

**Minutes of Council Meeting held by Leitrim County Council
In the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on
Monday 9th June 2008**

Members Present:

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

And Councillor Damian Brennan, Cathaoirleach presiding

Apologies:

Bohan, Mary
Guckian, Sinead

Officials Present:

Ms. J. Maguire, County Manager
Ms K. Murphy, Head of Finance
*Mr. M. Dolan, Director of Services, Planning Environment and
Emergency Services*
*Mr J. Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community and Enterprise
Development*
Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services Infrastructure
*Ms. M. Quinn, Director of Services, Housing and Corporate
Services*
Mr B. Kenny, Senior Engineer
Mr. C. Tracey, Senior Planner
Mr. S. O'Connor, Senior Engineer
Mr. M. Gallagher, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr G. Miney, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. S. Rynn, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. P. MacShera, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. V. Dwyer, Senior Executive Officer
Mr T. Gilligan, Management Financial Accountant
Ms. A. McGovern, Meetings Administrator
Mr A. McGovern, Executive Engineer
Mr D. Gibbons, Assistant Engineer
Ms A. Carr, Environmental Education Officer
Ms S McDermott, Tourism Officer

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Presentation from Fáilte Ireland

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Paschal Mooney, Chairperson, Fáilte Ireland North West and Ms. Noelle Cawley, Project Development Manager and Tourism Officer for Sligo/Leitrim, Fáilte Ireland North West to the meeting. He referred to the long and distinguished service which the Mooney family have given at local and national level and

congratulated Mr. Mooney on his recent appointment. This was supported by all the Members.

Mr. Mooney thanked the members for the opportunity to address the meeting and paid tribute to the huge contribution of the outgoing Chairperson, Mr. Ray McSharry. He delivered a presentation in relation to the Fáilte Ireland Strategic Plan and highlighted progress achieved and particular issues and priorities for the region and for Leitrim in particular. He outlined the importance of working together to achieve the targets of the Strategic Plan and advised that the decision in relation to the 2008 Fáilte Ireland Soft Infrastructure Grants Programme was expected to be announced by the Minister during the coming week. Ms. Noelle Cawley also outlined the importance of a partnership approach to tourism development. She highlighted the significant level of projects delivered in the county in 2007 and the need to start building from ground level in terms of infrastructure, visitor attractions and accommodation.

Councillor Colreavy outlined that the issue of access to North Leitrim must be addressed and called on the support of Fáilte Ireland in relation to the N16. Councillor McDermott outlined the critical importance of tourism, particularly in North Leitrim, which must be supported. Councillor Ferguson queried what practical things Leitrim County Council can do to assist in achieving the Strategic Plan. He outlined the need for additional accommodation and the importance of capitalising on the strong links with Knock Airport.

Mr. Mooney in response stressed his strong support for the N16 and gave a commitment to push this agenda at every opportunity. He suggested that eco-tourism is a very important tourism growth industry for the county. He also outlined proposals by the NRA for signage at Dublin Airport indicating the N4 and the importance of improved signage at national and local level.

Councillor McGowan requested support for the proposed opening of the Rinn River to cruiser traffic, a very significant project which would have huge tourism and economic benefits. He asked that Mr. Mooney make contact with his counterpart in the Midlands Region seeking support for this development. Councillor Reynolds suggested that the banks of the Shannon Erne Waterway present an ideal opportunity for the development of a cycling route / pathway and requested that this be considered. This was supported by Councillor Hughes.

Councillor Stenson reiterated the importance of progressing the Rinn River project. He thanked Fáilte Ireland and Leitrim County Council for the support in relation to the recent O'Carolan Festival in Mohill which had been a huge success. He also highlighted the importance of promoting the heritage and beauty of our villages and cited Jamestown in particular. Councillor Mulligan also supported the Rinn River development and highlighted the very significant investment in Lough Rynn and the importance of promoting these facilities.

Councillor McGloin referred to the Lough Allen Catchment Plan which is scheduled for consideration at the Council meeting and asked that Fáilte Ireland consider it at the earliest opportunity with a view to its implementation. Councillor Gerry Dolan outlined his support for the new proposed development at Ballinaglera. Councillor O'Rourke referred to evidence of a resurgence in angling activity and called on the support of Fáilte Ireland in relation to angling. Councillor McTernan asked that Fáilte Ireland take up the issue of the neglect of Creevelea Abbey with the OPW.

Councillor Frank Dolan highlighted the importance of tourism in North Leitrim. He highlighted the difficulty in retaining visitors to Glencar Waterfall in the area. He also requested support for the development of facilities at Parkes Castle. Councillor McElgunn

outlined the need for focus on the development of fishing stands and access along our lakes and rivers. Councillor Kenny expressed the hope that tourism will fill some of the gaps over the coming years. Councillor Ellis stated that we are not promoting the county as we should be and suggested that a package be developed to promote a range of facilities and attractions. He also outlined the need for a focus on Fenagh Abbey. Councillor Flynn outlined that the absence of a hotel in Manorhamilton is a major drawback in the context of tourism development.

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Brennan highlighted the significant level of tourist attractions in the county that are under-developed. He referred to the Council's efforts to secure the extension of the Mid Shannon Tourism Infrastructure Investment Scheme to Leitrim and asked that Mr. Mooney pursue this issue.

Mr. Mooney in response to the issues and questions raised advised that he is currently arranging a meeting with his counterparts in the Fáilte Ireland West and Midlands regions to consider cross-cutting issues. He also confirmed that he will be fully behind anything that will increase the tourism attraction of the county. With regard to the Lough Allen Plan he advised that its implementation is a strategic objective of Fáilte Ireland. He complimented the Council on the development of the Plan which he stated is vitally important for the area and also in the context of all the ancillary benefits that will accrue from its implementation. Ms. Cawley reiterated the need for issues of access and accommodation to be addressed. She outlined that walking, angling and cycling are identified as products of excellence in the region and expressed the hope that good progress would be made collectively in these areas. She advised the members to feel free to contact her in the office if they had any further queries.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Mooney and Ms. Cawley for their presentation, and their responses to the issues raised.

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9/6/08 **Deimhniu Miontuairisci**

Proposed by Councillor Francis Gilmartin, seconded by Councillor Sean McGowan and unanimously resolved;

“That the Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon on Tuesday, 6th May 2008, be adopted.”

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9/6/08 **Votes of Sympathy**

The members extended a vote of sympathy to the following;

- *The Kilkenny Family, C/o Michael Teirney, Tooma, Aughavas on the death of Pat Kilkenny*
- *The Keegan Family, Cloone on the death of Sr. M Celeine*
- *Seamus Feeney, Gortinar, Manorhamilton on the death of Bridget Feeney*
- *The McMorrow Family, Dowra on the death of Dermot McMorrow*
- *Eugene & Francis Gilgunn, Gortnalibbert, Glenboy on the death of Mary Ann Gilgunn*
- *Sylvia Robinson and the Robinson Family, Glenboy, Manorhamilton on the death of Ronald Robinson*

- *Mr & Mrs Gerry Gallagher, Garrison, Co. Fermanagh on the death of John Pat Gallagher*
- *Mr Nigel Dodds and Family, c/o Stormont, Belfast on the death of Joe Dodds*
- *Patsy & Celia Sheridan, Castle Street, Manorhamilton on the death of Marian Herry*
- *Donal & Margaret Rooney, Loughmarron, Glenade on the death of Bridget Rooney*
- *Moira Tiernan and Family, Annaghmacooney, Cloone on the death of Tommie Tiernan*
- *Ann Rynn, c/o Leitrim County Council on the death of Ann Jane Rynn*

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Section 183 of Local Government Act 2001

Notice of intention to dispose of site from Housing Officer, dated 29th May 2008 as circulated to each member appears as **Appendix 1** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Councillor Aodh Flynn, seconded by Councillor Sean McGowan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That disposal of rural site in the townland of Derrinloughan, Tullaghan, Co. Leitrim to Jarvis McGowan, Tawley, Castlegal, Co. Leitrim in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Notice of Intention to dispose of rural site dated 29th May 2008 circulated to each Member be approved.”

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Draft Lough Allen Catchment Plan

The Draft Lough Allen Catchment Plan, as circulated to the members, appears as **Appendix 2** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

Councillor Sean McDermott, Chairperson of the Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development SPC outlined that the SPC had received an update on the public consultation and other meetings held during the public display phase in relation to the Draft Catchment Plan. He advised that a number of amendments to the Draft Plan had been agreed and the final draft as circulated is recommended to the Council for approval.

Councillor Enda McGloin outlined that this is a very positive Plan and stated that a Task Force should be set up to progress the actions at an early date. He requested that the issue of the extension of the Shannon navigation to Dowra be included as an objective in the Plan rather than an aspiration. This was supported by the Members. Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development confirmed that this amendment would be made to the Draft Plan. Councillor McGloin highlighted the importance of securing investment in the area in tandem with protecting the environment. This was supported by Councillor Gerry Dolan.

Proposed by Councillor Sean Mc Dermott and seconded by Councillor Enda McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the Draft Lough Allen Catchment Plan be adopted, subject to the amendment to include the extension of the Shannon navigation as an objective of the Plan rather than as an aspiration.”

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Draft Policy on Taking in Charge of Housing Estates

The Draft Leitrim County Council Taking in Charge Policy for Residential Developments as circulated to the members, appears as **Appendix 3** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

Councillor McElgunn outlined that he understood that there were 10-12 Estates in Carrick-on-Shannon in the process of being taken-in-charge and advised that local residents are most anxious to know what progress is being made. Mr. Martin Dolan, Director of Services, Planning, Environment & Emergency Services outlined that the application for Taking-in-Charge must come from the Developer, or in certain circumstances from the local residents. He outlined that there are currently 18 applications on hands. He outlined that it is anticipated that 3 estates will be taken in charge in the current year – one each in Dromod, Manorhamilton and Tullaghan. He advised that applications have been received in respect of the following estates in Carrick-on-Shannon – Rockingham, Cluain Sí, Oaklands and The Paddocks. It was agreed that a list of ongoing applications for Taking-in-Charge would be made available at the July Council meeting indicating the current status of each application.

Councillor Reynolds queried the current procedures in relation to taking-in-charge. Mr. Dolan, Director of Services advised that Leitrim County Council had been operating on the basis of procedures very similar to the policy currently under consideration. He advised that the Department had now requested the formal adoption of a policy in relation to the matter. The policy document as presented reflects the guidance issued by the Department and is very similar to the procedures already in operation by Leitrim County Council.

Councillor Reynolds outlined that he wanted the policy document amended to reflect a time-frame for the processing of Taking-in-charge applications, similar to the statutory time-frame provisions in relation to determining planning applications. He stated that there was a requirement for a very focused approach to concluding this process. He also queried the requirement to submit further drawings of the development at taking-in-charge stage when all of these drawings would already have been submitted at planning application stage. Mr. C. Treacy, Senior Planner advised that the drawings required as part of the taking-in-charge process must be the as-constructed drawings. He outlined that it would not be appropriate to rely on the planning application drawings as accurately reflecting the development and location of services etc as constructed.

Ms. J. Maguire, County Manager outlined that many of the difficulties and delays associated with taking-in-charge result from incomplete documentation and difficulty in getting the Developers to engage. Mr. M. Dolan, Director of Services outlined that for an application for taking-in-charge to be valid it must include all of the supporting documentation detailed in the Policy. Councillor Reynolds accepted this and stated that incomplete applications should be returned but that a tight timeframe, similar to the timeframes for dealing with a planning application, must be incorporated into the policy in relation to dealing with complete/valid applications.

This was supported by Councillor Stenson who also queried the position in relation to an Estate where the road was taken in charge but the rest of the estate had not been. He undertook to discuss the specifics of the case with the Director of Services.

Councillor Flynn queried the position in a case where the developer has handed over responsibility for the estate to a Management Company. Mr. C. Treacy, Senior Planner

outlined that he considered that it would be very unlikely that a Solicitor would have allowed a purchaser to find themselves in a situation where they would become liable for any outstanding works or costs associated with having the development taken in charge.

Councillor Hughes welcomed the Policy document and queried how often reports would be presented to the Elected Members. He supported the proposal by Councillor Reynolds for a stated timeframe to deal with applications and also highlighted the need for a single point of contact in the Council for dealing with the matter. Mr. M. Dolan, Director of Services advised that the Building Control Section of Leitrim County Council is the section with responsibility for taking-in-charge.

Councillor Reynolds suggested that quarterly reports should be presented to the Council. This was supported by the members.

Councillor Colreavy queried whether the process of getting a road within a development made public is a separate process to the taking in charge process. He also queried whether any additional allocation had been made available to Leitrim County Council in respect of the significant expenditure associated with the taking in charge process and the ongoing maintenance of these developments. Mr. M. Dolan, Director of Services outlined that the process of declaring a road to be a public road is covered by the Roads Act while the taking in charge process is covered under the Roads Legislation in combination with the Planning Legislation. He outlined that the taking-in-charge process and the ongoing maintenance of developments will have financial implications for the Council.

Councillor Reynolds referred to the proposed repeat inspection fee of €1,000 and stated that this was prohibitive. He proposed that the first three inspections should be free of charge. This was seconded by Councillor Flynn who indicated that the fee would be a disincentive for developers in seeking to have estates taken in charge. Councillor Colreavy stated that the Council should not be encouraging people to be less than professional in their approach to this process and he proposed that the charge of €1,000 apply as proposed in respect of a second inspection. Councillor Kenny suggested that the level of fee should be related to the size of the development. Mr. M. Dolan, Director of Services outlined the level of inspection involved. Following discussion it was agreed that the first two inspections would be free of charge with a fee of €1,000 applying in respect of the 3rd and any subsequent inspections.

It was agreed that the Draft Policy would be amended to include:

- Timeframe for dealing with taking-in-charge applications, similar to timeframes for dealing with planning applications
- Quarterly reporting to Council
- 1st and 2nd inspection free with charge of €1,000 to apply in respect of 3rd and subsequent inspections

Proposed by Councillor Gerry Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Gordon Hughes AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the Draft Leitrim County Council Taking in Charge Policy for Residential Developments be adopted subject to amendment to include timeframes for dealing with applications similar to timeframes applying to planning applications, quarterly reporting to the Council and a charge of €1,000 to apply only in respect of 3rd and subsequent inspections”

It was further agreed that the amended Policy would be circulated to Members at the July Council meeting.

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Draft Litter Management Plan 2008-2011

Report from Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services in relation to the Draft Litter Management Plan 2008-2011 dated 3^d June 2008 as circulated to the members, appears as **Appendix 4** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

Councillor Reynolds stated that additional litter bins are required in towns and this must be addressed. This was supported by the members.

Councillor Aodh Flynn proposed that the Draft Litter Management Plan be amended to include provision that street cleaning would be undertaken in Manorhamilton 3 times per week over the Summer Season. This was supported by the Members.

Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin, seconded by Councillor Aodh Flynn AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the Draft Leitrim County Council Litter Management Plan 2008-2011 be adopted subject to the amendment to include provision that street cleaning be undertaken in Manorhamilton 3 times per week over the Summer Season”.

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Nomination of Three Members to the Disability Advisory Group

Ms. Aideen McGovern, Meetings Administrator outlined that there was a requirement to nominate three members of Leitrim County Council to the Disability Advisory Group as established under the Leitrim County Council Disability Implementation Plan 2007-2015.

Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, seconded by Councillor Francis Gilmartin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Councillor Mary Bohan be nominated to the Disability Advisory Group”

Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin, seconded by Councillor Gerry Reynolds AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Councillor Thomas Mulligan be nominated to the Disability Advisory Group”

Proposed by Councillor Martin Kenny, seconded by Councillor Gerry Dolan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Councillor Michael Colreavy be nominated to the Disability Advisory Group”

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Quarterly Report on Capital Works

□ **Housing**

Report dated 28th May 2008 from Director of Services, Housing and Corporate Services as circulated to the Members, appears as **Appendix 5** to the Minutes of the Meeting in the Minute book. The report as circulated was noted by the Members.

Councillor Gilmartin criticised the level of local authority housing development in Drumcong without adequate provision for green areas and play facilities. He requested that a portion of the remaining lands at this location be made available for the provision of additional car-parking for the adjacent school in the interests of safety. This was supported by Councillor McGloin and Councillor Gerry Dolan. Ms. M. Quinn, Director of Services, Housing & Corporate Services confirmed that she was happy to facilitate a meeting with Councillor Gilmartin and local residents in relation to the issues raised.

Councillor Reynolds outlined that a lot of local authority housing developments are being built with large, undeveloped green areas. He suggested that the policy in this regard should be reviewed and that a playground and a smaller green area should be provided.

Councillor Reynolds also queried the position in relation to the new houses in Áth na Rí, Carrick on Shannon. Mr. M. Gallagher, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing confirmed that the new tenants have been appointed to these dwellings.

□ **Water Services**

Report dated 12th May 2008 from Director of Services, Infrastructure as circulated to the Members, appears as **Appendix 6** to the Minutes of the meeting in the Minute book. The report as circulated was noted by the Members.

Councillor Ferguson queried when it was envisaged contracts would be signed. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure advised that it is hoped to sign the Contract for the Leitrim Towns & Villages in June. In relation to the Kinlough/Tullaghan Scheme he advised that tenders have been approved and the contract will be signed in the coming weeks.

Councillor Ellis referred to the South Leitrim Water Scheme and highlighted serious problems in South Leitrim with water shortages in recent weeks. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure confirmed that the work has started on this scheme and advised that there is also a contract for increased pumping at the Treatment Plant. He also highlighted the importance of conserving water and advised that there had been a very significant increase in demand in recent months.

Councillor Flynn welcomed progress on the Mullies/Brackery GWS. He advised that there are a number of houses in the Lisnabrack and Mullies areas that have not as yet been picked up. He also welcomed confirmation that the Cloonaquin GWS has gone to procurement for the design stage.

Councillor McDermott queried progress on the sewerage scheme for Ross and Glenfarne. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services advised that we are moving to the preliminary report stage in relation to the Leitrim Towns & Villages Phase II Scheme. He highlighted that the whole issue of affordability will be a problem, particularly in relation to the smaller schemes.

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Brennan queried how soon the DBO Schemes would be off the ground. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services advised that the contract is likely to be signed in June but it will be well into 2009 before it is completed. Councillor Brennan also queried whether there is a new protocol for consultants. Mr. McGuinness advised that all exchequer funded contracts must be fixed price contracts in line with revised public

procurement procedures. He outlined that this is a difficult process which involves significant additional work particularly at the early stages. He advised that some of the smaller consultants will have difficulty complying with the new procedures.

Councillor Hughes queried the up to date on the feasibility study for the sewerage overflow at Ballinamore. Mr. McGuinness, Director of Services advised that the preliminary design work has been completed. He advised that this is a very expensive option and the issue of how it can be funded will have to be considered. Councillor Hughes queried whether an application for funding has been submitted. Mr. McGuinness advised that this forms part of the Leitrim Towns & Villages Phase II Scheme. He advised that the Department have to approve the preliminary report on this scheme.

Councillor Reynolds queried whether funding is in place for the new Carrick Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services confirmed that funding has been allocated for a Design Build Operate Scheme. He advised that there is an issue in relation to the level of contribution which Leitrim County Council will have to fund and this is in dispute with the Department. He advised that shortlisting for tenders will take place in the coming weeks.

Councillor Reynolds referred to Contract 3B in relation to the new sewer network and advised that works beside the North West Business & Technology Park had been left in a very poor condition. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services confirmed that this area would be looked at.

□ **Roads**

Report dated June 2008 from Director of Services, Infrastructure as circulated to the Members, appears as **Appendix 7** to the Minutes of the meeting in the Minute book. The report as circulated was noted by the Members.

Councillor McGloin queried when the Pedestrian Bridge in Leitrim Village will be fully completed and whether there are any plans for an official opening. Councillor Gilmartin outlined that he has a question on the agenda in relation to this matter. He outlined that he considered that the Bridge is not complete until such time as the public lighting is lit. Mr. McGuinness, Director of Services advised that the Bridge is substantially complete and has been open for some time. He advised that the lights are in position awaiting commissioning by the ESB. He undertook to follow up with the ESB in this regard.

Councillor Colreavy queried the topographical and traffic surveys to be carried out as part of the preliminary design of the N16 Manorhamilton to Glenfarne and indicated that he had understood this work was done some time ago. Mr. S. O'Connor, Senior Engineer advised that preliminary topographical and traffic surveys had been completed and that the project is now moving to the detailed design stage.

Councillor McDermott queried the position in relation to the N16 Kilamkerill to Cornacloy scheme. Mr. S. O'Connor, Senior Engineer advised that a number of discussions had taken place with the NRA in relation to the completion of the scheme. He advised that an on-site meeting is scheduled to take place on 10th June 2008.

Councillor McGowan queried the up to date position in relation to the N4 Carrick-on-Shannon to Dromod Bypass. He also queried when it is anticipated that works will commence on Rooskey Bridge. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services advised that because the scheme has been extended new consultants had to be appointed. He advised that expressions of

interest have been received and will be shortlisted over the coming weeks. In relation to Rooskey Bridge he advised that meetings have taken place with the Department and Leitrim and Roscommon County Councils. He advised that a brief was given to the consultants to future proof the design and to ensure that it would be open to traffic at all times. He advised that it is envisaged that the work will go to tender this year with work to start in March 2009. Councillor McGowan expressed disappointment that works would not commence sooner but welcomed the improved solution. Councillor Gilmartin also welcomed that the bridge will not be closed during construction works. He stated that it would have had a significant negative impact on local businesses if the bridge had to be closed.

Councillor Gerry Dolan queried when it is proposed to upgrade roads in Ballinaglera which were damaged as a result of the new water scheme. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services confirmed that the road in question would be inspected in relation to necessary works.

Councillor Kenny queried when works at Poll an Eas would be completed. Mr. J. McGuinness confirmed that works would be completed in the current month. This was welcomed by Councillor Ellis and Councillor Hughes.

□ **Other Capital Projects**

Report dated 30th May 2008 from Director of Services, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development as circulated to the Members, appears as **Appendix 8** to the Minutes of the meeting in the Minute book. The report as circulated was noted by the Members.

Councillor McElgunn queried when it is expected the Town Park in Carrick-on-Shannon will be opened. Mr. J. Gilhooly, Director of Services advised that works are expected to be completed before the end of July.

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Corporate Policy Group Report

Ms. A. McGovern, Meetings Administrator gave an overview of the issues considered by the Corporate Policy Group at their meeting:

▪ **Strategic Policy Committees Update Report**

Three Strategic Policy Committee meetings had taken place since the last meeting of the Corporate Policy Group – the Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development SPC, the Housing & Corporate Services SPC and the Water & Environment Strategic Policy Committee.

Community, Cultural and Enterprise Development SPC

The Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development SPC had considered the Draft Lough Allen Catchment Plan. A number of amendments had been agreed and the final draft as recommended to the members for approval is listed on the agenda for consideration.

The SPC had also considered the Leitrim Third Level Initiative. The SPC had agreed that any expansion of this area needs to be considered carefully. Costs associated with staff, buildings provision and maintenance, central operations, insurances etc would be significant and unsustainable through fee income alone. Population catchment must also be considered carefully given the size of population, opportunities already available through the work of the

organisations in the county and most notably fulltime Institute of Technologies operating in Sligo and Athlone with 40 or 60 minutes commuting time. The SPC recommended therefore that it would appear that the further development of the role of the VEC and the existing Third Level Initiative provides the most sustainable way of continuing to offer further education opportunities in the County.

Housing & Corporate Services SPC

The Housing & Corporate Services SPC had considered a detailed report on the Statutory Assessment of Housing Needs, the Housing Action Plan and Social Housing Investment Programme, the Housing Grant Schemes and the National Housing Service Indicators. The report as considered was circulated to the members for consideration at the Corporate Policy Group meeting and the General Purposes Committee meeting.

The Housing & Corporate Services SPC had also considered the Housing Estate Management Awards 2008. No changes are proposed to this Awards Scheme in 2008.

Water & Environment Strategic Policy Committee

The Water & Environment SPC had considered the Draft Litter Management Plan which was recommended to the Corporate Policy Group and Council for adoption and is listed on the agenda for today's Council meeting.

The SPC had also considered details of the national anti-gum campaign which is being launched on 26th June and the need for an extensive campaign in relation to this problem.

The SPC had considered the findings of a survey on the functionality of a sample of effluent treatment systems installed since 2002. The survey had established that there was some form of deficiency with 29 of the 30 sites visited. Arising from the meeting it is proposed to consider a pilot of a reed bed system, possibly initially for local authority rural houses.

The SPC had also received a presentation from a private company in relation to various eco-friendly designs and initiatives.

▪ Nomination of Members to the Cathaoirleach Awards Adjudication Committee

The Corporate Policy Group had considered the requirement to nominate two members to the Cathaoirleach Awards Adjudication Committee. The Corporate Policy Group had suggested that this matter be dealt with at the full Council meeting. Given that the Cathaoirleach and the Chair of the Housing & Corporate Services SPC are members of the adjudication panel, it was considered that the Ballinamore and Manorhamilton Electoral Areas were represented and it would be appropriate to have one nomination each from the Carrick on Shannon and Dromahaire Electoral Areas.

Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, seconded by Councillor Francis Gilmartin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Councillor Liam McElgunn be nominated to the Cathaoirleach Awards Adjudication Committee”

Proposed by Councillor John McTernan, seconded by Councillor Francis Gilmartin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Councillor Enda McGloin be nominated to the Cathaoirleach Awards Adjudication Committee”

▪ **Items for Council Meeting**

The Corporate Policy Group had also considered an overview of items for the Council Meeting.

This update was noted by the Members.

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Correspondence

The following correspondence was circulated to the members;

1. Letter from Caoimhin Ó Caoláin TD dated 15th May 2008 thanking Leitrim County Council for letter concerning the need for Irish political parties to prioritise the issues of substance abuse, underage drinking and associated problems.
2. Letter dated 28th April 2008 from the Commission Secretary, of the Standard in Public Office Commission in relation to the Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service (Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001) and the role of the Standards Commission under the Ethics Acts.
3. Letter dated 8th May 2008 from Health Service Executive in relation to cancer services in Sligo General Hospital.
4. Letter dated 20th May 2008 from the Financial Regulator acknowledging receipt of Leitrim County Council's letter dated 29th April addressed to the Governor.
5. Letter dated 22nd April 2008 from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government acknowledging receipt of letter from Leitrim County Council in connection with motion passed by the council with regard to An Bord Pleanála.
6. Letter dated 20th May 2008 from Bus Eireann in relation to services in Drumsna.
7. Letter dated 20th May 2008 from Local Health Manager, Health Service Executive in relation to a request by Leitrim County Council to seek a deputation from the HSE to address members on the proposed Community Hospital in Ballinamore and also other Health issues affecting the county.
8. Letter dated 2nd May 2008 from the Superintendent for Personal Assistant to Commissioner, An Garda Síochána acknowledging correspondence dated 29th April 2008 from Leitrim County Council to the Chief Administrative Officer.
9. Letter dated 23rd May 2008 from Minister for Transport acknowledging receipt of letter from Leitrim County Council regarding the outcome of a meeting of Leitrim County Council which was forwarded to him by An Taoiseach, Mr Brian Cowen T.D.
10. Letter dated 28th May 2008 from Eamon Gilmore T.D. acknowledging receipt of letter from Leitrim County Council passing a resolution expressing concern and calling for action by the political problems of substance abuse, underage drinking and associated societal problems.

11. Letter dated 8th May 2008 from Chief Executive Officer, Eircom acknowledging letter from Leitrim County Council requesting information on eircom broadband roll out.

Councillor Reynolds proposed that a letter issue to Eircom requesting an up to date timetable for the completion of the remaining exchanges in Leitrim. He also proposed that a letter issue to Minister Ryan reminding him of the commitment given in relation to this Broadband programme. Councillor Gilmartin supported this proposal. Ms. Aileen McGovern, Meetings Administrator advised that Eircom had indicated that they would not be in a position to clarify the completion dates until late July and had indicated that they would revert to the Council at this point.

12. Letter dated 30th May 2008 from Charles Flanagan TD acknowledging receipt of letter from Leitrim County Council on substance abuse, underage drinking and associated behaviour.
13. Letter dated 5th June 2008 from Michael Ring TD in relation to Leitrim County Council's resolution regarding substance misuse.
14. Letter dated 5th June 2008 from Department of Social and Family Affairs regarding the resolution passed by members of Leitrim County Council to give equal rights to pensioners for assisting relatives in farms and businesses.

Councillor Martin Kenny referred to the number of people in Ireland receiving UK Pensions the value of which has dropped significantly given the currency exchange situation. He proposed that a further letter issue to the Department of Social, Community & Family Affairs highlighting this issue and requesting that the matter be considered/revisited. Councillor Brennan supported this proposal and requested that US\$ Pensioners also be taken into account.

15. Letter dated 5th June 2008 from Denis Naughten TD in relation to the Constituency Commission enclosing a copy of a statement he has issued recently in relation to retaining the county boundaries and to ensure the whole of the County Leitrim forms part of a new Dail constituency.
16. Letter dated 29th May 2008 from John Gormley T.D. Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government acknowledging receipt of letter dated 13th May 2008 from Leitrim County Council which he has referred to the Green Party regarding substance misuse.
17. Newsletter of the Irish Delegation to the Committee of the Regions Issue No 7 Summer 2008.

The following issues were also raised under Meeting Correspondence;

- Councillor McElgunn outlined that it was with regret and sadness that he heard on Friday last of the closure of the Woco Factory in Carrick-on-Shannon with the loss of 41 jobs. He outlined that over the last 32 years Woco had given employment to many hundreds of people from both Leitrim and Roscommon. He asked that the Council call on the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment, Mary Coughlan and all of the relevant state agencies to renew their efforts to find replacement jobs for Carrick on Shannon as a matter of urgency. He also queried when Waterways Ireland will be commencing work on their new headquarters in Carrick-on-Shannon.

Councillor Gilmartin outlined that he had worked with Woco for 29 years and paid tribute to the current employees who are losing their jobs. He outlined that it will be difficult to secure re-employment locally. Councillor Reynolds stated that the closure is a major blow for Carrick-on-Shannon and South Leitrim and that it is important that the Tánaiste gets personally involved in securing the redeployment of the staff involved. Councillor Kenny referred to his motion some time ago inviting the IDA & Enterprise Ireland to come to a Council meeting. He suggested that the letter to both agencies should be renewed. Councillor Ellis, Councillor McGowan, Councillor Mulligan and Councillor Brennan supported the call on the Tánaiste to take action.

- Councillor McGloin queried if any response had been received from Waterways Ireland in relation to the moorings at Leitrim Village. Mr. M. Dolan, Director of Services confirmed that an acknowledgement had been received. He advised that there would be a meeting with Waterways Ireland very shortly and the matter would be raised with them. Councillor Gilmartin queried whether there is a problem with the planning permission in this instance. Mr. C. Treacy, Senior Planner advised that the matter was not something that was related to the planning permission.

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9/6/2008

Vote of Congratulations

Manorhamilton Church of Ireland Committee

The members extended a vote of congratulations to the Manorhamilton Church of Ireland Committee, Cloonclare, Manorhamilton on the recent rededication of Manorhamilton Church of Ireland.

Caoimhin Corrigan, Arts Officer

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Brennan proposed a vote of congratulations to Caoimhin Corrigan, Arts Officer, Leitrim County Council on his outstanding achievement in being appointed the Commissioner for Ireland for the 2009 Venice Biennale International Arts Exhibition. On behalf of Leitrim County Council he wished Mr. Corrigan every success in this prestigious role. This was supported by all the members.

08/295

9/6/2008

Leitrim Integrated Development Company Limited

Councillor Colreavy referred to the nomination of members of Leitrim County Council to the Leitrim Integrated Development Company Ltd. at the December Council meeting. He stated that no member from North Leitrim was nominated to the Company and this needs to be rectified. He requested that the matter be listed on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting. Mr. J. Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development advised that there were 4 seats available to Leitrim County Council on this Company and the seats have been filled. He advised that it is a matter for the members if they wish to revisit these nominations.

Councillor Colreavy stated that he considered it unfair that North Leitrim is unrepresented on this body. Councillor O'Rourke pointed out that there are a number of community representatives from North Leitrim and representatives of State Agencies on the Company. He also pointed out that the members nominated were the existing nominated members on the Board of the former Arigna Leader and County Leitrim Partnership and it had been agreed

that continuity and the benefit of experience would be important. He stated that it was disingenuous to the community representatives to suggest that North Leitrim is not represented. Councillor Colreavy outlined that he was asking for basic fairness and that there is no Elected member from North Leitrim on the Company. Councillor Gilmartin pointed out that he represents a significant part of North Leitrim.

Following discussion it was agreed that the matter would be listed for consideration on the Agenda for the July Council meeting.

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9/6/2008

Conferences

Proposed by Councillor Francis Gilmartin, seconded by Councillor Enda McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the;

- Attendance of Councillor Thomas Mulligan at LAMA Conference in Trim, Co Meath from 27th – 28th March 2008.
- Attendance of Councillor Gordon Hughes at Association of County and City Councillors Annual Conference in Swords, Dublin from 6th-8th March 2008.
- Attendance of Councillor Francis Gilmartin & Councillor Caillian Ellis at National Conference on Bullying in the Workplace on 15th April 2008 and 22nd April 2008.
- Attendance of Councillor Damian Brennan at New York vs Leitrim, Senior Connaught Football Championship in New York from 10th –13th May 2008
- Attendance of Councillor Damien Brennan at Launch of Leitrim A New Life Promotion in Dublin on 15th May 2008

Proposed by Councillor Tony Fergusn, seconded by Councillor Sean McDermott AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of Councillor Jim Joe Shortt and Councillor Sean McDermott at the Brooklands Integrated Healthcare Seminar on the 19th June 2008.”

Proposed by Councillor Gordon Hughes, seconded by Councillor Enda McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of Councillor Enda McGloin and Councillor Gordon Hughes at the Training Seminar for Councillors on the Local Government Housing Service on the 6th to 8th June 2008 in the Bellingham Castle Hotel, Castlebellingham, Co Louth”

Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Enda McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of Councillor Jim Joe Shortt, Councillor Damian Brennan, Councillor Aodh Flynn, Councillor Francis Gilmartin and Councillor Thomas Mulligan at the Launch of “Leitrim A New Life Promotion” in Dublin on 15th May 2008.”

Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan, seconded by Councillor Sean McDermott AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approves of the attendance of Councillor John McTernan at the Conference on the Role of the local Government in Community & Rural Development in Kerry on the 8th & 9th May 2008.”

Part I - Notices of Motion.

08/297

9/6/08

Public Lighting at Rantogue Church, Aughacashel

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

"To call on this Council to have public lighting erected at Rantogue Church, Aughacashel, as with no lighting for evening mass and removals, it is a danger to the public."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The location in question will be assessed shortly and an estimate of the cost to provide public lighting will be prepared."

Councillor Gerry Dolan proposed that the work needed to be done before the days shorten. This was seconded by Councillor Francis Gilmartin.

08/298

9/6/08

Footpaths and Lighting at Kiltymooden, Ballinamore

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

"To ask the Area Engineers Office, further to my notice of motion in October 2007, when will the long promised footpaths and lighting at Kiltymooden, Ballinamore be completed. Pedestrians are still, having to travel along this dangerous stretch of roadway which resembles a building site with no sign of this work being completed despite the fact that significant development charges have been paid in this area towards the provision of same."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The road in question is a cul-de-sac serving a number of houses. Leitrim County Council have already carried out a considerable amount of work on this road. Unfortunately Leitrim County Council cannot complete the work on this road until the contractor, involved in the development along this roads, completes the installation of the sewer line to service his development. When the contractor has completed this work the council will be in a position to complete the works. An order for public lighting has been with the ESB for some time, all the ducting is in position and we are awaiting the ESB to come to carry out the work."

Councillor Hughes outlined that this matter has been ongoing for some three years and asked that whatever is necessary be done to have the works completed. Mr. John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure outlined that the Developer has to install the sewer line which involves a deep trench. He advised that the road cannot be finished until this work is completed. Councillor Hughes requested that further contact be made with the Developer to

try and progress the matter. This was supported by Councillor Kenny and Councillor Ellis.

08/299

9/6/08

Sub Office in Carrick-on-Shannon

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

"To ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, in line with the commitments given as part of the new organisation of the Engineering areas, when is it proposed to have the new sub-office opened in Carrick on Shannon, where will it be located and how many staff will be based there."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"As indicated at the time of the reorganisation of the engineering areas, any queries in relation to Carrick on Shannon in particular and the Carrick on Shannon electoral area will be dealt with either through the Mohill office or through the Infrastructure Directorate located in Park Lane. An office in House has been allocated to the Carrick on Shannon Electoral Area and is available at all time to the area engineers and supervisors to facilitate meeting with County Councillors and the general public."

Councillor Reynolds outlined that he had been of the opinion that there would be an office in Carrick on Shannon with an Engineer and one other staff member to deal with the specifics in relation to Carrick on Shannon town and its environs. He stated that the reply does not reflect what he had envisaged. This was supported by Councillor McElgunn who stated he had been of the same understanding.

Ms. J. Maguire, County Manager outlined that there is an office allocated to the Carrick Area in Park Lane House and arrangements can be made to meet the Area Engineers or Supervisor in that office. She outlined that this was always the intention in relation to facilities in Carrick. She advised that the Area Office technical staff are primarily not office-based. She advised that if members in the Carrick Area want to meet with staff on a particular day each week etc that a mechanism can be put in place in this regard. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, outlined that meetings can be arranged as required. He advised that, given the size of Carrick, there would be an area office staff presence in and around the town much of the time. He advised that issues can be dealt with through the Infrastructure office in Park Lane House.

Councillor Reynolds referred to the reply to his Question on the agenda and queried what is meant by an 'uncontrolled crossing'. He stated that an uncontrolled crossing will not work in the vicinity of the Gaelscoil. Mr. S. O'Connor, Senior Engineer, Roads outlined that parking would be lost for a significant distance each side of a controlled crossing. He undertook to consider the matter further in discussion with Councillor Reynolds.

08/300

9/6/08

Provision of a footpath or widening of road – Kinlough Village

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

"I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, what plans he has for the provision of a footpath or the widening of the road from Kinlough village to the pier at the lake side on the Rossinver Road. Is it his intention to remove the very bad bends near the old graveyard on

the Rossinver Road, Kinlough. The development of this would be a useful resource in the area."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"There are no immediate plans for any of the works described. The R281 is a lightly trafficked road in comparison with Regional Route R280, which has been prioritised for improvement with the agreement of all the elected members. This objective has been incorporated into the County Development Plan and it is unlikely that any significant funding will be available for the other regional roads until it has been achieved. The Hotel And Housing Project being undertaken at present on the Rossinver road in Kinlough already provides for an extension of the existing public footpaths in the direction of the Pier."

08/301

9/6/08 Lights at St Mary's Church, Foxfield and Kiltymooden

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council send in their order to the ESB for the lights at St. Mary's Church, Foxfield and Kiltymooden, Ballinamore as the ESB have given Leitrim County Council a quotation for both places."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The position in relation to public lighting at St. Mary's Church, Foxfield is that ducting has been installed and a quotation sought from the ESB for the provision of the public lighting. We are currently awaiting a response from the ESB. In relation to Kiltymooden an order for the provision of public lighting at this location has been with the ESB for some time now, ducting is in position and we are awaiting the ESB to come and carry out the works.

Councillor Ellis outlined that he was not satisfied with the response. He stated that he had been advised by an ESB representative that they have not as yet had any request for a quotation in relation to St. Mary's Church, Foxfield. He stated that he was advised that a quotation in relation to Kiltymooden had issued last December and that the ESB have heard nothing since.

Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure advised that he understood that an Order in relation to the lights at Kiltymooden was submitted to the Public Lighting Section last January/February. He advised that a quote is awaited from the ESB re Foxfield. He requested that Councillor Ellis give him details of who he had been speaking to in the ESB in order that the matter could be clarified.

Councillor Gordon Hughes suggested that a letter issue to the ESB seeking clarification on the matters with a report to be presented to the next Council meeting.

08/302

9/6/08 Provision of New school for Ballinamore

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council write to the new Minister of Education Mr. Batt O'Keefe TD asking what is the position regarding the provision of a new school in Ballinamore and has the Government a realistic strategy regarding the use of these Public

Private Partnerships as a solution for the needs of our educational infrastructure, particularly the Ballinamore school."

Councillor Kenny welcomed recent confirmation from Senator John Ellis that the new school for Ballinamore would be included in the next bundle of Public Private Partnerships. He queried however when an announcement will be made in relation to this and in particular in relation to Ballinamore School.

Councillor Hughes seconded the motion and outlined that the meeting the previous week had been very productive. He outlined that Senator Ellis's confirmation was very welcome.

Councillor Ellis supported the motion and advised that Senator John Ellis is arranging for a delegation from Ballinamore to meet with Minister O'Keefe.

Councillor Brennan also supported the motion and asked that the next bundle be released as soon as possible.

Proposed by Councillor Martin Kenny, seconded by Councillor Gordon Hughes AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"that Leitrim County Council write to the new Minister of Education Mr. Batt O'Keefe TD asking what is the position regarding the provision of a new school in Ballinamore and has the Government a realistic strategy regarding the use of these Public Private Partnerships as a solution for the needs of our educational infrastructure, particularly the Ballinamore school."

08/303

9/6/08 Rates remission for small Irish businesses

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

"That Leitrim County Council calls on the EU Commission to lift its veto on rates remission for small Irish businesses in our disadvantaged rural towns and communities."

Councillor Colreavy outlined the background to his motion and stated that rates are an inequitable form of taxation. He requested that a copy of the motion be sent to An Taoiseach, Irish MEP's and the Irish EU Commissioner.

Councillor O'Rourke queried the method of valuation of properties and stated that there are high demands on new business and they are finding it very difficult to survive.

Councillor Kenny seconded the motion and outlined that previously local authorities had the opportunity to negotiate rates remissions.

Councillor Reynolds outlined that he had not thought that this was a matter over which the EU had any control. He outlined that he had understood that the Irish Government had absolute control over the way in which money is taken in. He also outlined the role that the Council must play in determining the rates at Budget time.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Colreavy, seconded by Councillor Martin Kenny AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"That Leitrim County Council calls on the EU Commission to lift its veto on rates remission

for small Irish businesses in our disadvantaged rural towns and communities."

08/304

9/6/08 *Dangerous turn on the Mohill- Drumlish Road at Fox's of Tooman*

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

"At the June meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask Mr. Paul McMahon, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Carrick-on-Shannon, what is the up to date position with regard to works being carried out to improve the dangerous turn on the Mohill – Drumlish road at Fox's of Tooman. As I stated on numerous occasions local landowner Michael McCrann is willing to assist the Council in relation to improving the turn. Also what is the up to date position in relation to the provision of public lighting which I have requested over the past number of years at this location, it is extremely dangerous at night time, where there is a very busy shop, Post Office and Public House and the local community are concerned for their safety."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The Road Design Section have commenced design work on a revised layout for this junction. The scale of the work involved however may require special funding under the Low Cost Accident Scheme and an application will be made for funding in 2009. Some provision has however been made in the 2008 estimate for to start this work in 2008, and it is intended that the public lighting will be provided this year and any land acquisition resolved."

Councillor McGowan welcomed the reply and sought an undertaking that the work would be completed by 2009. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure outlined that an application for funding will be made under the Low Cost Accident Scheme. He advised that if the application for funding is successful the works can be completed.

08/305

9/6/08 *Aughagrania Water Scheme*

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council at this June meeting to immediately prioritise the fast tracking the upgrade of the Aughagrania water scheme. People on this scheme are experiencing huge inconvenience because of the daily water shortages over the last number of months. Can I get an assurance for this Council that the supply of water into the scheme from the town mains is adequate."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"We are in regular contact with the organisers of this Group Water Scheme and have requested clarification of certain issues from their Consultant who has not yet replied despite our repeated requests to him. The supply of water from the public mains is adequate, however the refurbishment of the scheme, which will involve booster pumps, is essential to insure that all houses particularly any on higher ground, will receive a constant supply of water."

Councillor McGloin outlined that there were ongoing problems in relation to this water scheme and sought a commitment that Leitrim County Council would have a meeting with the various stakeholders involved. He outlined that he did not accept that the supply from the public mains is adequate and stated that this issue needs to be looked at. Mr. J. McGuinness,

Director of Services, Infrastructure advised that there is no difficulty in arranging a meeting. He advised that the scheme needs to be designed. He requested that Councillor McGloin give him details of the particular houses complained of and the matter would be investigated further.

Councillor Gilmartin and Councillor Gerry Dolan strongly supported the motion and indicated that there were significant problems with connections on this Scheme.

08/306

9/6/08

Corryard Road, Drumshanbo

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

"Firstly, I would like to thank the Council for the efforts they made with such short notice on the Corryard Road in Drumshanbo. Unfortunately, the road is in such a bad state that it needs major work and resurfacing. In 2008, it is deplorable that a road in a town where there is massive work going on in the town centre, which I welcomed, is in such bad condition."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Arrangements will be made to carry out the resurfacing work on this road in conjunction with other works in the area."

Councillor Gilmartin welcomed the reply. He stated however that he was not happy with the replies received to Questions submitted in recent months and indicated that he would be requesting a review of Standing Orders in relation to this matter if the detail of replies to Questions does not improve.

08/307

9/6/08

Control of growth of grass and weeds along footpaths

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

"At the June Meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask if a member of the outdoor staff of Leitrim County Council will be assigned more often in the towns of Manorhamilton to control the growth of grass and weeds along the inside of the footpaths. Also there seems to be a problem with litter at the weekends."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Weed killer has already been applied by council staff to the areas in question which will solve the problem. In relation to litter control, street sweeping is carried out five days per week and this situation will be reviewed to allow for sweeping on a Sunday morning for the summer season. Litter control and prevention is not just a matter for the county council, business premises also have an important role to play in cleaning out side of their premises and the Environmental department will be informing these business of their responsibilities under the Litter By-laws."

Councillor McDermott asked that the Environment Department of Leitrim County Council make contact with the Manorhamilton Business Forum to discuss the issues. He stated that there needs to be some strategy in place to address the problems.

Mr. G. Miney, Senior Executive Engineer, Manorhamilton Area outlined that there should be a level of civic pride amongst property owners in relation to grass and weeds growing at

individual properties.

Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure outlined that Leitrim County Council works closely with a lot of groups and would be happy to meet with any group in Manorhamilton in relation to these matters. The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Brennan suggested that local Councillors should initiate such a meeting.

08/308

9/6/08 R299 Drumsna and Kiltoghert Community Centre L3409

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to reinstate the road between R299 Drumsna and Kiltoghert Community Centre L3409 as it is in a very poor condition."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"As the council will be aware major works are under way in the general Kiltoghert area on the up grading of the supply network for the South Leitrim Regional Water Supply Scheme. While the road in question will not be directly effected it will have to be used as a haul road, and consequently it would be premature to carry out works on this road at this time. Normal maintenance will of course be carried out, and the Water Scheme contract does of course have provision for the restoration of any damage caused by the scheme. Once the pipe laying work on the South Leitrim Water Supply Scheme is completed, the area office will be carrying out a Restoration Maintenance Grant Scheme on this road."

Councillor McElgunn stated that the road is falling away to one side before works even commence on the Water Supply Scheme. He sought a commitment that lay-bys will be provided on this stretch of road when the Water Scheme works are finished. Mr. J. McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure confirmed that this is the intention. He outlined that it is premature to do works at this location pending completion of the water Scheme. He advised that whatever needs to be done in the short-term will be addressed with a final job done on completion of the Water Scheme.

08/309

9/6/08 Jetty and facilities at Parkes Castle. Lough Gill and Parkes Castle

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

"Now that we have a Leitrim person as the Head of Fáilte Ireland, I will ask Leitrim County Council to seek funding for the development of a proper jetty and other facilities at Parkes Castle. Lough Gill and Parkes Castle are proving to be a very popular tourist attraction, but no money has been provided to develop the facility."

Councillor Frank Dolan outlined the need for somebody to invest in these attractions and expressed optimism that funding would be forthcoming following the earlier Fáilte Ireland presentation to the meeting.

08/310

9/6/08 Non-completion of works at the Marymount Complex.

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

"May I ask what is the present situation regarding the non-completion of works at the Marymount Complex. Two months ago work re-commenced on the roadways and footpaths, then ceased shortly afterwards, and yet again the residents are left to contend with totally unacceptable, driving and walking conditions. How long more can this situation remain as it is."

Report by Director of Service, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services

"The Planning Authority has initiated enforcement proceedings in this matter and they are ongoing. In the meantime the overall property owner has taken responsibility to carry out all works in the estate which are considered by the Planning Authority to be deficient following inspection. It is acknowledged that work commenced and then ceased on the development. However work has recommenced and it is hoped that it will continue until satisfactory completion on this occasion. It should be noted that the aforementioned enforcement proceedings will be implemented if there is failure to complete the works"

08/311

9/6/08 Retain all cancer care services at Sligo General Hospital.

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

"Leitrim County Council calls on all public representatives and members of this Local Authority to support the campaign to retain all cancer care services at Sligo General Hospital. Also that we express our deep disappointment with our LOCAL Government Deputies for not supporting the recent Dail motion that proposed Sligo General Hospital as a (cancer) satellite unit of University College Hospital Galway."

Councillor McTernan outlined that he was calling on the support of all the members in relation to this matter. He outlined that Minister Mary Harney had recently used out-of-date figures to support her case. He stated that this campaign will and should continue until such time as a change is brought about. He also referred to the €25m allocated and not spent in relation to Mental Health in 2006/2007. He stated that this was outrageous and that the HSE must be called upon to clarify where this funding was spent.

Councillor Kenny seconded the motion and stated that adequate and accessible cancer care is an absolute priority. He stated that what is proposed is the consolidation of services to save money. He also asked that the relevant members raise the issue on the HSE Regional Health Forum.

Councillor McGloin also supported the motion and stated that the original decision by Government in relation to this matter was fundamentally wrong. Councillor Colreavy also supported the motion and stated that there was a need to stop using the term 'Centres of Excellence'. He stated that the appropriate term should be 'Designated Units'. Councillor Gilmartin supported the motion and outlined that he had first hand experience of the excellent cancer services provided in Sligo General Hospital. Councillor McDermott also supported the motion and stated that the fight must go on in relation to this matter.

Councillor Reynolds supported the motion and stated that the reality is that this is a decision made by Government and the only way it can be changed is whatever influence can be brought politically. Councillor McGowan supported the motion and advised that the matter has been raised on several occasions at HSE Regional Health Forum meetings. Councillor Frank Dolan, Councillor O'Rourke and Councillor Brennan also supported the motion.

Proposed by Councillor John McTernan, seconded by Councillor Martin Kenny AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"that Leitrim County Council calls on all public representatives and members of this Local Authority to support the campaign to retain all cancer care services at Sligo General Hospital. Also that we express our deep disappointment with our LOCAL Government Deputies for not supporting the recent Dail motion that proposed Sligo General Hospital as a (cancer) satellite unit of University College Hospital Galway."

08/312

9/6/08 Road No. 5524 at Corrawallen and Keeldrin

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council make safe, Road No. 5524 at Corrawallen and Keeldrin by infilling both sides of it with material to support the road and create stand-in room for pedestrians and cyclists who presently have no place to go when meeting or to be overtaken by a vehicle, with the road only 9ft wide and no side margin available along with a large fall on both sides of the road. Presently large quantities of suitable material are available in the locality due to excavation taking place for farm buildings. A commitment was given last year that such safety measures would take place."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The road in question is not included in this years Roads programme and consequently any expenditure would have to be a charge on Local Roads, funding for which is very limited. The area engineer will inspect the location in question to establish the extent of the problem and will investigate the quantity of suitable material available locally and will ascertain the most cost effective solution to the problem. The councillor will be informed of the results of these deliberations."

Councillor O'Rourke indicated that he was not happy with the reply and stated that these works were urgent and must be progressed.

Part II - Questions.

08/313

9/6/08 Car park at the swimming pool at Acres, Drumshanbo

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Dolan;

"To ask as to when it is intended to have the car park at the swimming pool at Acres, Drumshanbo extended and major works carried out there, as it was promised at an earlier meeting that it would be done before the 2008 busy season."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"A design for improvement to the parking arrangements at the swimming pool in Drumshanbo has been drawn up, and it was intended to carry out the work before this years season. However the plan would have involved the loss of a considerable amount of the grass area at the pool and would still involve parking along a busy road way. The possibility of the

provision of a Service Block, including toilets showers etc., in partnership with Water Ways Ireland, and Failte Ireland, presented other options to better deal with the parking issue. These options are being investigated at present."

08/314

9/6/08 Blackrock amenity area to Drumshanbo,

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Dolan;

"To ask as to when the footpath will be put in place from Blackrock amenity area to Drumshanbo, also the roundabout at end of the Mart Road at the bottom of Furniss Hill."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"This works is currently under construction and should be completed by early September."

08/315

9/6/08 Signage for Cloone village and G.A.A. park at Aughoo Bridge, Ballinamore

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;

"To ask the Area Engineers Office to erect signage for Cloone village and G.A.A. park at Aughoo Bridge, Ballinamore as there is presently no directions for Cloone at this location."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The sign for Cloone is included as part of the Regional Road Signage Programme for the R204, and is currently out to tender. It is intended to erect these signs over the winter period. In relation to signs indicating GAA grounds, the policy for these and other community type signs, that the council will erect the signs for the community or sporting group if the organisation supplies the sign."

08/316

9/6/08 Roadway from Drumcoura crossroads towards Newtowngore Village

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;

"To ask the area engineers office further to previous notice of motions will they infill the verges either side of the roadway leading from Drumcoura crossroads towards Newtowngore village where the council has recently carried out improvement works. A steep drop either side of the roadway in excess of 45 feet deep is making it exceptionally dangerous for passing traffic and requires being in-filled as soon as possible. There is also a similar issue regarding steep verges either side of the main road at Gortahoosh (R204-9) which is also posing a similar danger. Can the council therefore kindly carry out such works before a serious accident occurs."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

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signs, that the council will erect the signs for the community or sporting group if the organisation supplies the sign."

08/317

9/6/08 Surface Dressing Tullaghan

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;

"I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when it is proposed to complete the surface dressing of the road at Tullaghan from the Diamond Bar to the Community Centre. I would compliment the Engineer and his staff on the footpath from the village to the Church and the excellent public lighting."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The work requested in the centre of Tullaghan Village, consisting of the laying of the final wearing course bitmac surface, will be carried out at the time of reinstatement of the water and sewer trenches, following the recent upgrading of these services. We expect to carry out this work during the coming Summer months."

08/318

9/6/08 Provision of Playground facilities in County Leitrim

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;

"I will ask the Director of Services, Community and Enterprise to outline his programme and proposals for the provision of playground facilities in County Leitrim this year and into the future period."

Report by Director of Service, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development

"All new playgrounds are being provided in accordance with Leitrim County Council's Play Policy. Planning for playgrounds in Drumkeeran and Dromod is at an advanced stage and work is due to commence very shortly on these. The remaining locations to be developed are Drumsna, Kinlough, Dromahair and Leitrim Village. The identification of suitable sites and available funding will be the factors determining completion of these remaining locations"

08/319

9/6/08 Footpath and Zebra Crossing at Gaelscoil

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Reynolds;

"To ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure when is the work to provide footpath and zebra crossing at the Gaelscoil expected to start."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Work on the provision of footpaths, longitudinal parking and an uncontrolled crossing in the vicinity of the Gaelscoil will be carried out before the beginning of September."

08/320

9/6/08

Replacement of wall

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to replace the wall at the junction where the road from the townlands of Annaghaderg/Drumhirk joins the R202 at the bottom of Selton Hill as there is a river at this junction."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The area in question will be inspected and interim safety measures will be carried out if they are considered necessary.

The rebuilding of the wall will be considered after the Roads programme is complete depending on the availability of Local road funding at that time."

08/321

9/6/08 **Public Lighting along the Cloone Road out of the village of Fenagh**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to erect public lighting along the Cloone Road out of the village of Fenagh."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Funding is available for footpaths and public lighting in fenagh this year. This funding will be concentrated on connecting the existing developments within the village. When this work is completed the extension of public lighting on the Cloone road can be considered."

08/322

9/6/08 **Paving of driveway at older local authority houses**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;

"I am asking the Director of Services to put funding in place, for the paving of driveways at some of the older local authority houses, that are in a bad state and dangerous for children playing on these very rough surfaces."

Report by Director of Service, Corporate Services & Housing

"It is proposed to undertake a survey of all Council housing stock and arising from this survey a detailed planned maintenance programme will be presented to members based on priority works and the level of resources available under internal capital receipts. Consideration will be given to this nature of works in compiling the planned maintenance programme"

08/323

9/6/08 **Junction at Greagh Cross on the Cloone-Ballinamore Road**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;

"I am asking the Director of Services when will work be proceeding on the very dangerous junction, Greagh Cross on the Cloone-Ballinamore road."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Agreement has finally been reached on the purchase of land at this junction, and hedge lines have been removed which improves the sight distances considerable.

In light of the extent of the work required at the junction an application will be made for funding under the Low Cost Accident Scheme programme 2009."

08/324

9/6/08 Road Opening at R280 Creamery Road, Manorhamilton be restored

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Michael Colreavy;

"When will the road opening at R280 Creamery Road, Manorhamilton be restored. The surface has been dug up for some considerable time but there is little evidence of any focused effort to have the works speedily completed. This is causing severe disruption to traffic and to Creamery Road residents by causing dust or mud to spray onto roadside houses and cars."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The section of the Creamery Road on which major reconstruction work has been taking place in recent weeks was resurfaced at the end of last week. The public footpath adjoining the old Creamery Store will be surfaced in the coming weeks. Existing footpaths serving new housing developments on the street have not been affected by the work."

08/325

9/6/08 Road works at R280 Glebe

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Michael Colreavy;

"When will the road works at R280 Glebe be completed."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"No specific funding was provided by the DoT for work on R280 Glebe North in the current year. However, a transfer of sufficient funding from the R283 McGourty's Turn, SIG allocation is being sought to complete the outstanding work. We expect to be in a position to have work substantially complete by the end of September."

08/326

9/6/08 Speed Ramp at Hyde Terrace, Mohill

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

"To ask Mr. John McGuinness, Director of Services Infrastructure, to have discussions with the Hyde Terrace residents association with a view to providing an additional speed ramp in the terrace. They claim that a second ramp midway in the terrace is needed to slow the traffic, they are concerned for their safety and the safety of the young children who live there."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The need for a second speed ramp on this short cul de sac is very questionable, however in light of the perceived need and low cost involved the Area Office will arrange to provide a second speed Ramp as requested."

08/327

9/6/08 **Programme of works on Rooskey Bridge**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

"To ask Mr. John Mc Guinness Director of Services Infrastructure, what is the up to date position in relation to the proposed programme of works on Rooskey Bridge. When are the works scheduled to commence, has he held any discussions with Roscommon County Council and Waterways Ireland in relation to the timescale involved. It is vitally important for the communities on both sides of the Shannon that every effort is made to keep the road open while the work is in progress."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The Rooskey Bridge project is being jointly funded by Leitrim County council and Roscommon County Council, with Roscommon County Council being the lead authority. Both county council were very anxious that the bridge would be kept open to traffic during the construction process in order to facilitate the local community. At a meeting between the two councils and the Department inspector, a brief was given to our consultants to future proof the design and to insure that it would be open to traffic at all times. This will result in a wider bridge, 7m carriageway with two 2m footpaths. Discussions are on going with Water Ways Ireland in relation to the lifting section. It is envisaged that the work will go to tender this year with work to start in March 2009."

08/328

9/6/08 **Provision of Footpath at the Ballinamore Road from Joe Keane's house to Shane McGettigan Park. T**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;

"Can I ask the Director for Infrastructure to investigate the possibility of the provision of a footpath at the Ballinamore Road from Joe Keane's house to Shane McGettigan Park. This is a very dangerous part of a busy road for children commuting to this local facility and a footpath is urgently required here. Perhaps this work can be done in conjunction with the footpath renewal at Grattan Avenue promised for the last three years."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The location in question will be inspected shortly and a design for the work, and an estimate of the costs, involved to provide this footpath will be prepared. Funding will be sought under the 2009 Works Programme."

08/329

9/6/08 **'Peadar Ineys' bridge in Ballinaglera**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;

"Can I get a commitment that 'Peadar Ineys' bridge in Ballinaglera that was badly damaged at a motor rally a number of years ago be repaired this year. I understand that money was paid over to this local authority by the rally organisers in lieu of damage done to this bridge. This

is my third time to raise this issue perhaps and I will be given a time scale for repair on this occasion."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"An inspection will be carried out on this bridge in the next two weeks. The councillor will be advised of the results of this inspection and our proposed actions"

08/330

9/6/08 Resurfacing of road from Corderry Cross to Meelick

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

"I would like to ask this Council have they the funding in place yet for the resurfacing of the road from Corderry Cross to Meelick. It is five years being talked about now and it will soon have to be closed as it will be no longer safe to travel on."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"This road will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the 2009 Maintenance Programme subject to priority. Routine Maintenance will be carried out until funding becomes available."

08/331

9/6/08 Traffic Calming and traffic improvements

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

"I would like to ask this Council regarding the traffic calming and the traffic improvements in the vicinity of the Keadue Road junction in Leitrim Village and to remind them of the letter dated 17th November 2006 reference 117-29 and the letter dated the 26th April 2007 and numerous other correspondence. Also a letter I received stating that the footbridge would be finished and lit some time ago. I hope not to receive the usual reply which is 'We will look into it'."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Work on traffic calming in Leitrim Village is due to start in the next to weeks funded under a Specific Improvement Grant. These works will have to be organised to facilitate the renewal of the water mains by the private Leitrim village group water scheme, and this will have major implications for the Keadue road junction. The work on the group scheme is out to tender and the council will be working closely with the committee to insure the coordination of both projects.

IN relation to the foot bridge it has been substantially complete for some time now and we are awaiting the ESB to provide power for the lights."

08/332

9/6/08 Kiltyclogher Streets

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"Can I ask once again when the streets of Kiltyclogher will be reinstated since the recent works. Is it possible to have a timescale for these works."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Documentation is being prepared for us, by the RE staff on the contract, to enable us to go to tender for the necessary work in Kiltyclogher, Kinlough and Tullaghan. We expect that the work will be completed by the end of August."

08/333

9/6/08 Grip-strips being placed on a turn on the N16

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, to have a look once again at the possibility of grip-strips being placed on a turn on the N16 at the bridge between the townlands of Cornamon and Brockagh Lower, Glenfarne. Since the strips have been placed between Manorhamilton and Glenfarne there has been a considerable reduction of accidents taking place on this road, but this turn remains a blackspot."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"We know of no recent accident history at this location that would justify the further application of anti-skid on the N16, which is highly expensive at a time of scarce maintenance resources on NP routes. The area in question is within the 60 km/hr speed limit of Glenfarne Village, and was completely resurfaced three years ago in material which has a high skid resistance in any case."

08/334

9/6/08 Footpath and Lighting

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Liam McElgunn;

"To ask when will the footpath and lighting from Summerhill to the Aura Leisure Centre be complete."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The extensive Roads Restoration programme presently under way is our priority for the summer season because of the importance of availing of the better weather conditions and the funding dead lines that applies to such grants. Consequently works such as these suggested have to be programmed for later in the year."

08/335

9/6/08 Hartley Road

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Liam McElgunn;

"To ask when will the Hartley Road L3400 be resurfaced."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"This work will be carried out in conjunction with the Ballynanmony SIG on the R280. This is scheduled to start in July and be completed by the end of September."

08/336

9/6/08 Speed Limits at Parkes Castle

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;

"People using the road R286 from Sir Roberts Point to Parkes Castle are finding it extremely dangerous because of the speed at which the traffic is travelling at. What is the possibility of having the speed limits reduced on this section of road."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The matter of speeding on this section of the R286 will have to be taken up with the Garda Authorities in the first instance, and their advice sought on the matter. Speeding on this section of roads suggests that the current speed limits are being ignored. Approval to lower speed limits would also have to be obtained from the DOE, H&LG."

08/337

9/6/08 Carrickanerro and Carrickfad Roads

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;

"I will ask the Director of Services Infrastructure, why the Carrickanerro and Carrickfad roads at Fivemilebourne have been allowed to fall into such bad condition and when can we expect a grant for these roads."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The roads in question are LS08150 & LS08151. Consideration was given to the allocation of Grants for their reconstruction and resurfacing, but the works had to be deferred pending the laying of new watermains to serve the general area. This project is likely to provide for the full reinstatement of these roads, due to their narrow nature. In the meantime, their surfaces will be maintained to a passable standard from the normal local roads maintenance allocation."

08/338

9/6/08 Funding for remedial Works

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;

"Now that the request by the Housing Department of Leitrim County Council for funding to carry out remedial works on our Housing stock at Treanmore Mohill has been refused by Central Government, what is the possibility of at least getting the exterior of the houses painted, which would give the area a face lift."

Report by Director of Service, Corporate Services & Housing

"It is proposed to commence a housing stock survey and Treanmore Estate will be the first estate surveyed. Arising from this survey, a programme of priority works (including painting of exterior of the houses) for the estate will be developed. Consultation will take place with the residents association in relation to proposed works."

08/339

9/6/08 Ramp at HydeTerrace, Mohill

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;

"The residents of Hyde Terrace Mohill have made numerous requests to have a second ramp installed, half way up the roadway. May I ask the Area Engineer to have a further look at this request, and if possible place a small ramp where requested in the interest of safety."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The need for a second speed ramp on this short cul de sac is very questionable, however in light of the perceived need and low cost involved the Area Office will arrange to provide a second speed Ramp as requested."

08/340

9/6/08 Bridge on Road No 55390

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

"I would ask Leitrim County Council to survey the bridge on Road No. 55390 between the townlands of Clooncorrick and Drumsilla. Local residents are concerned regarding its safety."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"A detailed inspection will be carried out and the results conveyed to the councillor."

08/341

9/6/08 Sign erected

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

"I would ask Leitrim County Council to have a sign erected indicating the Church of Ireland from the junction in Carrigallen. The church is a significant building with many people seeking to visit it."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"In line with our policy on "Community Type" signs, the council will erect the sign if it is provided by the church body. The design of the sign to be agreed with the area engineer."

This concluded the business of the meeting at 10 p.m.

Jim Joe Shortt
Cathaoirleach

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Meetings Administrator

Date: 7th July 2008