

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

**Áras An Chontae
Cora Droma Ruisc**

3rd 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 9th January, 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 Miontuairisci
 - a. Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Áras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 5th December 2011 (copy enclosed).
 - b. Minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Áras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 19th of December 2011 (copy enclosed).
2. To receive progress report on the Council's Corporate Plan in accordance with Section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001 (report enclosed)
3. To receive report on Programme of Capital Projects for the forthcoming three years in accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001 (report enclosed)
4. To consider the Audit Report for the year 2010 in accordance with Section 121(1) of the Local Government Act 2001. (report enclosed)

5. To appoint replacement Member to the County Leitrim Vocational Education Committee following resignation of Councillor Paddy O'Rourke
6. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.
7. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.
8. To approve the attendance of the Elected Members at forthcoming conferences.
9. Correspondence (enclosed).
10. To receive a presentation from ESB Energy International.

Part I - Notice of Motions.

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

"At the January meeting of Leitrim County Council I ask that a letter be sent to the Courts Service to find out what plans are in place to refurbish the Courthouse in Manorhamilton. This is a wonderful building and should not be allowed to go into complete ruins."

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

"Following the recent deaths of a Father and his two children in Sligo, I propose that Leitrim County Council contact the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government and the Minister for State at the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government with special responsibility for Housing and Planning and request that Carbon Monoxide Detection Monitors be installed in all dwellings as a matter of urgency."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to request a representative of Iarnród Éireann to come to a meeting of Leitrim County Council to discuss variations of charges between Longford and Dromod Railway Stations as a number of people from this area are travelling to Dublin and are using Longford station instead of Dromod as the variation of prices is ongoing for over two years."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council write to the Minister for the Environment,

Community and Local Government, Mr Phil Hogan, T.D., and the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in relation to setting up Group Sewerage Schemes in order that more houses and public facilities can be serviced at a more reasonable cost than having to replace septic tanks."

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

"I ask that all elected representatives and members of the public make a submission to the Boundary Commission before the deadline of January 10th 2012 asking that the County of Leitrim be reunified for electoral purposes. Furthermore, that any future Terms of Reference for Boundary Commissions should clearly state that no County will be divided in the event that its population will, as a result, have an insufficient electorate to elect its own resident member of Dáil Éireann."

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

"At the January meeting of Leitrim County Council I again ask the Director of Services, Planning, Community and Economic Development what is the current status in relation to the large Housing Development off the N4 at Rooskey. Has any progress been made in contacting the Developer in this case?"

17. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John McCartin;

"For those of us who live and conduct our business along the Border, it is clear that many retail outlets sell at inflated costs below the Border. It is also clear that many franchises will not sell to their Republic of Ireland stores at the same price as they sell to their UK stores. Delivery policy, separate companies and extortionate exchange rates are just some of the tools used to evade competition law. I propose that Leitrim County Council write to the EU Competition Commissioner, Joaquín Almunia, seeking a full investigation into how international retailers and franchises conduct their business along the Border."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to make the entrance onto the main Drumshanbo-Carrick Road more safe at Leitrim Church."

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

"I ask that Leitrim County Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government not to introduce the proposed household charge."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to please check out the position of the road signs at Annadale, Drumcong as they seem to obstruct the view."

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

"I ask this Council to write to the Minister for Social Protection, Ms Joan Burton, T.D. asking her to amend the unfair situation where female pensioners will qualify for a weekly pension of some €34 less than their male counterparts from September of this year. The present situation amounts to discrimination."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to carry out repairs to the footpath outside Gortletteragh Church."

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 we contact the Department of Agriculture to immediately pay the 2011 payments to farmers, many of whom have received no payments for 2011."

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

"I request Leitrim County Council to focus more on opening water-tables on roads, especially local roads, as we seem to be getting wetter weather in recent years with more water making its way on to roads, resulting in pot-holes and road surfaces eroding."

25. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Kilrane;

"Leitrim County Council calls on the Government to use all diplomatic channels to ensure that the current legislation being proposed in Washington, that would help legalise the undocumented Irish in the United States, is passed."

Part II - Questions.

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

"I requested last August that the damaged footpaths in Summerhill, Carrick-on-Shannon be repaired. This work has not been done and in some parts they are dangerous. May I again request that this work be carried out."

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

"I ask the Carrick-on-Shannon Area Engineer to please include the road at Corish/Headford/Fargrim in the 2012 Road Improvement Scheme."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to extend the existing barrier the full length of the Quay Wall at Carrick on Shannon, as there could have been a tragic accident there recently."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to extend the crash barrier on the N4 at Masonite junction as two accidents occurred there just prior to Christmas, one very serious."

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

"I ask that the Senior Executive Engineer resurface the roadway leading from the Willowfield Road, Ballinamore to Aghatawny (LT55003-0), as it is in urgent need of repair. In the meantime would it be possible to patch the roadway at this location before it deteriorates further?"

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

"I ask the Senior Executive Engineer when will the road works outside the entrance to The Willows estate at Willowfield Road, Ballinamore be completed as the roadway in question is in a very poor state of repair and is causing a nuisance to passing traffic and pedestrians alike."

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

"At the January meeting of Leitrim County Council I ask if any contact has been made with the Chief Executive of A.I.B.P. and what are their plans in relation to the former meat plant in Dromod."

33. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McCartin;

"Could the Council please erect a safety barrier and warning signage on the R-202 at Kiltyhugh? A bad right hand bend with a deep drain alongside, just after the junction with LT-135110 as you travel towards Swanlinbar, has been the site of numerous accidents and it is important to make this section of road safe before there are any serious injuries caused."

34. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McCartin;

"Unfinished widening of LT-15881 at Cornaghty and Beagh Beg, Carrigallen has left a choke point at a blind spot at the junction with LT-15885. This situation is aggravated by its proximity to a long sweeping bend. Could the Council at least continue the widening for another 100 meters to allow traffic space to prepare for the narrowing road?"

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to examine the possibility of turning the green area at the Taobh Tire estate in Manorhamilton into a Community Garden. The residents have approached me with a plan which would be of benefit to the people of this estate."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to examine the road at Ballyboy Manorhamilton. There are a number of potholes on this road."

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

"Would this Council arrange to have some grit placed at Stanley's Hill at Kesh, Doherty's Hill at Proughlish and Clarke's Hill at Kilcare for the people to spread."

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

"At the December Council meeting I requested two public lights for outside Rantogue Church, as there is Mass there on Saturday nights at nine o'clock. Knowing that we are cash-strapped I will ask for just one light - that is fifty percent of a reduction - hoping this Council will grant my request."

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

"Given the let off the relative mild winter we are experiencing so far is providing us with, resulting in a reduction in expenditure in salting and gritting of roads, where does the Council propose to spend the monies provided for such emergencies and will the monies be reallocated on an area by area basis?"

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

"In light of the abolition of grants towards Local Improvement Schemes in the recent round of cuts in Budget 2012 what impact will this have on staffing arrangements

given the time spent on these projects in previous years?"

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

"I request that this Council carry out repairs to the Aughrooskey/Fertagh Road - this road is particularly bad just past Brookhill House."

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

"I ask the Manorhamilton Area Engineer if it would be possible to replace sign-posts on the pole at St. Michael's School Glenfarne - some of the signs have disappeared over the years and the existing pole is also loose in the ground."

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

"I want to compliment the Senior Executive Engineer in the Manorhamilton Engineering Area on Traffic Calming measures on the N.16 road in Manorhamilton and Glenfarne. Can I ask what is the time frame for completion of works?"