

***Minutes of Annual Meeting of Leitrim County Council
held in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon,
Monday 30th June 2008 at 5 pm***

Members Present:

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

And Councillor Damian Brennan, Cathaoirleach presiding

Apologies: *Stenson, Enda*

Officials Present:

Ms. J. Maguire, County Manager
Mr. J. Gilhooly, Director of Services Community and Enterprise
Ms. K. Murphy, Head of Finance
Ms. A. McGovern, Meetings Administrator
Mr V. Dwyer, A/Director of Services, Infrastructure

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30/6/08 Election of Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Damian Brennan welcomed the members and officials to the Annual Meeting of Leitrim County Council.

Councillor Brennan stated that he was honoured and privileged to be a member of Leitrim County Council and to have served as Cathaoirleach for the past 12 months and referred to some of the highlights of his term as Cathaoirleach which included the Féile Peil na n'Óg, the John McGahern Seminar, Repak Awards, Civic Receptions for Leitrim Ladies Team & for the Lennon Brothers, Chambers Ireland Awards where Leitrim County Council was named Local Authority of the Year, Pride of Place Awards, Ambassadors Visit to Leitrim, opening of the Dromod-Roosky By Pass, LAMA Awards, Cesson Sevigne Visit, launch of the Cross Border Angling project, Rehab Awards, Civil Defence National Exercise, launch by Tánaiste Mary Coughlan of the Leitrim DVD "A New Life", Cathaoirleach Awards in Cloone Community Centre and representing the Council in New York for St. Patricks Day celebrations and at the Leitrim Peoples Association of London Annual Dinner Dance. Councillor Brennan expressed thanks to Councillor John McTernan, Leas Cathaoirleach, Ms. J. Maguire County Manager, Directors of Services, Ms. A. McGovern, Meetings Administrator and all the staff of Leitrim County Council for their assistance and co-operation throughout the year. He also thanked the media for providing extensive coverage and reports on the activities of the Council. He particularly thanked Mr. Willie Donnellan and Mr. James Molloy, photographers for their extensive coverage of activities and huge contribution to the promotion of the county. He thanked his wife Olive and family for their support and assistance over the past year. Finally he thanked the Members for affording him the opportunity to serve as Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council and for their support and co-operation throughout the year and over the past 28 years.

Ms. J. Maguire, County Manager congratulated Councillor Brennan on a very successful year and thanked him for the enthusiasm, openness, courtesy and support which he had displayed throughout his term as Cathaoirleach. The County Manager then presented Councillor Brennan with a pictorial memoir of his year as Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council.

The members unanimously complimented and expressed thanks to Councillor Brennan on the way in which he had represented the Council with distinction and on a very successful year as Cathaoirleach and wished him and Olive every success for the future.

Councillor Brennan invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

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

“That **Councillor Jim Joe Shortt** be elected Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council for the year 2008/2009.”

Councillor Brennan outlined that as there was only one proposal for the position of Cathaoirleach, Councillor Jim Joe Shortt was deemed elected Cathaoirleach for the year 2008/2009.

Councillor Jim Joe Shortt thanked his proposer and seconder. He paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Brennan and the Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor McTernan. He outlined that he will endeavour to replicate his predecessor, Councillor Brennan, in the role. He undertook to be fair in his dealings with members and outlined that a key priority for his term as Cathaoirleach will be to work in harmony with his 21 colleagues on the Council to do what is best for County Leitrim, north and south. He outlined that he was looking forward to working closely with the members and staff for the forthcoming year. He again thanked the Members for electing him as Cathaoirleach and stated that this was a great honour and a very proud day for him.

The members unanimously congratulated Councillor Shortt and wished him every success as Cathaoirleach for the forthcoming year.

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Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

Proposed by Councillor Liam McElgunn, seconded by Councillor Caillian Ellisn AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That **Councillor Francis Gilmartin** be elected Leas Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council for the ensuing year.”

Councillor Jim Joe Shortt outlined that as there was only one proposal for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach, Councillor Francis Gilmartin was deemed elected Leas-Cathaoirleach for the year 2008/2009.

Councillor Gilmartin thanked his proposer and seconder and paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach. He stated that he is honoured to hold the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach for the ensuing year.

The members unanimously paid tribute to the outgoing Leas-Cathaoirleach, Councillor McTernan and wished Councillor Gilmartin well in the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Ms. Jackie Maguire, County Manager congratulated the newly elected Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach and assured them of her continued support and co-operation and that of the staff of Leitrim County Council during what will be a challenging year ahead.

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Dates and Times of Council Meetings

Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, Seconded by Councillor Sinead Guckian AND UNANIMOUSLY AGREED;

“That monthly meetings be held on the first Monday of each month at 5.30pm except on Bank Holidays.”

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Appointment of Cathaoirleach and one Leitrim County Council Member of the Border Regional Authority to the Operational Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Caillian Ellis, Seconded by Councillor Liam McElgunn;

“That the Cathaoirleach and Councillor Tony Ferguson be appointed to the Border Regional Authority Operational Committee for the purpose of Article 15 of the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993.”

Cllr Ferguson thanked the members for entrusting this role to him.

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Any Other Business

Councillor Ferguson outlined that a number of the Strategic Policy Chairpersons who had served for a period of time would be tendering their resignation and asked that this matter be listed on the Agenda for the July Council meeting.

This was agreed by the members.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 6pm

SIGNED: Jim Joe Shortt SIGNED:
CATHAOIRLEACH

Aideen McGovern
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: 7th July 2008