Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 7th March 2011 at 5.30 pm


And Councillor Frank Dolan, Cathaoirleach presiding

Officials Present: Ms. Jackie Maguire, County Manager Mr. Martin Dolan, Director of Services, Environment, Emergency and Cultural Services Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Planning, Community and Economic Development Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Corporate Services & Housing Mr John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure Mr. Shay O’Connor, Senior Engineer Ms. Carmelita Caslin, Senior Executive Officer Ms. Sinead Flynn, Meetings Administrator Mr. Brian Kenny, Senior Engineer Mr. Ciaran Treacy, Senior Planner Ms. Vivienne Egan, Senior Executive Planner
11/080
07/03/2011
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*Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson, seconded by Councillor John Ward AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;*

"That the Minutes of the Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday, 7th February 2011, be adopted."

11/081
07/03/2011
Leitlim County Council’s Park Byelaws 2011

To consider the adoption of Leitrim County Council’s Park Byelaws 2011 in accordance with Part 19 of Local Government Act 2001 as circulated to the Members appears as *Appendix 1* to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

*Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin, seconded by Councillor Sean McGowan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;*

"That Leitrim County Council adopt the Leitrim County Council Park Byelaws 2011 in accordance with Part 19 of Local Government Act 2001."

11/082
07/03/2011
Leitrim County Council’s Playground Byelaws 2011

To consider the adoption of Leitrim County Council’s Playground Byelaws 2011 in accordance with Part 19 of Local Government Act 2001 as circulated to the Members appears as *Appendix 2* to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

*Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin, seconded by Councillor Sean McDermott AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;*

"That Leitrim County Council adopt the Leitrim County Council Playground Byelaws 2011 in accordance with Part 19 of Local Government Act 2001."

11/083
07/03/2011
Leitrim County Council’s Household Waste Bye Laws 2011

To consider the adoption of Leitrim County Council Household Waste Bye Laws 2011 in accordance with Section 35(1) of the Waste Management Acts 1996-2010 and Part 19 of the Local Government Act 2001 as circulated to the Members appears as *Appendix 3* to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.
Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson, seconded by Councillor John Ward AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;


11/084  
07/03/2011 Acquisition of Waterworks by Leitrim County Council

To approve the acquisition of the following Waterworks in accordance with the provisions of the Water Services Act 2007 – Leitrim Village Group Water Scheme; Mullies Brackary Water Scheme; Ardvoley Killavoggy Group Water Scheme; Creevelea Killargue Group Water Scheme; Cornacloy Group Water Scheme; Killooman Group Water Scheme; Ballinagleragh Reservoirs and interconnecting pipeline; Drumkevlvy Group Water Scheme; Gorvagh Drumlowan pump station; Clenaghoo Lisnaltullagh Group Water Scheme; Cloonturk Group Water Scheme as circulated to the Members appears as Appendix 4 to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson, seconded by Councillor John Ward AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council acquire of the following Waterworks in accordance with the provisions of the Water Services Act 2007 – Leitrim Village Group Water Scheme; Mullies Brackary Water Scheme; Ardvoley Killavoggy Group Water Scheme; Creevelea Killargue Group Water Scheme; Cornacloy Group Water Scheme; Killooman Group Water Scheme; Ballinagleragh Reservoirs and interconnecting pipeline; Drumkevlvy Group Water Scheme; Gorvagh Drumlowan pump station; Clenaghoo Lisnaltullagh Group Water Scheme; Cloonturk Group Water Scheme.”

Councillor Sean McDermott and Councillor Mary Bohan paid tribute to the staff that had worked on the Group Water Scheme’s in a voluntary capacity for many years.

11/085  
07/03/2011 Declaration of Public Roads

To approve the declaration by Leitrim County Council, the roads listed hereunder, public roads in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, Article 5 of the Roads Regulations 1994 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as circulated to the Members appears as Appendix 5 to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book:-

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• Access road to housing estate known as Rock Valley in the townland of Dromahaire, Dromahair, for its entire length including spurs, a distance of 396 metres.

• Access road to housing estate known as Clooneen Park in the townland of Manorhamilton, Manorhamilton for its entire length including spurs, a distance of 952 metres.

Proposed by Councillor Sean McDermott, seconded by Councillor Tony Ferguson AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council approve the declaration by Leitrim County Council the roads listed hereunder public roads in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, Article 5 of the Roads Regulations 1994 and Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000:-

• Access road to housing estate known as Rock Valley in the townland of Dromahaire, Dromahair, for its entire length including spurs, a distance of 396 metres.

• Access road to housing estate known as Clooneen Park in the townland of Manorhamilton, Manorhamilton for its entire length including spurs, a distance of 952 metres.”

11/086 07/03/2011 Fixed Term Tenant Purchase

To adopt the Fixed Term Tenant Purchase Scheme in accordance with Housing (Sale of Houses to Long-Standing Tenants) Regulations 2011 as circulated to the Members appears as Appendix 6 to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Enda Stenson AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council adopts the Fixed Term Tenant Purchase Scheme in accordance with Housing (Sale of Houses to Long-Standing Tenants) Regulations 2011.”

11/087 07/03/2011 Road Works Scheme 2011

To adopt Leitrim County Council’s Road Works Scheme 2011.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Enda Stenson AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That Leitrim County Council adopts the Road Works Scheme 2011.”
Voluntary Housing Sector Representative

To approve the nomination of Austin Quinn (St. Vincent de Paul) as the Voluntary Housing Sector Representative on the Housing & Corporate Services SPC.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Mary Bohan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"That Leitrim County Council approves the nomination of Austin Quinn (St. Vincent de Paul) as the Voluntary Housing Sector Representative on the Housing & Corporate Services Strategic Policy Committee."

Report from Corporate Policy Group

Ms. Sinead Flynn, Meetings Administrator gave an overview of the items considered by the Corporate Policy Group. Ms. Flynn advised that there had been two SPC meetings since the last meeting of the Corporate Policy Group the Planning, Environment & Emergency Services SPC and the Housing & Corporate Services SPC.

The Planning, Environment & Emergency Services SPC considered the following items at their meeting on Wednesday 2nd March, 2011:

- The preparation of a policy designed to counteract the proliferation of littering on public lands throughout the county.
- The preparation of a draft signage policy for the county. It was agreed that the draft policy, relating to the use of advertising and signage on public land, would be considered in further detail at a joint SPC meeting to be convened with the Community, Cultural & Enterprise SPC.
- The SPC also considered a position paper on the draft variation of the County Development Plan 2009—2015, pursuant to the Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2010, and the Regional Planning Guidelines.
- A presentation and update on unfinished housing estates in the County was also considered.
- An outline of the desirability of putting in place a visioning exercise for Carrick-on-Shannon in the year 2020 —entitled Carrick 2020.

Ms. Flynn gave an update of the items considered at the Housing & Corporate Services SPC that had met earlier this afternoon on Monday the 7th of March, 2011.

- The Members received a position paper on the Housing Grants. The paper set out the options available under the housing grants with regard to the allocation received from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to fund expenditure on housing grants in 2011. It was proposed based on the existing level of
commitments on hand to suspend the processing of the Housing Adaptation Grant applications effective from Friday the 11th of March, 2011 and to approve Priority 2 applications received under the Housing Aid for Older People.

- The SPC members had recommended the approval of Mr. Austin Quinn (St. Vincent de Paul) as the Voluntary Housing Sector Representative on the Housing & Corporate Services SPC.

11/090
07/03/2011  Votes of Sympathy

The members extended a vote of sympathy to the following:

- Mr & Mrs Edward & Dympna Gilbride and Family, Rossinver, Co. Leitrim on the death of Annie Gilbride
- Mrs Earnst Cathriner, Rosskanamon, Dromod on the death of Ernist Cathriner.
- The McWeeney Family, Kilmaddaroe, Carrick-on-Shannon on the death of Francie McWeeney.
- The Doherty Family, Drumdoo, Mohill on the death of Thomas Doherty.
- Mr Hugh Bradley, Aughalogue, Newtowngore, Carrick-on-Shannon on the death of Molly Bradley.
- Mrs Fiona McKiernan, Murhaun, Drumshanbo on the death of Jerome McKiernan.
- Mr & Mrs Edward Gilbride, Conray, Rossinver, Co. Leitrim on the death of Annie Lena Gilbride.
- Ms Rita Rooney and Mr Leo Rooney, Lissininiska, Rossinver, Co. Leitrim on the death of Seamus Rooney.
- Mr & Mrs Jim Dillon, Kiltyclogher, Co. Leitrim on the death of Seamus Dillon.
- Mr & Mrs Sean & Marion McNulty, Loughmanor, Kinlough PO, Co. Leitrim on the death of Jimmy McNulty.
- Mr Donal & Mrs Mary Hamrogue, Derryduff, Tullaghan, Co. Leitrim on the death of Gerry Hamrogue.
- Mr Patrick McGloin & Ms Kathleen McGloin, Gorteadarragh, Kinlough, Co. Leitrim on the death of Dan McGloin.
- Ms Nina Hayden, Oakfield, Sligo on the death of Tony Hayden.
- Ms Teresa Gordon, Shannagh, Mohill, Co. Leitrim on the death of Rita Wynne.
- The McGloin Family, Gortnasillagh, Kinlough, Co. Leitrim on the death of Dan McGloin.
11/091
07/03/2011  **Votes of Congratulation**

The Members passed a Vote of Congratulations to the following:

- To the Irish Cricket Association on their win over England in the Cricket World Cup.

11/092
07/03/2011  **Conferences**

*Proposed by Councillor Enda Stenson, seconded by Councillor Francis Gilmartin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;*

That Leitrim County Council approves the following Conferences/Events/Courses in line with the Training and Development Programme;

- Attendance of Councillor Tony Ferguson at Developing the Social Economy to Stimulate Economic Growth in the Listowel Arms Hotel, Listowel on the 24th March 2011 to the 25th March 2011.
- Attendance of Councillor Caillian Ellis, Councillor Sinead Guckian and Councillor Sean McGowan at The 1916 Conference in Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy on the 26th March 2011.
- Attendance of Councillor Caillian Ellis, Councillor Mary Bohan and Councillor Gordon Hughes at Celtic Conferences, How to be an effective Chairperson in Celtic Ross Hotel, Rossscarbery on the 1st April 2011 to the 3rd April 2011.
- Attendance of Councillor Gerry Kilrane, Councillor Gordon Hughes, Councillor Enda Stenson, Councillor Frank Dolan, Councillor Francis Gilmartin, Councillor Caillian Ellis and Councillor Paddy O’Rourke at 20th Annual Kerry Environmental Conference in Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee on the 7th April 2011 to the 10th April 2011.
- Attendance of Councillor Gerry Kilrane at The Good Friday Agreement Local Government North and South in the Kingsvalley Hotel, Galway on the 15th April 2011 to the 17th April 2011.
- Attendance of Councillor Mary Bohan at LAMA Conference in Fairways Hotel, Dundalk on the 29th April 2011 to the 30th April 2011.
- Attendance of Councillor Sean McDermott, Councillor Thomas Mulligan, Councillor John McTernan, Councillor John Ward, Councillor Sean McGowan, Councillor Martin Kenny, Councillor Mary Bohan and Councillor Gerry Dolan at Mental Health and Cross Border Social

- Attendance of Councillor Thomas Mulligan at Equal Status Legislation in Westport Plaza, Westport on 18th March to 20th March 2011

Proposed by Councillor Gordon Hughes, seconded by Councillor Siobhan McGlinchey AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the attendance of Cllr Enda McGlinchey at the Taking Care of Business Conference in the Dublin Convention Centre on the 16th February 2011 be approved.”

Proposed by Councillor Enda McGlinchey, seconded by Councillor Francis Gilmartin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the attendance of Cllr Francis Gilmartin at the Teagasc / Leader / National Rural Network Conference “Jobs in Rural Ireland”, in the Tullamore Court Hotel on the 2nd February 2011 be approved.”

Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan, seconded by Councillor Siobhan McGlinchey AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

“That the attendance of Cllr Paddy O’Rourke and Cllr Francis Gilmartin at the National Economic and Social Council, Re-finding Success in Europe in the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin on the 26th January 2011 be approved.”

Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan, seconded by Councillor Siobhan McGlinchey AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

“That the attendance of Cllr Frank Dolan and Cllr John McTernan at the TJK Conferences Ltd, Economic Conference for Councillors in Thomond Park, Limerick on the 28th & 29th January 2011 be approved.”

11/093
07/03/2011 Meeting Correspondence

1. Letter dated 11th February 2011 from the Department of Transport in relation to Road from Mohill to Drumlish
2. Letter dated 14th February 2011 from Association of County and City Councils in relation to Annual Conference

Councillor Francis Gilmartin queried if a response was received from Eircom on a previous Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gilmartin in relation to the provision of broadband in Leitrim Village. Ms. Sinead Flynn, Meetings
Administrator confirmed that the Council had not received a response from Eircom. Councillor Gilmartin requested that a further letter issue to Eircom and also to copy the correspondence to the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Enda McGloin.

Councillor Tony Ferguson stated that he wished to withdraw the comments made by him at the last Council meeting. The Cathaoirleach Councillor Frank Dolan accepted the retraction.

**Presentation to Deputy Michael Colreavy, former member of Leitrim County Council**

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Frank Dolan extended his congratulations to Deputy Michael Colreavy on his recent election to Dail Eireann. He expressed his confidence that Deputy Colreavy would represent the people of Leitrim and Sligo with the same hard work and dedication he has shown as a Councillor since his election in 1999.

- Councillor Martin Kenny strongly endorsed the expression of confidence in Deputy Colreavy's dedication and wished him well in his new role as representative for North Leitrim and Sligo.
- Councillor Sean McGowan on behalf of the Fianna Fail Party extended his congratulations on his achievement and stated that Deputy Colreavy will be a strong voice for the people of North Leitrim.
- Councillor Enda Stenson on behalf of the Independent Councillor extended his sincere congratulations and wished Deputy Colreavy the best of luck in his new role.
- Councillor Gerry Reynolds on behalf of the Fine Gael Party congratulated on his achievement and wished him every success.
- Ms. Jackie Maguire also congratulated Deputy Colreavy on his election and wished him every success in Dail Eireann on behalf of the management and staff of Leitrim County Council.

Deputy Colreavy thanked all the Members and Officials of Leitrim County Council. He stated that County Leitrim will be represented by him in the strongest manner. He will bring his voice to a national level for the people of the county.

**Part 1 Notices of Motion**

11/094  
07/03/2011 Planning Legislation in County Leitrim

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to invite the new Minister with responsibility for Planning to attend a meeting in this Council Chamber as soon as possible to discuss the future planning legislation in County Leitrim."
Proposed by Councillor Gerry Dolan, seconded by Councillor Francis Gilmartin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"That Leitrim County Council invites the new Minister with responsibility for Planning to attend a meeting in this Council Chamber as soon as possible to discuss the future planning legislation in County Leitrim."

11/095
07/03/2011 Medical Card Applications

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

"Can the Minister for Health revisit the issue of Medical Card Applications? The centralisation of the process should have been a positive move which saved resources but its implementation has led to significant delays and problems for applicants. I ask that this Council express to the Minister our disappointment with the service and ask for a commitment that the service will be improved."

Proposed by Councillor Gerry Kilrane, seconded by Councillor Francis Gilmartin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Health to revisit the issue of Medical Card Applications. The centralisation of the process should have been a positive move which saved resources but its implementation has led to significant delays and problems for applicants. I ask that this Council express to the Minister our disappointment with the service and ask for a commitment that the service will be improved."

11/096
07/03/2011 Carrick on Shannon By-Pass Route

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Reynolds;

"I ask the Director of Services for Infrastructure if he could outline what is the present position regarding the proposed Carrick on Shannon By-Pass?"

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure

"Approval was recently received for the Preferred Route Corridor from the National Roads Authority. This is the corridor that was advertised last year during the public consultation. The Council has received a design grant this year to continue design work up to Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and production of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This will require approval of the National Roads Authority before the CPO and EIS can be published."
A variation to the County Development Plan and Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan will also be published to reflect the preferred route corridor. This will take place over the coming months."

Councillor Gerry Reynolds asked the Director of Service, Infrastructure and the County Manager to clarify the role of the Members of Leitrim County Council in choosing the preferred route for the Carrick on Shannon By-Pass.

The Members were advised that the emerging preferred route corridor has been identified following a lengthy consultative process and the approval of the preferred route corridor and variation of the County Development Plan to accommodate same will form the next stage of the process.

11/097
07/03/2011  Section 23 Tax Relief

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

"That we The Members of Leitrim County Council call on the Government to ensure the Section 23 Tax Relief for Owners Occupier residents of County Leitrim is kept in place for the duration as originally arranged. This was the incentive used to encourage many families to locate in County Leitrim and assist in improving our population base."

Proposed by Councillor Tony Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Gerry Reynolds AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Government to ensure the Section 23 Tax Relief for Owners Occupier residents of County Leitrim is kept in place for the duration as originally arranged. This was the incentive used to encourage many families to locate in County Leitrim and assist in improving our population base."

11/098
07/03/2011  Mountain View Housing Estate

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

"I call on Leitrim Co. Council to immediately engage with the residents of Mountain View housing estate, Drumshanbo with a view to completing lighting and footpaths and using the bond in place to finance these works."

Report by Director of Service, Planning, Community and Economic Development
"Discussions with the Developer remain ongoing. At present the Council is assessing and costing the outstanding works to be completed on site. It is expected that this assessment will be completed by the end of March. A cash
deposit was lodged by the Developer and it has already been agreed that same will be utilised by the Council to complete outstanding works, subject to the cash deposit being sufficient. If insufficient, then the Council will consider an alternative approach, including the possibility of enforcement action."

*Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin, seconded by Councillor Francis Gilmartin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;*

"That Leitrim County Council immediately engage with the residents of Mountain View housing estate, Drumshanbo with a view to completing lighting and footpaths and using the bond in place to finance these works."

11/099  
07/03/2011  Dun Ri, Housing Estate

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

"May I have the up to date position on the housing development Dun Ri, Carrick-on-Shannon. We need to make progress on the taking in charge of those and other housing developments. We must be pro-active on this and have reason to take developments in charge, because where developers are not prepared to finish this work. We the Local Authority will eventually end up doing so, at a greater cost to Tax payers."

*Report by Director of Service, Planning, Community and Economic Development*

"No application has been received to take this estate in charge. This development consists of two permissions for a total of 90 houses. Permission regarding 78 of these expired in September 2009, while the balance of 12 relate to a permission scheduled to expire in March 2012. Significant site works remain to be completed by the Developer, with a small number of houses still under construction. As the permissions have not expired in totality this estate does at this time not fall within a prioritised category for actioning. The existing infrastructure on site, including public lighting remains the responsibility of the Developer and any issues or concerns should be addressed to the Developer."

11/100  
07/03/2011  Road Side Litter

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

"I ask Mr. Martin Dolan, Director of Services, Environment & Emergency & Cultural Services, what plans or programmes he can put in place, as a matter of urgency, to deal with the growing problem of Road Side Litter through out the county. The problem appears to be getting worse and it is likely that the community at large will need to be involved in any successful solution."
The littered state of many of the road verges should be a cause of embarrassment to everyone in the county, and some thing we cannot continue to tolerate."

*Report by Director of Service, Environment, Emergency and Cultural Services*

"The Council is very conscious and concerned that the problem of roadside littering appears to be worsening. This is despite extensive environmental awareness campaigns and initiatives that have been undertaken during the past 15 years. It is intended that at least four roadside clean-ups will be undertaken on our National Primary roads network during the current year. Environmental awareness campaigns will continue, including the Green Schools and "Adopt a Road" programmes and the use of the media in an effort to get the message through to adults that roadside littering is utterly unacceptable behaviour. In addition, the Community Wardens are being asked to increase their level of vigilance. A number of other Council staff have been authorised to carry out the relevant functions of the Waste Management and Litter Pollution Acts and they are empowered to take prosecutions against anyone caught littering, whether it be day or night. The matter has been referred to the most recent meeting of the Planning, Environment and Emergency Services SPC with a view to the formulation of enhanced policies in this area."

Councillor's Sean McGowan, John Ward and Tony Ferguson voiced their serious concern on the level of littering throughout the county. The Members expressed their concern that the problem was escalating and that it was having a negative impact on the county and its tourism potential.

Mr. Martin Dolan, Director of Service, Environment, Emergency and Cultural Services outlined to the Members that four cleanup operations are scheduled to take place on the National Primary Routes the county in 2011 which should address a number of litter black spots.

Ms. Jackie Maguire acknowledged the extent of the litter problem and stated that securing prosecutions under the existing legislation is extremely difficult in the absence of evidence linking the offender to the waste material.

Councillor John Ward requested that the County Manager consider the installation of CCTV cameras to act as a deterrent to offenders. Ms Maguire agreed to consider the request.

11/101
07/03/2011  N16 Manorhamilton to Glenfarne

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to seek clarity from the NRA regarding the N16 National Primary Road. Is the NRA intending to continue to re-align the existing N16 between Manorhamilton and Glenfarne like they have been
doing over the last number of years and is this an indication that the new road is taken off the agenda?"

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure
"The NRA have not provided any funding again in 2011 to allow the County Council to continue with the design work on the Manorhamilton Bypass or any other significant capital works on the N16. It is very unlikely that any progress will be made on the proposed major schemes in the near future. There is however significant funding on the N16 this year which will address some of the more urgent problem areas.
1/ Completion of traffic Calming Manorhamilton
2/ Traffic Calming Scheme Glenfarne
3/ Improvement works at Diffreen, Glencar
4/ Improvement works at Sradine, Glenfarne.
These are included in the Area Programme listed for consideration at this meeting. The Council are still in discussion with the NRA on the extent of these schemes, but it is likely that the funding available in 2011 will be significantly greater than the figures included in the Area programme.
The Council have also received funding of €100,000 to progress the design of a 2KM realignment of the N16 following on from Kilmakerrill. A further grant of €750,000 has also been received for macadam overlays at Glencar and Manorhamilton."

11/102
07/03/2011 Footpath Repair Manorhamilton

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

"I will ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to have the footpath from "The Corner" in Manorhamilton out the Sligo road to the filling station repaired as it is in dangerous condition."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure
"The footpath from the corner at Gurns to Mc Cormack’s filling station on the N16 Sligo approach is old and has deteriorated as a result of the past two severe winters. While this footpath needs to be resurfaced it could not be considered to be in a dangerous condition and currently there is no funding available for this works. The matter will be revisited when funding becomes available."

Councillor Dolan stated that he was not satisfied with the reply and requested that the matter be given further consideration. Ms. Maguire, County Manager confirmed that the Council will investigate again and that consideration may be given to completing remedial works to the path area closest to the town if funding was not available to complete the full area in question."
11/103  
07/03/2011  Road Markings at entrance to Lahard Estate

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council immediately mark the Main Road at the entrance to Lahard Estate."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure
"The road lining requested by the Councillor at the entrance to the Lahard Estate Ballinamore was carried out on the 24th February."

Councillor Ellis acknowledged that the works were completed at this location, however the Residents were not happy with the road markings and Councillor Ellis requested that the matter be reviewed. Mr John McGuinness, Director of Service, Infrastructure agreed to review the matter.

11/104  
07/03/2011  Bridge Repairs

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to carry out immediate repairs to the bridge on Road No LS22260 adjacent to Clogher Cross in the townland of Drumloona, Killygar, and Carrigallen. This bridge is in a very dangerous condition."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure
"The bridge in question has been inspected, and while it is agreed that it is, indeed, in need of repair, the bridge itself is not considered to be in a dangerous condition. Unfortunately there is no funding available this year to carry out the necessary repairs. There are a number of other bridges in the area also in need of urgent repairs, some with weight restriction and a special application for funding will be made to the Department. The condition of this bridge will be kept under review and immediate measures will be taken to provide protection to pedestrians in the vicinity of the bridge."

11/105  
07/03/2011  Dromahaire Playground

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

"What is the current position regarding the provision of a playground in Dromahaire in relation to site availability and the financing of the project."
Report by Director of Service, Planning, Community and Economic Development
"The Council recognises the need to facilitate the provision of playground facilities in the village of Dromahaire. Unfortunately Leitrim County Council can no longer access funding directly for the provision of such facilities. However the Council is prepared to facilitate and work with the local community to source funding from one or more alternative sources where possible. The Council will meet with local community representatives to consider how this matter can be progressed."

11/106
07/03/2011  Mortgage Payments

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the incoming Government to immediately put in place legislation that assists people who are finding it difficult to meet mortgage payments on their home. The income crisis is devastating for many working people due to cuts and the Universal Social Charge, as well as for those out of work, who are being threatened with repossession by lending institutions. Government must legislate to resolve this and give hope to people. The only way is to have monthly payments reduced by up to 75% and the length of the mortgage extended without penalties, so people can afford to live and keep their home, until a new sustainable economy is established, where people can get employment and income."

Proposed by Councillor Martin Kenny, seconded by Councillor Gerry Reynolds AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

"That Leitrim County Council call on the incoming Government to immediately put in place legislation that assists people who are finding it difficult to meet mortgage payments on their home. The income crisis is devastating for many working people due to cuts and the Universal Social Charge, as well as for those out of work, who are being threatened with repossession by lending institutions. Government must legislate to resolve this and give hope to people. The only way is to have monthly payments reduced by up to 75% and the length of the mortgage extended without penalties, so people can afford to live and keep their home, until a new sustainable economy is established, where people can get employment and income."

11/107
07/03/2011  Reserve Ambulance Fleet

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John McCartin;
"I propose that Leitrim County Council explore the possibility of establishing a reserve ambulance fleet using older ambulances, due to be decommissioned and the existing fire services facilities and drivers."

Report by Director of Service, Environment, Emergency and Cultural Services
"The HSE is the body that is charged with the provision of the ambulance service for County Leitrim and the Council has no statutory role in relation to same. Furthermore, ambulance personnel are specifically trained for the duties that they carry out and neither the fire service nor any other Council personnel have the appropriate qualifications to undertake such roles."

11/108 07/03/2011 Rosconish Road

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

"Would Leitrim County Council please put the Rosconish Road that leads to Gibbons, McGovern etc. on the roads programme and in the meantime fill the craters so that it can be used."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure
"Road in question is road number LT33061 at Rosconish, Drumshnabo and a Restoration Maintenance grant on this road is included in the 2011 Area Programme. Routine Maintenance will also be carried out on this road before the end of March."

11/109 07/03/2011 50 Km Sign Mullagh, Dromahair

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

"I am asking Leitrim County Council to have the 50km sign at Mullagh, Dromahair moved further out the road for the safety of pedestrians particularly children and to slow down traffic generally."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure
"The start of this road currently has a 50km/hr speed limit. A review of the speed limits was recently completed. This included a public consultation period. No submissions or suggestions to change the speed limit on this road were received. The Council is therefore not in a position to consider changing the speed limit on this road until the next review of speed limits is carried out."

Councillor McTernan stated that he was not satisfied with the reply he had received and Mr John McGuinness, Director of Service, Infrastructure confirmed that Leitrim County Council would review the matter.
11/110  
07/03/2011  Zebra Crossing at Health Centre, Kinlough

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

"That this Council move the zebra crossing at the health centre in Kinlough back towards the post office. The current position is on top of a hill and because it's raised it has caused damage to several cars plus is very dangerous to use on a pedestrian crossing."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure
"The Pedestrian Crossing is located on the R280 opposite the Health Centre and Crèche and OPD houses. This is a Table top type Pedestrian crossing and Speed Ramp which facilitates a dual purpose. It is ideally located on the top of hill to give the best sight distance possible. It also has two pedestrian crossing lights with Belisha beacons and Auxiliary lights to warn oncoming motorists. Signs indicating that there is a ramp ahead are located before the crossing on both approaches. Leitrim County Council considers that this is the most appropriate location for this crossing. However it is intended to re-mark the crossing and also to apply some anti-skid material leading into the crossing from both approaches to further highlight the presence of the crossing."

Part II - Questions.

11/110  
07/03/2011  
To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Reynolds;

"I ask the Director of Services for Planning if the work has been completed at Shannon Grove Estate, Carrick on Shannon by the Developer in order to allow the Council to take the Estate in Charge."

Report by Director of Service, Planning, Community and Economic Development
"Leitrim County Council planning staff have been engaged with the developer of this estate for a period of time so as to arrive at a solution to ensure the satisfactory completion of the development. The Contractor is currently on site and the Council are monitoring the situation to ensure that all outstanding works are completed in a timely manner. It is expected that upon completion of outstanding works the Developer will make an application to have this estate taken in charge."
11/111
07/03/2011
To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Reynolds;

"How many Developers have applications with Leitrim County Council to take Estates in Charge in Carrick on Shannon and the number and names of Estates already taken in Charge by the Council and the number and names of Estates for which no applications have been made?"

Report by Director of Service, Planning, Community and Economic Development
"At present the Council have 2 valid applications on hand, with 2 more incomplete applications granted extensions of time to allow the Developer make outstanding submissions necessary to deem their application valid. There are 2 more estates where it is expected to receive an application when outstanding works are complete. Carrick on Shannon has a total of 28 estates (excl Apartment blocks), inclusive of the above."

11/112
07/03/2011
To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;

"I ask the Area Engineer when it is proposed to repair the roads at Boyannagh and Derrinloughan as they are in a very poor state of repair at present and are a danger to road users?"

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure
"The roads in question are County Road LS 6083-0 in Boyannagh and County Road LS 6060-2 in Derrinloughan. Routine Road maintenance will be carried out on these roads before the end of March."

11/113
07/03/2011
To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Tony Ferguson;

"I request the Director of Services, Infrastructure to give a full outline of the situation with regard to the water supply to Dooard, Eden and Rossinver Group Water Schemes supplied from the Rossinver Mains Supply and the current position regarding the proposed extension to this network."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure
"The Dooard, Eden and Rossinver area Group Water Schemes are supplied from the Rossinver public water supply. The capacity of the source is very limited and with recent high usage and wastage, demand currently exceeds supply, resulting in interruptions to normal supply. It is proposed to undertake refurbishment of these group schemes in the current year, by fitting new bulk
meters and individual house meters, etc. which will allow for better leak detection with consequent improvement in supply.

Longer term, the proposal is to supply the water here from the North Leitrim Regional Water Supply Scheme at Moneyduff through the Mullies network. This network extension is tied into the expansion of the plant at Moneyduff and the Council are actively engaged with the Department regarding advancement of this entire project and it is hoped that the Council will be in a position to revert back to the Members shortly on this matter."

11/114  
07/03/2011
To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda McGloin;

"I ask Leitrim County Council to investigate the possibility of re-locating the current bottle bank at Leitrim Village or engaging in screening the area as it proves to be an eyesore at times."

Report by Director of Service, Environment, Emergency and Cultural Services
"It is considered that the bottle banks in Leitrim Village are located in an accessible location. It is intended to construct appropriate screening so as to eliminate any concerns regarding visual appearance."

11/115  
07/03/2011
To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;

"I ask what is the present position as regards the Local Authority Housing Development at Tranmore Mohill. Residents were promised refurbishment over twelve ago, work needs to be done here urgently."

Report by Director of Service, Corporate Services & Housing
"Design work on the Treanmore Remedial Works Scheme is ongoing at present and it is expected that the Part 8 consultation process will commence in the coming weeks."

11/116  
07/03/2011
To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;

"I ask when can we expect the Footpaths in Knocklongford to be repaired and will drop kerbs be put in as requested."

Report by Director of Service, Corporate Services & Housing
"A detailed assessment of the footpaths in Knocklongford has been undertaken and necessary remedial works and dropped kerbs will be
undertaken over the coming two months."

11/117
07/03/2011
To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

"I ask Mr John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure to provide funding in this year's roadwork's programme to carry out improvements to the sightlines at the crossroads at the former post office at Bornacoola. It is extremely difficult and dangerous for motorists approaching the crossroads from the community centre and Cloonmorris direction."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure
"Funding has been provided for improvement works at the former post office at Bornacoola, and it is expected these works will be carried out later in the current year."

11/118
07/03/2011
To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;

"I ask Mr Michael Flynn, Senior Engineer, Carrick-on-Shannon, to carry out immediate repairs at the crossroads on the Attirory – Rockingham Road as it has fallen into a state of disrepair and to have this road included in the 2011 roadworks programme."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure
"Routine maintenance will be undertaken at the crossroads at Attirory-Rockingham as requested. Regrettably it has not been possible to include it in the 2011 Road Works Programme due to a significant reduction in the overall funding available this year."

11/119
07/03/2011
To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;

"I ask Leitrim County Council to write to Bus Eireann about the possibility of providing a Bus Shelter in Manorhamilton."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure
"A letter will issue to Bus Eireann in this regard."

11/120
07/03/2011
To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Caillian Ellis;
"I ask Leitrim County Council to have the footpaths in Lahard Estate, Ballinamore repaired as soon as possible."

*Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure*

"The footpaths in the Lahard estate are indeed in poor condition and it is estimated that it would cost in the region of €15,000 to carry out the necessary repairs. As a result of the significant reduction in the overall level of funding available this year it has not been possible to make provision in the Area Programme for these works this year. The matter will be reviewed if funding becomes available."

11/121  
07/03/2011  
*To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Paddy O'Rourke;*

"When Leitrim County Council erect a concealed entrance sign on the approach to Bridget Wards lane at Cattan Annaghmore along the Road No. LP15732."

*Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure*

"The lane referred to is a private lane off the public local primary road LP15732 situated in the townland of Cattan. It is not the Local Authority's policy to erect such signs at private entrances. The property owner may wish to discuss possible solutions to the problem at this location with the district engineer."

11/122  
07/03/2011  
*To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Dolan;*

"I ask when it is planned to have a rough resurfaced section of road at Aughacashel PO from The Post Office to half way up what is known as Barry's Hill, as the bend at the bottom of the hill has a smooth surface and there have been a number of accidents over the last few months."

*Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure*

"An assessment of the location in question on road number LP 3307 has been carried out. There is a slight random chip loss on this hill, but it is considered that the surface texture has adequate depth and the skid resistance is to an acceptable standard."

11/123  
07/03/2011  
*To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Dolan;*

"I call on Leitrim County Council to have Drumeaglum - Leitrim Road from Pat Flynn's cross to Jim Flynn's cross repaired, as it is in a very bad state of
Repair."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure
"The necessary routine maintenance work will be carried out on this road before the end of March"

11/124
07/03/2011
To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;

"When is it proposed to carry out works on the following road Newbridge to Cooligrain."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure
"Routine Maintenance works are currently ongoing on Road number LP4228 at this location."

11/125
07/03/2011
To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;

"When is it proposed to carry out works on Greyfield Road and Cloonamurgal Road (known locally as the Course Road)."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure
"Routine Maintenance works are currently under way on Road number LP4247 at Cloonamurgal, Drumkerran (Course Road) and the Greyfield road."

11/126
07/03/2011
To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McCarty;

"I ask the Area Engineer for Ballinamore to finish the footpath leading from Carrigallen town to the Barley-field playground at Bredagh, Carrigallen. It has been in this condition since the playground was built two years ago and it is a hazard to residents in the area."

Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure
"It is hoped to resurface the footpath in question in conjunction with other works in the area within the next month."

11/127
07/03/2011
To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McCarty;

"The approach to Drumreilly GAA grounds at Carrickmakeegan from both
sides is extremely narrow. I ask that Leitrim County Council provide lay-bys on this section of road."

**Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure**

"The road leading to Drumreilly GAA grounds from the R199 is the LP1501. The road in question is very narrow and the provision of lay-byes would be desirable. However as a result of the significant reduction in the level of funding available this year it is not possible to provide the lay-byes requested. The matter can be reviewed in 2012."

11/128  
07/03/2011  
*To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor John McTernan;*

"I ask the Director of Services, Infrastructure to remove kerbing on the back line Dromahair as it is restricting the flow of traffic."

**Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure**

"The alignment of the kerbing installed at the junction of the road number LP 4163-6 and LS 4163-5 on the backline in Dromahire act as a traffic calming measure at this location. It is not recommended that this kerbing be removed or realigned as this would undermine the effectiveness of the traffic calming measures at this junction. The remainder of the works on this scheme including top soil the build out will be completed by the end of March."

11/129  
07/03/2011  
*To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Siobhan McGloin;*

"That this Council carry out repairs to the Cloonty-Tullaghan Road."

**Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure**

"The road in question is County Road LP 2072-0 in the Townland of Cloonty. Routine maintenance works will be carried out on this road before the end of March."

11/130  
07/03/2011  
*To consider the following Question submitted by Councillor Siobhan McGloin;*

"That Leitrim County Council carry out repairs to the Carnoona - Aughmore Road to the Sligo County boundary."

**Report by Director of Service, Infrastructure**

"The road in question is County Road LS6099-0 located in townlands of Aghamore/Carrwnnoona. This road is included in the 2011 Roads Restoration
Improvement Programme and will be surfaced this year. In the mean time routine maintenance has been carried out on this road."

The meeting concluded at 8:30 pm.

SIGNED: Frank Dolan  
Cathaoirleach  
DATE: 7th March 2011

SIGNED: Sinead Flynn  
Meetings Administrator