

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

**Áras An Chontae
Cora Droma Rúisc**

29th September 2009

**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 5th October 2009 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

- (i) Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 7th September 2009 (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) construction of water treatment works building, wash water holding tanks and associated site development works at Derrynawanna TD., Aghacashel, Co Leitrim in accordance with Section 179(3)(b) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001. (Report enclosed).
- (ii) To approve the installation of a Permanent Art Installation consisting of four no. (4) wind harps in The River Shannon adjacent to the location of the existing boardwalk in Carrick-on-Shannon (Townland of Townparks). (Report to follow)

3. To approve, in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 and Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993, the following:
 - (i) Proposed abandonment of section of Regional Road R.201 at Shoalmore, Mohill
 - (ii) Proposed extinguishment of public right of way over section of Regional Road R.201 at Shoalmore and Killamaun, Mohill
4. To approve the declaration of the following roads as public roads under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Article 5 of the Roads Regulations 1994 (Report enclosed):
 - (i) Road off junction of Local Road LP 3655-1 and Local Road LP 3655-0 in the townland of Attirory south-westwards for a distance of 61 metres
 - (ii) Road off Local Road LP1486-0 in the townland of Drumod Beg, Dromod at Ascaill Loch Bofinne Estate, north-westwards for a distance of 186 metres.
5. To approve the Taking in Public Charge of the following housing developments in accordance with the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (Report enclosed):
 - (i) Phase 1 of housing development known as Ascaill Loch Bofinne at Drumod Beg, Dromod.
 - (ii) Phase 2 of housing development known as Ascaill Loch Bofinne at Drumod Beg, Dromod.
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. Correspondence.
9. To receive deputation from Leitrim Executive of IFA

Part I - Notice of Motions

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

"Leitrim County Council call on the Taoiseach and Minister for Social and Family Affairs to publish the National Carers Strategy as committed to in the Social Partnership Agreement - Towards 2016 -and in the Programme for Government, as a matter of principal."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council extend all planning permissions already granted for one-off rural houses. Due to the present economic situation a lot of people with Planning Permissions for such houses are unable to commence work and I propose that they be extended for a further five years."

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

"Considering the recent Mc Carthy report, and in particular their proposals to amalgamate some local authorities and VEC's, while acknowledging the need to reduce costs, I propose that we ensure that the authority of our County remains sacrosanct. Therefore I propose the following motion be sent to the Taoiseach and each of the other 14 Government Ministers.

'We the Members of Leitrim County Council call on the Government to ensure that whatever future decisions are taken regarding the streamlining of local government, including the Vocational Educational Committees, that due safeguards be given to the individual County authority'"

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

"At the October meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Carrick on Shannon District Engineer to reinvestigate the possibility of additional signage on the N4 Drumsna, indicating to vehicles that traffic is merging from the left, from the slip road towards Carrick. In May 2007, on my motion, the Council agreed to erect a "Merging Traffic" sign on the N4 and the hard shoulder was lined appropriately to indicate to vehicles to exit the hard shoulder to allow for vehicles to exit the slip road in a safe manner. Since then there have still been a number of 'near misses' for vehicles exiting Drumsna. As recently as last week a vehicle was travelling west on the N4 in the hard shoulder, allowing other traffic to pass them, they failed to acknowledge the "merging traffic" sign and the hard shoulder road markings and a local resident who was exiting the slip road was forced to take the grass margin. This situation is extremely dangerous and must be addressed immediately."

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

"That this council call on Mary Harney, Minister for Health, and Tony O'Brien, Chief Executive Officer of the National Cancer Screening Service to provide a dedicated mobile Breast Check Unit within the county of Leitrim for the people of Leitrim."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to write to the Minister for Finance, Brian Lenihan and request him not to introduce a carbon tax in the next budget as rural Ireland is not on a level 'playing field' compared to areas like Dublin that has its Luas, Dart, trains and regular bus services and taxi services and also a €10 million cycle lane being planned from Rathmines to Fairview. People living in rural areas don't have these choices and will suffer greatly if these carbon taxes are introduced."

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

"That we the members of Leitrim County Council call on the Ministers of Transport and Finance to provide the necessary funding to continue the works on the Western Rail Corridor- The costs to date are €1.4m for Western Rail per kilometre and the costs for Clonsilla to Dunshaughlin are €21.4m per kilometre. This is a case of equal treatment for West of Ireland and balancing the Regional Development."

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

"At the October Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will again ask Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, has there been any further response from the NRA with a view to securing funding and putting in place a programme of works, to provide a hard shoulder at the Sligo end of the Dromod-Rooskey by-pass, from the exit of the old N.4 as far as Doherty's lane. It is extremely dangerous for motorists exiting from the old N4, and for motorists from the Fearnaught-Moheraven road (Road No.LP-1475-0) who are heading towards Carrick-on-Shannon. There is a lot of concern in the locality, and the community are fearful that it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs there."

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

"Conflicting reports have emerged over the past few months regarding the transfer of control for the upkeep of Local and Regional roads from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to the N.R.A. May I ask the County Manager what effect this move will have on Leitrim County Council's Roads Department. As elected members we must, along with Area Engineers have a direct input into road grant allocations in each area. I am requesting clarity on how our County Manager and Director of Services for Infrastructure, sees the situation going forward."

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

"Leitrim County Council requests the H.S.E. to maintain current procedures in relation to medical cards - centralisation of same resulted in long delays and poor access, which left patients and doctors frustrated and confused. The H.S.E. now plans to extend these arrangements to all medical card holders. This is a much more complex task, which is bound to cause chaos and confusion for medical card patients.

What is unclear is whether this decision has been taken by the Government, the H.S.E. Board or Senior H.S.E. management. What is clear is that the proposal would; (1) Make the Medical card process harder, slower and less accessible to people. (2) Dramatically reduce the systems responsive to people and GP's; (3) Depersonalise the process forcing vulnerable and elderly people to depend on email, recorded telephone messages and other "faceless" technologies. We know this will cost jobs in every county as services are being centralised in Dublin."

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

"I ask the Council to change the proposed one way system and to leave the "Back Line" a two way system in Dromahair. The Community are requesting tarring and proper signs to be put in place and any other safety issues which may arise can be dealt with at a later date."

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to provide an up date as to the expected completion of the sewage scheme in the village of Cloone and a time frame as to when homeowners and

businesses can obtain a connection to same."

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

"I call on the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have the 30mph speed limit extended out past the District Veterinary Office on the Aughacashel Road, Drumshanbo."

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

"When will Leitrim County Council install additional lighting and security cameras leading to the public car-park at the rear of the courthouse in Ballinamore as was previously agreed at a meeting with the Ballinamore Business Association. There is an issue with anti-social behaviour at this location which is causing much distress to local residents particularly at night and urgently needs to be addressed."

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

"The recent McCarthy report has suggested that the Rural Transport Programme be shelved. The Rural lift commenced from humble beginnings in 1999 to now operating 33 routes here in County Leitrim providing an invaluable service to rural dwellers but also a crucial social outlet for senior citizens. I propose that Leitrim County Council should immediately write to the Minister for Transport highlighting the success of the scheme to date, the huge setback its removal would be to a County like Leitrim and confirmation that the scheme will be retained in full."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council call on Minister for the Environment and Local Government John Gormley TD not to implement the proposed blanket ban on turf cutting by farmers on their own bog lands."

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

"In light of the McCarthy Report, I propose that Leitrim County Council write to the Minister For Transport to ask him to clarify his position on the continuance of the Rural Lift service. I would also propose that we impress on him the importance of the service to it's users, the business in the area and to the area's Community Care services."

Part II - Questions.

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

"At the October meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure what progress has been made to date with Waterways Ireland regarding the upgrading of facilities at Harbours in Drumsna and Jamestown. At the May 2008 meeting of Leitrim County Council it was agreed that the Council would contact Waterways Ireland to discuss the need for the upgrading of facilities at the Harbours, with a view to developing a plan for the installation of additional moorings and toilet facilities etc.. There are no service areas at either harbour for boating tourists. It was also agreed that the

Council would express concerns over the number of boat users that fail to acknowledge the "end of navigation" in Drumsna. Currently, there are no markers in the water to indicate the end of navigation and as a result a number of cruisers, yearly, head towards the bridge, become grounded and have to be towed out. It was also agreed that a report from the meeting would be circulated."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to complete the footpath in Cloone Village out past Tommy Creegan's house as soon as possible."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to erect the signs as already promised for St Brigid's Street and Main Street in Ballinamore at the Junction on the ring road where it joins the Aughoo road."

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

"I ask the Director of Services for Housing and Corporate Services what update there is to report in relation to the application to the Department of Environment for remedial works at the housing estates at Dristernan, Drumshanbo. There are some footpaths in the main Housing estate at Dristernan in urgent need of attention and I ask the Senior Executive Engineer if he would inspect same with a view to including them in any further or current grant application for improvements in Dristernan"

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to consider the re-surfacing of Leitrim Village on the Drumshanbo side of the bridge. I understand that this years budget is committed however it would be important to include this work at some stage in the near future as the street is very uneven after all the various works over the last 2 years."

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

"At the October meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Carrick on Shannon District Engineer to replace the footpath on Quay Street, Drumsna, where the telephone kiosk has been removed. Currently a large gap remains in the footpath and a pile of bricks are left adjacent to it. It is my understanding that the contractor who removed the phone kiosk, contacted the District Engineer with a view to sourcing bricks to rebuild the footpath, but to date, several months later, the work has not been completed. I would also ask if any response has been received from Eircom with regard to using the old telephone kiosks to 'house' defibrillators particularly in rural areas. (re my question no.63 May 2009 meeting)"

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

"To ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure to have speed ramps put in place immediately in the Townspark Area, Carrick on Shannon."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, when are land-owners going to get paid for land that was sold to re-align the N16 roadway at the Big Bog in Glenfarne."

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

"At the October Council meeting, I will ask when will the surface on the Regional Road R282 from Manorhamilton to Rossinver be properly re-instated - some work has been done but it is not totally satisfactory."

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

"When it is proposed to put traffic calming in front of Cross - View Houses in Tullaghan - where traffic comes in at speed from the N.15?"

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

"When it is proposed to clear grass and weeds from the parapets of bridges in the Manorhamilton area? There are many very nice stone bridges which are left in poor state of neglect as are our road signs."

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

"At the October meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure to provide funding in the 2010 roadwork's programme to carry out improvements to the sightlines at the crossroads at the former post office at Bornacoola. It is extremely difficult and dangerous for motorists approaching the crossroads from the community centre and Cloonmorris direction."

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

"I ask Mr Michael Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer Carrick-on-Shannon Engineering Area, to have discussions with the landowner (name provided) with a view to removing the wall of the old house at Clooncolry and replacing it with timber post and rail fence in order to improve the view for motorists on the road from Dromod to Clooneagh Cross."

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

"I am requesting that our Area Engineer again contact the E.S.B. and demand that the public lights already paid for be erected at Killnagross P.O. before the winter."

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

"We have had numerous Motions and Questions regarding the control of speeding cars and the general safety of pedestrians in Townpark/Lisnagot/and the Breffni Crescent area. I ask is there Development Charge monies that can be used here to make the area a safer place to live."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when it is expected that work will commence on the extension to the Sewerage Scheme at McLoughlins, McManus' and McGrails, at Attyrory, Carrick on Shannon, as they have applied to Leitrim County Council for a Group Sewerage Scheme."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure what is the position with the water mains

between Mong/Mohill. At the present time no work is being carried out. I would also ask why some of the sub contractors have not been paid."

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

"I ask this Council to carry out urgent repairs to the Largy road (above the lake)."

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

"That Leitrim County Council carry out urgent repairs to the Ahanlish/Fartagh Road as soon as possible"

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

"I ask the Director of Services why is there an odour from sewage present in a number of houses in St Patricks Park, Carrick on Shannon. Have any tests been carried out recently and if not could this matter be dealt with immediately?"

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

"I wish to enquire as to why there is a delay in taking over the maintenance of the Rock - Valley Estate (Dromahair). (Completed almost 6 years and all development charges etc have been paid)."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council as to when the re-surfacing of the road from Killenummery Church to the county boundary will be done."

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

"When will Leitrim County Council complete the works on the footpaths at Church Street, Carrigallen - these works have been ongoing for a considerable time and property owners are anxious to have them completed, along with the danger they present in their present condition."

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

"I would ask Leitrim County Council to consider providing a pedestrian crossing at Railway Road, Ballinamore in order to allow pedestrians cross safely from the parking area opposite the Doctors Surgery along with the other businesses and residences on that side of the Street."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have a safety barrier erected along side the Canal heading from Diffier to Battlebridge Leitrim."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to have the bridge at Gorvagh, Dromahaire made safe as promised for some time."

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

"I ask the Area Engineer when will the Council carry out resurfacing works to the roadway located at Leckan, Aughawillan (LS 5372-0) as it is in a very poor state of repair."

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

"I ask the Area Engineer when will the Council resurface the roadway located at Tarmon, Ballinamore as it is presently in a very poor state of repair with numerous potholes particularly at the junction with the main road."

55. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Kilrane;

"I ask the Area Engineer when will the road surface at Station Road, Mohill (from Central Motors to Coolabaun Td.) be reinstated as it is in a very poor condition at present."

56. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Kilrane;

"I ask the Area Engineer to assess the current situation at St. Patricks Park, Tawlaughtmore, Mohill. There was a very serious accident a few weeks ago involving a young child and it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs here. Cars are driving at excessive speed from the direction of Mohill and there is a dangerous bend on the Dromod side."

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

"What steps has this Council taken to make sure that all hedges are cut along the roads for safety."

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

"Are there any numbers we can contact at the weekends as I had to contact the Area Engineer on one weekend outside his working week. I would like to thank him for acting so quickly to get the tree removed at Drumaleague, Kilclare on that evening."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have works carried out on the Corraneary road LT15101-0 that runs between the R201 in front of Pat Charles house and comes out on the L 1511 beside Aughavas Community centre which is a bad state of repair."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure when will the footpaths on Church Street, Carrigallen be finished, as they have been left for several years now."