

**Minutes of Council Meeting held by Leitrim County Council  
In the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 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>Stenson, Enda</i>
<i>Hughes, Gordon</i>	
<i>Kenny, Martin</i>	

*And Councillor Damian Brennan, Cathaoirleach presiding*

**Apologies:** *Shortt, Jim Joe*

**Officials Present:**

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

**Part I – Statutory Business**

**08/01**

**14/1/2008**      **Deimhniu Miontuairisci**

***Proposed by Councillor Mary Bohan, seconded by Councillor Martin Kenny and  
unanimously resolved;***

***“That the Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Kennedy’s Glenview House,  
Aghoo, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007, be adopted.”***

***Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Liam McElgunn and unanimously resolved;***

*“That the Minutes of Budget Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2007, be adopted.”*

Councillor McElgunn referred to the Minutes of Budget Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and sought an update in relation to the public lighting at the Riverside Amenity Development in Carrick on Shannon. This was supported by Councillor Reynolds. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services outlined that the lighting on the Boardwalk has been switched on and that a Cert is awaited from the Contractor in relation to the lighting along the walkway. He confirmed that it is hoped that these lights will be switched on very shortly.

Councillor Kenny, referred to the Minutes of Budget Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and sought an update regarding works to the bridge in Aughavas. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services outlined that an application will be made to CLAR for these works.

***08/02***

***14/1/2008      Annual Progress Report on Corporate Plan***

Report dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008 from County Manager, as circulated to the members, outlined Leitrim County Council’s progress in relation to the Corporate Plan 2004-2009 and appears as **Appendix 1** to the minutes of this meeting.

The report as circulated was noted by the members.

***08/03***

***14/1/2008      Annual Report on Capital Programme***

Report dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008 from County Manager, as circulated to the members, provided an update on the planned capital programme for the forthcoming three years and appears as **Appendix 2** to the minutes of this meeting.

The report as circulated was noted by the members.

***08/04***

***14/1/2008      Local Authority Development***

Report from Senior Planner 07/1/11 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 3** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

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

*“That proposal to erect a rural house with septic tank, percolation area and associated ground works at Tawley Td., Tullaghan, Co. Leitrim be approved.”*

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Report from Senior Planner 07/1/12 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 4** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

***Proposed by Councillor Mary Bohan, seconded by Councillor John McTernan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

*“That proposal to construct a water pumping station, control building, storage reservoir and all associated site works and pipe work at Greaghnafarna, Dromahair, Co. Leitrim be approved.”*

**08/05**

**14/1/2008      Section 183 of Local Government Act 2001**

*Report from Administrative Officer, Housing, dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007 as circulated to each member appears as **Appendix 5** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book.*

***Proposed by Councillor Paddy O’Rourke, seconded by Councillor Gordon Hughes AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

*“That disposal of rural house in the townland of Curraghtawny, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim to Noel McGirl, Drumdiffer, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Notice of Intention to Dispose of Land dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007 circulated to each Member, be approved.”*

**08/06**

**14/1/2008      Audit Report**

The Audit Report on the Accounts of Leitrim County Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006, as circulated to each member, appears as **Appendix 6** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book.

***Proposed by Councillor Mary Bohan, seconded by Councillor Michael Colreavy AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

*“That the Audit Report on the Accounts of Leitrim County Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006, be approved.”*

**08/07**

**14/1/2008      Overdraft Accommodation**

***Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson, seconded by Councillor Aodh Flynn AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

“That overdraft accommodation in the sum of €1.5 million for the half year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government, be approved.”

***08/08***

***14/1/2008***

***Draft Road Works Scheme 2008***

It was agreed by the members to hold the South Leitrim Roads Meeting on ***Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 5.30pm*** in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon.

It was agreed by the members to hold the North Leitrim Roads Meeting on ***Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 5.30pm*** in the Teagasc Office, Manorhamilton.

***08/09***

***14/1/2008***

***Draft Lough Allen Catchment Plan***

Mr. J. Gilhooly, Director of Services Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development outlined that Leitrim County Council had commissioned Colin Buchanan & Partners in April 2007 to prepare a plan for the Lough Allen Catchment. He outlined that the purpose of the plan is to identify ways to promote the economic, social and cultural development of Lough Allen and its catchment. He outlined the consultation process undertaken to date and advised that the approval of the members is being sought to proceed to public consultation in relation to the Draft Plan. He advised that a public meeting would be held during the public consultation phase and advised that the Plan would be brought back to the members for adoption at the March Council meeting, following the consultation process.

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

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

Councillor Ferguson outlined that the Plan needs to have specific recommendations and actions and needs to focus on the areas where Lough Allen is distinctive.

Councillor McGloin welcomed the Plan and outlined the need for a mapping exercise to be undertaken to identify locations which are suited to different types of businesses / investment.

Councillor Bohan outlined that some work has been undertaken but on a piece-meal basis to date. She welcomed the fact that all the agencies have been involved in the Steering Committee and that consultation has been undertaken. She outlined that there needed to be a very positive direction in relation to what we want to do at the end of this process. She also requested that the members for the area be notified of any public meetings being held in relation to the Draft Plan.

Councillor Flynn highlighted the enormous potential of the catchment area and noted the absence of the OPW. He outlined that the question of the levels of the lake have impacted on a number of the facilities. Councillor McTernan outlined that the Monuments Section of the OPW should be involved in relation to enhancing areas around the lake.

Councillor Gilmartin welcomed the Draft Plan but outlined that the lack of fish stocks in the lakes, particularly bream, is having a negative effect on angling tourism. He outlined that this issue needs to be highlighted at every opportunity. Councillor Brennan outlined that a report had recently been launched in relation to fish stocks, which may serve as a useful reference point. Councillor Gilmartin stated that the fish are not in the lakes.

Councillor Gerry Dolan welcomed the Draft Plan and complimented the OPW on the new boat launch at Cormongon Pier, Drumshanbo.

Councillor Colreavy expressed concern that many Plans fail in relation to their implementation due to the unavailability of funding and suggested that part of the brief should be to work with the various interests and prepare detailed proposals for funding for specific projects highlighted in the report. This was strongly supported by Councillor Kenny and Councillor McDermott who highlighted the importance of identifying funding for implementation of the plan.

Mr. J. Gilhooly, Director of Services outlined in relation to follow-through that the objective is to have a framework for the development of the catchment, which we can work within, and which allows us to give guidance etc. It is also designed to get people thinking about what they can do. He outlined that there was a need to build relationships with other agencies and the Steering Group was important in this regard. In terms of moving forward he outlined that it is proposed to establish an Implementation Group representative of the agencies and local developers. He outlined that the Lough Allen Catchment Plan is designed and timed to influence the new Leitrim County Development Plan and also to influence streams of funding which are opening up including under the Fáilte Ireland Regional Plan, the Leader Programme and the County Enterprise Board.

Ms. Louise Browne, Colin Buchanan Consultants, confirmed that a mapping exercise would be undertaken. She outlined however that it was important that this would not be overly prescriptive. She highlighted the importance of ensuring the other members of the Steering Committee are committed on an ongoing basis. She confirmed that the Plan would also be more specific in relation to potential funding avenues.

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

“That Leitrim County Council proceed to public consultation in relation to the Draft Lough Allen Catchment Plan.”

***08/10***

***14/1/2008***

***Planning Application Referral***

Mr. M. Dolan, Director of Services Planning, Environment and Emergency Services informed the members of referral of planning application by An Bord Pleanála in accordance with the

Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006 from Hibernian Wind Power Ltd. for an overhead electricity line of 110kv from Corderry to Garvagh Glebe Windfarm. He advised that the File was available for inspection at the meeting, and on an ongoing basis in the Planning Office, and that the members had two weeks to make any submissions or comments.

Councillor Bohan expressed disappointment in relation to the delay by An Bord Pleanala in making their decision in relation to a Waterways Ireland project at Dowra. Councillor Ferguson commented on a recent refusal of planning permission in relation to a Wind Farm proposal. Councillor Brennan outlined that he was proposing that an update be provided at the regional roads meetings in relation to planning issues.

**08/11**

**14/1/2008**

**Corporate Policy Group Report**

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

- Update in relation to Planning SPC meeting in relation to the consideration of the Pre-Draft Draft Leitrim County Development Plan 2009-2015
- Update in relation to progress on the preparation of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2009-2015
- Overview of items for the Council Meeting

This update was noted by the Members.

**08/12**

**14/1/2008**

**Correspondence**

*The following correspondence was circulated to the members;*

- ***Development of a Jetty at Cormongon Pier, Drumshanbo***  
Letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007 from the Shannon Regional Fisheries Board regarding the development of a jetty at Cormongon Pier, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim
- ***Postal Delivery Services, Ballinamore***  
Letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 from the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources regarding postal delivery services in Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim.
- ***HSE***  
Letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 from the Health Service Executive in response to resolutions passed by members of Leitrim County Council.
- ***Sligo Airport***  
Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007 from Sligo North West Airport Co. Ltd, regarding the possibility of establishing an air link between Belfast and Sligo.
- ***Mid-Shannon Corridor Tourism Investment Scheme***

Letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007 from the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism regarding a submission to seek an extension of the Mid-Shannon Corridor Tourism Investment Scheme.

- ***Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment***  
Letter dated 19th December 2007 from the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding an invitation from Leitrim County Council to a representative from the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment to attend a meeting of Leitrim County Council.
- ***Telethon 2007***  
Letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2007 from 'People in Need' in appreciation for amount raised by Leitrim County Council Table Quiz for People in Need.
- ***Ethical Framework***  
Notice under Section 174(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2001 issued to each member of Leitrim County Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2008 informing each member of the requirement imposed on him or her under Section 171 of the Local Government Act 2001 to prepare and furnish an annual declaration to the Ethics Registrar no later than the last day of February 2008.
- ***Road Safety Authority***  
Letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2008 from the Road Safety Authority regarding resolution passed by the members of Leitrim County Council at October 2007 meeting.
- ***Assessment of Housing Needs 2008***  
Letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008 from Administrative Officer, Housing regarding Leitrim County Council Statutory Assessment of Housing Need 2008.

The members also raised the following issues;

- ***N16***  
Councillor Colreavy referred to the December Meeting of Leitrim County Council, Minute Reference No. 07/569, regarding the N16. He outlined that he had received a positive response from the Minister for Regional Development, Northern Ireland, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2008, which he will make available to Members. He gave an overview of the response to the members and asked that all members push their national elected representatives in relation to the development of the N16.
- ***Housing Aid for the Elderly***  
Councillor McGloin referred to the new Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes and queried the requirement in relation to Tax Clearance Certificates for applicants. Ms. M. Quinn, A/Director of Services outlined the provisions under the scheme and undertook to seek further clarification from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in this regard.

08/13

14/1/2008

Conferences

***Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson seconded by Councillor Enda McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the following;

- Attendance of Councillor Thomas Mulligan at the The Ceifin Centre - Conference - Tracking the Tiger A Decade of Change on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2007, Ennis
- Attendance of Councillor Thomas Mulligan at the Cross Border Conference 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2007 in Drogheda
- Attendance of Councillor Francis Gilmartin at the Screening of No Drink no Drive Ads in Leitrim Cinemobile 22/11/07 and Civic Reception for the Lennon Brothers 22/11/07 in Carrick on Shannon.
- Attendance of Councillor Francis Gilmartin at the Official Launch of Sligo-Leitrim Teagasc Restructured Advisory Service 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007 in Sligo.
- Attendance of Councillor Francis Gilmartin at the Meeting of Shannon RBD Advisory Council in Sligo on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2007
- Attendance of the following members at the Neil T. Blaney Winter School, 30<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2007 in Letterkenny; Enda Stenson, Sean McGowan; Paddy O’Rourke; Damian Brennan; Thomas Mulligan
- Attendance of Councillor Sean McGowan at the Chambers Ireland Awards on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007 in Dublin and Regional Tidy Towns Awards in Letterkenny on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007
- Attendance of Councillor Damian Brennan at the following; Meeting at Department of Communications re: Broadband 6/12/07 in Dublin, LAMA Conference in Carlow 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2007, Chambers Ireland Awards in Dublin 8/11/07, Pride of Place Awards Westport on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2007, Launch of John McGahern Book, Galway 8/10/07 and Repak Awards in Dublin 4<sup>th</sup> October 2007
- Attendance of Councillor Gerry Reynolds at LAMA Conference in Carlow 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2007
- Attendance of Councillor Sinead Guckian at the Clare Tourism Conference from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2007 in Clare.
- Attendance of Councillor Tony Ferguson at the following; RBD Meeting in Dromahaire 6<sup>th</sup> November 2007; RBD Meeting in Galway 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007; Launch of Teagasc Advisory for Sligo/Leitrim in Sligo 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007; Cross-Border Links Villages and Towns on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007 in Kiltyclogher.
- Attendance of Councillor Paddy O’Rourke at 2007 Healthy Ageing Conference on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007 in Dublin
- Attendance of Councillor Caillian Ellis at ICBAN Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007 in Tyrone.”

***Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson seconded by Councillor Enda McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of the following members at LAMA Awards Ceremony in City West Hotel, Dublin on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2008;’ Damian Brennan, Sinead Guckian, Sean McGowan, Enda McGloin.”

***Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson seconded by Councillor Enda McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of the following members at the Leitrim Association Dinner Dance in London on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008 in London; Damian Brennan.”

***Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson seconded by Councillor Enda McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of the following members at Cesson Sevigne Town Twinning Anniversary on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2008 in Cesson Sevigne, France; Damian Brennan, Sean McGowan.”

***Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson seconded by Councillor Enda McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of the following members at Leitrim Association Dinner Dance and St. Patricks Day Celebration in New York, March 2008; Damian Brennan, Sean McDermott, Gordon Hughes, Aodh Flynn.”

***Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin seconded by Councillor Gordon Hughes AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of the following members at Cumann Merriman Winter School, 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2008 in Westport; Gordon Hughes, Enda McGloin, John McTernan, Sean McDermott, Frank Dolan, Enda Stenson, Gerry Dolan, Francis Gilmartin, Liam McElgunn.”

***Proposed by Councillor Paddy O’Rourke seconded by Councillor Tony Ferguson AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of the following members at Seminar for Councillors on Local Government Planning Service from 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2008 in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford; Paddy O’Rourke, Caillian Ellis.”

***Proposed by Councillor Paddy O’Rourke seconded by Councillor Caillian Ellis AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of the following members at the Colmcille Winter School from 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008 to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2008 in Letterkenny; Paddy O’Rourke, Caillian Ellis, Liam McElgunn, Mary Bohan, Francis Gilmartin, Tony Ferguson, Enda Stenson, Frank Dolan, John McTernan, Enda McGloin.”

***Proposed by Councillor Caillian Ellis seconded by Councillor Francis Gilmartin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

*“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of the following members at Mid-West Regional Authority Planning for Renewable Energy Conference on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008 in Limerick; Caillian Ellis, Liam McElgunn, Francis Gilmartin, Mary Bohan, Tony Ferguson, Enda Stenson, Frank Dolan, John McTernan.”*

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

*“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of the following members at Cross Border Spatial Planning Conference on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008 in Armagh; Tony Ferguson.”*

**Proposed by Councillor Sean McDermott seconded by Councillor Frank Dolan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;**

*“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of the following members at Cross Border Spatial Planning Conference on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008 in Armagh; Sean McDermott.”*

**08/14**

**14/1/2008**

**Votes of Sympathy**

*The members extended a vote of sympathy to the following;*

- *Family of the late Nora McCormack, New Houses, Kinlough*
- *Micheal McKenna and family, c/o Leitrim County Council on the death of Agnes McKenna*
- *Family of the late Hugh Charles, Calloughs, Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim*
- *Michael Doherty and family, Tully, Carrigallen on the death of Anna Mary Doherty*
- *Family of the late Pat Cull, Castlefore, Keshcarrigan*
- *Charles and Rosaleen McNabola, Kilnagross, Carrick on Shannon on the death of Aidan McNabola*
- *The McCrann family, Lisnagae, Drumsna on the death of Tessie McCrann*
- *John McMorow, Kiltyclogher, on the death of Mary Ann Cullen*
- *Family of the late Michael Gerard Meehan, Corran, Kiltyclogher*
- *Maura McDonagh, Leitrim Village on the death of Eamon McDonagh*
- *Gerry and Martina Bracken and family, Aughacashel, Carrick on Shannon on the death of James Bracken*
- *Jim and Bridie Doran, Sheffield, Leitrim P.O., on the death of Francis Doran*

**Part II – Notice of Motions**

**08/15**

**14/1/2008**

**Public Lighting – Amorset, Manorhamilton**

***To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Aodh Flynn;***

*"I will ask that Leitrim County Council request the ESB to restore the public light on the old road at Amorset, Manorhamilton. This light was removed to carry out work on surface water drainage in the area."*

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"An application has been made to the ESB for the connection to new public lighting at their location in question. The lighting columns have been in place for some weeks."

Councillor Flynn welcomed the reply. This was supported by Councillor Colreavy.

**08/16**

**14/1/2008**

**Pollution of the 'Mill Race' River, Drumshanbo**

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

"I call on the Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services to immediately investigate thoroughly the persistent pollution by unknown persons, of the 'Mill Race' river which runs through the town of Drumshanbo and eventually enters Lough Allen. A variety of debris ends up in this river and some of it gets caught under some of the bridges leading out of the town. A coordinated effort by the Environment and Community Warden sections of the council is required to eliminate this problem."

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

"This matter will be fully investigated as a matter of urgency. Tests will be carried out on the water at different locations to determine level of pollution and to try to identify the source of pollution-if any. If pollution is found to exist, every effort will be made to establish responsibility and prosecutions will be issued. Reference is made in the motion to debris in the watercourse. Efforts will be made to identify the culprits and appropriate action will be taken under the litter legislation against anyone who can be identified."

Councillor McGloin welcomed the report and outlined that this is a very serious issue.

**08/17**

**14/1/2008**

**Water and Electricity Supply**

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

"I would ask this Council to write to Minister Eamon O'Cuiv, to see if he could see his way through the CLAR Programme to grant aid the supply of water and electricity to the slatted houses, where they are removed from the supply of either. As the grant aid for a new slatted house does not cover the extra expenditure, the farmer has to bring either water or electricity a distance."

***Proposed by Councillor Francis Gilmartin, seconded by Councillor Mary Bohan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

"That Leitrim County Council write to Minister Eamon O'Cuiv, to request that the supply of water and electricity to the slatted houses, where they are removed from the supply of either, be grant aided through the CLAR Programme. As the grant aid for a new slatted house does not cover the extra expenditure, the farmer has to bring either water or electricity a distance."

08/18

14/1/2008

**Improvements to R204, Corrawallen**

***To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;***

"I propose that Leitrim County Council put a proper crash barrier and larger signage at Corrawallen for the dangerous bend on the Carrigallen side of the Post Office. This is a very dangerous bend and there are accidents occurring there on a regular basis which is causing considerable damage to the landowners fence."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"It is proposed to undertake improvements to the R204 on both sides of Corrawallen and these proposals can be considered at the Area Roads Meeting."

Councillor Ellis welcomed aspects of the reply but outlined concern that the reply was vague. Councillor Hughes supported the motion and outlined that he had previously submitted a motion in relation to an adjoining stretch of this road. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services Infrastructure outlined that a proposal has been submitted for funding under the Specific Improvement Grants and details of the allocation in this regard is awaited. He advised that the matter can be discussed at the Regional Roads Meeting.

08/19

14/1/2008

**Lough Melvin Water Quality**

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

"I will ask the County Manager and Director of Services Environment, to give a detailed report on the water quality and the monitoring of all the discharges of waste into Lough Melvin and all the rivers flowing into the lake. How often and by whom is testing carried out as there is very serious concern regarding enrichment and pollution levels in the waters. There is a willingness by many to assist in whatever way improvements can be implemented."

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

"The lake body of Lough Melvin is sampled as part of the National Sampling Programme undertaken by the Environmental Protection Agency. It was sampled 12 times in 2007 and is scheduled for 8 times each in 2008 and 2009. Samples are taken at 6 points and at various depths. Three discharge points are monitored by Leitrim County Council. They are:-

Kinlough Waste Water Treatment Plant      6 times per year.

Kiltyclogher Waste Water Treatment Plant      3 times per year.

Rossinver Organic Farm      4 times per year

The Lough Melvin Catchment Project 2003-2008 is being run by the Northern Regional Fisheries Board. It complements the work being done by the North West Share River Basin Management Group which is based in Letterkenny and is responsible under the Water Framework Directive for formulating and implementing Management Plans for Lough Melvin, the Erne and all the catchments and coastal waters of Donegal, parts of Tyrone and Derry. The Lough Melvin Project involves 3 local authorities-Leitrim, Donegal and Fermanagh. The Northern Regional Fisheries Board, heritage, environmental, agricultural, fisheries and forestry

interests on both sides of the Border. The project involves an intense monitoring programme involving (a) the fortnightly sampling of incoming rivers and streams and lake waters at 4 locations and at varying depths, (b) fish and lake biota and (c) sediment sampling of the lake bed. All the test results are being collated at present and this will allow nutrient budgets to be calculated and compared with that of the early 1990s and the bio-mass of the lake to be compared to the '90s and the average fish size and health to be determined. While water quality appears to remain good, a number of threats to that status have been identified. One outcome of this project in the current year will be a Plan which will address these threats and identify the actions and the agents responsible to counteract those threats."

Councillor Ferguson welcomed the reply and highlighted his anticipation that all bodies will work together to ensure water quality and the monitoring of all the discharges of waste into Lough Melvin. Councillor Colreavy supported the motion.

**08/20**

**14/1/2008**

**Sean MacDiarmada Summer School**

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

"At the January Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask if this Council would consider promoting a 'Summer School' in honour of Sean MacDiarmada, one of the main leaders of the 1916 rising. This could be a great way of promoting our county."

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

"Leitrim County Council prepared a Tourism Development Strategy in 2007. The strategy contains references to the importance of a number of cultural and historic attributes of the County in the Glenfarne/Kiltyclogher area etc. Included within these is the homestead of Sean MacDiarmada. This area and the provision of adequate signage, route definition and interpretation is included within possible projects for funding in 2008 through the Failte Ireland soft infrastructure fund. The concept of a Summer School as a further project does indeed provide potential opportunities to expand further the tourism sector in this part of the County. Leitrim County Council would be very happy to support and assist in what ever way it can any local group developing and/or organising such an event."

Councillor McDermott highlighted that the holding of such a summer school, coupled with bringing people to the other local attractions, would present a unique tourism opportunity. He welcomed aspects of the reply and indicated that he was hopeful this would happen in the short-term with the Council as the main player. This was strongly supported by Councillor Ferguson. Councillor McGloin suggested that the matter should be considered by the relevant SPC. Councillor Flynn and Councillor McTernan also supported the motion.

Councillor Colreavy welcomed the proposal and queried if the Council could take this on as a project in 2008. He suggested that the event should be announced at the New York Leitrim Society St. Patrick's Day Celebrations.

Mr. J. Gilhooly, Director of Services outlined that the priority for the Council in 2008 is a project designed in consultation with the local community group in Glenfarne in relation to signage. He outlined the importance of having the necessary infrastructure in place. He advised

that it would be very ambitious to try and develop a Summer School by August 2008 as such events require significant advance development and planning. He indicated that the Council would be happy to support such a project developed locally.

Following discussion it was agreed that Councillor McDermott and Councillor Colreavy would consider how the proposal might be progressed and that the Manorhamilton Area Members would discuss the matter further with the Director of Services.

**08/21**

**14/1/2008**

**Road Improvements at Kilnagross/Kiltoghert Area**

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

"May I ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure Mr. John McGuinness to draw up a plan for a four mile stretch of road from Kilnagross post office to Kiltoghert graveyard. At Kilnagross there is a post office a national school and a major crossroads yet there is only one public light, which is totally inadequate. Further on the road at Gowel church where mass is celebrated twice weekly also removals and funerals are held here again there is only one public light and a footpath in need of urgent repair. Then at Kiltoghert the community have an excellent centre which is used most nights of the week by everybody from foroige to active age groups and there are no public lights here. The road from the centre down past Kiltoghert graveyard is in need of major restoration work and drainage. Can we have a timescale of when works could commence in this area."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"It is proposed to erect two additional lighting columns at Kilnagross (1 No. adjacent to Kilnagross P.O. and 1 No. adjacent to Kilnagross National School. Two additional public lights will be erected at Gowel as follows: 1No. along the LP3409, south-west of Gowel Church and 1No. at the junction of the LP3409 and the LT34104. As per previous Council meeting, it is proposed to meet with members of the Gowel Development Association to discuss improvement works to the footpath opposite Gowel Church. The Kiltoghert Graveyard road LS7417 is included in the Roads Programme for 2009."

Councillor Stenson outlined that this whole area has been the subject of much previous discussion. He asked that the lights be installed as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Gilmartin supported the motion and queried whether the lights at Kilnagross have been ordered and paid for. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services undertook to check the position in relation to this matter.

Councillor McElgunn queried if this road would be widened in conjunction with the water works to be undertaken. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services confirmed that any widening works will be done in conjunction with the waterworks. He confirmed that Tenders for the waterworks were currently being evaluated and that the works would be undertaken in 2008.

Councillor Guckian, Councillor McGowan, Councillor Mulligan and Councillor Brennan also supported the motion.

08/22

14/1/2008

**Effluent Treatment Systems**

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

"That we the members of Leitrim County Council call on the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government to provide grant assistance to allow for people living in rural Ireland to upgrade from septic tanks to modern Effluent treatment systems (i.e. Puraflo / Bio cycle etc.) This is necessary in view of the EU Water Framework Directive which obliges each Local Authority / State to put in place a programme to protect our rivers and lakes."

***Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, seconded by Councillor Enda Stenson AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government to provide grant assistance to allow for people living in rural Ireland to upgrade from septic tanks to modern Effluent treatment systems (i.e. Puraflo / Bio cycle etc.) This is necessary in view of the EU Water Framework Directive which obliges each Local Authority / State to put in place a programme to protect our rivers and lakes."

08/23

14/1/2008

**Kiltoghert Graveyard**

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

"At the January Meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, to address and resolve the on-going flooding problems in Kiltoghert graveyard."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"Leitrim County Council has carried out works to alleviate drainage in this graveyard in the past. It is proposed to revisit this location to carry out inspections to see what further measures can be taken to address the drainage problem."

Councillor Guckian acknowledged the work which had been carried out at this location but outlined that further works were required in the lower part of the graveyard. She welcomed the proposal to revisit the location and asked that this would be done as soon as possible. Councillor Mulligan, Councillor McGowan and Councillor McElgunn supported the motion.

08/24

14/1/2008

**Public Lighting – St. Georges Terrace, Carrick on Shannon**

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

"To ask that this Council put in place proper lighting along St. George's Terrace, Carrick on Shannon as it is very dark in this area."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"It is proposed to meet with representatives from the ESB to determine the effectiveness of the existing public lighting arrangements along St. George's Terrace. If deemed unsatisfactory, quotations will be sought for upgrading of same."

Councillor McElgunn highlighted that this area is very dark and proper lighting is required. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services outlined that the type of lighting will be discussed with the ESB and quotations will be sought for upgrading as required.

Councillor McElgunn also sought an update on traffic calming measures at Carrick on Shannon Community School. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services outlined that these traffic calming measures are included in the Low Cost Safety Scheme proposals and the allocation in this regard is awaited from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

**08/25**

**14/1/2008**

**Killavoggy/Dromahaire Road**

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

"I Councillor Gerry Dolan call on the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have the Killavoggy/Dromahaire Road from the Iron Bridge to McHugh's Cross, resurfaced as soon as possible."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"This road will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the 2008 Maintenance Programme subject to priority. Routine Maintenance will be carried out until funding becomes available."

**08/26**

**14/1/2008**

**Carrick on Shannon Gael Scoil**

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

"To ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure would the Council provide car parking spaces and a pedestrian crossing beside Carrick on Shannon Gael Scoil, in conjunction with the work that is now taking place, providing a footpath and the extension of the sewerage works."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"Leitrim County Council has recently acquired a portion of ground above the Gael Scoil to allow for widening of the LP 3408 and extension of the existing footpath. It is proposed to construct a number of parking spaces and a pedestrian crossing at this location. However, these works can only commence following completion of the sewerage extension works."

Councillor McGloin sought clarification on the timescale for the completion of works. Mr. S. O'Connor, Senior Engineer outlined that the sewerage extension works are now practically complete and the widening and footpath works are also well advanced. Councillor McElgunn supported the motion and welcomed the work being carried out at this location.

08/27

14/1/2008

**Planning Legislation**

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

"Strict new planning rules to be introduced next year by the Department of the Environment and Local Government will cut sharply the number of new houses that can be built in Irish towns and villages. Under the guidelines, developers will only be able to build between 10 to 12 extra houses in villages that have fewer than 400 people. I propose that Leitrim County Council examine Minister John Gormley's and the Governments intended restrictions announced during Christmas week, and consider the impact the restrictions will have on our potential to develop the County."

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

"I have confirmed with the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government that a consultation document will be published in the coming weeks relating to this matter with the intention that responses can be made before any guidelines or regulations are made. The Council will be notified as soon as a document is published."

Councillor Colreavy highlighted his serious concerns in relation to the absence of clarity regarding the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government proposals on this matter and the possible implications of the proposed guidelines for Leitrim. He also outlined concern in relation to the impact of any such proposals in the context of the ongoing preparation of the new County Development Plan. He proposed that Leitrim County Council write to Minister Gormley at the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government highlighting the Council's right to be involved in the preparation of any guidelines in relation to Planning.

Mr. M. Dolan, Director of Services outlined that the Departments' Press Office have advised that a consultation document is to be published in the coming weeks. Ms. J. Maguire, County Manager advised that no correspondence has been received from the Department to date in this regard. She outlined that the Council must adhere to the statutory timeframes in relation to the review of the County Development Plan.

Councillor Guckian outlined the importance of distinguishing between our towns and our smaller villages in the context of the County Development Plan review and advised that this issue needs to be given a lot of consideration in the context of both the Development Plan and any proposed guidelines.

Ms. J. Maguire, County Manager confirmed that any documentation in relation to the Department's proposals in this regard will be circulated to the members and there will be an opportunity to consider and make a submission.

08/28

14/1/2008

**Junction in Lurganboy Village**

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

"I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, what the possibilities are of doing something with the junction in Lurganboy Village, in order to leave it safer. People coming from the Kinlough side find it extremely dangerous at this junction."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The junction in question is in the centre of Lurganboy Village, where LP2175 meets LP2136 at quite an acute angle. At the request of the local Development Association, a STOP control with appropriate signage and road lining was put in place in mid-2007 to prevent traffic from the Glenade/Kinlough approach via L175 driving directly onto the Main Street of the Village (L175). The village is governed by a 50 km/hr speed limit."

Councillor Frank Dolan highlighted his concerns over safety in the village. The motion was supported by Councillor McDermott. Councillor Colreavy requested the Council to examine the possibility of bringing the Lurganboy road out onto the roundabout. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services undertook to examine the location further.

***08/29***

***14/1/2008***

***Public Lighting – Aughavas Village***

***To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Jim Joe Shortt;***

"At the January Meeting of Leitrim County Council, I Councillor Jim Joe Shortt will propose that public lighting at Aughavas village along Regional Road R201 be included in the 2008 Roadworks or Public Lighting Scheme."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The provision of these lights can be considered in drafting the public lighting programme at the upcoming area roads meeting."

Councillor Ferguson moved the motion on behalf of Councillor Shortt and proposed that public lighting at Aughavas Village along Regional Road R201 be included in the 2008 Roadworks Scheme.

***08/30***

***14/1/2008***

***Parking – Hyde Street, Mohill***

***To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Thomas Mulligan;***

"That we pursue our objective of acquiring a suitable site for off street parking at Hyde Street, Mohill."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The town plan for Mohill identified options for developments off Hyde street which would also address parking issues but again these need to be developer driven. The council staff are available to discuss possible developments at any stage council will play it's part in any such

developments."

Councillor Mulligan requested that the Council monitor the situation on an ongoing basis. This was supported by Councillor McGowan and Councillor Stenson. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services outlined that this objective would have to be pursued in conjunction with developers but confirmed that the Council will monitor what comes available in the area.

**08/31**

**14/1/2008**

**Nature of Rural Life and Farming Practices**

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

"I am proposing that Leitrim County Council put measures in place to ensure that a full understanding of the nature of rural life and farming practices is appreciated by people coming to live in the countryside, while our county welcomes new people living and contributing to rural communities, agriculture is the anchor of rural Ireland, producing food and maintaining the environment. We must actively work to ensure harmony and equal understanding of the needs of the farmers, the realities of country life and the excellent experience it should be for all inhabitants."

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

"Section 1.03 of the current County Development Plan 2003-2009 (page 9) states as follows;- "The Council will seek to achieve through appropriate planning policies an improving quality of life for those who live, work and move to County Leitrim. The Council will facilitate the development of a diverse and vibrant local economy whilst protecting and enhancing the environment and the natural, archaeological, built and cultural heritage "On page 10 of the Plan it states that the Council cherishes the value and tradition of rural communities and there is a commitment throughout the Plan to supporting those communities. It states, however, that communities need diversity and support through people, not just persons engaged in agriculture. While it is desirable that all citizens would have an adequate appreciation of and respect for our environment, heritage and way of rural life, nevertheless the Planning Authority cannot discriminate against applicants for planning permission on those grounds but it must consider each planning application on its own merits and in accordance with sound planning principles and in accordance with the Planning and Development Acts and associated Regulations, the County Development Plan and the DOEHLG Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines. All of those matters can be considered in the course of the Councils upcoming deliberations on the Draft County Development Plan which is currently with the Members for consideration."

Councillor Kenny outlined that there is a need to understand and recognize that the countryside is a working environment.

**08/32**

**14/1/2008**

**Maintenance to Road from Carrocrin to Greaghafarna**

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

"To ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure when repair work will be carried out on the road leading from Carrocrin to Greaghnafarna at O'Hara's turn, towards McMorrows and repair work at Corclancy, leading over to Tullynacreena, Dromahaire."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"Routine maintenance work will be carried out when weather conditions improve"

Councillor McTernan outlined that resurfacing is a priority for the road in question and asked that the works be carried out at an early date.

**08/33**

**14/1/2008**

**Taxi-Stand Byelaws, Carrick on Shannon**

Councillor Stenson sought clarification on the Taxi Stand Byelaws in Carrick on Shannon. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services outlined that there are three 12 hour taxi spaces and two 24 hour taxi spaces located at St. Georges Terrace, Carrick on Shannon. He outlined that the taxi spaces located on Bridge Street have been the subject of some concerns and activity at this location is being monitored. He outlined that the Byelaws cannot be reviewed within six months of their adoption. Councillor Guckian requested that a letter issue to the local business group outlining the position in this regard.

**Part II - Questions.**

**08/34**

**14/1/2008**

**Car Park, Mart Road, Drumshanbo**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;***

"Can I ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure to have a look at the Car Park on the Mart Road Drumshanbo with regard to a lining plan, and putting in place a proper fence to the rear along side the 'Mill Race' river and at the side of the car park. This car park needs attention as soon as possible."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"It is proposed to carry out an inspection of the current condition of this carpark with a view to obtaining quotations for the works as described. Major works are planned for this year for the junction of the Mart road at the Mayflower, and we will investigate the possibility of carrying out the requested works as part of the over all project."

**08/35**

**14/1/2008**

**Public Lighting, Convent Avenue, Drumshanbo**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;***

"Can I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to consider providing more street lights or replacing the current 'dim yellow' street lights at Convent Avenue, Drumshanbo just above the Dowra Road junction. This area is dangerous for pedestrians at night especially evening Mass goers. I urge the Council to get ESB advice here to improve the lighting."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The ESB have confirmed that the type and age of the existing public lights on Convent Avenue are inadequate. Quotations will now be sought for the upgrade of lights in this location and the work will be included in this years lighting programme."

**08/36**

**14/1/2008**

**Road Resurfacing – Sheffield, Leitrim**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;***

"I was promised three years ago by this Council that they would resurface the entrance of the road into Sheffield in Leitrim. As there was a lot of work completed on this junction by a FAS Scheme, it is not a lot to ask this Council to complete the good work that was carried out."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"Staff from the Carrick Area are available to discuss in the coming weeks any outstanding works required at this location."

**08/37**

**14/1/2008**

**Pedestrian Crossing, Furnace Hill, Drumshanbo**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;***

"Would this Council please make provision in the new layout of the road in Furnace Hill, for a pedestrian crossing at the Vocational School. This matter has come up at the Board of Management meeting as the staff claim it is a dangerous situation at the moment."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The new layout proposed at this junction includes for the provision of two number raised zebra crossings. One of these crossings is situated on station road close to the proposed mini roundabout. A new footpath will be constructed from this crossing towards the vocational school. This will enable pedestrians coming from the school to safely cross the road onto the footpath leading to the town centre. The other pedestrian crossing is located on the mart road, which will allow safe pedestrian access from the school to the tennis courts."

**08/38**

**14/1/2008**

**St. Brigid's Street, Ballinamore**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;***

"I will ask Leitrim County Council when will they resurface St. Brigid's Street in Ballinamore."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The surfacing of the road in question can be considered at the area roads meeting."

**08/39**

**14/1/2008**      **Improvement Works – Drumharkin/Drumroosk South Road, Fenagh**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;***

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to put in place lay-bys on the road going up through Drumharkin and Drumroosk South in Fenagh."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The provision of lay-bys can be considered in conjunction with road improvement works on the roads in question."

**08/40**

**14/1/2008**      **Park Crossroad on R280 - Signage**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;***

"When is it proposed to place a sign for Ballintrillick at Park Crossroads on the R280. Transport companies and visitors miss this junction very often."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"A fingerpost sign for Ballintrillick can be provided at the location in question in the coming months."

**08/41**

**14/1/2008**      **Speed Limit Signs – LP2063**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;***

"When will speed limit signs be placed on each end of the road from Kinlough to Tullaghan at Duncarbery and Gubacreeney. Also the road lining on the centre of this busy road is urgently required."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The road in question is LP2063 which links Regional Road R280 at a point North of Kinlough Village with NP Route N15 at Tullaghan. The whole of this road is within the 80km/hr general speed limit zone, and therefore there is no necessity to provide additional speed limit signs at each end of it. Existing signs at the exits from both villages clearly indicate that motorists are entering an 80km/hr zone. Road lining was put in place towards the end of 2007."

08/42

14/1/2008

**Black Rock Bridge, Glenfarne**

*To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;*

"I will ask the District Engineer, if any work is planned in the near future on the bridge known locally as the Black Rock Bridge in Glenfarne, beside East Barrs Post-Office, as part of both side walls of this bridge have fallen into the river. It is dangerous and looks terrible. Before the bridge was damaged, there was lovely cut-stone in the side walls, part of this bridge was been damaged for over twenty years. I have raised this issue in the past."

*Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;*

"Considerable structural strengthening work was carried out on the Bridge in question some years ago. However, parapet walls and safety fencing continued to be damaged by forestry and other lorries due to extremely poor alignment right on the Southern edge of the Bridge. This approach on LP2208 will require substantial realignment and widening to prevent the ongoing damage complained of from occurring. No provision has been made in the 2008 road works programme for work of this nature, but the project can be considered if a suitable source of funding can be identified. In the meantime, an estimate of the costs involved will be prepared."

08/43

14/1/2008

**Remedial Works to Road at Aghavoghil, Kinlough**

*To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;*

"I will ask Leitrim County Council if they could eliminate water that is coming out onto the road in the townland of Aghavoghil i.e. the Kinlough side of the entry to the old quarry."

*Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;*

"The local Tertiary road in question will be inspected in the near future to establish the extent of the problem raised and carry out remedial works if possible."

08/44

14/1/2008

**Shannagh to Main Street, Mohill**

*To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;*

"May I ask the Area Engineer for Mohill when will the ramps be removed from the road leading from Shannagh to Main Street and when will the sight line be improved leading from the same road to Main Street at Cashins Garage."

*Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;*

"The ramps were introduced to deal with particular traffic problems at the location in question - their removal can be considered when these problems have been resolved. Work to improve the sight line in question has commenced."

**08/45**

**14/1/2008**

**Repairs to Bridge on Corriscoffey-Clooncliva Road**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;***

"To again ask Mr. Brian Flynn Senior Executive Engineer Carrick what is the delay in carrying out repairs to the bridge over the Eslin river on the Corriscoffey—Clooncliva road as part of the wall of the bridge has fallen into the river and it is extremely dangerous for the local community who use this road on a daily basis. I have raised this issue over the past number of years and still no work has been done on the bridge."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"Significant repairs were carried out on the parapet walls of this bridge in recent years. However given the width of the bridge (2.8m) the parapet walls are continuously damaged by large vehicles. It is necessary to widen this bridge in order to prevent reoccurrence of damage. No provision has been made in the 2008 road works programme for this work. This work can be considered if a suitable source of funding is identified. In the meantime, a temporary handrail was been erected at this location."

**08/46**

**14/1/2008**

**Additional Car Parking Spaces, Manorhamilton**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Aodh Flynn;***

"I will ask the County Manager to proceed with the provision of additional car parking spaces in Manorhamilton, which is now urgently required."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"Work is due to commence on Monday next 14th January on the completion of the Car Park at the rear of Dillon Court Apartments on Church Lane. Discussions are on going to provide additional public parking at this location."

**08/47**

**14/1/2008**

**Development Charges**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Aodh Flynn;***

"Has the Executive of the Council changed its policy in relation to the payment of development charges."

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

"There has been no change of policy in relation to payment of development contributions. It is standard practice that a condition is imposed in the grant of planning permission stipulating that payment of the development contribution is made prior to commencement of construction."

**08/48**

**14/1/2008**

**Junction on the N4 at Drumgildra**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sinead Guckian;***

"At the January meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, what is the up to date position regarding the provision of a right hand turning lane on the N4 at Drumgildra, at the junction of the Gortinty lake road towards Corrick and Derrybrack. As per my motion in May 2007, I received full support in calling on the NRA to provide new road markings on the N4 as a number of accidents have occurred at this junction."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"Leitrim County Council have applied to the NRA seeking funding under the "Low Cost Improvement Works for National Roads" in order to carry out this work during 2008."

**08/49**

**14/1/2008**

**Group Sewerage Scheme - Jamestown**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sinead Guckian;***

"At the January meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, what is the up to date position regarding the provision of a group sewerage scheme for residences on the school road Jamestown, which are in close proximity to the proposed treatment plant but which are not currently included in the proposed new sewerage scheme in the village."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"This Council would welcome a proposal from the residents here to provide a Group Sewerage Scheme. Substantial funding by way of Grant-aid is available for such schemes, as follows:

Contribution per house	1000 euro
Dept of Environment	2000 euro max. (75% rate)
Clar funding	8000 euro max. (Based on cost)

The Rural Water Dept of LCC is available to discuss any proposals with the residents concerned."

**08/50**

**14/1/2008**

**Repairs to LS7472 – Antfield, Aughamore**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;***

"I am requesting that immediate repairs be carried out to the road leading from Antfield Aughamore to Finnalaughter."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The Antfield to Finnalaghta road (LS7472) is included in the 2008 Roads Programme. Works on this road will commence when the weather conditions improve."

**08/51**

**14/1/2008**

**Lighting – St. Patricks Park and Breffni Crescent**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Liam McElgunn;***

"To ask this Council what is the update on the report of the lighting in St. Patrick's Park and Breffni Crescent."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The Area Engineer has requested a meeting with representatives from ESB to determine the extent of advance civil works required in the St. Patrick's Park/Breffni Crescent area. It is anticipated that these works will commence during Feb/Mar of this year."

**08/52**

**14/1/2008**

**Road from Summerhill to Aura Leisure Centre**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Liam McElgunn;***

"To ask this Council to put in place a proper surface and lighting on the pathway leading from Summerhill to the Aura Leisure Centre as was requested by this Councillor over the last two years."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"This work will be carried out within the next two months."

**08/53**

**14/1/2008**

**Signage – LP3309, Aughacashel/Rantogue**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Dolan;***

"To ask the Area Engineer as to when it is intended to have the dangerous bend signs erected leading up to the two dangerous bends past Rantogue Stores leading towards Aughacashel, and leading to the Mountain Tavern Pub coming from Aughacashel, as the signs that have been erected at the cross are not enough advance warning for strangers."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"A number of signs were erected at this location (road number LP 3309) in December 2007. These include three chevron markers and a 'Y junction ahead' sign as you approach the junction from the east; a large chevron sign located on the junction; a yield sign on the LP3356 and a 'dangerous bend ahead' sign on the western approach. It is considered that these signs provide sufficient warning for motorists."

08/54

14/1/2008

**Litter Removal**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Reynolds;***

"To ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure what measures are in place to have litter removed from the streets in Carrick on Shannon. How often does street cleaning take place in the town, and if there are any measures to have the streets cleaned on Bank Holidays."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The following measures are currently in place for litter removal, emptying of bins etc.:

One General Operative employed on a full time basis (Mon to Fri) cleaning the streets throughout the town.

In addition all litter bins throughout the town are emptied every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The frequency of bin collections are increased during the summer months with a substantial number of bins emptied on a daily basis, particularly those around the Quays area and in the town centre.

Bins are also emptied on Sunday mornings and on Bank Holidays.

The suction sweeper cleans the streets throughout the town on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and also on Sunday morning."

08/55

14/1/2008

**Roadworks at R280 (Largy) and N16 (Glenfarne)**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Michael Colreavy;***

"When will the roadworks at R280 (Largy) and N16 (Big Bog Cross, Glenfarne) be recommenced and finished."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"Subject to the provision of adequate funding by the Dept. of Transport for the R280, and the NRA for Route N16, work will recommence in Spring, on the arrival of suitable weather, in respect of both projects. It is intended that work on both will be completed in the current year."

08/56

14/1/2008

**One Stop Shop, Manorhamilton**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Michael Colreavy;***

"Can the Manager indicate when the new Council office off Main Street, Manorhamilton is scheduled for completion."

***Report by Senior Executive Officer, Change Management Unit;***

"Currently the Council is in negotiations with the Developer in relation to the details of the Contract in respect of the proposed Customer Service Centre. We have sought a meeting with a view to resolving a number of outstanding issues. The Council is anxious to proceed with this as quickly as possible and at all times ensuring that the Council's assets are preserved to serve the local needs."

**08/57**

**14/1/2008**

**Road Signage**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;***

"Many people feel that road signage in our county is not up to standard. I will ask Leitrim County Council is there a programme of works in place in relation to road signage. Will Leitrim County Council continue to sign and number local roads? Were all of the signs welcoming people to Leitrim erected?"

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The standard of signage in the County has improved considerably in the last few years on both National Primary and Regional Routes. The ongoing programme of signage upgrading at Regional Road / Local road junctions will continue in 2008 and eventually extend to all Regional routes in the County. The new County Boundary signs will be erected in the next month."

**08/58**

**14/1/2008**

**Improvement Works – Greagh Cross Junction**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Jim Joe Short;***

"At the January Meeting of Leitrim County Council, I Councillor Jim Joe Shortt, will ask the Director of Services Infrastructure, what works will be carried out at the junction of road no.s LP1494 and LP511 known as Greagh Cross in the 2008 Roadworks Scheme. This is the most hazardous junction in County Leitrim."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"It is hoped that agreement can be reached with the landowner to acquire the land necessary for the improvements requested. The improvements can be considered at the area roads meeting."

**08/59**

**14/1/2008**

**Road No. LP15742, Drumadorn-Cattan**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Jim Joe Short;***

"At the January Meeting of Leitrim County Council, I Councillor Jim Joe Shortt, will ask the Director of Services Infrastructure, to have road no. LP 15742 in the Drumadorn-Cattan area

examined for road safety purposes. This is a very narrow road with no grass margin and a very steep drop on both sides. This is causing a lot of concern with the general public."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"Significant safety improvement works have been undertaken in this area in recent times and a further assessment of the road will be carried out to ascertain if other improvements are necessary."

**08/60**

**14/1/2008**

**Repairs to Bridge at Entrance to Lough Rynn**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Thomas Mulligan;***

"When will the re-building of entrance piers and walls of the small stone bridge at the Gortletteragh entrance to Lough Rinn, be carried out."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The bridge in question will be examined with a view to undertaking any necessary repairs."

**08/61**

**14/1/2008**

**Local Road in Killamaun**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Thomas Mulligan;***

"That repairs be carried out to local road in Killamaun."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"Routine maintenance work will be carried out when weather conditions improve."

**08/62**

**14/1/2008**

**Sign Indicating Dromod Village on N4**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;***

"At the January meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask Mr. John Mc Guinness, Director of Services Infrastructure to make contact with the N.R.A. requesting them to erect a Sign Indicating Dromod Village via the slip road at Fearnought at the Sligo end of the Dromod-Rooskey by pass, similar to the one on the other side of the Carriageway. Also has there been any reply from the National Roads Authority in relation to our request for a Number of Lay-Bys to be provided along the new Roadway so as to allow for vehicles to pull over in the event of a breakdown."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The sign indicating Dromod will be ordered and erected as soon as possible. In relation to the

provision of lay-bys no reply has been received from the NRA to date."

**08/63**

**14/1/2008**

**Aughawillan Church and Graveyard**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;***

"I am asking the Director of Services to have the necessary footpath and lighting works carried out at Aughawillan church and graveyard."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The priority for 2008 has to be the replacement of defective footpaths through out the county, new extensions can be considered when progress has been made on existing paths. The requested work will however be costed."

**08/64**

**14/1/2008**

**Water Supply in Graveyards**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;***

"I am asking the Director of Services to have a public water tap provided at all graveyards in the county, so people can wash tools and water flowers as this is a need not provided for everywhere."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The council are prepared to discuss the provision of a water supply in grave yards with any local committee that is involved in the upkeep of their local grave yard, and may be in a position to grant aid such committees under the Community Grave Yard scheme."

**08/65**

**14/1/2008**

**Hedgecutting on the Corrasra Road**

***To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McTernan;***

"To ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure as to when the hedges on the Corrasra Road (forestry part) will be cut."

***Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;***

"The matter of hedge-cutting is primarily the responsibility of landowners. Hedgecutting notices will be issued this week to landowners along this road, where it is considered that hedges are a hazard to persons using the road."

**08/66**

**14/1/2008**

**The Line, Dromahaire**

*To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McTernan;*

"To ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure if a decision has been made regarding 'the Line' in Dromahaire as previously questioned. When will it go for public consultation? When will the work commence?"

*Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure;*

"The options can be considered at the regional roads meetings"

*This concluded the business of the meeting at 9pm*

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

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008