

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

*Áras An Chontae
Cora Droma Ruisc*

25th November 2008

*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 1st December 2008 at 5.30pm* for the purpose of considering the business set out on the Agenda hereunder.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

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

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Aideen McGovern
Meetings Administrator

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1. Deimhniu Miontuairisci

(i) *Minutes of Special Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Áras an Chontae, Co. Leitrim on Monday 20th October 2008 (copy enclosed)*

(ii) *Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Áras an Chontae, Co. Leitrim on Monday 3rd November 2008 (copy enclosed)*

2. To approve the following proposals in compliance with the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to carry out the following works:

(i) *Proposal for Modifications to traffic flow and parking in Dromahair including the installation of a safe zone for pedestrians on the Back Line. (Report enclosed)*

(ii) *Proposal for Local Road (LP 03413) Widening Works, Alignment Improvement & Construction of new footpath at Kilboderry & Drummagh Td., Carrick-on-Shannon (Report enclosed)*

3. To consider the disposal of House at No 6 Bothar Rogan, Dun Ri, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim to Mr Joseph Gibbons, Cornavad, Keshcarrigan in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Notice of Intention to dispose of house dated 19th November 2008 circulated to each member.

4. To approve agreement in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 between Leitrim County Council and Roscommon County Council in relation to the Design and Erection of Footbridge on the N4 at Carrick-on-Shannon Bridge. (*report enclosed*)
5. To consider the establishment of and the nomination of members of Leitrim County Council to the Leitrim Joint Policing Committee (report previously circulated)
6. To consider the Audit Report for the Financial year ended 31st December 2007 in accordance with Section 121 (1) of the Local Government Act 2001. (*Report enclosed*)
7. To receive update on progress in relation to the preparation of River Basin District Plans under the Water Framework Directive.
8. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.
9. To note Quarterly Report on Capital Works;
 - *Housing (report enclosed)*
 - *Water Services (report enclosed)*
 - *Roads (report enclosed)*
 - *Other Capital Projects (report enclosed)*
10. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.
11. Correspondence

Part I - Notice of Motions.

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

"I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure what plans are in place at present for the upgrading of Lennox's Bridge on the R280 between Kinlough and Bundoran; are there any plans to construct a new bridge over the river Drowes at this point; was any arrangement or agreement made with Donegal County Council or the National Roads Authority when the R280 link on to the Bundoran/Ballyshannon By Pass was put in place during the construction of the new road. This is a very dangerous bridge on the road linking Leitrim to Donegal and Connaught to Ulster. I would like a detailed answer to the points raised."

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

"Leitrim County Council once again calls on the Irish Government and opposition parties to ensure the boundaries of County Leitrim are protected in deliberations and decisions regarding the Electoral Amendment Bill 2008. Almost 14,000 people signed the petition organised by the Save Leitrim Campaign in 2004. Of the 327 submissions made to the Constituency Commission in 2007, 241 argued for a reversal of the Leitrim split. There were no arguments in favour of the status quo. Yet the Commission chose not only to ignore these submissions, but managed to make the situation worse by reallocating people from the more populous South Leitrim to the North of the County.

This Council calls for an immediate change to the terms of reference of the Constituency

Commission so that the County boundaries of low-population counties such as Leitrim will be safeguarded in any future Constituency revisions, and that the County boundary integrity is protected in the Electoral Amendment Bill 2008."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council go ahead immediately with improving the Aughnasheelin Water Scheme in the current year. I would ask what has held this scheme up for the last 5 years without any progress being made?"

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

"To ask the Area Engineer what is the present position regarding the completion of the new pedestrian crossings for Ballinamore at the following locations; 1. National school 2. St Felim's College 3. Catholic Church and 4. At the entrance to the Lahard Estate. Construction of these crossings commenced a number of weeks ago but still remain unfinished while work has yet to commence at either St Felims College or at the entrance to the Lahard estate."

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

"With developers under financial pressure, and some housing estates and industrial developments left unfinished, with no lighting, poor road surface, and in some cases surface water up to half a meter deep on the public drive way. What can now be done to alleviate some of these problems, and can the bond be spent to fix some of the problem areas. Have we many estates nearing the take over stage, and has any been taken over in 2008."

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

"I propose that the footpath as agreed, be provided as soon as possible from Drumkeerin Village to the new children's playground on the Carrick Road. That in the interests of safety that the speed limit be extended or appropriate calming measures be put in place."

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

"That this Council calls on the Executive Officer, School Building Unit, Department of Education and Science to overturn their decision not to allocate funding under the emergency works scheme in respect of St Joseph's National School, Killenummery, Dromahair. During the course of the main building works, the deplorable state of the sewerage system became apparent. As this was a health and safety issue, the Board of Management at St Joseph's National School had to borrow the money on the strength of the emergency funding being made available to them."

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

"That the Ballyboy GWS be taken over by Leitrim County Council."

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

"I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure would it be possible to have the footpath outside the Health Centre in Manorhamilton lowered. Because of the height of the footpath it is impossible to open a car door to allow a patient to get out of a car onto the footpath."

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

"To ask the County Manager when will contracts be signed for the new Sewage Treatment Plants at Jamestown and Carrick on Shannon. When will construction commence and of what duration are the contracts."

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

"That this Council carry out repairs in the townland of Kiltoghert on the road leading from its junction with the Drumsna - Leitrim Road to Kiltoghert Community Centre. The place in question is at present marked by bollards. And that extra passing places be provided on this busy road, which is very narrow at some places."

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

"At the December meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure to have discussions with the N.R.A. to see what steps can be taken to improve the Junction from the R201 (Mohill-Carrigallen road) onto the N4 at Annaduff. It is extremely difficult and dangerous for motorists and other road users to join the N4 at that location with the speed of traffic on that road."

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

"At the December meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to ensure that Crow Hill road, Drumsna is included in this years roads programme, for restoration and widening. I would also ask that provision be made to ensure that appropriate lighting and footpaths are provided for residents in this part of the village."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Government to reorganise FAS and fund Community Employment Schemes again across the country, particularly in Leitrim and the west, as it has become clear that at present, there is no other prospect or strategy to maintain our underdeveloped regions. As this economic crisis continues, the Government through FAS and other agencies will have to become the employer of last resort, to provide income for many people and thus begin to prime the economy from the bottom."

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

"I want to bring to the attention of the Council the appalling conditions of the streets in Leitrim Village and the Sheffield Road (Church Road). The main street has been dug up for such a long period now that it is causing an severe impact on the local business at a time when it is already hard to survive even in normal conditions.

Now, the road out past the Church is a virtual minefield at the moment and almost impassible. This road is used frequently by a large section of the local community to go to Church. Would the persons responsible please leave this particular road in a passable condition regardless of what work is in progress?"

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

"I ask the Director of Housing & Corporate Services to provide details of what level of grant aid is expected will be available towards the provision of the various housing grants for elderly and disabled persons in 2009. Furthermore how does this figure compare to the 2008 levels?"

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

"At the December Council meeting I will ask Leitrim County Council if public lighting could be provided at Glenaniff Church. I believe it is the only church in County Leitrim that has no public lighting."

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

"I will call upon Leitrim County Council in the preparation of their annual budget that they would not seek an increase in the rates. In view of the very difficult economic situation that businesses find themselves in."

Part II - Questions.

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to seek full clarification on the timetable of works for the N.16 road from the Department of Transport following recent meetings at Ministerial level on a Cross Border basis. Much work has been done by the Border Regional Authority in highlighting the East-West link and the inclusion of the N.16 in this project over many years. Consultants reports by Fitzpatrick Associates and Mortan McClune showed the great benefits of constructing the route."

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

"I will ask the County Manager to put in place a scheme for improving and assisting business in the villages and towns in the county working with the other agencies eg County Partnership, Enterprise Board, Chambers and Business Forums re-lighting, signage of services, christmas lighting and decoration, flood lighting of significant landmarks etc?"

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

"Why is it that the proposed sewerage scheme for Railway Terrace, Ballinamore has not gone ahead? There was funding available 12 months ago for this scheme and seeing that these residents have serious problems with septic tanks and flooding I ask Leitrim County Council to commence these works immediately."

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

"To ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure what progress has been made regarding the urgent provision of a footbridge, adjacent to the bridge on the N4 from Carrick on Shannon to Cortober."

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

"To ask the Area Engineer when will the sewage scheme extension out as far as the Sean O'Heslin's G.A.A. park in Ballinamore be complete as the works at the club grounds is nearing completion."

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

"To ask the Area Engineer further to previous requests if the council will infill the drains either side of the roadway at Kilrush, Ballinamore (LP1502-1) as there is a steep drop either

side of the road at this location which is posing a danger to passing traffic."

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

"In the 2008 the Annual Area Programme €100,000 was allotted to have works - roads, lighting and footpaths,- completed at Shannagh Mohill. When can we expect to have this work done?"

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

"A grant of €30,000 was provided under the low cost safety scheme to improve sight lines at junction LP 3479 + R201. What progress has been made on this?"

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

"When will the report on access in Leitrim towns and villages for people with disabilities be finalised and published?"

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

"Can the County Manager advise members as to the approximate percentage increased cost per kilometre of road improvements arising from the recent implementation of revised health and safety regulations?"

40. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;

"That the Gaeglum/Greaghmaglough road be repaired as a matter of urgency and that this Council enter into discussions with Coillte regarding the damage caused by them recently."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council for the immediate repair of road at Beagh, Garvagh as it is in a very bad state of repair."

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

"I will ask why Leitrim County Council is continuing to block the entrance to the car park at Dillon Court, Manorhamilton"

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

"What was the cost of the upgrade of the car park at Dillon Court and what was the value of the bond, when redeemed?"

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

"I would like to ask what supports are available to provide grant assistance for young people with disabilities."

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

"To ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure when the following works, provided for in this year's Roadworks Programme, will commence:

(a) Resurfacing of road at Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon, adjacent to where Michael

Fleming resides.

(b) The provision of road widening and footpaths from Aughameeney to Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon.

(c) The creation of public lighting from N4 to Cnoc Na Si, Carrick on Shannon.

(d) The completion of lighting at Breffni Crescent, Carrick on Shannon.

(e) The provision of pedestrian crossing at Gael Scoil, Carrick on Shannon.

(f) The provision of footpath from the NCT Centre to Treatment Plant, and No 2 public lights from N4 to NCT Centre, Carrick on Shannon, where ducting has been put in place and the ground openings are left uncovered on the footpath, which is very dangerous and unfair on pedestrians.

(g) When section of through road at St. Patrick's Park, Carrick on Shannon towards cemetery will be resurfaced and lined."

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

"To ask that this Council would provide speed ramps in St Patrick's Park, Carrick-on-Shannon on the road leading to St Mary's Cemetery and Hartley, as this road is increasingly being used as a through road. This is causing concern to local residents."

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

"To ask what is the latest up-date on the design and funding of the proposed footbridge over the Shannon, linking Carrick on Shannon and Cortober."

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

"At the December Meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask Mr Martin Dolan, Director of Services, Planning, Environment & Emergency Services, what plans or programmes he can put in place, as a matter of urgency, to deal with the growing problem of Road Side Litter through out the county. The problem appears to be getting worse and it is likely that the community at large will need to be involved in any successful solution.

The littered state of many of the road verges should be a cause of embarrassment to everyone in the county, and some thing we cannot continue to tolerate."

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

"To ask Mr Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services Community & Enterprise what is the up to date position with the provision of a children's play area in the village of Dromod."

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

"At the December meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, if work will commence this December on the new footpath and lighting from the Grange Housing Estate, Drumsna, as confirmed at the July meeting of the Council. I will also ask that when the engineering staff are in the area that work previously committed to, involving the lowering of the kerb on the footpath on the Quay road Drumsna to allow wheel chair access, will also be completed. This work was due under the terms of the task funding received for the refurbishment of Quay Street and commitments were given to complete the work in 2006 and 2007, but to date the footpath has not been adjusted."

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

"At the December meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, what is the up to date status regarding the restoration of Jamestown Arch.

Previously the Council, following unanimous agreement that the arch would be restored, had confirmed that restoration would take place in conjunction with improvements to be made to the village under a heritage grant scheme and heritage plan for Jamestown. The restoration of the arch is long overdue."

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

"I am requesting a firm commitment on two ongoing problems with sewage in Ballinamore. First when will work commence on the pumping station and new sewer line for the rear of Railway Terrace, Ballinamore, for which a site has been secured. This was supposed to be completed last year. Secondly when will the new sewer line from the bottom of Main Street, Ballinamore to the treatment plant be started, as this was to be sorted out three years ago, when I first raised the issue of blockages and overflow of raw sewage into the canal basin?"

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

"What budget for Local Improvement Schemes has been allocated this year and how does it compare with other years and has CLAR funds topped up the allocation. Also how many laneways will be resurfaced this year, or how many Kilometres of laneway compared to recent years. Finally what percentage of this funding comes from the EU and from the Irish exchequer?"

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

"Would the Council please attend to the road from Letterfine to Courdeery and the road from Drumbrannit cross to Gowel via Keounbrook as I have received numerous complaints from motorists of how their vehicles have been damaged while travelling these particular roads due to the appalling condition of both."

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

"The Crummy road was to be resurfaced some time ago and due to the construction of a new house it was postponed. I do hope the money is there now to proceed with the works."

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

"Would Leitrim County Council consider providing a limited number of bollards at Gratten Avenue, Drumshanbo, to protect the local footpaths from overflow carparking at the local health centre."

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

"When is it expected that the street lighting at the pedestrian Bridge in Leitrim Village will be operational? Perhaps a commitment on same before Christmas would be appropriate."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council what is planned on Local Road No 6213-0 in the townland of Cornaman, Glenfarne, which is dangerous, as the road-edge has started to slip into the river. There is also a similar problem approximately a half a mile further up the same road."

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

"Can I ask Leitrim County Council to check on two bridges in Glenaniff in the townland of

Mautiagh. The first bridge known locally as Laurence's Bridge and the second one known locally as Hernon Bridge. Both bridges are in a dangerous condition as the side-walls have slipped into the rivers."

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

"When will the footpath and roadworks be complete at Church Street, Carrigallen which commenced last July."

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

"When will the district signs at Killygar be re-instated as previously promised over the last number of years."