A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, on Monday, 2nd September 2013 at 5.30pm for the purpose of considering the business set out on the Agenda hereunder.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

In accordance with Statutory Provisions, the Register of Manager’s Orders will be available for inspection at the Meeting.

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Aideen McGovern
Meetings Administrator
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1. Deimhniu Miontuairisci
   
   (i) Minutes of Leitrim County Council Meeting held in Aras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon on Monday, 8th July 2013 (copy enclosed).

2. To consider the disposal of the Old Water Treatment Plant at Calloughs, Carrigallen, Co Leitrim in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Notice of Intention to Dispose of Old Water Treatment Plant dated 4th July 2013 which was circulated to each Member.

3. To approve the following Proposal in compliance with the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001:
   
   (i) Leitrim County Council proposes to carry out works on the following site in Acres, Drumshanbo, County Leitrim:

   **Sliabh an Iarainn Visitor Centre**
   
The main features and objectives of this project are:-
   
   • To re-locate and re-develop the Sliabh an Iarainn visitor centre (currently located on the top floor of the old Market House in Drumshanbo Town Centre) to the ‘Teach Ceoil’ building which is located on the banks of the Acres Lake on the outskirts of Drumshanbo.
   
   • The redevelopment shall consist of refurbishment of the external appearance of the building with featured windows and relocation of the entrance.
• To facilitate a refreshed visitor experience through the provision of integrated audio/visual presentations (each lasting circa 3 minutes), graphic panels design, structure and set building, showcases lighting electrics.
• To act as a central point of information for tourists to obtain information on local attractions/accommodation and in relation to other tourism attractions in the surrounding project area including the Marble Arch Global Geopark in Fermanagh (Report to follow).

4. To approve the declaration of the following road as a public road under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, Article 5 of the Roads Regulations 1994 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (Report enclosed):
   (i) Road off Local Road LT 33784-0 serving Cois Cuan Housing Estate in the townland of Carricknabrack Td., Drumshanbo for a distance of 134 metres.

5. To approve the Taking in Public Charge of the following housing development in accordance with the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (Report enclosed):
   (i) Cois Cuan Housing Estate (6 dwellings), Carricknabrack, Drumshanbo, Co Leitrim. (Planning Reference No. P04/1297).

6. To note the resignation of Councillor Tony Ferguson from the Border Regional Authority as and from 31st August 2013 and to nominate one Member of Leitrim County Council to the Border Regional Authority.

7. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.

8. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.

9. To approve the attendance of the Elected Members at forthcoming conferences.

10. Correspondence (enclosed).

Part I - Notice of Motions.

11. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;
"I ask the South Leitrim Area Engineer to examine the possibility of planting trees alongside the footpath on the Main/High Street of Ballinamore. This work could be done for a minimal amount & would greatly enhance the appearance of the townscape."

12. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Reynolds;
"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when the ring road from N4/Esquires through Attyrory to N4/Kennedy's Garage, will be completed involving: footpaths (suitable for wheelchairs) & lighting; traffic calming measures; restriction on street parking except where road is set back to facilitate it and road widths to be at the required safe standard."

13. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;
"I call on Leitrim County Council to put in place a number of measures to try to reduce the number of accidents at 'Barry's Hill', Aghacashel, just above Jackie Lee's shop. There have been 8 minor
accidents here in the last 2 years and action is urgently required. I propose that a coat of 'rough stone' would be applied along this stretch coupled with some drainage works each side of the road to ensure that surface water can easily escape from the road surface. Finally I propose the erection of safety signs each side of the accident black spot. These actions in my view should help reduce the amount of accidents at this stretch."

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

"I ask the Members of Leitrim County Council to call on the Minister for Finance and The Central Bank to ensure the protection of the structures and local branches of the Credit Union Movement throughout the country and to give every support to the members and officers who work tirelessly on behalf of the people for a better and fairer Ireland."

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

"I ask the County Manager to have discussions with the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government, NRA (National Roads Authority) & RSA (Road Safety Authority) with a view to putting in place a workable programme for Leitrim County Council to carry out hedge cutting along our National, Regional & Local roads. The present situation which involves the use of extra warning vehicles and extra manpower is extremely costly and isn’t suitable for a County like Leitrim. This is a waste of resources which we could use to carry out badly needed repairs to our road network."

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

"Studies were carried out by Leitrim County Council for the purpose of implementing Biomass Heating. The initial studies were positive but unfortunately the matter seems to have rested there. I am also aware that Leitrim Development Company recently ran a separate Wood Energy Project with emphasis on Local Authorities as a potential end user. May I ask the County Manager where are we now as regards this project."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to write to the Minister for Finance requesting that receipts be issued to people who had paid their property tax before the deadline date. Some people have still not received receipts for payment made."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council carry out as much hedge cutting as possible and that we issue notices to landowners to do the same. Hedge cutting along our roads improves the appearance of the countryside and it can also be an important safety measure on the roads."

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

"Well done to Leitrim County Council, the N.R.A. and the Contractor on opening the new section of roadway on the N16 in the townland of Comacloy in Glenfarne well ahead of schedule. I am aware that preliminary work is underway for the next section. Would it be possible to incorporate a hard shoulder on the next section of roadway."

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

"I ask for the support of the Members in calling on the Minister for Health to stop the widespread
withdrawal of discretionary medical cards because it is causing huge anxiety, grief and concern throughout the country."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council write to the Minister for Health, Mr. James Reilly, T.D. to clarify whether the hospital in Ballinamore is going to be a Community Hospital or a Nursing Home."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council connect the sewerage system serving the Council Housing Estate in Cloone Village to the mains sewerage system as soon as possible as the present treatment plant is regularly malfunctioning and causing bad smells in the area."

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

"We the Members of Leitrim County Council call for an immediate and outright ban on the exploration and extraction of Shale Gas by the fraction of Shale rock by hydraulics, cryogenics or similar purpose technology generally known as fracking."

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

"I ask that this Council contact the Minister for Agriculture seeking an amnesty for farmers and forestry owners who are being pursued by the Department to repay monies paid to them over a number of years, going back as far as 2008, under the Disadvantaged Area Payments and Single Farm Payment Scheme with it being suggested by the Department that prior to the digitisation of maps over payments were made. The Minister has the power to rectify this issue."

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

"In order to further this Council's commitment to supporting and promoting the economic and commercial cores of our Towns, I propose that Leitrim County Council, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, prepare an Action Plan with the aim of re-generating our Town Centres."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Education and the Government not to increase Third Level College Fee's under any circumstances in the next Budget."

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

"The beautification of Newtowngore village is ongoing. Much of the heavy infrastructural work is now complete but the street surface is the worse for all the digging. Surface water management on the approach roads needs to be addressed also. I propose that the street from the centre of the village to the primary school be resurfaced."

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

"I ask the South Leitrim Area Engineer if the Council could resurface the laneway leading to the public car-park between McDevitt’s Chemist & Dolans Garage at High Street, Ballinamore as it is
in very poor condition and urgently needs addressing."

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

"I ask the South Leitrim Area Engineer if the Council could install lay-bys for pedestrians at Drumrane, Ballinamore between the exit for the canal bank walk & the main Ballinamore/Carrick road. This is urgently required in light of the increased pedestrian traffic along this stretch of road due to the opening of the canal bank walk which passes along this route."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when permanent fencing will be erected at the green area along the road to the NCT, at Attyrory, Carrick on Shannon, where illegal parking and camping took place on a number of occasions during the Summer."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to put in place traffic calming on the R280 approach to Kinlough from the graveyard."

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

"I ask whether all forestry plantations in the County have complied with the Hedge Cutting Regulations?"

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

"I request Leitrim County Council to address the safety concerns for residents of Corryard Wood, Drumshanbo who have limited vision emerging from their estate on the town side. I request that Leitrim County Council look at the possibility of a footpath on that side of the road to connect up with the current path at Fee's house. This would improve safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians alike."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to trim back the roadside hedges alongside the school bus route from Dowra Village (by Gerry Mc Morrows yard) to the County Border towards Glangevlin. School buses are suffering body damage due to overgrown briars and tree branches coming accross the road and I urge that this local authority deal with it or School transport providers will soon refuse to travel these routes."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Planning, Community & Economic Development if an application has been received by the Council from the Developer of Riversdale Estate, Leitrim Village for the estate to be Taken in Charge, the date the application was made and what the situation is presently and when the Council will be in a position to take the estate in charge."

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

"At the September meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the County Manager has there been any response from Waterways Ireland with regard to them providing additional mooring facilities on the River Shannon at Rooskey and also to upgrade the existing facilities that are there
at present which have fallen into a state of disrepair."

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

"There are a huge number of new housing developments throughout our County - Visitors and Delivery Trucks constantly have to pull up and stop traffic to find some local to advise as to where a development is located. May I ask is there any plan to erect Place Names or Directional Signs or would there be any grant assistance available to help Residents Associations to erect same?"

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have the Conray Road - L41383 - in Glencar included in next year's Road Works Programme. There is quite a lot of traffic on this road and it is in very poor condition."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have the Mullagh Road in Dromahaire (road off L4157 leading to Ard Nahoo) included in next years Road Works Programme."

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

"I ask the North Leitrim Area Engineer to investigate the dangerous problem of stones protruding from the embankment on the R282 road in the townland of Brackerybeg, Manorhamilton. This problem has been highlighted previously. This road is narrow and windy and many vehicles have sustained considerable damage when meeting one another by coming in contact with these protruding stones on the edge of the road."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council if it would be possible to have speed control measures introduced in Cluainin Pairc Housing Estate in Manorhamilton. There are a lot of very young children with vehicles travelling at high speed. The first bend in the estate after you take the exit off the N16 is quite blind and very dangerous."

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

"What is this Council going to do about the dangerous situation at Jackie Lee's Hill and at The Mountain Tavern, Aughacashel. These matters have been raised by me and other Councillors on numerous occasions and there appears to be no willingness to address the situation. It is only a matter of time before there is a very serious accident at these locations."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure how often are the public drains for stormwater within the town of Carrick on Shannon examined and maintained. Given the recent serious nature of the flooding problems experienced at Letterkenny Hospital, and the role the public stormwater drains to and from the site may have played, I would ask that all public stormwater drains in our towns and villages would have a planned maintenance schedule and that Members be circulated with a copy of same."

44. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;
"I ask the South Leitrim Area Engineer to look at the possibility of extending the footpath from Ballinamore football field to the Dromore road."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to repair the manhole covers from Edentenny to Ballinamore."

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

"I ask the North Leitrim Area Engineer to have some repair works carried out on the Slievenakilla Road, Ballinaglera."

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

"I ask the North Leitrim Area Engineer to complete the road works going up past the side of Dowra school immediately."

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

"When will the works agreed with the Management of Carrigallen Mart in May of 2012 (when agreeing changes at the entry to the Mart property) be completed, given that there was an agreement to have it carried out before the busy season gets underway."

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

"When will the necessary repairs be carried out to Road No. LS55230 in the townland of Carrickmakeegan/Drumcoora? This road is in a dangerous condition due to depression and uneven surface."

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

"I ask again if works could be carried out on a dangerous corner on the local road at the Civic Amenity Centre in Tullybradan TD., Mohill. The corner is just after the entrance to the Centre. I appreciate that funding is the main issue but a low cost solution can be found. The land is owned by Leitrim County Council so there is no issue with landowners. If the earth embankment was leveled to help drivers view, it would be very welcome."

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

"When will Leitrim County Council be in a position to carry out upgrading works on the remaining houses in Sheena, Drumkeeran."

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

"As speeding around the amenity areas of Haughtons Shore and Kelly's Angle at Garadice Lake is now an issue, can the Council erect speed limit signs at these areas?"

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

"Grass and bushes have obscured the visibility of signage and road junctions in the Ballinamore, Carrigallen and Newtowngore areas. Can this be addressed as a matter of urgency?"

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