Minutes of Manorhamilton Municipal District Meeting held in Meeting Room No. 1, HSE Offices, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim on Monday 21st November, 2016.

Members Present:  Councillor Mary Bohan  Councillor Frank Dolan  Councillor Padraig Fallon  Councillor Felim Gurn  Councillor Sean McDermott

And Councillor Justin Warnock, Cathaoirleach of Manorhamilton Municipal District presiding

Officials Present:  Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Cultural and Emergency Services  Mr. Padraic MacShera, Senior Executive Engineer, North Leitrim Area Office.  Ms. Sinead Flynn, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services  Ms. Paula Farrell, Clerical Officer, Corporate Services

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Proposed by Councillor Felim Gurn, seconded by Councillor Mary Bohan and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

"That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Manorhamilton Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 17th October, 2016 be adopted."

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*Electric Car Charging Facility Manorhamilton*

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

"I propose the installation of an Electric Car Charging Facility in Manorhamilton."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"There is an existing electric car charging facility in the public car-park at the Castle in Manorhamilton"

Councillor Padraig Fallon acknowledged the reply to his Notice of Motion, however, he stated that the Electric Car Charging Facility located in the public car-park at the Castle in Manorhamilton is not operational. Councillor Fallon also advised that Manorhamilton is not included on a list of electric car charging locations on Electric Ireland’s website.

Mr. Padraig MacShera advised that he had contacted Electric Ireland to clarify the position and that he is awaiting a response in this regard.
**Local Authority Housing Stock North Leitrim**

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

"May I ask what Local Authority Housing stock is vacant at the moment in North Leitrim, if this stock is of one, two, or more bedrooms."

*Report by Director of Service, Corporate Services & Housing*

"There are a total of 26 vacant local authority properties in the Manorhamilton Municipal District with a breakdown as follows:

- One Bedroom Dwellings: 11
- Two Bedroom Dwellings: 12
- Three Bedroom Dwellings: 3"

Ms. Mary Quinn gave a detailed breakdown of the vacant local authority dwellings in the Manorhamilton Municipal District. She outlined that efforts continue to upgrade vacant local authority dwellings to reduce the overall vacancy level with the Council’s social housing stock. Ms. Quinn also advised that the Council will consider the Choice Based Letting Scheme to allocate vacant dwellings in areas of low demand.

**Leader Programme**

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council as the lead Financial Partner with overall responsibility for the administrative and financial management of the Leader Programme, that the monies available are divided equally between the 3 Municipal areas and when the programme is delivered that the Manorhamilton Municipal Area will have received €1.666 million."

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

"The delivery of the Leader Program is the responsibility of the Council's Local Community Development Committee which is supported by Leitrim Development Company as Implementation Partner and Leitrim County Council as Financial Partner. LCDC following an extensive consultation process recommended it’s Local Development Strategy for the delivery of the Leader Program to the Department which was approved in July, 2016. This strategy sets out the process for the allocation of the funding which is across a variety of intervention measures based on need which was influenced by the public consultation process. The allocation on an equal share across Municipal District Areas would not be an acceptable strategy. The ultimate outcome of the investment of the funding available will be dependent on the open application basis for projects going forward. The first measures of the program are currently open and full details for potential applicants have been delivered recently at two public information events and are also available from Leitrim Development Company."

Councillor Justin Warnock acknowledged the reply to his Notice of Motion, however, he stated that the Manorhamilton Municipal District should receive an equal allocation of funding under the Leader Programme as the other two Municipal Districts.

Ms. Mary Quinn acknowledged Councillor Warnock’s concern however, she advised that there is no provision to consider the allocation of Leader Funding by Municipal District. She advised that projects
will be considered for funding based on the open application process to address a variety of intervention measures that were identified as part of the public consultation process and as included in the Local Development Strategy for the delivery of the Leader Programme.

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Taking in Charge Development Mill Road, Kinlough

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to take in charge the small development of five houses at the Mill Road, Kinlough, Co. Leitrim."

Report by Director of Service, Planning, Community and Economic Development
"This development of 5 houses has been identified by the Council for taking in charge as part of the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government's National Taking-In-Charge Initiative. The estate is one of a number of estates where it is proposed to commence the taking in charge procedure in early 2017 following completion of its review under the taking in charge protocol that is in place with Irish Water."

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Public Light Clooneen Park, Manorhamilton

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

"I again ask that a public light be installed at the entrance to Clooneen Park, Manorhamilton on the N16. Residents have again complained about the darkness from the N16 to the first light in the estate."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"As agreed at previous Municipal District meeting the additional light will be installed in the coming weeks"

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Conray/Gleneige Road Glencar

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to carry out repairs on the Conray/Gleneige road in Glencar (past Paddy McTernan's house toward Gleneige)"

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"Routine maintenance will be carried out in the short term"
Urgent Inspection of L2217

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

"I request that the Road’s Department carry out an urgent inspection of the L2217 road (near Eddie Mitchell’s house). This is a busy feeder road for the N16 and is in very poor condition with grass growing down the centre of the road. It is imperative that remedial work be carried out urgently."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"The works requested are desirable, unfortunately there is no funding available this year for the necessary improvements. The road can be included for consideration in the 2017 Roads programme, subject to the level of funding available next year. In the short term routine maintenance works will be carried out."

Funding for Launtaggart Road

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

"The Launtaggart road (unlisted) which comes off the Towneymachugh Road, near St. Osnat’s Church, Glenyar is in a deplorable condition. Portions of this road which, according to residents of the area has been neglected for over twenty years, is showing signs of subsidence and represents a hazard to its users. I request that funding be immediately made available to prevent it falling into further decline."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"The works requested are desirable; unfortunately there is no funding available this year for the necessary improvements. The road can be included for consideration in the 2017 Roads programme, subject to the level of funding available next year. In the short term routine maintenance works will be carried out."

Public Sewerage System for Rossinver

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council for an update regarding the Public Sewerage System for the village of Rossinver."

Report by Head of Finance, Finance

"Irish Water has not taken in charge this small Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Council will arrange to carry out de-sludging works at this facility in the near future pending a more permanent solution."

Ms. Mary Quinn advised that the Council will progress the de-sludging works at this location in the coming weeks.
Recycling Centre Manorhamilton

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;
"Can I ask if the Recycling Centre in Manorhamilton will continue to accept the items it presently accepts. It is an invaluable service and helps to prevent illegal dumping throughout North Leitrim."

Report by Director of Service, Planning, Community and Economic Development
"While there is a review on-going on the operation of the Civic Amenity sites in the county it is not anticipated at this stage that there will be a major change to the streams of waste accepted."

The Members unanimously opposed any reduction in service to the Civic Amenity Sites in the county. They outlined that the Civic Amenity Sites is an invaluable service to the local community and they also encourage the public to dispose of their waste in a responsible manner.

Lough Allen

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;
"1) I Councillor Mary Bohan:

a) call on Waterways Ireland to prepare a coordinated development plan in conjunction with Leitrim County Council for Lough Allen covering the areas of, Spencer Harbour, Corry, Dowra, Ballinaglera and Drumshanbo

b) Seek clarification regarding the current situation on the proposed reductions of water levels in Lough Allen"

Report by Director of Service, Planning, Community and Economic Development
"The Council can make contact in regard to Lough Allen with Waterways Ireland. In regard to the management of the Shannon System The River Shannon Co-ordination Group was set up earlier this year to look at the management of water levels likely to influence flood risk on the River Shannon. We have been advised by this group that they are currently working on a protocol with the ESB and Waterways Ireland to agree on how best to manage water levels in Lough Allen. We understand that this protocol will be agreed shortly."

Councillor Bohan acknowledged the reply to her Notice of Motion and she again called for a more co-ordinated approach to develop and enhance facilities at Spencer Harbour and Corry Strand. It was agreed to make contact with the Recreation Forum to seek an update on their proposals with regard to the lake.

Training Facilities North Leitrim Athletics Club

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;
"I propose that Leitrim County Council actively support the provision of proper training facilities for the North Leitrim Athletics Club."
Report by Director of Services Housing, Corporate Services & Housing

"Leitrim County Council and Leitrim Sports Partnership acknowledge the excellent work that the North Leitrim Athletic Club is doing in the Manorhamilton area including the setting up of their satellites clubs. As a club they are an essential part of the Manorhamilton community involving different target groups, children, teenagers, middle-aged men and women and families getting fit and staying active together.

Both the Council and Leitrim Sports Partnership are fully supportive of any clubs or community looking to improve their sporting facilities. The Council will give all clubs and community groups as much guidance and professional assistance as possible and we will provide clubs with information around funding opportunities and assistance in completing their funding applications to improve and enhance their sporting facilities.

Leitrim Sports Partnership will be hosting two Sports Capital Workshops in early 2017 in North and South Leitrim for all clubs looking to submit a Sports Capital Grant application to secure funding to improve their facilities. There is also Leader funding available to all clubs and this was highlighted at our North Leitrim Sports Forum on 2nd November in Manorhamilton. This Forum was well attended with representatives from ten different clubs, including two from the North Leitrim Athletic's Club."

Councillor Mary Bohan paid tribute to the North Leitrim Athletics Club and the tremendous work that they are carrying out with their own club in Manorhamilton and other out-reach clubs that have been established in the club.

The Members unanimously commended the North Leitrim Athletics Club for their role in promoting athletics in the county. It was agreed that this proposal would be brought to the attention of all of the Elected Members at the next full Council Meeting in January, 2017.

Other Business

Ms. Mary Quinn informed the Members that the next meeting of Manorhamilton Municipal District will take place on Monday 12th December, 2016 in Meeting Room No. 1, HSE Headquarters, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim at 2.30pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 4pm.

Signed:
Councillor Justin Warnock
Cathaoirleach, Manorhamilton Municipal District

Date: 12th December, 2016.

Signed: Sinead Flynn
Meetings Administrator