

# **COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA**

*Áras An Chontae  
Cora Droma Ruisc*

*26<sup>th</sup> February 2008*

*Cathaoirleach agus Gach Ball,  
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA.*

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A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held ***in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, on Monday 3<sup>d</sup> March 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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## **CLÁR**

1. Deimhniu Miontuairisci
  - *Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008 (copy enclosed)*
  - *Minutes of South Leitrim Regional Roads Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008*
  - *Minutes of North Leitrim Regional Roads Meeting held in the Teagasc Centre, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008*
2. To adopt Roadworks Scheme 2008
3. To consider adoption of Leitrim County Council Disability Implementation Plan 2007-2015 in accordance with the provisions of the Disability Act 2005 (report attached)
4. To approve Leitrim County Council Audit Committee Charter (report attached)
5. To note Quarterly Report on Capital Works;
  - *Housing (report enclosed)*
  - *Water Services (report enclosed)*
  - *Roads (report enclosed)*
  - *Other Capital Projects (report enclosed)*

6. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.
7. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.
8. Correspondence.

### **Part I - Notice of Motions**

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

"This Council supports proposals to restrict hours of trading to Monday to Saturday."

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

"Leitrim County Council notes the increasing use of agency employment throughout the economy. We are aware that many workers from home and abroad are offered agency work when they are seeking direct and permanent employment. A number of recent cases have demonstrated that many of these workers are retained on minimum conditions and in some instances are not receiving all their entitlements. These concerns have been widely expressed by trade unions. Agency employment should not be used as an expedient substitute for direct employment or as a mechanism for avoidance of or undermining of fair play and conditions. Noting that legislation on the issue of Agency Employment is to come before the Oireachtas, Leitrim County Council calls on the Minister to ensure the principle of equal treatment for agency workers should be included in this legislation. We also recommend that the legislation incorporates significant sanction for any unscrupulous employers found in breach."

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

"I will ask the County Manager and Director of Services, Community and Enterprise, what progress has been made on the marketing of Manorhamilton as a centre for information technology units and living space. A very high investment in broadband and accommodation has taken place in the town and it is ripe for a push for extra work opportunities."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council write to the Office of Public Works, requesting that they put a proper roadway down to the second abbey in Fenagh, as the required space for such a roadway has been allotted along the National School boundary. A lot of tourists visit this abbey and at present they have to go through the fields in order to do so. The two abbeys are a major tourist attraction and the OPW should erect a notice board at each abbey outlining the history attached to them."

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

"To ask the County Manager to seek a deputation from the Health Service Executive to address the members of Leitrim County Council at a council meeting in order to discuss the up to date position regarding the proposed community hospital in Ballinamore and also other health related issues affecting the county."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council apply to the Department of the Environment and Local Government for funding to paint the exterior of the OP dwelling houses (only) at Dristernan Drumshanbo. Furthermore I move that the pathways along side these houses be re-tarred to provide a good surface for the elderly residents. Finally can I compliment the Council for putting in place new cables for street lighting there but when will these lights be erected and lit?"

**15. 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 Transport, Irish Rail and the Haulage Industry to enter into discussions with a view to providing a viable and workable Freight Service on all mainline rail lines."

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

"I Councillor Mary Bohan, propose that Leitrim County Council commence work on the new children's playground in Drumkeeran as a matter of urgency. I further propose that work would commence on the new footpath along the R280 leading to the proposed playground immediately."

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

"With €12million being invested in new schools in Mohill, I am asking that this Council take a hands approach to works being done in this area, and ensure that roads, footpaths, and public lighting are up to standard, and if necessary, monies taken in on development charges, should be spent here to enhance the area."

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

"At the March Council Meeting, I will request Leitrim County Council to support Rural Lift in its efforts to maintain its services in rural Leitrim. This has been a wonderful service for County Leitrim. At the moment these services are being threatened by cutbacks. I will also request that a letter be sent to the Minister for Transport, Noel Dempsey T.D., to put a stop to the cut-backs that have already started."

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

"At the March Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Director of Services Infrastructure, if any more money has been made available for the Ross Lane in Manorhamilton especially for the first corner. Many of the residents have complained about the danger of that corner now with the increased traffic on that road."

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

"Would this Council please clean up, paint and repair around the old dispensary on the Hilly Road, Drumshanbo as it is becoming an eye-sore."

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

"That this Council meet urgently with the National Roads Authority to secure a commitment and a definite date for commencing the proposed Carrick on Shannon Bypass. The people living along the proposed route are left in a very difficult position as regards the impact of the delay on possible sale of

lands, planning permissions and other matters. Traffic jams in Carrick on Shannon are becoming more frequent, especially at weekends and only the immediate construction of the bypass will provide a solution."

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

"I propose that the pumping station at Calloughs, Carrigallen be commissioned immediately and the houses along the sewerage scheme be allowed connect to it."

**Part II - Questions**

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

"I will ask again that the current one-hour parking system be suspended pending the provision of additional car parking spaces."

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

"To ask the Director of Services to provide a list of the titles of books by John McGahern and Paul Williams that are available in the libraries in County Leitrim."

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

"What proposals has the Housing Officer for the purchase of lands or completed houses in the Manorhamilton Engineering Area."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure and the District Engineer to erect a 'concealed entrance' sign at Aughavohil bridge on the Rossinver Road coming from the Kinlough direction."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to take immediate action to improve sight distance at Greagh Cross, as there have been a number of minor accidents at this junction. The Council should take immediate action before a serious accident occurs there."

**28. 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 putting extra lights at Cornageeha Community Centre. Has the Council spoken to the ESB since I last raised the matter."

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

"To ask the area engineers office when will the final section of roadway along the R204 between Aughoo and Drumcoura lake be widened and resurfaced to compliment the excellent work done to date on the remainder of the roadway between Ballinamore and Drumcoura crossroads."

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

"To ask the area engineers office if the Council will resurface the roadway at Killaphort, Garadice adjacent to the main Ballinamore/Killeshandra road as it is in a poor state of repair."

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

"Do local authorities have any discretion in taking into account tax and social payments, rent or mortgage payments etc in assessing household means under the recently announced Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability."

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

"Can I ask the Director of Housing when the ESB are expected to connect up to the new development of housing at Naomh Padraig, Drumshanbo. It is disappointing that it is taking so long to hand these new houses over to tenants. When is it expected that the said houses will be allocated?"

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

"Can I ask the Director Services, Environment to contact Waterways Ireland to see if they have any plans to put in place a 'pumping out' station for boats at Acres lake. There are serious concerns about pollution on the lake at this point as throughout the Summer there are large gatherings of cruiser boats for long periods with no pumping out facilities there. Furthermore on this issue I have raised in the past the possible co-operation with this Council on the provision of toilets here and I had undertakings that this council would explore this possibility. Can any correspondence on this general issue with Waterways Ireland be supplied for review under correspondence at this meeting?"

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

"To ask Mr. John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure when is it planned to carry out the Road Signage Programme, on the R202, indicating the road number of the local roads which join up to the R202, similar to the one which was carried out on the R280 and the R201 over the past couple of years."

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

"To again ask Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community and Enterprise has he had any success in discussions with Longford County Council and the relevant agencies with regard to preparing a plan for the opening up of the Rynn River to cruiser traffic from Lough Rynn to the River Shannon at Clonart. Has he held any discussions with the officer board of the recently formed committee who are determined to see this exciting piece of tourism infrastructure come to fruition. The opening of the river to cruiser traffic has enormous tourism potential and would be a tremendous boost to the town of Mohill and the parishes of Bornacoola and Gortletteragh."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council's Library Service provide a branch library in Drumkeerin village."

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

"I propose that this Council carry out the necessary roadside improvements/re-alignment works on a dangerous section of road in the townland of Sracamore, Dromahaire (beside the O'Hara residence)."

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

"May I ask why are the following works being delayed yet again;

(a) the completion of works to the ring road at Attyrory, due to be finished in 2007

(b) the roadway and footpaths in the Marymount complex.

Can we have completion dates for both of the above."

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

"May I ask is Summerhill Grove due to be taken in charge by the Council this year."

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

"I will ask the Council if it is possible to erect signs for dangerous bends on the busier roads, especially with traffic traveling at 80km."

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

"Can I ask when the road surface on Creamery Road, Manorhamilton will be upgraded, as it is very uneven."

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

"I will ask the Infrastructure staff of Leitrim County Council to check out a drainage problem on the road-side outside Mark Rooney's house, Lake Road, Glencar. It would appear that some of the piping has broken down."

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

"I will ask the Director of Services Infrastructure to have a decent boundary sign erected on the R278 at the Sligo/Leitrim border. The present sign is ancient and hardly visible."

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

"When is this Council going to replace the white line from Letterfine to near Mohill where it was impossible to drive with fog last weekend."

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

"Could this Council erect a crash barrier on the Ballinamore side of Keshcarrigan where it is very hard to see the edge of the road at night."

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

"To ask that the Council staff carry out a clean-up along the water's edge of the River Shannon at the Riverside Park, Carrick on Shannon, as a lot of litter and rubbish has been left after the recent high levels of the river. This is spoiling this great amenity which was provided by this Council and is much appreciated by local people and visitors."

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

"To ask that this Council provide a zebra crossing at the junction of Summerhill and Dublin Road,

Carrick on Shannon, in view of the heavy traffic and the large numbers of pedestrians, especially school children crossing the road at this point."

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

"When will the proposed works at Gulladoo Bridge, be commenced, as I understand the funds have been in place for some time in a joint scheme with Longford County Council."

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

"When will the necessary repairs be carried out to the road at Errew Graveyard. This road has four households along with the cemetery and carries a substantial amount of traffic, with the graveyard being of historical significance."

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