended for consideration and approval by the Council in June.

This update was noted by the Members.

▪ **Financial Management Reporting in Local Authorities**

The Corporate Policy Group had considered the recommendations of the Value For Money Unit Report on Financial management Reporting in Local Authorities and had

agreed that Quarterly summary Financial Reports should be presented to the CPG and Council in this regard.

This update was noted by the Members.

▪ **Members ICT**

The Corporate Policy Group had considered an update in relation to Members ICT. It was agreed that there was a need to try and get more of the members up and running on the Extranet and members were asked to come forward in this regard. A review of the Council Chamber in relation to ICT capacity is also to be undertaken.

This update was welcomed by the Members.

Councillor Guckian referred to presentation by Eircom to the Corporate Policy Group in September 2007 in relation to the National Broadband Scheme. She outlined that commitments given in relation to the time-frame for the roll-out of the Scheme appeared to have been changed. She requested that the Council write to Eircom to establish what has changed in relation to the Broadband Scheme and why the Council were not contacted and advised accordingly. It was agreed that correspondence should issue in this regard.

▪ **Items for Council Meeting**

The Corporate Policy Group had also considered an overview of items for the Council Meeting.

This update was noted by the Members.

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Correspondence

The following correspondence was circulated to the members;

1. Circular LG 4/2008 dated 3rd April 2008 regarding Representational Payment for Councillors.
2. Report dated 8th April 2008 from A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services regarding the Cathaoirleach Awards Scheme 2008.
3. Letter dated 13th March 2008 from the Commission on Taxation regarding review of the structure, efficiency and appropriateness of the Irish Taxation System.
4. Correspondence from Dermot Kirwan, Friends of the Elderly, regarding the 'Oldest Working Person' in every county in Ireland.
5. Letter dated 5th March 2008 from the National Roads Authority regarding Carrick on Shannon Bridge – Provision of separate pedestrian facility.
6. Letter dated 8th April 2008 from Director of Community and Enterprise regarding the Launch of 'Flights of Fancy'.

7. Circular SIU 6/2008 received March 2008 regarding Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes for Older People and People with a Disability.

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14/4/2008

Conferences

Proposed by Councillor Sinead Guckian seconded by Councillor Mary Bohan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of Councillors Mary Bohan, Enda McGloin and Tony Ferguson at the Irish Rural Links Planning Seminar, held in Moate, Co. Westmeath on 9th April 2008.”

Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan seconded by Councillor John McTernan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of Councillor Sean McDermott at the Irish Rural Links Planning Seminar, held in Moate, Co. Westmeath on 9th April 2008.”

Proposed by Councillor Jim Joe Shortt seconded by Councillor Francis Gilmartin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of Councillor Tony Ferguson at the Conference on Water – The Challenges for Users, held in Carrigaline, Co. Cork from 17th – 18th April 2008.”

Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson seconded by Councillor Michael Colreavy AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of Councillor Jim Joe Shortt at the Annual LAMA Conference from 27th – 28th March 2008 in Trim, Co. Meath.”

Proposed by Councillor Sinead Guckian seconded by Councillor Francis Gilmartin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of Councillors Mary Bohan, Francis Gilmartin at the Sligo/Leitrim Mental Health Links Seminar on 31st March 2008 in Sligo.”

Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan seconded by Councillor John McTernan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of Councillor Sean McDermott at the Irish Dancing Music Seminar in Drumshanbo on 11th April 2008.”

Proposed by Councillor Sean McDermott seconded by Councillor Thomas Mulligan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of Councillors Frank Dolan and Enda Stenson at the Sustaining Rural Development Conference in Cavan on 6th March 2008.”

Proposed by Councillor Francis Gilmartin seconded by Councillor Paddy O’Rourke AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of the following;

- Attendance of Councillor Paddy O’Rourke at the Sustrans Cross Border Cycle Route Committee (North West Tourism Authority) Meeting on 12th February 2008 in Donegal
- Attendance of Councillor Paddy O’Rourke, Councillor Francis Gilmartin, Councillor Caillian Ellis at Failte Ireland Information Seminar on 4th February 2008 in Sligo
- Attendance of Councillor Francis Gilmartin at the Shannon River Basin District Advisory Council Meeting on 28th February 2008 in Carrick on Shannon
- Attendance of Councillor Sean McGowan at AMAI Spring Seminar from 15th – 16th February, Trim, Co. Meath.
- Attendance of Councillor Sean McGowan at Suicide Prevention Seminar in Dublin on 22nd February 2008
- Attendance of Councillor Tony Ferguson at Western River Basin District Advisory Committee Meeting on 12th February 2008 in Galway
- Attendance of Councillor Sean McDermott at ICBAN Meeting on 30th January 2008 in Armagh; RBD Meeting in Donegal on 20th February 2008
- Attendance of Councillor Sean McDermott at Rural Development Council - Information Seminar re International Fund for Ireland on 19th February 2008 in Armagh
- Attendance of Councillor Caillian Ellis at Combat Poverty Seminar in Dublin on 19th February 2008; River Basin District Meeting on 20th February 2008 in Donegal; Suicide Prevention Conference on 22nd February 2008 in Dublin.
- Attendance of Councillor Gordon Hughes at Ambassadors Visit in Carrick on Shannon on 21st November 2007 and Opening of Dromod/Roosky Bypass, Dromod on 7th December 2007
- Attendance of Councillor Sean McGowan at the Colmcille Winter School, Donegal, 29th February to 2nd March 2008.”

Proposed by Councillor Aodh Flynn seconded by Councillor Paddy O’Rourke AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of Councillor Sean McGowan at the Launch of Sligo/Leitrim Living Links on 31st March 2008 in Sligo.”

Proposed by Councillor Aodh Flynn seconded by Councillor Paddy O’Rourke AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of Councillor Sean McGowan at the Launch of BMW Skillnet Executive in Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan on 12th March 2008.”

Proposed by Councillor Aodh Flynn seconded by Councillor Paddy O’Rourke AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of Councillor Sean McGowan at the Library Association of Ireland AGM on 6th March 2008 in Dublin.”

Part II - Notices of Motion

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14/4/2008

Cancer Care Services – North West

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;

"I propose that Leitrim County Council write to Mary Harney TD and request that she immediately establish Sligo General Hospital as an additional centre for cancer care, which is absolutely needed in the North West and without which, people in this region will be discriminated against to possible fatal consequences."

Councillor Kenny outlined that while the concept of ‘Centres of Excellence’ is good the proposals ignore the reality of accessibility and disenfranchise a whole population in the North West.

Councillor McGloin fully supported the motion and stated that an additional Centre must be created in Sligo. Councillor Ferguson also supported the motion and stated that every hospital should be a ‘Centre of Excellence’. He stated that assurances are required that the services currently provided will be maintained and if possible enhanced and outlined that the matter is a serious human rights issue.

Councillor Stenson supported the motion and outlined that the Council should write to the incoming Taoiseach in relation to the matter. Councillor Frank Dolan outlined that it was critical that Sligo at least retained services currently available. He highlighted Cancer statistics and the importance of early diagnosis.

Councillor Reynolds supported the motion and stated that this was a political decision which can only be overturned by Government. Councillor McGowan supported the motion and stated that a strong message must go out that the North West cannot be left out.

Councillor McTernan stated that it was without question that cancer services must remain in Sligo. Councillor Colreavy outlined that Sligo was originally deemed to be a facility suited to cancer services and has effectively now been ‘undesigned’. He suggested that concern for patient care has diminished in lieu of ticking boxes.

Councillor Gerry Dolan supported the motion and highlighted the difficulties for patients and families in traveling to Galway. Councillor McElgunn strongly supported the motion and stated that the people of the North West are being discriminated against. Councillor Flynn stated that the biggest concern was early diagnosis and stated that whatever treatment we have and whatever the location it should be the best and there should be equal access.

Councillor McDermott supported the motion and stated that it was absolutely clear that there was a need for a Centre of Excellence in Sligo. Councillor Bohan stated that whatever about diagnostics in ‘Centers of Excellence’ it was essential that treatment should be local.

Councillor Gilmartin also supported the motion and stated that it would be a disgrace if the situation is not redressed. Councillor Shortt also supported the motion.

Councillor Kenny stated that reports have found that travel can be detrimental to recovery and queried whether Galway had the space or facilities to cope with the additional number of patients. He stated that serious pressure must be exerted on Government in relation to this matter.

Proposed by Councillor Martin Kenny seconded by Councillor Enda McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"That Leitrim County Council write to Mary Harney TD and request that she immediately establish Sligo General Hospital as an additional centre for cancer care, which is absolutely needed in the North West and without which, people in this region will be discriminated against to possible fatal consequences."

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14/4/2008

Third Level Education Institute - Carrick on Shannon

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Reynolds;

"To ask the County Manager if she would establish a committee of the Council to investigate the establishment of a Third Level Education Institute in Carrick on Shannon, and that the committee would be established and have made it's report to the Council for the July meeting of the Council."

Report by Director of Service, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development;

"The Leitrim Third Level Initiative was established by Leitrim County Council through Leitrim County Development Board in 2004 and has successfully provided a number of courses each year from a range of colleges including NUIC, AIT and NUIM. Around 100 students have benefited from the initiative since with some courses of regional demand. Based on the experience of this initiative there are currently no plans to look for a third level institute as it would not be feasible at this stage but in the medium term more definite building facilities for lectures and students would be beneficial."

Councillor Reynolds outlined that the Leitrim County Council 3rd Level Initiative has been very successful to date but that he felt there is now an opportunity to take this a step further. He stated that a lot of people would benefit from such an initiative and the local authority must be the driver. He recognized that this was not something that would happen in the short-term but requested that an effort be made to try establish a third level institute for Carrick-on-Shannon.

Councillor Ferguson supported the motion and stated that it would be very useful to have a centre available in the county. Councillor Hughes also supported the motion and stated that in the present climate any initiative that encourages job creation is to be welcomed. He outlined the example of the successful Shaylin Centre in Ballinamore which has links with University of Limerick.

Councillor McElgunn also supported the motion and outlined that Masonite have their own programme with various educational institutions and stated it was important to bring the business community on board. Councillor Stenson supported the motion and stated that the initiative is worth pursuing.

Councillor Bohan supported the motion and outlined that the VEC must be involved in any committee established to consider the initiative. Councillor McGloin suggested that there was a need to look at all the various strands going on in the county and try and pull it together.

Councillor Colreavy welcomed the motion which he said would require discussions with the various 3rd Level Institutes in the area.

Mr. J. Gilhooly, Director of Services outlined the background to the ongoing 3rd Level Initiative in the county. He outlined that the concept of an outreach service in the county had been looked at at the outset but had proved impractical in terms of administration and overheads etc. He outlined that the current initiative operates at very little cost to the educational institutes involved and the courses run have been based on research and identified needs. He indicated that the matter could be investigated to see if there was potential.

Councillor Reynolds complimented the Council on the success of the ongoing initiative. He proposed that a committee be established to examine the matter to involve the VEC, various 3rd Level Institutes etc.

Councillor Guckian supported the motion and complimented all involved in the ongoing initiative. She highlighted the strong culture of Arts in the county and the lack of advance courses and suggested that there was an opportunity to develop in this area.

It was agreed that the matter should be progressed through the Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development SPC. It was further agreed that Mr. J. Gilhooly, Director of Services would revert to the next meeting with a recommended approach to this initiative.

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14/4/2008

Pedestrian Crossings – Ballinamore and Carrigallen

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;

"To ask the area engineers office when will the additional pedestrian crossings proposed for Ballinamore and Carrigallen be installed, and where are the proposed locations for same. Can I also ask when will the Council provide junction boxes in Carrigallen to enable residents along the main street to gain uninterrupted access to the back of their properties."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"Funding has been secured for the provision of a number of uncontrolled pedestrian crossings and one controlled pedestrian crossing in Ballinamore, and for one controlled pedestrian crossing in Carrigallen, under the Low Cost Safety improvement grants scheme. The Design office is currently working on the design and location of these crossings. As part of this design process, we will monitor the locations in Ballinamore that are historically used by

pedestrians for crossing. We will also take into account representations received. However, we will also have to bear in mind the width of the street at the proposed uncontrolled crossings, and whether or not it will be possible to install central islands at all locations. The elimination of parking spaces in the vicinity of the crossings will also have to be taken into consideration. When locating the crossing in Carraigallen, we will also look at the issue of providing junction boxes at entrances, as requested. It is hoped to have these designs completed in the coming weeks with a view to commencing work in May."

Councillor Hughes sought clarification on the number of pedestrian crossings proposed and queried when the Council will meet with the local interest groups. Mr. S. O'Connor, Senior Engineer outlined that the Council are in the process of identifying suitable locations and it is anticipated that meetings with local interest groups could take place from next week.

Councillor Hughes also sought clarification on the difference between a controlled and an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing. Mr. S. O'Connor, Senior Engineer outlined that at a controlled pedestrian crossing the traffic is required to stop whereas at an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing the pedestrian must wait until crossing is safe.

Councillor Ellis supported the motion and suggested that the car park in front of St. Phelims be looked at. He also queried the position in relation to the junction box at Foghera Lane in Ballinamore which is still not marked. Mr. S. O'Connor, Senior Engineer advised that 3 crossings on Main Street are being looked at. He also advised that the road marking at Foghera Lane would be done in conjunction with the pedestrian crossings.

Councillor O'Rourke highlighted the serious need for a pedestrian crossing at Carrigallen National School and asked that talks with interested parties take place re the exact location.

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14/4/2008

Anti-Social Behaviour

It was agreed to consider Item No 18 and 22 together.

18. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;

"I will propose that we call on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform and the Government to introduce laws which will bring better control into the selling of alcohol, in the interests of the health and safety of the citizens of all of the country. It is important that in any changes which may be introduced through new legislation that the following be fully considered: (a) Opening times of discos, nightclubs, public houses, and off-licences (b) That strict controls be applied to the sale of alcohol from supermarkets, filling stations and other outlets (c) That all those working in the security industry where they are dealing with young persons, have Garda clearance/vetting (d) That all drivers of public transport, minibus services, taxis and hackney cars which provide facilities for youth have Garda clearance/vetting (e) Ensure that the numbers attending discos, nightclubs and other public functions are fully in accord with the licence granted and properly policed to provide a safe environment for all present (f) Controls be applied to the provision of 'fast food' outlets regarding opening times etc., in the interests of lessening the possibility of anti-social behaviour (g) By putting health and safety and the security of the citizen first to resist all unreasonable lobbying of vested interests."

Councillor Ferguson outlined that these matters have been the subject of ongoing debate but very little has been done about the problems. He stated that the Council would be acting responsibly in asking the Minister and Cabinet to take the bold step of putting legislation in place. He appealed to members for support.

The motion was supported by Councillor McDermott who highlighted the problem with people leaving nightclubs at the same time. Councillor Reynolds outlined that he agreed with the broad substance of the motion and stated that a 'National Identity Card Scheme' needed to be put in place. Councillor Ferguson indicated that he was happy to have this included in the motion.

Councillor Kenny stated that the intent of the motion is good. He suggested that changing the opening times would simply move the problem. He outlined that many of the measures are already in place if the resources were available to implement/enforce them. He outlined that more control is needed in retail outlets regarding the sale of alcohol. He outlined that the law needs to be more rigorously enforced and monitored regarding overcrowding in nightclubs.

Councillor Bohan supported the motion. She outlined that adults have to take some responsibility. Councillor McGloin agreed with most of what had been said and highlighted the issue of personal responsibility. He suggested that an invitation re-issue to the Superintendent to attend a meeting of the Council to discuss these issues.

Councillor Gilmartin outlined that the majority of the young people in the county are very responsible. Councillor O'Rourke outlined that anti-social behaviour is putting additional pressure on Accident and Emergency Services. He stated that the issue is about people taking responsibility and being able to account for their children. Councillor McGowan also supported the motion.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson seconded by Councillor Sean McDermott AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform and the Government to introduce laws which will bring better control into the selling of alcohol, in the interests of the health and safety of the citizens of all of the country. It is important that in any changes which may be introduced through new legislation that the following be fully considered: (a) Opening times of discos, nightclubs, public houses, and off-licences (b) That strict controls be applied to the sale of alcohol from supermarkets, filling stations and other outlets (c) That all those working in the security industry where they are dealing with young persons, have Garda clearance/vetting (d) That all drivers of public transport, minibus services, taxis and hackney cars which provide facilities for youth have Garda clearance/vetting (e) Ensure that the numbers attending discos, nightclubs and other public functions are fully in accord with the licence granted and properly policed to provide a safe environment for all present (f) Controls be applied to the provision of 'fast food' outlets regarding opening times etc., in the interests of lessening the possibility of anti-social behaviour (g) By putting health and safety and the security of the citizen first to resist all unreasonable lobbying of vested interests (h) to request the Government to put in place a National Identity Card Scheme."

22. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Liam McElgunn;

"As requested by Carrick on Shannon Chamber of Commerce, that this Council introduce bylaws to prohibit consumption of alcoholic drink in public places in Carrick on Shannon. This is necessary in view of the rowdiness, disorder and intimidation of other people by such drinkers; secondly that the Council, with the Gardai, the Chamber and traders combine in an effort to end all anti-social behaviour and vandalism especially after-hours at weekends and finally that CCTV cameras be erected in the town as soon as possible."

Report by Director of Service, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development;

"The Council can consider the development of bye-laws in relation to the matter set out which would define public areas where the consumption of alcohol would be prohibited. These areas would have to be clearly set out such as public parks etc. At this stage it is felt that the main purpose would be to prevent congregation of alcohol drinkers in these particular areas. However, given the scale of such incidents to date and the fact that, in accordance with current legislation it is an offence for persons under 18 years of age to consume alcohol and is also an offence to be so drunk in a public place to be assumed to be a danger to yourself or to anyone around you, it is not proposed to move immediately to commence the bye-law process but that in the meantime the Council will maintain contact with the Gardai in relation to monitoring the issue. The design of the CCTV scheme for the town is almost complete. However, there is no indication to date from the Department in regard to any further calls for funding to implement the scheme."

Councillor McElgunn outlined concerns that Public Parks in Carrick on Shannon could become locations for anti-social behaviour. He welcomed the reply and asked that the Council, the Gardai and the Chamber of commerce work together to address the issue. Councillor McGowan also supported the motion.

Councillor Reynolds supported the motion but outlined that it was important that the Council be careful about what is being projected. He outlined that the essence of Carrick on Shannon is that it is a welcoming tourist town and any other reputation is not warranted and this is what must be projected. Councillor Kenny also supported the motion but outlined that he was not sure about CCTV. He outlined that more resources are required to enforce laws that are in place.

Councillor Brennan stated that both motions were very important and very valid. He stated that parents have a huge responsibility in this regard.

08/188

14/4/2008

Traffic Management at Manorhamilton

It was agreed to consider items 19 and 28 together.

19. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to call on the National Roads Authority to put in place a

safe and proper traffic system at the junction known as 'The Corner' in Manorhamilton. While some efforts have been made in the past to address this situation the fact is that on numerous occasions it has been proved that this junction remains to be hugely dangerous both for pedestrians and drivers."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"The Safety Officer from the NRA has been asked to carry out a full review of this junction, and he has already been on site and is in the process of preparing a report on the situation on the ground and will be making recommendations on any improvements necessary at this junction."

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28. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"At the April Meeting of the Council, I will ask the Director of Services Infrastructure and the NRA, to have a look at the main junction in the centre of Manorhamilton on the N16. The new layout is causing a lot of concern especially for pedestrians, also older and disabled people. Would traffic lights solve the problem."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"The Safety Officer from the NRA has been asked to carry out a full review of this junction, and he has already been on site and is in the process of preparing a report on the situation on the ground and will be making recommendations on any improvements necessary at this junction."

Councillor Frank Dolan expressed disappointment that the reply refers to a further report. He outlined that this is an extremely busy junction with both traffic and pedestrians and despite efforts to make it safe a huge amount of uncertainty exists in negotiating this junction, which is causing huge concern. He suggested that the only solution is traffic lights.

Councillor McDermott outlined that there is a particular problem at this junction which is causing genuine confusion for all road users. He outlined that the matter needs to be looked at and expressed concern that the NRA would not consider the full implications.

Councillor Flynn supported the motions and outlined that only one in five cars obey the pedestrian crossing. He supported the need for traffic lights at this location.

Councillor Colreavy also fully supported the motion and outlined that this junction and the mini roundabout, both of which create uncertainty, are hugely problematic.

Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure advised that the NRA Safety Officer had been on site and that a full report should be available in the next week or so on foot of which a decision can be made. He advised that a full report would be available at the next Council meeting.

08/189

14/4/2008

Roosky Bridge

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

"At the April Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask Mr. John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure to have discussions with Roscommon County Council in relation to:

- (a) When are they planning to start work on the widening of the bridge over the River Shannon at Rooskey to include the provision of a footpath and public lighting
- (b) How long a time frame will be involved for the completion of the works
- (c) While recognising that this is going to be a major engineering job, will it be possible to keep the bridge open while the work is in progress under the control of traffic lights.
- (d) It is important that the communities on both sides of the bridge are fully informed of the work involved, the level of disruption, and duration of the job."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"The work on Roosky bridge will be carried out by Roscommon County Council. We are currently in discussions with Roscommon County Council regarding the refurbishment of Roosky Bridge. It was hoped to commence works at the end of the current year, however, because of the current strict Health and Safety legislation, and the requirement to provide safe working zones, it may prove very difficult, if not impossible to keep the bridge open for the full duration of the works. Because of this an exact time frame has not yet been agreed. A further meeting with Roscommon county council to finalise the details will take place shortly. Every effort will be made to minimise the impact of the works on the public. Furthermore, the public will be kept informed of any future decision to close the bridge to traffic for any period."

Councillor McGowan welcomed the reply and queried when it was expected that works would commence. He asked, if possible, that the bridge be kept open during the works. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure outlined that Roscommon County Council have indicated that it will be towards the end of the year. He advised that members would be kept informed in this regard.

Councillor Guckian supported the motion.

08/190

14/4/2008

Sean Mac Diarmada Museum

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Michael Colreavy;

"That Leitrim County Council designate part of the new library in Kiltyclogher as a small museum to display mementos and artifacts pertaining to the life and times of Seán Mac Diarmada, and that a more ambitious museum be gradually built up in conjunction with Mac Diarmada's ancestral cottage at Corranmore, Kiltyclogher"

Report by Director of Service, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development;

"Ba mhaith linn rudaí a bhaineann le Seán MacDiarmada a thaispeáint sa Leabharlann i gCoillte Clochair. Níl mórán spás ann ach b'fhéidir gur féidir linn roinnt grianghraf a chur ar na ballaí agus rudaí beaga eile a thaispeáint ann. Beimid sásta féachaint isteach sa scéal. Is maith an smaoineamh músaeim a bheith taobh le theach Mhic Dhiarmada.

We would like to have items relating to Sean MacDiarmada on display in the library in Kiltyclogher. While there isn't a lot of space there perhaps items like photographs could be put on the walls and other small items put on display. We would be happy to look into this further. The idea of a museum at the house of MacDiarmada may have potential."

Councillor Colreavy welcomed the reply. He requested that the Council advertise and ask people to make a loan to the Library of any items such as letters etc. for display. He outlined that Seán MacDiarmada's house would provide the ideal location for a museum. He requested that the Council consider purchasing some of the mementos/artefacts coming for sale at the forthcoming public auction, including Mr. MacDiarmada's posthumous medal, and queried whether a loan should be raised in this regard. Ms. J. Maguire, County Manager confirmed that the Council will be represented at the auction and advised that a number of artifacts had been identified for possible purchase. She outlined that it was not proposed to seek to acquire the medal but that it was hoped that the medal might be given to the Council on loan at some point in the future. She outlined that the Council have some resources available and that the focus would be on getting a number of smaller items that were actually in Mr. Mac Diarmada's possession and to build on the Summer School.

Councillor McDermott supported the motion and advised that the SPC had considered the matter recently and were in favour of having an archive/museum. He also outlined that the Leitrim Society in New York were very interested in the Summer School. He supported acquiring any artifacts possible.

Councillor Ferguson also supported the motion and suggested that members of the public should be invited to come forward if they have artifacts etc from the period that they would be prepared to have on display. He also suggested it would be worthwhile to look for coverage from the period from National and Local papers.

Councillor Flynn also supported the motion and outlined the importance of retaining as many of the papers relating to these events/times as possible.

08/191

14/4/2008

Keshcarrigan Garda Station

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

"Would this Council please contact the building unit of the An Garda Síochána, regarding the position with the renovation of Keshcarrigan Garda Station. The last reply we received was that it was going to tender. I can't understand why this is taking so long. We have a guard in a station that is a disgrace to go into as it has no equipment or maintenance. Everybody knows that the station in Keshcarrigan covers a large area. There isn't much sense in having a guard if he doesn't have the accommodation or the facilities need to serve his community.

Please forward this onto the OPW, the Superintendent and the Garda Authorities."

Report by Senior Executive Officer, Change Management Unit;

"The matter will be referred to the OPW, the Superintendent and the Garda Authorities as requested."

08/192

14/4/2008

Traffic Calming Measures - Kilclare

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;

"I call on Leitrim Council to impose traffic calming measures at Kilclare. Recent building developments have increased domestic traffic movements and it is imperative that Leitrim County Council look at a speed limit from the Bridges either side of the 'hamlet'. The current speed of traffic is a hazard and recent accidents have proven this fact."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"A reduced speed limit of 50km/hr has been adopted for Kilclare. The area for this 50km/hr speed limit stretches from approximately 300m the Carrick on Shannon side of Mullross junction, to 100m north east of the bridge over the canal in the townland of Kilclaremore. This section of roadway includes the two bridges on the canal."

Councillor McGloin outlined that some form of traffic calming is required at this location. He advised that this is a straight stretch of road and that traffic builds up speed on this stretch. He requested that something be considered on the approach on each side.

Councillor Gilmartin outlined that he had raised this matter at the January 2008 Council meeting and had been promised a follow up report which he had not received. He requested that such follow-up reports be provided when an undertaking is given. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure undertook to check the position in relation to this matter. Councillor Gilmartin subsequently clarified that his Motion had been submitted in January 2007 and requested that the report promised be provided.

08/193

14/4/2008

Mohill Halting Site

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;

"I am requesting that the Council, secure government funding, to build dwelling houses rather than the bays that are there in place now, at the Halting site Mohill, and bring the Mohill halting site up to the standard of the halting site at Rosebank Carrick-on-Shannon."

Report by Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services;

"A nine-bay halting site (7 permanent bays and two temporary bays) was developed in

Tawlaughtmore in 2003 at a cost of €1m following extensive consultation with tenants and the Mohill Traveller Development Group as part of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2000 - 2004. This halting site has been extensively vandalised since its re-development in 2003. The Council have held meetings with tenants and inter-agency meetings have also been convened to resolve the situation. Tenants have been notified that no further works will be undertaken on the site while the current level of anti-social behaviour and vandalism continues. The Council will shortly be required to commence preparation of a new traveller accommodation programme for the period 2009 - 2012 and this will be done in consultation with the Local Traveller Community and the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee. This request will be considered in the context of the preparation of the new Traveller Accommodation Programme."

08/194

14/4/2008

Bus Stop in Drumsna

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sinead Guckian;

"At the April meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, what discussions if any have taken place with Bus Eireann, regarding the repositioning and re-locating of the bus stop in Drumsna. The main bus service for the village must remain within the village and it would be unsuitable and unsafe to locate the bus stop on the outskirts of the village."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"A representative of Bus Eireann requested a meeting with us regarding the relocation of the Bus Stop from Drumsna Village to the N4. We held a meeting on site and explained to them that the N4 would not be a suitable or safe location for such a Bus Stop. They then requested that the Bus Stop be moved to the access ramp onto the N4. Again we explained that it was not a suitable or safe location and furthermore, there was no place for cars to park to meet the bus, there was no footpath to this location for pedestrians, and this location was somewhat removed from the village centre. The present location of the bus stop in the village is the most suitable and any request to relocate it to the N4 or its slip roads will be resisted on safety grounds."

Councillor Guckian outlined that drivers on this service have advised passengers that the service is to be withdrawn. She outlined that the bus stop in the village is an essential service for local people who are most aggrieved at any suggestion that the service is to be changed. She outlined that there has been no discussion or warning in relation to any proposed changes and requested that a letter issue to Bus Eireann requesting that they clarify the position and ensure the service is put back in place immediately. This was supported by Councillor McGowan.

08/195

14/4/2008

Provision of Playground at Aughavas

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Paddy O'Rourke;

"I propose that Leitrim County Council put in place a children's playground to serve the

community at Aughavas. I understand that suitable lands are available adjoining the GAA grounds which is convenient to the main road."

Report by Director of Service, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development;

"Leitrim County Council establishes playgrounds in accordance with the Council's Play Policy that was adopted two years ago. There is a list of priorities in that document and these are being followed in the selection of new playground locations. A new playground has been developed in Carrigallen which is a short distance from Aghavas and is intended to serve the surrounding area. However, the Council through its play and recreational officer is happy to advise and assist where possible any local group who would like to develop directly play facilities in their area."

Councillor O'Rourke outlined that there is a demand for a facility in this area and he had understood there would be an opportunity to look at the Play Policy and a further roll-out of facilities. Mr. J. Gilhooly, director of Services, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development confirmed that the Play Policy would be reviewed. He outlined however that the existing Playground Programme will take 2-3 years to complete and the Council would have to take into account the level of playground provision, costs associated with upkeep, maintenance, inspection requirements etc. He advised that if a community group were in a position to develop the concept and source funding etc the Council would be in a position to provide support and to assist in sourcing funding etc.

Councillor Hughes supported the motion and suggested that the Council should meet with the local interest groups in this regard. Mr. J. Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development confirmed that staff would be happy to assist the groups in any way.

Councillor Ellis, Councillor Shortt and Councillor Brennan also supported the motion.

08/196

14/4/2008

Repairs to Damaged Roads in North Leitrim

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John McTernan;

"I am calling on Leitrim County Council to repair damaged county roads which came into poor repair due to the recent works carried by the ESB in upgrading the high powered lines going through North Leitrim, in particular the section from Ballinagar to the sub-station at Killargue. I understand that a fund exists similar to development charges or such like, funded by the ESB to compensate the Council for any damage done during these works. Can the Director of Services confirm this and if so are there sufficient resources there to carry out the necessary repair works."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"The District Engineer is in discussion with the ESB with a view to releasing the Bonds that are associated with the relevant planning permissions at this location. The necessary road repairs can then be carried out. It is hoped to finalise matters soon."

Councillor McTernan queried the amount of Bonds in place. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure advised that an estimate of the cost of the works has been carried out and the Bonds are sufficient to meet this cost. He outlined that discussions are ongoing in relation to the release of the Bonds. Councillor McTernan outlined that he hoped the roads can be surface dressed.

08/197

14/4/2008

Presentation from Leitrim Executive IFA

The Cathaoirleach welcomed representatives of Leitrim Executive IFA and Mr. Bryan Barry, IFA Assistant General Secretary to the meeting. Mr. Barry delivered a presentation to the Elected Members in relation to ‘Stop Mandelson’s WTO Sell-Out’, which appears as **Appendix 11** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Barry for the very powerful presentation. He stated that the issue is of the most serious consequence for the whole economy. He complimented the IFA on putting the campaign together. He stated that it was incumbent on all members to get through to their Oireachtas Members in relation to this issue also.

The Members in turn complimented the IFA on their presentation and campaign. They fully and strongly supported the campaign and agreed that a very strong message needed to go out from the Council in relation to this very serious matter.

Proposed by Councillor Mary Bohan seconded by Councillor Enda McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the position of EU Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson in the WTO negotiations represents a grave and unacceptable threat to Irish farming, the food industry and employment in the Irish economy. We call on the Minister for Agriculture and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Taoiseach to assert Ireland’s vital national interest at the highest level in Europe by rejecting Mandelson’s concessions.”

08/198

14/4/2008

Any Other Business

- ***Meeting regarding Cancer Care Services***
Councillor Enda McGloin informed the members that a meeting is taking place in the Bush Hotel, Carrick on Shannon on Monday 21st April 2008 regarding cancer care services in the North West and asked that as many people as possible attend.
- ***Provision of Sign for Coonlagraine***
Councillor Gerry Dolan requested that Leitrim County Council provide appropriate signage at Newbridge, Dowra for Coolnagraine.
- ***National Irish Bank Closures***
Councillor Enda McGloin raised the issue of the recent announcement of the closure of

3 National Irish Bank Branches serving Leitrim. He requested that the Council write to the Central Bank and the Minister for Finance in this regard. This was strongly supported by all the members.

- ***Finnelaughta Road, N4***
Councillor Sinead Guckian referred to her Question No. 49 in relation to the installation of road markings and right-hand turning lanes at the above location and outlined the importance of something being done urgently at this location.

Part III - Questions

08/199

14/4/2008

'Tour de Humbart' Signs

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;

"Ten years ago this year the 200th anniversary of the 1798 rebellion was remembered, with Leitrim and all the counties along the route that the French forces came through, on the way to Ballinamuck involved. The 'Tour De Humbart', signs are tracing the way from Mayo to Longford. At the time, plaques and information boards were erected, they are of a red/pink colour and now falling into poor condition. All of us involved in the community commemorations were told at the time, that these were temporary signs and plaques and that proper granite plaques and weather proof information boards were being made. Where are the proper ones and can we get them up before this summer? Also the text on some of the present information boards is incorrect and confusing and needs restating in clearer format."

Report by Director of Service, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development;

"In 1998 Leitrim County Council set up a Coiste Comórtha 1798 to organise suitable commemorations of the 1798 rebellion. One of the projects organised jointly with the other four counties along the route was the creation of a cycling route from Killalla to Ballinamuck, the "Tour D'Humbert". Decorative signs in three languages: Irish, English and French were to be put at a number of significant locations along the route. There were nine such signs to be located in Co Leitrim. Scripts in the three languages were supplied by the Leitrim Coiste. The acquisition of those signs was done by Mayo Co Council. There was great delay in obtaining the signs and with pressure from the Leitrim Coiste a temporary one was provided in time for the local commemorations in Cloone. The permanent signs were never supplied. I would like to clarify that they were never meant to be in granite, but something similar to the temporary one that is in Cloone. Despite regular contact on the matter the permanent signs were never supplied. Leitrim Co Council did not incur any expense in relation to these signs. While the Council has a programme of investment ongoing in regard to the development of soft tourism infrastructure the revisiting of this matter is not a current priority and no funds are available at this time."

08/200

14/4/2008

Public Lighting, Main Street, Ballinamore

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;

"I am requesting that the street lights in Ballinamore outside the Library and on the way out to Ardrum be repaired, as they have been out for a long time now."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"The lighting section of the ESB will be contacted in relation to carrying out repairs."

08/201

14/4/2008

Road Restoration – Carrigallen

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;

"To ask the area engineers office when will road restoration works be carried out at Cullen and Brownhill, Carrigallen (LS5538/5539)."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"This project will be carried out as part of the Road Restoration Maintenance Programme during July/August."

08/202

14/4/2008

Completion of Works at Newtowngore

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;

"To ask the area engineers office what is the up to date position regarding the completion of the works scheme at Newtowngore village and the likely completion date for same."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"Some outstanding works have been completed recently from last years works programme. Funding is also available in this years works programme for further works. The immediate priority now is to carry out the road restoration programme and works under the development charge scheme will be programmed for later on in the year."

08/203

14/4/2008

Cancer Care Services, Sligo General Hospital

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;

"I will ask the County Manager to enquire from Ms. Sheila Smith, the General Manager of Sligo General Hospital to outline in full the present cancer care facilities provided at Sligo General Hospital regarding staffing, patient throughput, and all services to cancer patients so that we can continue to exert pressure on all concerned to retain this very necessary service in Sligo for the region."

Report by Senior Executive Officer, Change Management Unit;

"A letter will issue to Ms. Smith in this regard."

08/204

14/4/2008

Flooding on Coast Road, Tullaghan

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;

"I will ask the Director of Services Infrastructure, and the District Engineer if the flooding problem on the Coast Road at Tullaghan has been resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"The cause of the flooding issue on the Coast Road at Wardhouse has been established, and notices issued to those responsible. Some work has been carried out on the ground towards the resolution of the problem. The situation will be monitored on an ongoing basis."

08/205

14/4/2008

Route Selection of the Glencar Section of N16

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;

"At the April Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, if any developments have taken place recently regarding the route selection of the Glencar section of the N16. It is now over twelve months since this was promised at the public meeting held with the Road Design Department."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"A Peer review of the design of this scheme was recently undertaken by the NRA, and they made certain recommendations for alterations to some minor elements of the design. These alterations are currently been undertaken by the Regional Design Office, and when completed the scheme will be published."

08/206

14/4/2008

Leitrim Village Group Water Scheme

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;

"Can I ask the Director of Infrastructure for a reason why there is a delay by Leitrim County Council in approving the Leitrim Village Group Water Scheme's upgrade design to allow the group to go to tender. I understand considerable work has been done to date including the provision of a 6" water pipe under the new footbridge. I would also like a confirmation from the Chief Fire Officer as to his satisfaction with the current water supply in the village and whether it meets fire hydrant standards to fight any major fire."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"At the moment we are finalising Tender Documents for the Procurement of Consultant Engineers to carry out the necessary design work etc for a new scheme here. When these documents are completed in the next few weeks we will advertise for these Consultants and thereafter select one in accordance with the new Dept Of Finance Procurement Guidelines. The scheme will then be designed and put out to tender and hopefully we will be sufficiently advanced to allow for commencement of construction in the current year. In relation to adequacy supply for fire-fighting purposes, our new requirements for such places is generally a minimum pipe size of 150mm diameter as against the current 75mm pipework."

08/207

14/4/2008

Anti-Social Behaviour

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;

"Can I ask the Director of Infrastructure to provide funding to permanently fix the road LP 3390-0 Leitrim Village to Ballinawing, in particular the area above the church that has a severe pothole which has been 'filled' on several occasions. The 'water tables' need to be looked at to prevent the constant flow of water onto this part of the road. Finally why are the last 4 street lights not lit on this road? This is the case for the last 3 years and needs the Council's urgent attention."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"The area in question will be inspected and appropriate remedial works will be carried out shortly, as part of routine maintenance on this road (LP 3390-0).

In relation to the street lights, these have been erected by a private developer as part of a development at this location. Contact will be made with this developer to establish why these lights have not been turned on."

08/208

14/4/2008

N4 - Finnalaghta

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

"To ask Mr. John McGuinness, Director of Services Infrastructure, to contact the N.R.A. requesting them to provide traffic islands on the N4 at the turn off for Finnalaghta and at the entrance to Annaduff G.A.A. pitch. It is extremely dangerous for motorists making a right turn at both of those locations, with the amount of traffic and the speed that they travel at."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"We will discuss the need for additional road markings at these locations with the NRA and should be in a position to provide the required markings from the Low Cost allocation provided for the N4 this year."

08/209

14/4/2008

Pedestrian Crossings on N16

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Michael Colreavy;

"Has Leitrim County Council received any indication from the National Roads Authority that improvements will be made at the pedestrian crossings on N16 at Sligo Road/Main Street/Castle Street junction and on the "mini roundabout" on N16 near the new St. Clare's NS Manorhamilton."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"We have discussed this situation at these locations with the Road Safety Officer of the NRA, and he has been on site to carry out a detailed assessment of the situation on the ground. We await his recommendation on any improvement works necessary."

08/210

14/4/2008

Conference Expenses

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Michael Colreavy;

"Does Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 (providing assistance in money or in kind to promote the interests of a local community) permit a Councillor to designate all or part of unexpended conference expenses to specific community interests nominated by that Councillor."

Report by Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services;

"The allocation of funds in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 is a Reserved function"

08/211

14/4/2008

Council Houses At Aghameeney, Carrick on Shannon

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Liam McElgunn;

"To ask how soon the new council houses at Aghameeney, Carrick on Shannon will be ready for occupation as the delay is causing concern to prospective tenants."

Report by Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services;

"ESB works to connect the 12 new units of accommodation are complete, the Contractor is currently on site attending to final snags. Once the units are officially handed over to the Council pre-tenancy training and the formal handover of the keys to the appointed tenants will take place."

08/212

14/4/2008

Sewerage Scheme for Kilclare Village

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

"This Council wrote to the Department regarding a sewerage system for Kilclare Village, what reply has this authority received."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"The question of a sewerage system for Kilclare was discussed with the department inspector. Kilclare is not included in the Leitrim Town and Village sewerage scheme phase 11, which is presently reviewing the viability of providing and upgrading sewerage schemes in the larger towns and villages in Leitrim, not covered by the current Town and Village phase 1. Given the serious financial commitment already incurred with the Phase 1 projects the possibility or affordability of Phase 11 will require considerable consideration, only when these decisions have been made can consideration be given to include Kilclare in any such scheme. In the mean time a group sewerage scheme could be considered by the residents in Kilclare and the Rural Water section of Leitrim County Council are available to facilitate such a scheme."

08/213

14/4/2008

Repairs to Road at Tullylanen

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

"Could this Council repair on a permanent basis the large grater that keeps reappearing and resurface the road at Tullylanen on the Church Road."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"Routine maintenance will be carried out shortly at this location."

08/214

14/4/2008

Derelict Buildings

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;

"May I ask what action this Council is taking or obliged to take, to request the owners of derelict/run down buildings in our towns to repair or remove same as its impossible for Tidy Town committees to enhance towns while those eyesores remain in place."

Report by Director of Service, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services;

"The Council will impose Site Fines in accordance with the terms of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 in respect of sites which are listed in the Council's Register of Derelict Sites, in instances where these sites are located in areas which are designated as "urban" for the purposes of the Act. All of the larger towns and some of the villages in the county have been designated as such. It is proposed to proceed with this action. The Council can only encourage the owners/occupiers of sites which are located in areas that are not designated as such to take action to render them no longer derelict."

08/215

14/4/2008

Public Lighting, Breffni Crescent, Carrick on Shannon

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;

"What progress has been made to replace and renew the poor lighting at Breffni Crescent, as was promised 5 years ago."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"We have agreed the extent and cost of works with the ESB. We will be commencing the installation of ducting for these lights within the next four weeks."

08/216

14/4/2008

Glanbia Meat Plant, Dromod

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

"To ask Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services Community and Enterprise, has he had any response from the Chief Executive of A.I.B.P. in relation to what their plans are for the former meat plant in Dromod."

Report by Director of Service, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development;

"In regard to potential for developments at this site in Dromod, tentative discussions on a number of occasions and one meeting has been held with the site owners. No definite plans have been identified to date through these discussions but the process is still ongoing at this time."

08/217

14/4/2008

Signage for Drumsna

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sinead Guckian;

"At the April meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the County Manager to make provision for the purchase and installation of appropriate signage for Drumsna, indicating that the village is the 2007 winner of the all island competition 'Pride of Place'. This would be an appropriate acknowledge for this achievement, a first for Leitrim."

Report by Director of Service, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development;

"This would be welcomed and will be pursued further in terms of organising a sign to promote Drumsna's success in this competition."

08/218

14/4/2008

Road Markings on N4

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sinead Guckian;

"At the April meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to install the appropriate road markings with a right-hand turning lane for vehicles turning right into 1)the Finnalaghta road, off the N4, past Duignan's mill, Annaduff and 2) for vehicles travelling from Carrick, making a right-hand turn into Annaduff GFC grounds. With the realignment and development of the Dromod Rooskey by-pass vehicles travelling in the Carrick direction have very little time to prepare for or to become aware of vehicles stopping to make the turn in to Finnalaghta and this has led to many near misses to date. For vehicles travelling from Carrick, the same is evident at Annaduff GFC grounds."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"We will discuss the need for additional road markings at these locations with the NRA and should be in a position to provide the required markings from the Low Cost allocation provided for the N4 this year."

08/219

14/4/2008

Junction at Drumcoura Cross

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Paddy O'Rourke;

"When will the junction at Drumcoura Cross be complete i.e. safety measures, sight distance, signage etc."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"The necessary work will be carried out along with the roads programme in the area."

08/220

14/4/2008

Roadworks – Curraghboy, Carrigallen

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Paddy O'Rourke;

"When will the necessary work at the dangerous bend at Curraghboy, Carrigallen be undertaken. This road is carrying a huge volume of traffic."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"Works are to be carried out on this section of road during the summer as part of the roads programme. Efforts will be made to try and acquire land to improve the bends as part of planned works."

08/221

14/4/2008

Public Lighting – Manorhamilton and Glenfarne

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"I would ask Leitrim County Council when will the new public lighting be switched on at the

recycling centre in Manorhamilton, also the lights at St. Michael's Church, Glenfarne."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"The situation with regard to both sites has been taken up with the ESB. All lights are in position and we are awaiting supply from ESB Networks."

08/222

14/4/2008

N16 - Kilmakerril

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"May I ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure, when will the work start up again on the N16 at Kilmakerril."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;

"The NRA requested a detailed report on the works to date in Kilmakerrill and the projected works to completion. This completed report has been forwarded to the NRA at the end of March, and we are now awaiting their comment before proceeding with the completion of the works. An allocation of 1,500,000 has been made available in the current year."

This concluded the business of the meeting at 9.45pm

**Signed: Damian Brennan
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**Signed: Aideen McGovern
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

Date: 6th May 2008