

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

**Áras An Chontae
Cora Droma Ruisc**

24th February 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 March 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 Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 26th 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 2nd February 2009 (copy enclosed)
 - (c) Minutes of South Leitrim Regional Roads Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Tuesday 17th February 2009 (copy enclosed)
 - (d) Minutes of North Leitrim Regional Roads Meeting held in the Health Service Executive Offices, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim on Wednesday, 18th February 2009. (copy enclosed)

2. To consider Report from the Audit Committee in accordance with the provisions of Section 122 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 5 of the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act 2006 (*report enclosed*)
3. To adopt Roadworks Scheme 2009.
4. To consider the first appointment of 5 members of the Oireachtas and 3 representatives of the Community & Voluntary Sector to the Leitrim Joint Policing Committee in accordance with the provisions of Section 36 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 (*report enclosed*).
5. To consider proposed amendments to the Leitrim County Council Policy on Taking in Charge of Housing Estates and the adoption of the amended Policy (*report enclosed*)
6. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.
7. To note Quarterly Report on Capital Works;
 - *Housing (report enclosed)*
 - *Water Services (report enclosed)*
 - *Roads (report enclosed)*
 - *Other Capital Projects (report enclosed)*
8. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.
9. Correspondence.

Part 1 – Notice of Motions

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

"That the Government provide extra places on the Rural Social Scheme and Community Employment Scheme to facilitate people who have become unemployed."

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

"Leitrim County Council calls on the Minister for Social, Community & Family Affairs to revise the recently introduced Childcare Subvention scheme as follows:

- (1) To permit quarterly rather than annual submission of claims for subvention adjustment, and
- (2) To base fees estimates on rural average wage rates for community childcare facilities in rural areas

Rationale: 1) Annual adjustment is much too infrequent for facilities struggling to survive financially from month-to-month; quarterly adjustment would be more responsive to changes and would leave them with some hope of financial survival

(2) 400 of the 600 community childcare facilities are in Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Galway and other cities. Average income is demonstrably higher in cities than in rural areas. Equity demands that rural average (rather than national average) incomes should be used when calculating fees / subventions"

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to immediately write to Eircom's regional payphone manager requesting that they reverse their decision to remove public telephone kiosks in the town of Ballinamore and the villages of Fenagh and Newtowngore. These payphones provide an important service for people living in these areas."

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

"I will ask the Director of Services, to list the single house applications in the Manorhamilton Electoral Area which have been refused in the past 5 years and to indicate how we can assist these applicants who wish to provide homes for their families in the area. This will ensure that we are complying with the main thrust of our County Development Plan in maintaining population, creating jobs and strengthening the rural community."

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

"I am calling on members to fully support all public servants, in their quest to have the unjust Pensions Levy which is imposed on them rescinded for all who earn less than 50,000 euro per year. Workers on this wage and in some cases a lot less can ill afford those savage cuts in their take home pay. A County like Leitrim with no major industrial work base depend greatly on the public service for both employment and wages. As Local representatives we depend on public servants employed by this local authority to help us in our day to day work on behalf of the people who elect us. Let us now show them solidarity and demand change."

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

"Leitrim County Council calls on the Minister for Agriculture to reverse his decision not to pay in full this year the farm waste management grants. This decision is an abject failure on behalf of the Minister and in effect he is breaking his word to over 17,000 farmers across this Country and to 700 farmers in this County who are owed 23m euros. Some of these same farmers are already owed substantial monies from Reps 4. A typical farmer who owed €50,000 in grant aid is paying up to €310 a month in interest."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to consider putting in place some safety measures on local bridges in the Kilclare/Drumshanbo area especially on the R-209/208 route. Some of these bridges are very narrow for two vehicles passing especially HGVs. I ask that the Council identify the dangerous narrow bridges in the area and report back to the Council. I ask the Council to consider erecting safety signs and luminous

reflector bands each side of these bridges to warn motorists."

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

"At the March meeting of Leitrim County Council I will again ask the County Manager to include the replacement of Aluminium and Hardwood windows and doors under the Housing Aid for Older People Scheme, as the majority do not comply with the current building regulations, and in the case of fire breaking out older people in particular would be in great danger."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to demand the Minister for Agriculture, Mr Brendan Smith to pay all farmers their waste management grants without delay. There were notices of motions put forward by this Council before Christmas 2008 for an extension date for completion of such works, but denied. All farmers honoured their end of deadline, so let Mr Smith honour his part of the agreement."

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to support a call on the Government to broker a deal with lending institutions from whom farmers have money borrowed for projects under the Farm Waste Management Scheme to freeze the interest accruing on these loans until the final payment is drawn down, in the absence of the payment being made as originally promised."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to enter into discussion with the owners of Central Park, Carrick-on-Shannon with a view to developing parking spaces in this area. I raised this issue with the Transportation S.P.C. over a year ago."

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

"I am proposing that Leitrim County Council write to Minister Brendan Smith TD imploring him to reverse the decision to defer the payment of grants, due in full, now to farmers under the Farm Waste Management Scheme."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council if temporary outdoor staff will be taken back this year by Leitrim County Council."

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

"That the recent good work carried out in the area of the church and schools be

continued out the Shannagh road to Rowleys junction and the provision of adequate public lighting."

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

"I ask that this Council call on the Minister for Agriculture to at least pay the interest on farmers loans if the grants are going to be paid by instalments."

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

"This Council calls on the E.S.B. to remove the charge of €300 placed on new householders who do not have a bank account."

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to contact the Minister for Agriculture, Mr Brendan Smith to see if he could reverse the decision of not paying the farm waste management grants, the way it was in the agreement. All farmers have to comply with all rules and had to have their sheds finished by 31st December 2008. A lot of farmers in my area lifted bridging loans believing that agreement re grant would be honoured. It will put some farmers in financial difficulties if this agreement is not honoured; also a lot of farmers have paid their reps advisor a lot of money for new plans for reps 4. Money promised in autumn 2008 it is now spring 2009. If we could find out when this money could be paid. If our farmers start going to the wall then this country is really finished."

Part II - Questions.

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure what is the timeframe for the completion of the work on the water mains at Gowel and Kilnagross. How much was the total contract for, how much of that total has been provided for the restoration of the roads in the area."

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

"To ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure if Leitrim County Council will provide funding for maintenance of Oak Drive, Drummagh, Carrick on Shannon. The green area has been maintained by the residents, from their own funds, for some years now but since the Council carried out work in recent times the area is much larger and it is outside of their capacity to maintain."

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

"When will the bad corner on R280 at McGuire's gate area of Gortinar be made safe? While it would be a very expensive job to take out the corner, a lorry load of rough

chip would help make the existing corner less dangerous. Several vehicles have gone off the road at this spot; most recently last week when two vehicles left the road within an hour of each other. I have raised the safety of this bad bend on several occasions in past years."

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

"Have the rules governing eligibility for student third level grants - in particular the requirement to base decision on previous financial year's income - been revised and made more flexible to reflect the current economic crisis with sudden job losses and income reductions?"

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

"Can I highlight the danger to motor vehicles along the Canal road LS-73810 between Drumleague and Battlebridge. There is no protection whatsoever along this road, only at points where there are some trees and bushes. Can this council and Waterways Ireland sit down and work out some compromise and provide protection barriers before there is a serious accident. I am particularly concerned at the area where the Drumleague road meets the Canal road which is at the end of a steep hill, I am appealing for action here!"

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

"Following the recent dig up of roads in connection with the upgrade of water schemes in the Ballinaglera area can Leitrim County Council give me a commitment that over the next 2 - 3 months roads that have been destroyed by this work be identified quickly and properly repaired. I want to highlight in particular the 'Laghey Road and the road leading to Terry Gilrane's house. A number of the roads I have highlighted in previous motions."

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

"To ask the District Engineer if the council will resurface the roadway beside Carrigallen mart as a matter of urgency. This stretch of regional road is in a very poor state of repair and needs immediate resurfacing before it deteriorates any further."

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

"To ask the District Engineer if they will carry out necessary works to improve sight visibility at the junction of Corramahon, Aughawillan (R199-10) with the main Ballinamore/Newtowngore road. Visibility of on-coming traffic along this busy stretch of road is particularly poor and needs to be improved before a serious accident occurs."

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

"I ask the County Manager to inform the Council is the electricity provider for the Council a firm giving Renewable Energy or is it the E.S.B?"

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when it is proposed to carry out urgent works on the Augharrow Road near McGowans, Gilroys and Clancys to the end on the Derrinloughan part of road?"

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

"I ask have we any idea when will works on the footpaths and roadway around Marymount complex be complete."

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

"Can we confirm that as part of the works being undertaken by Connaught Gold Marts[permission granted], that this will include a parking area on their grounds, which in turn will alleviate parking problems along Glebe Street, Green Road and the Ballinamore Road area of Mohill."

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

"At the March meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Carrick on Shannon District Engineer to meet with the Residents Association of Oak Drive, Carrick on Shannon, with the view to assisting them with the maintenance issues they are experiencing, particularly on the green areas at their estate."

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

"At the March Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask Mr Michael Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer, Carrick-on-Shannon to carry out immediate repairs to the road from Drumshanbo South crossroads as far as the Longford border, (Road No LS-5610-0) as it has fallen into a state of disrepair, and to include the road for resurfacing in the roadwork's programme this year."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure as to when its intended to have road from Leitrim Church to Sonny Kanes cross resurfaced."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to have a safe barrier erected as promised on the Garvagh Behy Dromahaire Road,"

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to erect lighting and footpaths from the Paddocks to the Leitrim Observer offices as this is a very dangerous location."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services to have glass and drink can recycling banks provided at Coraleehan, where there is a suitable area near the pump house over from the church."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure is there any progress on getting design drawings completed for a new bridge at Aughavas church. This was to be carried out last year."

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

"When can we expect repairs to be carried out on the footpath at St Patricks, Treanmore, Mohill?"

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

"Will the extensive works on Station Road and the Lough Rinn Road be carried out in the spring of 2009?"

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to repair the road in the middle of St Mary's graveyard as elderly people cannot use it in its present condition."

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

"When will repairs be carried out on the Main Street of Manorhamilton?"

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

"At the March meeting of Leitrim Co.Council I will ask Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services Infrastructure, to examine the possibility of providing an additional Pedestrian crossing at Castle Street Mohill, to facilitate the number of people who use this area of the town on a daily basis, where you have Arus Carolan Nursing Home, Hunt National School, Public Library and a Primary Health Care Centre located."

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

"I would like to ask Mr John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, re road from Clooney Cross to Funinshagh Cross, as a lot of residents have contacted Mr Padraic McShera as part of this road is very rough and needs resurfacing."

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

"This council would have received a letter from the residents for the road into Drumawheel. As you will see from the letter part of this road is nearly impassable,

this part is owned by Leitrim County Council and when is the LIS scheme going to be done on the rest of the road."