

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA**

**Áras An Chontae  
Cora Droma Ruisc**

**23<sup>rd</sup> February 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 1<sup>st</sup> March 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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 (copy enclosed).
2. To approve outstanding Membership of Strategic Policy Committees
3. To adopt Road Works Scheme 2010
4. To consider date for General Purposes Committee Meeting to consider report on Housing Completions and Vacancy Levels in Housing Estates in County Leitrim
5. To consider proposed policy in relation to Housing Grant Schemes (report enclosed)
6. To note Quarterly Report on Capital Works;
  - Housing (report enclosed)
  - Water Services (report enclosed)
  - Roads (report enclosed)
  - Other Capital Projects (report enclosed)
7. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.

8. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.
9. Correspondence.
10. To receive deputation from Truly Irish Country Foods

**Part I - Notice of Motions.**

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to re-examine the junction leading on to Bridge Street, Drumshanbo known as Mart Road to make it safer at that junction for people and traffic."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council write to the Bank of Ireland immediately in relation to a proposal the bank is bringing forward in the month of March where there will be no cash transferred on Wednesdays or Thursdays at their branch in Drumshanbo. I see this as being a severe inconvenience to people from Ballinamore who transferred their accounts to Drumshanbo when the Bank of Ireland closed the sub office in Ballinamore some years ago."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to condemn the Irish Planning Institute for their recent public utterances condemning the increase of one off housing in rural Ireland suggesting that the proliferation of one-off housing was "undermining rural towns by "siphoning" residential development from them", and that this increase "contributed to creating a social imbalance where poorer people stayed in the towns while the wealthy built large houses in the countryside". Such unfounded statements need to be challenged!"

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

"I ask the District Engineer, further to previous requests, when will the Council widen the roadway R204-10 at Gortahoosh, Corrawallen P.O. which presently has steep falls either side of the main road together with a series of dangerous bumps which are posing a significant safety risk to passing traffic."

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

"At the March Meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask Mr. Martin Dolan, Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services, what plans or programmes he can put in place, as a matter of urgency, to deal with the growing problem of Road Side Litter throughout the county. The problem appears to be getting worse and it is likely that the community at large will need to be involved in

any successful solution. The littered state of many of the road verges should be a cause of embarrassment to everyone in the county, and something we cannot continue to tolerate."

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

"That this Council call on the Minister for Agriculture, Brendan Smith TD to immediately introduce a new agri environment scheme to be available to farmers who have completed their REPS 3 programme and cannot now enter REPS 4, and that this scheme would be compliant with the IFA proposal of a minimum payment of €5000"

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

"At the March Council Meeting I will ask Leitrim County Council to write to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, John Gormley requesting that the proposed extension of the Planning Permission time period i.e. part of the Planning and Development Bill 2009, that is going through the Oireachtas at the moment, be back-dated as a lot of the Planning Permissions are running out since the down turn of the economy and people have no money now to build their homes."

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

"I wish to call on this Council to contact the Taoiseach and Minister Harney by letter to reverse the unwarranted decision on centralisation of medical cards. It has already happened with over 70's where there is one person waiting for a medical card to have a hip operation. I had reason to contact the local medical department about the renewal of a student's card - this card was renewed and issued in a matter of hours. I want it to be emphasised as to why the Government and Ministers are wasting time and tax payers money centralising medical cards etc - this is working far more efficiently locally - and to remind them of the annoyance and inconvenience this is causing the people of County Leitrim and all counties. I would request that this motion be forwarded to all County Councils in Ireland."

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

"The R201 from N4 to Mohill is in need of immediate repair and upgrading particularly at Curragh, Sholemore Cross and from Laheenamona junction into town. I am requesting that a programme of works be put in place that will, over the next 2-3 years, totally upgrade and leave this road in proper condition, safer for walkers Cyclists and Motorists alike."

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

"I request John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure to give details of the plans to widen the road from Kinlough Village to the Lakeside on the Rossinver Road, as this road is used by a large number of pedestrians."

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

"Go n-eagródh Comhairle Contae Liatroma go dtaga oifigeach measúnaithe tithíochta go Cluainín Uí Ruairc dhá uair gach mí chun freastal ar dhaonra thuaisceart Liatroma. Tá sé iomlán mí-chothrom gur gá do mhuintir an dúthaigh seo, mórán acu gan carrana, freastal ar chruinnithe dá leithéad i gCora Droma Rúisc

That Leitrim County Council will arrange for the Housing Assessment Officer to attend in Manorhamilton offices at least twice monthly to accommodate people from north Leitrim. It is patently unfair that people from this area – many of whom have no car or access to public transport – should have to attend at meetings in Carrick-on-Shannon to access this service"

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

"That this Council object in the strongest possible terms to the Department of Education proposals for the dissolution or amalgamation of Leitrim VEC."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to call on Minister Batt O'Keeffe to reverse his decision on amalgamation of VEC's as Leitrim V.E.C. provides a host of services and facilities to the county that are invaluable to the education and development of County Leitrim. If they amalgamate Leitrim would lose out to the bigger counties."

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

"I ask that Leitrim Council Council call on the HSE to resume the services of a dentist and dental hygienist at Carrigallen Health Centre. This service was invaluable to the local community and was used by dozens of locals, mainly children, several days a week."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council support the Irish Rural Dwellers Association in their call for an enquiry into the appointment of two senior Planning Inspectors to the Board of An Bord Pleanála."

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

"I would ask that Leitrim County Council proceed with the works which were agreed to be necessary along road LS 55241 late last year. The subsidence has got worse over the winter with cars having to slow down to a speed of under 15 m.p.h in order to negotiate it safely."

**Part II - Questions.**

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council when do they intend to erect proper signage for St Brigids Street and Main Street at the junction where St Brigids Street meets the ring road as these signs were to be erected last year."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council when they intend to erect "Welcome to Leitrim" signs at the border points between Leitrim and Cavan as these were to be erected two years ago."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Housing and Corporate Services to investigate the lack of street lighting around the houses at the rear of the 'Naomh Pdraig' housing estate in Drumshanbo"

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

"I ask the District Engineer when will the footpaths at Church Street, Carrigallen be completed and also when it is proposed to install disabled car-parking spaces in the village centre."

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

"I ask that the Council carry out a review of the entire bridge network within the county to ascertain their levels of safety and structural condition. In particular the bridge at Lower main Street, Ballinamore and at Kilbracken Bridge are just two examples of bridges that should be examined as part of any review."

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

"At the March meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask Mr. John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, to put in place a programme of works in the current year to carry out drainage on the Eslin River from where it enters the river Shannon at Rooskey to Cloonboney Lough."

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

"That this council request the NRA to provide a right turning lane at the "Five Crossroads" junction and the N15 at Tullaghan."

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

"That this Council include the road from the Coast Road Tullaghan to the N15 known as the "Five Crossroads" in the improvement works for 2010. This is a very busy road and has suffered a lot of damage from the high volume of usage."

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

"I wish to ask the Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services if he is aware what is the present and up to date position regarding the proposed new Marina at Leitrim Village that was to be provided by the developer of the adjoining apartment residential development and agreed with Waterways Ireland. Will there be any chance that this mooring facility will be ready in time for the 2010 tourist season? Furthermore can the Council contact Waterways Ireland and provide any further information that they may have for this meeting?"

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

"At the March meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask Mr Michael Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer Carrick-on Shannon, to carry out immediate repairs to the Drumhirk road in Gortletteragh, (Road No.LT-15722-0) as it has fallen into a state of disrepair, and to include the road for restoration in this year's roadwork's programme."

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

"I ask if the footpaths in Glenfarne Village could be checked out, as they have started to disintegrate recently?"

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council what progress is been made on the Council taking over the Glenfarne/Glenboy Water Scheme?"

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

"Resident Groups have requested Traffic Calming in Townspark and Aughameeney areas. May I ask has any progress been made on those promises."

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

"The FBD Insurance Ras is travelling through our county this year. It is a privilege for our area to have such an International event coming our way. One road earmarked for travelling on is the R299 from Kiltoghert to Drumsna - parts of this road are in need of major restoration work before this event as its present condition would not be suitable for such a cycle race. I am asking that this work is carried out."

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

"Is there a provision in any planning permission that is granted by Leitrim County Council for a mast that when they become obsolete that they will have to be removed."

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

"In view of the present deflation levels what reductions have been applied to Housing

rents by Leitrim County Council?"

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

"Has Leitrim County Council purchased any houses in the Manorhamilton Electoral Area since June 2009 and if so where? What plans are in place to purchase houses in the near future?"

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

"An féidir le Comhairle Contae Liatroma ár bpolasaí a leasú chun cinntiú de go mbeadh stair áitiúil, béaloideas agus/nó logainmneacha le sonrú i nGaeilge ar ainmneacha scéimeanna tithíochta agus ilchinéalacha nua nuair a ghlacann an chomhairle seilbh orthu.

Can Leitrim County Council amend our policy to ensure that the naming of new residential and mixed-use schemes reflect local history, folklore and / or placenames and are stated in Irish when the Council take charge of those new estates?"

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

"Ar deineadh aon dul chun cinn ar fheabhsú páirceail i gcoitinne, bainistíocht sruth tráchta agus slándacht tiománaithe / coisithe i gCluainín Uí Ruairc, ach go háirithe ag achomhal an N16/R280 "Cúinne Gurns agus "timpeallán oispidéal"

Has there been any progress in improving the overall parking, traffic flow management and driver / pedestrian safety in Manorhamilton, particularly at the junction of N16 / R280 "Gurns Corner and at N16 "hospital roundabout"?"

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

"In light of the announcement by Minister Finneran (31/12/2009) of funding for a remedial works scheme for the Treanmore Estate in Mohill can I ask the Director of Services when is it likely that these funds can or will be drawn down; whether a programme of works has been prepared and when the works are likely to commence?"

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

"I would refer the Director of Services, Infrastructure to the stretch of the R.201 outside Mohill (townland of Ussaun). This is a location where 3 minor roads (Shannagh Road, Cornee Lane and Laheenamona Road) enter onto the main public road. None of these minor roads would appear to have adequate sight lines. There is a severe dip in the main road which compounds matters and motorists on the main road are inclined to speed.

All in all this is a very dangerous Junction. I ask that the Director arrange for the location to be inspected with a view to carrying out some works in the current years roads programme to improve the situation."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services regarding the ongoing problem of litter being deposited along roadsides, that hidden camera's be installed (e.g. in old fridges or furniture), as they have in North Dublin which eliminated the problem and no sign's had to be erected."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to put a crash barrier in place on the Main Mohill Road, R201 for a distance of 50-60 metres between junctions L3445 and L7478 as this stretch of road is very narrow, and cars were ending up in the field during the frosty spell."

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

"At the March meeting of Leitrim County Council I wish ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when will the works on the new lighting at the weir in Jamestown be completed. Additional poles have been erected by the ESB but no lights or connections have been provided yet."

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

"At the March meeting of Leitrim County Council I wish ask the Director of Services Infrastructure, when will the last additional public light be erected on the existing pole at the junction adjacent to Gowel church, as agreed with residents. I would also ask when will all the old cables which are no longer in use be removed."

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

"I ask that LT-55262 linking R-204-15 with LS-5526 at Toome Corrawallen, Carrigallen, be completed. This road was partially surfaced a few years ago but a hundred meters or so on the LS-5526 side was left undone. It has since become almost impassable and has caused a lot of damage to local traffic. It has left the residents on the road with nearly 2km round trip to get to the Newtowngore and Drumeela road which used to be only 100 meters."

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

"I ask that a Leitrim County Council fill a number of large potholes on LT-55201 linking LS-5520 with the Ballinamore -Carrigallen road, R-204. This road links a major county road with a busy local road and carries a lot of local traffic."

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

"When will the Council construct the footpath from Drumkeerin village to the children's playground on the Carrick Road."

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

"I request that this Council repair the Bridge on the Ardlougher/Tents road in Tarmon as a matter of urgency."

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

"I would ask Leitrim County Council to consider putting extra signage in place advising motorists of the pedestrian crossing at the National School at Carrigallen. While the crossing is a welcome improvement Drivers need to be alerted to its presence."

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

"I would ask when will Leitrim County Council carry out the necessary repairs to road at Drumeela LP1534. The recent severe weather conditions have taken a heavy toll on this stretch of road with damage to the surface."

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

"I would like to ask Mr John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure did he have the meeting with all parties in relation to the flooding and what was the outcome of same."