

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Monday 18th January 2010 at 4pm

Members Present:

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

And Councillor Thomas Mulligan, Cathaoirleach presiding

Apologies: Reynolds, Gerry

Officials Present:

- Ms. J. Maguire, County Manager
- Mr Martin Dolan, Director of Services, Planning, Environment & Emergency Services
- Mr Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community & Enterprise
- Ms Katrina Murphy, Head of Finance
- Mr John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure
- Ms Mary Quinn, Director of Housing & Corporate Services
- Mr William Lowe, Senior Engineer
- Mr Brian Kenny, Senior Engineer
- Mr Shay O'Connor, Senior Engineer
- Mr Michael Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer
- Mr Peadar Griffin, Senior Executive Engineer
- Mr Darragh O'Boyle, Senior Executive Engineer
- Mr John McKeon, Financial Management Accountant
- Ms Carmelita Caslin, Senior Executive Officer
- Mr Vincent Dwyer, Senior Executive Officer
- Mr Michael Gunning, IS Project Leader
- Ms Aideen McGovern, Meetings Administrator

At the outset of the meeting the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Thomas Mulligan, welcomed the members to the adjourned January Council meeting. He outlined that the Council meeting originally scheduled for 11th January 2010 had had to be adjourned due to the extreme weather conditions and the fact that a number of members were not in a position to travel to the meeting. He outlined that Statutory Items No.'s 1 to 6 on the Agenda dated 5th January 2010 had been dealt with prior to the meeting being adjourned on 11th January. He queried if any of the members who had not been in attendance had any issues which they wished to raise in relation to these particular items. There were no issues or queries raised.

The Cathaoirleach advised that the meeting would now proceed to consider Item No.'s 7-28 on the Agenda dated 5th January 2010 relating to the January Council meeting.

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18/01/2010

Votes of Sympathy

The members extended a vote of sympathy to the following;

- Seamus Mitchell & Family, Tawlaught Beg, Mohill on the death of Bridgid Keegan.
- Taylor Family, Drumsna, Co Leitrim on the death of Agnus Taylor.
- Mrs Kathleen Keaney, Carrowkeel, Glenaniff, Co Leitrim on the death of Sean Keaney.
- Seamus McManus, Moneenageer, Manorhamilton, Co Leitrim on the death of Tim McManus.
- John James McCabe, Drumminiff, Carrigallen, Co Leitrim on the death of Roseann McCabe.
- Irene Deleaney, Aughadruminshin, Aughavas, Co Leitrim on the death of Maureen McLean.
- McGarry Family, Drumeaglum, Leitrim on the death of John Murphy.
- Mick McCabe, Drumlegga, Cloone, Co Leitrim on the death of James McCabe.
- Rosemary Maguire, Main Street, Kiltyclogher, on the death of Tommy Maguire.
- Mrs Dympna Rooney, Glencar P.O., Glencar, Co Leitrim on the death of Francie Rooney.
- Mr & Mrs E McNabola, Cloonclive, Carrick-on-Shannon on the death of M. J. McKeon.
- Nigel Mulvey, Lisdromafarna, Kilnagross, Carrick-on-Shannon on the death of Annie Mulvey.
- Mr Damien Moylan, Correish, Drumsna, Co Leitrim on the death of Bertie Moylan.
- Mr John Hughes, 14 Shannon Lodge, Carrick-on-Shannon on the death of Vincent Hughes.
- Maura & John Lynch, Annagh, Drumeela, Carrigallen, Co Leitrim on the death of PC Lynch.
- Sean Guckian & Family, Scardan, Keshcarrigan, Co Leitrim on the death of Paddy Guckian.
- Mrs Mary McLoughlin, Coraman, Glenfarne, Co Leitrim on the death of Paddy Sheridan.
- Rogan Family, Litter, Drumkeerin, Co Leitrim on the death of Maureen Rogan.

The members on behalf of the above bereaved families expressed their gratitude and thanks to the outdoor staff of Leitrim County Council who gritting local roads, graveyards etc during the severe weather conditions.

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18/1/2010

Dates for Meetings to Consider Draft Road Works Scheme 2010

The Cathaoirleach advised that the 2010 Roads Allocation has not yet been announced nationally and he advised that it is proposed to defer consideration of this item to the February Council meeting.

This was agreed by the members.

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18/1/10 Report from the Corporate Policy Group

The Cathaoirleach advised that the Corporate Policy Group had not met since the December Council meeting and therefore there is no report in this regard.

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18/1/10 Correspondence

1. Letter from The Courts Service dated 7th December 2009 in relation to Ballinamore Courthouse.

Councillor Gordon Hughes stated that the response received in relation to the refurbishment of Ballinamore Courthouse, indicating that no works are likely to be carried out in the foreseeable future, is most disappointing. Councillor Hughes stated that the building was maintained to a high standard while it was owned by Leitrim County Council. He stated that this is a historic building and that it must not be allowed to fall into disrepair. He requested that a further letter issue to the Courts Service requesting that they maintain the building to an appropriate standard.

2. Notice dated 11th January 2010 from the Ethics Registrar notifying each elected member of the requirement to prepare and furnish an annual declaration to the Ethics Registrar no later than the last day of February 2010, in accordance with the provisions of Section 171 of the Local Government Act 2001.
3. Letter dated 8th January 2010 from Martin Dolan, Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Emergency Services to the Cathaoirleach and each elected member in relation to the Circular letter PSSP1/10 from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding the implementation of new EPA Code of Practice on Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems serving Single Houses.
4. Invitation from the Department of Health and Children for submissions in relation to the National Substance Misuse Strategy 2009-2016.
5. Circular Letter LG/26/2009 from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in relation to the revised annual rates of Representational Payment for Councillors with effect from 1st January 2010.

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18/01/2010 Conferences

Proposed by Councillor Sean McDermott, seconded by Councillor Siobhan McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

- o Attendance of Cllr Sean Mc Dermott at the fifth Annual ICLRD Conference in Enniskillen on the 21-22nd January 2010.

**Proposed by Councillor Sean McDermott, seconded by Councillor Siobhan McGloin
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;**

- o Attendance of Cllr Sean Mc Dermott at the “Tourism in the 21st Century a Challenge for all” Seminar on the 29th January to 30th January 2010 in Co Antrim.

Part 1 Notices of Motions

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18/01/10

Severe Weather Conditions

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mulligan outlined that there are eleven motions on the agenda dealing with the severe weather conditions over the Christmas & New Year period - Motion Number's 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27 and 28 – and he proposed that all eleven motions would be taken together. This was agreed by the members.

Councillor Mulligan advised that members would be invited to speak on their motions in the order in which they appeared on the agenda. He outlined that report dated 11th January 2010 from the County Manager, as circulated to each member, represents a response to the various motions and provides a detailed overview of the situation and the response provided. The report as circulated appears as **Appendix 1** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book.

Ms. Jackie Maguire, County Manager gave a detailed overview of her report outlining the various issues which arose and which are ongoing and the response of the Council to those issues. She pointed out that financial constraints did not impact on dealing with the issues arising. She acknowledged and paid tribute to the huge and sustained effort by staff across the organisation in dealing with the situation – from the staff who were out on the ground throughout the Christmas and New Year period in atrocious weather conditions to the staff who co-ordinated the response, manned hotlines, provided ongoing public and media communications etc. She also acknowledged the fantastic efforts of the Civil Defence Volunteers throughout the period and also the efforts of the Army personnel who were called in to assist with the gritting of footpaths in the towns and villages. She outlined that the thaw brings its own problems, particularly in relation to the water supply with water services staff continuing to work around the clock to address the issues arising. She advised that the thaw had also brought an increase in problems in our own housing stock with airlocks, burst pipes etc. Ms. Maguire stated that there can never be any expectation that all 1,700km of local roads in the county would ever all be gritted. She stated that issues notified to the Council were dealt with and addressed on a priority basis. She outlined that the cost of dealing with these severe weather conditions is currently in the region of €600,000 and the response is ongoing. She advised that this costing does not include the costs associated with the very significant damage caused to the road network as a result of the prolonged severe weather conditions.

Mr. John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure outlined that the Council response had been in line with the Council's 'Blizzard Plan' which is updated on an annual basis. He outlined that the 'Blizzard Plan' sets out what roads we can do. He outlined that, unlike some of the adjoining counties, Leitrim County Council grits many of our regional roads as standard. He outlined that in November 2009, in the context of the financial position, it was necessary to restrict pre-emptive salting on regional roads as advised to Members and the public. He outlined that this meant that other regional roads would be

salted the following working day as required. He outlined that on 19th December last, with the forecast for snow, the Council reverted to pre-emptive salting of all the roads we could. He outlined that the issue which arose in relation to salt supplies was as a direct result of the prolonged nature of the severe weather conditions. He outlined that 1,700 tonnes of salt had been used over this period compared to 1,800 tonnes for the entire winter period last year (i.e. November 2008 to April 2009). In addition the Council used 2,000 tonnes of grit over the recent cold spell. He advised that at all times Leitrim County Council had 3-4 days worth of salt stocks to deal with National Roads in the county.

Mr. McGuinness reiterated that it will never be possible to salt/grit every local/tertiary road. He outlined that in all cases, where a particular issue was identified, local arrangements were made by the Area Office staff. As the cold weather spell became elongated further roads were addressed. He outlined that €600,000 in costs is in excess of the local roads budget and is also in excess of the discretionary fund. He stated that additional funding must be forthcoming from the Department of Transport. He outlined that work is ongoing on assessing the damage to the road network and, depending on the Roads Allocation, road grants may have to be reprioritised. He advised that a clearer position would emerge once the road grants are notified.

In relation to the water supply situation Mr. McGuinness outlined that water production had never been the issue. He outlined that the Council was producing 35%-40% extra water daily but still could not meet demand due to issues on our own pipe network, issues on Group Water Schemes, people running taps, drinking troughs running constantly etc. He outlined that Water Services staff worked throughout the Christmas and New Year period to address the issues arising. He outlined that there had been and are significant issues on a number of Group Water Schemes. He outlined that most Group Water Schemes, while fed by public mains, are private schemes and the Council does not control the network. He stated that the physical networks served are huge and, while acknowledging that many group schemes are very well run, he stated that there are difficulties on many schemes with no proper committee's in place, issues of leakage not being addressed etc. He stated that the situation is not sustainable and the problems within the Group Scheme sector must be addressed. Mr. McGuinness outlined that water supply is again under pressure as a result of the thaw and an increase in leaks. He appealed to Group Water Schemes and the general public to check their water connections, walk their lines, check drinking troughs etc to identify leaks and have them repaired urgently. He outlined that Council staff had met with a number of Group Water Schemes over the Christmas/New Year period to advise them in relation to identifying and rectifying problems. He acknowledged that it is difficult for Group Water Schemes but stated that, given that they are private schemes, they must deal with the issues. Mr. McGuinness stated that he hoped that the experience of recent weeks with water shortages etc had raised awareness of the need to conserve water and the importance of ensuring that water networks are in good condition. He outlined that there are generous subsidies available for Group Water Schemes and grants for refurbishment etc. He advised that staff of the Rural Water Section of the Council continue to be available to advise and assist Group Schemes and stated that they would seek to instigate a series of meetings with Group Water Schemes in relation to addressing the issues arising.

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

"I request that the Director of Services for Infrastructure outline the current Leitrim County Council road gritting plan across the county in detail for the January meeting so that

members can debate and review same with a view on how we can deal more effectively with this and future severe winter conditions."

Councillor Enda McGloin thanked the County Manager and the Director of Services for the comprehensive report and update on the situation. He also thanked the Manager and all of the staff involved for the massive effort involved in addressing the situation throughout the Christmas and New Year period. He stated that the Council should be proud of the response achieved in what was a hugely difficult situation which he stated demonstrated the best of public service dedication. He stated that there were some issues with the routes operated by gritting lorries, particularly where gritting stopped on roads at Engineering Area boundaries etc. He stated that the road from Dowra to Drumkeerin needs to be gritted as standard as this is a particularly busy route. He stated that there were particular difficulties on this road for cattle lorries trying to access the Mart in Dowra which takes place each Saturday. He stated that he understands that lorries operating in the Dromahaire Area have to go back to a depot in Manorhamilton for re-fills. He stated that a depot needs to be provided in or near Drumshanbo to serve this general area. This was seconded by Councillor Gilmartin.

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

"Leitrim County Council extends our deepest appreciation to Council staff, contractors and voluntary agencies who worked so very hard to help minimise hardship for our citizens during the Christmas / New Year severe weather conditions. I request that Leitrim County Council will review the operation of our essential services plan with a particular view to creating a database of local volunteers and providing them with supplies of salt / grit to ensure local roads, housing estates, town / village footpaths, and private roads to the homes of elderly or vulnerable people can be kept open during severe weather conditions."

Councillor Colreavy stated that the Leitrim County Council response to the severe weather conditions had been very successful and was amongst the best in the country. He stated that keeping traffic moving throughout, particularly in north Leitrim with its hills and valleys, was an extraordinary achievement and he conveyed his deepest appreciation to all involved. He stated that the Essential Services Plan must be revisited. He stated that at national level the Government must state that they will fund whatever costs are associated with this and any future emergencies. He stated that it should not have taken so long for the Army resources to be made available and it should be a given that the Council can call in the Army when circumstances require. He outlined that it was unfortunate that former seasonal workers were not taken on as they knew the areas involved. He stated that it is hypocritical of Government Councillors and TD's to be talking about seasonal workers when they have supported the cutbacks leading to these staff being laid off. Councillor Colreavy outlined that the recent conditions allowed the Council to tap into a huge reservoir of good will in local communities and we must look at some easy way that salt/grit can be made available to local communities.

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

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

Councillor McDermott complimented the Council management and staff on the response to the severe weather conditions. He stated that enormous work had been done, that staff had been very accessible and amenable and that this was very much appreciated by both the public and the members. He stated that we must be on red-alert for something like this to happen and the issue of our storage capacity for salt/grit needs to be addressed.

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

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

Councillor Frank Dolan reiterated the compliments to Council management and staff on the huge efforts throughout the severe weather spell. He acknowledged that the conditions were exceptional but stated that he hoped lessons would be learned. He stated that roads around Lurganboy weren't salted as they were local roads which eventually had to have 'road blocked' signs erected as they were so hazardous. He stated that this is something that needs to be looked at. Councillor Dolan stated that footpaths throughout the county became a major issue as the situation progressed and the system of gritting the footpaths was very cumbersome and needs to be revisited. He stated that already complaints are being received in relation to gravel/grit on the roads and the cost will be very significant if this all has to be cleared up. He stated that it is unacceptable that the Department are questioning the provision of funding to local authorities to deal with the costs incurred.

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

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

Councillor Ward also complimented the Council staff on the response to the weather crisis. He stated that a fund should be put in place for salt and chippings for future winters and for emergencies generally.

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

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

Councillor Ellis thanked the Manager and Director of Services for the comprehensive report and reiterated the compliments and acknowledgements to Council staff. He welcomed in particular the proposal to instigate a series of meetings with Group Water Schemes and stated that recent experiences meant that there was now more of a willingness to sit down with the Council to look at how the issues might be addressed. Councillor Ellis also queried when the Council would be sweeping up the grit on the roads throughout the county.

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

"I call upon the Director of Services, Infrastructure to leave loads of sand/salt/grit along

roads near to dangerous hills and bends, so that in the event of Council staff not being able to attend to these areas, that the local people could attend to same."

Councillor Gerry Dolan also reiterated the compliments to Council staff on their response. He thanked the staff for making grit available at bad hills etc and thanked the local people who came out and did so much work themselves. Councillor Dolan highlighted a bad burst which has been ongoing for a number of days and is now coming up through the footpath in the Mountain View Housing estate outside of Drumshanbo. He requested that the Council address this problem as a matter of urgency.

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

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

Councillor Hughes thanked the staff for their efforts over the Christmas and New Year period. He queried what contingency plans were in place for dealing with such a crisis. He suggested that the Council should consider the provision of training programs for Group Water Schemes. He stated that the general impression was that the Council was responsible for a lot of the problems with the water supply when this was not in fact the case and training might assist in making people more aware. In relation to the gritting programme, Councillor Hughes suggested that arrangements should be in place with local communities - eg. Parish committees etc - to arrange for the dispersal of salt/grit to their community. He acknowledged that the Ballinamore Area had provided salt boxes at locations and people had used the salt privately. In the context of water supply problems in private housing estates, Councillor Hughes queried whether there are minimum requirements for the pipe network to be laid at in housing developments and whether the Council were checking that these requirements are being adhered to.

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

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

Councillor Gilmartin paid tribute to John McGuinness, Shay O'Connor, Pdraig MacShera and Brian Sweeney, Civil Defence Officer and all who worked with them in responding to

the weather conditions. He also welcomed the decision to deploy the army in gritting footpaths in towns and villages and stated that they had done a great job. He stated that he was disappointed that the Cathaoirleach had not responded to his request for an emergency meeting and stated that he was still calling for a special meeting to be held to discuss the crisis, the response and the lessons learned in detail. Councillor Gilmartin proposed that a request issue to the Government in relation to the introduction of grant aid for a pilot scheme in Leitrim for farmers to harvest their roof water off their slatted sheds in order for their cattle to drink same and to harvest water off dwellinghouse roofs to use for toilet facilities, as it is very silly and expensive to be treating water for this purpose. Rather than simply issuing a letter in this regard however he requested that the Director of Services for Infrastructure draw up a plan/proposal in this regard and submit same to the Department seeking such a pilot scheme for Leitrim.

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

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

Councillor Mulligan congratulated everyone in Leitrim County Council for the response to the recent weather crisis. He stated that Leitrim had been held up as 'the response' throughout Ireland and he was very proud to be Cathaoirleach of this Council. He stated that everybody acted in a manner that is to be commended. He also thanked the voluntary services for their response. In relation to the issue of seasonal or temporary staff he outlined that he understood that the staffing embargo prevented these staff from being taken on to deal with the situation. He outlined that his proposal in relation to the provision of 50 extra salt grit bins per engineering area at locations on our local roads that have caused problems over recent weeks represents a low-cost solution to some of the problems encountered.

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

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The problem referred to relates to an issue on a Private Group water scheme. The members of the Tarmon Group Water Scheme opened the main at a location downstream of their reservoir and released air from the system on the 4th January last and now they have a supply.

Councillor Bohan concurred with the tributes paid to Council staff in relation to their response over recent weeks. She thanked in particular Pdraig MacShera and his staff and Cathal Gormley, Water Services Caretaker who had worked tirelessly and responded as quickly as possible to issues arising. She stated that her motion relates to the Tarmon Group Water Scheme. She acknowledged that some Group Water Schemes are not active but stated that this is a particularly active Scheme. She stated that the problem related to an air lock close to the Reservoir and was not the fault of the Group Scheme. In this particular instance she suggested that there could perhaps have been more co-operation

on the ground and there may be some lessons to be learned.

Councillor Bohan stated that all Group Water Schemes should join the County Federation of Group Water Schemes which represents the sector. She appealed to Group Water Schemes to contact the Federation and join. She outlined that the Federation provides training and very useful advice and assistance.

In relation to the road gritting Councillor Bohan highlighted the Drumkeerin to Dowra Road and the road past Parkes Castle, Dromahire as particular problem areas. She stated that these roads must be salted and that this issue should be considered further in the evaluation of the issues arising and response etc. Councillor Bohan supported the call on the Minister for Transport to make extra funds available to Leitrim County Council.

Councillor Siobhán McGloin concurred with the tributes to Council staff. She also acknowledged the huge voluntary effort involved. She queried whether the use of foreshore sand, with a high salt content, could have been deployed as an emergency solution in response to the salt shortage.

Councillor John McTernan thanked the staff involved in the response to the severe weather conditions. He stated that villages must be addressed in future in salting/gritting programmes.

Councillor Stenson concurred with the compliments paid to all the staff involved on a tremendous job. This was reiterated by Councillor Kenny who stated that the effort proved the commitment of the public service in this country. He stated that full credit is due to the management team behind the scenes and all of the workers on the ground. He also thanked the Contractors who had pulled out all the stops in providing the necessary equipment and support.

Councillor Sinead Guckian also complimented the efforts of all involved in the response. She supported the motion calling on the Government to fund the costs incurred. She also supported Councillor Gilmartin in his call for a special meeting to review the situation in relation to the lessons learned and how such a situation could be managed better in the future.

Councillor Kilrane thanked all the staff involved and in particular Sean Earley, Water Services Supervisor. He stated that it appears that the Group Water Scheme system is a very inefficient way of distributing water with far too much water being lost. He stated that the entire system may need to be looked at.

Councillor Paddy O'Rourke also thanked the staff involved. He stated that Leitrim County Council had demonstrated, through this and the recent flooding crisis, that it is well capable of managing a crisis if given sufficient funding. He stated that local authorities should be left to exercise their own judgement in relation to the appropriate response in such situations.

Councillor Sean McGowan also complimented the efforts of all involved. He queried the costs involved in relation to dealing with the water situation and the extra production costs.

Councillor John McCartin re-echoed the compliments to staff involved. He stated that the speedy response and courtesy shown to members throughout this crisis had made their

job much easier. He also paid tribute to the general public who were extremely understanding in relation to the situation. He suggested that maybe at a later stage the fears of litigation, both for the Council and the public, could be addressed,

Councillor Ferguson also joined in the praise to staff involved.

Councillor Ward queried if the Council have a listing of group Scheme Secretaries in place and suggested that these should be contacted and advised of the issues re loss of water etc.

Councillor Mary Bohan stated that we must remember that Group Water Scheme Trustees are volunteers. She stated that Group water Schemes generally are doing tremendous work and we must support and assist them in every way.

In responding to the queries and issues raised Ms. Jackie Maguire, County Manager stated that the creation of a fund for emergency situations was the ideal but was not possible for Leitrim County Council in the current financial situation. In relation to private estates she confirmed that there are standards in relation to the laying of water mains which would be incorporated into any planning application and grant of permission. She confirmed that a % of inspections of developments under construction do take place but not on a continuous basis. She stated that the onus is on the developer to construct the development in accordance with his/her planning permission and relevant standards. The onus remains with the developer to rectify any issues arising while the development remains under his/her control. She advised that any issues arising in relation to the standard of construction of services etc would be identified as part of the taking in charge process – developers are required to submit CCTV survey of services etc and any issues identified would be referred back to the developer to be addressed prior to the Council proceeding with the taking-in-charge application. Ms. Maguire confirmed that the Council was not in a position to take on any temporary workers to deal with the severe weather conditions in the context of the staffing embargo. In relation to Councillor Gilmartin's suggestion that a submission be made to the Department for a roof water harvesting pilot scheme she confirmed that this suggestion will be taken on board.

Mr. John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure stated that the preference in dealing with severe weather conditions would be to use salt rather than grit. He stated that there are a number of issues arising however – salt is circa 10 times the cost of grit and there was a scarcity of salt at national level. In relation to the possibility of the provision of barns for the storage of salt he confirmed that it is proposed to make a submission to the NRA for the provision of such a facility adjacent to the National Primary route. He stated however that consideration would have to be given to the quantities that would need to be maintained etc. In relation to the potential for using sea-shore sand as an emergency measure Mr. McGuinness advised that the Council is precluded from doing so under a Foreshore Licence Bye-Law prohibition. In relation to the provision of additional salt bins he confirmed that this would be desirable if we had the money to do so. He outlined however that the experience over the recent weather spell had been that salt was being taken for use on private driveways and properties and this could not be supported or sustained.

In relation to the Dowra Drumkeerin Road and the road at Parkes Castle, Dromahaire Mr. McGuinness reiterated that the situation comes down to the available financial resources. He stated that funds are not available for pre-emptive gritting outside of the roads

identified in the recently revised policy in this regard. With regard to the provision of grit/salt at various locations he outlined that there are issues associated with this. He stated that it was the appropriate response in this particular instance given the prolonged and emergency nature of the weather conditions and he commended the members of the public who had got involved in their local areas. He stated however that there are health and safety issues involved.

Mr. McGuinness confirmed that Area Office staff have commenced work on cleaning up the grit/chippings on roads throughout the county. He stated that the towns are being dealt with first. He confirmed that the material would be re-used in some format depending on the level of contamination.

Mr. McGuinness again acknowledged that many Group Water Schemes are doing a good job. He confirmed that the Council would be writing to all Group Water Schemes – he outlined that while we have details of group Scheme Secretaries, in many instances committees are no longer active etc. He advised that the Council would try and approach the Group Scheme members to become interested in doing something. He acknowledged the need for training for Group Schemes and stated that the national Federation make training available. He advised that the cost of the water loss and extra production has not yet been established. He advised however that the cost of dealing with the leaks and the issues arising during the recent weather spell is in the region of €100,000.

In relation to the burst water main in the private housing estate outside Drumshanbo Mr. McGuinness advised that this is a matter for the developer to address. He stated that the situation would have to be looked at and the water supply disconnected if the problem is not addressed. Councillor Enda McGloin stated that the developer is gone in this instance and the Council are going to have to address the situation. Councillor Gerry Dolan stated that the Council would have to address this leak as a once-off. Mr. McGuinness stated that the Council could not go in and resolve the leak problem. He stated that, if the developer is gone, it is beholden on the residents to come together and address the problem to avoid the possibility of the water being disconnected. Ms. Jackie Maguire, County Manager reiterated that the Council cannot go in and address the particular problem in this instance. She stated that the problem is within a private development and must be addressed by the developer or the local residents. She stated that it is no different to a problem on a Group Water Scheme in which case the onus of responsibility to address the problem rests with the scheme and the Council, while it can advise and try and assist, cannot deal with the problem. She outlined that if the issue is not dealt with the Council cannot allow the loss of water to continue and the Council would have to look at disconnecting the development until such time as the problem is fixed. She advised that the residents would be contacted and advised in advance of any such disconnection. Councillor Enda McGloin requested, in the circumstances, that the Council write to the residents suggesting that they form a Residents Association and advising them of the implications of not addressing the water problem within their development.

In concluding the discussion on the issue Ms. Maguire, County Manager again paid tribute to all the staff who had been involved in the response effort. She outlined that all staff, throughout the Christmas and New Year period, had put themselves at a degree of danger to address the situation. She stated that there had been an exceptional out-turn and response, particularly from the Council's Outdoor Staff, and she reiterated her appreciation to the staff involved in this regard.

10/18

18/1/2010

Signage at the Gael Scoil, Carrick-on-Shannon

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

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Leitrim County Council has endeavoured to improve safety at this location by the installation of footpaths, public lighting and a pedestrian crossing. The requested signage and lights are in the process of being installed."

Councillor McGowan acknowledged the response received and the fact that flashing lights have been installed at this location since submitting the motion. He stated however that this is a very busy road with significant traffic volumes. He stated that many motorists are unaware that they are approaching a school and signage must be erected. He requested that the Director of Services for Infrastructure and the Senior Engineer meet with the Board of Management of the Gaelscoil to discuss the matter.

Councillor Sinead Guckian, Councillor Enda Stenson and Councillor Thomas Mulligan supported the motion.

10/19

18/01/10

Gubercreeeny/Tullaghan T Junction

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

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The junction in question at Gubercreeeny/Tullaghan which is the intersection of County road LP 2063-2 with Regional road R280-70. The concrete pipe must have been placed on the grass verge a number of years ago and would appear be used for planting shrubs. Leitrim County Council will remove this concrete pipe. This junction was done a number of years ago and it incorporates a left turning lane to Tullaghan from the R280 road. The junction is clearly demarcated by road lines and arrow and the edge of carriageway at this junction is clearly demarcated by a solid yellow line. The junction is also marked with a yield symbol and yield sign. Road markings are more than satisfactory at this junction.

This junction is located in a Rural area outside Kinlough Town and is located outside the speed limits of the town. Road Kerbing is not a requirement for this area as the road is clearly delineated by road markings. Leitrim County Council will be happy to work with the Tidy Towns committee to improve the appearance of the area."

10/20

18/01/10

Local Roads

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

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"It is proposed to undertake repair works on these roads as soon as the current snow and ice conditions allow. A submission has been made to the Department for substantial funding for all the roads affected as a result of the flooding including roads used and alternative routes."

10/21

18/01/2010

Iron Bridge

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

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Funding for this remedial work can be considered in light of the 2010 Works programme."

10/22

18/01/10

Pumping Station the Drumlowan- Gorvagh GWS

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

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The pump station here is completed and ready for commissioning when the ESB install a power supply. In recent weeks the ESB have erected the necessary poles so we estimate that commissioning should take place in a month or so from now."

10/23

18/01/2010

Social Welfare Payments

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Martin Kenny, seconded by Councillor Paddy O'Rourke AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

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

10/24

18/01/2010

Cois Lacha Estate

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to put in place a pedestrian crossing convenient to the entry to the Cois Lacha Estate at Mohill road, Carrigallen in order to provide a safe access for pedestrians entering and leaving the estate to the existing footpath adjacent to the Vocational School. The estate now enjoys high occupancy and the absence of a safe crossing is presenting danger to many every day."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Once this private housing estate is complete and Leitrim County Council have taken it in charge, a survey can be done to establish the need for such a crossing. Presently there is a pedestrian crossing at the primary school in Carrigallen which was funded through Low Cost Safety grants - the provision of a crossing at the location referred to in this motion would be subject to funding being available under Low Cost Safety grants."

Part II - Questions.

10/25

18/1/2010

Sustainable Energy Ireland

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"I will again make contact with Sustainable Energy Ireland in relation to this project and

report back to the councillor."

10/26

18/1/2010

High Visibility Bollards

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sinead Guckian;

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The use of such bollards is standard practice on National routes - they are not normally considered at non-national junctions. The particular requirements at the junction in question can be examined further."

10/27

18/1/10

Review current parking plan in Drumshanbo

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Council Officials are available to meet with local business groups to discuss their concerns regarding parking in the town centre. A meeting can be arranged in the coming weeks."

10/28

18/1/10

Resurfacing

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"This road will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the 2010 Maintenance Programme subject to priority. Routine Maintenance will be carried out until funding becomes available"

10/29
18/1/10

Cois Laghta Housing Estate

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Siobhan McGloin;

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

Report by Director of Service, Corporate Services & Housing

"Cois Laghta estate was built in 2001/2. A white sand & cement nap plaster finish was used and the plasterwork is in a sound condition. However, some discolouring has taken place as a result of a reaction of the materials used and the natural environment. Options to address the matter will be examined in the context of the 2010 housing maintenance programme."

10/30
18/1/10

Funding to restore roads

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Michael Colreavy;

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"A funding application in relation to damage caused by the recent flooding has already been submitted and a further report will be compiled in relation to the considerable damage caused to the road network as a result of the recent extreme weather conditions the extent of which will only be apparent when the thaw comes."

10/31
18/1/10

Repositioning of ESB Poles

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Michael Colreavy;

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

Report by Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services & Housing

"If the specific locations can be outlined the matter will be taken up with the ESB."

10/32
18/1/10

Signage

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"There are 3 No cast iron signs erected in Glenfarne for Glenfarne Station. Two are

located on the N16 and one located on Regional road R281.

There is currently no funding available for such signs. They can be considered if future funding becomes available for town signage approaches."

10/33
18/1/10

Gublaun, Rossinver

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

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

Report by Director of Service, Corporate Services & Housing

"The matter will be investigated in the coming week."

10/34
18/1/10

LT 15271

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McCartin;

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"This road is a local tertiary road which may require realignment or safety barriers/mounding. This matter can be assessed once our funding for road improvement and maintenance has been issued later in the year. The local road maintenance funding would not cover the cost of such works."

10/ 35
18/01/10

Sewerage System from Ballinamore to Aghoo

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McCartin;

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Water Services carried out a preliminary survey in 2008 along this route towards Aghoo, in the townlands of Tully and Cornacreagh. This survey was to ascertain if a scheme was possible and if so at what cost. The first scheme was for a distance of 360 metres serving 10 houses and required a pump station etc. The estimated cost here was €150,000 + and with no Clar funding and only €3000 per house from the Department this scheme would not be feasible from a cost aspect for the householders. The next section to Aghoo is a further 1.1 Km serving less houses and two businesses involves a further pump station and obviously depends on the first scheme being completed. Again without Clar funding

the cost here again would be unsustainable for the members of a Group to carry."

10/36

18/1/10

Footpath in front of Drumsna Church

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John Ward;

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Two sections of the footpath near the Church were repaired in the week before Christmas."

10/37

18/1/10

Signage

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John Ward;

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The location in question will be inspected and appropriate signage will be provided as required."

10/38

18/1/10

Loose Chippings at minor road junctions

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;

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

Report by Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services & Housing

"See County Managers report"

10/39

18/1/2010

Crash Barrier at the Mill turn

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"This matter will be addressed when weather conditions improve."

10/40
18/1/2010

Public Lighting

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Leitrim County Council have made numerous requests to and received numerous promises from the ESB but this issue has not yet been resolved. The lights have been in place for some considerable time. Leitrim Council will again contact ESB and will insist on a firm date from them for switching of these lights."

10/41
18/1/10

Reburbishment of Treanmore Housing Estate

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;

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

Report by Director of Service, Corporate Services & Housing

"Minister Fineran has recently announced funding decisions under the Remedial Works Scheme and the announcement included Treanmore Estate. Confirmation and details of the funding allocation is awaited from the Department."

10/42
18/1/10

Contingency Plan for severe weather conditions

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;

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

Report by Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services & Housing

"See County Managers report"

10/43
18/1/10

Meeting with OPW, ESB and Waterways Ireland

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

"Would this Council please put in place a meeting with all involved - OPW, ESB, Waterways Ireland etc - in relation to the recent flooding in order to have something in place to stop this happening on such a large scale again."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Leitrim County Council have already made contact with a view to having a meeting with the OPW, ESB, and Waterways Ireland in January to discuss the recent flooding event with a view to feeding into the national review of the exceptional flooding in 2009. A national group of these stakeholders are also meeting to prepare a national response."

10/44
18/1/2010

Fire Brigade

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;

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

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

"The Fire Service is mobilised to deal with incidents which are of an emergency nature and in which there is a risk to safety, life or to property and where such incident cannot be adequately dealt with by other Council personnel or by another agency. It is mobilised to deal with flooding incidents when the incident fulfils the aforementioned criteria. The Council is aware of local concerns in relation to specific calls for assistance during the recent flooding event. The Fire Services was mobilised during that period in instances where it was considered that they could usefully resolve the specific incident. In general, it was considered that their role would be worthless in situations where water could only be pumped out to an area that was already in flood, and furthermore their deployment at such an incident could result in their non-availability to deal with an incident where their presence could result in the saving of life or serious injury."

10/45
18/1/10

Disabled Persons Grants

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

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

Report by Director of Service, Corporate Services & Housing

"Leitrim County Council has maintained a very substantial budgetary provision (€300,000) to co-fund existing commitments under the Housing Grants Scheme in 2010. This provision will allow for total expenditure on housing grants in the region of €1.1m."

However, notification has not yet been received of the 2010 allocation under the housing grants schemes. The Council uses internal capital receipts(ICRs)(i.e. proceeds from sale of Council Houses) to co-finance its contribution to housing grants. The level of ICRS has reduced significantly in 2009. Proceeds from the sale of Council houses are primarily intended to improve Council housing stock through various schemes such as energy efficiency, planned maintenance, extensions, disability improvement works etc. A continued decline in ICRs will have a significant impact on the Council's ability to fund its improvement works programme and housing grants into the future."

10/46

18/1/2010

Footpath repairs from Coolabaun to Clooncahir

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Kilrane;

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Routine maintenance will be carried out as necessary on the footpath in question."

10/47

18/1/10

Kildarragh, Ballinamore

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Leitrim County Council Water Services Department does not have any objections to this proposal. If both households make an application to Leitrim County Council, the Water Services Department will examine each application on its own merits and revert."

10/48

18/1/10

Gravel

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;

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

Report by Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services & Housing

"See County Managers report"

10/49
18/1/10

Public Lights at Attyrory

To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Reynolds;

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The ESB have handed over this work to a contractor and it is hoped works will be completed at an early date."

10/50
18/1/10

LP1565

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

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

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"The widening of the LP1565, in the townland of Mullanadarragh, will require a Restoration Improvement Grant. This work can be considered as part of the 2010 Roads scheme but will depend on priority and level of funding available."

This concluded the business of the meeting at 5.50 pm

**SIGNED: Cllr Thomas Mulligan
Cathaoirleach**

**SIGNED: Aideen McGovern
Meetings Administrator**

DATE: 1st February 2010