Members Present: Councillor Mary Bohan  
Councillor Frank Dolan  
Councillor Felim Gurn  
Councillor Justin Warnock  
And Councillor Sean McDermott, Cathaoirleach of Manorhamilton Municipal District presiding

Officials Present: Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Cultural and Emergency Services  
Mr. Shane Tiernan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing and Corporate Services  
Mr. Padraic MacShera, Senior Executive Engineer, North Leitrim Area Office  
Ms. Annette Lee, Clerical Officer, Corporate Services

Apologies: Councillor Padraig Fallon

At the outset of the meeting the Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District, Councillor Sean McDermott congratulated the Manorhamilton and Cloone area for their recent success in the Pride of Place awards. He also offered his condolences to the people of Paris following the recent tragic events.

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16/11/15  
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Proposed by Councillor Mary Bohan, seconded by Councillor Felim Gurn and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

“That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Manorhamilton Municipal District held in Meeting Room 1, HSE Headquarters, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim on Monday 16th October, 2015 be adopted.”

MMD 15/144  
16/11/15  
Arts Presentation

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Sean McDermott, introduced Mr. Philip Delamere, Arts Officer to the meeting and invited Mr. Delamere to give his presentation to the Members. A copy of the presentation appears as Appendix 1 of the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

Mr. Delamere thanked the Members for the opportunity to meet with them. He provided a detailed overview of the Leitrim Arts Strategy 2012-2017 and highlighted a number of key themes and objectives within the strategy including the website ‘What’s on in Leitrim’, the Artist in Schools Programme, Leitrim Engagement Music Development Programme and the Artist in the Community Programme. He stressed that the Council will continue to engage with local communities in order to promote the Arts within the county.
Councillor Sean McDermott thanked Mr. Philip Delamere for his informative presentation and welcomed any questions or comments from the Members.

Councillor Felim Gurn thanked Mr. Delamere for his presentation and requested details in relation to the overall budget for the Arts in Leitrim. He stated that the Glens Centre, Manorhamilton, the Sculpture Centre, Manorhamilton and the Cornmill Theatre, Carrigallen were recognised Arts facilities in the county, however, they did not receive the same financial support from the Council as The Dock and he requested an explanation in this regard.

Mr. Delamere responded by stating that The Dock Arts Facility is owned and managed by Leitrim County Council and that the Dock as a broader remit in the promotion of the Arts as county-wide facility. He also outlined that the Leitrim Design House also forms part of the Dock and is an important facility to show-case produce created by the Artistic and Creative Sector in the county.

Mr. Delamere informed the members that the Sculpture Centre is funded by the Arts Council with a budget of approximately €20,000. He stated that Solas Gallery and Cornmill Theatre are managed voluntary committees.

Mr. Delamere informed the Members that the funding/budget for the Glens Centre and The Dock are as follows:

**Glens Centre, Manorhamilton**
- Arts Council - €35,000
- Leitrim County Council – €24,500
- Total Budget: €159,000.

**The Dock, Carrick-on-Shannon**
- Leitrim County Council - €290,000
- Arts Council - €60,000
- Total Budget: €350,000

Councillor Mary Bohan also thanked Mr. Delamere for his presentation and she stated that county Leitrim was very fortunate to have so many artistic people living in the county. She acknowledged the role of The Dock in promoting the Arts in the county and she also complimented the Glens Centre in Manorhamilton.

Councillor Justin Warnock stated that there are approximately 1,100 people living in the Kinlough area, some of which are renowned artists and be called for the provision of a facility for local artists in Kinlough.

**Part 1 – Notice of Motions**

Cathaoirleach Sean McDermott informed the Members that Councillor Padraig Fallon had sent his apologies for the meeting and had requested that his Notice of Motions be moved in his absence. The Members agreed to this request.

*MMD 15/145*
16/11/15  
*Repair Works on L8286-2*
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Padraig Fallon;

"I propose that works be carried out on the L8268-2 in particular from Bargowla to Boleymaguire as this stretch has deteriorated significantly in recent times. There are a number of potholes on this stretch."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"Routine maintenance will be carried out shortly on local road L8268 in the townland of Boleymaguire. Any significant works will require extra funding. This road will be assessed and considered for funding and can be listed for inclusion in the 2016 Road Works Restoration Programme subject to priority and availability of funding."

MMD 15/146
16/11/15
Repair Works on L8244-2

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Padraig Fallon;

"I propose that works be carried out on the L8244-2, in particular from the top of Lisnanerris to the NewBridge to Coolegraine junction. This stretch of road is starting to collapse/subside in places along verges."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"Sections of local road L8244-2 have been damaged recently as a result of haulage due to forestry activity on this road. Leitrim County Council has been in contact with Coillte representatives on this matter and discussions are on-going in relation to a contribution regarding the repair costs. Leitrim County Council propose to install a weight restriction on this road to restrict excessive loading on the road as a result of haulage activity in the area."

MMD 15/147
16/11/15
L6001 Mullanyduff, Tullaghan

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;

"I request that road number L6001 at Mullanyduff, Tullaghan be included in next year's Road Programme. This road is in poor condition at the present time."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"This road will be considered for the 2016 Roads Programme"

MMD 15/148
16/11/15
Access Road to Taobh Tire Estate

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;

"I ask what developments have taken place between the residents of Taobh Tire, The HSE and Leitrim County Council since the meeting held in Carrick on Shannon this year."

Report by Director of Service, Corporate Services & Housing
"Leitrim County Council held a meeting with the residents of Taobh Tire in conjunction with the HSE to discuss issues with the access road to the estate, traffic calming and pedestrian access in the context of the situation currently and with regard to the Council’s plans to add an additional seven houses to the estate in 2016. Currently costings are being prepared for the upgrade of this road to meet the Council’s needs for the residents of Taobh Tire and the HSE needs for access to the Health Centre and pedestrian access to the adjoining car park. It is hoped that an appropriate suite of works can be completed and that funding can be agreed within the constraints of the parties involved. Costings are expected by end of the month."

Ms. Mary Quinn advised that Leitrim County Council will continue to progress works in this regard.

**MMD 15/149**

16/11/15  **Multiple Daily Bus Service from Kinlough to Bundoran**

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Justin Warnock;

"I ask Leitrim County Council to write to Bus Eireann on behalf of the people of Kinlough to introduce a multiple daily bus service to Bundoran on a timetable which would link with other routes. This service is necessary to meet the demands of this growing community."

Proposed by Councillor Justin Warnock, seconded by Councillor Sean McDermott AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

‘Leitrim County Council to write to Bus Eireann on behalf of the people of Kinlough to introduce a multiple daily bus service to Bundoran on a timetable which would link with other routes. This service is necessary to meet the demands of this growing community’

**MMD 15/150**

16/11/15  **St. Clare’s Graveyard, Manorhamilton**

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Felim Gurn;

"Following on from a motion I submitted to a meeting of the Manorhamilton Municipal District in July, 2014 regarding the appalling condition of St Clare’s graveyard, I call on the Council again to make substantial funding available for essential maintenance work to be carried out."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"The funding of graveyards will be considered at the Annual Budget meeting on the 23rd November, 2015."

Councillor Felim Gurn outlined that St. Clare’s Graveyard requires necessary maintenance works as a matter of urgency. He stated that the local community had formed a Committee and that the estimated cost of the works is in the region of €100,000. Councillor Gurn expressed concern that the projected 2016 budget of €15,000 to €20,000 to cover graveyard maintenance for the county will not be sufficient having regard to the cost of the works for St. Clare’s Graveyard, Manorhamilton.

Councillor Frank Dolan supported Councillor Gurn’s Notice of Motion he stated that a number of Graveyard Committee’s have been established by local communities and that it is important that the
Council engage with and support the Committee’s.

Councillor Justin Warnock also supported the Notice of Motion and referred to difficulties for funeral vehicles in accessing St. Clare’s graveyard. Councillor Mary Bohan also supported this Notice of Motion.

Mr. Padraic MacShera, Senior Executive Engineer acknowledged the existing maintenance issues for St. St. Clare’s graveyard and confirmed that works are necessary to widen the footpaths. He outlined that that he had discussions with a number of Graveyard Committees in the Manorhamiton area and that he had requested estimates of the proposed works to be submitted.

Mr. MacShera concluded by stating that the proposed works under the 2016 Programme could only be finalised when the funding details are confirmed after the Budget Meeting.

MMD 15/151
16/11/15

Cycle Lanes

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Felim Gurn;

"I request that the Chief Executive give an update on the progress of the provision of cycle lanes around the Manorhamilton area and when is it envisaged they will be completed?"

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"Leitrim County Council submitted a scheme to the Department of Transport in 2013 for funding under the Active Towns Programme for the provision of cycle lanes and footpaths in Manorhamilton. This was not successful. There has been no other source of funding available in the interim.

We are currently working with the Community Groups regarding the provision of a footpath and cycle lane out to the new footpath facility at Boggaun. We expect to advertise for planning permission for this scheme within the next month. This Council is also currently working on the planning permission for the SLNCR Greenway from Manorhamilton to Enniskillen."

Councillor Felim Gurn stated that a cycle lane is required from St. Clare’s Hall, Manorhamilton to the new football pitch on health and safety grounds.

Councillor Sean McDermott also supported this Notice of Motion.

MMD 15/152
16/11/15

Road Repair between Rossinver and Fowley’s Falls in Glenaniff

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

"Can I ask if a section of road between Rossinver and Fowley's Falls in Glenaniff can be resurfaced. This is where the road was widened last year but wasn't resurfaced, as a result loose stones are going on to the road, which is very dangerous."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"The widened section of local road L2107 will be sealed in the coming weeks when labour resources allow."
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"I ask if a man-hole cover which is raised higher than the road and is dangerous, can be made safe. This man-hole cover is located at the entry into the council houses adjacent to St Michael's school, Glenfarne."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"Re resurfacing works will be carried out around this cover in the near future which will resolve this matter."

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;

"What is the position regarding hedge cutting on the Tullintowel/Greaghagnalough road as it is in a dangerous condition."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"The Hedge Cutting season is from the 1st September, 2015 to the 28th February, 2016. The Roads Act 1993, Section 70 states that all landowners and occupiers of lands are responsible for the maintenance of all roadside hedges. Leitrim County Council has published notices in the local newspapers reminding landowners of their responsibilities in relation to hedge cutting. The road in question will be assessed and every effort will be made to establish the names of the landowners with hedges that are a hazard to road users. The Council will write to the land owners concerned, under the Roads Act instructing them to cut/maintain the hedges/trees. The Council would welcome any assistance in relation to the establishment of the names of the land owners in question."

Councillor Mary Bohan acknowledged the response to her Notice of Motion however, she relayed her concerns in relation to non-complaint landowners and she requested that the Council adopt a more proactive approach to address this matter.

Mr. Padraic MacShera advised that the responsibility for hedge-cutting rests with the landowner and that the Council place advertisements in the local media notifying landowners of their responsibility in this regard. He also outlined that where the Council have issued correspondence to a landowner instructing them to carry out the hedge-cutting, that this resolves the matter. Mr. MacShera stated that the main difficulty is in identifying the landowner and he suggested that if the Members knew the identity of landowners where there is an ongoing issue that the details be relayed to the Council in order to assist with the serving of notices.
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;

"What is the current position regarding the Tenant Purchase Scheme for tenants wishing to purchase their homes?"

Report by Director of Service, Corporate Services & Housing

"The Council is awaiting details of a revised Tenant Purchase Scheme and on receipt of same it will be communicated to the Members."

Ms. Mary Quinn informed the Members that it is anticipated that details in relation to the new Tenant Purchase Scheme will be announced by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government in the next number of weeks. She also outlined that once the details are available that information on the new scheme will be circulated to the Elected Members and the existing local authority tenants that may qualify for the scheme.

Councillor Justin Warnock requested clarification in relation to the determination of the market value of homes for sale under the Tenant Purchase Scheme. Mr. Shane Tiernan outlined that the valuations will be completed by an Independent Valuer engaged by the local authority for the purposes of determining the market value of any local authority properties to be offered for sale under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

Councillor Sean McDermott welcomed the update in relation to the proposed new Tenant Purchase Scheme.

MMD 15/156

16/11/15 Coastal Erosion at Tullaghan

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Justin Warnock;

"I ask Leitrim County Council to contact the Minister of State, at the Department of Finance, with responsibility for the Office of Public Works, Simon Harris TD to seek funding to combat coastal erosion at Tullaghan which seriously threatens Tynte Lodge a listed building and the two castellated stone folly towers on the cliff top, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Tynte Lodge was built in 1750 and is Leitrim’s only built heritage on our coast on the Wild Atlantic Way."

Mr. Padriac MacShera informed the Members that responsibility for combating coastal erosion rests with the Minister. He also outlined that the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government have had recent discussions with the Office of Public Works in relation to this matter. Mr. MacShera also outlined that the OPW are due to give a presentation on funding applications to combat coastal erosion.

Proposed by Councillor Justin Warnock, seconded by Councillor Felim Gurn AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

‘Leitrim County Council to contact the Minister of State, at the Department of Finance, with responsibility for the Office of Public Works, Simon Harris TD to seek funding to combat coastal erosion at Tullaghan which seriously threatens Tynte Lodge a listed building and the two castellated stone folly towers on the cliff top, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Tynte Lodge was built in 1750 and is Leitrim’s only built heritage on our coast on the Wild Atlantic Way’.
Ms. Mary Quinn informed the members that a Book of Condolences will be open to the public in the main Council Building at Aras-an-Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon for the victims of the Paris terrorist attacks.

Ms. Quinn noted that the next meeting of the Manorhamilton Municipal District will take place on Monday 14th December, 2015 at 2.30pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 15.40pm.

SIGNED:  
Councillor Sean McDermott  
Cathaoirleach, Manorhamilton Municipal District

SIGNED:  
Sinead Flynn  
Meetings Administrator

DATE:  
14th December, 2015

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