Minutes of Meeting of Carrick on Shannon Municipal District

Held in Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim

On Monday 18th November 2019 at 10.00 am

Members Present: 
Councillor Paddy Farrell (Leas-Cathaoirleach)
Councillor Des Guckian
Councillor Sean McGowan
Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor Enda Stenson
Councillor Thomas Mulligan

Officials Present: 
Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Economic Development, Planning & Transportation
Darragh O’Boyle, District Engineer South Leitrim
Shay O’Connor, Senior Engineer, Capital Projects Office
Con McDermott, Senior Resident Engineer, Capital Projects Office
Mairead Shanley, Meetings Administrator
Pamela Moran, Meetings Support

Cathaoirleach Councillor Armstrong McGuire welcomed everyone to the meeting.

CMD 19/111 Minutes of Meeting of Carrick on Shannon Municipal District held on
18/11/19 Monday 21st October 2019

Proposed by Councillor Des Guckian, Seconded by Councillor Enda Stenson 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 21st October 2019 be adopted."

Matters arising from the Minutes:-
Councillor Guckian informed the meeting of the following error contained on page 10 of the Minutes.

**Notice of Motion CMD19/105:**

Second last paragraph should read Esso Service Station (Lunney’s) on Boyle Road, Carrick on Shannon, Co Roscommon and not Dublin Road, as stated in reply.

This amendment was noted.

**CMD 19/112 Update on Public Realm Works in Carrick on Shannon 18/11/19**

Mr O’Connor introduced Mr Con McDermott who was recently appointed as Senior Resident Engineer to this project.

Mr Shay O’Connor then gave a presentation to the members on the upcoming Public Realm Works for Carrick on Shannon.

He explained to the members that the works were broken down into contracts as follows:

Contract 1 – Main Street

Contract 2 – Works in Marina Area/St George’s Terrace

Contract 3 – Flynn’s Field Car Park

Tenders were submitted for the new car park and have come in on budget - work is to commence in early January. If there are no objections to An Bord Pleanala within the coming week, the council expects to confirm the CPO to landowners and begin preparation works. It is anticipated that the car park will be finished by May 2020.

The contractor for the Marina Area phase of works will be appointed before Christmas. The Marina Area phase of works are due to take place from January to April. The Boardwalk will be constructed offsite. These works will run in tandem with the works at Flynn’s Field and will be carried out with the boating and fisheries companies in mind.

Also taking place from January will be works from Priest’s Lane towards Summerhill/Dublin Road. Traffic will be maintained one way during these works. It is hoped that works will be completed by March 2020.

Once this has been completed works will commence on St George’s Terrace from April to May 2020. It is proposed to suspend the works for the summer months of June, July and August.

The works on Main Street will be carried out from September to December 2020. Mr O’Connor advised that the general through traffic will have to be curtailed in this area for the period of works,
if the traffic is not curtailed the works could take an additional number of months to complete.

He said that the drawings have been on display in the window of the old “Book Shop” on Main Street. He commented that the council had received some feedback so far. Some from residents in relation to parking concerns and one from the Heritage Society in relation to the type of trees to be planted. They suggested that they should be carefully placed so as not to block the facade of the buildings along the street.

He then invited questions from the members.

Councillor Stenson thanked Mr O’Connor for the very comprehensive presentation adding that it looked very impressive. He enquired if the Town Team and Chamber of Commerce were agreeable to the reduced numbers of parking places along Main Street once the Flynn’s Field car park has been completed.

Mr O’Connor responded that they were in agreement. With the introduction of the new one way traffic system the council have been able to provide additional car parking spaces at the following locations:

- Right hand side of Dublin Road up as far as Kelly’s Store.
- Outside Joe Lowes premises.
- Outside businesses on Park Lane, opposite Library.

Councillor Stenson made reference to the area up at St Mary’s Close and enquired if it would be possible to get extra funding to carry out works here while the public realm works were being carried out.

Mr O’Connor said that St Mary’s Close could be considered for Phase 2 but at the moment there was no funding opportunity for this area.

Councillor Stenson responded that this was an isolated area and works were being carried out on Main Street leading up to St Mary’s Close and it wouldn’t look good and didn’t make sense to go back at a later stage to carry out these works.

Mr O’Connor said this was a small area and the level of disruption would not be to any great extent.

Councillor Farrell enquired as to the maximum height of the trees proposed.

Mr O’Connor responded that the council are in discussions at the moment regarding the most suitable type of tree. They cannot have a wide girth, too much foliage or be excessively high. They would have to look at engaging the services of landscaping professionals to prune them back, they would require extra maintenance.

Councillor Farrell then enquired if the area at the back of the Post Office/Eircom had been looked at as a suitable alternative for car parking.

Mr O’Connor said that it hadn’t because it was a working facility on private property and also there would be issues with entry and exiting the area.
Mr Farrell said in his opinion it would be a suitable area as a lot of elderly people use the Post Office and then do some shopping in the town centre.

Councillor Farrell asked could it be look at in the future.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Armstrong McGuire also made reference to an area in the ownership of the ESB in Summerhill. She remarked that she was surprised that they hadn’t been approached.

Councillor Guckian commented that Flynn’s Field was not adequate for the amount of parking required. He said that the overflow of cars from the Medical Centre will use Flynn’s Field. He also mentioned his dissatisfaction with the traffic flow onto Leitrim Road, he has experienced cars still going the wrong way down the one way system. With regard to the public realm works he stated that his overall impression was that they were cosmetic and take away from the character of the town. He added that the town will lose its 19th Century character and that this is something that should be discussed with the chamber of commerce, local people and people coming from further afield who come to Carrick.

Responding Mr O’Connor said that the 105 parking spaces provided in Flynn’s Field was adequate. The Medical Centre is providing car parking spaces at their facility. With regard to the one way system Mr O’Connor said that he personally went into each business owner for their views and only one person was not happy with parking outside their business. There was overwhelming support and the majority had felt it was an improvement.

He informed the members that there was a sample pallet of stone which will be used for paving available for the members to view. This was just inside the gates of the depot beside the Fire Station.

Councillor Guckian said that the signage needs to be improved to prevent people going down the wrong way. It is not working well.

Mr Connor said that he will look again at signage. If advance signage is placed too far back people will take the wrong road.

Councillor Mulligan thanked Mr O’Connor for his presentation and commented that he wished he could see something similar for Mohill. It is a major development and is to be welcomed in any town. It will improve and transform the town.

Councillor McGowan remarked that it was an ambitious timeline and hoped it works out. He also made reference to the parking options highlighted by Councillors Farrell and Armstrong McGuire. He commented that they could accommodate a lot of cars. He asked Mr O’Connor could the council approach these companies to see if there was any interest for the proposal.

Mr O’Connor responded that there is no problems having discussions but it must be remembered that these are private companies and they may be a reluctance for their property to be used by the public.
Councillor Mulligan said the land at the rear of the post office had good potential. He enquired could the council arrange for the leasing of a number of spaces to be made available for parking.

Mr Gilhooly said that there were 2 issues with the proposed locations:-

1. Co-location – both companies were running active businesses from these properties
2. Leasing – annual running costs.

He said that the council have to operate within a tight revenue budget.

Councillor Guckian remarked that there would be a problem with the ESB property at Summerhill, they have large communication masts on their site.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Armstrong McGuire encouraged members of the public to look at the drawings which are on display in the window of the old “Book Shop” on Main Street. Comments are always welcome and brainstorming with the public is always good. With regard to when works are being carried out on Main Street she added that it is vital that the streets are kept open, the businesses want and need that. There has to be access to businesses and a through flow of traffic at all times. She said that she hoped that businesses would not be adversely affected by these works. The streets simply cannot be closed off, because she felt that it people were diverted away from the town centre for a period of time they would get used to shopping elsewhere and that would be detrimental for local businesses.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Armstrong McGuire concluded by welcoming Con McDermott and wished him well in his new role.

Part 1 – Notices of Motion

CMD 19/113 Request to Take in Charge – Lane off L1627-2 in Bohey, Drumlsh
18/11/19

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

“That Leitrim County Council immediately takes in charge the lane leading to the home of Mrs Anna May Kelly and family, Bohey, Drumlsh. It is off the L1627-2 and starts where the LIS in L1627-2, on the map. ”

Report by Roads - General

“This private lane is in the townland of Cloonlaughlin and joins the local Road L-1627. The Council has no programme related to taking in charge of private roads due to in particular the financial implications for the authority given the scale of funding available to roads programme. However, please note that this road is currently on the list for a Local Improvement Scheme.”
Councillor Guckian said that the reply received was not adequate and it failed to answer the questions raised. It was a very evasive answer. In the reply it states that the lane in question is in the townland of Cloonlaughlin, he reiterated that it is in the townland of Bohey.

He stated that this road should have been taken in charge over 30 years ago by the council. He added that that the council has refused to surface this lane since the 1960s and persists in saying it is a private lane. He informed the executive that now was there chance to surface it and drain it and make it into a public lane. He informed me the meeting in question that the family in question is made of up of three adults all of whom have a disability. He said that these works should be done on humanitarian grounds, he remarked that the council were forcing this family to remain in their house, transport will not go down as far as their property and they are forced to walk up the road to meet it. He asked the executive “where is your humanity and common sense?”

Mr Gilhooly added that this road was discussed at previous meetings and an offer was made to facilitate the delivery of a load of stones. The fact remains that the county is full of private roads and there is simply not enough funding. There are over 200 on the LIS waiting list and there are lots of deserving cases. LIS applications are dealt with in chronological order and it is proposed to bring them before the Strategic Policy Committee to see if there is an alternative method to deal with them. The bottom line is that private lanes are not the responsibility of Leitrim County Council.

Councillor McGowan said he would love to see this road done. He brought in the LIS application in 2009 for this road and commented that it was unfortunate that there was no funding for LIS for 8 years. He enquired if it would be possible to see where this application was on the current waiting list and if it would be possible to get it done.

Councillor Mulligan supported the motion and called on the executive to consider the circumstances of the family and try to get something done. He said that all the members were familiar with this particular case.

Councillor Guckian concluded that this was a truely exceptional lane and this was an exceptional situation. He informed the executive that under EU Directives the local authority are obliged to help people with disabilities. This is not the end of the matter and he will go to national level if needs be to highlight this case.

Mr Gilhooly replied that was the role of the executive to protect the organisation and make sure the organisation lives within its means. He said it was difficult to do roadworks owing to the cuts in roads funding.

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Cathaoirleach Councillor Armstrong proposed taking Motion No. 4 in the name of Councillor Guckian and Motion No. 12 in the name of Councillor Stenson together, as they both related to the same matter and the same reply was issued to both.

Both Councillors Guckian and Stenson were agreeable to this.
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Des Guckian;

"That Leitrim County Council again appeals to the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme directors to have the Crow Hill Sewerage scheme, Drumsna, included as a matter of urgency."

**Report by Roads - General**

"This proposed GSS at Crowes Hill, Drumsna would be an extension of the Sewerage Network at Crowes Hill and would discharge to the adjacent Drumsna Wastewater Treatment Plant. This proposed Scheme would serve approx. 8 Houses and would consist of a Gravity Sewer and 1 No. Pumping Station with rising mains and associated site works. Funding for Group Water Schemes (GWS's) and Group Sewerage Schemes (GSS's) is allocated from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government to Local Authorities via the Multi Annual Rural Water Programmes. Under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2016 – 2018, a submission was made by Leitrim County Council for Funding for a GSS at Crowes Hill, Drumsna. Under the Multi Annual Programme 2016 – 2018 a total of 6 No. GSS's in the whole Country received Approval – 2 of these were in County Leitrim (Hartley Cartown GSS and Edenvilla GSS). No Approval or Funding was allocated to this proposed GSS at Crowes Hill. There is now a new Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021 and Leitrim County Council made a Submission in March 2019 for funding under the various measures included in this Multi Annual Programme. This proposed GSS at Crowes Hill, Drumsna was again included in our Submission for Funding under this new Multi Annual Programme. Allocations were received under this Programme in October 2019 - Again a total of 6 No. proposed GSS's in the whole Country were approved to proceed in the period of this new Programme, with 3 of these being in County Leitrim – these are, Ballynamoney GSS, Rossinver GSS and Tully, Jamestown GSS. However, Crowes Hill GSS has not been approved to proceed under this new 3 Year Programme. The Department has advised that they will not be inviting further Submissions for Funding during the Lifetime of this Multi Annual Programme 2019 - 2021."

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

"I ask is extension to sewerage at Crow Hill, Drumsna included in the most recent roll out."

**Report by Roads – General**

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Councillor Guckian stated that he was not satisfied with the reply. He explained that Crowhill was a link road from the N4 to the Quays in Drumsna. This was a very obvious scheme to do. It can’t be ignored.

Councillor Stenson informed the meeting that he was asked to raise this issue, not alone for Crowhill but for other areas in the county. He commented that this issue had already been raised at the main council meeting and they were informed at that meeting that there is no avenue to make an application for funding again until 2021. He enquired as to the possibility of installing a gravity flow system. He said that it was not fair to blame Leitrim County Council that can only carry out works based on the funding received from government.

Councillor McGowan supported both the motions. He commented that a Group Sewerage Scheme would be the only solution. He enquired about the possibility of meeting with the Minister with a view to getting more schemes across the line.

Councillor Farrell supported the motions.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Armstrong McGuire said all members would be in support of this. She enquired from the Executive what moves can be made to progress this matter.

Councillor Guckian reiterated his unhappiness. He said he was appealing to Council Officials not to be putting this matter off any longer. He said that it appeared to him that Council Officials were afraid of the TII and Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. He commented that it comes across that the Council are afraid and want people to put up the monies. It is a penalty on the people who are living in the countryside.

Mr Gilhoolly reiterated the response given.
Councillor Stenson asked the Cathaoirleach would it be possible to take his motion No. 13 next, as he had to leave the meeting early.

The members were agreeable to this.

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Before the motion was taken, Councillor Stenson proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Noelle McHugh, Bunnybeg, Eslin Bridge, Carrick on Shannon, Co Leitrim, who was a former employee of Leitrim County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson, Seconded by Councillor Sean McGowan.

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CMD 19/116 Upgrading of Lights from Leitrim Church to the Bridge 18/11/19

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

"I have requested in the past that lights from Leitrim Church to the Bridge, needs to be upgraded as it’s very dark along here."

Report by Roads - General

"Upgrading of public lights occurs when we are carrying out specific works. For example, Leitrim Village community were successful in getting T&V grant funding for 2019. This allowed us to upgrade the old SOX lighting to new LED lighting at the main village junction. When funding is provided for upgrading of existing Public Lighting separate to specific grants, we can include the church road in the Village."

Councillor Stenson noted the reply and hoped it would be possible to do this work at some stage. He commented that there was a black spot at this area and it is very dangerous.

Councillors Farrell and McGowan supported the motion.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Armstrong McGuire stated that all members would be in support of this motion.

Mr O’Boyle informed the meeting that there is a problem with overgrown trees in this area. The trees belong to the parish. He informed the meeting that the council can assist the parish with traffic management but the parish must carry out works to cutting back the trees, the local authority cannot facilitate this particular work.
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

"I ask Mr Darragh O'Boyle, South Leitrim District Engineer, to carry out repairs on the road from Antfield leading onto Finnalaghta in Annaduff road No.L-7472-0 as it is beginning to ravel quite a bit and to include this road for resurfacing in the 2020 roadwork's programme, this is a very busy local road."

CMD 19/118
18/11/19

Repairs to road L-7472-0 (Antfield leading onto Finnalaghta)
Report by Roads - General

"We will dispatch our maintenance crew to carry out patching works on this public road. The restoration maintenance grants will be put forward to the elected members for approval in February/March next year. In accordance with previous budgets, each municipal district receive 11 such grants every year."

Councillor McGowan noted the reply and asked again that this road would be considered for the 2020 Roadworks' Programme. There are a number of houses on this road. The centre of the road needs attention.

Councillor Guckian supported the motion and stated that 200 to 300 yards needs to be resurfaced.

Mr O’Boyle reiterated his response and stated he would send a crew out next week to carry out patching works.

CMD 19/119  Reduction of Local Link Services in Carrick on Shannon
18/11/19

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

"Local Link service has been cut in areas of Carrick. This was a valued service and I ask for its restoration immediately. Local link was set up to serve our rural passenger needs and withdrawal without notice is unacceptable. I ask that Leitrim County Council Executive as well as Elected Representatives insist on full communication, conversation and explanation on any proposed changes to Local Link services in our county. I call on full restoration of services withdrawn in recent days in Carrick area serving parents and pupils of our schools."

Report by Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Cultural and Emergency Services

"Leitrim County Council will engage with Donegal Sligo Leitrim Local Link in relation to the provision of rural transport services in Leitrim and the outcome of this process will be communicated to the members of the Council."

Cathaoirleach Councillor Armstrong McGuire informed the meeting that the Local Link office has now moved to Killybegs. She explained that she tabled the motion as she was unable to get any answers or clarity on why services were removed.

Mr Gilhooly explained that Leitrim County Council no longer have any links with Rural Transport. When the office was Leitrim based there were local representatives on the committee. Since the closure of the office in Leitrim the council no longer has that connection and is like any other organisation dealing with Local Link. He said that the council will endeavour to get answers.

Councillor McGowan supported the motion and said that it was regrettable and unfortunate that
the scheme didn’t get a chance to carry on. He recalled that previously a request was made to have a sub office located in Leitrim e.g. Manorhamilton. Maybe this request should be looked at again.

Councillor Guckian supported the motion. He said it was time that Local Link was resumed in Carrick on Shannon, there is no doubt that the service has declined. He requested the Cathaoirleach to get statistics on the services which have been reduced. He commented that there had been a serious winding down of services.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Armstrong McGuire said that Local Link need to provide clarity in relation to the reduction in services and any future reductions proposed.

Councillor Guckian enquired from Cathaoirleach Councillor Armstrong McGuire were there school children affected by these cuts in services.

She informed him that a number of children are not now being collected from outside their homes adding that this is a taste of what has changed.

Mr Gilhooly suggested that staff from Local Link should be invited to come to a meeting and give a presentation on what is happening with the service locally.

Councillor Mulligan supported this and said that clarification was needed.

CMD 19/120      Delay on road improvements on Marymount Avenue
18/11/19

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

"What is the delay in doing road improvements on Marymount Avenue? The holes in the road are a danger to all who pass through. Residents have had to accept the situation for too long. Can I ask that this road is attended to ASAP."

Report by Roads - General
"The road network around and through Marymount Avenue has only recently been declared a public road. We will dispatch the maintenance crew to repair the road potholes. There is a larger amount of works to be carried out regarding footpaths and signage which may follow subject to funding. The locals can now apply for the community involvement scheme which fits this development perfectly and would cater any desired upgrades."

Cathaoirleach Councillor Armstrong McGuire commented that she was very disappointed to see a crater in the centre of the road.

Councillor Farrell supported the motion, he said residents were very concerned about the state of the road.
Mr O'Boyle informed the meeting that that road is a very strategic link road and reiterated the position as given in his reply.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Armstrong McGuire enquired about the old trees in this area.

Mr O'Boyle informed that they are now the responsibility of the local authority. He said that he can have someone to come in and assess them.

CMD 19/121 Works required on L-3052 (Mohill to Keshcarrigan)
18/11/19

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

"I have a lot of people complaining to me about the section of road from Mohill to Keshcarrigan L3052. This section of road needs urgent attention located beside Mohill Crossroads."

Report by Roads General
"Leitrim County Council are applying for a Specific Improvement Grant which is required to widen and build up the section of road at the junction of the L-3446 and the L-3052 at Oghill Cross Roads. Land will need to be purchased through land agreements and therefore cannot be carried out under the normal RIG/RMG grant schemes."

Councillor Farrell informed the meeting that he had been approached by a number of people in relation to this section of road. They are afraid that a major accident will happen. It has been patched lately but this is only a short term job. He asked Mr O'Boyle to do whatever he could on this road.

Councillor Mulligan supported the motion. He said that the main problem with this road is that it is in a bog area. There is a 12 foot drop on the side of the road and no support. It needs a Specific Improvement Grant. It has become a problem area and needs extra maintenance and drainage works. He asked that it be given extra attention and that a grant be sought to carry out the works.

Councillor McGowan supported the motion commenting that it is a very busy road which needs major investment.

Councillor Farrell added that it needs urgent attention as it is extremely bad.

Mr O'Boyle informed the meeting that this road needs to be widened and would require a Specific Improvement Grant. Leitrim County Council have been success in securing SIG Funding for structures in the past, but not for road projects. He estimated that the 800 metres would cost in the region of €300,000, he added that the local authority wanted to carry out a proper job on this road but did not have the funding to do so at present.

Councillor Guckian commented that the Oghill Crossroads are very dangerous. He referenced the road from Drumbeg to Keshcarrigan which has drainage water running onto it, which can lead to
hazardous driving conditions in frosty weather. He asked that the gritter be deployed on this road.

Mr O’Boyle informed him that Gritter Salting Route has been discussed and agreed for this year. The local authority does not have the resources to grit on local roads.

Councillor Guckian responded that this is a very important road. It is very busy and has a lot of speed on it. It is, in his opinion, equivalent to a Regional Road.

CMD 19/122  
Outdoor Gym – Carrick on Shannon
18/11/19

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council if they have any plans to provide an outdoor Gym in Carrick-on-Shannon?"

Report by Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Cultural and Emergency Services

"There are no plans at present. Previous funding applications for outdoor gym equipment were not successful. If a funding opportunity arises an application can be made."

Councillor Farrell made reference to an outdoor gym provided by Longford County Council which is proving extremely beneficial. There is a great uptake of it and it also allows people who are underprivileged to access gym facilities.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Armstrong McGuire supported the motion.

Councillor McGowan also supported the motion adding that it always goes back to funding, however such a facility would be extremely beneficial to the town and to the wider county.

Mr Gilhooly informed the meeting that previous applications for funding have been made but they have been unsuccessful. The council will keep this project on their books and continue to pursue funding wherever possible. This process requires a lot of time and patience.

CMD 19/123  
Possible connection of Rinn Road Residence in event of the public sewer being extend at Lough Rinn
18/11/19

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

"In the event of the public sewer been extended to the Caravan Park/rowing centre at Lough Rinn will private residences along the Rinn Road be accommodated with connections if requested."
Report by Director of Services, Economic Development, Planning and Transportation

"The Lough Rinn Rowing Course Project – Phase V – Wastewater Treatment Plant and Rising Mains DBO Contract is advertised on E-Tenders this week and advert in the Leitrim Observer dated 13th November 2019.

This Infrastructure is designed to cater for the Amenity Site building which caters for the Camp site and users of the Lough Rinn rowing Course. A connection agreement was reached with Irish Water to connect to their public Sewer in Mohill which connects to the upgraded Mohill Sewerage Treatment plant. The connection agreement was conditioned by Irish Water that connection could only be made by Leitrim County Council after the upgrade works at this plant was completed which is now the case.

We cannot connect private house along the Rinn road to a pumped rising main. This scheme will be owned and operated by Leitrim County Council in line with the connection agreement from Irish Water which does not cater for private houses in this area. We see it unlikely that Irish Water will take this infrastructure for the Lough Rinn amenity site in charge in the future.

The connection of private properties is not envisaged for this scheme and there may be 4-6 properties adjacent the Amenity site building may be feasible to connect them by gravity and representatives from these properties were met by officials from Leitrim County Council in this regard. The residents are going to examine the feasibility and economics of such a proposal and this will not be grant aided by the Department/Rural Water Sewerage Schemes as it will not be in the charge of Irish Water. The residents would have to bear the costs of connection and maintenance themselves and approval would need to be granted from Irish Water in the first place and then by Leitrim County Council to put the new infrastructure in place."

Councillor Mulligan noted the response.

Councillor McGowan supported the motion.

Councillor Guckian commented that the people living in this area were being discriminated against and left at a disadvantage. He enquired as to why should the scheme only benefit Lough Rynn Rowing Facility and not the people living in the area.

Mr Gilhooly reiterated the points raised in the response and said that the local authority do not have the resources to give to everyone to facilitate such works.

Councillor Guckian sought clarification that this connection was to solely benefit the Lough Rynn Rowing Facility.

Mr Gilhooly confirmed that it was.

CMD 19/124 Any Other Business
18/11/19

- Date of December Meeting
The Cathaoirleach informed the members that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday 2nd December 2019. As this is only a fortnight from today’s meeting it was proposed to reschedule the meeting for Monday 9th December 2019.

Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, Seconded by Councillor Paddy Farrell AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;
“That the date of the next meeting of Carrick on Shannon Municipal will be held on Monday 9th December 2019.”

It was agreed that the start time of the next meeting would remain at 10.00 am.

- **Amendment to Start Time of Future Municipal District Meetings**

  Mr Gilhooly suggested a formal proposal to amend the time of all future meetings of Carrick on Shannon Municipal District from 11.00 am to 10.00 am.

  Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, Seconded by Councillor Paddy Farrell AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

  “That all future meetings of Carrick on Shannon Municipal District would be held at 10.00 am.”

- **Next meeting scheduled for Monday 9th December at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber.**

- **This concluded the business of the meeting at 12.35 pm**

Signed: [Signature]
Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire
Cathaoirleach

[Signature]
Mairead Shanley
Meetings Administrator

Date: 9th December 2019