

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

*Áras An Chontae  
Cora Droma Ruisc*

*6<sup>th</sup> January 2009*

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

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A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held ***in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 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
  - *Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Aras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 1st December 2008 (copy enclosed)*
  - *Minutes of Budget Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008 (to follow)*
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 disposal of portion of land in the townland of Townspark TD, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim (0.628 hectares) to Breffni Community Development Company Ltd, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Notice of Intention to Dispose of portion of land dated 23rd December 2008 circulated to each Member.
5. To receive overview and approve proposal to proceed to public display in relation to the Draft Library Development Plan 2009-2013 in accordance with Section 78 of the Local Government Act 2001 (report enclosed).

6. To consider Managers Report on Submissions received in relation to the Draft Leitrim Traveller Accommodation Programme 2009-2013 in accordance with Section 11 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998. (report to follow)
7. To consider the establishment of, and the nomination of members of Leitrim County Council to, the Leitrim Joint Policing Committee (report previously circulated)
8. To fix date for the holding of a meeting to consider the Managers Report on Submissions received in relation to the Material Alterations to the Draft Leitrim County Development Plan 2009-2015 and the adoption of the Plan.
9. To fix date for meetings in each Engineering Area to consider Draft Road Works Scheme 2009
10. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.
11. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.
12. Correspondence.
13. To receive presentation from Waterways Ireland

**Part I - Notice of Motions.**

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council immediately improve the surface of the road from Fenagh to Castlefore as it has deteriorated rapidly during the frosty weather."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to call on the Ministers for Local Government and Communications to ensure that in any reform of identification of areas in parishes and counties that the "Townland" names are preserved in full and kept as a very important part of our culture and Heritage. There has been Heritage vandalism in part of the Northern area of the country with road names and numbers introduced to the detriment of the locality. Progress for postal and emergency services can be progressed in an imaginative way and this should be done to preserve what is good in our country."

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

"I want to call on this Council to sort out a policy on sanding the hills, when there is frost. I was not satisfied with the salting of the hills in my area, in recent adverse weather conditions. For example the hill at Jackie Lees, hill at Hubert Murrays, hill at Pat Reynolds, Shanleys hill at Keshcarrigan, Luke Doherty's turn at Letterfine. I feel that with the change of the areas it has affected the personal familiarity of the dangerous points that need to be salted. The previous overseer lived in the area and knew every dangerous point in it. There will have to be sand and manpower directed to all these hills. We don't all live on the N4."

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

"Leitrim County Council calls on the Minister for Finance to urgently arrange a specialist, independent audit of all the countries major banks and other financial institutions with a view to identifying unacceptable practices and setting up a regulatory system that protects customers and shareholders. The audit is clearly necessary given the demonstrable failure of the Government's current Financial Regulatory system to deal with serious wrong-doings over the past decade."

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

"At the January meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, to include funding in the 2009 roadwork's programme to carry out re-alignment of the roads at Clooneagh Crossroads in Bornacoola in the interest of public safety. There have been a number of serious accidents at the cross over the past couple of years, which is also a pick up point for the school buses, and there is genuine concern among the local community for their safety."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to amend the 'Taking in Charge Policy for Housing developments' to omit section 'M' on general conditions specifically in relation to the paragraph " Applicant shall transfer or convey to Leitrim County Council, all the land contained in the planing permission affected by this policy document"

The Council is in effect insisting on owning and controlling public open spaces and are asking residents then to be responsible for their maintenance. Open spaces must and should be owned collectively by the house owners of the estate to include certain rights of way for Leitrim County Council, as the relevant local authority.

I further call on Leitrim Council under 'General Conditions, section D, to set 1.5 Million euros (and no higher for larger estates) as the standard level of indemnity insurance for the Engineering/Architect firm that provides the Certificate with the application for 'taking in charge' of the estate.

I believe these changes are necessary to ensure a more practical and expedient approach to the whole area of taking in charge of housing estates in County Leitrim."

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

"What is the position with upgrading of water works, when are those works due to finish and is there finances in place to restore the roads from Kiltoghert to Killnagross, Stuck to Ohill and Ohill to Mohill."

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

"That this Council erect new public lighting standards and provide safety railings at the Quay, Carrick-on-Shannon. This has often been requested for this area in response to public demand."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to use the road sweeper at Clooneen Estate,

Sligo Road, Manorhamilton on an occasional basis."

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to erect signage indicating the pedestrian crossing at the National School, Carrigallen. Since the crossing was commissioned in late 2008 it has improved the situation but a significant number of motorists are still driving too fast when approaching the crossing and need to be alerted to its presence for it to be successful."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Taoiseach, Brian Cowan to remove Mary Harney TD from the Ministry of Health and instruct her replacement to halt the implementation of the so called Cancer Strategy, until a full review is carried out, which takes into account the vast gap that would be left in the North-West, if cancer services in Sligo General are closed down."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council what progress has been made of late with the N.R.A. regarding the purchase and compensation of St Mary's Park, Glenfarne. Lands have been purchased with the intention of developing a new pitch and dressing rooms, prior to 2005 it has been the intention of the trustees to develop the existing grounds, this was prior to the announcement of the N.R.A. of the preferred route of the new N.16. This decision of the N.R.A. has put the trustees in a position where they have to spend a considerable sum of money in acquiring new land, while at the same time having existing facilities, which cannot be developed. It is not an unreasonable request from the trustees to seek closure on this issue in the near future."

**Part II - Questions.**

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to finish the wall at Kiltymoodan, Ballinamore immediately even if it means putting two tradesmen working on it."

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

"Can I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when will the reinstatement works take place on the Carrick Road Drumshanbo?  
Following recent water mains works the road and footpaths are in a terrible condition and work needs to happen as soon as possible. Members were informed last year that €187,000 was identified to be spent at this location."

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

"I will ask that the Director of Services, Infrastructure to put in place a system for ensuring that no road signs are covered by briars or grass etc and I would be pleased to know how this might be carried out?"

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

"I will request the Council to give every assistance to the Rossinver Community in the provision of the new centre and I ask the Director of Services, Community & Enterprise what sources of assistance are presently available for these projects?"

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

"When is this Council going to realise that the method they use for filling potholes is a waste of funding and time, as the personnel have not driven away until the material is out of the pothole again? Until they start using tarmac and sealing around the pothole this problem will persist."

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

"I am awaiting a decision from this Council on the barrier that's needed out the Ballinamore road out of Keshcarrigan."

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

"Will the County Manager ask the Health Services Executive to explain the rationale underlying their recent decision to discontinue Endoscopy services at Our Ladys Hospital, Manorhamilton when there are almost 1,000\* people waiting more than 6 months for surgical treatment at Sligo General Hospital (\*Source: National Treatment Purchase Fund report dated May 2008)"

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

"Will the County Manager outline the process and time-scale for Voluntary / Community Organisations to apply for Council grant-aid?"

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

"To ask Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, what is the up to date position in relation to the proposed programme of works on Rooskey Bridge, when are the works scheduled to commence, and what timescale is involved for the completion of the work involved."

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

"To ask Mr Michael Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer what is the delay in the provision of Directional Signs at Fearglass Cross and Clooncumber Cross indicating the following towns, Mohill, Dromod, Rooskey, Drumlish and Newtownforbes. A commitment was given over the past number of years that the signs would be provided."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Community and Enterprise and the Director of Services, Infrastructure what plans (if any) they have for the old Narrow gauge water tower located on the 'Mart Road' Drumshanbo?"

This fine stone structure is beside the revamped new road and footpath and is in need of repair etc..

Perhaps funding could be sought from some of the tourism or development bodies to provide a 'viewing tower' or a similar type idea.

With the location of this building beside the Ramada Hotel and overlooking Lough Allen I believe that this idea is well worth exploring rather than leaving it derelict!"

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

"I ask that two directional signs for Effernagh be erected one at churchpark on the Kiltoghert/Drumsna road and the other at P J Doonans House on the Kiltoghert to Gowel road."

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

"I welcome the two pedestrian crossings erected in Mohill, in late 2008, I now ask the Area Engineer, Michael Flynn to examine the R201 crossing at Treanmore with a view to improving safety here, this is a very busy junction and safety measures need to be improved here."

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

"To ask that the green area opposite Breffni Heights, Carrick on Shannon, be provided with protective fencing, to prevent accidents to children who may be playing there."

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

"To ask that steep hilly surfaces on roadway at Aghameeney and Drummagh, Carrick-on-Shannon, be gritted during frosty conditions, as requested by the newly formed Residents Association there."

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

"I ask the Engineering Staff to have a look at the recently erected signs at Shriff Crossroads as one of them may be causing an obstruction."

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

"When will the routine repairs required on roads in Clonboyher at Corawallen along with Road 55832 at Aughakiltubrid and Sonnaghmore be carried out."

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

"When will the necessary works to complete the footpath at Church Street Carrigallen be commenced."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services can some lay bys be made and minor road widening be carried out along the road from Aughavas through Augharan cross to Corrawaleen as it is very narrow in parts and needs this work badly."

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

"I ask for a time scale for restoring the roads in the Mullies area, that have been damaged by laying of pipes for the new Water Scheme."

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

"At the January Council meeting I will raise the question of public lighting in Rossinver Village once again. The answer I got to a notice of motion some years ago indicated that public lighting would be provided by Private Housing Development in the village. I fear with the present down turn in the economy, Housing Development might not take place for years, which leave the centre of the village with no public lighting. This situation is very serious especially for older people who are going to the shop from the housing estate down the road."