

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

**Áras An Chontae
Cora Droma Rúisc**

30th June 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 July 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
 - (i) Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 11th May 2009 (copy enclosed)
 - (ii) Minutes of Annual Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Friday 19th June 2009 (copy enclosed)
2. To consider disposal of rural cottage in the townland of Curraghatawy, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim to Noel & Yvonne McGirl, Drumdiffer, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Notice of Intention to Dispose of Rural Cottage dated 24th June 2009 circulated to each Member.
3. To approve the raising of a loan not exceeding €1,000,000, in accordance with Section 106 Local Government Act 2001, to provide supplementary funding in respect of loan charges to finance residential accommodation by Respond (Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme) under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act and to further seek Ministerial approval for this loan.
4. To consider adoption of Casual Trading Bye Laws 2009 in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act 1995 (report enclosed)

5. To consider adoption of the Leitrim County Council Draft Housing Estate Management Grant Scheme 2009 (report enclosed).
6. To note and approve Higher Education Grant Scheme 2009
7. To ratify Local Traveller Representative and Local Authority Official Representative nominations to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (report enclosed) in accordance with the provisions of Section 22 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998
8. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.
9. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.
10. Correspondence.

Part I - Notice of Motions.

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

"I call on this Council to once again call on the Minister for Health to upgrade and retain the Cancer Center and Stroke unit in Sligo"

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

"To ask the Council to write to the Regional Manager of Bus Eireann, Mr. Rory Leahy seeking a deputation be received by Leitrim County Council as a matter of urgency to discuss the proposed removal of bus services in Ballinamore/Carrigallen & other public transport routes within the county. These bus services are the only state public transport available in the Ballinamore area & if removed will result in this area having no access to either a bus or rail network."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to look at the area around Drumcong School, and meet with the Parents Association to work out a mechanism to make it a safer area."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure if he would introduce parking restrictions for heavy vehicles, buses and vans along the N4, from the Dublin Road roundabout to the Bridge roundabout, at Carrick on Shannon."

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

"Leitrim County Council calls for safeguards to protect farmers whose income has

been damaged by the negligence of private Agricultural Consultants who failed to submit REPS 111 or REPS IV applications or submitted incomplete applications by due date. A number of farmers stand to lose thousands of euro in respect of 2008 and 2009, and may face difficulty in securing approval for 2010 - solely because of the incompetence or negligence of their paid Consultant. The Department of Agriculture do not publish a list of approved consultants, but do require consultancy input because of the complexity of the schemes and associated forms."

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

"What is the current position regarding the completion of the Ardvooley Group Water Scheme. This matter needs to be dealt with as a matter of urgency."

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

"When is it proposed to re-surface the streets in Kinlough and Kiltyclogher and to re-line these areas as well including the road at Duncarbery leading on to the N.15 which is in very poor repair."

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

"I ask that Leitrim County Council contact the Department of Education and request that provision be made for level access at the front of St. Michael's National School in Mohill. This problem was highlighted recently when this school was used as a Polling Booth."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to introduce traffic calming measures

- (1) On the Enniskillen side of the Mart Entrance on the N.16 in Manorhamilton
- (2) Outside of the filling station on the N.16 Sligo Road Manorhamilton
- (3) To introduce some form of safety measures at the "Corner" in Manorhamilton."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when will repair work be carried out on the street of Jamestown - this street/road is in very poor condition since the laying of sewage pipes."

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

"That we the members of Leitrim County Council would again call on the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government to provide grant assistance to allow for people living in rural Ireland to upgrade from septic tanks to modern Effluent treatment systems (i.e. Puraflo / Bio cycle etc.). This is necessary in view of the EU Water Framework Directive which obliges each Local Authority / State to put in place a programme to protect our rivers and lakes."

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

"At the next meeting of Leitrim County Council I will propose that Leitrim County Council take the necessary steps to provide an adequate reliable water supply to the Laghta Group Water scheme as a matter of urgency."

23. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John McCartin;

"In light of the fact that there are a large number of empty houses and housing estates in the county, I ask Leitrim County Council to formulate a comprehensive policy, specific to each area, to deal with issues of completion of developments, public safety, maintenance of local environment, and the impact that a possible relocation of large numbers of people may have on local communities."

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

"I call on the Director of Services, Infrastructure in conjunction with the NRA to investigate the road exit from the old N4 (from Dromod) onto the new N4 (Dromod/Rooskey by pass) at Fearnought, Aughamore. This junction is extremely dangerous as the old N4 road comes directly on to the new N4 road rather than merging at an angle with an integrated slow lane. A number of near misses have occurred recently and I am concerned for traffic safety. I urge Leitrim County Council to bring a Senior Inspector from the NRA to this junction so that they can observe for themselves the traffic movement here."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council in conjunction with the local voluntary management group to look at applying for funding towards providing solar panel heating power at Drumshanbo Swimming pool. It is vital that ways and means of reducing the heavy running costs are found to ensure the pool's future viability. I believe that all funding sources should be considered and applied for to upgrade this fine local amenity in Drumshanbo."

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to provide a number of setbacks/over taking bays along the road leading to Gulladoo LS 55980. There is more than adequate space along the roadside with little to be done other than level some existing clay fill and surface with stone. Presently motorists have to reverse back to a number of private gateways in order to allow oncoming traffic pass safely."

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to erect signage indicating the entrance to Shannagh Grove Housing Estate at Shannagh, Mohill which is a very concealed entrance and to complete the remedial works to the speed bumps at the same

location."

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

"At the July meeting I will ask Leitrim County Council to write to the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr John Gormley, regarding the state of the Register of Electors for the recent Local and European Elections. The present system for including people on the Register of Electors is totally unsatisfactory and is open to abuse."

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

"At the July meeting of Leitrim County Council I ask the Carrick on Shannon Senior Executive Area Engineer to carry out immediate repair work on the Main Street in Jamestown. This road is in an unacceptable state of disrepair. I will also ask, when will Leitrim County Council carry out a full road resurface and replace the footpaths etc. which are required since the installation of the pipeline work for the new sewerage scheme in the village. These outstanding issues need to be addressed."

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

"I am proposing that Leitrim County Council officially write to the main banks that have been given billions of tax-payers money, demanding that they forward credit to small businesses, farmers and sole traders who are in difficulties and cannot pay bills or restock, due to the freeze on overdraft and loan facilities."

Part II - Questions.

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

"I ask the District Engineer when will the development works and landscaping be completed alongside the new relief road at Tully, Ballinamore (at junction with main Carrigallen road) which is presently in a very poor state of repair and also when will an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing be installed at this location as previously agreed."

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

"I ask the District Engineer when will the Council install lay-bys alongside the LS53260 at Greaghglass, Aughnasheelin from Gerry Gilheaney's house as far as Marie Costello's. There are presently no lay-bys along this narrow stretch of road presently being resurfaced despite the significant volume of local traffic passing along it. Can I therefore request will the Council consult with local landowners with a view to having a number of lay-bys installed as a matter of urgency in order that it may be carried out with the existing road works."

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

"Will this Council please cut the grass around the junctions as the sight distance is gone and it will cause an accident?"

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

"When is this Council restarting the works in Leitrim Village as promised?"

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Housing and Corporate how many Local Authority Family-Type dwellings, two-bedroomed houses and one-bedroomed houses are vacant in Carrick on Shannon, their locations, whether any maintenance work is necessary to be carried out on any of these houses, and the number and locations of same.

How many persons are on the waiting list for each type of housing."

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

"Will Leitrim County Council arrange for a disabled persons parking space to be installed outside Manorhamilton Health Centre?"

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

"Will the Director of Services outline progress and timescale to achieve our objective of ensuring every person in Leitrim can have access to quality, high-speed internet access?"

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

"What action does the Returning Officer and the County Registrar propose to take regarding the number of unstamped ballot papers in the recent local elections."

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

"When is it proposed to carry out necessary refurbishment works on some of the older stock of local authority houses in Sheena, Drumkeerin."

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

"There are many road signs which cannot be seen as a result of overgrowth, branches and briars, can this matter be put right without delay?"

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

"I will ask the District Engineer when will the coast road at Duncarbery be re-instated on the side where the new public lighting is installed?"

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council when will the Main Street in Manorhamilton be opened to all traffic. Many of the business people feel that the present signage and bollards which are in place are turning shoppers and visitors out of town."

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

"I ask the District Engineer to extend the footpath and lighting on the Skreeney Road, Manorhamilton out to the end of the speed limit."

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

"The old N4 at Masonite is presently used as a chip base by the Council, also to park lorries and by any Haulier going the road, and travellers are presently on holidays at this location. This situation is unacceptable to the residents living on this stretch of road. Commitment has been given in the past and as of yet nothing is done. I am now requesting that this Council makes an effort to resolve this situation."

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

"May I have an update on public lighting for Killnagross and completion of same at Gowel Church."

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

"I ask Mr. John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, when is it planned to carry out the programme of works on the replacement of the steel lighting poles in the centre of Dromod village with the ornamental poles as was agreed with the local Development Association. Funding was provided in the 2008 lighting programme. Has a contractor been appointed to carry out the works involved."

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

"I ask Mr Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community & Enterprise, has any progress been made in relation to the provision of Children's playground at the Community centre in Bornacoola. I have been contacted by a number of families who are anxious that playground facilities be provided there."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to replace the convex mirror at the junction of the Largydonnell road and the R280 at Largydonnell Bridge in the interests of safety."

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

"I ask Leitrim county Council to put signs on either side of the ramp on Main St, Kinlough to indicate that there is a ramp."

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

"In light of the facts that the 50kph speed limit signs are on the blind side of a sharp bend and are almost in the town and that the 'No Over Taking' signs are at the start of the same bend, I would ask the council to move the speed limit sign to the start of the bend where traffic can see them as they approach the town and that the 'No Over Taking' signs be moved 50 meters out from the bend where they would be of some use. I also note that the 'Welcome To Ballinamore' sign has been removed and I would ask that it be replaced when the afore mentioned signs are being moved."

51. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McCartin;

"I ask the District Engineer to complete the works on the footpath and public lighting from Newtowngore village to the primary school and to take action about the unsafe state of the footpath and open manholes in the middle of the village which pose a huge hazard to public safety."

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

"I ask the District Engineer to carry out temporary repairs on the by-road Drumgildra-Carrick Road. It is important to ensure this road remains passable during the ongoing bridge works by Irish Rail."

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

"I ask Director of Services for Community and Enterprise for an up to date report on the availability of broadband in the Annaduff area. From my recent canvass, I found that the availability of broadband in this area is extremely poor and I would like to see what possible steps can be taken to improve the availability of this vital service to the local community there."

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

"I ask the District Engineer to immediately repair and resurface the Derrinawillian road, Ballinaglera LT 82942 which has subsided on one side due to heavy lorries with stone on the recent water scheme. The road is in a very 'rough state' and I would like a commitment for it's repair soon."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to consider the exit junction at the R-208 and R-280 Galley bridge, Drumshanbo. Can the green and white 'bollards' be erected to signify traffic emerging?"

There has been some near misses recently as traffic coming from the town need to be more aware of the traffic coming from the R-280."

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

"When will the works which were agreed earlier in the year for the road at Aughawilin, Carrigallen (adjoining the townland of Beghbeg) commence, as there is further subsidence at this location."

57. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Paddy

O'Rourke;

"Is it the intention of Leitrim County Council to commence work replacing the bridge between Gulladoo and Fyhora, Co Longford before the annual holidays as current water levels would favour this work."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services to advise when the Shannagh Grove, Sliabh View and Cnoc na Greine (all Mohill) Housing Estates will be taken in charge by Leitrim County Council."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to confirm what arrangements are in place for the maintenance of and upkeep of the green areas at the Knocklongford, Cappagh and O'Carolan Court Estates in Mohill."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council what can be done with all the roads that have temporary security fencing and cones erected in some cases for many years? I refer to many local roads where the sides of the roads have slipped away, also bridges that have been damaged and fencing has been put in place as a temporary measure but is there for years. I ask the Council to investigate the possibility of acquiring funding through the Clar programme to address this urgent problem."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to make sure that there be good signage in towns and villages where there are speed ramps to make motorists aware of these ramps."

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

"To ask this Council as to when the safety pedestrian crossing and flashing lights will be put in place outside Drumcong School for the safety of the children crossing the road."

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

"When will the extension of the carpark at the swimming pool at Acres, Drumshanbo commence as was promised in 2008 and to date nothing has been done ?"

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

"At the July meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Carrick on Shannon Senior Executive Area Engineer to erect appropriate warning signs on the Kilnagross to Keshcarrigan road, to indicate to drivers that there are vehicles entering and exiting the junction towards Kilnagross National School. A number of parents of pupils attending the national School have advised me that due care and consideration is not being given by drivers on the Kilnagross to Keshcarrigan road

and the speed of vehicles passing the junction at the Post Office and exit road from the National School is causing great concern. While I fully understand that there is a role for the Gardai in ensuring speed limits are adhered to, I would ask that the council erect "school exit ahead" signs on the Kilnagross road, advising drivers that they are approaching a junction where heavy traffic is exiting and entering at school times. These signs should be erected on both approaches to the junction."

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

"At the July meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, to address the concerns raised by residents at the Mohill cross, regarding the problems being experienced by the storing of Council chippings on this section of the old Dublin road and the legality of same. Historically Leitrim County Council has used a section of this road as a temporary stockpile for road chipping's to be used by the Carrick on Shannon Engineering area. I will also ask if this road is still a public road and if Leitrim County Council are in breach of regulations or planning by using it for stock piling."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Housing & Corporate

- (i) How many local authority houses are occupied in the county.
- (ii) How many people are on the waiting list for local authority houses.
- (iii) How many people are assisted through the rent supplement scheme in the county."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure when is it planned that work will be carried out at Greagh cross-roads on the Cloone - Ballinamore road."