

**Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber,
Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Monday 7th September 2009 at 5.30 pm**

Members Present:

Bohan, Mary	McCartin, John
Colreavy, Michael	McDermott, Sean
Dolan, Frank	McGloin, Enda
Ellis, Caillian	McGloin, Siobhán
Ferguson, Tony	McGowan, Sean
Gilmartin, Francis	McTernan, John
Guckian, Sinead	O'Rourke, Paddy
Hughes, Gordon	Reynolds, Gerry
Kenny, Martin	Stenson, Enda
Kilrane, Gerry	Ward, John

And Councillor Thomas Mulligan, Cathaoirleach presiding

Apologies: Gerry Dolan

Officials Present:

Ms. J. Maguire, County Manager
Mr Martin Dolan, Director of Services, Planning, Environment & Emergency Services
Mr Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community & Enterprise
Mr John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure
Ms Katrina Murphy, Head of Finance
Ms Mary Quinn, Director of Housing & Corporate Services
Mr Shay O'Connor, Senior Engineer
Mr Terry McGovern, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr Michael Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr Padraig MacSera, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr Darragh O'Boyle, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms Carmelita, Caslin, Senior Executive Officer
Mr Caoimhin Corrigan, Arts Officer
Mr Michael Gunning, I.S. Project Leader
Mr Paul Kirkpatrick, Community & Enterprise Development Officer
Mr Shane Tiernan, A/Meetings Administrator

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Deimhniu Miontuairisci

***Proposed by Councillor Francis Gilmartin, seconded by Councillor Enda Stenson
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

"That the Minutes of the Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras An Chontae on Monday, 6th July 2009, be adopted."

***Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin, seconded by Councillor Sean McDermott
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

"That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras An Chontae on Wednesday, 22nd July 2009, be adopted."

09/405

07/9/09 **Adjournment of Meeting**

Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan, seconded by Councillor Siobhan McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY AGREED;

“That the Meeting be adjourned for fifteen minutes as a mark of respect to the late Tommy O’Donnell, Congress Terrace, Manorhamilton, former member of Leitrim County Council.”

The Members expressed their condolences to Mrs Alice O’Donnell and Family.

Votes of sympathy were also expressed to the following;

- The Honeyman Family, Tullyhusker, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim on the death of Peter Honeyman.
- Mrs Lena Loughlin, Gortnaskeagh, Leckaun P.O., Co Leitrim on the death of Mickey Loughlin.
- Mrs Bridget McBride & Family, Lurganboy, Manorhamilton on the death of Patsy McBride.
- Mrs Kitty Feeney, Woodview, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim on the death of Ignatius Feeney.
- The McKiernan Family, Mullaghmore, Carrawallen, Carrigallen P.O., Co Leitrim on the death of Rose McKiernan
- Kathleen Canning & Family, Rinnagowna, Dromod, Co Leitrim on the death of Ambrose Canning.
- John, James & Ann Duignan, Drumhirk, Gortletteragh, Mohill, Co Leitrim on the death of Martha Duignan.
- Mrs Ann Sweeney, Corriga, Aughavas, Co Leitrim on the death of Mrs Duignan.
- Stella Mulligan and Family, Gortfadda, Mohill, Co Leitrim on the death of Anthony Mulligan.
- Bridget Higgins, Boeshill, Mohill, Co Leitrim on the death of George Tiernan.
- The O’Gorman Family, Kilboderry, Carrick-on-Shannon on the death of Martin O’Gorman.
- Marie McKeon, Derrnaherrick, Rossinver, Co Leitrim on the death of John Myles McKeon.
- Sean & Angela Connolly, Main Street, Kinlough, Co Leitrim on the death of Pete Connolly.
- The McGowan Family, Uragh, Tullaghan, Co Leitrim on the death of Pat Oliver McGowan.
- Mrs Nan Golden, Deerpark, Manorhamilton, Co Leitrim on the death of Joshua Golden.
- Mr John James Connolly, “Fortland House”, Lissnagroagh, Manorhamilton, & Joe Connolly, Gublaun, Rossinver, Co Leitrim on the death of Aiden Connolly.
- Paschal Mooney, Carrick Road, Drumshanbo, Co Leitrim on the death of Harry McCauley.
- Sisters of Atonement (Franciscan), No 2 Clooneen Park, Manorhamilton, Co Leitrim on the death of Sister Beatrice McFadden.
- The Maguire Family, Carran West, Garrison, Co Fermanagh on the death of Pat Maguire.

09/406

7/9/09 Disposal of Portion of land in the townland of Drumshanbo, Drumshanbo

Notice of intention dated 27th August 2009 from Terry McGovern, A/Senior Engineer, Infrastructure to dispose of portion of ground containing 0.037 Acres (0.015 hectares) in return for portion of land containing 0.1271 Acres in Drumshanbo Townland, Drumshanbo, Co Leitrim as circulated to each member appears as **Appendix 1** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin, seconded by Councillor Francis Gilmartin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That disposal of portion of ground containing 0.037 Acres (0.015 hectares) in return for portion of land containing 0.1271 Acres in Drumshanbo Townland, Drumshanbo, Co Leitrim in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Notice of Intention to dispose of land dated 27th August 2009 circulated to each Member be approved.”

09/407

7/9/09 Abandonment of Public Road & Extinguishment of Public Right of Way

Reports dated 31st August 2009 from John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure as circulated to each member appear as **Appendix 2 and Appendix 3** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book.

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Thomas Mulligan proposed that this item be deferred and listed on the October Agenda for discussion, as further clarification is sought on the proposed abandonment of section of Regional Road R201 at Shaolmore, Mohill and extinguishment of public right of way over section of Regional Road R.201 at Shoalmore and Killamaun, Mohill.

Councillor Enda Stenson sought clarification on the proposed deferral. Councillor Mulligan stated that there were a number of landowners who have outstanding issues concerning this proposal e.g. right of ways etc.

Councillor Gerry Kilrane requested that a map indicating the location be furnished to the Members in the Carrick-on-Shannon Electoral Area.

It was unanimously agreed by the members that this item would be listed on the October Agenda for consideration and Ms. Jackie Maguire, County Manager confirmed that a map showing the proposed location would be provided to all the members in the Carrick-on-Shannon Electoral area.

09/408

7/9/09 Higher Education Grant Scheme 2009

Report dated 31st August 2009 from Aideen McGovern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Corporate Services as circulated to each member appears as **Appendix 4** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Frank Dolan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the Higher Education Grant Scheme for 2009 be approved”.

09/409

7/9/09 Leitrim County Council Strategic Policy Scheme 2009-2014

Report dated 31st August 2009 from Aideen McGovern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Corporate Services as circulated to each member appears as **Appendix 5** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin, seconded by Councillor Mary Bohan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council’s Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2009-2014 be approved”.

09/410

7/9/09 Approval for loan for the purposes of water and waste water infrastructure

Proposed by Councillor Francis Gilmartin, seconded by Councillor Martin Kenny AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the raising of a loan not exceeding €1,000,000 for the purposes of water and waste water infrastructure, in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001, be approved”.

09/411

7/9/09 Quarterly Report on Capital Works

□ **Housing**

Report from Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing & Corporate Services as circulated to each member appears as **Appendix 6** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book. The report as circulated was noted by the Members.

□ **Water Services**

Report from John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure as circulated to each member appears as **Appendix 7** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book. The report as circulated was noted by the Members.

□ **Roads**

Report from John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure as circulated to each member appears as **Appendix 8** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book. The report as circulated was noted by the Members.

□ **Other Capital Projects**

Report from Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community, Cultural and Enterprise Development dated 28th August 2009 as circulated to each member appears as **Appendix 9** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book. The report as circulated was noted by the Members.

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mulligan proposed that if any member required further clarification on any issue arising from the quarterly reports they could seek such clarification from the relevant Directorate. Any further clarification issues could be raised at the October meeting.

This was unanimously agreed by the members.

09/412

7/9/2009

Corporate Policy Group Report

Ms Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing & Corporate Services gave an overview of the issues considered by the Corporate Policy Group at their meeting.

Updates from Strategic Policy Committees

Ms. Quinn advised that no Strategic Policy Committee Meetings had taken place since the last meeting of the Corporate Policy Group.

Election of Chairperson of County Development Board

Ms. Quinn advised that Councillor Gordon Hughes was appointed Chairperson of the County Development Board.

Deputation

Ms. Quinn informed the members that the IFA had requested an opportunity to address the Members and that the Corporate Policy Group had agreed to raise the matter with Members for consideration.

Proposed by Councillor John Ward, seconded by Councillor Martin Kenny AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That a deputation from the IFA be received by the Council at the October Council Meeting”.

Youth Participation in the Arts

Ms. Quinn informed the Members that a ceremony recognising Youth Participation in the Arts would be held in advance of the October Council Meeting at 4.30 p.m. on Monday 5th October 2009.

Items for Council Meeting

The Corporate Policy Group had also considered an overview of the items for the Council Meeting.

09/413

7/9/09 Meeting Correspondence

The following correspondence was circulated to the members:

1. Letter dated 2nd July 2009 from the Leitrim Development Company in relation to the notification issued from Leitrim County Council informing the company of the members of the Leitrim County Council who have been appointed to its Board of Directors.
2. Letter of acknowledgement dated 9th July 2009 from the Office of the Minister, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in relation to correspondence issued from Leitrim County Council in regard to funding for preparatory survey/design work/costings.
3. Letter of acknowledgement dated 10th July 2009 from the Officer of the Minister Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in relation to the Rural Social Scheme.
4. Letter of acknowledgement dated 14th July 2009 from Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in connection with a resolution passed by Leitrim County Council regarding grants for Older People and Disabled People.
5. Letter of acknowledgement dated 10th July 2009 from the Office of the Minister for Transport regarding the health and safety requirements concerning road works which had been raised by Leitrim County Council.
6. Letter of acknowledgement dated 15th July 2009 from FAS in relation to their Apprenticeship scheme.
7. Letter of acknowledgement dated 17th July 2009 from the ESB in relation to a resolution passed by Leitrim County Council to provide a proper customer care service to consumers and a dedicated helpline.

Councillor Bohan expressed her dissatisfaction at the response received from the ESB in relation to this important issue and proposed that a further letter issue to the ESB in relation to providing a proper service. She stated that the level of service and information provided to customers by the ESB is totally unsatisfactory, particularly for older people with the difficulty of being routed through automatic answering selections and prolonged delays in getting through to a Service Agent and this must be addressed.

This was supported by Councillor McTernan.

8. Letter of acknowledgement from the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Department of Health & Children dated 21st July 2009 in relation to a resolution passed by Leitrim County Council regarding the need to provide an outreach/youthreach centre in Mohill, Co Leitrim.
9. Letter dated 23rd July 2009 from the Border Regional Authority confirming the names of the newly elected Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach of the authority.

10. Email dated 27th July 2009 from Border Regional Assembly confirming the name of the newly elected Chairperson of the Assembly.
11. Letter of acknowledgement dated 28th July 2009 from the Office of the Minister for Education and Science in relation to school bus charges.
12. Letter from the Office of the Minister, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government dated 26th August 2009 in relation to the Register of Electors.
13. Letter dated 28th July 2009 from the Office of the Minister, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government acknowledging receipt of letter from Leitrim County Council in connection with the motion passed regarding grant assistance for upgrading septic tanks.
14. Letter dated 29th July 2009 from Minister Mary Harney TD acknowledging receipt of letter concerning retention of Cancer Centre and Stroke Unit at Sligo General Hospital.
15. Letter of acknowledgment from the Office of the Minister of State at the Department of Education and Science dated 29th July 2009 in relation to the school transport charges.
16. Letter dated 29th July 2009 from the Minister Eamon O'Cuiv, Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in relation to Local Improvement Schemes.
17. Letter dated 31st July 2009 from the Minister Batt O'Keeffe, Department of Education and Science acknowledging receipt of letter from Leitrim County Council in relation to St Michaels National School, Mohill.
18. Letter dated 4th August 2009 from the Office of the Minister, Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in relation to the European Communities (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2009.
19. Letter of acknowledgement dated 6th August 2009 from Anglo Irish Bank Corporation Ltd in relation to the resolution passed by Leitrim County Council in regard to the credit facilities for businesses.
20. Letter of acknowledgement dated 6th August 2009 from National Irish Bank in relation to resolution passed by Leitrim County Council in regard to credit facilities for businesses.
21. Letter dated 10th August 2009 from the Tanaiste and Office of the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding the Rural Social Scheme and the increasing unemployment problem.
22. Letter dated 10th August 2009 from Office of the Minister, Department of Health & Children regarding payments to pharmacists.
23. Letter of acknowledgement dated 18th August 2009 from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in relation to resolution passed by Leitrim

County Council concerning the drawing up of plans by Agricultural Consultants under the Rural Environmental Scheme.

24. Letter of acknowledged dated 25th August 2009 from Allied Irish Bank in relation to resolution passed by Leitrim County Council in relation to credit facilities for businesses.
25. Press release issued by Leitrim County Council in the local papers in relation to the Supplement to the Register of Elections for the Referendum on the Lisbon Treaty.
26. Letter dated 20th August 2009 from Truly Irish Country Foods Ltd seeking approval to make a presentation to the elected members.
27. Letter of acknowledgement dated 1st September 2009 from Bank of Ireland in relation to resolution passed by Leitrim County Council in relation to credit facilities for businesses.
28. Letter dated 4th September 2009 from Minister Mary Harney TD with detail and the Departments position relative to Cancer Services and Stroke Unit at Sligo General Hospital.

Councillor Colreavy expressed his dissatisfaction regarding the response received in relation to the retention of the cancer centre and stroke unit at Sligo General Hospital. He said that currently stroke patients are dispersed throughout the hospital and that responses received are misleading and clarification needs to be sought. This was supported by all Members.

The following issue was also raised under Meeting Correspondence;

Councillor Gordon Hughes sought clarification on whether a response had been received to date on the correspondence issued to the Regional Manager of Bus Éireann, Mr. Rory Leahy seeking a deputation to 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.

Shane Tiernan, A/Meetings Administrator confirmed that no response had been received to date from the Regional Manager of Bus Eireann but that a reminder letter would issue to in this regard prior to the next Council meeting.

09/414

7/9/09 Family Resource Centres

***Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, seconded by Councillor Thomas Mulligan
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

“That Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Social and Family Affairs, Mary Hanafin and other relevant sources to leave in place the funding for the Family Resource Centres throughout the country. These centres give a very valuable service to families at low cost to the state”

09/415

7/9/09 Conferences

Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin, seconded by Councillor Mary Bohan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

That Leitrim County Council approves of the following

- Attendance of Councillor Gerard Reynolds at the Synge Summer School in Rathdrum, Wicklow on the 30th June 2009 to 2nd July 2009.
- Attendance of Councillor Francis Gilmartin at the Riverbasin Information day in the Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon on the 7th May 2009.
- Attendance of Councillor John Ward at the Delivering Housing Solutions for a New Era on the 15th to 17th September 2009 in Athlone, Co Westmeath.
- Attendance of Councillor John Ward and Councillor Gerry Kilrane at the Induction Training Programme for Newly elected members on the 14th October 2009 in Sligo.
- Attendance of Councillor Tony Ferguson at the Cumann Merriman Summer School in Ennis on the 16th to 22nd August 2009.

Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson, seconded by Councillor Martin Kenny AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the attendance of Councillor Enda Stenson at the Parnell Summer School in Avondale, Co Wicklow on the 9th August to 16th August 2009 be approved”.

Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, seconded by Councillor Mary Bohan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the attendance of Councillor Sean McGowan at the Kilkee Waterworld Conference in Kilkee, Co Clare on the 17th to 18th September 2009 be approved”.

Proposed by Councillor Mary Bohan, seconded by Councillor Tony Ferguson AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the attendance of Councillor Tony Ferguson and Councillor Mary Bohan at the Local Government Seminar on the Patrick Punch Hotel in Limerick on the 25th to 26th September 2009 be approved”

Part I - Notices of Motion.

09/416

7/9/09

St Mary's Church, Foxfield

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council contact the E.S.B. and request them to have the poles and lights erected immediately at St Mary's Church, Foxfield so that they will be

ready and working before the dark evenings."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The Ballinamore District Office has requested the ESB to install and commission the public lighting in Fenagh. A letter has also been issued to the ESB in relation to this and other outstanding public lighting issues within the District."

09/417

7/9/09 Rural Environmental Protection Scheme 4

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

"That Leitrim County Council pass a motion calling on the Minister for Agriculture to change his intention to close REPS 4 to any further applications and to cut the Disadvantaged Area Aid by 30%. If the Minister goes ahead with those measures it will have a drastic financial effect on all farmers in the West of Ireland."

Councillor Frank Dolan outlined that the REPS scheme was designed to help farmers with poor land with reasonably sized landholdings. He stated that the proposed cuts in the Disadvantaged Area Aid payments and the closure of the REPS 4 to any further applications will hit farmers' income over the next few weeks. He stressed that the proposed cuts would impact farming incomes by up to 50% and this is totally unacceptable for any family. Also farmers are hit with increased school bus fares, school registration fees up by 50% and this coupled with inclement weather is putting farming in dire straits.

The motion was supported by all the members.

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mulligan confirmed that a deputation from the IFA are to be received at the October Council meeting in relation to the various issues facing the farming community.

***Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan, seconded by Councillor Thomas Mulligan
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Agriculture to change his intention to close REPS 4 to any further applications and to cut the Disadvantaged Area Aid by 30%. If the Minister goes ahead with those measures it will have a drastic financial effect on all farmers in the West of Ireland"

09/418

7/9/09 Courthouse in Ballinamore

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

"To ask the council to write to the Courts Service & the Minister for Justice to ask when will the Court House in Ballinamore be re-opened. It was announced earlier in the year that the courts service was to carry out extensive renovations & improvements to the building but it has since been closed while no works have been carried out in the interim. The court sittings provided a much needed boost to the local economy & it is vital that this service be re-instated as soon as possible".

Councillor Hughes stated that money had been allocated for the refurbishment of this

Courthouse and since it has been closed no refurbishment works have been carried out. He stated that court sittings provided a much needed boost to help the local economy and he proposed that the refurbishment works be carried out and that this vital service be re-instated as soon as possible.

Councillor Gerry Kilrane supported the motion. He highlighted the closure of the courthouses in Drumkeerin, Dowra and Arva and said that the local court sittings performed an important function and contribution in the local areas.

Councillor John McCartin supported the motion and said that justice should be seen to get served and that the closure of the Courthouse in Ballinamore and other areas is a great loss economically.

Proposed by Councillor Gordon Hughes, seconded by Councillor Gerry Kilrane AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council write to the Courts Service & the Minister for Justice to ask when will the Court House in Ballinamore be re-opened. It was announced earlier in the year that the courts service was to carry out extensive renovations & improvements to the building but it has since been closed while no works have been carried out in the interim. The court sittings provided a much needed boost to the local economy & it is vital that this service be re-instated as soon as possible”.

09/419

7/9/09 Completion of works at Main Street, Manorhamilton

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when it is proposed to complete all works and remove the cones and barrier stands from Main Street, Manorhamilton. The present situation is having a detrimental effect on the local businesses."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The current works at main street Manorhamilton will be completed this week and the cones and barriers will be removed.

A number of business interests and residents have expressed the view that it would be desirable to remove the heavy goods vehicles permanently from this part of Main St because they contributes nothing to the business life of the street. The exclusion of the heavy traffic would also remove a significant source of noise and air pollution and would provide a more pleasant and peaceful environment for visitors to the town and residents alike. It would also be safer for pedestrians and road users in general in light of the sheer bulk of these vehicles which can be quite intimidating for people having to negotiate a way around them.

The Design office is currently assessing the feasibility of permanently removing the HGV's from Main street and preparing a design layout that will include some modifications to junctions and parking in order to provide a suitable alternative route for the HGV's. When this is fully assessed, if it is deemed feasible, it will be published for Public Consultation."

Councillor Ferguson welcomed the reply.

09/420

7/9/09 **Pedestrian Crossings in Carrick-on-Shannon**

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to consider as a matter of pedestrian safety a number of changes in relation to pedestrian crossings in Carrick-on-Shannon:

(a) To provide a pedestrian crossing from St. Mary's Church across the road to Mulvey's Shop. (Elderly people find it very difficult to cross the road safely here following Mass)

(b) To consider traffic lights at St Mary's Girls National School instead of the amber flashing lights. I would suggest swapping the traffic lights at the Landmark Hotel junction with the warning lights at the School as this may be a cost effective idea and would in my view be more effective"

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"(A)As part of the Access works for People with Disabilities, two uncontrolled crossing points will be constructed on this section of main street Carrick on Shannon. One of these will be located outside the AIB and the other at the junction of St. Mary's Close. These crossing points will include build-outs and tactile paving. In addition to these two crossings, drop kerbs will also be located at the parking space for people with disabilities outside the Church and also on the opposite side of the roadway. All of the layouts proposed were previously agreed with the different disability groups. It is hoped to commence these works in the coming months.

(B)The purpose of this controlled crossing is to allow the safe passage of pedestrians from one footpath to the other. It is not envisaged that illegal parking should take place adjacent to this crossing point opposite the school. A report was carried out on the condition of this controlled crossing point last year and following this, some modifications were put in place including high textured surfacing, further highlighting of the crossing and provision of additional signage, which improved the safety at this crossing point.

We feel that the replacement of the this Zebra crossing with a Pelican crossing controlled by traffic lights would not be a suitable option for the following reasons :-

- It is recommended that Pelican crossings should be used where there are very high traffic volumes and pedestrian flows are high. Zebra crossings should be used where traffic volumes are moderate, where the road width does not exceed 7 metres wide and where 85% of traffic speeds are under 35mph. as in this instance.
- Because Pelican crossings require that groups of pedestrians are collected together and crossed at the one time, they can result in delays for pedestrians and the possibility of pedestrians crossing against the "red man" arises.
- It is felt that the installation of Traffic lights at this location could have a negative effect on the free flow of traffic in and out of the town.

An issue can arise at school opening and closing times where the illegal parking of vehicles somewhat obstructs this existing crossing point. Parking should be prohibited within 15 metres of the approach side and 5 m on the other side than the approach side of a controlled crossing point, (either a zebra crossing or a pelican crossing). If this was

strictly implemented, it would further enhance the safety at this crossing point."

Councillor Ward thanked the Director of Services for the reply received.

09/421

7/9/09 Dristernan, Drumshanbo

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to immediately investigate the problem involved in the storm water system at Dristernan Drumshanbo. There has been ongoing correspondence between myself, the local engineers office and sanitary services over a considerable time period but to date the problem remains, resulting in bad odours from one storm water gully in particular. I am calling for a full report as to the various investigations to date and what actions are proposed now to resolve the issue."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The jetting of this storm line has taken place which has established that there are no blockages along this section of storm sewer. A dye and camera survey will be carried out by the Water Services Section on all Foul and Surface water sewers in this area to determine possible cross connections, likely to be the causes of this odour problem, and when identified appropriate remedial action will be taken."

Councillor Enda McGloin welcomed the reply but stressed that this has been an ongoing problem all summer and the situation needs to be resolved immediately. He requested that he be updated regularly on the situation.

09/422

7/9/09

NAMA legislation

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

"I am proposing that Leitrim County Council call on the Government to immediately scrap the NAMA legislation. Implement a planned nationalisation of the banks, with an orderly winding out of the bad loans and move to provide capital to business, cap the wages of all senior bank staff at maximum €100,000 per year and no bonuses or extras, thereby giving people some confidence and sense of fairness in the system until we get out of this mess."

Councillor Martin Kenny stated that the NAMA legislation will affect not only the current but also future generations. He stated that NAMA legislation will not be of any benefit to the people of Ireland and called upon the members to support the abandonment of the NAMA legislation. Councillor Michael Colreavy seconded the motion.

A debate on the matter took place between the Members. Councillor Mary Bohan stated that the motion was too broad and complex and that further clarification would be needed before it could be voted on. Councillor Sinead Guckian supported this view. The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Thomas Mulligan proposed that the motion be re-worded and submitted for consideration at the October Council meeting. Councillor Martin Kenny agreed to this proposal.

09/423

7/9/09

Higher Education Grants

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

"Leitrim County Council requests the Department of Education to permit flexibility by VEC and Council decision makers in relation to Higher Education Grants. Eligibility is based on income for year 2008, but many parents and/or applicants for grant who worked for most or all of 2008 have been made redundant in 2009 and cannot now afford the fees, accommodation and living costs incurred in third level education.

The Council also requests the Minister for Education to amend the "Nationality" provision of Higher Education Grants Scheme 2009 to accept applications from children dependants of non-EU parents who have been given leave to remain in the State because of children born in Ireland."

Report by Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services & Housing

"It should be noted the Higher Education Grant Scheme does permit flexibility in relation to changes in income circumstances. While Higher Education Grant applications are assessed based on their income for the year ended 31st December 2008, Clause 8 of the Scheme allows for an applicant to be assessed or re-assessed in the event of changes in circumstances for a number of reasons as follows -

1. Change in the candidate's reckonable income which is likely to be permanent – i.e. likely to obtain for the duration of the approved course or for the foreseeable future
2. The number of dependant children
3. The number of children in full-time third level education
4. Normal residence
5. Nationality – where the candidate becomes an Irish National or the national of another EU Member State

An applicant may be re-assessed at any time during the Academic Year under the Change in Circumstances Clause and where an adverse change in the reckonable income occurs. Any adjustments in cases assessed under this clause shall normally be made with effect from the commencement of the term in which the change in circumstances occurs.

In relation to the Nationality provision, a change was made in the Nationality Clause in the 2009 Higher Education Grant Scheme but this change refers to people who are determined eligible, pursuant to the European Communities (Eligibility for Protection) Regulations 2006, for 'subsidiary protection' only – i.e. 'a third country national or stateless person who does not qualify as a refugee but in respect of whom substantial grounds have been shown for believing that the person concerned would face a real risk of suffering serious harm if returned to his or her country of origin'. There is currently no provision in relation to dependants of non-EU parents who have been given leave to remain in the State because of children born in Ireland."

Councillor Michael Colreavy referred to many people who have applied for grants who worked for most or all of 2008 and have been made redundant in 2009 and cannot now afford the fees. He stressed that people who are on unemployment assistance have to be receiving it for 391 days in order to qualify for a top-up grant. He proposed that Leitrim County Council request the Minister for Education to amend the "Nationality" provision of Higher Education Grants Scheme 2009 to accept applications from children dependants

on non-EU parents who have been given leave to remain in the State because of children born in Ireland. He also requested that the submission that was sent by Leitrim County Council last year to the Department of Education should be forwarded again this year for enactment. Councillor Colreavy stated that this is discriminatory, economically short sighted and educationally damaging.

Councillor Mary Bohan paid tribute to the staff of Leitrim VEC and Leitrim County Council who are administrating the higher education grant scheme and confirmed that all applications are being looked upon sympathetically. She agreed that people who are self-employed are in a difficult situation and she stated that some mechanism will have to be sought to deal with this.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Colreavy, seconded by Councillor Mary Bohan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"That Leitrim County Council write to the Department of Education requesting that flexibility be permitted in relation to the income provisions under the Higher Education Grants Scheme as currently eligibility is based on income for year 2008, but many parents and/or applicants for grant who worked for most or all of 2008 have been made redundant in 2009 and cannot now afford the fees, accommodation and living costs incurred in third level education.

The Council also requests the Minister for Education to amend the "Nationality" provision of Higher Education Grants Scheme 2009 to accept applications from children dependants of non-EU parents who have been given leave to remain in the State because of children born in Ireland."

09/424

7/9/09 Taking in Charge of Housing Estates

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

""To ask the Director of Services for Planning the number of applications presently received by Leitrim County Council for the taking in charge of Housing Estates, the names and locations of these Housing Estates, and at what stage of the process each individual application is at.""

Report by Senior Executive Officer, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services

"To-date a total of 27 applications for Taking In Charge of housing estates throughout Leitrim have been recorded. The applications are spread countywide as follows. Carrick-on-Shannon (6), Dromod (5), Ballinamore (3), Kinlough (3), Leitrim Village (3), Tullaghan (2), Drumshanbo (2), Mohill (1), Manorhamilton (1), and Dromahaire (1).The process has been completed in respect of 2 estates - Oaklands Carrick-on-Shannon (75 houses),and Sheila Mor Estate Manorhamilton (4 houses).Two estates in Dromod - Ascaill Loch Bofinne Phases 1 & 2 have had the statutory public advertisements for taking in charge of the roads advertised, as detailed elsewhere in the record of this meeting. The Council is awaiting further snagging list detail from the developers on the remaining applications.

In addition to the foregoing, a number of developers have expressed interest in progressing works in preparation for taking in charge, and towards that end are in process of preparing applications in accordance with the terms of the scheme."

09/425

7/9/09 **Meat Plant in Dromod.**

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

"At the September meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the County Manager to make contact with the Chief Executive of A.I.B.P. to find out what plans they have in mind if any in relation to the former meat plant in Dromod."

Councillor Sean McGowan proposed that IDA and Enterprise Ireland be invited to give a presentation to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, seconded by Councillor Enda Stenson AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"That the County Manager make contact with the Chief Executive of A.I.B.P. to find out what plans they have in mind if any in relation to the former meat plant in Dromod."

09/426

7/9/09 **Section of roadway on the N16 at the Bridge between Brockagh Lower and Cornamon, Glenfarne**

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

"I am asking the Council once again to investigate what can be done with a section of roadway on the N16 at the Bridge between the townlands of Brockagh Lower and Cornamon, Glenfarne. Cars are crashing off this stretch of roadway at the rate of at least one a month, especially when the road is wet. I am aware it is in a speed limit area but a lot of cars that crash are not speeding. I have asked for special grip surface to be applied to this section of roadway in the past and now I am asking once again."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"We have again inspected the area in question and we believe that the speed the traffic is travelling at, is likely to be the main cause of the problem on this section of roadway. As previously stated this part of National Primary N16 roadway is within the 60km/hr speed limit, and this is clearly marked with repeated speed limit signs located right along this section. We believe that if all motorists obeyed this speed limit, the issue of vehicles leaving the roadway would not arise. The matter of speed limit enforcement has been taken up with the garda authorities.

However, we are currently in discussions with the NRA with a view to providing Epoxy Resin anti surfacing to approximately 500 square metres of this roadway, if funding can be sourced from National Primary Ordinary Maintenance. In the meantime we have erected "slippery surface" signs along this section, to further encourage motorists to obey the speed limit."

Councillor Sean McDermott accepted that this stretch of roadway is within a speed limit but he expressed his concern that there will be a very serious accident along this stretch of road. He proposed that a grip surface be provided on this stretch to ensure traffic calming

and safety of motorists. Councillor Ferguson supported the motion and said that traffic calming measures at this location were essential for the safety of motorists. Councillor Michael Colreavy also supported the motion.

09/427

7/9/09 Rural Social Scheme

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

"I am asking for support from all members, that we contact the Dept of Community Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs requesting them to lift the Cap of 100 places allocated to Leitrim Development Company under the Rural Social Scheme. At the present time all places are occupied- 81 males and 19 females. This scheme has added greatly to the employment and income prospects of small farm families in Leitrim. It has also brought enhancement to many Community facilities, public spaces, community and Charitable activities, and has added greatly to Community spirit within the County. There is now record numbers of farmers on farm assist, and many more on Job seekers payments - those people would be only too happy to work 19.5hrs per week and enhance their own area. There is a huge demand from Community Groups for support. This scheme is of benefit to all and we urge the Minister to allow more spaces on the scheme, with little cost to the exchequer."

The motion was strongly supported by all the members.

***Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson, seconded by Councillor Sinead Guckian
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

"That Leitrim County Council contact the Dept of Community Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs requesting them to lift the Cap of 100 places allocated to Leitrim Development Company under the Rural Social Scheme. At the present time all places are occupied- 81 males and 19 females. This scheme has added greatly to the employment and income prospects of small farm families in Leitrim. It has also brought enhancement to many Community facilities, public spaces, community and Charitable activities, and has added greatly to Community spirit within the County. There is now record numbers of farmers on farm assist, and many more on Job seekers payments - those people would be only too happy to work 19.5hrs per week and enhance their own area. There is a huge demand from Community Groups for support. This scheme is of benefit to all and we urge the Minister to allow more spaces on the scheme, with little cost to the exchequer".

09/428

7/9/09 Traffic Calming Measures in Drummagh to Aughameeney

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

"At the September meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Director of Services, Roads and Infrastructure to ensure that appropriate traffic calming measures are put in place on the Drummagh to Aughameeney road, Carrick on Shannon. Some months back a small child was hit by a car in this area. The response received from the Council for previous motions and correspondence has been that rumble strips and speed ramps would not be appropriate in this area. If this is to remain the argument I suggest that

alternative traffic calming measures are investigated immediately and then installed to address this dangerous situation without further delay"

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The provision of appropriate additional road signage and road markings may enhance driver awareness of need for safe driving behaviour on this road. The road design office will investigate possible low cost measure that can be put in place within the confines of our present budgetary position."

Councillor Sinead Guckian requested that a report be made available for the October meeting on this matter. Mr John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, confirmed that a report would be available at next month's meeting.

09/429

7/9/09 National Broadband Scheme

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Siobhán McGloin;

"I will propose that this Council write to the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, regarding the roll out of the National Broadband Scheme as a lot of North Leitrim such Glenade Mullies Rossinver are not included in the National Broadband scheme"

Councillor Siobhán McGloin outlined that many areas in North Leitrim are not included in the National Broadband Scheme. Councillor Michael Colreavy proposed that it should be a requirement that the service provider give a percentage of the service available to such areas when it is being rolled out. He complimented Councillor McGloin on her motion. Councillor Mary Bohan also supported the motion.

Councillor John Ward and Councillor John McCartin stated that that this requirement should be countywide.

Proposed by Councillor Siobhan McGloin seconded by Councillor Michael Colreavy AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"That Leitrim County Council write to the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, regarding the roll out of the National Broadband Scheme as a lot of North Leitrim such Glenade Mullies Rossinver are not included in the National Broadband scheme".

09/430

7/9/09

Lisbon Treaty

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

"As the elected representatives of the people of County Leitrim with responsibility for the welfare of those people, I propose that Leitrim County Council recommend a yes vote in the Lisbon referendum.

The dependence of the people of this region on agriculture, foreign investment, tourism and structural funds, all of which pivot on our continued full participation in the EU, leaves us no other choice but to ratify the Lisbon Treaty."

Councillor John McCartin outlined that the dependence of the people in this region on agriculture, foreign investment, tourism and structural funds all of which pivot on our continued full participation in the EU, leaves us with no other choice but to ratify the Lisbon Treaty. He stated that Ireland commands influence way above our weight in Europe and if the treaty is not ratified Ireland will be effectively in another room to where the decisions are made.

Councillor Francis Gilmartin supported the motion and said that Europe needs Ireland and Ireland needs Europe. Councillor Ferguson, Councillor Bohan and Councillor Enda McGloin also supported the motion.

Councillor Martin Kenny stated that the democratic view of the people of Ireland expressed in the last referendum had been completely ignored and he objected to the holding of another referendum. He also criticised the Broadcasting Commission of Ireland's policy on coverage of the treaty which he said gives the Yes side more airtime. This was supported by Councillor Michael Colreavy.

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Thomas Mulligan called for a show of hands in support of the motion. Councillor Colreavy asked that it be recorded that both he and Councillor Kenny objected to the motion.

Councillor Enda Stenson stated that he would not participate in a vote on the motion stating that he completely disagreed with the notion of telling the people of Leitrim how to vote on the Lisbon Treaty. He stated that the people have the opportunity to make up their own minds on how to vote on the Lisbon Treaty on the 2nd October.

The motion was carried by the majority.

09/431

7/9/09 Flashing Lights at Drumcong National School

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

"Could this Council please replace the flashing lights at Drumcong National School as the ones there never worked properly."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The Council will have an Electrician carry out repairs to these flashing lights in the coming week."

Councillor Gilmartin proposed that new replacement flashing lights at Drumcong National School be erected as soon as possible. He stated that he is not satisfied with repairs and that the particular set of lights in question never worked properly. He stated that replacement of the lights is the only option.

09/432

7/9/09

Special Needs Outreach Class for Marion College Campus

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

"That Leitrim County Council make an Urgent Representation to the Minister for Education for funding for the conversion of the facilities at Marian College to enable the Special Needs outreach class to commence operating from the Marian College campus in Mohill."

Councillor Gerry Kilrane outlined that this issue has been resolved and he withdrew his motion.

09/433

7/9/09

Radharc An tSpeipeal Housing Development, Drumkeerin

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council take steps immediately to improve and make safe all areas in Radharc An tSpeipeal housing development in Drumkeerin. Documentation has already been submitted by the residents."

Report by Director of Service, Corporate Services & Housing

"The builder has been requested to undertake a final clear up and to attend to snag items. The Council is considering options for the improvement of the public open spaces and limiting access to unused areas of the site."

Councillor Mary Bohan requested that she be advised of proposals in this regard and that the Residents Association also be advised of same.

09/434

7/9/09

Urgent Repairs to LS55241 at Corrawallen

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to make urgent repairs to road LS55241 situated at Corrawallen. There has been major subsidence at several areas along the road which in some cases has led to damage of vehicles. In one case a motorist had the sump of their car burst having come upon a large bump in the road with no prior warning of the condition of the road."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The Ballinamore District Office will assess the condition of the roadway and carry out maintenance on the affected area of carriageway, given the present budgetary position these repairs will be limited in nature. Appropriate warning signs will be erected on this road."

Councillor Paddy O'Rourke welcomed the reply.

09/435
7/9/09

Water Connection Charges

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure to give a breakdown of Water Connection Charges. Some require road opening and some don't where connections are made at the side of the road."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The following is the break down of Connection charges for both water and waste water.

Water Connection Fee	€650
Sewer Connection Fee	€450
Administration Charge	€150.

Additional multiple services connections off the new connection are charged at €100 per house for Water and €100 per house for sewerage.

The cost to open the public road if required are as follows:

National Roads	€1000
Regional Roads	€750
Local Roads	€500

Where a connection is on the edge of the road, the District Engineer will determine the appropriate cost if any, in such cases.

In the case of a service being laid along the road in the grass margin, again the District Engineer will decide on costs on a case by case bases. These charges are to cover the cost incurred by the council in carrying out the permanent restoration of the road in question."

Part II - Questions.

09/436
7/9/09

Appointment of Heritage Officer

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;

"I ask Leitrim County Council to appoint a Heritage Officer immediately from the Council's existing staff as I have been made aware that we are losing out significantly on Heritage Grants and seeing that we have so much heritage within the County I feel that this position should be filled sooner rather than later."

Report by Director of Service, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services

"Leitrim County Council are not losing out on Heritage Grants. The Council receive an Annual grant allocation from the Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government under the Conservation Grant scheme, which is administered by the Planning Section. In 2008 this allocation was €63,000 which was spent and recouped from the Department. The allocation in 2009 has been reduced to €26,500. This grant allocation is at the discretion of the Department."

09/437
7/9/09

"Welcome to Leitrim" signs

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;

"I ask Leitrim County Council why there was no "Welcome to Leitrim" signs erected on the Leitrim/Cavan border e.g. Ballinamore/ Swanlinbar; Ballinamore/Ballyconnell; Ballinamore/Killeshandra roads as I was told last March that this problem would be looked at and I have heard nothing further since then."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The Ballinamore District Office have two large "Welcome to Leitrim" signs which we will erect along the Swanlinbar Road (R202) and at Newtowngore (R199). These signs will be erected along with the Regional Road sign post programme in December/January."

09/438

7/9/09 **Re-surfacing and lining of the road-way outside the G.A.A. Park in Ballinamore**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;

"To ask the area engineers office when will resurfacing & lining of the road-way outside the G.A.A. Park in Ballinamore be undertaken together with the necessary traffic calming measures as previously agreed. Can I also ask will the council install double yellow lines leading from the Garda Station out as far as the GAA Grounds as it is causing a traffic safety issue particularly during championship games with cars parked on both sides of this busy regional road".

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"We have again applied under the Low Cost Safety Schemes for Non-National roads for funding in 2010 for traffic calming measures in this area.

Also at present there is a live planning application for outline planning permission for a new secondary school in this area. As part of this application, the developer wishes to construct an access and an exit point onto the road which will include a slight realignment of the roadway and the construction of right turning lanes. As part of this development, other traffic calming issues that will be necessary will be the construction of a splitter island and uncontrolled crossing point and the erection of additional gateway signs. The need for double yellow line from the Garda station to the GAA grounds will be discussed with the garda authorities.

This roadway will be resurfaced when the sewerage works is fully completed."

09/439

7/9/09

Resurfacing of driveways at Lahard Estate, Ballinamore

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;

"To ask the Housing Engineer when do the Council propose to carry out the resurfacing of driveways at No. 9,25,27,28,30,31,34,35 and 38 Lahard Estate, Ballinamore which are in a poor state of repair?"

Report by Director of Service, Corporate Services & Housing

"This matter is currently under consideration and an update will issue to Councillor Hughes over the coming weeks."

09/440

7/9/09

Take-over of private estates in Manorhamilton Engineering Area

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;

"I ask the Director of Services, Planning for an update on the completion and take-over of private estates in the Manorhamilton Engineering Area."

Report by Senior Executive Officer, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services

"To-date,one estate in Manorhamilton--(Sheila Mor 4 houses)--has been taken in charge.Two applications are on hand in respect of Tullaghan (Duncarberry Castle -31 houses) ,and (Drowes Close 26 houses).Detailed snag lists have been forwarded to the developers involved and notification of the completion of the works is awaited.

Three applications are on hand in Kinlough (3 houses and 38 houses respectively at Cloone,Kinlough) and (44 house at Moneen).While snag lists were furnished by the Council in September 2007,there has been no response,or confirmation to-date, from the developer that the listed outstanding works have been progressed or completed."

09/441

7/9/09

Sewerage provision for Tullaghan

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;

"I request information on the sewerage provision for Tullaghan presently and into the future? There is concern re the present system."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Tullaghan is one of the 11 towns and villages included in the Leitrim Town and Village sewerage scheme bundle 1. In the case of Tullaghan sewerage scheme it is not intended to provide a treatment plant in Leitrim but rather to pump the sewage to the proposed new treatment plant in Bundoran. The pipe work contract, including the rising main has been completed in Tullaghan. Progress on the Bundoran plant is slow to date but we are in ongoing discussions with Donegal County Council and the Department to see to progress this scheme."

09/442

7/9/09

Traffic Island at Tully, Crossroads, Jamestown

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John Ward;

"Can I ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure to consider the inclusion of a traffic island at Tully Crossroads, Jamestown to allow traffic turn both sides safely? The current situation has allowed a number of 'near misses' at this junction and I am anxious that this would receive the Council's priority."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The junction in question will be examined with a view to improving safety at this location. Provision of a traffic island or other measures will be subject to the approval of the NRA and also availability of funding."

09/443

7/9/09

Tree Protection Order for trees in Drumshanbo

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;

"Can I ask the chief planner to consider a survey with regard to putting in place a tree protection order for trees in Drumshanbo at Dristernan Drumshanbo (beside 18 Dristernan leading to the last Dristernan estate) and also the trees at the entrance to the town on the Ballinamore road between Rockwell on one side and Arus Phadraig parish center on the other."

Report by Director of Service, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services

"There is an existing Tree Preservation Order for trees and groups of trees at Corryard, Drumshanbo, which was carried out because the trees were likely to come under threat from proposed development. The current request does not indicate whether the trees in question are under a similar threat. No detailed drawing showing the location of the trees referred to have been submitted, but it is noted that the wooded area adjoining the Ballinamore Road [Hilly Road side] falls within the Drumshanbo Architectural Conservation Area and regard to their amenity value within this context would have to be considered should a development proposal be made to develop the lands in question.

In the absence of such a threat, the Council does not have the resources to engage an Arboriculturist to undertake the necessary tree survey to assess the current health and quality of the trees in question.

Should evidence emerge that the trees in question are under threat of being removed, the council will review the matter."

09/444

7/9/09

Lay-by at Blackrock, Drumshanbo

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;

"I ask Leitrim County Council to ensure that the lay-by at Blackrock, Drumshanbo used by water services contractors as a storage area for machinery and vehicles be restored to its previous state. For the last year or so this area including private boundary fences has been damaged by the contractors and I am anxious to see this area restored as it would compliment current on-going works to improve Drumshanbo's entrance from the northern side."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The lay-by in question has now been restored by the contractors."

09/445

7/9/09

Sewage pumping station at Railway Terrace, Ballinamore

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure when will the sewage pumping station be installed at Railway Terrace, Cannaboe, Ballinamore, as the plot of ground has been bought two years now and this work was to be completed last year. Residents are worried that there will be further blockages and problems over the winter and need the pumping station installed now."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"There is an allocation of funds under The Small works Programme, 2009, to carry out this project. The work will be carried out by the Ballinamore District Engineers staff on completion of the roadworks programme, commencing in October/ November of the current year."

09/446

7/9/09 Slippery road Surface on R201 between Cloone Football and Annaghmacullen

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;

"I am asking the Area Engineer to have the problem of slippery road surface on the R201 between Cloone football field and Annaghmacullen resolved. Also the same slippery conditions on the Cloone to Ballinamore road, the L1495 between John Keatings and Mrs Morrows, as several accidents have occurred on both these stretches of road in wet weather and caused serious damage recently."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The Ballinamore District Office have allocated grants to both sections of carriageway (R201 and L1495). Due to the inclement weather conditions surface dressing was not possible to date. It is hoped to carry out this work as soon as the weather improves."

09/447

7/9/09 Low Cost traffic calming measures on R280 at Creamy Road, Manorhamilton

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Michael Colreavy;

"Will the Manager please advise as to when it will be possible to implement low-cost traffic calming measures on R280 at Creamery Road, Manorhamilton?"

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The Creamery Road has just recently been re-surfaced. This road is within a 50km/hr speed limit zone. A new speed limit variable speed sign is erected on the Creamery road approach to the town centre and this displays the speed of the road user which acts a traffic calming measure. Consideration will be given to the provision of additional roadmarkings and hatchings which would further enhance the traffic calming in this area. However, the enforcement of the speed limit is a matter for the Garda."

09/448

7/9/09 Designation of a disabled parking space in Manorhamilton

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Michael Colreavy;

"Can Leitrim County Council designate a disabled parking space alongside Dispensary at New Line, Manorhamilton? The local General Practitioner has volunteered to have the designated doctor space used if necessary for disabled parking."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The District engineer will discuss this matter with the local Doctor with a view to arranging the disabled persons parking at this location."

09/449

7/9/09 Rates & Water charges received from 2005 to date from customers

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Reynolds;

"To ask the Head of Finance the number of commercial rate payers in the county in the years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 & 2009, the amount of rates received in each of these years and the amount anticipated for 2009; the number of persons and businesses paying Water Rates in the County in the years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 & 2009, the amount of money received in each year and the amount anticipated for 2009."

Report by Head of Finance, Finance

"Details of Rates and Water are as follows:

RATES

Year	Customers	Value Collected
2005	818	2,915,641.33
2006	827	3,205,819.77
2007	853	3,343,814.29
2008	905	3,844,567.61
2009	919	2,879,243.42 (June09) Total Budgeted Rate Demand for 2009 €4,437,384

WATER

2005	761	290,890.03
2006	1317	400,999.75
2007	1326	614,815.05
2008	1363	367,496.20
2009	1376	310,521.71 (To June 09)"

09/450

7/9/09

Public Lighting at Fox's, Tooman

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

"To ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, what is the up to date position in relation to the provision public lighting at Fox's of Tooman, which I have requested over the past number of years. A commitment was given to provide the lights - it is extremely dangerous at night time, where there is a very busy shop, Post office & public house and the local community are concerned for their safety."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"A lighting scheme has been designed for the area, lights have been ordered and civil works are in progress - expected to be completed before year end."

09/451

7/9/09

Portrooske Housing Estate in Rooskey

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

"To ask the Director of Services, Planning have the Council made any progress with the Developers of the Portrooske housing estate in Rooskey with regard to the removal of the sewerage treatment plant and the sterilisation of the site. The residents of the estate are anxious that the works concerned would be done as soon as possible and that the site be reinstated and landscaped as was promised."

Report by Director of Service, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services

"This estate is connected to the public network since early 2009. Building Control section of Leitrim County Council are following up the removal of the temporary plant and associated works, which were part of the planning permission granted to the developer. Enforcement proceedings are being initiated against the developer because of his failure to date to comply with requests to remove the temporary plant."

09/452

7/9/09 Road Markings in Ballinamore, Carrigallen and Newtowngore Areas.

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McCartin;

"There is a serious lack of road markings in the Ballinamore, Carrigallen and Newtowngore areas. The Junction between LP 1529 and LP 1497 (also known as The Taylor's Cross) and the junction between LP 1529 and LS 5526 (also known as Clogher Cross) on the Newtowngore Carrigallen road and the junction between LS 5526 and R 204 at Corrawallen are particularly dangerous omissions. Could the council address these and other serious road markings omissions in the area?"

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The Ballinamore District Office will carry out the lining at Taylors Cross and Clogher Cross in conjunction with the low cost safety works at Greagh Cross. It is envisaged that these works will be carried out in October. The lining of these junctions is weather dependant."

09/453

7/9/09 Light erected on road side entrance to the car park in front of Drumreilly Hall

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McCartin;

"21 years ago, a light was erected at the road side entrance to the car park in front of Drumreilly hall. At the time, the council undertook to pay the bill for this light but the local community has been paying the bill since. The hall is a well utilised community facility along the main Carrigallen-Ballinamore road across from Drumreilly church and primary school. As a matter of public safety, this area needs to be lighted and the responsibility should not lie with the hall committee. What is the reason for the council not taking responsibility for this bill and can the council take over the payment of this bill from now on?"

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"It is no longer possible for Leitrim County Council to erect public lights in isolated rural areas given the present financial position. It is suggested that the local community apply for grant aid from Sustainable Energy Ireland to erect solar/wind generated public lighting in this area."

09/454

7/9/09 Road markings and signs at Summerhill, Carrick-on-Shannon

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;

"May I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, to examine the road marking and signs indicating that there is a one way traffic system in operation at Summerhill, Carrick-on-Shannon. Of late more cars seem to operate a two way system, which is very dangerous

for other motorists."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Signage and road markings indicating one-way system are in place - renewal of these markings and provision of additional signs and markings will be provided as necessary ."

09/455

7/9/09 Repairs on the road from Stuck Cross to Ohill Cross

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;

"The road from Stuck Cross to Ohill Cross is in very poor repair due to the laying of new water pipes. A section of this road is becoming impassible and I am requesting that repair work be undertaken immediately."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"We are presently working on road restoration in conjunction with the SLRWSS project. The section from Stuck to Oughill cross will be included in these works."

09/456

7/9/09 Pathway at Amorset, Manorhamilton

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"I am asking the Council to investigate the possibility of creating a pathway at Amorset, Manorhamilton. This is where the old link-up road was to Lurganboy which is now fenced and covered over. There is a problem where children are taking a short cut and climbing over the fence rather than going over to the roundabout. In the interest of Health & Safety, if a pathway could be provided between the two roads along the stone wall it would be much safer."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"This section of Local Road LP-2643-2 was closed and the public right of way was extinguished under section 73 of the Roads Act 1993 in April 2004. The section of road was fenced off, covered with soil and seeded. There was never a footpath adjoining this section of road and it is not proposed to construct a new footpath in this area as it is now closed and is not a public right of way. In any event there is no funding available for the proposal. There are new footpaths constructed along the public roads in this area as far as the relatively newly constructed Amorset Roundabout and they serve the area satisfactorily in conjunction with the newly laid road surface on R280 Creamery Road."

09/457

7/9/09 R280 Roadway from the Old Power Station to Strabraggan N.S.

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"Can Leitrim County Council make contact with Roscommon County Council regarding the R280 Roadway from the Old Power Station to Strabraggan National School. This part of the road is very uneven and dangerous. The road is very important and used a lot by people going to Carrick on Shannon. This issue was raised at Council meetings in the past. Has there been any response from Roscommon County Council?"

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Leitrim County Council full appreciate the importance of this regional road R280 and will write to Roscommon County Council in relation to the condition of the road."

09/458

7/9/09

Footpath at Main Street, Drumsna

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sinead Guckian;

"At the September meeting of the Leitrim County Council I will ask the Carrick on Shannon Area Engineer to reinstate the footpath at main street Drumsna, adjacent to the old graveyard site, that had its surface removed some time back to allow access to services. This un-surfaced section of the footpath is dangerous and unsightly."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The footpath in question will be inspected with a view to undertaking the necessary repairs, when other work is under way in the village."

09/459

7/9/09

Commemorative Plaque to acknowledge years of community service and commitment given by the Committee of the original swimming pool in Carrick-on-Shannon

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sinead Guckian;

"At the September meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the County Manager, if any progress has been made to date to erect a suitable acknowledgement, at the Aura leisure Centre, for all the voluntary and community effort that was carried out over the many years by members of the original swimming pool committee in Carrick on Shannon, prior to the creation of the Aura facility. In 2007 it was agreed by this Council to erect a commemorative plaque to acknowledge the many years of community service and commitment given by the committee who ensured the successful running of the pool and sustained the service for their community"

Report by Director of Service, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development

"A suggestion in relation to the erection of a suitable acknowledgement at the Aura Leitrim Leisure Centre was discussed previously and the Council was favourably disposed at that time towards same being put in place. The provision of an appropriate acknowledgement will be investigated and put in train as soon as possible."

09/460

7/9/09

Bring Centre in Kinlough

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Siobhan McGloin;

"To ask when Leitrim Co Co intend reinstating the Bring centre at Kinlough"

Report by Senior Executive Officer, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services

"The relocated bring centre at Kinlough will be operational before the end of September."

09/461

7/9/09

Zebra crossings at Boley Hill, Manorhamilton

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Siobhan McGloin;

"To ask leirim Co.Co to repaint the Zebra crossings at Boley Hill Manorhamilton"

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The zebra crossing on Boley Hill near the mini-roundabout at the junction with the national Primary N16 has become faded recently and it is intended that the line markings be renewed when the line marking contractors are in the Manorhamilton Area completing other works in the near future."

09/462

7/9/09 Footpath across the green in Drumsna

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John Ward;

"The footpath across the green in Drumsna is not wheelchair accessible. The kerbing is about eight or nine inches high and older people are not able to come across that way."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The footpath in question will be inspected with a view to costing the necessary alterations, and funding will be sought for the proposed work."

09/463

7/9/09 Re-surfacing

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

"When does this Council intend resurfacing the Sheffield Road at Leitrim and the Rossy Road at Keshcarrigan?"

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Restoration maintenance works on the Sheffield road at Leitrim and the Rossy road at Keshcarrigan will commence before the end of September"

09/464

7/9/09 Repair and resurface of Roadway on Church Road, Leitrim Village

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

"Why did this Council not repair and resurface the roadway outside Regan's house on Church Road, Leitrim Village which has been left unsafe for pedestrian or car to travel on since last May?"

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Leitrim Village Group water scheme carried out the replacement of the watermain along this section of road in the last 12 months. Permanent reinstatement of the road surface will take place following the settlement of all trenches in this road. Limited repairs will be carried out until settlement is complete."

09/465

7/9/09 Hedges on road L4221 in Killargue

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to cut the hedges on Road L4221 in Killargue as the road is almost closed and highly dangerous."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The matter of hedge-cutting is primarily the responsibility of the landowners adjacent to public roads. The Council will try to establish the owners of the lands adjacent to this public road and serve Hedge Cutting Notices on them."

09/466

7/09/09 Junction at Shriff

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;

"I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to immediately do something with the junction at Shriff. At the moment this junction is dangerous and difficult for the general public. This is my 4th time to raise this matter to no avail. At a recent local meeting people have threatened to remove signs at the junction which are obstructing all vision of the roads. I have advised against this action but if something is not done immediately it will happen."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"It is our intention to give priority to the Regional road traffic over the local road traffic at this junction. Thus the Design office has prepared a design for this junction which includes a slight realignment of the regional road and the staggering of the junctions on the local road. We are in discussions with a local landowner with a view to acquiring a small portion of land in order to carry out this work. In the interim, we hope to get agreement to trim back the hedge-line and erect a fence line, which will increase the sight distance at the junction. All the signage and their location at this junction will be reviewed and we will report back to the councillor."

09/467

7/9/09 Surface water at Funshinagh, Keshcarrigan

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Kilrane;

"Would the Local Engineer be in a position to examine the surface water arrangement at the townland of Funshinagh, Keshcarrigan adjacent to the property of Niall Brady and Elizabeth Bohan which was damaged by surface water from the roadway during recent flooding."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The surface water arrangement will be examined as requested."

09/468

7/9/09 Moeenreave/Falty road Tarmon

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;

"That Leitrim County Council carry out repairs as a matter of urgency to the Moeenreave/Falty road Tarmon."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The road in question will be inspected shortly and the necessary remedial works carried

out as soon as possible"

09/469

7/9/09 Yield Sign

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;

"That a 'Yield Sign' be erected at the end of the Cloonamurgal road leading onto the Twawnylea/Greyfield Road."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"A Yeild sign will be erected at this junction in the coming weeks"

09/470

7/9/09 Road Marking at Glan Cross 15881

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

"I would ask when will Leitrim County Council arrange to complete the road marking at Glan Cross 15881 - in spite of significant investment at this junction it is still dangerous as a result of no road markings showing the direction of the main road as it veres to the left."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Ballinamore District Office will carry out the road markings at Glan Cross junction in conjunction with the low cost safety at Greagh Cross. Funding for these works will be taken out of the adjacent Aghawillin Grant. It is difficult to programme this work as it is completely weather dependant."

09/471

7/9/09 Signposting

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

"I would ask if Leitrim County Council would arrange to have a sign erected indicating the cemetery knows as Cavan Graveyard in the townland of Killafee, Aughavas. The cemetery is of significant interest to many visitors to the area."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"No funding is avaiable at this time for this type of work."

09/472

7/9/09 Ballinaglera Roads

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Dolan;

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when it is intended to have the Ballinaglera Roads that were damaged by the water works repaired as they are nearly impassable at the moment."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The scheme referred to is the Ballinaglera Refurbishment Project. A meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, 8th Sept between the Consultant Engs, the Contractor and LCC to finalise the details of which sections of roads will receive Temporary Restoration by the

Contractors. It is hoped then to commence this work as soon as possible."

09/473

7/9/09

Lavour Cross, Drumshanbo

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Dolan;

"When will the road from Lavour Cross, Drumshanbo to JJ Dolan's, Gortnagullion be repaired before a serious accident happens?"

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"This road will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the 2010 Roads Programme subject to priority. Routine Maintenance will be carried out in the mean time."

The business of the meeting concluded at 7.15pm.

**SIGNED: Cllr Thomas Muligan
Cathaoirleach**

**SIGNED: Aideen McGovern
Meetings Administrator**

DATE: 5th October 2009