

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

**Áras An Chontae
Cora Droma Rúisc**

31st March 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 6th April 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.

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Aideen McGovern
Meetings Administrator

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1. Deimhniu Miontuairisci
 - Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 2nd March 2009 (copy enclosed)
2. To receive presentation in relation to Draft Regional Planning Guidelines – Pdraig Maguire, Regional Planning Guidelines Implementation Officer, Border Regional Authority
3. 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 to construct a new Footbridge over the river Shannon at the location of the existing road bridge in Carrick-on-Shannon. (Report enclosed)
 - (ii) Proposal to carry out on Regional Road (R282) re-alignment and widening works – Brackary Td, Manorhamilton. (Report enclosed).
 - (iii) Proposal to carry out on Regional Road (R209) re-alignment and widening works – Leamanish Td., Keshcarrigan, Co Leitrim. (Report enclosed).

- (iv) Proposal to carry out on Regional Road (R280) re-alignment and widening works – Gubinea Td., Manorhamilton, Co Leitrim. (Report enclosed)
 - (v) Proposal to carry out in Mohill Town – Traffic Calming Works. (Report enclosed)
4. To consider Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31st December 2008 in accordance with Section 108 of the Local Government Act 2001 (copy enclosed)
 5. To approve additional expenditure incurred by Leitrim County Council in the performance of its functions during 2008 in accordance with the provisions of Section 108(4) of the Local Government Act 2001. (report enclosed)
 6. To consider proposal to proceed to public consultation in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 and Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993 in relation to the following:
 - (i) Proposed abandonment of section of Regional Road R.201 at Shoalmore, Mohill. (report enclosed)
 - (ii) Proposed extinguishment of public right of way over section of Regional Road R.201 at Shoalmore and Killamaun, Mohill (report enclosed).
 7. To consider proposal to proceed to public display in relation to the Draft Casual Trading Bye Laws 2009 in accordance with Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act 1995 (copy enclosed)
 8. To consider Draft Annual Report 2008 (copy enclosed)
 9. To consider report in accordance with Section 10(3) of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 on the implementation of the County Leitrim Litter Management Plan 2008-2010 for the year 2008 (report enclosed).
 10. To consider adoption of Draft Library Development Plan 2009-2013 in accordance with Section 78 of the Local Government Act 2001 (report enclosed).
 11. To consider adoption of Leitrim County Council Play & Recreation Policy 2009 – 2013 (report enclosed)
 12. To note proposals in relation to the allocation of grants under the Community & Voluntary Sector Grants Scheme (report to follow).
 13. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.
 14. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.
 15. Correspondence.

Part I - Notice of Motions.

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

"I will ask the County Manager and the Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services what plans they have for dealing with the serious illegal dumping which is taking place throughout the county in secluded areas at rivers, lakes and on the roadsides. This causes great offence and does great damage to the image of our county and its people. It would be useful if we could come up with an innovative idea in the current economic climate to create employment and have the benefits in positive results for all in improving this environmental problem."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council re-erect the "Welcome to Leitrim" signs on the border between Leitrim and Cavan on the Swanlinbar Road; Ballyconnell road and Killeshandra road."

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

"To ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when will re-surfacing take place on the road from Kiltoghert community centre to Kilnagross N.S. Also private property has been damaged by the Contractor carrying out the works on the installation of the water scheme on this route and when is it envisaged to have this property reinstated to it's proper state."

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

"That Leitrim County Council request the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government to provide for the following arrangements in the proposed private sector housing leasing initiative:

- That Local Authorities or approved occupiers have the option to purchase the leased properties at any stage during the period of lease
- That purchase price to local authorities or tenants may be reduced by an agreed percentage of market value to reflect each year of lease payments made
- That agreement regarding arrangements for lease / rent reviews (upwards or downwards) will be incorporated as part of the lease
- That all lease agreements must be approved by majority vote of members of the local authority
- That implementation of the proposed private sector housing initiative will not result in local authorities being left with inadequate capital allocation for local authority house builds, particularly rural house."

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

"Would this Council please repair the bad sections of the Mullasallagh road from the

phone box at Kilclare and from Charltons cross back up to the Letterfine road via Drumbollog road."

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

"I propose

(a) That a pedestrian crossing or some form of traffic calming measures be put in place at the entrance to Drumkeerin Village on the Drumshanbo side

(b) That traffic calming measures be put in place in Killargue Village."

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

"I ask the District Engineer, further to previous correspondence what is the up-to-date position regarding the completion of the footpath and lighting in Fenagh out as far as the speed limit sign on the Keshcarrigan road. Can I also ask what is, the latest position regarding the installation of the much needed public lighting at Foxfield church."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to consider its legal options in relation to the developer of the 'Mountain View' Housing estate in Drumshanbo who still has failed to provide any lighting for this housing estate, which is leaving the residents in a very dangerous position. This is a very serious health and safety risk! I request an up to date report from building control to include any correspondence between the Council and the developer to date."

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

"At the April meeting of Leitrim County Council I will seek the support of members in calling on Leitrim VEC and the Department of Education & Science to provide an outreach centre for County Leitrim at the old Vocational School in Mohill. There is no dedicated outreach centre within County Leitrim and this is a service that is needed."

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

"That this Council ensure that Contractors carrying out works in the Mullies Area repair the roads to their previous good condition."

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

"To ask Leitrim County Council to put speed ramps at Aughameeny and Drummagh as the residents are very concerned at the speed of cars using this road. Also what is the update on the unfinished footpath in this same location."

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

"At the April meeting of Leitrim County Council I will propose that this Council have a distinct policy in place "That the Council would where at all possible purchase materials that are produced within the county"."

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

"Reports of late in the Local and National media would suggest that the proposed continuation of the Dromod/Rooskey By-Pass to Carrick-on-Shannon has being put on hold, May I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure what is the actual situation with this proposal."

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

"I ask this Council to call on the Minister for Transport to withdraw his proposal as to increase the bus fares for school children on the school buses."

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

"At the April meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services, to put in place further actions, to address the increasing problem of illegal road side dumping. While many successful initiatives and actions, contained within the Councils Litter Management Plan 2008 - 2011, have been rolled out to date, the problem of illegal dumping on our National, Regional, and Rural roads appears to be getting worse. The Council have successfully rolled out Anti Litter Initiatives such as the "Green Flag Schools" and "Adopt a Road" and we are fortunate that Leitrim still has a strong voluntary commitment given by our Tidy Towns Committees throughout the County however it is imperative that further plans and strategies are put in place to address the unacceptable level of illegal dumping on our roadsides, particularly in isolated areas. Can this Council impose higher fines, which could in turn pay for additional monitoring."

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

"That Leitrim County Council consider taking on some part time outdoor staff to engage in the many tasks like roadside drainage, repair of fencing at amenities etc which require little expenditure in the way of materials or other supports and yet would benefit the area immensely and prevent further deterioration of roads and amenities."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to focus more on tourism development in Leitrim and

particularly in North Leitrim. I believe we can create more jobs in Tourism."

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

"I am proposing that Leitrim County Council make provision for the employment of temporary outdoor road staff over the summer period, to ensure that essential road works and repairs are carried out, and that the proposed one third cut in the allowable travel miles, does not apply to workers and supervisors in essential services of water, sewage, housing and roads."

Part II - Questions.

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

"At the April meeting of Leitrim County Council I will again ask Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, to put in place a programme of works in the current year, to improve the view at the Junction on the Carrick-Mohill road at Laheenamona, of local road from Rosdoowaun-Tamlaghtavally LS-7483-0. It is extremely dangerous for the local community coming out onto the R201 with a limited view back towards Carrick and they are concerned and fearful for their safety, and they claim that it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs there."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services to give me an update of the completing of estates (housing) in the Manorhamilton Engineering area with regard to tarmacing of roadways, footpaths, public lighting, raised manhole covers, sewage, and open spaces; I seek the names of the management companies - developer arrangements for maintenance and servicing of these estates. This could also include the removal of telephone/electricity poles adjoining and in the estates?"

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

"I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure and the District Senior Executive Engineer if it is proposed to construct a wall on the seaside of the coast road from Tullaghan village to the church alongside the footpath?"

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council when they intend to carry out road repairs at High Street, Ballinamore and Castlefore in Fenagh."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council why the large signs indicating "bad bend" at Corrowallen Post Office have not been erected as was promised months ago."

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

"To ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when will re-surfacing be carried out on the road to Hartley outside of the Observer offices, as it is in an appalling condition."

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

"Will the County Manager please advise the Council as to which Group Water Schemes within the County cannot proceed with approved refurbishment because of the inadequate funding allocated by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government and outline what steps are being taken by the Council to ensure these very necessary works can proceed as quickly as possible?"

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

"Will the County Manager please advise the Council as to when grants will be paid to approved applicants under the Community & Voluntary Grants Scheme and the Sports Partnership Grants Scheme 2009?"

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

"Has Leitrim County Council looked into some way of slowing down the traffic on the road from Mahanagh cross via Joe McLoughlins?"

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

"The road from Lettefine up to Courdery is in a bad state again as I said would happen with method that has being used. Could this Council please repair this in a manner that they will not have to come back in two months again?"

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

"When is it proposed to carry out much needed road re-surfacing from Croan's Bridge to Tawnylea and also on the Greaghmaglough Roads."

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

"What is the current position regarding the provision of a children's playground in Dromahair and site selection for same."

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

"At the April Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure to have discussions with Sustainable Energy

Ireland about the possibility of providing Solar Powered Lighting as a pilot project on the Old Bog Road in Dromod."

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

"I ask the District Engineer when will, the council carry out essential repairs on the roadway leading from Corrawallen P.O. to McCabes house at Cloonboyher which is in a very poor condition."

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

"I ask the District Engineer what the council propose to do with the roadway R204-10 at Gortahoosh, Corrawallen P.O. which presently has steep falls either side of the main road together with a series of dangerous bumps which are providing a significant safety risk to passing traffic."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to consider provision of a foot path from 'Shane Mc Gettigan Park' to Joe Keane's house on the Ballinamore road, Drumshanbo. This would prove an extra safety measure for children travelling by foot or bicycle to matches and training at the local GAA park in Drumshanbo."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure what progress if any is there to report on the Corlough (Drumshanbo) group sewage scheme and the upgrade of the Aughagrana group water scheme?"

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

"What efforts have been made by the Organisers of the Rally Ireland to insure all damage to property was repaired."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council when the lighting on the Leitrim road will be complete."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council what is the update concerning the development of the footpath from Lisnagot to St Mary's Cemetery."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to carry out repairs on the road at Lisgorman leading to Bird's Bridge as a matter of urgency as this road is in very poor condition."

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

"The road from Keshcarrigan to Mohill is deteriorating rapidly, can repair work be carried out to this road and what restoration work is due to be carried out on this road in 2009?"

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

"May I have an update on the proposed work due to be carried out at Sholemore cross on the R201."

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

"I call on this Council to again call on the Minister for Health to reconsider the decision as to have the Cancer Centre transferred to Galway and leave well done alone in Sligo which 100% of the public wants."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council when does it intend to have the road from Keenans in Slivenakilla, Ballinaglera road to Aughnasheelin repaired that was damaged during the rally which they paid for."

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

"At the April meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Directors of Services, Infrastructure if the report requested at the February meeting of the council regarding the concerns raised by residents existing from the Fearnought-Moheraven Road and residents entering and exiting the old N4 to Dromod, has been received from the designers of the Dromod Rooskey Bypass. If this report has been received, have the council entered into discussions with the NRA to address same."

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

"At the April meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Director of Services, Planning, Environment & Emergency Services, to ensure that the appropriate signage is erected in the harbour area of Drumsna to address dog fouling in this amenity area. I would also ask that the appropriate dog litter bins would be installed as per the Council's Litter Management Plan 2008-2011."

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

"When will the bridge at Gulladoo which is a joint project with Longford County Council be put in place given that the precast bridge is already purchased with the labour content of the project the only part outstanding."

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

"When will the necessary work be carried out on the road leading from Corrawallen PO to the townland of Clonboyher. The road is listed for works this year as it is in urgent need of repair."

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

"At the April Council meeting I will ask when will the streets in Kiltyclogher be re-instated. They are very dangerous especially for senior citizens. I raised this issue last June. This work is urgent."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council if any progress has been made regarding the severe flooding that happened in North Leitrim and especially Glenfarne last summer. The O.P.W. were to be invited to a Council meeting. I am asking the Council to explore ways to see if the big river in Glenfarne can be cleaned out to prevent serious flooding in the future."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure to provide traffic calming measures at Edentinney around Beirnes filling station and a centre of road turning lane, for traffic turning to the right towards Drumshanbo from the Ballinamore direction."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure when will the promised traffic calming measures be completed at Lahard, Ballinamore."