

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

*Áras An Chontae
Cora Droma Ruisc*

27th January 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 2nd February 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
 - (a) Minutes of Special Election Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 12th January 2009 (copy enclosed)
 - (b) Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 12th January 2009 (copy enclosed)
2. To note Rate Collection Report 2008 (*report to follow*)
3. To approve proposal to proceed to public display in relation to the Leitrim County Council Play & Recreation Policy 2009-2013 (copy enclosed)
4. To fix date for meetings in each Engineering Area to consider Draft Road Works Scheme 2009
5. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.
6. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.

7. Correspondence.
8. To receive presentation from IDA Ireland & Enterprise Ireland

Part 1 – Notice of Motions

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

"To ask the council to immediately write to the Health Service Executive requesting a deputation be sent to Leitrim County Council to give an update on the proposed community care facilities for Ballinamore and other health related issues in Leitrim. It was announced in May 2008 by the HSE that a planning application will be ready for submission by December 2008 and will provide for a 21 bed Community Nursing Unit, Day Centre and Primary Care Centre, however, a planning application has yet to be submitted."

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

"To ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have a yield sign erected at the Mart Road and Bridge Street junction, Drumshanbo, and also to have a Stop sign erected at the end of the Bridge Street at the new roundabout at the Furnace Hill/Mart Road junction, Drumshanbo."

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

"At the February Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure to have immediate discussions with the NRA with a view to securing funding and putting in place a programme of works in the current year 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 Fearnought-Moheraven road (Road No.LP-1475-0) who are heading towards Carrick-on-Shannon. I have been contacted by a number of people recently who are concerned and are fearful that it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs there."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council ensure that the up-grading of the South Leitrim Water Scheme is advanced as quickly as possible and have it completed before the Summer so that consumers be confident of a constant supply of water"

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

"I would like to ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when repairs can be carried out the road from Joe Mollys to Mahanagh, as it needs resurfacing."

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

"That Leitrim County Council organise a workshop to draw up a detailed, time-framed, practical plan for the preservation and development of industries, businesses and employment throughout Leitrim. That the workshop be attended by all local, state and semi-state agencies concerned with promotion of business and jobs in the county; by business and worker

representative organisations; by state welfare agencies and by representatives of recently unemployed workers."

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

"I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when will the work on the upgrading of sewerage Treatment plant at Kinlough commence and what works are to be carried out on the plant. What works are planned for Tullaghan, Kiltyclogher and Manorhamilton on the Treatment of Sewage."

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

"That this Council erect new public lighting and provide proper road surface at the link roadway between Summerhill and Glencarrig and the Aura Leisure Centre, Carrick on Shannon. These improvements have been promised for some time and local residents are anxious that they be provided."

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

"I request that we once again write to the Department outlining our concerns over their refusal to fund the refurbishment of Treanmore Housing Estate in Mohill. It is very unfair to most of the residents, to that area in general, and also to people in their own private houses living in this area that a Council owned housing estate is allowed fall into such disrepair."

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

"I am requesting Leitrim County Council to repair immediately the roadway at Kelly's House, Carrowcrin on the main Ballintogher road where there is a flooding problem for road users and the Kelly family."

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

"To ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure if the Council would consider changing the traffic flow for Carrick on Shannon, with the traffic coming from Sligo on N4 to travel through Bridge Street and Main Street and back on to N4."

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

"I call on the County Manager to inform this council what instructions, if any, has been given by the Minister for the Environment to this council as to how the recent Budget announcement of €200 levy on second homes is to be collected? Furthermore if staff from this authority are to be allocated towards identifying the owners of these second homes, and finally can the manager inform us what implications there will be for our capital grant from Government if the projected revenue is not collected in 2009?"

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council what control it has over contractors laying pipes for water services where the road-side is badly damaged especially in the case of private roads."

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to carry out the necessary repairs upon a stretch of road from what is known locally as Kenny's Cross to the townland boundary of Beghbeg Road No

LP15870. This section of road has many areas of mild subsidence which creates a very uneven surface and presents safety issues on a road carrying a large volume of traffic much of which is heavy goods. The road runs over a bog/marsh area and the possibility of a vehicle off roading is very real with the subsequent risks."

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

"At the February meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, what is the current status of the proposal to develop Jamestown into a Heritage Village for the County. I will also ask the County Manager to make contact with the new County Manager in Roscommon with a view to receiving a commitment from Roscommon County Council for the development of the heritage route between Jamestown and Drumsna. The boundary wall along the road between the two villages is that of Charlestown estate and the provision of a footpath and lighting would compliment the existing walking trails in Drumsna and Jamestown. There is also a huge tourism potential in the development of this trail which is close to the 'Doon of Drumsna', (the 44BC Iron Age Defensive Earthwork)."

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

"That this Council calls on the Government to create employment particularly in the construction industry and safeguard industrial employment. If this requires radical cuts in earnings in the public sector, it should be supported in the interests of a fair and just society."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to write to the Minister of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs to lift the embargo on the recruitment to the Rural Social Scheme, also write to the Minister Enterprise, Trade and Employment to replace workers when they retire from the Job Initiative Scheme. Now is the time to expand these schemes when there is so much unemployment and still so much work to be done."

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

"I propose that a field sign be erected at the junction between the road leading to the football pitch in Drumkeerin and the road known locally as the Priests Hill. Traffic is approaching from three directions at this location and it is dangerous at present."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council endorse the Oireachtas report entitled 'Awakening the West – Overcoming Social and Economic Inequality' prepared by Senator Pearse Doherty and that this council write to the Government, calling on them to implement this report's recommendations; as it would greatly enhance the prospects and prosperity of this county if it were implemented."

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

"Having regard to the increase in the numbers of unemployed we call on the Minister to provide more localised and convenient locations for the purpose of signing on."

Part II - Questions.

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

"Further to my notice of motion in November 2008, can I ask when will the Council complete the stone wall at Kiltymooden, Ballinamore and also the resurfacing of the roadway at this location which has been on-going now for a significant period of time. I previously received assurances that the wall would be completed by the end of December 2008 but it still remains unfinished."

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

"To ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure as to when it is proposed to re-surface the roads in Ballinaglera that were destroyed by the water works scheme."

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

"At the February Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the County Manager to again contact Waterways Ireland requesting them to provide additional mooring facilities on the River Shannon at Rooskey, and to upgrade the existing facilities that are there at present, which have fallen into a state of disrepair."

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

"At the February meeting of Leitrim County Council I will request Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure to provide sewerage connections to the residents of the Lock Estate in Rooskey. This estate which was built in the 1990's consists of 5 houses and was in place before funding was secured for the sewerage scheme and the main sewerage pipe runs at the lower end of the estate. I have been contacted by some of the residents who claim that they will not be connected up to the scheme."

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

"To ask the Area Engineer what is the up-to-date position regarding the completion of the works scheme at Newtowngore village and when is it proposed to extend the footpath and public lighting out as far as the national school as it is presently posing an unacceptable danger to children in particular walking to and from the school."

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

"Is there any progress on the extra light outside St Brigid's Drumcong Church"

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

"Will this Council repair the crater that's in the road at the bottom of the hill at Drumcong side of Liscarbon Community Centre and repair whatever other potholes are in this road"

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

"Does Leitrim County Council have service level agreements with ESB incorporating timescale for switch-on of newly-erected public street and housing estate lights and - if so - what is the agreed timescale?"

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

"When will Leitrim County Council finish the road surfacing at Creamery Road, Manorhamilton; and will the Council arrange (through the National Roads Authority, if

necessary) that speed bumps or other suitable traffic-calming measures be put in place to safeguard those (particularly children) living alongside this busy road?"

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure what is the programme for public lighting in the Manorhamilton Engineering area and also for the undergrounding of telephone lines in the same area?"

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

"I will ask the County Manager what proposals she has for the adjustment in the Planning Section of Leitrim County Council in view of the major change in the workload in this area and has she any proposals to address the issue of refusals of planning to family members on their own lands - a community and work issue for many."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to carry out repairs to the footpath at the junction of Main Street and Summerhill, Carrick-on-Shannon, where broken and uneven paving slabs are proving very dangerous to pedestrians. A number of people have tripped and fallen there already."

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

"A number of public lights have been ordered and paid for and were to be erected at Killnagross P.O.in 2008, as yet this work has not been done. May I ask what is the delay and does it take the E.S.B. 12 months to complete a small job such as this."

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

"With our new schools now complete in Mohill, will monies allocated in the 2008 budget to upgrade roads and footpaths in this area now be released to commence this work."

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

"To request Leitrim County Council to complete works on the footpaths at the Corner Delli Dromahair so as to enhance and make safe the immediate area at the shop."

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

"To request the immediate provision of signs on the Drumlease road as agreed at a meeting of Leitrim County Council"

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

"To ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure the reason why only 50% of the lighting on the new walkway at the Shannon in Carrick on Shannon is functioning."

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

"I ask the District Engineer in the Drumshanbo area to again look at the possibility of improving safety of the Corryard road(LS-7386-0)junction with the hilly road opposite Drumshanbo Fire Station. The visibility is extremely poor for motorists coming both ways

especially motorists turning in the direction of Dristernan from Corryard. I would suggest the possibility of using development charge funds here to fund this vital piece of safety work."

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

"I ask a time frame for the completion of all works in association with water mains improvements in Drumshanbo especially on the main street. While this work is very welcome, it is important that the contractors are aware of the disruption that traffic lights etc. are causing to the business community in the town and consequently the need to expedite this work. Furthermore can I get a commitment that the dug up roads (which were beautifully tarred 3 years ago) will be resurfaced to their original state once the contractors are finished?"

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

"I ask the County Manager what in the total budget for the Council for 2009

- (a) Is the amount for salaries and pensions, and what % of the overall budget this is
- (b) The amount for expenses and cost of training for non-elected members and what percentage of the overall budget this is
- (c) the amount of expenses & salaries for elected members and what percentage of the overall budget this is.
- (d) the number of people employed on a permanent basis by Leitrim County Council in 2008 and the number of people employed on a temporary basis by Leitrim County Council in 2008."

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

"To ask the District Engineer to check the situation at the end of Diffreen Road, at the Bridge on the N16. There is no fence or any protection on the river bank."

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

"Further to a request from this Council to Eircom regarding poles over hanging the road (L15870) immediately south of the catholic church, have they replied or indicated a time-scale for removal or replacement of same? These poles are sagging towards the road presenting a hazard for traffic who cannot keep sufficiently left in order that oncoming traffic can pass safely."

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

"When will routine drainage and maintenance be carried out to L55951 leading from Kilbrackan to Aughavore."

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

"At the February meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, to included the Lisdrumfarna road LS7440-0, Kilnagross, in the 2009 Roads Works Programme. This road has been in a state of disrepair for many years and I have highlighted its deplorable condition on numerous occasions, including at the 2008 Roads Programme meeting."

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

"At the February meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, what is the current status for the provision of public lighting on the N4, at the

junctions to the villages of Drumsna and Jamestown. In 2006 and 2007 I raised this issue and discussions were to take place, in this regard, with the NRA. Public lighting is provided at all other major junctions along the N4 except at these two villages."

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

"I will ask the County Manager to prepare a report on entered into under planning approvals and not carried out by Developers."

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

"At the February council meeting I will ask the Director of Services, Community and Enterprise to investigate the possibility of providing a playground for the community of Rossinver. The Community have been granted planning permission for a "Community and sports hall" also there is a new sports field. In the past, land was not available for a playground, but that has changed now."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure would it be possible to have a flashing amber traffic light at eye level at pedestrian crossings in Manorhamilton, similar to other towns in the region, where there is flashing lights on top and at eye level of pole. The present flashing yellow light isn't getting motorists attention, as there has been a number of minor accidents."

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

"I propose that repairs be carried out to McKenna's Bridge, Drumkeerin and also that this council seeks funding for widening or replacing the Annaghena Bridge"

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

"I request this Council to re-surface the car park at St Brigid's National School in Drumkeerin and carry out other necessary work such as drainage and road markings."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have safety works carried out at Augharan Crossroads on the road between Aughavas and Corrawallen, including better signage and clear road markings and a surface overlay with larger chips to create a rougher surface as there have been accidents at this crossroads on several occasions."

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

"I am asking that the river flowing from Cattan lake in the parish of Gortletteragh be cleaned, as it has not been done in a few years and always results in flooding of the road if left undone, therefore this drainage work needs to be carried out very soon; it is on the border of County Longford and part of the Rinn and Blackwater network."

61. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Thomas Mulligan;

"That the roads for Fearnaght gatehouse and the Gortlettra gatehouse into Lough Rynn receive funding for resurfacing this spring."