

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

**Áras An Chontae
Cora Droma Ruisc**

31st January 2012

**Cathaoirleach agus Gach Ball,
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA.**

A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held **in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, on Monday the 6th February, 2012 at 5.30pm** for the purpose of considering the business set out on the Agenda hereunder.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

In accordance with Statutory Provisions, the Register of Manager's Orders will be available for inspection at the Meeting.

Mise le meas,

Aideen McGovern
Meetings Administrator
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1. Deimhniu Miontuairisc

Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Áras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 9th January 2012 (copy enclosed).

2. To note Rate Collection Report for 2011 (report enclosed).

3. To adopt Leitrim County Council Policy in Relation to the Erection of Signage, including Advertising and Directional Signage, on Public Lands (report enclosed).

4. To fix date for meetings in each Engineering Area to consider Draft Road Works Scheme 2012.

5. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.

6. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.

7. To approve the attendance of the Elected Members at forthcoming conferences.

8. Correspondence (enclosed).

Part I - Notice of Motions.

9. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McSharry;

"I call on Leitrim County Council to follow the example of Clare and Sligo County Councils to amend the County Development Plan and ban the use of hydraulic fracking."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council immediately write to the Minister for Health, Mr James Reilly and the CEO of the H.S.E. to refrain from implementing the proposed cuts in the Home Help services. The people that are entitled to such home help are the most vulnerable in our society and such help could be the difference between a person being able to stay in their own homes or being admitted to a Nursing Home. We are all aware that any elderly person would prefer to remain in their own home with the necessary back-up services, and any reduction of such services will only add to the problem of overcrowding in our Hospitals and Nursing Homes."

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

"I call on this Council to put in place weight restrictions signs on all minor roads which were built for horse and cart. These roads are now expected to carry massive weights of timber. When the Forestry Companies look for a tree felling licence there needs to be a bye-law in place whereby a development charge applies the same as a person building a house has to pay eg. so much per tonne."

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

"At the February meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask that the Council carry out some repair work on the roadway and pathways in the graveyard in Manorhamilton. Some people have expressed concerns that it is nearly impossible to access their family plot."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when it is proposed to re-surface the R280 from Erriff to the Bridge at Largydonnell following the watermain works. Will this work be done in the Spring?"

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

"At the February Meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask Mr. John McGuinness, Director of Service Infrastructure, to have discussions with the NRA, Garda Authorities and other interested parties, with a view to providing traffic lights at the junction of the road serving the

Bush Hotel, Courthouse, Department of Social Protection Offices, leading onto the N4 in Carrick-on-Shannon. It is extremely difficult for the large number of motorists exiting this road, to get across the N4, and it leads to a large build up of traffic at certain times of the day."

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

"At the February Council meeting, I will ask Leitrim County Council to proceed to amend or vary the current Leitrim County Development Plan so that all fracking/shale gas extraction related activity be halted pending the introduction of a regulatory National and European oversight that does not contravene existing European Directives. This is in the interests of continuing the positive development of agriculture and tourism in County Leitrim."

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

"I request that Leitrim County Council change their current policy relating to Housing Aid for Older People Grants. Presently one of the requirements to avail of this grant is that the person is the Owner of the Property. I would like this amended so that they do not necessarily have to be the owner of the house - that the owner could give them consent to have the repairs carried out. There are several old people who have transferred over the ownership of their house to their next of Kin, but still are legally entitled to reside in the premises for their day. These people may have lived all their lives in this property or since they were married."

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

"In view of the huge number of secure public service jobs that has been lost here in Leitrim due to the public service redundancy package - jobs that are not being replaced due to the embargo on recruitment - what steps can we take to encourage employment growth within the County, and what if anything is the IDA doing to help employment blackspots such as Leitrim."

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

"I ask that Leitrim County Council calls upon the Department who funds FAS to reverse the cut to the materials grant paid to Community Employment Schemes. Practically all of the Sponsor Groups are Voluntary Groups who will not have the resources to purchase goods and materials necessary for useful work and training to be undertaken. Given the state of the local economy fundraising to the extent required to replace the sum cut from the materials grant is not an option, with the result some Community Employment Schemes will cease to operate leaving the work and services provided by the scheme undone and the participants returning to social welfare."

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

"I am proposing that Leitrim County Council call on the Government to cease all payments to unsecured bondholders and payments of promissory notes that arise as a result of the arrangements to have Anglo Irish and Irish Nationwide debts taken on by the State. Every day more national and international experts are coming to the conclusion that this debt is totally unsustainable and will never be fully paid anyway, as to do so would render the country

insolvent. The continued use of scarce capital to pay these bondholders while cutting local authority, health and education budgets is a total waste."

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

"At the February meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask for the support of members in calling on the Taoiseach to reverse the Government decision to single out smaller schools and disadvantaged schools for major education cuts in Budget 2012. Increasing the class sizes in small rural schools and the proposed amalgamation of rural schools, will have enormous impact on our rural communities, our culture and the education of our children."

21. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John Ward;

"I ask Leitrim County Council to put in place lay byes so that vehicles can pull over to allow other traffic to pass on the road between Gortletteragh and Lough Rynn. Also to fill potholes on same route and erect a Yield Right of Way sign at Farnaught junction."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to engage immediately with Waterways Ireland to agree a plan for the extension of sewage facilities at the Waterfront Marina, Leitrim Village. I further propose that the local authority would engage with the developer to ensure this work be undertaken as soon as possible as there is a potential for an environmental risk if this work is not completed."

23. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Siobhan McGloin;

"At the next meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask that "slow dangerous bend" signs or similar be erected on the Uragh/Kinlough Road at the approach to the bends close to Pat Tivnans house, (in the last year eight cars left the road on this bend)."

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

"I call on this Council to write to the Minister for Agriculture in relation to the new terms proposed for the new stocking density rate in the Severely Disadvantaged Area to be reversed."

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

"I request Leitrim County Council to call on the Garda Commissioner and the Minister for Justice to reverse the decision to close Drumkeerin Garda Station immediately."

Part II - Questions.

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

"I ask who is responsible for taking care of Bridges, as the one at Roscarbon is in a dangerous condition. If the Council is not responsible can they contact someone about it?"

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

"I will ask that the "Chapel Line" (the road from the Shrine to the Church) in Glencar be included in this years Roads Programme for a surfacing grant."

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

"I will ask the Area Engineer to carry out repair works on the Gurteen Road in Glencar, as it is in very poor condition."

29. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McSharry;

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to examine the road at Lisgorman/ Gortgarrigan-L171. As you drive up from Gortgarrigan Bridge the road has slipped into the drain."

30. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McSharry;

"I ask the Director of Services to examine the flooding at Drummonds Glencar. This flooding is being caused by a blocked drain and the water is crossing the road into the area containing the septic tank."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Planning, Community and Economic Development to change the website back to the format for accessing planning information used in 2010/2011, as it was more informative and user friendly or revert to the issue of hard copy. Can this be done soon?"

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

"Where is the sludge from water treatment plants and sewerage plants disposed of?"

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

"At the February Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Planning, Community and Economic Development what is the up to date position with regard to Leitrim County Council taking in charge "Grace Court" Housing estate in Dromod."

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

"At the February Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Senior Executive Engineer, Carrick-on-Shannon Area, to put in place a programme of works as a matter of urgency to provide Safety Barriers at the junction of the Tooman Road leading onto the Mohill – Drumlish Road. There have been a number of incidents and near misses there in the recent past and the local community are anxious that safety measures be put in place before a serious accidents occurs."

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

"I ask the Senior Executive Engineer, for the Manorhamilton Engineering Area if he would examine a bridge in the townland of Drumgane, Rossinver on the R281 Road. The bridge is

close-by to Rossinver Church. The side-wall of this bridge is no longer in position and leaves the bridge very dangerous, as there is a considerable drop down into the river."

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

"I ask the Senior Executive Engineer, for the Manorhamilton Engineering Area to replace the roadside sign for Kilmakerrill Graveyard on the N16 in Glenfarne that has gone missing. It would be important to replace this sign as soon as possible, as a lot of people visit this Graveyard."

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

"I would like to ask when will the road works be carried out on the Clahane Road, Ballinagar, Dromahair L808269-1, because the ESB have given us funding to repair this road some time ago. The ESB did major damage to this road when they were building their substation on it."

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

"At the February meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, if contact has been made with Waterways Ireland to request them to carry out immediate repair on the Quay, at Drumsna. The Shannon's water level, for the past 3 years, has risen over the quay wall and flooded the land. The concrete paving, where the boat moorings are located and boats are accessed, has been severely damaged and eroded, leaving it's the surface dangerous and unsightly. This work must be carried out prior to the boating tourism season commencing this year."

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

"When will the necessary repairs be carried out to local road LS55950 in the townland of Aughavore, Carrigallen. The drainage work already carried out has been beneficial but resurfacing is essential."

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

"What steps will Leitrim County Council take to alert landowners that there is only one month left to carry out hedge cutting before the nesting season. Many properties with roadside hedges present difficulties later in the year, when fully in leaf, but cannot be cut then setting back the necessary works for another year."

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

"I ask can the footpaths be repaired on both sides of the road at the Treanmore cross on the R201 when works are ongoing in the area."

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

"We have been promised many times that the area around the Council pumping station at old Treanmore, Mohill would be stoned. This would allow proper turning and parking space. May I ask again could this small amount of work be carried out."

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

"At the February meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the County Manager if the Council has any discretion with regard to including The Grange housing estate, Drumsna, on the Household Tax exemption list for unfinished estates. The decision of the Government to exclude this unfinished estate from an exemption, giving the estates planning attachment to Oak Meadows, demonstrates, further, the inequality of the policy being applied."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure what is the charge for septic tank waste to be taken into a sewage treatment plant for disposal."

45. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John Ward;

"I ask Leitrim County Council to repair road at Hartley, Carrick on Shannon (1st road to right after Cemetery) as a woman fell and got her glasses broken as a result of same."

46. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John Ward;

"I ask Leitrim County Council to repair road No L7464 at townlands of Mullagh and Doory, also road between Derrybrack and Railway Bridge."

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

"I request that Leitrim County Council consider re-surfacing Church Street, Drumshanbo from Conway's to the Credit Union Offices this year, as the heavy traffic there has caused a lot of damage to the tar surface."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council for an update as to the progress, if any, on considerations for the purchase of a potential derelict site in Drumshanbo for a development of a possible park and whether or not a deal can be reached by the local authority and the developer?"

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have the Lissacohill Road, Drumkeerin repaired."

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

"I ask to have the road from the Slievenakella Road, Ballinaglera to Thomas (Cowdy)Gilmartin's house repaired, as its in an impassable condition."

51. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Siobhan McGloin;

"I will ask the Senior Executive Engineer to erect a barrier to stop cars leaving the road on the R280 just north of John Waldie's house. The road edge has subsided at this point and there is a severe drop into the fields below."