Cathaoirleach Councillor Armstrong McGuire welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson, Seconded by Councillor Des Guckian AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;
"That the Minutes of the Meeting of Carrick on Shannon Municipal meeting held in Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 9th September 2019 be adopted."

No matters arising from the Minutes.

CMD 19/97
21/10/19

General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for the Carrick on Shannon Municipal District

A copy of report from the Chief Executive, dated 15th October 2019 was circulated to the Members in advance of the meeting (Appendix 1 to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book).

Mr Vincent Dwyer, Head of Finance and Water Services outlined the background of the budgetary process to the members and where the General Municipal Allocation came in the process and outlined the details of the General Municipal Allocation per division as set out in the report circulated.

He highlighted the following points:-

Local Property Tax

At the September Council Meeting, Members resolved to increase the LPT by 15% for the year 2020. The impact of this decision is the at the LPT allocation, including the equalisation fund for 2020 will be €9,277,230.

Amenities – Tidy Towns

A total budget of €35,000 is proposed for allocation to the GMA. This represents a 25% increase in allocation for 2020 to support the ongoing good work of the Tidy Towns Committees throughout the county. The proposed allocation is being made on the basis of the existing tiered structure or settlement hierarchy that is contained in the County Development Plan.

Councillor McGowan welcomed the budget and also the increase in funding to Tidy Towns. Any increase is appreciated as small villages and towns struggle, additional funding would certainly help them. Dromod has always been kept well. The amount of volunteer work cannot be underestimated. He commented that bigger towns sometimes were at a better advantage as they may be in a position to source additional funding from local businesses in their area.

Councillor Guckian said he was puzzled looking at the figures at it is such a small amount. He commented that it was buttons being thrown among the members and he felt that it was a useless exercise. He said that the council should seek far more national funding for all. He made reference to the allocations for Tidy Towns and commented that there was nothing for rural areas – the use of urban hierarchy was fraud resulting in rural areas getting far too little. He stated that he could not support the adoption of this allocation.

Councillor Armstrong McGuire welcomed the funding and the increase for Tidy Towns adding that a Pro Rata system was the fairest was to distribute funding. She said that any money received
would be well used. She commented that it was important to keep our main towns inviting. She said that Tidy Towns will continue to seek to apply for every type of funding available. She commented on the complexity of the forms that need to be completed in to seek different streams of funding. They can be quite time consuming, she enquired would it be possible if any opportunity arose to streamline these forms to make it more accessible to apply for funding.

Councillor Farrell welcomed the increase.

Councillor Stenson also welcomed the increase commenting that everyone needs more funding. He shared the views of Councillor Armstrong McGuire that Pro Rata was the fairest way. He made reference to a recent function held to celebrate “‘Love Where You Live” and praised the efforts of all involved adding that it was an excellent occasion for smaller communities to get together and get recognition for their efforts.

Mr Gilhooly explained that settlement hierarchy used was contained in the Development Plan – the size of the town has an effect on the amount of work that needs to be done in that town.

Councillor Guckian said he did not agree with this. The committee in Dromod, for example, do not do any less work than a committee in Carrick on Shannon or any other area. All committees are doing their best and they should all get an equal allocation of funding.

Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson, Seconded by Councillor Paddy Farrell AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the General Municipal Allocation for the Carrick on Shannon Municipal District in accordance with the provisions of Section 102(4A)(a) of the Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 be approved”

Councillor Guckian wished to have it formally recorded that he was opposed to this allocation of funding.

CMD 19/98 Correspondence 21/10/19

Announcement of Regional Sports Facility – Carrick on Shannon

Before the items of correspondence were taken Councillor Stenson made reference to an announcement which was made over the weekend with regard to Leitrim County Council signing a contract for the purchase of a site for a proposed Regional Sports Facility. He said that the members had not received any information in relation to this and as the Chief Executive was present at today’s meeting he asked the Cathaoirleach would it be possible for Mr Power to say a few words in relation to this.

Mr Power referred to the news circulating at the weekend and confirmed that it was the case. Leitrim County Council had signed a contract last Friday (18th October 2019) for the purchase of
13.8 acres on the Castlecarrar Road for a Regional Sports Campus. He said personally that this was good news for the region, county and Carrick on Shannon. It will cater to a wide variety of sports. It is a much needed piece of infrastructure.

Councillor McGowan welcomed the news. He said it was very positive for the town and the county as a whole. A Regional Sports Facility has been talked about for a very long time. He wished to acknowledge the work of the Chief Executive and Executive in pursuing this. He said it's location beside St Mary's Kiltoher GAA Club Grounds and Avantcard Páirc Seán McDiarmada was ideal. He commented that it was very positive for the area and looked forward to seeking funding to develop it.

Councillor Farrell welcomed the news and commented that it was badly needed in the area.

Councillor Guckian also welcomed the news and referred to a motion he had tabled about 9 months ago on behalf of Carrick on Shannon Athletic Club seeking a suitable training area. All members had supported this motion at the time. He said that the Athletic Club did brilliant work and this was a great tribute to them.

Councillor Stenson paid tribute to the Executive for the work they have done. He informed the meeting that he was involved some time back with the initial meeting between sporting organisations and the council's Executive. He complemented the Executive on how well they worked with the representatives from the different sporting organisations to progress this project. This is a huge step. It is very positive for the whole area. He remarked that those who have brought this project to fruition will not be forgotten in the county.

Councillor Armstrong Maguire also wished to be associated with the positive responses and praised the Executive for their work. She stressed the importance that this was a Regional Sports facility and added that the word needed to get out. She paid tribute to the committee formed for this project and added that there is no limits to what can be done now. She made reference to the 2015 Feasibility Study by Alan Hill & Associates which provided evidence that Carrick on Shannon was the ideal location for this facility.

**Item No. 1**

Letter dated 25th September 2019 from Iarnrod Eireann (Appendix 2 to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book) regarding lifts to facilitate platform transfers.

Councillor Guckian referred to the land highlighted two extracts from it:

"Unfortunately, as of today, Dromod is still not in the current funding profile, but we will update you if this changes."

"In the meantime with notice of travel, we can ensure that specific services call at the accessible platform."

He said that this was a rubbish answer from Iarnród Éireann.
Councillor McGowan stated that he was disappointed with the reply. He requested the Executive to again make contact with larnród Éireann. He said he thought they would look favourably at this request. The problem only arises when people are not able to use the bridge. Calling ahead does not always work out. larnród Éireann did not look favourably on the council’s request to extend the car park at Dromod Station but persistence had paid off.

Councillor Stenson said that all the members would support this.

**Part 1 – Notices of Motion**

**CMD 19/99**

**Inner Ring Road and Second Bridge – Carrick on Shannon**

21/10/19

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

"That Leitrim County Council takes immediate steps to begin the process of building an inner ring road, or part of a ring road on the Co Leitrim side of Carrick-on-Shannon, and also to build a new, second bridge over the River Shannon. This is necessary and urgent in order to alleviate the backup of traffic at weekends."

**Report by Roads - General**

"Leitrim County Council are working with the TII to progress the N4 Carrick on Shannon Bypass – (Carrick On Shannon to Dromod Major Road scheme). At present the TII Regional Office in Roscommon is going through the process of procuring Engineer Consultancy Services for this project."

Councillor Guckian said that the motion speaks for itself. He noted the reply but stated he was not happy. He said that this matter is something they all have to face up to. Carrick needs a ring road or a partial ring road with a bridge. This should have been done 20 years ago. There was a proposal for some type of ring road a number of years back but this was scrapped. It is a scandal to see traffic backing up every weekend, something urgent needs to be done now not in 12 months time. These works, in his opinion, should not be done in conjunction with the Dromod/Roskey By Pass. There is nothing wrong with the road from Annaduff to Carrick. He suggested a link road at a location such as Castlecarra or Cartown with a bridge at the back of St Patrick’s Park emerging at Meera near Tumna on the Roscommon side of the town. He commented that part of this link road could be capable of being joined with streets in the town of Carrick. This would ease the traffic congestion in the town.

Councillor Stenson said that this matter had been discussed on numerous occasions before. He agreed that a ring road should have been built years ago. Carrick is being choked with traffic. He asked the Executive, as a local authority what can they do? For the benefit of the town something needs to be done. The bridge in Carrick will always be an issue.

Councillor McGowan agreed that traffic is a huge problem on the N4 from Dublin to Sligo, not just
in Carrick. He agreed a ring road with a bridge is needed. All of this however is reliant on funding from the TII. Something needs to be done sooner rather than later. There is a pinch point in Carrick particularly at the weekends. We need to get funding from the TII as a matter of urgency, we need to keep lobbying them and putting the pressure on them.

Councillor Stenson recalled a positive meeting held with the TII two years ago. He said that representatives from the council spoke in no uncertain terms and left the TII in no doubt that something needed to be done urgently. He said that the TII did take their views on board at the time.

Mr Gilhooly addressed the meeting informing them that this is a matter for the TII as it is on a National Primary route. The local authority is 100% dependent on 100% funding from the TII. He said that the council are working with the TII to progress the N4 Carrick on Shannon Bypass. Presently Roscommon Road Design Office are going through the process of procuring Engineer Consultancy Services for this project. He said that there is no local solution available to ease traffic problems in Carrick and the only answer is an alternative route and this must be sanctioned by the TII. He added that there was a preferred route chosen a number of years ago but time has moved on and the design process has to go back to zero. The preferred route will need to be looked at again and all river crossings and plans will need to be assessed in the context of changes such as environmental changes and policies such as the National Investment Plan.

Councillor Guckian responded that the Carrick Bypass needs to be uncoupled from the Dromod/Rooskey ByPass. Why can it not be done on its own? He referred to the problem as “the elephant in the room”. He said that this is a pressing issue for the county. He enquired if there was someone in the TII who was trying to frustrate people in this area, he referred to recent roadworks carried out by the TII during the summer months which caused considerable inconvenience and frustration to motorists. He concluded by saying it is up to the council and officials to push the TII into doing this job now. The pressure needs to be kept on the TII.

CMD 19/100  
21/10/19  
Link Road – County Leitrim GAA Centre of Excellence and Annauduff’s Páirc Uí Choilligh

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

"That, in light of the recent official opening of the new County Leitrim GAA Centre of Excellence, beside Annauduff’s Páirc Uí Choilligh, a new link road, joining their two entrances, be built alongside the N4 and that adequate public lighting be placed alongside this new link road."

Report by Roads - General

"In the early stages of the planning of the new Centre of Excellence at Annauduff, it was suggested that both this facility and the Annauduff CLG Páirc Uí Choilligh facility would have a combined entrance, so as to have only one access onto the National Road. This was not acceptable to one or both of the parties involved at that time.

If both entities now wish to link their properties with a new road, they should develop their
proposal, (with a detailed plan and an outline of the necessity for traffic to drive from the car-park in one of the facilities to the car-park in the other), and then they should enter into preplanning discussions with the planning and roads departments. However it should be noted that, providing a road alongside a national road in a 100km speed-limit area, may introduce an additional hazard, and other options may have to be considered, such as an internal road or a pedestrian link between both properties.

Furthermore, if and when the full proposed Carrick – Dromod Road scheme is constructed, it is envisaged that the volume of traffic on this section of the current N4 national road will be greatly reduced from current levels."

Councillor Guckian said he was not happy with this reply stating that it pointed to all sorts of difficulties instead of looking at what is possible. He mentioned that at municipal district meetings in the past former Councillor Sinead Guckian had raised the issue of having public lighting erected in this area.

Mr O’Boyle responded that the reply speaks for itself. He said that the TII would not give any grant for lighting at this area as it is outside the national speed limit area.

Councillor McGowan said that this was an extremely busy area. He said on previous occasions the members had sought to get the traffic calming measures moved out to the Dromod side of the Annaduff Pitch. He cited an example of a county match which was played at this venue, he said that the Gardaí had to mount a safety campaign during the match.

Councillor Stenson suggested that the members of Carrick Municipal District write to the County Board stating it was the desire of the public representatives to have this issue addressed. As it was on private grounds it is not a matter for the local authority.

Councillor Guckian remarked that the council officials were washing their hands of this problem.

Mr Gilhooly concluded that this is a matter for the landowners concerned, and should they wish to pursue such a project the Planning Department would be more than happy to facilitate with pre planning meeting.

CMD 19/101
21/10/19
Update on proposal for provision of cycle/walkway between Villages of Dromod and Rooskey

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

"I ask Mr Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Infrastructure, what is the current status of the proposal to provide a cycle/ walkway between the villages of Dromod and Rooskey?"

Report by Director of Services for Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation.
"Leitrim County Council has endeavoured to secure funding previously for this project without
success and currently do not see potential for successful conclusion going forward.”

Councillor McGowan noted the reply and commented that it was not a very positive one. He asked the Executive again to look again at possible sources of funding. He suggested funding under the Smarter Travel Scheme or other similar scheme. He said that this cycleway/walkway would enhance the whole area.

Councillor Armstrong McGuire supported the motion.

Mr Gilhooly informed the meeting that from experience to date a project like the one proposed does not mark well on assessments. It is not linking to a Greeenway/Blueway. He said that the Executive will continue to keep it in mind and work towards the best avenue. He said that we needed to be mindful of the criteria for the different schemes. This particular project doesn’t jump off the page.

Councillor McGowan said that he did not think the cost of providing such a cycle/walkway would be that much. He made reference to a walkway/cycleway outside Abbeyknockmoy in Co Galway which he said was a fine example of what he hoped could be done between Dromod and Rooskey. The piece of land in question is in the ownership of the local authority.

Councillor Guckian supported the motion and commented that this matter has been brought up on a number of occasions.

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Councillor Guckian remarked that it is amazing that Councillors have to keep tabling repeat motions. He asked the Executive for a system to be put in place that members would receive regular reports/updates back on motions that have been passed.

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CMD 19/102    Traffic Calming – Farnaught to Rynn – Local Road L-5612-0
21/10/19

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

"I will again ask Mr Darragh O’Boyle, Area Engineer to look to see what steps can be taken to slow the traffic down on the road from Farnaught to Rynn Local Road L-5612-0; I have been contacted by a number of people complaining about the speed of traffic on this road, the problem area is the first section of this road when you come off Road No.L-1055-1. This is a road that is used on a regular basis by visitors heading to Lough Rynn for weddings or other functions, should we be looking at reducing the speed limit on this road as well as providing some “Slow Down Please” signage along the road?"
"As previously advised, in December 2018, the district office erected 2 No. pedestrian walking signs along this public laneway. New stop signs have also been erected at the junctions. The hazard is not the road or the surrounds but driver behaviour and this issue can be brought to the attention of the JPC for consideration."

Councillor McGowan noted the reply and enquired from Mr O'Boyle if there was any way possible that the words “Slow Please” could be painted on the road as a number of local people have expressed their concerns to him.

**CMD 19/103 Parking Bay – School Buses – Primary School, Summerhill 21/10/19**

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Paddy Farrell;

"I will ask the Council if they can provide a parking bay suitable for buses at the Primary school in Summerhill beside St. Mary's hall, Carrick-on-Shannon."

"Leitrim County Council are currently constructing a new restoration grant on Summerhill. When this is complete, we will carry out road markings to identify the school bus location. The Bus location is currently clearly defined, however people are ignoring the road markings. Once the RIG is complete, I will ask the Garda if they could police this section during afternoon school collection."

Councillor Farrell noted the response, he informed the meeting that bus drivers were having great difficulty with getting students on and off the bus safely.

Mr O'Boyle reiterated his response and said he would also discuss the issue with the Principal. He said he would also put in signage for the designated bus stop.

**CMD 19/104 Clearing of scrub and overgrown vegetation along N4 at Tully Td., Jamestown 21/10/19**

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Paddy Farrell;

"I ask the Council clear the scrub and overgrown vegetation along the N4 at Tully Townland Jamestown. This scrub and vegetation is obstructing the view of the Shannon which is important to locals and tourists alike."
Report by Roads - General
"Leitrim County Council will carry out this hedge cutting as it is on LCC owned property."

Councillor Farrell noted the reply and stated that the fantastic views of the River Shannon were been spoilt by overgrown hedges.

Councillor McGowan supported the motion.

CMD 19/105 21/10/19
Details of all Electric Car charging points in County Leitrim

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire;

"Please provide an outline of the current Electric Car charging points in this county? How many are for public use? What plans are in place to increase the number of Public Charging points in the county? What time line is being followed? What funding is being sought and by whom?"

Report by Director of Services for Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation.
"There are four standard Public Charging points for Electric Vehicles listed on the ESB website (www.esb.ie/ecars) for County Leitrim. The four locations are as follows:

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There is an electric charging point at the Castle Car Park, Manorhamilton but it is not in operation.

There is no fast charging point in the county. A fast charging point with two connection points at the Esso Service Station (Lunney's) on Dublin Road, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Roscommon is well used.

Leitrim County Council intends to apply for funding for further Public Charging Points under the Public Charge Point Grant programme administered by Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland.
This is a new government initiative to support the roll out of Electric Vehicle Public Charge Points. Local Authorities can apply to install up to 20 (in any one application) charge points on public street or public car parks. A grant of up to €5,000 per charging point is available. The funding application will be led by the Capital Projects team. A review of potential locations is currently underway.

Leitrim County Council will install four charging points at the Flynn’s Field car park in Carrick-on-Shannon and preparatory works for a charging point will be included in the new car park in Manorhamilton.

Other EV charging points currently planned:

LEADER funding has recently been approved for EV charging points at Leitrim Education and Training Company, Drumshanbo (1.No.) and Mohill Enterprise Centre (3.No).

Local Agenda 21 funding was allocated to Ballinamore Tidy Towns in 2017 to install an electric charging point. Due to issues in relation to connection, this project has not been completed."

Councillor Armstrong McGuire said that she had received a very detailed and thorough response to her motion. She commented that the charging point on St George’s Terrace should be signposted to notify its location to the public, as it is hidden from view at its location beside the council offices.

She said that she has been approached by a number of people in relation to this matter and a lot of them were young people who were making the choice to buy electric vehicles and when they come down at the weekends they find it difficult to find a charging location.

Councillor Guckian supported the motion, he enquired if there was a charge at present for charging and also if the 4 additional charging points proposed in the new car park at the rear of the Landmark Hotel will be free.

Mr Gilhooly informed him that at the moment all charging points are free of charge. A charging policy is something that is determined at national level.

Councillor McGowan supported the motion and commented that there needs to be more charging points throughout the county. Every town and village should have a charging point.

CMD 19/106
21/10/19

Signage within Carrick town for Keadue/Kilronan

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire;

"Signage within Carrick guiding motorists to Keadue/Kilronan has been removed with recent traffic changes. Keadue as a village of historical significance as well as highest achiever in Tidy Towns
competition in 2019 must be made easy to find from Carrick. I ask that the signage is reinstated on Carrick's Main Street as soon as possible.

Report by Roads - General
"Our signage policy is to erect signs indicating the next town (village) and the main town on the road number. For example the R280 will indicate Leitrim Village and Manorhamilton. Keadee is indicated at Leitrim Village as Keadee is on the R284. Kilronan Castle is also indicated at this location. The addition of all the villages on the directional signage is not practical as will confuse the driver."

Mr O’Boyle informed the meeting that prior to the new one way system being introduced in Carrick he said that there were ten directional signs at the Leitrim Road junction. This has now been condensed down to the two major routes and one displaying all other routes.

Before a brown sign may be erected a Section 254 Licence must be obtained from the Planning Authority.

CMD 19/107  
Land Zoned for future housing needs
21/10/19

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

"Have we much land Zoned for housing, in the event of jobs coming to this Municipal Area. There is already a shortage of family houses to rent or buy in this area."

Report by Director of Services for Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation.
"There is no shortage of lands identified for housing in Carrick on Shannon in the existing Local Area Plan. The current County Development Plan 2015-2021 projected a population increase of 600 people for the town. The 2016 population of the town (which includes Cortober for Census purposes) was 4,062, an increase of just 82 people on the 2011 Census figure of 3,980 persons. The Local Area Plan identifies 22.91 hectares of land to provide for this projected population increase which includes 50% of ground area. There are also lands identified in both Dromod and Leitrim Village for residential purposes.

It is respectfully considered that the cost of construction in Carrick on Shannon is such that it does not yield sufficient profit to encourage developers bring forward proposals to build new houses. This has allowed unfinished housing developments to be completed which was welcomed at that time in Carrick on Shannon, Dromod and Leitrim Village. The extent of existing housing stock which is committed to short term letting to cater for the hospitality sector particularly at weekends is also a considerable factor in relation to the amount of residential properties available for renting."

Councillor Stenson informed the meeting that there was a serious shortage of family type houses in Carrick on Shannon. People come to the county for job opportunities and discover that there is no housing suitable for family needs. This is hugely disappointing. He said he believed that there needs to be a core block of housing available should extra jobs come to the area. Are the local
authority equipped if 10 new families came to area, is there housing available to meet their needs?

Mr Greene referred back to his reply stating again that the cost of construction of the development would be worth more than the asset itself. He also referenced a national document in which Leitrim and Longford were the two cheapest counties in the country to rent or buy.

Mr Gilhooly said he would not like to see the message going out that there was no accommodation available, this could have a negative effect on the potential to create more jobs in the area. He added that once a person makes a conscious decision to relocate to the area there are many options available for them to live or commute in the area. Not everyone may wish to live in a housing estate in Carrick on Shannon. He commented that potential investors needed to be mindful of what is available in community areas and also in the region.

Councillor Armstrong McGuire suggested that if anyone was looking for a family home in the area that they contact any of the local auctioneers directly as there are many more properties out there than what is shown.

Councillor Stenson stated that it was a local auctioneer who asked him to raise this matter.

CMD 19/108 Hedge Cutting Notice Issues
21/10/19

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

"Hedge trimming is becoming a major issue in rural areas. Our present policy on hedge cutting is having no effect. How can we solve this problem?"

Report by Roads - General

"Under Section 70 of the Roads Act 1993, landowners are responsible for the maintenance of the hedges bordering their land and the public road. The Council through the Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme provides grant aid of up to €75/km to assist landowners in cutting roadside hedges. Adjacent landowners can group together when applying for this scheme to provide greater value for money.

We are aware that certain members of the public do not carry out their civic duty as defined under the roads act. We write hundreds of hedge cutting notices to forestry companies, farmers and other citizens. On notification, the majority of the land owners have carried out the required hedge cutting. While we have the option of carrying out these works and pursuing the land owner through the courts, it should be noted that this process will demand resources.

In order to encourage land owners to avail of the hedge cutting grant, we recently advertised the Grant Scheme in the Local Newspaper and also circulated details of it for inclusion in all parish newsletters within the county. This has resulted in an increase in requests for Application Forms for this Grant Scheme."

Councillor Stenson stated that 90% of land owners are compliant and do a great job in maintaining hedges, however there are a number who do not cut their hedges. He believes that the hedge cutting grant does not work in specific areas. He said he did not have an answer to this problem.
Councillor Farrell supported the motion and said that the hedge cutting letters that are issued are pointless.

Councillor McGowan supported the motion

Councillor Stenson could there be some type of incentive in rural areas.

Councillor Mulligan also supported the motion and commented the hedges on the R201 and R202 are kept reasonably well however, on the local road from Mohill to Keshcarrigan there are a number of places which suffer with overgrown hedges.

Mr O'Boyle said that the every year his office issue hundreds of hedge cutting notices to landowners. He said that he strongly disagreed that the issuing of notices was pointless. There is at least 90% compliance every year.

He said that on occasions where the council have to intervene and cut hedges a letter issues to the landowner informing them that under the Roads Act the local authority will be cutting their hedges and will pursue them for the costs involved. He added that this is very cost heavy to the local authority.

CMD 19/109 Purchase of Motorised Sweeping/Scrubbing Machine
21/10/19

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council consider the purchase of a motorised sweeping/scrubbing machine for cleaning the footpaths in our towns and villages.

Report by Roads - General
"We are currently looking at purchasing a road sweeper for Carrick on Shannon. The cost of this piece of equipment is very expensive and Leitrim County Council budgets will not stretch to accommodate this purchase presently.

However, if purchased, it will allow the roads sweeping contractor more time to carry out road sweeping in other urban parts of South Leitrim. Leitrim County Council resources do not allow road sweeping to be carried out in estates."

Councillor Mulligan firstly apologised for his late attendance at the meeting.

He noted the response and enquired if it would be possible to make provisions for it in the forthcoming estimates.

He clarified that what he was looking for was for a machine which could be operated on the footpaths to clear the layers of dirt and grime which build up on them over time. He said that the streets in Mohill were looking very dirty. A power hose would not be suitable on these footpaths as the bricks were interlocking and the pressure from the power hose would remove the sand
which holds them in place.

Mr O'Boyle enquired from Councillor Mulligan which street in particular he was referring to in Mohill.

Councillor Mulligan stated all the main streets in Mohill.

Mr O'Boyle said the council could look at the possibility of purchasing a second hand machine. Councillor Stenson supported the motion.

CMD 19/110 Any Other Business
21/10/19

Update on Carrick Public Realm Works

Councillor Stenson enquired if it would be possible for Mr Shay O'Connor to attend next month's municipal district meeting.

He was looking for an update on the public realm works, he said he had been approached by a number of people who were wondering at what stage the works were at.

Councillor McGowan supported this request.

Date of Next Meeting

Councillor Armstrong McGuire informed the members that the next meeting was scheduled to be held on Monday 11th November, however, the Budget Meeting is scheduled to take place on that date.

She enquired from the members as to what date they would be agreeable to holding the November meeting. It was agreed to hold the meeting on Monday 18th November 2019 at 10.00 am.

In follow up to discussions at the previous MD meeting on the request of the Chairperson, Ms Shanley clarified that the standing orders permits amendment to the times of meetings at any meeting once approved by resolution. It was then proposed that the next MD meeting would be at 10.00 am.

Councillor Des Guckian said he did not agree with the changing of time as this was not agreed to the last meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson and Seconded by Councillor Sean McGowan that the next meeting Carrick on Shannon Municipal District would take place at 10.00 am on Monday 18th November 2019.
Clarification of Dates

For the purposes of clarification, Councillor Armstrong McGuire informed the members of the following:

Budget Meeting

Monday 11th November 2019 at 11.00 am in the Council Chamber.

November Carrick MD Meeting

Monday 18th November 2019 at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber.

- This concluded the business of the meeting at 12.55 pm

Signed: 

Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire
Cathaoirleach

Mairead Shanley
Meetings Administrator

Date: 18/11/19