Minutes of Meeting of Carrick on Shannon Municipal District
Held in Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co Leitrim

On Monday 9th November @ 3.30 pm

Members Present: Councillor Sinead Guckian
Councillor Des Guckian
Councillor Séadhna Logan
Councillor Sean McGowan
Councillor Enda Stenson

Apologies Councillor Finola Armstrong Maguire

Officials Present: Mr. Frank Curran, Chief Executive, Leitrim County Council
Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Economic Development, Planning, Environment & Transportation
Mr. John McKeon, Head of Finance
Mr. Bernard Greene, Senior Planner
Mr. Michael Flynn, District Engineer
Mr. Vincent Dwyer, Meetings Administrator
Mr. Shay O Connor, Senior Engineer, Roads

CMD15/151 09/11/15 Minutes of 10th October, Carrick on Shannon Municipal District

Councillor Des Guckian stated that the draft minutes did not cover the discussion regarding the Cois Abhainn estate. Councillor Des Guckian added that the residents of this estate were not obliged to pay anything to anyone.

Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson, Seconded by Councillor Séadhna Logan
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 10th October be adopted.”

CMD 15/152 09/11/15 Date for January Carrick on Shannon Municipal District meeting

The date for the January meeting of the Carrick on Shannon Municipal District was set for 3.30pm on the 12th January 2016 by majority agreement.

CMD 15/153 09/11/15 To consider 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

Mr. Frank Curran, Chief Executive and Mr. John McKeon, Head of Finance, made a presentation on the above as part of the budgetary process for 2016. Councillor Des
Guckian stated that the allocation from the Government is derisory and should be rejected and the Council should demand more money from central government. Councillor Des Guckian added that there was no benefit from the property tax and €550k for local roads is derisory, with one Municipal District been set off against another for scraps from the table.

Councillor Stenson stated that we are not getting our fair share and queried if the allocations could be appealed. Mr. Frank Curran informed the meeting that this Council will continue to make the case and all that can be done will be done. Councillor Sean McGowan stated that other grants were dropping and queried if the housing element related to general maintenance. In addition Councillor McGowan queried the tidy towns allocation for 2016. In response Mr. John McKeon stated that these allocations represented a discretionary spend by the Council, while the tidy towns element will be allocated by category. Councillor McGowan stated that tidy towns are important and must be supported.

Councillor Des Guckian urged members to reject the plan, while Councillor Sinead Guckian noted earlier comments and stated that while the allocation is small, the process will happen with or without the members, which is a flaw in the system. Councillor Sinead Guckian added that refusing to accept this proposal does not benefit, in particular, tidy towns groups within the county, while Councillor Des Guckian proposed the rejection of the allocation.

The General Municipal Allocation for the Carrick on Shannon Municipal District was accepted as:

**Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, Seconded by Councillor Enda Stenson and RESOLVED BY MAJORITY.**

**CMD 15/154**
**09/11/15**

**Undergrounding Cables on Main Street, Drumsna**

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

"I will ask the Directors of Services, Planning & Infrastructure, what progress there has been to date for the proposed undergrounding of cables on Main Street, Drumsna, from the fair green towards the bridge. It was agreed last year and in March this year that Leitrim County Council would progress this work following the unacceptable practice by ESB contractors of hacking the mature trees on Main Street in order to protect their cables. The mature trees along this streetscape are a very important feature of the village."

**Report by Senior Engineer, Roads**

"The ESB have provided a scheme design and cost estimate of €15,000 for the Undergrounding of the cables in the vicinity of the playground where the initial concerns were raised.

We will ask the ESB to provide a scheme and cost estimate for the Main Street as requested.

There is presently no funding to undertake any such works in Drumsna."

Councillor Sinead Guckian informed the meeting that this matter had been raised last year and asked if tidy towns could part fund the proposal. Mr. Michael Flynn agreed to review the matter.
Natural Spring at Castlecarra Road.

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

"I will ask the Director of Services, Planning and Infrastructure, what proposals are there in place to protect and/or develop the natural spring on the Castlecarra road, Carrick on Shannon."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"The area of ground where the spring is located is now in the ownership of Leitrim County council. The area is fenced off and an access gate is provided to allow access to the land. There are no plans to undertake further works at this location."

Councillor Sinead Guckian informed the members that this matter had been raised by the Historical Society and stated that she would welcome any support to make the spring accessible. Councillor Stenson and Councillor Des Guckian supported the motion. Councillor Des Guckian also stated that a pump at Curraun on the Ballinamore site of Mohill should also be made operational again. In response, Mr. Michael Flynn suggested that if the Historical Society makes contact then Leitrim County Council will consider if assistance can be provided.

Provision of cycle / walkways between Dromod and Rooskey

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

"I will ask the Chief Executive, has any progress been made with regard to the provision of a cycle / walkway between the villages of Dromod and Rooskey under the smarter travel Programme?"

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"Leitrim County Council continue to make application for funding for this project. To date these funding applications have been unsuccessful."

Mr. Frank Curran provided an update on greenway proposals for the Belturbet to Mohill line. Mr. Michael Flynn stated that traffic levels are low and perhaps signage would suffice. Councillor Sean McGowan highlighted the level of heavy traffic along this road and suggested that the cost of digging out would not be excessive, while leaving the current road width as it is. Councillor Sean McGowan asked that the matter be progressed.

Footpath at Rooskey

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

"I will ask the Senior Engineer, Roads to include the provision of a footpath from the end of the traffic calming measures in Rooskey, on the right hand side, Longford end, as far as the entrance to the old road which serves the three housing estates as well as a number of houses in the townland’s of Aghamore and Aghnahunshin in the 2016 Roadwork’s programme."
A scheme design and cost estimate will be prepared for the works requested. Options for progressing the footpaths can be considered when the results of this work are available.

Councillor Sean McGowan stated that such works should have been completed long ago and asked if development levies could now be used to complete same. Mr. Michael Flynn informed the meeting that development levies are for general use only. Councillor Sean McGowan asked that the matter be considered for funding when the design is complete.

CMD 15/158 09/11/15  **Funding for Lough Rynn Rowing Facility**

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

"May I ask, what is the present position with the works on Rynn Lake and did we receive the funding for the second phase of work."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"Leitrim County Council are delighted to again receive 2015 Sports Capital Funding of €200,000 towards the further development of the world Class Lough Rinn Recreation facility which caters for Rowing/Canoeing and Kayaking. It is anticipated that the funding will be used to further develop the Rowing Course facility by installing additional Floating Pontoons on the lake to facilitate a Start Tower/Finish Tower for Racing Competition for these water based Sports activities. Preliminary Designs will be required which will be subject to Department approvals for future lake Infrastructure works.

This will greatly assist in the further development of this Regional Sports Facility and have a very positive impact in attracting Clubs/Regatta/National and International Clubs and people to the region thus enhancing the Tourist potential of the region and giving a much needs economic boost to the area."

Councillor Enda Stenson welcomed the funding announcement, while Mr. Joseph Gilhooly provided an update on activity and development works during 2015, while also highlighting plans for events and activity in 2016. Councillor Seadhna Logan stated that he was pleased that the facility is moving forward. Councillor Stenson stated that the Council had responded well to local concerns, while Councillor McGowan highlighted the importance of community engagement. Councillor Des Guckian stated that while he was in favour of the development, the Council should not be required to progress the development alone, others should also be asked to make a contribution.

CMD 15/159 09/11/15  **Water Services in Mohill Cemetery**

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

"May I ask, can a water tap be provided at the first entrance to Mohill cemetery, water is available in other parts of the Graveyard and a request has been made to provide a tap at the first gate."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"There is water available in the graveyard at present. New water conenctions are now the
responsibility of Irish Water and any new connection will incur a connection charge. As water is already available in the graveyard we do not propose to provide a new connection."

Councillor Stenson stated that it would not cost much to install a tap. Mr. Michael Flynn suggested that Kieran Byrne should discuss the matter further with the Council. Councillor Des Guckian asked what involvement the Council has in Graveyards. In response Mr. Michael Flynn stated that the Council provide a Caretaker service to a number of graveyards and assist in infrastructural development.

CMD 15/160 09/11/15  Proposed footpath from Mohill to Lough Rynn

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Seadhna Logan;

"That this council seeks the necessary funding and makes a commitment to extending the footpath from Mohill town, the whole way out to the amenity and caravan park at Lough Rynn as a priority project. This is an extremely busy walking route with large footfall and would have real benefit to the footfall in the town from holiday makers and locals alike that avail of the facility."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"A scheme design and cost estimate will be prepared for the footpath works requested. Options for progressing the footpaths can be considered when the results of this work are available."

Councillor Seadhna Logan stated that he was happy with the reply.

CMD 15/161 09/11/15  Roadside Gullies in Towns

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Seadhna Logan;

"I call on the road staff to prioritise the clearing of all the roadside gullies in the towns. A lot of leaves and dirt built up over the summer and autumn months that may not have been properly cleared and may cause issues over the wetter winter months"

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"Road Gullies are routinely cleaned as part of general maintenance works."

Councillor Seadhna Logan informed that this gully had not been cleaned in months and that gullies were not been cleaned on a frequent basis. Councillor Logan enquired regarding the definition of routine maintenance. Councillor McGowan supported the motion. Mr. Michael Flynn informed the meeting that routine maintenance was completed by suction and asked the Members to inform him of gullies which required clearing. Councillor Des Guckian informed that a gully in Glebe street required attention as it was causing flooding.

CMD 15/162 09/11/15  Footpath in Main Street, Dromod

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Des Guckian;
“That the footpath in Main Street, Dromod, near the former O'Connor’s shop, be widened sufficiently to make it wheel-chair usable. It is narrower than two feet opposite the sign for Cúl na Sráide that is on the wooden fence.”

**Report by Senior Engineer, Roads**

“A scheme design and cost estimate will be prepared for the works requested. Options for progressing the footpaths can be considered when the results of this work are available.”

Councillor Des Guckian asked how long it would take. The motion was supported by all present. In response, Mr. Michael Flynn stated that there was no allocation for footpath maintenance in 2016.

**CMD 15/163**

**09/11/15, Floodwater Concerns**

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

“That the driveway leading in to the home of Margaret and David Clews, Moher, Rooskey, be drained of the floodwater that builds up there when it rains. Over the years, the road surface has been built up higher and higher and the flow-off causes the flooding on their driveway.”

**Report by Senior Engineer, Roads**

"The situation at this property will be examined with a view to resolving the concerns raised."

Councillor Des Guckian asked how long it would take to resolve the concerns and if Mr. Michael Flynn would meet the family as this matter cannot be put on the long finger. Councillor McGowan supported the motion. Mr. Michael Flynn stated that he was familiar with the issue but thought it had been addressed, however the matter will be addressed in the coming months. Councillor Des Guckian stated that the previous gully was unsatisfactory and a new one will help.

Councillor Seadhna Logan informed the meeting that there was trapped water at the Dromod roundabout. Mr. Michael Flynn stated that the matter will be addressed.

**Signed:**

Councillor Sinead Guckian
Cathaoirleach Carrick on Shannon Municipal District

Vincent Dwyer
Meeting Administrator

**Date:** 7th December 2015