A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, on Monday the 5th December 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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1. Deimhniu Miontuairisci
   - Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Áras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 7th November 2011 (Copy enclosed).

2. To consider proposal to proceed to public display in relation to Draft Variation to Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan 2010-2016 (Report attached).

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

4. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.

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

6. Correspondence (enclosed).
7. To receive Deputation from Carrick-on-Shannon Chamber of Commerce

**Part I - Notice of Motions.**

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

"At the December meeting I will, again, ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to take immediate action to address the layout of the junction off the N4 with R201, known locally as the Mohill cross, on the N4 at Masonite. Drivers exiting the Mohill road, crossing the N4 heading West, do not have sufficient view of traffic approaching from the left to cross the road safely."

9. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to extend the Planning Permission already granted for individual houses in view of the present economic climate, as a considerable amount of people who have permission now find that they are unable to get the necessary finance to proceed with the building of such houses."

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

"Will this Council please contact the Minister for Finance by letter and request him to put in place a tax incentive scheme for home owners to make their property more secure by installing alarms and security lights. This was never more important as the rise in burglaries has increased significantly."

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

"In view of the up-coming review of the practice of Low Cost Selling of Alcohol in a large range of outlets by the Minister for Drugs and Alcohol, we the members of Leitrim County Council call on the Minister, and the Minister for Health, to examine the entire sales of alcohol in all types of outlets - public houses, clubs, hotels etc - as the changes to opening times etc have had a huge impact on family life in Ireland (with problems in the workforce, binge drinking and anti-social behaviour) and the cost of over €3 billion per year to the Health Services: Return to normal opening times and listen to the concerns of the North West Alcohol Forum."

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

"I am seeking the support of the Council in calling on the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government to amend the Water Services (Amendment) Bill 2011 to allow for Grant Aid to rural dwellers who will have to
upgrade their domestic wastewater treatment systems and any other reasonable reliefs for those affected."

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

"I ask Mr. John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure to have discussions with his colleagues in Roscommon County Council in relation to having a joint approach to the Department of Transport in seeking to secure funding for the provision of a much needed footbridge alongside the Bridge over the River Shannon at Rooskey. Funding had been committed in the form of a Specific Improvement Grant in 2009 but was subsequently withdrawn with the downturn in the economy. It is extremely dangerous for the many people, both local and tourists, who use the bridge on a daily basis."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to write to Bus Eireann to find out why no bus shelter has been put in place in Manorhamilton despite the numerous calls for this in the past. Now that there is a new wide footpath on the Sligo Road there should be no reason for not providing a bus shelter."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to re-examine the lack of a pedestrian footpath at Castle Street, Manorhamilton. This is a very busy area of town which is close to a school. A number of parents have approached me about the fact that when vehicles meet on the bridge there is no safe route for pedestrians to take and also the poor lighting on the bridge is not helping the situation."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to review the current trading bay at Drumshanbo’s Main Street Car Park with a view to locating the trading bay at the rear of the Car Park. The current trader is located at the front of the car park and is taking up over 3 bays and is locating beside the disabled parking bay which is not acceptable."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council calls on Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Mr Phil Hogan T.D not to proceed with the Water Services Amendment Bill 2011 until the following issues are resolved:

- The registration charge must be abolished.
- Clarity must be given, as to how inspections will be funded.
- The appeal fee must be eliminated."
- The regulations in relation to the maintenance of household waste water systems must be published before the Bill is passed.
- Clarification must be given on the standard to be applied by Inspectors under the Bill.
- EU approval must be given for this standard, if it is different from the existing standard for new houses.
- All mandatory upgrades and maintenance costs must be grant aided to a minimum of 85%.
- All mandatory upgrades must be exempt from: Planning Permission; Environmental Screening; Environmental Impact Analysis.

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

"The Towns and Villages of the County are littered with unfinished and largely unoccupied housing and commercial developments. Many of these are now nothing more than worthless wastelands. They have become havens for vermin and anti-social behaviour. We must now move to ensure that these developments are either finished in full compliance with the conditions of their planning permission or that the lands are returned to their original state. I propose that we immediately commence enforcement of planning regulations to ensure that unviable developments are not allowed to become a permanent disfigurement on the County."

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

"I ask that a letter be written to the Department of An Taoiseach, the Department of Foreign Affairs and also to Waterways Ireland requesting information on the re-Location of Waterways Ireland to Carrick-on-Shannon as part of, or written into, the Good Friday Agreement."

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

"At the December meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Council to consider having Area Meetings in each of the Engineering Areas. I am aware that this system works very well in neighbouring counties."

21. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Siobhan McGlone;

"At the next meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask when do the Council propose to carry out the improvement works to the junction of Local Road 97 and the R280 at Largydonnell."
22. **To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Dolan;**

"I call on this Council to call on Minister Rabbitte to put a moratorium on the proposed gas drilling for at least five years and then, if necessary, to have a review again"

23. **To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;**

"I propose that Leitrim County Council demand that the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government €50 charge on owners of septic tanks and small treatment systems be abolished as it is another tax on rural life and will impose more hardship on families across this County which is, of course, predominantly made up of rural houses. This is part of the continuous attempts to force decent people to pay for the ruin of the economy by the well connected and the political establishment. This charge is only the start as there is a further charge of €200 being proposed for an inspection and possibly the forced upgrading of these systems. It must be abolished and instead an assistance programme for people to get grant aid for improving the sewage systems as is in the urban areas."

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

"That this Council ask the Minister to arrange that payments due to farmers under the Single Farm Payment and Disadvantaged Area Payments Scheme be made immediately in order to alleviate the hardship being experienced in many farming households. Extra staff should be deployed to assist the existing staff who are working with a backlog which has accumulated through no fault of theirs but rather comes as a result of procedures within the Department."

**Part II - Questions.**

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

"Will this Council please put in its estimates for 2012 an allocation for two extra street lights at Rantogue Church, as Mass occurs at 9 pm on a Saturday."

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

"Could this Council please let the Councillors know who they can contact if there is an emergency over the Christmas holiday period?"

27. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;**

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure when are the road signs requested in recent times to be erected."
28. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;**

"I ask the Planning Section have the lighting problems in Dartry Estate, Kinlough been resolved?"

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure if a footpath can be constructed at the new cemetery in Mohill. There are now a large number of graves not accessible due to the absence of a footpath and this is causing distress and inconvenience to relatives of those interred there."

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

"At the December Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask Mr Michael Flynn, Carrick Area Engineer to carry out immediate repairs to the road from Drumshanbo South crossroads as far as the Drumlish – Mohill Road (Road No LS-5610-0) as it has fallen into a state of disrepair, and to include the road for resurfacing in the 2012 roadwork’s programme."

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

"At the December Meeting of Leitrim County Council, I will again ask Mr Shay O Connor, Senior Engineer Roads, to put in place a programme of works in the 2012 Roadwork’s programme, to improve the view at the Junction on the Carrick-Mohill road at Laheenamona, of the 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 and fearful for their safety."

32. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;**

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to consider providing a disabled persons parking spot at the Post Office in Manorhamilton. Many people have complained about the difficulty of getting parked near the Post Office on a Thursday and Friday when they go to collect their pension."

33. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;**

"I will ask the Director of Services, Housing and Corporate for a breakdown of the Council Housing stock in Manorhamilton, ie the number on the waiting list presently, the number of unoccupied houses at the moment and any other relevant information regarding housing in Manorhamilton."
34. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McSharry;

"I ask the Housing Department, if there are any plans to improve the discolouration on the walls at Cois Laughta Estate, Kinlough."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure if there are plans to put speed ramps and signage at Taobh Tire Estate Manorhamilton. The estate is adjacent to the HSE offices and Our Lady's Hospital and a large number of vehicles use this lane. Signage and speed ramps would be of benefit to the residents."

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

"In relation to this Local Authority's purchase of signage goods for the year 2010, what percentage of these goods was purchased from companies outside the County? Can the Manager assure me that local suppliers of goods and services that Leitrim County Council may from time to time require are listed within the various departments and invited to tender when the opportunity arises?"

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Planning, Community and Economic Development if he could outline the plans for the relocation of the Sliabh an Iarainn Visitor Centre to the 'Teach Ceoil' building at Acres, Drumshanbo? Can I further ask if the current building will be knocked or re-modelled and if the funding provided will be adequate?"

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

"When will repairs be carried out on the road from Greaghnafarna Cross to Tullynaskreena School."

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

"When will repairs be carried out on the Road from Tullynaskreena to Killavoggy."

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

"During heavy rain water builds up along LS-5501 at Derrygoan, Drumcoura, Ballinamore. The road is currently in good condition but if winter floods continue to wash across it, it will deteriorate rapidly. Could a pipe be installed to allow this water to flow under the road into Drumcoura lake?"
41. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;

"I ask would it be possible to have the roadway at Ussau Mohill, that has been dug up to lay sewerage pipes, restored to its proper condition before Christmas. The residents living on this road have endured considerable inconvenience for the past 8 weeks."

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

"I am asking that the road from Cordery Cross, to Meelick Keshcarrigan be included in the 2012 roads programme."

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

"Further to previous questions on this matter, when does the Council intend to place a safety barrier on the bridge on the R-204-15 at Mullaghmore, Corrawallen? There is no verge or battlement of any description on this bridge and it is only a matter of time before somebody falls the 12ft or so into the river below."

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

"I ask how many people are on the Council waiting list in Leitrim for Housing and also what are the figures for Manorhamilton, Kiltyclogher, Rossinver and Glenfarne?."

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to write to the N.R.A. regarding money that has been earmarked for the N.16 in the Glenfarne area. This proposed work as a short term measure would eliminate most of the notorious bends on the N.16 in the Glenfarne area. It is crucial this work takes place?"

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure and Senior Executive Engineer, Carrick-on-Shannon Engineering area if some patching can be done on the road from Funshinagh Crossroads through to Doonans Crossroads and over to Corgallion Td (Gorvagh)as far as John Cannings house. Can this road be considered for inclusion in the next Roads Programme."
47. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Siobhan McGloin;

"At the next meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask this Council to carry out repairs to the bridge at Buckode on the Rossinver Road beside Joe Gallaghers lane."

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

"I call on the District Engineer to have repair work carried out on the Drumgeaglom, Leitrim Road from Leitrim Village to Jim Joe Flynn’s Cross. Also to have road number placed on the road leading from this road to the Canal, passing Beirnes home."

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

"To have repair works carried out on the Greaghagnullion (old Road) Drumshanbo."

50. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure when drainage work will commence on the Drumgowla/Drumbore river as it is causing flooding in the large area it flows through."

51. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure when road repair work will be carried out on Graffy Hill in Cloone, as there is large potholes and uneven surface on this road that need to be repaired before the worst of the winter sets in."

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

"I ask that Leitrim County Council contact the Lough Oughter and District Drainage Board which is administered by Cavan County Council to express the urgency in carrying out the agreed schedule of drainage works on Cullies River and associated waterways in the townlands of Drumbaeanlis, Cloughla, Drumsilla, Kilbrackan and Aughavore near Carrigallen which will lower the water table and contribute to road safety where roadside rivers are swelled to over flow during winter months."

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

"I ask that Road No LT 56002-0 in the Townland of Mullaghbrack, Gortletteragh receive attention before the on set of winter conditions."