

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

**Áras An Chontae
Cora Droma Ruisc**

5th January 2010

**Cathaoirleach agus Gach Ball,
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA.**

A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held **in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, on Monday 11th January 2010 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
- Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Aras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 7th December 2009 (copy enclosed)
2. To receive progress report on the Council's Corporate Plan in accordance with Section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001 (report enclosed)
3. To receive report on Programme of Capital Projects for the forthcoming three years in accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001 (report enclosed)
4. To approve of an increase in the sum of €227,960 in respect of loan to be provided to Cluainin Voluntary Housing Association Ltd. for the construction of ten units of residential accommodation at Skreeney, Manorhamilton (Capital Assistance Scheme) under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1992 in accordance with sanction dated 8th December 2009 from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government.
5. To approve of an increase in the sum of €585,531 in respect of loan to be provided to Cluainin Voluntary Housing Association Ltd. for the construction of twenty six units of residential accommodation at Skreeney, Manorhamilton (Capital Loan & Subsidy Scheme) under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous

Provisions) Act 1992 in accordance with sanction dated 8th December 2009 from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government.

6. To approve Membership of Strategic Policy Committees (report enclosed)
7. To fix date for meetings in each Engineering Area to consider Draft Road Works Scheme 2009
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 Enda McGloin;

"I request that the Director of Services for Infrastructure outline the current Leitrim County Council road gritting plan across the county in detail for the January meeting so that members can debate and review same with a view on how we can deal more effectively with this and future severe winter conditions."

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

"At the January meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure to have immediate discussions with the Board of Management of Gael Scoil in Carrick-on-Shannon with a view to erecting a number of signs on the Castlecarra road indicating the school. At present there are no signs at either side of the entrance, to indicate that you are approaching the school, there are flashing lights at the pedestrian crossing, but no signs and the parents of the children attending the Gael Scoil are very concerned for the safety of their children. The Castlecarra road is a very busy road with and a large number of motorists who use the road would be unaware of the location of the school."

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

"That this council provide funding to carry out kerbing and proper markings at the Gubercreeeny/Tullaghan T Junction. This is a much used junction and the current marking of a concrete pipe is very and unsightly. The Tidy Towns committee have also indicated that they would work to upkeep this area if this work was done."

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

"Leitrim County Council extends our deepest appreciation to Council staff, contractors and voluntary agencies who worked so very hard to help minimise hardship for our citizens during the Christmas / New Year severe weather conditions. I request that Leitrim County Council will review the operation of our essential

services plan with a particular view to creating a database of local volunteers and providing them with supplies of salt / grit to ensure local roads, housing estates, town / village footpaths, and private roads to the homes of elderly or vulnerable people can be kept open during severe weather conditions."

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

"At the January Council Meeting, I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure if Leitrim County Council would make grit available at locations along local roads to cope with frost and snow."

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

"At the January meeting of Leitrim County Council I will propose that the Council change its policy of only gritting National and Regional roads. Despite the best efforts of Council staff over the past number of weeks many people have been left stranded."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to ask the Minister for the Environment to put a fund in place, for salt and chippings for future winters ahead."

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

"Local Roads that were badly damaged, while being used as alternative routes, in particular roads at Cornamuckla, Carrick-on-Shannon and the Road from Kiltoghert Community Centre past the graveyard, will need extensive drainage and rebuilding works carried out. On his visit here the Minister promised such roads would receive emergency funding for proper restoration. Can we receive assurances that this promise will be fulfilled."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council arrange to meet representatives from all the areas and Group Water Schemes that have experienced difficulties during this cold spell. Some areas have been without water for up to a week and it should also be noted that during a very dry spell it is the same areas that are affected."

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

"I call upon the Director of Services, Infrastructure to leave loads of sand/salt/grit along roads near to dangerous hills and bends, so that in the event of Council staff not being able to attend to these areas, that the local people could attend to same."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure was any contingency plan in place with the local group water schemes in South Leitrim regarding unforeseen water shortages like what is being experienced presently. The communities of Aughavas, Ballinamore, Carrigallen, Cloone, Cornageeha, Drumreilly to name but a few areas have in some instances been without water services for almost 2 weeks which is an entirely unacceptable situation. While I would like to compliment the water services staff who worked tirelessly throughout the Christmas holidays to try and rectify the problem, from the contact that was made to me by numerous householders there appeared to be no directive initially from within the council authorities to advise the group water schemes in order to help alleviate the problem."

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

"Firstly I would like to thank John McGuinness, Shay O'Connor, Pauric MacShera and all who worked with them for their help over the last number of difficult weeks. I would like to lodge my disappointment with the Chairperson for not replying to my request for a special emergency meeting which I still request re the households who had no water for seven days and the people who were stranded in their homes because of the lack of gritting and salting on minor roads. I request this Council to call on the Government to grant aid a pilot scheme in Leitrim for farmers to harvest their roof water off their slatted sheds in order for their cattle to drink same and to harvest water off dwellinghouse roofs to use for toilet facilities, as it is very silly and expensive to be treating water for this purpose."

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

"I would ask the District Engineer in the Dromahaire Area to deal with the problem which has arisen at the "Iron Bridge" at Kilavoggy, Dromahaire - where there is slippage and damage."

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

"Can the Director of Services advise when it is likely that the new pumping station for the Drumlowan-Gorvagh Group Water Scheme will be commissioned?"

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the government to reinstate the full social welfare payments to young people under twenty, which is now cut to €100 per week. It is age discrimination and is forcing young people to leave the country, as there are few training programmes available and no employment programmes."

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to put in place a pedestrian crossing convenient to the entry to the Cois Lacha Estate at Mohill road, Carrigallen in order to provide a safe access for pedestrians entering and leaving the estate to the existing footpath

adjacent to the Vocational School. The estate now enjoys high occupancy and the absence of a safe crossing is presenting danger to many every day."

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

"That Leitrim County Council consider providing 50 extra salt grit bins per engineering area at locations on our local roads that have caused problems over the past three weeks."

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

"I propose that an Emergency Plan be put in place regarding the provision of water supplies throughout the county. Some consumers, for example those connected to the Tarmon Group Water Scheme, have been without water since December 25th and as of January 4th the supply has not been restored."

Part II - Questions.

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

"At the January Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask Mr John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, has there been any response from Sustainable Energy Ireland about the possibility of providing Solar Powered Lighting as a pilot project on the Old Bog Road in Dromod."

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

"At the January meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to erect appropriate high-visibility bollards at the entrance onto the Kiltoghert Road, on the R280 Carrick on Shannon to Leitrim village. At numerous such junctions throughout the county, green and white bollards have been installed to assist with visibility on approach. With the high level of traffic on the R280, this junction should be clearly marked, to assist drivers to make a safe exit onto the Kiltoghert road."

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

"I wish to ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure if he would consider reviewing the current parking plan for Drumshanbo which is restrictive considering the significant reduction recently in heavy vehicles passing through the town? I would hope that local business groups would have an input in this process and be able to meet with officials and see where there could be more parking especially in the town centre."

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

"I wish to ask the Director of Services, when it is envisaged that the Mahanagh Road from Pat Beirne's to the Ballintra Bridge would be resurfaced properly? It is currently in a very poor condition and that part of the road has not been done in many years?"

Please give me a time frame if possible?"

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

"I will ask that this Council investigate the condition of the plaster used on the Cois Laghta housing estate. This estate was only built in recent years,"

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

"Will the Council prepare a submission to the Department of Environment and Local Government requesting designated funding to restore roads badly damaged during recent severe weather?"

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

"Will Leitrim County Council ask the ESB to urgently reposition poles which are dangerously placed on roads throughout the county – particularly poles which should have been repositioned following road widening works?"

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

"I ask if the new type of cast iron name signs that are on the approach roads to towns and villages can be provided in Glenfarne and Rossinver."

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

"Can this Council investigate the problem in the townland of Gublaun, Rossinver where water is backing up in the gardens of some of the houses at the council housing estate and it is coming out to the side of the R-282 roadway. This is very dangerous especially for children."

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

"I wish to ask Leitrim County Council to address the issue of an extremely dangerous bend on LT 15271 between Drumeela church and Clogher Cross at Drumbrick. This piece of road is regularly the scene of accidents. The combination of a blind bend, steep hill, and narrow road sloping towards the ditch, make this a public hazard."

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

"I wish to ask Leitrim County Council if there are any plans to extend the mains sewerage system from Ballinamore to Aghoo. This area has dozens of private dwellings and two major tourism based businesses on what would be less than a kilometre of sewer line."

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

"What is the hold up concerning work on footpath in front of the church in Drumsna - this was due to be completed before Christmas."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to put a sign in place on Kiltoghert side of Gill's Garage, as it is very dangerous, due to speed of traffic coming from that direction."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council in future years to leave chippings at minor road junctions in the month of November/December and in event of severe frost and snow the local people could spread these chippings themselves on the minor roads."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to replace the crash barrier at what is known as the Mill turn on the road leading from the R202 through the Townlands of Annaghery/Drumherk and joins the Fenagh/Greagh roads at Mahanagh."

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

"It is very annoying that this Council have paid the E.S.B to erect extra public lights at Killnagross P.O. which is a very busy Rural post office, and as of yet nearly two years after payment was made no lights have been turned on. Could this Council again demand that the E.S.B. carry out this work immediately."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to again write to the Department and Minister Michael Finneran, requesting funds for the refurbishment of the Treanmore Housing Estate, at the present time some of the houses are in a disgraceful state, I would also request the Minister to come to Mohill and view this housing estate, as it is in the Ministers."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure have Leitrim County Council any contingency plan in place for severe weather conditions like what is being presently experienced regarding the gritting of roads, footpaths etc on both the Regional and local roads. While I appreciate the great efforts that were made by Council staff to keep the Regional roads open there appeared to be no plan in place for the gritting of the local roads which resulted in many householders being unable to leave their properties over the Christmas period. This situation is unacceptable particularly in the case of elderly people living alone with little or no access to local shops and services."

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

"Would this Council please put in place a meeting with all involved - OPW, ESB,

Waterways Ireland etc - in relation to the recent flooding in order to have something in place to stop this happening on such a large scale again."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services regarding the severe weather conditions we have been experiencing lately under what circumstances are the fire brigade permitted to be mobilised to deal with flooding problems etc. There appears to be a great deal of concern locally that the Council were not authorising the mobilisation of the fire service to help deal with the problems that were encountered throughout the county particularly in the urban areas."

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

"Will this Council allocate enough money to be able to draw down the full grant for Disabled Persons Grants etc and make sure it is catered for in our budget?"

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

"Can the Director of Services, Infrastructure confirm that funding will be available to deal with repairs to the footpath from Coolabaun to Cooncahir which has subsided in some places and become a hazard to users. The pathway is a valuable link between the town and the Lough Rynn Amenity and is widely used by residents and visitors alike."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have the connections to Kevin Murphy and Martin Donnelly at Kildarragh Ballinamore, changed from the small service pipe to the 8 inch main which runs along side their properties. Both these houses have persistent problems getting water when pressure is below maximum as they are on the end of the line. This can be resolved relatively easily by feeding them from the other larger pipe."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure can gravel be left at hills, bad bends and rural cross-roads that could be spread by local people in freezing weather so people can get to the roads that are salted and not be locked in with ice as has happened recently."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure why 3 (three) public lights at Attyrory, Carrick on Shannon (from N4 to entrance to Cnoc Na Si) are not functioning and have been erected since March of last year. Would it be possible to get a time frame from the ESB as to when the lights will be working."

54. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Paddy

O'Rourke;

"I ask when Leitrim County Council will carry out the necessary works along side the road LP1565 in the townland of Mullinadara i.e to pipe and back fill an area on the hillside which has become dangerous with many vehicles off roading causing damage and hardship."