A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, on Monday the 9th of May, 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. Deimhniú Miontuairiscí
   a. Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Áras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 4th April 2011 (copy enclosed).

2. To approve the following proposal in compliance with the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001:

   a) Implementation of re-alignment works & safety improvement measures on the National Primary Route (N16) at Drummahan Townland, Dromore Townland, & Mulkaun Townland, including sightline improvements, access upgrades, safety barriers and land fencing (report to follow).

   b) Implementation of re-alignment works & safety improvement measures on the National Primary Route (N16) at Sadrine Townland, including sightline improvements, access upgrades, safety barriers and land fencing (report to follow).

   c) Implementation of Traffic calming measures on the National Primary Route (N16) through Glenfarne, including footpath improvements and traffic calming gateways (report to follow).

3. To note, for public display, Draft Variation No. 1 to Leitrim County Development Plan 2009-2015.
4. To note report on Service Indicators 2010 (report to follow).

5. To consider time and date of Annual Meeting 2011

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 Mr. Eamon O’Kane on behalf of the North West Alcohol Forum.

Part I – Notices of Motion

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council write to the Minister for Health, Dr James Reilly to put in place funding for the Community Hospital in Ballinamore."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to ensure that the excessive and inappropriately large road signage within the village of Drumsna be removed."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government to amend the R.A.S. Scheme and purchase vacant houses in the so called ghost estates that are completed to living standards. This would give the local authority and tenants the power to purchase houses at a reasonable and affordable price rather than renting indefinitely."

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

"At the May Meeting of Leitrim County Council I will seek the support of the Members in calling on the Minister for Finance Mr. Michael Noonan T.D. to direct the banks to have a sympathetic look at mortgage holders who are caught up the negative equity trap. This is where mortgage holders took out a loan to purchase their home which was valued at say €250,000 and the same house now, since the collapse of property prices is valued at €130,000. Those unfortunate people, who are caught up in this situation, are in a terrible position where their home is worth €120,000 less than when they purchased it. I am of the opinion that we the taxpayer’s who effectively own the banks now, who are pouring billions into the same financial institutions should come to the assistance of those people."

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

"That Leitrim County Council request the Minister for Agriculture to revisit the terms of the Agri-Environment Options Scheme (AEOS) for 2011. The Scheme in its current format is too
restrictive and if implemented in this format will have a serious impact on farming incomes at a time when we should be promoting the Agri-Food Sector."

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

"That we the Members of Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Health to insist on the HSE publicising where there has been reductions to patient services e.g. recently Chiropody Services in this region have been halved where the treatment period has gone from every six weeks to every twelve weeks."

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

"Will the Planning Department examine the Waterfront Estate, Leitrim Village and provide a full report to confirm the position in relation to the following: if a bond is in place, if all of the planning conditions have been adhered to and if the water and sewerage facilities on site are installed correctly."

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

"I ask the Director of Services to consider a proposal to introduce a half an hour of free parking for members of the public in Carrick-on-Shannon to restore business in the town. Persons parking for periods exceeding half an hour would be responsible for paying the standard costs."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council call upon the Minister for Agriculture to make available the necessary funding which was provided for in the 2011 Budget in order that the estimated 10,000 applicants to the A.E.O.S be accommodated, and at the original maximum payment of €5,000. Failure to do so will result in many farmers who had been in the REPS Scheme since 1994 opting out of practices which had huge benefits for the general appearance of the countryside and wildlife etc."

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

"I ask this Council to call on the Minister for Justice to make provision for people to call on their nearest Garda station for assistance in a case of an emergency and not have to wait on the present system of having to wait on Gardai to come from a station 30 miles away when they could come from another station in five minutes."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council recognises that:

• The Universal Social Charge is an unjust and regressive tax, bearing down most heavily on those least able to afford it;
• The Universal Social Charge affects people earning as little as €77 per week;
• The Universal Social Charge is indiscriminate and affects someone earning €100,000 at the same rate as someone earning €16,016;
• Low income workers, including medical card holders, working lone parents and working widows, who were exempt from the health and income levies which the Universal Social Charge replaced, are no longer exempt;
• Coupled with the changes to tax credits and bands introduced in Budget 2011, the Universal Social Charge has increased the burden of taxation on the working poor;
Calls on the Government to abolish the Universal Social Charge"
22. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"With the 100th Anniversary of the 'Easter Rising' approaching soon and one of it's Leaders from our County of Leitrim, there is great potential for Tourism. I am asking Leitrim Council to arrange a meeting with stake holders such as Tourism North West, Office of Public Works, Leitrim County Council and Killyclogher Community Council."

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

"I am requesting that we immediately contact the Minister for Education regarding his Departments intention to remove the processing of grants applications for Third Level Students from the local authorities and the VEC's. This will cause a lot of hardship on students, coupled with the fact it will result in the loss of jobs both in Council Office's and VEC's."

Part II - Questions

24. To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloon;

"I ask the Director of Services, Environment, Emergency and Cultural Services to consider painting the Library in Drumshanbo. The Tidy Towns Committee in the town are working very hard to improve the general environment of Drumshanbo which includes encouraging business people to paint their premises therefore I would encourage our Council to play their part in this worthwhile endeavour."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure for a copy of the report on the costing of the installation of additional public lighting on Crow Hill in Drumsna. As per my Notice of Motion in February, it was agreed that costing of these works would be provided."

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

"I ask the County Manager to meet with Members of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss further, their proposal for "One Hour Free" parking in Carrick on Shannon. The Chamber of Commerce have forwarded a copy of their request for consideration."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure if there are any plans to improve the sharp bends on the Ross Lane above St. Clare's Comprehensive School. This lane has seen an increase in traffic over recent months and residents are concerned about this matter."

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

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to examine the perimeter wall outside the Church of Ireland, Main St, Kinlough. It has been pointed out that this wall is over 6ft in height and is sloping out over the public footpath and therefore is a cause for concern to public safety."

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

"At the May Meeting of Leitrim Co. Council, I will ask Mr. John Mc Guinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure, to upgrade the remaining 40 metres of footpath at St. Patrick's Terrace,
Mohill from Treanmore Cross as far as Reynolds house. This section of footpath which is in a poor condition was left undone when improvements works were carried out at this location."

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

"At the May Meeting of Leitrim Co. Council I will ask Mr Michael Flynn, Senior Engineer Carrick-on-Shannon to put in place a programme of works in the current year to carry out surface repairs to Drumhirk Lane (Road No LT-15722-0) in Gortletteragh."

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

"I will ask the District Engineer to explain the new speed limit signs on Regional Roads and the purpose and reason for these."

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

"How many households in County Leitrim are not availing of a bin collection service and the reason for this."

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

"I call on the Council to re-surface the sections of the Annadale to Rantogue road that is subsiding."

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

"I ask the Director of Services to lower the kerbs at the housing development owned by Ciaran Gaffney located at Main Street, Drumsna to allow occupants to park their cars beside their houses as there are no parking facilities at the rear of these dwellings. The road in front of this development is not suitable for parking."

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

"I ask the Director of Services to replace the signpost at Annearly Cross, Gowel. The original signpost was removed and not replaced when water works were completed at this location. The signpost should have directions on it for Kilclare, Kilnagross, and Effernagh & Gowel Church. This is causing confusion for motorists not local to the area."

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

"What are the executive’s views on the recent proposal from the Carrick-on-Shannon Chamber of Commerce in respect of a free parking period. I appreciate this has a revenue consequence but it will provide assistance to many ratepayers by increasing business."

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

"Can the Director of Services, Infrastructure arrange for an inspection of the Reservoir at Boeshill / Canons Hill Mohill? I have received a report from the landowner that there is a significant leak present which is affecting his holding and he is anxious that the matter / cause be remedied."

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

"I would ask that Leitrim County Council complete the works at Gortahoose, Corrawallen as in
lowering the earth banks at the junction with the main road and the road leading to the homes of the Murray, Holohan, Fee, Danegan and Hehle families it is causing a visual obstruction for motorists exiting the by-road."

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

"I ask that the Council include the homes at Bredagh, Carrigallen (local authority houses) in the 2011 Energy Efficiency Programme. Many of these homes are very difficult to heat and are contributing to health issues for tenants."

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

"I ask the Council as when it intended to have final works carried out at the Mountain View Housing Estate, Derryhallow, Drumshanbo such as lighting and other necessary works as there should be sufficient money there to do so from Development Levies for that estate."

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

"I am asking the director of services to have work carried out on the bad bend on the road between Loyns shop and Padraig Priors house in the townland of Camagh Ballinamore. This is a dangerous bend that would need to have the high ditch lowered to aid visibility and widen the road in the interest of safety."

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

"Could I ask Leitrim County Council to investigate the possibility of making the N16 road East of Manorhamilton at Curley Bridge much safer. The bridge is very narrow and has a bad bend with no footpath for pedestrians, in light of the good work that is ongoing on traffic calming measures from the Mart to the Roundabout, would it be possible to consider a footbridge for pedestrians on the inside of the Bridge?"

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

"At the May Council Meeting, I will ask Leitrim County Council to look at two bridges on local road No:LS-6212-0 in Glenfarne. The first bridge is between townlands of Kiltyclogher and Minkeeragh; some of the flagstones have come loose. The second bridge is in Minkeeragh at Michael Mc Loughlin's house, where some work has been done, this bridge needs to be widened?"

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

"May I ask when is it proposed to re-surface the road from Laheen, Eslin, to Killnagross P.O."

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

"Is Greenfield Close Estate, Ballinamore Road, Mohill taken in charge by the Council."