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 October 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.

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Aideen McGovern
Meetings Administrator
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1. Deimhniú Miontuairisci

   - Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Áras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 5th September 2011 (Copy enclosed).


3. To approve the following proposal in compliance with the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001: (Report enclosed)

   (a) Demolition of old semi derelict stores building, construction of new stores building and construction of a covered pipe storage area at Townparks Td., Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim
4. To approve the declaration of the following road as a public road under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Article 5 of the Roads Regulations 1994 (Report enclosed):

(i) Road off Local Road LT-14863-0 in the townland of Drumod Beg, Dromod at Ascaill Loch Bofinne Estate, for a distance of 195 metres.

5. To approve the Taking in Public Charge of the following housing estate in accordance with the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2010 (Report enclosed):

(i) Taking in Charge Ascaill Loch Bofinne (Phase 3) Housing Estate in the Townland of Drumod Beg, Dromod.

6. To consider submission to CFRAM in relation to the Draft Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment Public Consultation (Correspondence attached).


8. To note proposal to place Leitrim County Council Policy in Relation to the Erection of Advertising and Signage on Public Lands on public display. (Report to follow).

9. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.

10. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.

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

12. Correspondence (enclosed).


**Part I - Notice of Motions.**

14. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;

"I propose that we the Members of Leitrim County Council call on the Government Ministers of Finance, Transport and Environment to reverse the shocking decisions on Road Development in County Leitrim and affecting our County in particular N16, N15 and N4, the Carrick & Manorhamilton By-Pass projects and the improvements
to the R280. All of these works are essential to the County's progression and are very good job creation works. We also call on the Government to ensure that all these schemes are given priority status in any new National Development Plan."

15. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Kilrane;

"Domestic Water meters are to be rolled out to more than one million homes from early next year. I ask for the Council's support in seeking written confirmation from the Minister for the Environment as to who will be installing these meters?"

16. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Caillan Ellis;

"I propose that Leitrim County Council immediately write to the Minister for Justice, Mr Alan Shatter, T.D. to have the present Garda presence in Ballinamore Garda Station maintained in view of the number of anticipated retirements and the lack of recruitment in the Garda Siochana."

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

"At the September meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask for the support of members in calling on the Minister for Education to request the National Council for Curriculum & Assessment (NCCA) to consider the inclusion of the Irish Novels of Author Anthony Trollope on the English syllabus for Post Primary Education."

18. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Dolan;

"I call on the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have a section of road resurfaced from Aughnacashel P.O., Jack Lee's to partly up known as Barrys Hill to prevent any further accidents there. Also to have proper signage erected in the direction towards Aughacashel from Ballinamore, Aughnasheelin, Drumshanbo and Annadale."

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

"In light of the ongoing surge in crime in the area, I propose that Leitrim County Council write to the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Social Protection asking that those who accrue multiple criminal convictions be deprived of all social welfare privileges."

20. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;

"I ask the Ballinamore Area Engineer to further extend the public lighting at the Golf Links Road, Ballinamore from the town out as far as the golf course, similar to the works that have previously been carried out in order to provide uninterrupted lighting for the large volume of walkers/cyclists currently using this route. This will help to
compliment the cycle/walkway work due to be carried out shortly from the marina at Locoboat, Ballinamore to Ardrum which is to connect in with this existing walkway."

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

"At the October meeting of Leitrim County Council I will seek the support of members in calling on the Minister for Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht Affairs, Mr. Jimmy Deenihan, TD, who’s Department has responsibility for the National Heritage Areas (N.H.A. areas), to revisit the issue of a blanket ban on turf cutting in those affected areas with a view to amending the legalisation, so as to allow bog owners and turf cutters the right to continue to harvest turf as their main source of fuel. There are 4 NHAs in Leitrim which will be directly affected by the ban, the areas are Cashel Bog, Corracramph Bog, Cloonageeher Bog and the bogs along the Rinn river; there are a further 2 NHAs which straddle the Leitrim / Longford border Aghnamona Bog and Wooddown Bog which will also be affected by the ban. The ban which is due to come into effect at the end of 2013 would result in an almost total cessation of turf cutting in the south Leitrim area and will cause a lot of anger within communities who have been harvesting turf on their bogs for generations."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Planning, Community and Economic Development what is the present position regarding the Code of Practice for the granting of Planning Permission for a rural dwelling, and has any significant progress been made on this issue since the Members of this Council met with Minister Phil Hogan, T.D.."

23. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McSharry;

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to make contact with the National Roads Authority about the lack of signage or road markings at the turn off for Lurganboy Village on the main Sligo Road. This is an extremely busy junction and would benefit from increased signage and road markings."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to contact the relevant Government Department to seek further funding for FAS in our Region in order that more community employment schemes be made available. Presently, there is a large number of highly skilled persons unemployed who would like to be involved in schemes to improve their own communities. At this point in time there is insufficient funds to commence any more schemes."

25. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;
"At the October Council Meeting, I will ask Leitrim County Council to write to the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government, Mr Phil Hogan, T.D. requesting that funding under the CLAR Programme, which has been suspended some years ago, could now be reintroduced to ensure that there are more Local Improvement Schemes completed on an annual basis."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council what is the position with the Health Centre in Dromod. Could this building be used as a Community Centre as there are no facilities to hold meetings in Dromod or for the Active Age to meet and have courses/meet to have a cup of tea, knitting or whatever is needed."

27. **To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Siobhan McGloin;**

"At the next meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Housing Engineer to revisit the problem with the external plaster on the Laghta Estate, Kinlough and that he would outline what solutions he would recommend, and that funds would be made available in the budget for 2012 to resolve this problem. These houses are relatively new, but due to the presence of a red dye in the plaster they look to be in very poor condition and do little to show off the attractiveness of Kinlough."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council make a submission to the Constituency Commission under Section 5 of the Electoral Act, calling for the division of this County to be reversed. It is of the utmost importance that the County boundary be maintained."

29. **To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;**

"I request this Council to contact Minister O'Reilly T.D. regarding the reduction in bed numbers in St Patrick's Hospital, Carrick-on-Shannon and to ask him what impact will it have on (a) a patient; (b) the hospital going forward; (c) the staff and (d) the many families who are worried that the reduction would affect in any way the excellent care which it provides for members of their family."

30. **To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;**

"I call on Leitrim County Council to consider a road design for traffic calming, footpath and street lighting at Kilclare, Carrick-on-Shannon. I further suggest that this design be submitted to the Department for funding consideration over the next 2/3 years. This should encompass the area between the 2 bridges."

**Part II - Questions.**
31. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;**

"I will ask Leitrim County Council what are their plans to have the roadside hedges cut as some roads are practically closed which causes poor sight distance visibility and damage to road surface."

32. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;**

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to have the broken road signs replaced and all dirty signs cleaned as soon as possible."

33. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Kilrane;**

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure, why there is an odour problem on Lower Main Street, Mohill which is emanating from the sewer line. The problem was particularly bad recently and has led to a lot of complaints by residents and business people. Is it possible for this problem to be prioritised and a solution found as it has been going on for some time now."

34. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sinead Guckian;**

"At the October meeting of Leitrim County Council, I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure what is the up to date position regarding the agreed work of detailed structural inspections and reports on the bridges in Drumsna and Jamestown, that was to be carried out this year as part of the national survey of all Regional Road bridges."

35. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sinead Guckian;**

"At the October meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Carrick Area Engineer to erect appropriate road signs at the junction of the Effrinagh road with the Annaghbradican Road and the Gowel/Annahearry road. When travelling on the Effrinagh road(LP3437-2), past the Swan Bar the road splits into two roads, one towards Gowel/Annahearry(LP3437-1)and the other a more minor road goes towards Annaghbradican(LS7422-0). There are no road signs on either road indicating “right of way” or “yield” and local residents have requested that this would be addressed immediately to prevent further accidents."

36. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Dolan;**

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure if it would be possible to have a salt bin placed near Aughacashel P.O. and kept filled with salt through wintry weather, so as to prevent a recurrence of last winter when food could not be delivered to Lee’s shop and where the local people could not get shopping or collect their pensions."

37. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Dolan;**
"I ask this Council what is the plan to clean up the mess left with the number of unfinished houses at the back of Laird House overlooking the car park in Drumshanbo, as it is very unsightly for the residents there."

38. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McCartin;**

"Following the erection of a telecommunications mast at Druminshin, Carrigallen, a section of LT-55651 at Killahurk near the exit to the R-201 has broken down. This is the only access to the many houses on the road. As the deterioration of this section of road is a direct result of the development of the mast site, could the Council make the necessary repairs using the development charge?"

39. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McCartin;**

"The LT-1587 passing Carrigallen National School is on a long straight stretch of road where traffic passes at excessive speed. Many children walk from the town and from a local housing estate to the school. There is no footpath on the school side of the road to the town so the children have to cross the road at the school. Local residents have called for a speed bump to be installed. Could the Council address this matter?"

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

"At the October meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask the Carrick Area Engineer to look at the possibility of providing a number of passing bays on the Derrywillow - Gortinee road (road number LP-34468-0), particularly at the wooded area at Derrycarne where it is impossible for two cars to pass, and that the overhanging trees and hedges be cut back which have nearly closed the road."

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

"At the October meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will ask Mr. John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, to again look at the possibility of extending the footpath on the R202 road from the roundabout on the Dromod-Rooskey bypass at Cloonturk, as far as Cloonturk Church. The provision of a footpath at this location was to have been done in conjunction with the work on the bypass. It is extremely dangerous for the large number of local people, as well as the many tourists, who walk from the village of Dromod to attend Mass and other church services on a regular basis on this very busy stretch of roadway."

42. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;**

"I ask the Senior Engineer, Roads could the very busy crossing at Killnagross P.O. and National School be properly lined in the interest of safety"
43. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;**

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure has any progress been made on previous requests to make the Crossing at Treanmore Mohill on the R201 more safe for pedestrians and motorists."

44. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;**

"I ask the Ballinamore Area Engineer if the Council will install additional lay-bys leading from Drumreilly GAA field in the direction of Carrickmakeegan Bridge in order to allow traffic pass at various points along this location."

45. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gordon Hughes;**

"I ask the Ballinamore Area Engineer, in relation to the €120,000 in funding that has been allocated for a new cycle/walkway in Ballinamore alongside the Shannon-Erne waterway (from the lock beside Locoboy Marina as far as Ardrum), can he confirm when it is proposed to commence this work, what exactly will be done and when it is proposed to have same completed for use by cyclists and pedestrians?"

46. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McSharry;**

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to examine the road at Gurteenagunnell in Glencar. The surface is in very poor condition."

47. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McSharry;**

"I ask Leitrim County Council if there are plans to provide salt bunkers to local authority estates so that residents can salt their own estates in preparation for the predicted harsh winter."

48. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Paddy O'Rourke;**

"I ask if Leitrim County Council have a sufficient supply of salt and grit to make our roads safe in the event of having a winter as severe as the last two."

49. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Paddy O'Rourke;**

"I ask Leitrim County Council, if there are any plans to continue the scheme where road numbers were being placed at entry to small local roads. Residents find this very useful for many purposes including directing the Emergency Services etc. Are there any road number signs already in stock awaiting erection?"
50. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;**

"I ask the Manorhamilton Area Engineer if the stone wall that has been knocked down at the entry up to Tullyskeherney townland in Manorhamilton can be repaired. This wall is located as you go off the N16 roadway."

51. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;**

"I ask Leitrim County Council if a sign can be erected at Conwal North, Glenaniff indicating the road across the mountain into Kinlough? There was a signpost there in the past."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to carry out repairs immediately on the road from Corbeagh to Ohill as the road is unusable due to extensive potholes."

53. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Siobhan McGloin;**

"At the next meeting of Leitrim County Council, I would ask that urgent repairs be carried out to Local Road No 6078"

54. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Siobhan McGloin;**

"At the next meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask that the Senior Executive Engineer and the Senior Housing Engineer to examine how best to solve the flooding problem at the Monien Housing Estate Kinlough, Houses No 8 and No 9 are particularly badly affected. It is very important that this problem is sorted out before the winter starts."

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

"I ask this Council to see that the Joint Policing Committee meet as a matter of urgency to discuss the future of some garda stations example Keshcarrigan which was crime free when the station was manned on a full-time basis by John Donohue. Now it costs more to man checkpoints after a break in than it would to man the station. The crime rate has got out of hand in the Keshcarrigan area, people are afraid in their homes and we have to demand to get a safe service back, so as the break ins stop."

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

"I ask this Council to please repair the holes outside of Drumcong Church again and do it in such a way that it will stay repaired longer than a few weeks."
57. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;**

"When will work commence at Drumshanbo Swimming Pool?"

58. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;**

"Following the fine road surface laid recently on the Hill Road at Aghnagallop, Drumshanbo, has Leitrim County Council considered a grant application under the low cost grants scheme next year to consider removing the severe turn at Hylands? This work would compliment the comprehensive work undertaken by this Council over the last four years on this road, which is to be very much welcomed."