

# COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

*Áras An Chontae  
Cora Droma Ruisc*

*30<sup>th</sup> September 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, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 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 on the Rose of Inishfree Waterbus, Parkes Castle, Dromahaire, Co. Leitrim on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 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 Drumshanbo LP03306 Aghacashel Road realignment and R208 extension (report enclosed)*
3. To approve the acquisition by agreement of the waterworks known as Lisduff Cornaslieve Group Water Scheme in line with the provisions of the Water Services Act 2007 (*report enclosed*)
4. To approve agreement in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 between Leitrim County Council and Roscommon County Council in relation to the N4 Carrick-on-Shannon to Dromod Road Project. (*report enclosed*)
5. To consider Managers Report on Submissions, Consultations and Public Meetings in relation to the Draft Leitrim County Development Plan 2009-2015 in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (*report previously circulated*)
6. To consider update on progress in relation to the preparation of River Basin District Plans under the water Framework Directive.

7. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.
8. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.
9. Correspondence
10. To receive deputation of Leitrim Business People

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

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

"At the next meeting of Leitrim County Council I intend to request the Area Engineer to extend the present 50 km speed limit out to the junction at Killaleen Road because (i) in recent years 6 new houses have been built which leaves an increased volume of traffic and (ii) because of recent developments at the Old Creamery and because Drumlease N.S. Dromahair is at the other end of this road. There have been several minor accidents on this road. The speed limit on this road is way in excess (it is impossible to do the present speed). This, I believe will avoid a major accident and I am requesting that it will be dealt with urgently."

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

"To ask this Council to have crash barriers erected alongside the Drumkeerin to Killargue Road both sides of the Dromahaire Road where it is liable to flooding, as it is a danger to the public."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council put in place measures to alleviate the flow of water that runs down the Lahard Estate after heavy rain, as some of the residents are worried that the water may be lodging under their houses."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to write to the Department of the Environment seeking some form of grant aid to help people to up-grade or replace their septic tanks. This is a major problem in many areas and I believe a scheme of some description would encourage people to have this necessary work carried out."

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

"May I ask our County Manager to contact the owners of the now closed National Irish Bank in Mohill and find out what are their plans for this preserved building. The people of Mohill do not want this fine structure to become derelict or run down. Maybe as a gesture of thanks to the area, the building could be handed over to the people of Mohill, for use as an Art Gallery or since Mohill was the favoured town of the famed writer John McGahern the building could be used as a writers retreat, under the direction of our Arts Officer."

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

"At the October meeting of Leitrim County Council I will seek the support of the members in calling on Bus Eireann to restore the school bus service to the students from the Gortletteragh/ Bornacoola area who are attending the new Community College in Mohill to its original route

through Tooman, Clooncumber and on to Johnstons Bridge which has been in operation for a long number of years. Since the start of the school year the route has been completely changed and there is a considerable amount of anger and frustration in the area with the school bus section of Bus Eireann."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to prioritise for 2009 the immediate upgrading of the Drumshanbo to Ballinamore via Aghacashel road specifically from the St. Patrick's Church to the new DVO, to include the new link road to the Dowra/ Manorhamilton road as proposed under the recent public consultation. I further call on the Director for Infrastructure to highlight this road with the Department's officials when making an application on the 'Specific Improvement Grant Scheme'. This proposed work in my view is pivotal to the future development of Drumshanbo as a town and in particular to the improvement of traffic flow as Drumshanbo has a fair share of traffic flow commuting from one end of the County to the other."

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

"I ask the Area Engineer when will the Council install appropriate traffic calming measures at the approach road to Ballinamore beside the Sean O'Heslin's GAA Park. As I am sure you are aware the club have recently undertaken extensive developments including No.2 new pitches and 800-seater stand which has just been completed. This will result in significant volumes of people using the facilities at this location and in particular local children. It was agreed previously with the engineer's office that these measures would be introduced once this work was completed & it is therefore vital to have these works done as soon as possible."

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

"That the wall and pier at the Gortlettra entrance to Lough Rinn be rebuilt and also the small stone bridge which is located fifty yards inside this entrance which is presently overgrown with briars shrubbery etc."

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

"Leitrim County Council calls on the Government and the Minister for Health to ensure any future regionalised Health Services Board or Executive will have main headquarters for the West/North West in Manorhamilton. This function was previously carried out successfully in Manorhamilton, and the development would be in keeping with Government strategy and commitments regarding balanced regional development and supporting disadvantaged areas."

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

"That this Council in co-operation with Roscommon County Council, seek funding for the early erection of a footbridge connecting Cortober with the Bridge Street/Quayside part of Carrick-on-Shannon; that the necessary planning be carried out without delay and a date set for the opening of this footbridge. This is a most urgent need; at present the narrow footpaths on the road bridge are totally inadequate and unsafe for pedestrians. The expected delay in the provision of the new by-pass road for Carrick-on-Shannon means that increased road traffic will be using the Carrick-on-Shannon town bridge and adds further urgency to the need for a footbridge."

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

"I will call upon Leitrim County Council to proceed immediately with the replacement of the bridge at Gulladoo now that water levels has subsided. Funding for this was allocated in 2007 in co-

operation with Longford County Council."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Court Services to make the Courthouse in Drumkeerin available to the local Youth Club for use as a "drop in centre". The building is no longer being used for court hearings."

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

"I ask this Council to look at doing something with Kelly's turn on the Tullylannon Road out of Leitrim as it is very dangerous."

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

"At the October Council meeting I will ask Leitrim County Council if it would consider moving the speed limit coming into Rossinver Village from the Glenaniff Road. I request this as the local community are in the process of developing a sports field. If the speed limit sign were to be re-located north of the sports field, it would leave the road much safer for everybody."

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

"I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when it is proposed to re-surface the streets in Kinlough as they are very uneven following the various works carried out in recent times."

**27. 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."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council write to the Minister for Health seeking to have more resources provided for alcohol and drug rehabilitation services which is needed as a matter of urgency, as this is a public health issue negatively affecting our society."

**Part II - Questions.**

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

"I request the immediate repair of McKennas Bridge (Road No L4282) Gowlan Reeva, Drumkeerin as it is flood damaged."

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

"Once again I call to have the carpark at the swimming pool at Acres, Drumshanbo extended without further delay which I was promised in Spring that this work would be done before the busy period during the summer."

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

"I ask this Council to call on the owners of the closed Northern Bank premises in Drumshanbo to either hand it over to the community in Drumshanbo or have it demolished and erect the space into

a carpark and not to have an eyesore in the middle of the town."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to remove the depression in the road between Greagh Crossroads and Cloone in the Townland of Kiltyfea."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to put in place a barrier at the bad bend on the local road No L.5581 in the townland of Carrickavoher, Aughavas as there is a river at this point and there have been a number of accidents on this bend."

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

"I request Leitrim County Council to erect a clear directional sign for Drumshanbo on the N4 Dublin Road round-about nearest the town of Carrick-on-Shannon. There is confusion for people seeking to get off the N4 heading for Drumshanbo and I urge the Council to erect the sign as soon as possible."

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

"I request that Leitrim County Council include the road LT 34104-0 Drumliffen to Gowel in their road works programme for 2009. This road requires some proper water tables along side the steep hill on the Kilclare side alongside the provision of a new tarred surface. Proper water tables or piping will prevent as in the past heavy rain 'tearing away' the road surface."

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

"We were promised and told that this Council had already paid for extra lighting at Killnagross P.O., rural shop and national school. Its disgraceful as we face into another winter that this small amount of work is not completed. I ask that we contact the E.S.B immediately and demand this work be done now."

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

"The extension to Kiltoghert Graveyard remains unfinished. I am requesting that this work be completed in October so that the new burial ground can be blessed and consecrated, as there are no new plots in the present graveyard. This work needs to be completed urgently, also the drainage and work already commenced in August on the roadway leading to the graveyard from the community centre and Fawn needs to be completed and the road rebuilt as this roadway has not been re-surfaced in 30 years."

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

"To ask Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, has there been any response from the N.R.A. with our request for them to provide traffic islands/road markings, on the N4 at the turn off for Finnlaghta and at the entrance to Annaduff G.A.A. pitch. It is extremely dangerous for motorists making a right turn at both of those locations, with the amount of traffic and the speed that they travel at. A commitment was given earlier this year that some steps were to be taken to improve the situation at both locations."

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

"I ask the area engineers office in relation to the road at Drumcoura, Ballinamore (R204-6) if they will carry out improvements to the surface of this particular stretch of roadway after Eddie Wrynn's house which was recently widened. There is a series of depressions in the surface at this location which is posing a traffic hazard for passing motorists and in particular those not familiar with this stretch of road. As a result a number of accidents have occurred at this location and urgently needs to be addressed."

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

"I ask the Area Engineers Office, further to previous requests, if they will fill in the culvert located alongside the road at Tully, Carrigallen. I previously received assurances from the Council that the culvert at this location would be piped earlier in the year when the roadway was being resurfaced but was not subsequently done. Can you therefore confirm if the Council will carry out these works as a matter of urgency as the incline at this location is not visible to passing traffic and therefore poses an unacceptable danger to passing traffic."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to write to the Government, the Minister for Health and the Health Services Executive asking that they keep their promises assuring adequate funding of front-line services? Recent cutbacks in home help service clearly demonstrate these promises are not being kept."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to prepare and agree with local Councillors a programme of scenic area maintenance works identifying public areas of particular scenic beauty which will be maintained by the Council prior to and during the tourist season?"

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

"I ask how soon a footpath and public lighting will be provided on the short road leading from Summerhill to the Aura Leisure Centre, Carrick-on-Shannon. This has been promised for some time."

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

"I ask when promised improvement work will be carried out at Kilboderry, Carrick-on-Shannon, to include repairs to roadway and footpaths, and a one-way traffic system."

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

"I will ask John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure to have the hedges cut on the Benbo Road. The hedges are very overgrown and the road is quite narrow. In recent times traffic has been diverted across this road for various reasons."

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

"In the interests of safety I will ask John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure to fill some very dangerous holes that exist on the R278 just past the Ball-Alley."

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

"Will Leitrim County Council carry out the necessary repairs on the road at the junction of

Clonboyer and Mullyaster. Severe flooding was experienced during the bad spell and is likely to reoccur."

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

"Will Leitrim County Council provide a few lay-bys on the Corrawallen to Augharan Road in order that cars can meet and overtake in safety."

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

"When will this Council be resurfacing the road from Curderry to Funinsagh as the CLAR money has been agreed."

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

"Could this Council resurface the Rossy Road as it needs it very much."

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

"I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure for an update on the road crossing Boleybrack mountain. This is the road that is the subject of legal proceedings being brought by the Environmental Action Group C.L.E.A.N. Has any progress been made since I raised the matter at the February council meeting?"

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council if they had any response from Cavan and Fermanagh Councils regarding developing of Lough MacNean. I raised the matter at a council meeting earlier in the year and Leitrim County Council was to make contact with the two councils."

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

"I will request the speed limit at Rossinver on the Glenaniff Road to be extended for 500m to cover the proposed new development and when this might be done."

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

"When will the new public lighting at Tullaghan be connected?"

**55. 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?"

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure to examine the need for a roundabout at the entrance to the new road in Ballinamore, as this junction is very busy with traffic from the Swanlinbar road, the Newtowngore road and coming up the town all converging in a dangerous manner and with confusion regarding to rights of way. A roundabout could be appropriate to relieve the danger, as there is a wide area enough to place it."