Minutes of Meeting of Carrick on Shannon Municipal District
Held in Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co Leitrim
On Monday 12th October 2015 @ 3.30 pm

Members Present:  Councillor Sinead Guckian
                  Councillor Des Guckian
                  Councillor Séadhna Logan
                  Councillor Sean McGowan
                  Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire

Apologies  Councillor Enda Stenson

Officials Present:  Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Economic Development, Planning, Environment & Transportation
                  Bernard Greene, Senior Planner
                  Martin Donnelly, Planning Department
                  Paul Mayville, Planning Department
                  Vincent Dwyer, Meetings Administrator
                  Shay O Connor, Senior Engineer
                  Pamela Moran, Economic Development, Planning, Environment & Transportation

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Minutes of 14th September, Carrick on Shannon Municipal District

Mr. Joseph Gilhooley, Director of Services, circulated a clarification regarding a previous notice of motion relating to the Cois Abhainn, Leitrim Village. Councillor Des Guckian stated that the residents were entitled to an apology as the response to the notice of motion was a lie. Mr. Joseph Gilhooley rejected this accusation and following some discussion it was agreed that the clarification would be circulated to the media present.

Councillor Des Guckian raised an issue regarding the start time of the previous meeting and stated that he believed that the meeting had commenced before the designated time of 3.30pm and accused Councillor Sinead Guckian of an illegal act in this regard. Councillor Sinead Guckian rejected same and asked Councillor Des Guckian to withdraw the allegation. Councillor Sinead Guckian reminded Councillor Des Guckian of his responsibilities under the code of ethics. Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire informed the meeting that she had looked at her laptop as the meeting commenced and the time was 3.34pm and stated that she was prepared to stand over this time. Councillor Seadhna Logan also confirmed that he looked at the clock as the meeting commenced and the time was 3.34pm.

Proposed by Councillor Séadhna Logan, Seconded by Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED.

“That the Minutes of Carrick on Shannon Municipal District Meeting held in Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co Leitrim on Monday 14th September be adopted.”
To consider Speed Limit Bye Laws for Housing Estates in the Carrick on Shannon Municipal District

Mr. Shay O'Connor, Senior Engineer made a presentation on proposed speed limits for housing estates in the Municipal District. Councillor Des Guckian asked if there could be a 30kph speed limit throughout urban areas. In response Mr. O'Connor informed that the guidelines are very definite and this was not possible, however there would soon be a review of speed limits where the issue of vulnerable road users could be considered. Councillor Seadhna Logan asked if consultation had taken place with the Joint Policing Committee or the Gardai. Mr. O'Connor confirmed that the Gardai had been consulted and were in favour of the proposal.

Proposed by Councillor Séadhna Logan, Seconded by Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED.

"Proposed Speed Limit Bye Laws for Housing Estates in the Carrick on Shannon Municipal District be recommended for adoption by Leitrim County Council"

Presentation on Leitrim Arts Programme 2015

Mr. Philip Delamere, Arts Officer made a presentation regarding the Leitrim Arts Programme 2015. Councillor Des Guckian queried how the programme was funded. Mr. Delamere confirmed that the programme is co-funded by the Arts Council, Local Enterprise Office and EU funding streams.

Councillor Des Guckian asked if the Arts office had any involvement with the Filmmaker dealing with MacDiarmada’s life. Mr. Delamere informed the members that some engagement can occur but such a venture was too big to be funded under the Arts Programme.

Councillor Armstrong Maguire raised the issue of vacant town premises and how the Arts Programme can help. In response, Mr. Delamere stated that it was possible to engage with property owners and have artists supported. Councillor Sinead Guckian highlighted the Creative Frame and Harnessing Creativity and whether such a programme can be delivered by Arts. Mr. Delamere confirmed that the Arts Office are already engaged with this initiative.

Public Lighting in Oak Meadows, Drumsna

"I will ask the Director of Services, Planning and Infrastructure, to prioritize the request for the connection of the public lighting in Oak Meadows, Drumsna. At our January Municipal District meeting, we were advised that the Agents working on behalf of the developers had informed the Council that the connection of pubic lighting was being organised but to date the lights have not been switched on."

Report by Director of Service, Planning, Community and Economic Development

"This estate is not in the charge of the Local Authority and remains a private development. Until such time as the development has been taken in charge by the Local Authority,
Leitrim County Council has no responsibility with respect to this estate and no legal entitlement to undertake any works therein. Leitrim County Council has been in contact with the relevant stakeholders to ascertain the position on progressing the longer term resolution to the development. As part of these discussions the issue of the connection of the street lights has been raised."

Councillor Sinead Guckian stated that this was different from the response received twelve months ago. In response, Mr Vincent Dwyer, Administrative Officer stated that the matter had been raised with agents for the stakeholders involved on a number of occasions. It was agreed that the Council would make contact with the funding bank to progress the matter.

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Route 23 Bus Services

"That we demand that Bus Eireann immediately restore all Route 23 bus services to the villages of Drumsna, Dromod and Rooskey. Also, that we demand that the Route 23 bus stop, at Notley’s Top O’ The Hill, Annaduff, be recognised as an official stop on this Route’s timetable."

Councillor Des Guckian asked who was running transport, was it Bus Eireann or the Department. He added that the bypass had caused problems with bus access to Villages. It was unanimously agreed to refer the motion directly to the Department of Transport. Councillor Guckian asked that the matter also be referred to the National Transport Authority.

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Accidents on the N4 Dromod/Rooskey By-Pass

"That a full list of all the accidents that have occurred along the N4 Dromod/Rooskey By-pass, since its opening, be compiled and published by Leitrim County Council. This list should also include the dates and number of times that the stays supporting the cable barrier, in the middle of the By-pass, have had to be replaced by the Council."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"The following is the summary of accidents that have occurred on the Dromod Rooskey Bypass since it opened. The statistics for 2013 are not complete as we have not received these from the RSA. Likewise the statistics for 2015 only relate to the number of times this council has carried out repairs due to traffic accidents. The other statistics for 2015 will be available next year. There were no serious injury accidents or fatalities during this period.

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Councillor Des Guckian stated that on the 14th of July, a road sign was flattened and not repaired. Councillor Sean McGowan stated that drivers' behaviour was a big factor and that the Council wanted concrete barriers and lay-bys. Mr. Shay O'Connor stated that the issue of lay-bys could be referred to the Strategic Policy Committee. Councillor Des Guckian stated that he believed it is not safe and lacks a hard shoulder.

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**Drainage Works on Eslin River**

"I will ask the Senior Executive Engineer, Carrick-on-Shannon, to immediately put in place a programme to carry out drainage works on the Eslin River from Cloonboney Lake to where it enters the River Shannon at Rooskey. There is a lot of fallen trees and heavy vegetation in this section of the river, funding was provided for river drainage in the budget for 2015."

**Report by Senior Engineer, Roads**

"A programme of works is being prepared and the rivers in question will be considered for inclusion. Timing of works will be contingent on the requirements of the Fisheries authorities."

Councillor Sean McGowan asked that this section would be included within the programme. Councillor Seadhna Logan asked that the programme would be circulated to all Councillors when complete.

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**Annaveagh Bridge at Tooman**

"I will ask the Senior Executive Engineer, Carrick-on-Shannon, to arrange to cut back the ivy and carry out the necessary pointing and masonry repairs to Annaveagh Bridge at Tooman, as was promised last April. Annaveagh Bridge is a beautiful 4 arch Stone Bridge over the Rynn river but is almost completely covered with ivy."

**Report by Senior Engineer, Roads**

"The removal of ivy on the bridge and pointing of stone requires scaffolding or other form of access to be provided to safely access the works. There is a significant cost involved to provide such safe access and it will be necessary to secure a source of funding."

Councillor Sean McGowan stated that he was not happy with the reply as this was a very important issue.

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**Former Bank of America**

"May I ask our Chief Executive, Mr. Frank Curran, has there been any contact with the IDA or Department officials, regarding a replacement company for the Former Bank of America building and how many persons are employed in the building at present."

**Report by Director of Service, Planning, Community and Economic Development**

"There continues to be ongoing contact with the IDA in regard to securing new investment for the Carrick Campus and every effort continues to be made by the relevant stakeholders"
in endeavouring to have a positive outcome."

This motion was moved by Councillor Sinead Guckian in the absence of Councillor Enda Stenson.

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**Crossing on R201 Treanmore**

"May I ask, has a decision being made regarding the crossing on the R201 at Treanmore, Mohill?"

*Report by Senior Engineer, Roads*

"It is proposed to commence works on the crossing in question within the coming weeks."

This motion was moved by Councillor Sinead Guckian in the absence of Councillor Enda Stenson.

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**Bus Shelter on the River Side of Carrick on Shannon**

"May I ask the Area Engineers Office what progress has been made in asking Bus Eireann for a shelter for its clients using the Bus Stop on the river side of Carrick-on-Shannons By Pass Road. With winter coming, it is unreasonable for customers of Bus Eireann to withstand wind and rain as they await their Bus."

*Report by Senior Engineer, Roads*

"A meeting between the bus shelter provider and the Area engineers office took place some weeks ago. Agreement on the location of the shelter and advance works was reached and the shelter will be in place in the coming months."

Councillor Finola Armstrong Maguire stated that she was happy with the reply.

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**Lighting of Boardwalk at Linear Park**

"When can we expect to see lighting of boardwalk at Linear Park working? Can we ensure the spot lights in the boardwalk are the most energy saving and efficient available?"

*Report by Senior Engineer, Roads*

"We are waiting for a proposal from our Public Lighting Contractor regarding these lights. We will keep the councillor up to date on progress."

Councillor Finola Armstrong Maguire expressed the hope that the matter will be followed through. Mr. Shay O'Connor informed the members that the public lighting tender had now been completed and the contractor is due to revert with a new proposal.

Councillor Armstrong Maguire raised the issue of St. Patrick's Hospital where twenty patients are been moved, with rumours surrounding the future of the day hospital in Carrick on Shannon. This would be unfair to patients. She continued stating that there
are also concerns surrounding change in meals origin. Councillor Seadhna Logan agreed and called it an outrage. Councillor Des Guckian stated that the lack of clarity was disturbing. It was agreed to invite Mr. Frank Morrison, Health Service Executive, to the November meeting to seek clarity.

Councillor Des Guckian expressed sympathy to the families of Garda Tony Golden and the victims at the Carrickmines Traveller site in Dublin.

Signed:

Councillor Sinead Guckian
Cathaoirleach Carrick on Shannon
Municipal District

Vincent Dwyer
Meeting Administrator

Date: 9th November 2015