A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, on Monday the 10th of January, 2011 at 5.30pm for the purpose of considering the business set out on the Agenda hereunder.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

In accordance with Statutory Provisions, the Register of Manager’s Orders will be available for inspection at the Meeting.

Mise le meas,

Sinead Flynn
Meetings Administrator

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1. Deimhniu Miontuairisci
   a. Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Áras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 6th December 2010 (copy enclosed).
   b. Minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Áras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 20th of December 2010 (copy enclosed).

2. To consider the adoption of Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2010 for County Leitrim in pursuant of Section 9 of the Roads Traffic Act 2004 and Part 19 of Local Government Act 2001 (Report to Follow)

3. To consider the disposal of a plot of land comprising circa 0.565 hectares in the townland of Furnace, Dromod, Co. Leitrim in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Notice of Intention to Dispose of Land dated the 23rd of December, 2010 as circulated to each Member.


5. To receive report on Programme of Capital Projects for the forthcoming three years in accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001.
6. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.

7. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.

8. To approve the attendance of the Elected Members at forthcoming conferences.

9. Correspondence.

10. To receive a presentation from An Coiste Gaeilge

Part I – Notices of Motion

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

“I propose that the County Manager and Director of Services, Planning outline to the Council what progress has been made in their joint discussions with the E.P.A and the Department of Environment officials regarding the implementation of the New EPA Code of Practice and the severe difficulties this poses for planning in Leitrim.”

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

“One year on since the building of rural houses, in what is a very rural county, was effectively stopped by the Government, have we made any progress in our attempts to have this Directive withdrawn? The building of such houses would create much needed employment, here in Leitrim. Time has come for us to move ahead with proven solutions already in operation, we as elected members can no longer wait for answers and let our Rural Communities face ruin. ”

13. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Siobhain McGloin;

“I ask that Leitrim County Council provide ramps or rumble strips on the road from the Dew Drop Inn Tullaghan to Tullaghan House. I realise that the area is within the village speed limit but several of the houses in this area including 10 houses owned by Cluid Voluntary Housing Agency are occupied by young families and have no front gardens and very small rear gardens, therefore children have no place to play and are often seen on this stretch of road.”

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

“I ask the County Manager and the Director of Services, Infrastructure to outline what plans that we as a Council can put in place to prevent the re-occurrence of the disastrous situation over the Christmas period with regard to serious water shortages in the county. Towns & villages, group water schemes throughout the county were out of water for long periods during the festive season. I fully appreciate that the temperatures were down to -15 and -18 on one particular night, in the week leading up to Christmas, temperatures which we have not experienced before, which resulted in a large number of frozen and burst pipes,
that caused the chaos and disruption. In relation to the required depth for the water meter and service pipe leading to homes, business and farms, do we have a by-law in place to ensure that people keep down the required distance? 

15. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Michael Colreavy;

“I ask that Leitrim County Council agrees that at least half of the posts as polling clerks and counters for local, general elections and referenda will be offered to suitably qualified students and people on the jobseekers register and suggests that Department of the Environment would request all local authorities to do likewise. The Council also requests that a similar bias in favour of unemployed people should be used by Government when appointing census enumerators. ”

16. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John Ward;

“I ask Leitrim County Council to erect lights from Jamestown Village down to the "Cottage Restaurant" as this is a very dark area.”

17. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Kilraine;

“I ask Leitrim County Council to approve a system for monitoring the installation of water pipes and sewer connections in all future developments. The recent freeze and subsequent experience suggests that there is a wide variance in the standards and methods of installing services thus causing many people a lot of hardship and inconvenience. A uniform standard and monitoring system for the installation of services is required nationally and I ask Leitrim County Council to take the lead in this regard. ”

18. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Paddy O'Rourke;

“I call upon Leitrim County Council to take whatever action is necessary to sort the issue of frozen water pipes to our tenants in local authority houses who seem to have suffered badly in the recent bad spell, while acknowledging the great work done by the County Council and their staff who manned the stand pipes to provide emergency supplies. A lasting solution i.e. the relocation of supply pipes deeper underground is the only answer. ”

19. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gordan Hughes;

“I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure what is the up to date position regarding water levels in the counties reservoirs as a result of the recent water shortages and what plans if any have been put in place to deal with supplying water to the general public in the event of wide spread shortages. ”

20. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John McCartin;

“As the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, continue to remove responsibility from Leitrim County Council for basic services such as salting of roads, I propose that we now take steps to upgrade a number of roads within the county to National Primaries. With only 2.8% of our roads carrying this status currently, we can not expect to have roads linking our major towns prioritised for any such treatment by any national body. ”
21. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

“The houses and business on the Drumbranned Group Water Scheme have no water since Monday 26th December 2010 and still have none on the 31st December 2010. What can this Council do that the rate payers and the households on the Drumbranned Scheme so that they have the same access to water as every other scheme? Our local dog kennels/cattery had extreme difficulty in running their business because to the lack of water.”

Part II – Questions

22. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

“I again ask Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure to put in place a programme of works to improve the view at the Junction on the Carrick-Mohill road at Laheenamona, off local road from Rosdoowaun-Tamlaghtavally LS-7483-0. It is extremely dangerous for the local community coming out onto the R201 with a limited view back towards Carrick and they are concerned with the delay in carrying out improvements and fearful for their safety.”

23. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

“I ask Mr Michael Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer Mohill to immediately put in place a programme of works, to improve the view at Cloonboney Crossroads from local road No. (LS05628) onto the R.202. It is extremely dangerous junction and is causing a lot of distress for the local people who use this road on a daily basis.”

24. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Michael Colreavy;

“Is there any rehabilitative or preventive work the Council can do to reduce or eliminate the high level of water freezing and leaks in Council houses during severe weather conditions?”

25. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Michael Colreavy;

“When will the revised speed limits recently placed for public consultation be brought into effect?”

26. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;

“I propose that Leitrim County Council carry out repairs as a matter of urgency on the bridge at Cornamuckla South, Ballinaglera.”

27. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John Ward;

“I ask Leitrim County Council when will the Old N4 Road be repaired at the treatment plant at Jamestown as it is in very bad repair.”

28. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John Ward;

“I ask Leitrim County Council to include road from Drumsna to Killtoghert in Priority 2 list.”

29. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McCartin;
“At Leitrim County Council monthly meeting on the 10th of May 2010, I asked that the left hand margin on a narrow turn of LS 5541 at Killegar, which has broken down, be piped, stoned and surfaced. This work has not yet been done. When does the council intend to repair this margin?”

30. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

“Can Leitrim County Council do anything to stop the NRA dictating how much salt we get for the roads in Leitrim or where we use it?”

31. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Siobhain McGloin;

“That Leitrim County Council provide a zebra crossing near the Four Masters School Kinlough as a matter of urgency.”

32. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Siobhain McGloin;

I will ask Leitrim County Council that the Manorhamilton Area Engineer engage with the Board of Management of St Clare's Comprehensive School Manorhamilton to address the serious safety issues that occur each morning and evening in the immediate vicinity of the school.

33. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

“Can Leitrim County Council repair the road at the turn down for the Church at Letterfine as it is an accident waiting to happen.”