

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

*Áras An Chontae
Cora Droma Ruisc*

6th April 2010

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

A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held ***in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, on Monday 12th April 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 Áras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 1st March 2010 (copy enclosed).
- 2. To consider Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31st December 2009 in accordance with Section 108 of the Local Government Act 2001 (copy enclosed)
- 3. To approve additional expenditure incurred by Leitrim County Council in the performance of its functions during 2009 in accordance with the provisions of Section 108(4) of the Local Government Act 2001. (report enclosed)
- 4. To fix a date for a Special Meeting of Leitrim County Council to receive a presentation on the 3 No. River Basin District Management Plans and to consider their adoption.
- 5. To consider County Manager's Report on Submissions received on the Material Alterations to the Draft Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan in accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and decide by resolution to make the Plan in accordance with or otherwise than in accordance with the County Manager's recommendations. (report previously circulated)

6. To consider report in accordance with Section 10(3) of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 on the implementation of the County Leitrim Litter Management Plan 2008-2010 for the year 2009 (report enclosed).
7. To note proposals in relation to the allocation of grants under the Community & Voluntary Sector Grants Scheme (report to follow).
8. To note proposals in relation to the allocation of grants under the terms of the Arts Act 2003.
9. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.
10. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.
11. Correspondence.

Part I - Notice of Motions.

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

"I call on this Council to allow the Doctors Alliance to be allowed the time to give a presentation to this Council on the effects of mobile phone masts and that it would allow a number of persons from Aughacashel, Drumkeerin and Keshcarrigan to attend the presentation."

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

"The rapid turn over of new cars in this country has an adverse effect on our trade balance. VRT contributes to high living costs and uncompetitiveness. We can counteract this by issuing personalised number plates allowing people to hide the registration year of their car and providing income for councils. I propose a once off payment for a transferable plate with a small annual fee. This will:

1. Stop wasteful expenditure on new cars,
2. Curb import figures,
3. Curb the environmental impact of building new cars.
4. Take work from foreign auto manufacturers and give work to local mechanics."

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

"I will ask the County Manager to put into practice a system of water charging of National Schools whereby schools are only billed for the current year. As school budgets are very tight and they do not have the ability to pay for years retrospectively, it is essential that billing is done within this framework. Many of the parents of children attending schools already pay water charges and I believe that a system similar to domestic allowances of 50,000 gallons should be granted to schools."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure if he will agree to the reversion of the traffic system on the Main Street in Carrick on Shannon, which has been requested by the Chamber of Commerce."

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

"At the April meeting of Leitrim County Council I wish to ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, to re-examine the traffic calming measures and road markings in place on the N4 (east) of Carrick on Shannon, with a view to solving road safety concerns both at the Attirory Junction and the Roundabout at the main entrance to the town. Residents entering and exiting Attirory have raised serious concerns with regard to the right-hand turning bay, opposite the Attirory junction. Drivers (from the east) are misinterpreting the right hand turning bay (for Attirory traffic coming from the west) as a turning bay for entering the filling station. This has caused a number of near misses. Also, drivers (travelling from the east) approaching the roundabout at the entrance to the town are not given enough advance notice that the right hand lane is to be used by vehicles that wish to enter the town. When three or more cars are already queuing for the roundabout the road markings advising of the appropriate lane usage cannot be seen by approaching traffic. These items need to be addressed as a matter of urgency"

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

"I understand Leitrim County Council have recently issued water charges to St Clares N.S., Manorhamilton (and possibly other primary schools) in respect of years 2008 and 2009. I further understand the school was not notified of the 2008 charges during 2008 or 2009, and paid any Council bills issued during these years. It is unfair that schools or any community organisations should be billed at this stage for charges allegedly arising during 2008. I propose that the Council write off any alleged water charges relating to 2008 on schools or other community organisations which were not billed during 2008 or 2009."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Planning, Environment & Emergency Services what is the up-to-date position regarding the provision of a new fire station for Ballinamore. It has been brought to my attention that the present building poses a potential health and safety risk as the roof is in urgent need of repair and is leaking throughout while the retaining wall at the rear of the premises also shows sign of dampness. This matter urgently needs to be addressed as a new facility for this location has been promised for a significant period of time."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council resurface the street in Cloone Village and also surface the footpath that remains unfinished as the E.S.B. have now completed their works."

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

"At the April meeting of Leitrim County Council I will propose that Leitrim County Council write to Minister for Health and Children, Mary Harney TD and Mr Tony O'Brien CEO National Cancer Screening Service asking them to amend the age range for women entitled to BreastCheck to include all women from 40 to 64."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to report on the flooding at Leitrim Village last November to entail what action can be taken to prevent or safeguard against such an occurrence again, including the provision of flooding defences at the river Shannon and to consider an emergency plan in the event of a re-occurrence. Finally if this Council could provide for it's members a response from the ESB in relation to it's role in water levels within this region and the relevance if any to this recent severe flooding."

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

"I call on the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have the Moher Cregg, Drumshanbo road included as a public road, in past Jim McCormacks."

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

"We the members of Leitrim County Council direct the Executive of this Local Authority to continue with the system previously in place prior to the EPA Guidelines of January 8th 2010 until such time as a suitable arrangement can be put in place between the EPA and the environmental section of this Council considering the extreme ground conditions which County Leitrim has over the vast majority of its land."

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

"At the April meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Finance Department why National Schools in the county received bills for water charges back dating to 2008. This will put a serious financial strain on many schools who only budget on a year to year basis."

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

"At the April Council Meeting I will ask the Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services in regard to the recent Code of Practice coming from the E.P.A for single houses in unsewered rural areas, if site size were to be increased to provide more room so that a treatment system can be designed to take account of the soil we have in Leitrim. Also would the Director of Services consider granting a water pollution discharge licence for single dwellings."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Planning, Environment & Emergency Services what is the position regarding the Guidelines/Code of Practice for the granting of planning permission for a rural dwelling, and where ground conditions are not suitable to pass the relevant tests, will we look at the possibility of harvesting and treating water for use other than drinking or cooking."

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

"At the April meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, Mr John Mc Guinness, to immediately put in place a programme of works to replace and increase the size of the drainage pipes under the road leading to St Patrick's Park in Carrick-on-Shannon, from the open drain which runs between Reynolds's Toplevel Hardware and the Fire station and crosses at the back of the football field. It is obvious after the disastrous flooding which took place in November last and over the past fortnight that the drainage pipes are broken down, or badly blocked. A number of businesses in the area have been badly affected as a result of the problems caused by the flooding."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to investigate Iarnrod Eireann as to why charges on trains vary so much - from Dromod to Dublin Monday to Thursday costs €25.50 and weekends €36.50. To travel from Longford to Dublin costs €10.00 Monday to Thursday and €12.00 at weekends. This to me is a form of downgrading Dromod station."

29. 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 intervene in the crucial situation of Quinn Insurance, where it appears the Financial Regulator has acted unjustly in seeking to have administrators brought into Quinn Insurance. When we consider the amount of shady deals by people that employ nobody, that were let run and run until they bankrupt the country, it is totally unacceptable that this aggressive attitude by the Financial Regulator is now jeopardising a business group that is productive and employing thousands of people, many locally in this region."

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to provide without delay some form of safety barriers or fence at the small bridge just North of Carrickmakeegan Canal Bridge (Road No L1502-1) where recent very necessary drainage work was carried out. There is no protection whatever to prevent motorists or pedestrians from slipping into what is a very deep fast flowing river should they move close to the verge when meeting another vehicle."

Part II - Questions.

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

"At the April Meeting of Leitrim Co Council I will ask the County Manager to again contact Waterways Ireland requesting them to provide additional mooring facilities on the River Shannon at Rooskey, and to upgrade the existing facilities that are there at present, which have fallen into a state of disrepair."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to clarify why there are a number of different spellings for DRUMSHANBO at various signposts across the County, i.e. 'Drumshambo' at a signpost in Carrick-on Shannon also 'Droimsheanbo' at the Mahangh junction. Perhaps this inaccuracy can be rectified with the proper spelling for the town replaced on the signposts before any confusion over the Summer tourist season."

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

"When is it proposed to remove the dangerous poles on the R280 at Kinlough near the Community Centre and graveyard in front of the New Estate?"

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

"When will work commence on the Rossinver Road in the townlands of Kinlough and Ballymore to leave this road more safe for road users?"

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure if funding will be made available in this year's Road Works Programme for the resurfacing of the road behind the houses Nos 87 to 93, Breffni Crescent, Carrick on Shannon."

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

"At the April meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to contact Longford County Council, with a view to requesting the NRA to address the incorrect road marking on the last Roundabout on the new Dromod Roosky by pass. Vehicles approaching this roundabout travelling towards Longford are advised by road markings on entrance to the roundabout that the left lane is for cars turning left and the right lane is for cars turning left or right. However, as there is only one lane off the Roundabout onto the Longford road, vehicles in the right lane should not be advised by the road markings that they can make a left turn also, as there is no markings to allow them to merge with the left lane."

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

"At the April meeting of Leitrim County Council I wish ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, to take the necessary action to have the bridge at Headford, Drumsna, named as the "Anthony Trollope" bridge. It was at this bridge in 1843 that Anthony Trollope stood and became inspired to write his first novel 'The MacDermots of Ballycloran'. I would ask that all the appropriate action would be taken in a timely manner to allow for the official renaming of the bridge to coincide with Annual Anthony Trollope International Summer School to be held in Drumsna from the 27th to the 30th August 2010."

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

"In view of the introduction of CCTV monitoring and increasing potential for enforcement at recycling centres, will Leitrim County Council now arrange to ensure that:

- (a) Bring banks are emptied more frequently to ensure compliant citizens always have access to proper disposal facilities
- (b) Introduce signage indicating the presence of CCTV and details of fines etc
- (c) Have signage reminding people that it is illegal to leave bottles etc if the bins are full"

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

"Will the Council arrange a public meeting in Manorhamilton to outline proposals for revised traffic flows / parking and road safety in the town?"

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

"I ask the District Engineer if the Council will widen the roadway located at Adoon Station (LS-5662-0) beside Jim Monaghan's house. The stretch of road in question poses a safety hazard due to the lack of visibility at this location."

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

"I ask the District Engineer if the council will erect a sign alongside the LP1512-1 for Adoon Lake as there is presently no signage in place notifying its location."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to resurface local road 3453 from Gortvagh to Cornagun as this road is in a poor condition with potholes."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council what is the up to date position in relation to having Broadband installed in Cloone Village as Broadband is seen as the way forward for progress within our communities."

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

"Would this Council please purchase one load of tarmac, and divide among the four areas, to use as a pilot project in repairing a number of the worst potholes in each area in the manner I have been requesting for some time, and monitor how long the repair job will last and the cost of same."

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

"When the areas were changed to electoral areas, I was one of the most disappointed of members, because I knew it would cause problems, which this is still causing. Due to those difficulties I need to know who are the last and first houses at each end of the Dromahaire area that I represent. Stralongford and other areas that are the end of the Dromahaire area and new to the Dromahaire area feel they are not getting the service that

they were getting in their old areas. I need this Council to prove to me and those people that they are and will get the service that they deserve."

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

"I ask the District Engineer to erect signs on the R280 in the vicinity of Conwal Cemetery, Glenade, alerting drivers to the danger of Deer crossing this stretch of road."

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

"Further to my request last summer to have the 50 kph speed limit in Ballinamore on the Newtowngore Road moved, when will the review of speed limits be carried out?"

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

"There are a number of entrances on Church Street in Carrigallen. These are regularly blocked by parked cars for extended periods. Recently, an elderly resident suffered an injury in the home and endured prolonged distress when her husband was unable to get the car out of their driveway. When the planned road markings are being done in the town, could Leitrim County Council provide some markings at these entrances?"

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

"At the April Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will again ask Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, has there been any further response from the NRA with a view to securing funding and putting in place a programme of works, to provide a hard shoulder at the Sligo end of the Dromod-Rooskey by-pass, from the exit of the old N.4 as far as Doherty's lane. It is extremely dangerous for motorists exiting from the old N4, and for motorists from the Fearnought-Moheraven road (Road No.LP-1475-0) who are heading towards Carrick-on-Shannon. There is a lot of anger and concern in the locality, with the attitude being adopted by the NRA in relation to this particular section of the road."

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

"I call on the Director of Services, Infrastructure to stop the extracting of timber by big articulated lorries from the Moher Cregg, Drumshanbo Forestry as it is causing serious damage to these roads."

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

"I call on the District Engineer to have some repairs done on the Slievenakella, Ballinaglera road from Ballinaglera to Aughcashel."

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

"I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when is the Fivemilebourne/Leckaun scheme expected to be completed."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, if he can provide any update on traffic calming for Kilclare. This stretch of road has a number of houses and business premises with vehicle

movement on to this straight stretch of road. I raised this issue on a number of occasions and residents are concerned for road safety at this area."

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

"I will ask the District Engineer to investigate a problem in Glenboy, Manorhamilton where the road runs close to a river and there is no protection to keep traffic back from the edge of the river. The location is where road number LP-2207-2 meets LT-22072-0 at a T-junction."

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

"Can I have a proposed time-scale for sewerage in Glenfarne and Rossinver villages."

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

"I ask are we -Leitrim County Council -in a position to finally take in-charge the services roadway and public lighting at the Marymount Development."

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

"While there is a perfect Bus Shelter on the N4 by-pass at Coffeys corner in Carrick for passengers waiting to board the Bus travelling in the Longford direction, may I ask why is the same facility not afforded to passengers on the opposite side of the N4 waiting to board the Bus for Sligo."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council what is the position regarding sewerage in Jamestown and also when this work will be completed."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to discontinue paid parking in St Mary's Close, while the Church is under renovation."

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

"I am asking the District Engineer when will the road widening be commencing at the road between Hugh Brady's lane and Sonny McCartin's on the Auhoo to Drumnamore road."

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

"I am asking the District Engineer to have the road widened at Sean Beirne's house between Auhoo and Drumcoura as it is very narrow and has poor visibility in that area and traffic moves very fast on the wide parts either side of it."

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

"I would ask Leitrim County Council to consider improving safety at the junction above the Pol An Easa water fall where a number of minor collisions have occurred. Measures to improve the view for those approaching from the Aughnacashel direction would be helpful

along with improved signage indicating the right of way etc."

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

"I would ask Leitrim County Council to approach the public lighting section of the ESB with a view to moving a public light from where it is presently mounted on a pole opposite the Jet Wash Factory at Clooncorruck, Carrigallen to the other side of the road from where it could shed light onto the footpath and be of greater benefit to pedestrians. There was no footpath and no pole upon which to mount it on that side of the road when first it was put in place."