A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, on Monday the 7th of February, 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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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 10th January 2011 (copy enclosed).

2. To note Rate Collection Report 2010 (report enclosed)

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.
Part I – Notices of Motion

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

"I am requesting that the Council arrange for the completion of the outstanding works due to be completed under the road widening of the R280 to the residence of Pauric Gill, Kilclare, Co. Leitrim."

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

"Cois Locha estate in Carrigallen has been occupied for the last 4 years and, contrary to the recent norm in County Leitrim, it has been completed to a very high standard and is almost fully occupied. There remains however, a number of serious safety issues surrounding the approach and access to the estate which are the sole responsibility of the Council. These issues include the following:
1. The lack of a continuous footpath to the village
2. No safe crossing point to the Vocational School and creche
3. Broken white line and hidden entrance on the approach to the estate
4. No proper lighting between the town and the estate.
Since the developer and the residents have done so much to create a positive environment in which to live, I propose that Leitrim County Council fulfill it's obligation and resolve these important issues."

9. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John McTernan;

"I ask that Leitrim County Council provide a new signalised pedestrian crossing at the junction of the Drumlease Road (LP 4166-1) and the Creamery Road (4165-0) in Dromahair, in order to facilitate the safe crossing of school children at this junction where sightlines for both pedestrians and oncoming traffic into the village are restricted. It has been indicated to me by the Parents Association of the school that they are very concerned in relation to the safety aspect of the above junction."

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

"I call on the Director of Services, Planning to explain the reasons for not granting extensions to planning permission's which have gone through the process already. It is essential to grant these extensions which may provide local employment opportunities and the finishing off of some estates etc."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council to provide clarity as to why applicants for planning extensions under the 2010 Planning Act are asked to re-test their soil as per EPA guidelines. This is most unfair to people who have obtained planning but cannot proceed due to the current economic crisis and lack of credit in the market. It is clear that some local authorities are not requesting this and why is the policy in Leitrim?"
12. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

"I again ask the County Manager what steps have been taken by Leitrim County Council to address the obvious concerns locally arising from the current status of the large housing development off the old N4 at Rooskey. There is considerable concern within the local community that there are no efforts been made to finish the houses and complete the estate! What is the status of the Developer, have the council engaged with him, to try and resolve the problem?"

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

"Job creation in Leitrim throughout the past number of years has being non-existent. Members here have raised this issue on an ongoing basis, but no help is forthcoming from anybody, again I am appealing for help from Government, I.D.A. and any organisation that can help rescue our County. We need meaningful employment here to stem the flow of young people from here. Otherwise we won't need new schools, pitches or post offices. What can we do to help?"

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council seek a written commitment from the leader of each party contesting the next election that they will immediately introduce legislation or amend exiting legislation to accommodate the use of engineering solutions for the treatment of sewage effluent in ground conditions where the percolation test has failed. The request needs to make a strong case for the circumstances in Leitrim where we have practically all rural planning applications being refused. The commitment needs to come from the parties within one week of the request."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have the bridge at Kiltubrid Station repaired and some form of crash barriers erected before a serious crash happens."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Roads and Infrastructure to provide for additional public lighting in Drumsna along Crowhill. I will ask that the money would be provided from the Development Contributions paid by the number of new residents along Crow Hill. There is no existing public lighting in this area of the village and the lack of any illumination is dangerous for residents, particularly school children as during the winter months they have to walk to and from their homes on Crowhill, in the dark, to Quay street where they access the school bus."

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

"I ask that Leitrim County Council calls on the incoming Government to discontinue the rundown of services at Sligo General Hospital and restore Breast Cancer services."
18. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Paddy O'Rourke;

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to resist in the strongest possible terms the proposal to remove the function of administering third level education grants from Local Authorities and VEC's. The proposal represents a further erosion of Local Authorities, along with the fact that functions which have been centralised in the past have resulted in much a poorer service to the public. Local Authorities and VEC's have been delivering this service since grants were introduced with a very large degree of satisfaction to all."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Roads and Infrastructure to have the "Chapel Line" from the Shrine to the Church in Glencar resurfaced as it is in very poor condition."

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

"I raise 'The Danger of Carbon Monoxide' which is a toxic gas that can leak from boilers and fire heaters and is very dangerous. I am asking Leitrim County Council to write to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government to make it compulsory for homes to be fitted with Carbon Monoxide detectors."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to contact US Bancorp to obtain clarification and assurances that the 46 jobs currently at the Bank of America site in Carrick-on-Shannon will stay in County Leitrim for the long term. Following an article in the paper announcing the transfer of 38 jobs to US Bancorp from Bank of America and the reference to their other site in the east of the country, will they retain the jobs in Carrick-on-Shannon. A lose of this number of jobs to County Leitrim would have a devastating effect to the local economy."

Part II - Questions.

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

"Following the wedding of Brian O'Driscoll and Amy Huberman, it has come to light that there is little or no signage for Aughavas or Gortletteragh in the County. The absence of signage in these parishes does not take from the fact that they are major focal points in the County with thousands of people attending weddings, funerals and other community occasions in both parishes every year. This problem needs to be addressed."

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

"Firstly I would like to thank Padraig MacShera and all the staff of Leitrim County Council for the work done on the Mong Road and to suggest completing the good work that he would see to it that the potholes on this road are repaired."
24. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Francis Gilmartin;

"Can the Council provide me with an update of the main provisions relating to the Non Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge for persons that own a property in Ireland and are residing abroad. Are such households liable for the charge or fines where the fee was late owing to the household not being aware of their obligation to pay the fee?"

25. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McTernan;

"What is the position in relation to the replacement of solid fuel cookers in the Drumlease Housing Estate, Dromahaire as many are worn out and not functioning to their full potential."

26. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McTernan;

"I am requesting immediate repair works to be carried out on the road leading from Killenummery Church to Ballintogher as there is an extremely dangerous part of this road beyond Leydons house."

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

"I ask the Director of Services Infrastructure when it is proposed to complete the surface dressing of the Northern end of the "Barr Road", Rossinver leading to Kinlough - Rossinver Road."

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

"I ask the County Manager to request the HSE West to provide full details of their proposals with regard to the presently unused Health Centre in Kinlough? [The building has a negative impact on the village in its present condition.]"

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

"I ask the Director of Services Infrastructure to give a comprehensive report on the recent damage done to the bridge on the Ballinamore Road, Drumshanbo. Furthermore if the Council would ensure that a pedestrian footpath is put in place in tandem with whatever works takes place?"

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

"I ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure to include for repair the road from Packie Joe Keanes house to the LS 7389 (Comacranaghy road) in this years road works programme?"

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

"I again ask Mr John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure has there been any further response from the NRA with a view to securing funding and putting in place a programme of works, to provide a hard shoulder at the Sligo end of the Dromod-Rooskey by-
pass, from the exit of the old N.4 as far as Doherty’s lane. It is extremely dangerous for motorists exiting from the old N4, and for motorists from the Fearnought-Moheraven road (Road No.LP-1475-0) who are heading towards Carrick-on-Shannon. There is a lot of concern in the locality, that the NRA have not taken steps to carry out improvements at this location."

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

"I ask the County Manager to again contact Waterways Ireland requesting them to provide additional mooring facilities on the River Shannon at Rooskey and to upgrade the existing facilities that are there at present, which have fallen into a state of disrepair."

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

"I have a number of people that have applications for an L.I.S and are now waiting 7 years. Could I have the present updated situation regarding waiting time and how many were completed last year."

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

"I have requested in the past that the R201 from The N4(masonite) to Mohill receive major restoration in the 2011. I am renewing this request as parts of this stretch of road are very dangerous particularly at McLouragh and Laheenamona."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have safety works carried out at the junction of the LP3310 and the LP3365 at Kiltynashinnagh Aughnasheelin. This is a very dangerous junction just beside Pollanas, it is on a bend with a very poor view, where traffic coming from the Drumshanbo side attempting to cross the road on to the LP3365, have to cross in front of traffic coming from Ballinamore. There has been several accidents at this junction and this work is urgent."

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

"I am asking the Director of Services, Infrastructure to rise the very low part of the road that floods regularly along R202 at Annaghmacullen Cloone."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have the Coolnagrain Dowra Road repaired."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have repair works carried out on the Laragan Drumshanbo road."
39. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sinead Guckian;

"I ask the Carrick on Shannon, Area Engineer what actions were taken, as per my pre-Christmas requests, to protect the old drinking well adjacent to locally known Peyton Estate on the Castlecarra Rd, Carrick on Shannon. I raised concerns with regard to the engineering works that were in progress at the time, in the area and requested that special attention would be given to the drinking well, which has historical importance."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Roads and Infrastructure what is the up to date position with regard to addressing the dangerous state of the “cut-away” hill, on the N4 Dublin Road, Correen, Carrick on Shannon. It is my understanding from discussions last year, that Leitrim County Council had advised the NRA of the soil movement and were awaiting NRA approval and funding to address same."

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

"I ask that Leitrim County Council initiate a review to bring electoral register addresses more in line with postal addresses? The present registers are confusing and it is difficult for people to check whether they are registered; particularly if they are searching on-line www.checktheregister.ie."

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

"I ask that Leitrim County Council apply to Department of Environment for funding to expedite the work on improving the energy efficiency of our housing stock?"

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

"I ask when the necessary road repairs will be carried out along road 5596-0 in the townland of Aughavore, Carrigallen."

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

"I ask when the necessary road repairs will be carried out on Road No. 55812 in townland of Aughakiltubrid, Cloone."

45. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Reynolds;

"I ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure when the work will be completed on the bicycle lane from Attyrory to the Tesco Roundabout and when the work on dropping the kerbs at Attyrory will be started?"
46. **To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Reynolds;**

"I ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure why over 60% of the lights on the pathways and River Walkway in Carrick on Shannon are not working?"

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

"I ask the Area Engineer Manorhamilton to investigate the reason why James Gilmartin's field at Pullboy, Shanvass is now flooding."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have a look at two bridges in the townland of Matuagh and Glenaniff where the sidewalls of these bridges have slipped into the river and are dangerous. Would it be possible as a temporary measure to erect security fencing?"

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to investigate the possibility of increasing public lighting at Mullies Church, Manorhamilton. The community has provided a carpark which has no public lighting. As the Church is celebrating it’s "Centenary" this year it would be appropriate to have lighting installed in the carpark."