

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

*Áras An Chontae
Cora Droma Ruisc*

26th August 2008

*Cathaoirleach agus Gach Ball,
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA.*

**Please note that this meeting is on Lough Gill,
as agreed at the July Council meeting**

A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held *on the Rose of Inishfree Waterbus, Parkes Castle, Dromahaire, Co. Leitrim on Monday 1st September 2008 at 5.30pm* for the purpose of considering the business set out on the Agenda hereunder.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

In accordance with Statutory Provisions, the Register of Manager's Orders will be available for inspection at the Meeting.

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Aideen McGovern
Meetings Administrator
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1. Deimhniu Miontuairisci

- a. Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 7th July 2008 (copy enclosed)*
2. To consider Financial Management Report for Quarter ending 30th June 2008 in accordance with Recommendations of Value for Money Unit Report No 24 – Financial Management Reporting in Local Authorities
3. To note and approve Higher Education Grant Scheme 2008. (report enclosed)
4. To note Quarterly Report on Capital Works;
 - a. Housing (report enclosed)*
 - b. Water Services (report enclosed)*
 - c. Roads (report enclosed)*
 - d. Other Capital Projects (report enclosed)*
5. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.
6. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.

7. Correspondence

Part I - Notice of Motions.

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

"At the September meeting of Leitrim Co. Council I will ask the Co. Manager to include the replacement of Aluminium & Hardwood windows & doors under the Housing Aid for Older People Scheme, as the majority do not comply with the current building regulations, and in the case of fire breaking out older people in particular would be in great danger."

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

"To ask the Director of Services what is the up-to-date position regarding the installation of a new roundabout at High Street, Ballinamore at the entrance to the new Rock commercial development. It is my understanding that the Tesco supermarket is due to open the first week in September in conjunction with the inner relief road & that the new roundabout at High Street was to be completed in conjunction with same. Furthermore can the council advise what is the present position regarding the upgrading & widening of the bridge at Lower Main Street, Ballinamore which is essential in order for any heavy goods vehicles (H.G.V's) to avail of the new inner relief road."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to request Waterways Ireland management to attend the next meeting of this local authority to make a presentation on their work in the County and on issues of common concern including our current bridge infrastructure. Other issues such as protection barriers should be addressed by Waterways as these were raised before by members."

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

"May I ask what progress if any has been made in deciding a route for the Carrick-on-Shannon by-pass. The town of Carrick badly needs the by-pass to progress further development and alleviate traffic congestion. Property holders and in particular farmers along the route are anxious to know the agreed route to further develop their holdings."

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

"At the September meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to re-investigate the possibility of acquiring public parking spaces on the site of Post Office grounds, Carrick on Shannon. The number of parking spaces available in this section of the town have been reduced considerably, for various reasons, over the past few years."

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

"That we again look at the possibility of securing land for offstreet parking at Hyde Street, Mohill"

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

"At the next meeting of Leitrim County Council I propose to ask the County Manager as to when the start up date is for the sewerage treatment plants in Dromahair and Killargue as it was my belief that the commencement date was July 2008"

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

"To ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure when will construction commence on the Sewage Treatment Plant in Jamestown."

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

"I will request the Director of Services (Infrastructure) and the District Engineer to redesign the small roundabout on the N 16 at the entrance to Aras Breffni and near the Council offices on the Enniskillen Road, Manorhamilton. This area is causing concern for motorists coming from the McDermott Terrace side of the town. It is dangerous and needs major improvement works"

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

"That Leitrim County Council support the Disability Federation of Ireland's Pre-budget submission 2009, and in particular the following four areas where the budget must allocate resources if we are to ensure the full delivery of the National Disability Strategy:

1. To commit €50 million in addition to multi-annual funding to develop disability services
2. To allocate €20 million to address core funding deficits within voluntary disability organisations
3. To commit €5 million to fund capacity building among voluntary disability organisations
4. To introduce a cost of disability payment of €40 per week to people with disabilities

That a copy of the agreed motion be sent to the Taoiseach, the Minister for Health & Children, the Minister for Finance, the Minister for Social & Family Affairs and to the Disability Federation of Ireland"

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council contact the Office of Public Works and request a full explanation as to why they have made no response to the Council's request in March concerning the making of a road to the second Abbey in Fenagh"

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to repair the roadside drainage along the Longford road South of Carrigallen Catholic Church in the townland of Aughawillin where flooding is occurring frequently which is damaging the road and contributing to a traffic hazard."

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

"Over the past number of years I have discussed the problems with a lot of bridges in my area being, the bridge at McDermott's house, Kilclare, Roscarbon bridge, Kilclare bridge beside North West Tool Hire and the bridge in Leitrim Village, to mention but few. I would like to raise the issue of the incapability of the bridge at McDermotts to cater for the abundant amount of vehicles which cross it daily. I have brought this to the attention of the Council on several occasions. I would like to highlight(not for the first time) the dangerous position of a number of the stones on Roscarbon bridge. Responsibility must be taken for these bridges. I was promised that the provision of additional road markings, delineators and signs would be considered at the bridge beside North West Tool Hire (correspondence dated December 2000 refers). I also received a reply to a Notice of Motion I put forward in Jan 2007 that it again would be considered. I am still waiting for the above work to be carried out as it is quite possible it may save a life."

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

"At the September Council Meeting I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, if the Emergency

Plan for the County in the case of flooding might be reviewed in light of the severe flooding that has taken place in the County on a regular basis."

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

"I will propose at the September meeting of Leitrim County Council that the Council should play a more pro-active role in promoting tourism in the County. Leitrim has a wealth of scenic areas that can compare with anywhere in the country but we still are failing to profit from this."

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

"To ask this Council as to when it is intended to have the Slievenakilla road, Ballinaglera, resurfaced."

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

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Environment to grant a waiver from rates to owners of buildings which provide services in populations of 500 or less. Where the premises in question are not in excess of 125 sq meters. This waiver to be restricted to services for the community such as shops, pubs or post offices."

25. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Government to put a package of compensation measures in place for farmers who have suffered loss/damage during the recent heavy rainfall and flooding. Also call on the Minister and the Department of the Environment to provide extra funding for the repair of roads damaged as a result of the recent flooding. This work should be quantified and costed a matter of urgency."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council write to the Minister for Agriculture Mr. Brendan Smith TD, seeking to have the deadline for the completion of farm buildings, being erected under the Farm Waste Management programme, extended by one year, in order to have the work continue and allow farmers to complete the buildings for which they have been approved."

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

"That this Council or the developer concerned complete the public footpath leading from Drummagh to Aghameeney, Carrick on Shannon, as the lack of this footpath compels pedestrians to walk on the public road on a steep hill and exposes them to great danger. This matter has been brought to the attention of the Council by me over several years, but still nothing has been done to remedy this dangerous situation."

Part II - Questions.

28. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;

"Can I ask Leitrim County Council to inspect the 'flashing lights' at Drumshanbo National School as it seems they are not operational. In light of the very welcome current work providing a new pedestrian crossing there it would be prudent at this juncture to ensure that the 'flashing lights' are operational prior to September 1st."

29. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

"To ask Mr Paul Mc Mahon District Engineer Mohill, to replace the two yield signs at Fearglass cross, Gortletteragh with stop signs and paint white lines across the road, as a number of minor accidents have taken place there in the recent past, where motorists have driven through the cross, ignoring the yield signs that are there and the local community are concerned that it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs there."

30. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;

"To ask the area engineers office, if the Council will widen & improve visibility on the roadway leading to the townland of Drumrane, Ballinamore. There was recently a serious accident at this location which was caused as a result of poor visibility along this stretch of road. Can the Council therefore widen the roadway or install an appropriate number of lay-bys to ensure greater safety for both pedestrians & vehicular traffic alike."

31. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;

"To ask the Director of Services what is the up-to-date position regarding the completion of the Aughavas-Corroneary Group Water Scheme. It is my understanding that there is a number of issues still outstanding in relation to same which need to be addressed."

32. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;

"Can I receive clarification in relation to where two roads meet namely LS7379-0 and LS-7380(coming up from the canal) at Drumleague Leitrim. There is currently no stop sign on either road and there is confusion as to who has the right of way at this junction. Can this be decided as soon as possible and a STOP sign erected. Also could the hedges be trimmed back and perhaps a warning sign indicating a junction ahead on the other road. There have been a few near misses and the proposed work would perhaps help the situation."

33. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;

"May I ask that the present ramps between Shannagh and Upper Main St, Mohill be removed and replaced with a lesser number and less severe ramp as the present ones, while needed to reduce speeding, are difficult to drive over and car owners have complained of damage being done to their cars."

34. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;

"May I ask what is the Councils position regarding the Amenity/Green Area at Summerhill Grove, Carrick-on-Shannon. A number of years ago when the roadway was taken in charge residents were promised a seat and trees for this area, but nothing has been done and this area has become unsightly and is of no use as an amenity area. I am requesting that we re-visit this area with a view to enhancing it."

35. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sinead Guckian;

"At the September Meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Corporate Services, to redirect internet traffic from Leitrim County Councils registered domain name 'www.Drumsna.ie' to the actual site of Drumsna Community which is www.Drumsna.com. Leitrim County Council are the current registered holders of the domain name www.Drumsna.ie and when this address is logged onto it brings the user to the Leitrim web site www.Leitrim.ie which has no reference to the actual site which is maintained and updated by the community of Drumsna."

36. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sinead Guckian;

"At the September meeting of Leitrim County Council, I would ask that the agreed "Pride of Place Winner 2007" sign for Drumsna would be erected prior to the Presidential visit, towards the end of this month. At the April meeting of Leitrim County Council I asked the County Manager to make provision for the purchase and installation of appropriate signage for Drumsna, indicating that the village was the 2007 winner of the all island competition. It was agreed that this would be pursued as an appropriate action in acknowledgement of the achievement."

37. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Thomas Mulligan;

"When is work expected to commence on the provision of pedestrian crossings in Mohill"

38. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McTernan;

"Regarding condition of roads in the Ballinagar area, has agreement been reached with the E.S.B. on funding for repairing these roads"

39. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McTernan;

"When will the footpaths be put in place to alleviate the hazard for traffic at Drumlease National School, Dromahair."

40. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;

"Will the County Manager bring to the Council the awarding of Contracts for Consultants in all areas of Council work stating the purpose of the work and the cost to the Council?"

41. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;

"I will ask the Planning Department of the Council when the telephone/E.S.B. poles in front of the new estate at Laughta on the Manorhamilton Road, Kinlough are to be removed? They present a danger now."

42. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Michael Colreavy;

"Will Leitrim County Council establish from the Health Services Executive what progress if any has been made in terms of developing a Primary and Continuing Care facility in Manorhamilton, and if the Health Services Executive will outline when the facility will be operational and the range and extent of services which it is proposed will be made available at the facility?"

43. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Michael Colreavy;

"Can Leitrim County Council draw down emergency funding from Department of the Environment to help the clean-up / roads restoration etc following recent flooding / landslides, and can the Council seek funding to implement a programme of preventive work to minimise as far as possible the impact of any similar events in the future?"

44. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;

"I will ask Leitrim County Council what is the up to date position in relation to lights at Kiltymoodan, Ballinamore."

45. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to erect signage on the R202 for dip in the road in the Townland of Shrewhane, Fenagh."

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

"When will the work preparing an Urban Framework Plan for Carrigallen commence"

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

"Would Leitrim County Council contact Eircom with a view to moving roadside poles which are over hanging the Longford road South of Carrigallen Catholic Church causing a traffic hazard with vehicles having to move out onto the centre of the road in order to avoid striking them"

48. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

"Did the Council receive a reply to the motions I put forward in (a) December 2007 requesting that the Council write to Minister O'Keefe to supply grant aid for water and electricity to slatted houses, and (b) in April 2008 regarding the Garda Station in Keshcarrigan"

49. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

"Approximately six months ago I had reason to contact this Council regarding the poor supply of water to a house on the Carrick Road, Drumshanbo. For some weeks after this, the water pressure of the supply was acceptable, however, this did not last. It is common knowledge that if the stopcock is opened enough there will be enough pressure to supply water to this house. The residents of the above mentioned house have already lost a dish washer due to the poor conditions under which they have been receiving their water supply. I ask this Council could they rectify this problem on a permanent basis."

50. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"I will ask Leitrim County Council for a time scale on the Sewerage Schemes for Glenfarne and Rossinver. There is great fear that these Schemes will be left on hold for many years."

51. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"Can I ask the Council to cut the hedges on the Kiltyclogher to Rossinver Regional Road No. R 281 from the T junction on the Manorhamilton to Rossinver road to Edmund Connolly's house back towards Kiltyclogher. It is impossible for cars to pass when they meet the school bus."

52. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;

"I will ask the Director of Services in Infrastructure to carry out repairs on the Carricanurroo road immediately as part of this road is in a dangerous condition."

53. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Dolan;

"When is it intended to have the Coolegrean road, Dowra, resurfaced."

54. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Dolan;

"To have the road heading into Killarkin, Leitrim (past football field) repaired."

55. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Aodh Flynn;

"I will ask the Co. Manager if any grant assistance is available to the community to improve the public lighting at Mullies Church, Manorhamilton."

56. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Aodh Flynn;

"What grant is available to communities to maintain graveyards not currently maintained by Leitrim Co.Co."

57. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;

"What is the current position regarding the provision of the childrens playground in Drumkeerin, and why is there such a long delay in providing same."

58. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;

"That this Council improves the drainage on the Newline Road beside Kilavoggy Church. At present the water flows off the public road and on to private property."

59. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Reynolds;

"To ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure when the Council will provide footpaths and road widening from Summerhill to Aughameeney, as this work was supposed to take place in conjunction with the provision of the extra houses in Aughameeney. Also, would the Council consider the provision of speed ramps from Summerhill to Aughameeney in the year?"

60. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;

"I am asking the Director of Services, to have the public lighting along the Aughnasheelin road from the bridge in Ballinamore out to the junction of the Golf Links road up graded, as it has very poor lighting, as was evident when the funfair was attracting a lot of people to the area recently, on unseasonally dark evenings."

61. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;

"I am asking the Director of Services when will a proper footpath and better lighting be provided on the road from the junction at Modern Designs, leading to the Barley Field housing estate in Carrigallen, as it is in a very bad state. This work has been requested several times, and assurances given that it would be improved. Can this relatively small piece of work be carried out before the winter comes in?"

62. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Liam McElgunn;

"To ask if the Council has received from ESB the promised report on the public lighting at Breffni Crescent and St Patrick's Park, Carrick on Shannon. The present situation, where lights are out of order for months at a time, is causing difficulty to local residents, especially older people and would need to be rectified with the coming of darker evenings."

63. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Liam McElgunn;

"To ask when extra public lights that were promised some time ago will be erected at Gowel Church."