

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

*Áras An Chontae  
Cora Droma Ruisc*

*8<sup>th</sup> June 2010*

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

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A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held *in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 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
  - (i) Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Community Centre Kiltyclogher, Co. Leitrim on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 (copy enclosed).
2. To receive presentation from the Youth Council
3. To approve the following proposals in compliance with the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001:
  - (i) Implementation of Traffic Calming Measures on the National Primary Route (N16) through Manorhamilton, including junction improvements and upgrade works. (Report enclosed)
  - (ii) Installation of an integrated system of cycle lanes/tracks footpaths, shared road use zones in Carrick-on-Shannon and its Environs, including the provision of traffic calming measures at Lisnagot, Carrick-on-Shannon. (Report enclosed)
  - (iii) Construction of Dwelling House, Connection to Public Sewer and all associated site works at Ussaun Townland, Mohill, Co. Leitrim. (Report enclosed)

4. To consider disposal of plot of land in the townland of Killarga, Killargue, Co. Leitrim to Patrick Reynolds, Killargue P.O., Dromahaire, Co. Leitrim in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Notice of Intention to Dispose of Land dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010 circulated to each Member.
5. To approve the raising of a loan not exceeding €2,000,000 for the purposes of Water and Waste Water Infrastructure, in accordance with Section 106(2) of the Local Government Act, 2001.
6. To approve overdraft accommodation in the sum of €1.5 million for the six month period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.
7. To consider the adoption of the Draft North West Regional Homelessness/ Framework Plan in accordance with Section 40(4) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009. (copy enclosed)
8. To note and approve Higher Education Grant Scheme 2010 (report enclosed).
9. To adopt Annual Report 2009 in accordance with Section 221(3) of the Local Government Act 2001 (report enclosed)
10. To note Report on Study of the Border Region East-West Transport Corridor (report enclosed)
11. To note Quarterly Report on Capital Works;
  - (i) Housing (report enclosed)
  - (ii) Water Services (report enclosed)
  - (iii) Roads (report enclosed)
  - (iv) Other Capital Projects (report enclosed)
12. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.
13. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.
14. Correspondence.
15. To receive deputation from The Doctors Alliance

**Part I - Notice of Motions.**

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

"Leitrim County Council has made repeated efforts and requests to meet the Minister for the Environment, John Gormley TD on a number of issues particularly the recent issue of the EPA guidelines on one off housing. If by this meetings correspondence we have not heard of a definite date for a meeting between Minister Gormley and this Council then I propose that we the members of Leitrim County Council propose a vote of no confidence in this Minister."

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

"Leitrim County Council urges the Government to establish an 116000 EU Hotline number in respect of missing children without further delay. The number should be operational on a 32 county and trans-EU member state basis. The number has been reserved by the European Commission since 2007 for all EU member states and is now successfully operational in 11 (eleven) states. We also call on the Government to urgently arrange a referendum on children's rights to ensure that children's rights and best interests are placed at the heart of all legislation, policy and practice that affects their lives."

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

"I understand that Leitrim is being portrayed as one of the worst counties regarding over supply of housing units when clearly this is not the case as according to statistics Leitrim lies in 7th position. I believe our Council should be part of redressing a negative image given in this regard. Dublin City, Dun-Laoghaire-Rathdown, Cork and Limerick are much worse and unnoticed by National media e.g. 19,000 people left Dublin City in 2009 to live elsewhere and very little word of this. Let us make sure we turn our assets into a positive resource."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council support the "Rise Campaign" (Rural Ireland says enough) concerning the legislation being brought in to ban all field sports which would have a devastating effect on people's livelihood."

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

"I call on the Director of Infrastructure to have a foot path put in place from Drumshanbo Church to the DVO Offices at Derryhallagh. Also lights erected and proper sinage directing to the DVO from different roads heading into Drumshanbo."

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

"I propose that this Council express it's unequivocal condemnation of the recent deadly attack by Israel on the humanitarian flotilla attempting to bring humanitarian aid and supplies to Gaza."

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

"I would like to ask the Director of Services, Community, Cultural and Enterprise Development if the Council will again write to the Courts Service requesting that ownership of the Ballinamore Courthouse be transferred back to Leitrim County Council and that consideration be given by this Council to the creation of a John McGahern Theatre in the building."

**23. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mary**

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"I propose that Leitrim County Council provide adequate supply of water to the Wilders family in Liskellew Upper, Drumkeerin."

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

"I propose that this Council write to the Minister for Education and Science, Mary Coughlin and Minister of State, Sean Haughey asking them not to increase the cost of school transport and to consider a possible reduction in the fee of €300 per child per year."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council prepare and publish a report on the cost and lack of operation of the temporary water treatment plant at Knockacullion. A considerable amount of public funding was spent on this facility and to date, no water has been treated. Now that the original water source is depleted, it is very likely that the protracted and costly installation of the plant has been a wasted effort. Both the council and public should be made aware of the roles of the accountable parties in what appears to have been a regrettable waste of time and money."

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

"At the June meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the County Manager to make contact with the Department of the Environment (Parks & Wildlife section) to, (1) find out what bogs in Leitrim if any, will be affected by the ban on turf cutting due to come into effect in 2014, in National Heritage areas, Special areas of Conservation & Special protection areas.

(2) To establish who is responsible for identifying and informing the relevant landowners, I think it is vitally important that they are informed as quickly as possible so as they can plan for the future.

(3) Have the Government put in place a compensation package for landowners affected by the ban?

The ban on turf cutting will cause a lot of anger with communities who have been harvesting turf on their bogs for generations."

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

"I ask is it possible to have a detailed report on where Broadband is still not available in Leitrim. We need to know when all householders can avail of this much needed service. We have listened to promises from different agencies, regarding the roll out of broadband, yet there are vast areas of Leitrim still without Broadband."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to replace the trees in Kiltyclogher Village that have failed and now look very shabby. These trees that the Council planted many years ago were a lovely feature in the village."

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

"The residents of Mullagrove, Aughacashel have contacted me regarding the damage that they claim was caused to the road surface by the Water Department of this Council. One resident told the Council it had cost him a significant amount of money to get it surfaced. The lorries tore off the surface and I propose that this Council resurface it, as filling a couple of potholes will not leave this road as it was before it was used by the Council."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to erect signs at Annaduff Football Pitch, to put painted strips towards the entrance of same and also luminous bollards at the entrance as this is a very dangerous section on the N4."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council notes the increasing level of popular support being expressed for the RISE (Rural Ireland Says Enough!) Campaign and shares the concerns it is highlighting, over legislation currently being proposed by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, John Gormley T.D. This Council calls on the Government to listen to the concerns being expressed by those who engage in hunting and other outdoor activities and involve stakeholders in full consultation and to respond appropriately. While every effort has to be made to ensure that deliberate cruelty to animals is not tolerated, the Department can and must work to achieve this through consensus building rather than confrontation."

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

"I propose that measures to control the speed of traffic passing the National School and the Catholic Church at Aughnasheelin be put in place as many motorists are ignoring the presence of both and the extra movement of people, children and traffic associated with them."

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

"I would like to ask Leitrim County Council as to what progress is being made in relation to the dangerous entrance to the car park at Drumlease National School, Dromahaire"

**Part II - Questions.**

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure what plans he has to 'tidy up' the Mart road car park in Drumshanbo? i.e. provide a proper neat fence at the back of the park, cut the grass and re-line. Some of this work could be done in co-operation with

local businesses and town development committees."

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

"I ask the Dromahaire Area Engineer when is it proposed to complete the footpath/street lighting works at Ballinaglera leading to St. Hugh's park?"

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

"How many housing units of Leitrim County Council are currently vacant; including those vacant and awaiting retrospective insulation work?"

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

"Does the Council have any plans to improve and develop the area of ground around the cross at Duncarberry, Tullaghan? This small area of ground is highly visible along the main Bundoran – Sligo road and could be developed at very low cost."

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

"I will ask the Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services what is the current position with regard to the removal of roadside signs which are a blight on the landscape and can be dangerous to traffic. Some of the signs are long out of date e.g. Santa sign on N15 in the middle of May?"

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

"I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure what plans he has for improving the exiting of the County road at Largydonnell Bridge on to the R280. This is a very dangerous junction and would be improved by the removal of any obstacles and thereby give better vision to traffic coming from Kinlough."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to pipe the road side drain at Drumany between Derrinkip and Dolan's house in Drumany as the verge is subsiding into this drain."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to repair the footpath in Lahard Estate from the Main Road up to the bend in the road."

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

"I would like to ask Leitrim County Council to extend the date for additional information for the completing of Housing Aid for Older People Grant Scheme applications such as quotations and doctors signatures as the family doctor for some applications is not available to sign such forms."

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

"I would like to ask as to when it is intended to have the road from Ballinaglera to Aughnasheelin repaired as it is in a bad state of repair. Rally Ireland contributed to the cost of damage to roads caused by the rally and this road is one of them."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, why there is an odour problem on Lower Main Street, Mohill which is emanating from the sewer line. The problem was particularly bad recently and has led to a lot of complaints by residents and business people.

Is it possible for this problem to be prioritised and a solution found in advance of the Connacht Fleadh to be held in town between the 2nd and 4th July."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, is there any possibility of pothole repairs being carried out to the road near Tom Regan's and Andrew Cullen's at Mullaghboy, Keshcarrigan.

I note that these repairs were requested on several occasions including by formal question at the December 2009 Monthly meeting."

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

"I would like to ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when will the Council carry out repairs to the road surface at Tully Lane, Ballinamore LP3397-0 which is in a very poor condition as a result of the recent flooding."

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

"I would like to ask the Ballinamore Area Engineer when will the necessary traffic calming measures outside the G.A.A. Park in Ballinamore be undertaken together with resurfacing & lining of the road-way as previously agreed."

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

"Is there a structure in place whereby Leitrim County Council is notified by Coillte in relation to all afforestation harvesting."

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

"Are there restrictions in relation to the weights of loads carried on our roads where extractions of timber are taking place as a result of afforestation harvesting?"

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

"At the June meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask Mr. John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure what is the delay in the switching on of the public lighting at Tooman. The poles and lamps have been erected for the past couple of months and all the groundwork appears to be complete. It is extremely dangerous at

night time, where there is a very busy shop, Post office and public house and the local community are concerned for their safety."

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

"At the March meeting of Leitrim Co. Co. I asked if the NRA would provide a right turning lane at the "Five Crossroads" junction on the N15 at Tullaghan. The reply stated that The Road Design Office will investigate this junction and discuss the feasibility of a right turning lane with the NRA Roads Safety Officer. I would like to know what progress has been made on this matter."

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

"I would like to ask the Senior Executive Engineer to provide traffic calming and signage indicating a dangerous bend at Glenade Church."

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

"A very large pothole on the narrow LS-5592 at Aghawillan, Carrigallen has become a hazard to drivers. In light of the fact that this is a busy road with connections on both ends, I ask that Leitrim County Council repair the hole as soon as possible."

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

"While works are ongoing on R-204-4 at Aghoo East, Ballinamore, could the Council take measures to insure that the steep margins on either side of this already narrow road are not made worse. This road has been the site of many accidents in the past and in reality, needs to be widened."

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

"At the June meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, to have immediate repair carried out on the footpaths on Quay Street Drumsna. These footpaths were only installed in 2007, by the Council, under contract with TASK funding, and have collapsed in three separate places already. Also as per my motion Oct 2009, when will the large hole that was left as a result of the removal of the Phone Box be repaired? This work needs to be carried out immediately for public safety and to assist the voluntary efforts of the hard working tidy towns committee."

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

"At the June meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Director of Services, Planning, Environment & Emergency Services when will the agreed signage be erected at the harbour area in Drumsna to address dog fouling in this amenity area. After some debate, it was agreed at the April 2009 meeting of Leitrim County Council that a pilot scheme of signage would be installed as per the Council's Litter Management Plan 2008-2011."

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

"The road at Attyrory around the entrance to Rockingham was dug up to lay sewerage pipes. We were told that this road would be restored to its original state, yet five months later this junction remains almost impassable due to its condition."

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

"The roads network in the general area of Kiltoghert-Killnagross-Cordary-Eslin and on to Funsinagh towards Mohill are in need of a lot of maintenance due to the severe weather last winter. Our roads staff with responsibility for this area have been based in Carrick all Spring doing excellent work in our County town. What is the possibility of taking on part-time staff to maintain this area?"

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

"I have asked Leitrim County Council in the past to make contact with Cavan and Fermanagh County Councils with regard to Tourism Development in Lough MacNea. Has there been any response?"

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

"At the June Council meeting, I will ask Leitrim County Council to have a look at the Iron Bridge on the road to Mullies Church just off the R280 road. Some of the steel bars are out of place and it also needs repainting."

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

"Following on from a meeting I had in Leitrim Village last week the people present requested that I bring the following to the attention of the Council to be addressed;

- To relocate the sign as you come up from Kiltoghert, as you have no view when you are turning for Leitrim/Drumshanbo. Also a sign at Gerry O'Rourke's house which is blocking his view to be moved slightly to improve this view.
- What can the Council do to eliminate the danger caused by the height of the wall at Church Road in Leitrim Village?
- Could the Council replace the signage and barrier at the L turn known as Kelly's turn on the road from the Village Church which brings you out at Keaveney's."

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

"I would like to enquire from Mr John McGuinness, Director of Services Infrastructure how far along he and his team are with the proposal to be sent to the Government requesting funding for rain harvesting of slatted sheds etc. which would save everybody money in the future. I did propose this some months ago and it was seconded and all the Councillors agreed it was worth trying for it to be funded."

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

"What is the position in relation to the footpath across the Green in Drumsna Village,

at the Church. I was previously advised that this footpath would be lowered as it is not currently wheelchair accessible."

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

"I would like to ask Leitrim County Council to put in place CCTV camera's in both Carrick-on-Shannon and Mohill to curb Anti-social behaviour."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure when will resurfacing work be carried out on the Tarmon road out of Ballinamore."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services,Infrastructure when funding allocations will be made, and at what level, to group water schemes for refurbishment works as both the Cloone-Adoon scheme and the Clonsarne scheme are badly in need of major works and need to have the work done over the summer."

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

"I would ask that Leitrim County Council carry out repairs to the road opposite Michael & Dolores Smyth's house in the townland of Aughawillin, Carrigallen. A part of the roadside has subsided presenting a danger to both motorists and pedestrians."

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

"I would ask that Leitrim County Council replace the sign for Carrigallen on the approach road via Clooncorrick i.e from Killeshandra/Arva direction. The existing sign while excellent in quality and design has been damaged on a number of occasions and presents badly as an entry to the village."

**69. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McTernan;**

"I would like to enquire as to when work would be completed on the section of road from the 4 roads to match up with the section which has been completed last year towards Killenumery Church, Carrowcrin, Dromahaire."

**70. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McTernan;**

"I would like to enquire as to when the roadworks will be completed on the Back Line, Dromahaire."