

# **COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA**

*Áras An Chontae  
Cora Droma Rúisc*

*27<sup>th</sup> October 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, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, on Monday 2nd November 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.

I would also remind members that the annual Mass for deceased Members and Staff of Leitrim County Council will take place following the meeting at 8.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Carrick on Shannon.

Mise le meas,

**Aideen McGovern**  
**Meetings Administrator**

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## **CLÁR**

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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 (copy enclosed)
2. 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
3. To consider adoption of Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2009-2014 (report enclosed)
4. To consider the Audit Report for the year 2008 in accordance with Section 121(1) of the Local Government Act 2001. (report enclosed)

5. To note provisions for the election of Leitrim County Vocational Education Committee Members in accordance with Section 7(e) of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act 2001 (report enclosed)
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 presentation from Rory Leahy, Regional Manager, Bus Éireann

### **Part I - Notice of Motions**

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

"Leitrim County Council calls for consultation with Councillors prior to Government introducing expenditure cuts / service reductions in the context of the current economic crisis. Councillors are in a position to understand and communicate the very real impact of cutbacks before damaging choices are made."

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

"May I have the present update on the timescale as to when it may be possible to take in-charge, or the reasons why it may not be possible to take in-charge, the following housing developments -Shannagh Grove and Slieve View in Mohill and also The Marymount complex, Rockingham, Shannon Grove, Dun Ri, and Cluin Si in Carrick-on-Shannon."

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

"I call on the County Manager or the Director Of Services for Infrastructure to provide if possible clarification to the members on the proposal in the revised programme for Government for "the introduction of a scheme for the licensing and inspection of septic tanks and waste water treatment systems". It is important that the implications of this proposal be discussed thoroughly and its implications for the people of this County made known."

#### ***13. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Reynolds;***

"I wish to ask the County Manager to suspend parking charges in Carrick on Shannon for the month of December 2009."

#### ***14. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;***

"I seek the support of my fellow Councillors in asking that the Council write to the Garda

Chief Superintendent for the Sligo/Leitrim Division, Mr. James Kearins, to clarify if the number of gardaí in Ballinamore station is to be restored to 4 No. Gardai and 1 No. Sergeant and if so when will this occur. Until the recent past the number of Gardai based in Ballinamore has been at this level, however there is now only 1 No. Garda Sergeant and 1 No. Garda which is a totally unacceptable number of garda personnel to be asked to police such a large catchment area."

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

"That this Council support the retention of all the Community Development Projects. These projects provide vital services in local communities and are currently under very serious threat of closure by January 2010."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development what extra services and supports they will put in place to assist Community/Voluntary Groups throughout the county, as these are coming under pressure with the threat of withdrawal of funding and other resources in the present Economic situation."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure as to when its intended to have the Gowlan Bridge, Drumkeerin repaired and the road re-opened."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure what is the situation regarding the signage scheme "Welcome to Leitrim". Signs of this nature are badly needed at the Sligo/Leitrim border on the roads R286, R278, N.16 and Lake Road, Glencar. The signs on those roads at the moment are in very poor condition."

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to initiate arrangements for the twinning of Carrigallen with the City of New Orleans given the historical connection that exists between the two places regarding the Margaret of New Orleans Story. Already a number of visiting groups from New Orleans have been received in Carrigallen by a local committee and huge potential exists to expand the numbers coming here given the level of interest there is in the story. The twinning of the two places would give the type of official recognition required to raise the profile of the project even further, and with plans afoot to make a film on the subject with the obvious commercial spin off for our local economy, no time should be lost in commencing arrangements."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to write to the Minister for Community Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs Eamon O' Cuiv for clarification regarding future funding for The North

Leitrim Womens Centre in Manorhamilton. There has been rumours in recent months that funding would be withdrawn and the centre may have to close. The centre has provided services and supports for women for the past 21 years in the North Leitrim area."

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

"Leitrim County Council calls on the Ministers for both Finance and Environment to clarify the reasoning behind a tax proposal of 80% on Agricultural Land acquired under the compulsory purchase scheme. This proposal will have a serious impact on landowners, in particular farmers who's land would be acquired under this scheme to facilitate road developments. Currently, under the NAMA proposals, it is viewed by some commentators that this unjustified attack on ordinary farmers and landowners is a real possibility and needs to be amended."

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

"I call on this Council to extend the now 500 metres distance from dwellings, schools etc on mast applications to 1 Km as they have already done in Kerry and are going to do in Donegal and as there is no proof that they are safe to be close to."

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

"To again ask Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services Community & Enterprise has he had any success in discussions with Waterways Ireland, Longford County Council and the other relevant agencies with regard to preparing a plan for the opening up of the Rynn River to cruiser traffic from Lough Rynn to the river Shannon at Clonart. As I have stated on many occasions the opening of the river to cruiser traffic has enormous tourism potential and would be a tremendous boost to the town of Mohill and the parishes of Bornacoola and Gortletteragh."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and the Minister Mr Eamon O'Cuiv T.D. to continue to support Lough Allen Community Development Project in Drumkeerin and to provide adequate funding for same."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council seek funding for the removal of the bend on the R209 in the townland of Drumlaheen and also at Castlefore."

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

"That Leitrim County Council seek an amendment to the Long Term Leasing Scheme recently announced by the Minister for Housing, as follows:

- 1) That the minimum term for the lease be reduced from 10 years to 5 years
- 2) That the 5 year and 10 year leases contain a provision for a buy out option which can be activated by the Local Authority.

- 3) That the 5 year Term contain a right on behalf of the Local Authority to renew the Lease for a further 5 year term provided adequate and reasonable notice is given.
- 4) That the minimum number of units each supplier must have available under the scheme be reduced from 5 to 3 units."

## **Part II - Questions.**

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

"Will the Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services meet with local Councillors in relation to plans for the operation of the excellent Recycling Centre at Manorhamilton?"

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

"Can the Council do anything more to deal with the problem of dog excrement on footpaths of our towns and villages? The current policies, observation and enforcement procedures are simply not working"

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

"At the November meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask Mr. John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, to look at the possibility of providing 1 (one) public light outside the entrance gate at St Anne's Church of Ireland, Annaduff."

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

"At the November Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure what is the up to date position, with regard to putting in place a programme of works to improve the view at the Junction on the Carrick-Mohill road at Laheenamona, of local road from Rosdoowaun-Tamlaghtavally LS-7483-0. Has the Council had any discussions with relevant landowner, has any design work been done in relation to re-locating the junction? 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."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to make a special request for funding to upgrade and strengthen the Road from Keshcarrigan to Funshinagh cross, to be included in the 2010 roads programme."

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

"There are still a number of unfinished works yet to be completed on the Dromod/Rooskey By-pass. The time has come to do this work, otherwise I request the Council to complete this work with whatever funds retained to carry out unfinished work."

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

"I refer to the road LS 7404-1 Kiltynashinnagh Road Kilclare. Despite numerous representations this road is in serious bad condition. Can I get a clear commitment to get this road repaired without delay as numerous vehicles have been damaged."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when is it proposed to commence work at the T junction at Gala/Laird House Drumshanbo? The road surface here is poor and numerous people have had 'near ones' coming out too far to avoid the pothole and small water services point 'sticking up' from the ground. Work here needs to be a priority for safety sake."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure if he would consider the erection of bollards from the first entrance to Pairc Sean McDiarmada to the second entrance, as presently cars and heavy vehicles park there and it prevents residents from accessing their properties."

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

"I ask the District Engineer when will the resurfacing work be carried out beside Lily McGovern's house at Tully, Ballinamore as this has been outstanding for a significant period of time."

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

"I ask the District Engineer when will the proposed roundabout be installed in Ballinamore at the busy junction of High Street with the new inner relief road as it is was my understanding that this was due to be built in conjunction with the opening of this road."

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

"That this council extend the hedge cutting programme to all local roads in the Manorhamilton area."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to confirm the inclusion of Cullionboy/Glenade House stretch of road R280 and the Brackerbeg stretch on the Rossinver Road and the Ballymore stretch on the Kinlough Rossinver Road in the recent submissions to the N.R.A. for funding in 2010?"

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

"Will the Director of Services, Planning, Environment & Emergency Services confirm that the area of lands on the coastal side of the road from Tullaghan House to the Drowes Bridge on the old N.15 will be kept a green field area free from buildings?"

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

"To have the road from Laragan Cross to Greaghmagullion, Drumshanbo repaired as a matter of urgency."

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

"To have repair works carried out on the Gortnanure, Aughacashel Road."

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

"I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when will local road at Kilroosk, Mullies, Manorhamilton be re-instated following the damage done by the water contractor."

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

"I ask when will Leitrim County Council carry out surfacing on the Bredagh Road leading onto Main Street, Carrigallen at St Patrick's Terrace. The area requiring repair is relatively small but never the less is dangerous in its present condition and will be even more so in frosty conditions."

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

"I ask when Leitrim County Council will proceed with the works for safety at Greagh Cross - the initial start has contributed some way to alleviating the danger at the cross but further works need to be undertaken in order to make the junction safe."

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

"At the November meeting I will ask Leitrim County Council when will the work be finished on the walkway at the Star Fort amenity area in Manorhamilton. I am aware that a lot of older people walk this pathway."

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to look once again at the possibility of providing footpaths and extra public lighting in the village of Rossinver as the evenings are now dark and there are parts of the village that has no public lighting at all."

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

"That this Council carry out major repairs to the junction on the R280 with local road known as Gafneys cross. Since the R280 was raised due to resurfacing it has become extremely difficult to exit the local road safely."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Housing & Corporate Services, what is the position with the housing development in Drumcong? At present, there are people awaiting these houses as they are living in very poor conditions."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, to put in place a series of rumble strips at Aughameeney Hill. This is intended to reduce speed by traffic, as there are a large number of residents living here with children playing in the area."

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

"Why will Stanley not replace cookers which are not working properly for everyday cooking. I understand that there are 3 local authority houses where this problem has been ongoing for some 12 months. Let Stanley forget their thermometer tests and try and cook a turkey or chicken in them!"

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

"Why was the hole outside of Seamus Regan's, Leitrim Village not repaired as it is a health and safety issue?"

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to erect signs for speed limit of 50 kph at St Mary's Church, Foxfield as there is a Pre-School and After-School held in the Community Centre which means there is considerable traffic on this stretch of road."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, that the road known as the "Red Lane" in the townland of Bohey be immediately attended to. The road appears to have subsided on one side and water is pooling on the road and onto the adjoining landowners property. This particular road was used as an alternative route when the main Mohill – Drumlish road was closed for completion of the water pipeline and this unprecedented amount of traffic included heavy vehicles which undoubtedly contributed to the problem."