

**27<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

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

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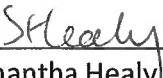
***A Chara,***

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held ***in the Council Chamber, Aras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 at 11.00 am*** 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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Samantha Healy  
Senior Executive Officer  
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**1. Deimhniu Miontuairisci**

Minutes of Council Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Aras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 (copy enclosed).

2. To approve the disposal of a small plot of land at Dristernan Td. Drumshanbo, comprising circa 127m<sup>2</sup> (0.012 Hectares) in the townland of Dristernan (Folio No LM19301) in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (Report previously circulated)
3. To approve the transfer of a plot of land comprising 0.0023 hectares, in the townland of Gortnaskeagh, Leckaun (Folio No. LM 19158) in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (Report previously circulated)
4. To adopt Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2019-2024 (Report enclosed)
5. To approve the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024. (Report enclosed).

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6. To approve the Taking in Charge of roads in 36 housing estates in accordance Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993. (Report Attached).
  7. To adopt the Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2019-2014. (Report enclosed).
  8. To approve Allocations under the Tourism Support Scheme 2019.
  9. To approve the appointment of external members to the Audit Committee in accordance with Article 7 of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014. (Report enclosed).
  10. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.
  11. To consider Monthly Management Reports by the Chief Executive for June 2019 and July 2019. (Reports previously circulated).
  12. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.
  13. To approve the attendance of the Elected Members at forthcoming conferences.
  14. Correspondence (enclosed).

**Part I - Notice of Motions.**

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

I ask the Chief Executive has there been any response from our Meeting with Minister Damian English in early June with regard to the problems we have here in Leitrim with Zero Discharge in relation to obtaining planning permission for single one off rural housing? Has the planned meeting with the Dept. of Housing, Planning and Local Government, the EPA and Council officials taken place yet?

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

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Leitrim Co Council calls on the Minister of Finance, Paschal Donohoe TD, to reverse the decision he made in June 2019, when he agreed to a proposal from the Central Bank to substantially increase the current industry levy on Credit Unions up to 50% by 2022. This increase can be regarded as a tax on Credit Union member's loans and savings. Credit Union Directors are fully aware of the need for the current regulatory environment however an increase in the levy of this magnitude threatens the very existence of Credit Unions in Co. Leitrim

**17. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Des Guckian**

That we, the elected members, unanimously support The Beef Plan Campaign in seeking to get for its members and all producers a much fairer percentage share of the income

from the livestock they are producing. In particular, we want to see all thirteen of their key grievances, concerning policy and technical issues, addressed in full by the meat factories. Also, that this motion is forwarded to the Minister for Agriculture and to all other Councils seeking their full support.

**18. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Felim Gurn**

We know there is a rush to roll out 5G across Ireland but there have been no scientific studies to show the effects on human life or the environmental damage that will be caused in the next 20-30 years.

I definitely think that phone coverage has deteriorated in the county, with areas now with no signal where we previously had coverage. Can we get an update on phone coverage in the county?

**19. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Padraig Fallon**

I propose that that this Local Authority call on the National Transport Authority, The Minister for Transport and his Department to extend the area of operations for Local Area Hackney licences from 5-7 kilometres to 16 - 20 kilometres.

**20. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan**

I ask the Director of Services if Leitrim County Council have control over EIR in relation to the erection of poles along the public roadside.

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

I ask that ask Leitrim County Council engage with Local Link Transport to see if a service could be provided to tourists coming into the county

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

That this council unanimously agree to call on the Minister for Agriculture Michael Creed and the Government to reject the Mercusor Trade Deal in light of the threat that it poses to our main industry and more specifically to our beef industry which is already experiencing great difficulty in the marketplace with diminishing returns to the primary producer. The Mercusor deal coupled with the proposals coming from the National Climate Change Council which is proposing to terminate beef production via the suckler herd has potential to shut down rural Ireland particularly the Northwest where the land type doesn't lend itself to any other type of production.

**23. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire**

That Leitrim County Council write to the Minister for Defence Paul Keogh to recognise the bravery and skill of the men of Company A who fought at Jadotville in 1961. Comdt. Pat Quinlan, recommended all 33 men for Distinguished Service awards; this must be

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carried through with the dignity it deserves. Comdt. Quinlan must be given due recognition for his leadership role; leading a small number, greatly outnumbered by the enemy, to battle end with no life lost. We must show we have learned from these men and give them recognition for the terrible experience which lives with them and their families to this day.

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

I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for the Environment to introduce a moratorium on the granting of planning permission for new wind farms until such time as the long overdue new guidelines are issued by the Minister.

**25. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Ita Reynolds Flynn**

I call on Leitrim County Council to consider reviewing its decision to impose a 25% surcharge on vacant commercial properties in Co Leitrim in 2018. Can the Head of Finance provide the following information; how many properties have been issued with the vacant premises rate of 25%, if the premises has been closed for a number of years and cannot be leased, how is the rateable amount decided and what do you envisage the amount to be collected for the year with this scheme?

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

With tourism being our only positive outlook on the creation of further employment, what is the possibility of again looking at the prospect of laying the Narrow Gauge Rail line, from Dromod through Mohill and on to Belturbit, with a greenway alongside the rail line? This is a very successful tourism venture right across Europe, and has to be worth at least exploring this venture. Funding, I'm sure, would be forthcoming for a project such as this.

**27. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Brendan Barry**

I request that Leitrim County council supports The Beef Plan Movement and farmers in their campaign for a fair share of profits that are being made from beef and lamb sales, and calls on the Minister for Agriculture to help free farmers from the beef barons shackles of slavery.

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**28. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Justin Warnock**

I ask Leitrim County Council, in exercising its responsibility to protect the environment and the public from harm, and in invoking the precautionary principle in relation to 5G, opposes the testing of 5G, the roll out of 5G, and any action that would facilitate the deployment of 5G in the County, calls on ComReg to deny licencing for its rollout, and calls on the Minister for Communications, Climate Change and the Environment Richard Bruton to establish the facts about the radiation impact of 5G on the environment and human health with reference to global scientific knowledge.

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

I propose that Leitrim County Council write to Irish Water insisting that the water mains from Carrick-on-Shannon to Ballinamore be replaced in full as there is a leak or burst pipe on this mains every week.

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

With Brexit still not finalised it looks like the next round of CAP reforms will not be introduced in 2020 as originally planned. With this in mind, I ask this council to demand the Department of Agriculture to consider extending the GLAS 1 & 2 contracts for an extra 12 months or up until such times as a new scheme is introduced in the new CAP.

**31. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Paddy Farrell**

I ask Leitrim County Council to call on the Minister for Agriculture, Michael Creed T.D., to take some positive action to alleviate the crisis that is looming in the beef sector at the moment.

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