

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

*Áras An Chontae
Cora Droma Ruisc*

29th April 2008

*Cathaoirleach agus Gach Ball,
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA.*

A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held ***in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, on Tuesday 6th May 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
 - *Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 14th April 2008 (copy enclosed)*
2. To approve the following proposals in compliance with the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to carry out the following works:
 - *Proposal for modifications to traffic flow and parking in Dromahair including the installation of a safe zone for pedestrians on the Back Line.*
3. To consider disposal of portion land at Corrabeeagher Td, Aughnasheelan, Co. Leitrim containing 0.089acres (0.036 hectares) to Noel O'Rourke, Corraleehan, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Notice of Intention to Dispose of Plot of Land dated 25th April 2008 circulated to each Member.
4. To approve overdraft accommodation in the sum of €1.5 million for the half year ending 31st December 2008, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government
5. To consider adoption of Draft Lough Allen Catchment Plan

6. To consider Financial Management Report for Quarter ending 31st March 2008 in accordance with Recommendations of Value for Money Unit Report No 24 – Financial Management Reporting in Local Authorities
7. To agree date for Annual Meeting 2008
8. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.
9. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.
10. Correspondence

Part I - Notice of Motions.

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

"To ask this Council to have the Coolnagrain/Dowra Road, resurfaced, especially the section from Coolnagrain Post Office to the top end of the road, also to have a scheme put in place to restore the road from Coolnagrain to Tullnamoyle in County Cavan as this is a very much used roadway."

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

"To ask the Director of Services for Housing and Corporate Affairs for the following information:

- (a) How many new family-type houses commenced construction in 2007, and specifically, how many rural houses, and what remedial works schemes were approved for 2007 and what works commenced.
- (b) Similarly for 2008, what are the projected figures."

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

"At the May Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the County Manager to contact Waterways Ireland requesting them to provide additional mooring facilities on the River Shannon at Rooskey, and to upgrade the existing facilities that are there at present, which have fallen into a state of disrepair."

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

"May I ask the County Manager what view this Council has at present to the opening of the Rinn River to River Boat traffic, and are there any steps being pursued to move this issue forward."

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

"To ask the Director of Services when will appropriate, traffic calming measures be installed adjacent to Sean O'Heslin's G.A.A park in Ballinamore, which is presently undergoing significant redevelopment and will be completed shortly. With the on-set of the G.A.A. season, significant numbers of people will be using these grounds and are both entering/exiting this location with a high volume of speeding traffic passing by. This is posing an unacceptable risk to their safety and in particular to pedestrians walking to this location from the town. Furthermore, additional traffic calming measures are needed in conjunction with such work for pedestrians accessing the sports complex and playground which is located further along this stretch of busy roadway."

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

"At the May meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Community and Enterprise, what is the up to date status of the installation of the playground in Drumsna. In December last year the community undertook the excavation and clearance of a site in the community field at the top of the village in preparation for same."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to outline a time frame for the re-construction of footpaths and the proper permanent black top resurfacing of the Carrick Road Drumshanbo. Following a lot of development, this road and footpaths need priority in 2008, the surface of this approach road from Carrick is extremely poor with huge 'craters' on the road and I would be grateful if the Council would provide a time scale for restoration work and the cost involved."

18. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Jim Joe Short;

"At the May Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will propose that every effort will be made to have improvement works carried out at the junction of Road Nos LT5113-0 and LP494 known as Greagh Cross under the 2008 Road Works Scheme."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council seek funding immediately for the R202 from Edentenny to Mohill to bring it up to proper surface and widening at certain points, as this part of the R202 is carrying most of the heavy traffic that uses the R202."

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

"At the May Council Meeting I will ask Leitrim County Council to make a request to Minister for Agriculture, Mary Coughlan, to extend the time deadline that is in place for the "Farm Waste Management" grants which is December 2008. These grants have been a great success but a lot of work remains to be done. I have spoken to contractors that erect the sheds and do the concrete work and they tell me the work cannot be done by the December deadline."

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

"The absence of affordable broadband facilities in rural areas is a critical problem for people and businesses in these areas and is not acceptable in the modern day. Wireless broadband is proving to be extremely expensive and is unaffordable for many people. This problem is particularly acute in the Kilclare area. I propose that Leitrim County Council write to Eircom and the relevant Government Departments to indicate our serious concern at the lack of wired broadband services in many areas throughout the county and to seek a timetable for the installation of these essential facilities in these areas."

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

"I propose that An Bord Pleanála, as it is currently constituted, be abolished. I further propose that it be replaced by a more fair, competent and transparent agency to deal with planning appeals"

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

"I propose that this Council carry out repairs and improvements to roadway and footpaths at Kilboderry, Carrick on Shannon, as planned. The residents have been patiently waiting for this work to be carried out for a long time."

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

"This Council calls on the Minister for Social Welfare to give equal rights to pensions for assisting relatives in farms and businesses."

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to put in place immediately the necessary signage at Drumeela Church indicating the dangerous nature of the junction along with a sign indicating a concealed entrance. These signs were promised ages ago and are long overdue."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council prepare a detailed submission on the public consultation document "2020 Vision - Sustainable Travel and Transport" published recently by Department of Transport. I further propose that the Council request the Minister for Transport to appoint a nominee of this Council to the policy decision-making body. This would help ensure that the urban bias of recent policy development is challenged and that the interests of people in rural areas are protected and promoted in the eventual transport policy development."

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

"That we, the members of Leitrim County Council, call on the leaders of all the political parties in Ireland to place the problem of substance misuse, underage drinking and the difficulties associated with this behaviour at the top of their policies. It was evident that none of these issues were properly debated and discussed during the recent General Election campaign. We call for a real commitment to put a proper level of resources in all areas of the country e.g. Garda drug squads, customs and excise personnel, modern equipment, dog training with expert handlers and proper treatment facilities for those unfortunate enough to be caught up in this vicious circle."

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

"That resurfacing work on the 201 in the townland of Killamaun near Kellys house be carried out immediately and that this work include the reconstruction of storm drains."

Part II - Questions.

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

"To ask the Director of Services what the up to date position is regarding the erection of public lighting at Breffni Crescent, Carrick on Shannon."

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

"To ask this Council as to when it is intended to have the Killyavoggy Road from McHugh's Cross to the

Iron Bridge, resurfaced, and to upgrade the Iron Bridge there."

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

"To ask Mr. John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, to include the provision of a footpath as part of the programme of works that are planned this year on the Rynn road out of Mohill as far as the turn off for Lough Rynn Hotel & Golf complex, this would provide a safe place for the large number of people who walk this section of road on a daily basis. The provision of the footpath would offer the local people and the many tourists who visit Mohill the chance to walk out as far as the turn for the Hotel, and return if they so wish on the R202 from the cross at Liam Ellis's house via Local Road No. LT-10532-0 through the wood and Swiss cottage, and it would be a very worthwhile tourist attraction for Mohill."

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

"To ask Mr. John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, to put in place a programme of works to improve the view at the junction on the Carrick-Mohill road at Laheenamona, of local road from Rosdoowaun-Tamlaghtavally LS-7483-0. It is extremely dangerous for the local community coming out onto the R201 with a limited view back towards Carrick and they are concerned and fearful for their safety, and they claim that it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs there."

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

"May I ask when will as previously promised a water connection be put in place at Kiltoghert Graveyard."

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

"What progress has been made in getting the E.S.B to erect the public lights at Gowel and Killnagross."

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

"To ask the Area Engineers Office, when will the Council pipe the ground adjacent to the Curracar/Drummucker roadway which has been the scene of a number of cars entering the ditch at this location and continues to pose an on-going danger."

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

"To ask the Area Engineers Office if the Council will resurface the roadway leading to Kiltygerry, Ballinamore (L3121). The road in question is in a very poor state of repair and requires pot hole filling in the interim."

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

"At the May meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will again ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to contact Waterways Ireland to discuss the need for upgrading of the harbour in Drumsna. There is currently no service area for boating tourists. Also I would ask the Director to follow up on the commitment given last year by Waterways Ireland to relocate and upgrade the 'End of Navigation' sign at the harbour as recommended by the Tidy Town's Competition adjudicators. The report from the Tidy Towns listed this sign as inappropriately located. Currently, there are no markers in the water to indicate the end of navigation and as a result a number of cruisers, yearly, head towards the bridge, become grounded and have to be towed out."

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

"At the May meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, to liaise with the business people of Carrick on Shannon town center, with a view to selecting appropriate signage design and selecting key locations for installation of these signs which will indicate the wide selection of retail outlets within the town. Similar communal signage programmes have been developed in other towns throughout the country indicating the various shops available and have been successful in encouraging shoppers into their town centers."

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

"Can I ask Leitrim County Council to take action to improve the poor water pressure currently being experienced by residents of the town of Drumshanbo especially in the vicinity of the Carrick Road, Moneynure and Corryard areas."

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

"Can I ask Leitrim County Council to provide a STOP sign at the junction Laragan (LS 7305-0) to Drumshanbo. Currently traffic is not sure who has the right of way there and an accident is waiting to happen unless the sign is provided and the road marked to show what road has the right of way."

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

"At the May Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Director of Services Infrastructure to give serious consideration to providing public lighting at Aughavas along Regional Road No. 201. There is so much activity in this area which includes the GAA Park and meeting rooms as well as a Post Office, Public Bar and Gymnasium."

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

"At the May Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Director of Services Infrastructure if there will be a roundabout at the entrance to Willowfield Road, Ballinamore."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council what is the position with regard to putting in place the new bridge at Tullybawn, Aughacashel. The Director of Services, Mr. John McGuinness, informed me at the roads meeting in March that the bridge would be put in place early this year. We are now only a month away from the middle of the year and I request that the bridge be put in place immediately. Planning Permission for the erection of a new house across the bridge has been granted and the commencement of the building of this house is now ready to proceed."

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 erection of the new public lights at St. Marys Church, Foxfield."

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

"I will ask the Director of Services Infrastructure for an update on the work that has taken place on the bridge at Michael McLoughlin's house, Meenkeeragh, Glenfarne?"

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

"Can I ask the Council if they would take a look at the timber fence at the end of a bridge on Regional Road N283 in the townland of Straduffly, Kiltyclogher, as the timber has come away from the end of the bridge and there is a big drop down into the river. This is very dangerous."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to check provision of barrier on Ballinamore Road out of Keshcarrigan as they were to get back to me and where there is no white line from Letterfine to Mohill"

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

"In the event of an emergency request for a Disabled Person Grant and when the Occupational Therapist has sanctioned it why does it take a number of weeks to get this grant for the person concerned. I can provide example if required."

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

"I will ask when improvement will be carried out to the public lighting at Breffni Crescent, Carrick on Shannon and what has been the outcome of the survey and study carried out by the Council staff and the ESB regarding public lighting on this estate. The present situation, where lights are out of order for months at a time, is causing difficulty to local residents, especially older people."

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

"What steps are being taken to provide car parking in Manorhamilton."

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

"When will the necessary works to the road surface at the junction of the Bredagh road with the Main Street in Carrigallen be carried out."

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

"What grants are available to people wishing to conserve domestic energy by way of improvements such as insulating roofs and walls, solar panel technology, draft elimination etc?"

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

"When will the new Council houses at Aras Breffni, Manorhamilton be ready for occupation?"

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when will the pedestrian crossing and the surface dressing of all the streets in Kinlough take place."

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

"I will ask the Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services, to address the difficulties experienced by persons wishing to build homes on their own lands but have no road frontage

to meet the sight lines on their holding and to put in a clause to suit this in the new County Development Plan."

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

"When is work on the Rinn road out from Mohill expected to start and will this work include a footpath as far as the Lough Rinn avenue."

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

"That significant and urgent repairs be carried out to No. 5 Cappagh Estate, Mohill."
