

**Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Community Centre,
Kiltyclogher, Co. Leitrim on Monday 10th May 2010 at 5.30 pm**

Members Present:

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

And Councillor Thomas Mulligan, Cathaoirleach presiding

Apologies: Councillor Caillian Ellis

Officials Present:

- Ms. Jackie Maguire, County Manager
- Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community & Enterprise
- Mr. John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure
- Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Housing & Corporate Services
- Mr. Vincent Dwyer, Senior Executive Officer, Planning, Environment & Emergency Services
- Mr. Ciaran Tracey, Senior Planner, Planning, Environment & Emergency Services
- Mr. Shay O'Connor, Senior Engineer, Roads
- Ms Aideen McGovern, Meetings Administrator

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10/5/2010 Deimhniu Miontuairisci

***Proposed by Councillor Michael Colreavy, seconded by Councillor John Ward
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

"That the Minutes of the Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras An Chontae on Monday, 12th April 2010, be adopted."

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

"That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras An Chontae on Monday, 19th April 2010, be adopted."

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10/5/2010 Votes of Sympathy

The members extended a vote of sympathy to the following;

- William Reid, Tulcon, Mohill and Des Hudson, Aghameeny, Carrick-on-Shannon on the death of Eileen Hudson.
- Margaret Maguire, Cloontumpher, Bornacoola, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim on the death of Michael Maguire.

- The relatives of the Late Declan Mulligan, Amorset, Manorhamilton on the death of Declan Mulligan.
- Stanley Simpson, Kinlough, Co Leitrim on the death of Mena Simpson.
- John, Michael & Philomena McGuinness, Fortview, Mohill, Co Leitrim on the death of Philip McGuinness.
- Nigel McWilliams, Rockmount House, Corrigeencor, Dromahair, Co Leitrim on the death of Cecil Davis.
- Mary McMorrow, Ardvarney, Glenfarne, Co Leitrim on the death of Bill Chambers.
- Helen Cullen, Loughros, Glenfarne, Co Leitrim on the death of Kate Carty.

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10/5/2010 Local Authority Development

Report dated 29th April 2010 from Martin Dolan, Director of Services, Planning Environment and Emergency Services in relation to proposal for the extension to Mullies Graveyard, Cornagillagh Td in accordance with Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as circulated to the Members appears as **Appendix 1** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Colreavy, seconded by Councillor Siobhán McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY AGREED;

“That the proposal for the extension to Mullies Graveyard, Cornagillagh Td including erection of treated timber post and rail boundary fencing, construction of associated footways and all associated site development works be approved”.

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10/5/10 Section 183 of Local Government Act 2001

Notice of Intention dated 28th April 2010 from John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure to dispose of portion of ground containing 0.048 Hectares in the townland of Shoalmore, Mohill as circulated to each Member appears as **Appendix 2** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Councillor Gerry Kilrane, Seconded by Councillor Enda Stenson AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That disposal of land comprising 0.048 hectares in the townland of Shoalmore, Mohill, to Mr. Pdraig Browne, Lough Errill, Mohill, Co Leitrim in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Notice of Intention to Dispose of Land dated 28th April 2010 circulated to each Member be approved.”

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10/5/10 Material Alterations to the Draft Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan

The County Manager’s Report dated April 2010 to Elected Members on Submissions arising from the proposed Amendments to the Draft Carrick-on-Shannon Local Area Plan 2010-2016, in accordance with Section 20 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended), as circulated to the members appears as **Appendix 3** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

The County Manager outlined that the Members must consider and make their decision in relation to the recommendations in the Managers Report within 6 weeks of the date of issue of the report in accordance with the provisions of Section 20 of the Act. She advised that the report summarises the issues raised in the submissions and observations received on the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan as approved by the members. She advised that the Members may decide to make or amend the Draft Plan with the modifications proposed by them or, if different from that modification, the modification as recommended in the Managers report unless, where such recommendation for a different modification is so made, the members decide by resolution to make or amend the plan otherwise than in accordance with that recommendation. She advised that the Local Area Plan will have effect 4 weeks from the day that it is made.

Ms. Maguire advised that a total of five submissions had been received and the details and recommendations arising therefrom are outlined in her Report.

It was agreed that the Members would then consider and determine each of the submissions in turn.

Submission No. 1:

Development Applications Unit, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government – Protection of Archaeological Heritage - (page 10 of Managers Report)

It was agreed that there was no change required to the Draft Plan arising from this submission.

Submission No. 2:

Department of Education & Science – Provision of Educational Infrastructural Services and Facilities - (page 11 of Managers Report)

It was agreed that there was no change required to the Draft Plan arising from this submission.

Submission No. 3:

Development Applications Unit, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government – Protection of Natural Heritage - (page 12 of Managers Report)

It was agreed that there was no change required to the Draft Plan arising from this submission.

Submission No. 4:

Planning System & Spatial Policy, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government – Extent of Zoned Lands, Relationship with Cortober & Appropriate Assessment - (pages 12-13 of Managers Report)

It was agreed that there was no change required to the Draft Plan arising from this submission.

Submission No. 5:

EPA – General advice re compliance with EU legislation re SEA and Plan making Guidance and reference to obligations with respect to National Plans and Policies and EU Legislation - (pages 13-14 of Managers Report)

The Managers Recommendation in relation to the amendment of the Draft Plan, as outlined in the Managers Report was unanimously agreed.

**Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson, seconded by Councillor John Ward
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;**

“To make the Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan 2010-2016 subject to the amendments to the Draft Plan as detailed in the recommendations contained in the ‘Managers Report to Elected Members on Submissions Arising from the Proposed Amendments to the Draft Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan 2010-2016’ dated April 2010, in accordance with the provisions of Section 20 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended)”.

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10/5/10 Draft Annual Report 2009

The draft Annual Report 2009 as circulated to the members appears as **Appendix 4** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Gordon Hughes AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council’s draft Annual Report for 2009 be approved”.

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10/5/10 Service Indicators 2009

Report dated 4th May 2010 from Jackie Maguire, County Manager in relation to the National Service Indicators 2009 as circulated to the members appears as **Appendix 5** to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

The report as circulated was noted by the members.

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10/5/10 Date of Annual Meeting 2010

***Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin, seconded by Councillor Gerry Kilrane
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

“That the Annual Meeting of Leitrim County Council be held on Monday 28th June 2010 at 12 noon.”

Ms. Aideen McGovern, Meetings Administrator gave an overview of the issues considered by the Corporate Policy Group at their meeting:

Strategic Policy Committees

Ms. McGovern outlined that the Corporate Policy Group had considered updates from two Strategic Policy Committees – the Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development SPC and the Planning, Environment & Emergency Services SPC.

- Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development SPC:

Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development advised that the Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development SPC, at its meeting held on 4th March 2010, had adopted its Standing Orders and had agreed its Work Programme and a Schedule of Meetings for the Year. He advised that the SPC was given an update on progress in relation to the Library Development Plan 2008-2013 and had also reviewed and agreed a new structure for the membership of the Community & Voluntary Grant Scheme Evaluation Committee. He advised that there were no issues arising to be put forward to the Corporate Policy Group or the Council. He further advised that the next meeting of the SPC, scheduled for 20th May 2010, will focus on the Arts Plan and the mid-term review of the Tourism Development Strategy.

The report as circulated to the members appears as **Appendix 6** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book.

- Planning, Environment & Emergency Services SPC

Councillor Gordon Hughes, Chairperson of the Planning, Environment & Emergency Services SPC advised that the Planning, Environment & Emergency Services SPC, at its meeting held on 9th March 2010, had adopted its Standing Orders and had agreed its Work Programme and a Schedule of Meetings for the Year. He advised that the SPC had received an overview of the report on Housing Compliance and Vacancy levels and the issue of unfinished housing estates generally, which was considered at a special General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Council on 12th April 2010. He outlined that a report was also considered on the Introduction of new Waste Presentation Bye-Laws to facilitate the introduction of a 'Brown Bin'. He advised that it had been agreed to defer this issue to allow for further discussions to take place with local Service Providers in relation to the financial terms surrounding the registration process for the service.

The report as circulated to the members appears as **Appendix 7** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book.

Councillor Sinéad Guckian outlined that the discussion in relation to the Waste Presentation Bye-Laws at the SPC meeting had involved a significant discussion in relation to new providers coming into the County, the issue of pay-by-weight and an annual fee. She advised that Members of the SPC were not comfortable with aspects of the initial proposals as presented and the matter is to be the subject of further discussion.

These updates were noted by the Members.

Date for Annual Meeting

Ms. McGovern advised that the Corporate Policy Group had considered the date of the Annual Meeting 2010. A date of 28th June 2010 was suggested by the CPG and has been approved by the Council.

Attendance at Conferences

Ms. McGovern outlined that, in accordance with the procedures agreed in relation to the requirements arising from the Local Government Act 2001 (Section 142) Regulations 2010 in relation to the attendance of members at Conferences, Seminars & Courses and approval to attend events, a report/listing detailing forthcoming Conferences, Seminars and Events notified to the Corporate Services Section had been presented to the Corporate Policy Group. She advised that the CPG had considered the forthcoming Conferences, Seminars & Courses and determined which events were appropriate to attend having regard to the adopted Training & Development Programme and the number of Members authorized to attend each particular event. She advised that the report, including details of the decisions of the Corporate Policy Group in relation to the individual events, has been circulated with the full details/ brochures of the forthcoming events for the information of Members. She advised that Members are required to sign up for the individual events that they wish to attend, on the report as circulated, and a Resolution will be obtained at the end of the Council meeting in relation to formally authorizing Members' attendance in line with the preferences indicated.

This was noted by the Members.

Items for Council Meeting

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

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Ms. McGovern advised that the Corporate Policy Group had been advised that the Carrick on Shannon Chamber of Commerce are seeking to have Carrick-on-Shannon designated a Fair Trade Town. She advised that the requirements in this regard include a requirement for the Council to consider a Resolution supporting Fair Trade. She advised that the CPG had agreed that this matter would be considered at the full Council meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson, seconded by Councillor Gerry Reynolds AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council resolves to contribute to the campaign to increase sales of products with the FAIRTRADE Mark by striving to achieve Fairtrade status for Leitrim County Council as detailed in Fairtrade Mark Irelands Towns Initiative.”

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10/5/10 Meeting Correspondence

1. Letter from the Office of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government acknowledging receipt of letter in relation to the EPA Code of Practice.
2. Letter dated 27th April 2010 from the Joint Committee on the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to Eamon Scanlon TD in relation to holding a

meeting with a representative group from Leitrim County Council to discuss the new EPA Code of Practice for Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems.

3. Letter dated 26th April 2010 from the Office of the Minister for Finance in relation to the changes in the Jobseekers scheme.

Councillor Martin Kenny referred to the response from the Office of the Minister for Finance in relation to the concerns raised in relation to the Job Seekers Allowance. He stated that the matter has been referred to the Minister for Social & Family Affairs. Councillor Kenny stated that the changes imposed were as a result of a Budgetary dictat and in that context are a matter for the Minister for Finance. He proposed that a further letter issued to the Minister for Finance in this regard. This was supported by all the Members.

Councillor Gerry Kilrane outlined that Minister Eamon O'Cuiv, new Minister for Social Protection is already looking at reforms to aspects of the Social Welfare system and he suggested that a letter should also issue to Minister O'Cuiv in this regard. This was also supported by the Members.

4. Letter from the Office of the Minister for Transport dated 27th April 2010 in relation to additional funding for Regional and local roads damages by the severe weather earlier this year.
5. Letter from Dr Tadeusz Szumowski, Ambassador of Poland to Ireland dated 20th April 2010 thanking the members of Leitrim County Council for the Book of Condolence on the sad occasion of the tragic death of the President of Poland, his wife and other personalities of the polish public life.
6. Letter from Clones Town Council in relation to a motion they adopted at their April meeting calling on the Minister Batt O'Keefe to work with the Regulator to ensure that the UK/Northern Ireland business is re-openeng with immediate effect to safeguard the 2800 highly skilled jobs at Quinn Insurance.
7. Letter from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government dated 19th April 2010 addressed to the County Manager in relation to the Rural Water Programme: Block Grant Allocations 2010.
8. Letter dated 20th April 2010 from the Department of Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs in relation to the invitation to observe a minute's silent reflection on Sunday, 16th May 2010 in memory of all those who suffered loss during the Great Famine.
9. Letter dated 29th April 2010 from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in relation to the Co-ordinated response to unfinished housing development.
10. Letter dated 29th April 2010 from the EPA in relation to the request that members of Leitrim County Council request a meeting in regard to the Code of Practice on Waste Water Treatment and Disposal Systems.
11. Letter from Bus Eireann dated 4th May 2010 in relation to the erection of a bus shelter in Manorhamilton.

12. Letter dated 4th May 2010 from Mary Harney, Minister for Health and Children in regard to the National Service Plan for 2010.

Councillor Martin Kenny stated that it is very regrettable that the 2010 National Service Plan, which suggests removing up to 1,000 beds and huge cut-backs in relation to Consultants, has been approved.

13. Letter from Tom Brown in regard to a Missing Childrens Helpline.
14. Newsletter from the European Union Committee of the Regions.

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10/5/10 Vote of Congratulations

The members extended a vote of congratulations to the McCartin School of Dance, Keelrin, Newtowngore on winning the All Ireland 6 Hand Ceili Championships.

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10/5/10 Conferences

Proposed by Councillor Mary Bohan, seconded by Councillor Thomas Mulligan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

That Leitrim County Council approves of the following

- Attendance of Cllr Gordon Hughes at the Regional Workshop Seminar as Part of Ireland's National Programme for the 2010 European Year for combating Poverty and Social Exclusion on the 11th May 2010 in Galway.
- Attendance of Cllr Tony Ferguson at the seminar "Impact of E.U. Environmental Policy in Ireland" in Ballaghaderreen on the 27th April 2010.

Proposed by Councillor Francis Gilmartin, seconded by Councillor Sean McGowan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"That the attendance of Councillor Francis Gilmartin, Councillor Enda Stenson, Councillor Gerry Dolan, Councillor John McCartin and Councillor Siobhan McGloin at the Tarbet Community Care Limited Conference in the Lanterns Hotel in Tarbet on the 5th June 2010 be approved".

Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan, seconded by Councillor John Ward AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"That the attendance of Councillor Frank Dolan at the 18th Annual Kerry Environmental Recognition Conference in the Manor West Hotel, Tralee on the 4th March 2010 to 7th March 2010 be approved".

Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, seconded by Councillor Gerry Kilrane AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"That the attendance of Tony Ferguson at the E.U. & Local Government Seminar on the 27th April 2010 in Ballaghaderreen be approved".

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

That Leitrim County Council approves of the following:

- Attendance of Cllr Tony Ferguson at the Irish Rural Link Conference on the 13th May to 14th May 2010 in Killala, Co Mayo.
- Attendance of Cllr Paddy O'Rourke at the Community Workers Cooperative Regional Seminar in Wexford on the 18th May 2010.
- Attendance of Cllr Tony Ferguson at the Defamation Seminar for Councillors in Limerick on the 28th May to 29th May 2010.
- Attendance of Cllr Mary Bohan at the Tarbet Seminar in Tarbet on the 5th June 2010.
- Attendance of Cllr Gerry Kilrane and Cllr Sean McGowan at the Tipperary Peace Convention in Limerick on the 17th June to 20th June 2010.
- Attendance of Cllr Enda Stenson, Cllr Sean McGowan, Cllr Paddy O'Rourke at the Byrne Perry Summer School in Wexford on the 25th to 27th June 2010.

Part 1 – Notices of Motions

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Mohill Enterprise Centre Rates Moratorium

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to please consider extending the moratorium on rates for start up businesses in the Mohill Enterprise Centre. There are 5 units in the Centre which is run as a non-profit Community Development organisation. This small measure will certainly provide a great incentive for prospective start up tenants who need every help in this difficult economic climate with minimal loss of Revenue to the Council."

Report by Acting Head of Finance

"The initial reason for the granting of this remission was due to the fact that the centre was initially IDA funded and as such qualified for this remission at the time, under the provisions of the Industrial Development Act, 1986. The initial remission was granted by LCC under the Act on 13th December 1999, and was to apply from 2000 for a period of 10 years. On 22nd November 2000, in reply to a Dail question, the then Tainiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment rescinded any such new remissions stating that:

'The position under EU State aid law, of schemes granting remission of rates has changed for the period 2000 to 2006 as compared to the situation which obtained in previous periods.

Sections 4 & 5 of the Industrial Development Act, 1986, contain provisions in relation to designated areas. The effect of designation on such areas which were largely in the BMW Region was twofold:

1. Industry in the area could be grant aided at higher rates than industry in the rest of the country; and
2. Local Authorities were allowed, if they thought fit, to remit two-thirds of a rate leviable by them in respect of industrial premises in these areas, which has

been provided by, or by means of a grant made by, the IDA, Enterprise Ireland, Shannon Development or Udaras na Gaeltachta.

A new Regional Map for Ireland was approved by the EU Commission in October 1999, to apply for the period 2000 to 2006. Grant rates payable to industry in respect of the 8 regions in Ireland are set out in the map. Higher rates are payable in the BMW Region, but there is no specific treatment for designated areas as opposed to non-designated areas.

Also, remission of rates is no longer approved as one of the ways in which regional aid may be paid.'

Leitrim County Council recognise the difficulties that all businesses face in the current economic climate and are particularly aware of the struggle being experienced by non profit community organisations and small businesses throughout the county. In light of this, Leitrim County Council has endeavoured to keep Rate increases to a minimum over the last few years. Unfortunately, the extension of the moratorium in question is currently prohibited by EU State Aid Legislation, and as a consequence Leitrim County Council are not in a position to extend the Remission period. Leitrim County Council facilitate businesses to set up Standing Orders and pay their Rates over an 11 month period from January to November and this option is available to all customers for the payment of future Rates."

Councillor Kilrane acknowledged the comprehensive response received. He stated that it is very regrettable that the Council is prohibited from extending the moratorium on rates in question. He stated however that it is incumbent on Leitrim County Council to assist small businesses in whatever way possible.

This was supported by Councillor Stenson who acknowledged the position but stated that we must be encouraging business in whatever way possible. Councillor Sinéad Guckian also supported the motion and queried whether anything could be done in relation to water charges. Councillor Sean McGowan supported the motion and stated that we must look at providing some form of assistance. Councillor Mulligan outlined that all of the businesses in the Centre are relatively new businesses and we must look at some means of assisting them.

Ms. Jackie Maguire, County Manager reiterated that the Council is precluded by law from granting a remission / extending the moratorium. She advised that anyone taking up a unit in the Centre should have been made aware of the position in relation to the rates moratorium. In relation to the water charges she advised that this is based on metered usage and must be paid. She outlined however that payment plans could be worked out with any individual business and they should contact the Finance Section in this regard. She also encouraged all businesses to conserve water and minimise their consumption.

Councillor Guckian suggested that it might be appropriate to write to the Valuation Office in relation to what their proposals are in relation to reviewing rates as this is where the problem lies. Ms. Maguire advised that a process of rates reviews has commenced nationally. She advised that the Valuation Office will only consider a revised valuation on foot of a specific application from the property owner. She further cautioned that such a review is not always in the interests of the property owner as the valuation can increase. Councillor Hughes supported this and outlined that he was aware of a number of revaluations all of which have been upward valuations which makes no sense in the current economic environment.

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10/5/10 Lowering of Wall

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

"I call on the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have the wall newly built alongside the road leading from Leitrim Church onto the main Carrick-Drumshanbo road, on left hand side, lowered as it is impossible to get a clear view onto the Main Road."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The wall in question at this junction has been reconstructed approx 1.2m back from the location of the original wall. This has allowed for an increase in sight distance for road users and safe access for pedestrians around this corner. The set back distance for the wall was constrained in relation to the land take allowable at this location. The newly constructed wall was built to the required height as set out in the building regulations and capped in accordance with the land take agreement."

Councillor Gerry Dolan outlined that he had been contacted by a number of people in relation to this wall. He advised that the works carried out at this junction are to be welcomed but the height of the wall is creating a serious safety hazard as it is not possible to see traffic coming from the Carrick on Shannon direction and this must be addressed. He stated that he wanted it recorded that he had highlighted this serious issue.

Councillor Enda McGloin supported the motion. He outlined that he had spoken with the District Engineer in relation to the situation and understood that there were issues in relation to the obligatory height of the wall and accommodating the owner of the property involved. He queried whether some solution could be considered including the raising of the road or the removal of the decorative capping on the wall to alleviate the situation.

Mr. John McGuinness, Director of Services confirmed that the matter would be considered further.

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10/5/10 Promotion of villages in County Leitrim

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

"I will ask the County Manager to put in place a major plan for the promotion of the villages in County Leitrim with a view to attracting new families into these areas where there are excellent services and many vacant affordable houses. A positive profile for each village and town."

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

"The promotion of Leitrim as a place to live work and invest has been actively pursued since 2007. Currently final amendments to www.leitrim.ie are being prepared which will give detailed information in relation to all aspects that would be considered in selecting a location to live or invest. However, taking into account the

current economic realities a major promotional program as suggested is not planned in the current year. In the meantime the continued promotion of the county as a place to visit particularly through the hosting or securing of events is ongoing in the current year. Detail of these events has been circulated to the Members today. Through work of this nature excellent opportunities are presented to showcase what the county has to offer. The matter will be further reviewed in the context of the preparation of the budget for 2011."

Councillor Ferguson outlined that he had tabled the motion to counteract negative publicity which has been ongoing for some time. He acknowledged the reply received but stated that a brochure for each village and town, to present them in a very positive and attractive way, is required. He stated that the facilities available in our towns and villages need to be highlighted. He suggested that a template brochure could be developed which could be provided to the local Committee or Chamber of Commerce to develop further if resources aren't available to the Council. He stated however that the Council must be the driving force in relation to such an initiative.

Councillor Michael Colreavy seconded and fully supported the motion. Councillor Siobhán McGloin also supported the motion. She stated that a similar motion had been discussed some years ago. She stated that the availability of such a brochure would be a great asset to every town/village.

Councillor Martin Kenny also supported the motion and stated that we must attract opportunities for people. Councillor Gordon Hughes also supported the motion. He outlined that the Ballinamore Chamber had compiled such a brochure some years ago to promote the town. He stated that it would be beneficial if the Council took the lead role in relation to such an initiative.

Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development outlined that Leitrim County Council has taken the lead role in the development and promotion of the County through the County Development Board. He outlined the very significant work and the initiatives implemented in this regard over recent years. He outlined that all of the necessary information is readily available – that this information is what would be required for IDA standard companies looking for a suitable location. He stated that every opportunity is availed of to promote the county in its entirety. He stated that the production of brochures for individual towns and villages is a very expensive option which is very difficult to fund and to find opportunities to promote. He stated that this is why a web-based approach is being adopted. He outlined that the tourism sector offers great opportunities for promoting the county and the newer events are attracting huge numbers to the county and generating a lot of repeat visits. He stated that the Council hopes to continue to work actively with the tourism promoters in this regard. He outlined that contact would be made with the main Development Associations to try and get them to make contact with the Rural Development Programme which is the ideal programme to assist in relation to such a drive at local level.

Councillor Sean McDermott supported the motion and stated that the County has great potential and we must be focusing on our strengths. He stated that the development of brochures is a very important initiative.

Councillor John Ward suggested that local community organisations should seek sponsorship from local businesses to fund the development of brochures at local level.

Councillor Ferguson thanked the Director of Services for his detailed response and overview of initiatives and for the offer of making contact with the Development Associations.

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10/5/10 Local road L5515

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council put in place the two barriers on Local Road L5515. I already received written communication from the County Council over twelve months ago that these barriers would be put in place."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"It had been the practise to fund this type of work from the Discretionary Improvement Grants unfortunately there is no allocation under this heading in 2010. The provision of these barriers can be reconsidered later in the year depending on remaining funding balances available."

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10/5/10 Taking in Charge of Estates

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services how many applications have been received for the Taking in Charge of Estates from the town of Carrick on Shannon; at what stage are each of these applications and how many estates in Carrick on Shannon have not yet sent in an application to Leitrim County Council for the Taking in Charge."

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

"Six applications have been received for taking in charge of housing estates in Carrick on Shannon. One of those has been completed-i.e, Oaklands. The other five applications relate to the following estates;-Cluain Sí, Cluain Ard, Tír na Sí Ros na hInse and Carraig Beag. Additional information has been sought and is awaited in respect of all five applications. There are a further eighteen housing estates wherein the housing units have been completed, for which applications for taking in charge have not been made. Whilst the houses are completed in those estates, the roads and services are completed to varying degrees. On receipt of applications, the Council would carry out snag lists and seek the completion of outstanding works. Constant efforts are being made to seek that the outstanding additional information is submitted by those who have made applications and to encourage the others to make applications."

Councillor Reynolds welcomed the response.

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10/5/10 Employment in Leitrim

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

"I ask the County Manager, Jackie Maguire, to set up a forum and call in the IDA and other State Bodies, to discuss the possibility of creating work in Leitrim. The ongoing debate about empty houses will continue unless there is employment to encourage families into our County."

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

"Through Better Local Government a County Development Board was set up in each county including Leitrim. The purpose of the Board and in this context it's Economic Development Working Group is to provide such a forum as that suggested. The debate on the future economic development of the county has been ongoing and has over the last year refocused based on the economic realities now being faced. A number of initiatives were identified and undertaken. A workshop specifically assigned to such matters was held by the CDB, led by Leitrim County Council, in the last six weeks and the outcomes are currently being considered with a view to referral to the economic development working group shortly."

Councillor Enda Stenson stated that the upsurge in emigration is a huge drain on the youth of the County. He outlined that the County has very fine facilities available which must be promoted by the IDA. He stated that it would be interesting to establish when the IDA last created a job in Leitrim. He stated that our highly qualified workforce is leaving the county and the generation of employment locally is absolutely essential.

Councillor John Ward supported the motion. Councillor Gerry Reynolds also supported the motion and stated that job preservation must be a key concern and a key role for the IDA who are not putting enough effort into maintaining existing jobs. He stated that the County has a lot of positives in terms of infrastructure, educated workforce etc and the responsible agencies must work more proactively in relation to supporting existing jobs and the creation of new indigenous jobs. He outlined that the County Enterprise Board funding has been slashed at a time when their support is more critical than ever. He also outlined that the Valuation Office is the only agency which is increasing the valuations on property. He stated that these policies are acting as a huge disincentive and removing very necessary funding and this issue must be addressed.

Councillor Sean McGowan supported the motion and recognised that the issues are being addressed through the forum of the County Development Board as appropriate.

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10/5/10

Litter along National Primary Routes

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

"At the May Council Meeting I ask Leitrim County Council who is responsible for cleaning up the litter along the National Primary routes in the County. We are heading into the tourism season and there is a lot of litter along the roads."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The NRA are responsible for providing all the funding on the National Primary Routes, and the County Councils are responsible for carrying out the work. The

problem of litter on national primary roads has dis- improved considerably, all over the country, in the last number of years and this presents a significant challenge to all local authorities especially as the allocation for National Primary maintenance has been reduced significantly in 2010. However Leitrim County Council will endeavour to have the litter picked for the tourism season. Leitrim County Council also requests the support of the general public to help to stamp out the ant-social behaviour that causes this type of littering along our public roads."

Councillor Sean McDermott noted that the Council will focus on litter along national primary routes. He stated that it is important that rural areas are also addressed.

Councillor Frank Dolan supported the motion and stated that littering has become a major problem. He stated that a change of mind-set is what is ultimately required. Councillor Dolan also stated that the issue of verge trimming also needs to be attended to.

Councillor Enda McGloin referred to research undertaken in relation to how households are disposing of their household waste. He stated that there should be an obligation on households to provide evidence in relation to how they are disposing of their waste and he urged the Council to undertake an initiative in this regard.

Councillor Mary Bohan outlined that it is a small minority of people who are creating the problem. She stated that the various options in relation to waste disposal should be highlighted.

Mr. Vincent Dwyer, Acting Director of Services, Planning, Environment & Emergency Services outlined the range of activity and supports available in relation to environmental awareness and tackling the littering and waste disposal problems.

Councillor Ward, Councillor O'Rourke and Councillor Mulligan also supported the motion and highlighted the increase in littering activity. Councillor Mulligan suggested that consideration should be given to having a Litter Awareness Week, possibly towards the end of June, to highlight the situation. Following discussion it was agreed that a proposal for a Clean-Up-Leitrim Week would be brought to the next Council meeting.

10/262

10/5/10

Roundabout at High Street, Ballinamore

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure what is the up-to-date position regarding the design and installation of a roundabout at High Street, Ballinamore at the junction of the new relief road with the main Killeshandra/Enniskillen road. It was my understanding that this was due to be built in conjunction with the opening of this road nearly 18 months ago. This is posing a significant traffic hazard at a busy intersection and is an accident waiting to happen unless these works are carried out as a matter of urgency."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"We are currently reviewing the design of this junction following discussions with the

local business people. Once our review is complete we will advise the Local Councillors and business people of our proposals. The junction will be completed this year."

Councillor Gordon Hughes noted the response and welcomed the allocation of funding and that the works will be carried out in the current year. He outlined concern however that no consultation has taken place with the local business community to date and requested that consultation take place in this regard at the initial design stage.

Mr. John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure confirmed that consultation would take place with the local business community as requested.

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10/5/10

Broadband

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to immediately investigate the fact that Leitrim Village has no broadband available despite the fact that fiber optic cable is in the ground. As a Village only 4 miles from Carrick-on-Shannon it is vital from a development and business point of view that this local authority co-ordinates efforts to bring broadband to the Village."

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

"As with many other parts of the County there is a variety of options for access to Braodband currently while the National Broadband Scheme currently being rolled out will provide further access in many areas. In relation to Leitrim Village the access to broadband is very dependant on the property location. It would be advisable for any interested parties to pursue these options in order to identify potential service providers. Further details are available from the Community and Enterprise Department."

Councillor Enda McGloin noted that there are a number of companies involved. He sought clarification that there is fibre optic cable in the ground and queried how this can be developed. He suggested that it would be a good idea for the local Community Groups to have a meeting with Community & Enterprise to discuss the issue.

Councillor Francis Gilmartin supported the motion and stated that he didn't accept that people should have to go to other providers. He stated that this service should be provided by Eircom and that Leitrim Village has fibre optic infrastructure that is not available elsewhere.

Councillor John McCartin also supported the motion. He outlined that the Carrigallen/Newtowngore area has the infrastructure in place and only small additional works are required. He stated that it is unacceptable that areas would have to wait for additional masts to be provided.

Councillor Mary Bohan also supported the motion and stated that broadband availability is a huge issue for people working from home. She stated that an update should be sought in relation to the position re broadband in other towns and villages.

Councillor Gordon Hughes also supported the motion and stated that broadband is a most important piece of infrastructure. Councillor Paddy O'Rourke stated that an agent on behalf of Eircom has been doing house-to-house enquiries in relation to interest in broadband despite 3 separate submissions having been made providing this information.

Councillor Michael Colreavy stated that we need to be looking at a new way of organising broadband as current arrangements are illogical. He stated that all public services should have a broadband plan for all their services and interconnectivity would have to be part of that plan. Private citizens could then 'piggy-back' on that infrastructure.

Councillor Sean McDermott also supported the motion and stated that it is critical that every town and village has broadband access.

Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development outlined that the problem in Leitrim Village is one of more fragmented areas. He confirmed that his Department can meet with local representatives and explain the position in so far as they are aware of it and point people in the right direction. He outlined that he understood that there is fibre cable in Leitrim Village as part of the Eircom infrastructure. He outlined that the automation of exchanges is a matter for Eircom. He outlined that the National Broadband Scheme which is being rolled out will improve access – he advised that the areas covered are significantly improved from the original proposal but that there are still some gaps and these are to be addressed through a rural broadband scheme which is currently being developed. He advised that there are no details available as yet in relation to this scheme but outlined that he expected that the approach under this initiative would be somewhat different.

Councillor Gordon Hughes proposed that Eircom be invited to send a deputation to a Council meeting to address the issues arising and outline the reasons why they are not enabling exchanges. Councillor Enda McGloin thanked the members for their support in relation to the motion and seconded the proposal by Councillor Hughes. He also outlined that he would look at arranging a meeting for representatives from Leitrim Village with staff from the Community & Enterprise Department.

Proposed by Councillor Gordon Hughes, seconded by Councillor Enda McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council requests Eircom to send a deputation to a meeting of Leitrim County Council to address issues arising in relation to broadband availability and outline the reasons why they are not broadband enabling telephone exchanges.”

10/264

10/5/10

EPA Code of Practice on Wastewater Treatment

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Thomas Mulligan outlined that as Motion No's 20 and 23 both relate to the EPA Code of Practice on Wastewater Treatment Systems for Single Houses it is proposed to take these items together. This was agreed by the Members.

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to prepare a submission to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Scrutiny on the current issue of the Implementation of New EPA Code of Practice on Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems serving Single Houses. This submission should include alternative engineering solutions to the issues including that provided by this local authority's environment engineers and from others. I further propose that this Council seek to send a delegation to meet with the said committee at Leinster House and ask them to examine and to review its interpretation and implementation of the Statutory Instrument from the EU."

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

"The Environmental Protection Agency is receiving a deputation from this Council on Wednesday next 12th May at which the Council's concerns re the Code of Practice on Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems serving Single Houses. It is understood that this matter is to be brought to the attention of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Scrutiny with a view to having the Council's concerns outlined. If and when such a meeting is arranged, a submission will be prepared which will seek that they examine the interpretation and implementation of the EU Statutory Instrument and seek that alternative engineering solutions be considered."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council invite Dr. Rory Harrington, Senior Scientist in the Department of the Environment to make a presentation on Integrated Constructed Wetlands (ICW's). I further propose that sufficient time be allowed for a questions and answers session on this very important topic."

Councillor Frank Dolan outlined that this is the most serious issue to come before the Council in some time and he proposed that a submission be prepared for the Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Scrutiny and that a delegation attend the next meeting of the Committee. He welcomed the forthcoming meeting with the EPA and stated that the momentum must be kept up on this critical issue for the County.

Councillor Gerry Kilrane supported the motion. He suggested however that the outcome of the forthcoming meeting with the EPA should be awaited prior to making any submission. He outlined that he wasn't sure that the Term of Reference of the Scrutiny Committee would allow what is proposed which is effectively a retrospective inspection of the Directive.

Councillor Enda McGloin also supported the motion. He outlined that he understood, from a response from Minister Gormley to a Dail Question from Deputy Frank Feighan, that both processes can work in tandem. He also outlined that there is some suggestion that the Code of Practice has no legal standing until such time as it is incorporated into Part H of the Building Regulations. He advised that clarification is being sought in this regard.

Councillor John McTernan also supported the motion and queried whether Leitrim County Council was premature in our interpretation and implementation of the guidelines.

Councillor Mary Bohan supported the motion and outlined that her motion relates to

the same substantive issue. She conveyed her thanks to Senator Paschal Mooney for his efforts in securing a meeting with the EPA on the issue. Councillor Bohan outlined that she had spoken with Dr. Harrington twice in the last couple of weeks and he has indicated that he would be happy to attend a Council meeting. She outlined that he considers that there shouldn't be a problem in finding a solution to the issue for Leitrim. She proposed that Dr. Harrington be invited to make a presentation to the Council in relation to Integrated Constructed Wetlands and, given the importance of the issue, that time be allowed for questions and answers. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Michael Colreavy.

Councillor Sean McDermott outlined that this is the third meeting at which this issue has been discussed and we are no closer to a solution. He requested that the issue of water discharge licences as a potential solution be considered.

Councillor Gerard Reynolds and Councillor John McCartin acknowledged the points made by Councillor Kilrane but stated that a meeting with the Joint Oireachtas Committee should be sought at this point as the issue needs to be highlighted at every possible opportunity. Councillor McCartin outlined that he had raised the issue at a recent Border Regional Authority meeting and none of the other Members seemed to be aware of the issue. He queried why this is a problem for Leitrim and not on the agenda in other border counties. This was supported by Councillor Mulligan who outlined that Members of Cavan County Council had not been aware of the issue at a recent meeting in relation to the Quinn Group situation.

Ms. Jackie Maguire, County Manager outlined that the issue for Leitrim is related to the soil type affecting most of the County. She outlined that the Code of Practice is being implemented under instruction and not by choice and suggested that other Counties should be queried in relation to how they are implementing the Code.

Mr. Ciaran Tracey, Senior Planner outlined that the Planning Acts and the Building Control Acts are two separate legal procedures. He advised that the fact that the Code of Practice has not yet been incorporated into the Building Control legislation has no impact on the Planning Acts and that it is written into the Planning Acts that Planning Authorities must take into account Government Policy. He stated that Leitrim are simply complying with the instructions as issued and all counties must implement the Code of Practice for all applications received after 8th January 2010. He outlined that at a recent meeting he had had discussions with a number of counties, many of whom have concerns in relation to the Code of Practice. He outlined that for many counties the concern is in relation to sites with a T Value of between 50-90. He outlined that most counties are accepting the Code because alternative better quality soil is available. He also outlined that some counties do not have Site Assessor Panels and there is a risk that inaccurate site assessments may be submitted in some instances.

Councillor Reynolds requested that this statement in relation to inaccurate assessments be withdrawn. Councillor Gilmartin outlined that Longford County Council do not have a Panel of Assessors and stated that other Planning Authorities are not as stringent as Leitrim.

Councillor Enda McGloin stated that the priority must be to get a meeting with Minister Gormley.

***Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan, seconded by Councillor Enda McGloin
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

"That Leitrim County Council prepare a submission to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Scrutiny on the current issue of the Implementation of New EPA Code of Practice on Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems serving Single Houses. This submission should include alternative engineering solutions to the issues including that provided by this local authority's environment engineers and from others. Furthermore that this Council seek to send a delegation to meet with the said committee at Leinster House and ask them to examine and to review its interpretation and implementation of the Statutory Instrument from the EU."

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

"That Leitrim County Council invite Dr. Rory Harrington, Senior Scientist in the Department of the Environment to make a presentation on Integrated Constructed Wetlands (ICW's). I further propose that sufficient time be allowed for a questions and answers session on this very important topic."

Councillor Mary Bohan queried what definition is being used for 'rural' houses. She outlined that a recent statement by the Senior Planner had indicated that 5/6 of vacant houses in the county are rural houses. She stated that this figure is very misleading, is incorrect and is not accepted. This was supported strongly by all the members who stated that the majority of vacant houses are not located in rural areas. Members expressed the view that the comments made misrepresent the situation in the county and present additional difficulties in trying to address the issues arising from the Code of Practice. Ms. Jackie Maguire, County Manager outlined the basis for the figures, having regard to the level of vacancies per the 2006 Census and the study undertaken of vacant properties in new developments in our towns and villages.

Following discussion it was agreed that a more in-depth study of the position needed to be undertaken and it was agreed that a random sample of 3 DED's in each Electoral Area would be reviewed in detail by the Planning Staff, in discussion with the local members, to establish the actual position.

10/265

10/5/10 Traffic flow in Carrick-on-Shannon

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to reverse traffic flow in Carrick town for one month as a trial - at present the traffic is chaos from across the Bridge to the Tesco roundabout in evenings and mornings."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The issue of the direction of the traffic flow in Carrick on Shannon was the dealt with at the April Council meeting and the situation has not changed, however the traffic difficulties being experienced at present, are largely due to very necessary road works on the Roscommom side of the bridge associated with the Carrick on Shannon sewerage scheme."

Councillor Ward acknowledged that this matter had been discussed at the April Council meeting and confirmed that he had received a copy of the report to that meeting. He advised that the issue had been raised again with him by representatives of the local Chamber of Commerce since the April Council meeting which was why he had tabled the motion.

10/266

10/5/10 **Carbon Tax Exemption on Farm Diesel**

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Thomas Mulligan outlined that as Motion No's 22 and 26 both relate to the proposed carbon tax on farm diesel it is proposed to take these items together. This was agreed by the Members.

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

"At the next meeting of Leitrim County Council I will propose that the government exempt farm diesel from the carbon tax."

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

"Could this Council contact the Minister for Finance by letter asking him why we put the carbon tax on tractor diesel when other countries in the EU did not and request him to remove same in time for the baling and slurry spreading etc. This tax would cost farmers 5% that they would struggle to afford."

Councillor Siobhán McGloin outlined that Ireland is the only country of the 27 EU Member States to implement a carbon tax on farm diesel. She stated that this tax will have serious implications for farmers and must be removed immediately.

Councillor Francis Gilmartin queried why Ireland is implementing this tax contrary to what other EU Member States are doing. He stated that this tax will increase the cost to farmers of all their activities and that it is disgraceful that farmers should be targeted in this way. He stated that we must call for the immediate removal of this tax.

This was supported by all the Members.

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

"That Leitrim County Council contact the Minister for Finance asking him why we put the carbon tax on tractor diesel when other countries in the EU did not and request that farm diesel be exempted from this tax and that this exemption be put in place in time for the baling and slurry spreading season. This tax would cost farmers 5% that they would struggle to afford."

10/267

10/5/10 **Suspension of Periodontal Treatment**

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

"At the May meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask for the support of the members in calling on the Minister for Health to reverse the decision to suspend periodontal treatment for medical card holders and also to engage in talks with the Irish Dental professional to find a workable solution to the current financial constraints."

Councillor Sinéad Guckian outlined the background to her Motion and stated that it is totally unacceptable that this very necessary treatment would be suspended. She stated that some alternative means of achieving savings must be identified.

This was supported by all the Members.

Proposed by Councillor Sinéad Guckian, seconded by Councillor Francis Gilmartin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"That Leitrim County Council calls on the Minister for Health to reverse the decision to suspend periodontal treatment for medical card holders and also to engage in talks with the Irish Dental professional to find a workable solution to the current financial constraints."

10/268

10/5/10 Long Term Leasing Scheme 2009

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to consider the current scheme offered by Minister Finneran in relation to long term leasing. I request that Leitrim County Council report to members the feasibility of this scheme for the County in terms of meeting the current waiting lists. There is a number of people in Dromahair experiencing a long wait for a local authority house and I am anxious to learn if this scheme can help these people in this regard."

Report by Director of Service, Corporate Services & Housing

"Leitrim County Council advertised for Expressions of Interest in relation to the Long Term Leasing Scheme in 2009. On foot of submissions received we submitted a proposal to the Department for an initial pilot scheme project comprising 8 no. units in Carrick on Shannon and were approved to progress this proposal. Discussions are ongoing with the developers in relation to addressing some outstanding planning and fire safety issues. The Minister has recently announced changes to the Leasing Scheme and we will be considering the wider implementation of the scheme over the coming months. While all submissions will be considered decisions will obviously be based on meeting housing needs. Significant progress is currently being made however in relation to the implementation of the Rental Accommodation Scheme which is also an effective means of meeting housing needs, with 40 households transferred onto the scheme in 2009 and a further 26 households transferred to date in 2010."

Councillor John McTernan queried the changes as announced in relation to the Long Term Leasing Scheme and stated that he hoped that this scheme would be availed of to meet housing needs.

Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing & Corporate Services advised that there have been a range of changes to the Scheme including the removal of the requirement for a minimum of 5 properties and the requirement that only new properties can be considered. She outlined that the Housing Section are currently reviewing the scheme and will be considering advertising for Expressions of Interest over the coming months. She outlined however that any properties to be considered must meet identified housing need.

10/269

10/5/10 Study on flooding in the Shannon Region

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

"Since the OPW are not prepared to carry out a study on flooding in the Shannon Region until the 3rd quarter of this year, I propose that Leitrim County Council call on them to put in place an interim action plan to address the immediate flood risk in the region."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Leitrim County Council will continue to liaise with the OPW with a view to impressing on them the urgency of the issues in relation to flooding in the region and will seek to obtain funding for any interim measure identified in our discussions with the OPW, Waterways Ireland, and ESB."

Councillor John McCartin noted the response but stated that the OPW, as the single agency with competence for flood risk management, must be called upon to act immediately in relation to this issue.

Councillor John Ward supported the motion. He outlined that he had attended a recent Heritage Conference at which it was outlined that the OPW were preparing a plan for implementation in 2015. He stated that no response was forthcoming in relation to a short-term plan. He stated that the whole problem in relation to the River Shannon is the proper control of the gates and the OPW are not prepared to take this on board at this time.

Councillor Sean McGowan also supported the motion and stated that the matter needed to be addressed urgently.

Proposed by Councillor John McCartin, seconded by Councillor John Ward AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"Since the OPW are not prepared to carry out a study on flooding in the Shannon Region until the 3rd quarter of this year, that Leitrim County Council call on them to put in place an interim action plan to address the immediate flood risk in the region."

10/270

10/5/10 Roadworks surfacing

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

"I ask that Leitrim County Council, when carrying out the proposed roadworks surfacing etc at the road leading to the local authority estate Bredagh Carrigallen, would consider replacing the high Kerb on the left hand side beside houses no. 1 to 4 in order that residents could access the small parking area between houses no. 2 and 3. This would contribute to safety with off street parking. I would also ask that the section of the wall adjacent to house no. 7 be removed (presently it is cracked and dangerous) in order that the truck which collects the contents of the bring centre can access the site with safety. Presently it causes difficulty to road users due to only being able to partially enter the site."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"There is a road restoration grant on this road this year and this will address the issue of the high kerb. The wall referred to is privately owned and the district engineer will discuss the stability of this wall with the owner."

Councillor Paddy O'Rourke outlined that he understood that the wall in question is part of the local authority scheme and is not a private wall. He asked that the matter be revisited and reviewed.

This was supported by Councillor McCartin who stated that the matter needs to be addressed.

10/271

10/5/10 School Bus Service

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

"At the May meeting of Leitrim County Council I will seek the support of the members in again calling on Bus Eireann to restore the school bus service, to the students from the Gortletteragh / Bornacoola area who are attending the new Community College in Mohill, to its original route through Tooman, Clooncumber and on to Johnstons Bridge which had been in operation for a long number of years. Bus Eireann changed the route 2 years ago, where the Bus now goes from Tooman to Clooneagh Cross and it means that 12 students who used to be picked up at Johnstones Bridge (where there is plenty of room for them to safely wait for the bus) have to make their way to Clooneagh Cross which is very narrow and dangerous. The parents and students are concerned for their safety and are seeking to have the original route restored. They are extremely angry and frustrated with the school bus section of Bus Eireann."

Councillor Sean McGowan outlined that the parents are very concerned in relation to this situation and requested that a letter issue to Bus Éireann in Sligo asking that the matter be looked at. He further requested that a letter issue to Sean Haughey, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Education making him aware of the situation. He stated that the original bus route should be reinstated for the commencement of the school year in September.

Councillor Enda Stenson, Councillor John Ward and Councillor Gerry Kilrane fully supported the motion. Councillor Sinéad Guckian supported the motion and stated that safety must be the key issue. Councillor Thomas Mulligan also supported the motion and stated that Local Liaison Committees should be put in place in relation to the school bus service.

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

"That Leitrim County Council again call on Bus Eireann to restore the school bus service, to the students from the Gortletteragh / Bornacoola area who are attending the new Community College in Mohill, to its original route through Tooman, Clooncumber and on to Johnstons Bridge which had been in operation for a long number of years. Bus Eireann changed the route 2 years ago, where the Bus now goes from Tooman to Clooneagh Cross and it means that 12 students who used to be picked up at Johnstones Bridge (where there is plenty of room for them to safely wait for the bus) have to make their way to Clooneagh Cross which is very narrow and dangerous. The parents and students are concerned for their safety and are seeking to have the original route restored. They are extremely angry and frustrated with the school bus section of Bus Eireann."

10/272

10/5/10 Iarnród Eireann

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Thomas Mulligan outlined that he was permitting an Emergency Motion which was being brought forward in relation Iarnród Éireann.

This was agreed by the Members.

***Proposed by Councillor Michael Colreavy, seconded by Councillor Martin Kenny
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;***

"That Leitrim County Council deplores Iarnród Eireann's policy of using only the geographic location names on timetables and on trains, with the exception of Heuston, Connolly and Pearse for the Dublin stations. We find it incredible that this policy should be adopted as we approach the centenary of 1916 rebellion. We do not accept the stated rationale that this policy maintains clarity for travellers. We suggest that a name such as Sligo MacDiarmada is very clear and unambiguous. We request that Iarnród Eireann immediately reverse this policy and that the names of our patriot dead continue to be used with station location names and that the motion be sent to Mr Richard Fearn, Chief Executive, Iarnród Eireann, Connolly Station, Dublin 1, Minister for Transport and General Council of County Councils".

10/273

10/5/10 Meeting with EPA

It was agreed that the following members would attend the meeting with the EPA scheduled for Wednesday 12th May 2010 at 3.00pm in Buswells Hotel, Dublin to discuss the Code of Practice in relation to Wastewater Treatment Systems for Single Houses:

- Councillor Thomas Mulligan, Cathaoirleach
- Councillor John McTernan
- Councillor John Ward
- Councillor John McCartin
- Councillor Martin Kenny
- Councillor Gerry Dolan
- Councillor Mary Bohan

- Councillor Francis Gilmartin
- Councillor Paddy O'Rourke

It was agreed that the Delegation would meet in Buswells Hotel at 2.00pm.

Part II - Questions.

10/274

10/5/10 Junction at the Ballinaboy Cross

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Dolan;

"I call on the Director of Services, Infrastructure to improve the junction at the Ballinaboy Cross, Leitrim, coming from Mohereerague as the recent works carried out have made it more dangerous for traffic to get onto the Leitrim Drumshanbo Road."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Improvement works were carried out last month at the junction of the LP 3387 and the R280 known locally as Ballinaboy cross. The works included the re - alignment of the junction to allow traffic to exit the LP 3387 in a safer manner. A stop line will be installed at this location when a road marking crew are next in the area."

10/275

10/5/10 Lights at Riverside Walk

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Reynolds;

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure the reason why over 60% of the lights at the Riverside Walk do not now work. What plans has the Council to replace them and when will this be done."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The lights on the Boardwalk were damaged as a result of the flooding in late 2009. Leitrim County Council have undertaken an assessment of the faults and await a report from our electrical contractor. The timing of repairs/replacement will depend on the extent of works necessary and the costs involved."

10/276

10/5/10 Flash Flooding

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Reynolds;

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure if the Council could carry out remedial work at the entrance to the Glencarrig Housing Estate, Carrick on Shannon, to stop the flash flooding that takes place after rainfall."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The area will be examined with a view to resolving the concerns raised."

10/277

10/5/10 Group Water Scheme Connections

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure if the Council has a full list of all connections authorised and others to Group Water Schemes where the Council are the providers of the water?"

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The Council files on Group Water Schemes contain only the names of the original applicants as per the initial Application Form.
Further applications for new members would be a matter for the Group itself."

10/278

10/5/10 Mobile phone coverage in Leitrim

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;

"I will ask the County Manager has a mapping exercise of the "black spots" for the mobile phone coverage in Leitrim been completed?"

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

"In regard to mobile phone coverage all operators are actively upgrading their coverage on an ongoing basis resulting in an ever changing picture in relation to mobile phone coverage. Typically Leitrim's coverage would be on par with that throughout the country. All operators provide detail coverage maps which are readily available to any prospective customer or on the web. It is therefore not considered to be a priority to carry out such mapping."

10/279

10/5/10 Lay-bys at Drumharkin/Drumroosk South

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to put in place a number of laybys on the second section of the local road which goes through Drumharkin/Drumroosk South on the Drumroosk side."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Due to the significantly reduced roads allocation for 2010, there is no funding available, this year for this work.
The matter will be kept under review and it may be possible to address this location in conjunction with other works in the area."

10/280

10/5/10 Lay-bys at Lough Rowan L3458

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to put in place laybys on the road around Lough Rowan number L3458. The trout fishing season has just begun and this road is very busy with cars coming to the lake with boats attached."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"A number of lay-bys were already provided along this road over the last number of years however do to the significant reduction in the 2010 Road Allocations there is no

funding available for this work this year."

10/281

10/5/10 **Proposals on public display**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Siobhan McGloin;

"At the next meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask that when this Council is placing adverts in the media regarding plans that are on Public display in the Council Headquarters in Carrick on Shannon that the advert state that the plans are also available to be viewed in the local area office."

Report by Director of Service, Corporate Services & Housing

"This arrangement is currently in place for policy documents which are the subject of public consultation. Arrangements will be put in place for part VIII planning proposals."

10/282

10/5/10 **R280 at Park Crossroads**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Siobhan McGloin;

"I ask the District Engineer to erect dangerous bend signs/SLOW signs or signs indicating the entrances on to R280 at Park crossroads warning drivers that there are a number of entrances on to the R280 at this point."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The location in question will be inspected and the signs if deemed necessary will be erected."

10/283

10/5/10 **Directional Sign for Drumshanbo**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;

"I ask the Director of Services, to consider erecting a directional sign for Drumshanbo at the Dublin Road roundabout at Carrick-on-Shannon?"

This request has been mentioned on a number of occasions before, and I am anxious for some commitment on this request?"

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"This request will be considered as part of a review of signage in Carrick on Shannon presently under way."

10/284

10/5/10 **Water Supply at Kiltoghert Graveyard**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sinead Guckian;

"At the May meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Carrick Area Engineer, when will the appropriate work be complete to have a water supply at Kiltoghert Graveyard. Last year it was agreed by Leitrim County Council to provide same to assist the committee and caretakers with the upkeep of the graveyard. I would also

ask if any solution has been found to address the slippery and dangerous surface of the footpaths after a rain fall."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The area in question is served by a group water scheme and it was previously agreed that Leitrim County Council would carry out the road crossing if the group water scheme provided the connection.

The cemetery committee should contact the district engineer in relation to this matter. The issue of the slippery paths can also be assessed on site at this meeting of the committee and the district engineer."

10/285

10/5/10 **Shannon Grove Development**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;

"I ask what is the present update regarding the Shannon Grove Development in Carrick on Shannon."

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

"The Planning Authority is in ongoing communications with the developer in relation to the completion of the outstanding works in the Shannon Grove estate. The developer has engaged a contractor to undertake the works and meetings have also taken place with the contractor. Both the developer and the contractor have been provided with a snag list of the works that are required to complete the estate. It is anticipated that the works should be completed by the end of September, barring complications. Following the completion of these works it is expected that the developer shall request the taking in charge of the estate and the Council can initiate the necessary procedures with a view to taking the estate into charge by the end of the year. As previously advised the works shall also be governed by an enforcement notice so that in the event the works are not completed by the developer the Council will be in a position to utilise the security deposit to complete the estate."

10/286

10/5/10 **Ramps at Shannagh, Mohill**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;

"I ask the District Engineer, Mr Michael Flynn when can we expect work to be carried out on the ramps at Shannagh Mohill, to ease the slope and prevent more damage being done to cars."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The proposal at Shannagh is to re-surface the sections of road in question thereby reducing the height of the ramps. There is presently no funding available to undertake these works.

The ramps conform to current design standards and no damage should occur to vehicles if drivers negotiate the ramps at an appropriate speed."

10/287

10/5/10 **Signs**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"I ask if cast-iron type name signs can be provided for Glenfarne Village - one of the existing signs is down for some time. Also the sign for Kiltyclogher/Glenfarne on the R283 in the townland of Lissinagroagh has been knocked down."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The signs in question will be inspected and the cost of provision ascertained, however funds for this type of work are very limited this year and at this stage no commitment can be given but the matter will be reviewed later in the year."

10/288

10/5/10 **Signs at Fowley Falls, Rossinver**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure if signs can be provided at 'Fowleys Falls' Rossinver, to indicate where parking is available along the road and also No Parking signs where parking is taking place at dangerous locations, which is a danger to oncoming and passing traffic. This would leave the tourist amenity area much safer."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The location in question will be inspected however due to the reduced allocation for 2010 no commitments can be made for the erection of these signs at this time. The matter will be reviewed later in the year."

10/289

10/5/10 **Review of bridge network within the county**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure what is the up-to-date position regarding a review of the entire bridge network within the county to ascertain their levels of safety and structural condition as agreed at the March meeting of Leitrim County Council. In particular the bridge at Lower Main Street, Ballinamore and at Kilbracken Bridge are just two examples of bridges that need to be reviewed."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"No work has started on the bridge inspections to date because of existing work loads, however it is hoped to have the significant bridges inspected before the end of the year."

10/290

10/5/10 **R204-10 at Gortahoosh, Corrawallen**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when it is proposed that the Council will widen the roadway R204-10 at Gortahoosh, Corrawallen P.O. as agreed previously, and what works are proposed to be carried out at this location."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The road in question is part of the 2010 roads programme and is presently at the "Part 8" public consultation process, when this is complete the land owner will be

contacted and the scheme progressed."

10/291

10/5/10 **Aughagrania Group Water Scheme**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure for any update or progress towards the upgrading of the 'Aughagrania group water scheme'?"

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Funding is in place in the current year to provide a booster pump station on the Drumshanbo side of this Group which will result in a significant improvement in the supply ."

10/292

10/5/10 **Grass Cutting**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Kilrane;

"What services can the County Council provide to the residents of Knocklongford and O'Carolan Court Estates in Mohill for the cutting of grass in the common areas and lawns this Summer. Many of the residents are elderly and not able to do this work which was previously undertaken by a Community Scheme."

Report by Director of Service, Corporate Services & Housing

"The cutting of the green areas within the Knocklongford and O'Carolan Court Estates in Mohill has been carried out under the Jobs Initiative Scheme and it is anticipated that this arrangement will be continued for the current grass-cutting season."

10/293

10/5/10 **" Children at Play" signs at Clooncarne**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Kilrane;

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure if signage could be erected at Clooncarne near Mallons house. This is a fully registered playschool and motor vehicles are inclined to excessive speed at this location. I am of the opinion that some signage indicating Children at Play or School Ahead would be both beneficial and justified."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Leitrim County Council adopted a policy in relation to "Children at Play" signs, which states that the council will only erect such signs in urban areas, however the policy also provides for the County Council making available "Semi Permanent " signs for erection at rural location such as the one referred to in this question. These signs will be provided at cost price and the residents will be responsible for there erection following consultation with the district engineer."

10/294

10/5/10 **Bridge at Annaqhselherny, Kilnagross**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John Ward;

"I ask Leitrim County Council to erect a barrier or put in place some safety measure at the bridge in townland of Annaghselherny, Killnagross (no road number exists there)."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The bridge in question will be examined and any necessary safety improvements will be considered, however it has to be pointed out that the roads allocation for 2010 is significantly reduced and this limits the possibility of responding positively to request such as this."

10/295

10/5/10 **Pedestrian Crossing and Ramps**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John Ward;

"I ask Leitrim County Council when are they going to put in place a pedestrian crossing on Main Street and ramps in St Patrick's Park, also the footpath across the green in Drumsna at the Church as this is going on for the last six months."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"There are no plans to provide Pedestrian crossing in Main Street. The proposals for Ramps at St Patricks Park is included in the Public Consultation Process presently under way and it is hoped to carry out these works in conjunction with the Cycle Ways, starting in August.

The issue of a footpath across the green in Drumsna needs to be reviewed from a road safety point of view and will be considered when other works are undertaken in Drumsna later in the year."

10/296

10/5/10 **Provision of Litter Bins**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;

"I request this Council to provide adequate litter bins in all our towns and villages, and all public amenity area's including the tennis court area in Drumkeerin."

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

"Efforts are made within the limited resources available to ensure that litter bins are located at the most appropriate locations in our towns and villages and at amenity and recreational areas. It is the experience that increasing the numbers of litter bins doesn't necessarily reduce volumes of littering and in many instances it has been established that they are used for disposal of household rubbish. The provision of litter bins is a costly activity as is the consequent increase in cost of their servicing. Sponsorship of litter bins bins by businesses and community groups would be welcomed."

10/297

10/5/10 **Provision of Speed Signs**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

"At the May Meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask Mr Michael Flynn, Senior

Executive Engineer, Carrick-on-Shannon, to provide 2 No. 60 KM speed signs on the Farnaught side of Thomas Gilroy's house, Beihy, (Mohill – Drumlish Road) and to carry out improvements to the sightlines on this stretch of road. It is extremely dangerous for the Gilroy family coming onto the road, they have little or no view back in the Mohill direction and they are concerned for their safety with the speed of traffic on the road."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"There are proposals to review speed limits in the county later in the year and this would be the appropriate time to address this situation."

10/298

10/5/10 **Improvements to Sightlines**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

"At the May meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure to provide funding in this year's roadwork's programme to carry out improvements to the sightlines at the crossroads at the former post office at Bornacoola. It is extremely difficult and dangerous for motorists approaching the crossroads from the community centre and Cloonmorris direction."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"There is no funding available in 2010 for this work.

The junction in question can be considered for inclusion in future Low Cost Safety programmes."

10/299

10/5/10 **Lay-by on the Gowel to Effernagh road at Annahealy**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sinead Guckian;

"At the May meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Carrick District Engineer to investigate the possibility of providing a lay-by to allow vehicles to pass on the Gowel to Effernagh road at Annahealy. Currently vehicles that meet in one section have to use the soft grass margin which is not capable of taking the vehicle weight and subsequently this is causing some subsidence of the road surface edge."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"There is no funding available in 2010 for the works."

10/300

10/5/10 **Appropriate Assessment Requirements**

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

"I would like this Council to clarify what impact a change of design of a conservatory which was already granted planning under a previous application would have on S.A.C's and S.P.A's. I feel this is a step too far as a change of design in my opinion could have no impact on a Natura 2000 site."

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

"Every application for planning permission is processed in accordance with planning legislation, the County Development Plan and all other relevant legislation,

regulations, guidelines, directives and codes of practice. The Planning Authority is now obliged to assess planning applications in accordance with the Guidance for Planning Authorities on Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland as introduced by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. This relates to all proposed developments which are within 15km of a Natura 200 site i.e. a S.A.C. or S.P.A.. In applications for smaller developments such as the one referred to, if it is within 15km of such a site, it is a matter for the applicant to submit a short Statement of Screening which will outline whether there are any potential impacts on such sites. Details re the procedure are outlined on a short addendum to the planning permission application form. This Statement will be assessed by the Planning Authority which will determine whether an Appropriate Assessment is necessary. It is likely that very few such applications will be required to prepare an A.A."

10/301

10/5/10 Code of Practice and Extension of Planning Permission

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

"I ask Mr Martin Dolan, Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services what is the position in regard to people requesting an extension under planning permission. Will the old guidelines apply to their septic tank effluent treatment?"

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

"Section 42 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 enable a Planning Authority to extend a period of planning permission for a specific development provided that a valid application is made prior to the date of expiry of the period of the relevant permission, that development to which the application relates was commenced prior to the date of expiry of the relevant permission, that substantial work had been carried out on the development and that the development can be completed within a reasonable period thereafter. If an application for extension of appropriate period is granted the conditions relating to effluent treatment that were conditioned in the original grant of planning permission will continue to apply."

10/302

10/5/10 LT- 15291 at Druminshingore

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McCartin;

"I ask that Leitrim County Council do repair works on the most regularly used section of LT-15291 at Druminshingore across from the Killerrin turn. This road has become rutted and bumpy."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Routine maintenance work will be carried out on this road when the patching unit is next in the area."

10/303

10/5/10 LS 5541

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McCartin;

"As the left hand margin on a narrow turn of LS 5541 at Killegar, Ballynamony and

Laheen has broken down, I ask that Leitrim County Council pipe, stone and surface this section of water-table."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The area in question will be inspected and the necessary drainage work will be carried out in conjunction with other works in the area."

10/304

10/5/10 Depression in R201 at Kivvy, Carrigallen

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

"I would ask again that a depression in the road (R201) outside the factory under construction in the town land of Kivvy, Carrigallen be attended to urgently as it has potential to cause a serious accident with many motorists swerving abruptly to avoid it. A small amount of materials and labour would render this safe."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"It will be possible to deal with this problem on the R201 in conjunction with other works in the area."

This concluded the business of the meeting at 8.45pm

**SIGNED: Cllr Thomas Mulligan
Cathaoirleach**

**SIGNED: Aideen McGovern
Meetings Administrator**

DATE: 14th June 2010