

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2015**

**Cathaoirleach agus Gach Ball,  
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA.**

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**A Chara,**

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held **in Aras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 11 am** 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.

Mise le meas,

Sinead Flynn  
**Meetings Administrator**  
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1. Deimhniu Miontuairisci
  - a. Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Aras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 (copy enclosed).
2. To consider the Chief Executive's Report on Submissions, Consultations and Public Meetings in relation to the Setting of the Local Adjustment Factor for Local Property Tax Rates for 2016. (Report to follow).
3. To amend and ratify the Local Authority Official Representative nominations to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee in accordance with the provisions of Section 22 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998.
4. To consider Monthly Management Reports by the Chief Executive for June and July 2015 in accordance with the provisions of Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 (reports previously circulated).
5. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001.
6. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.
7. To receive a presentation from Ms. Sarah Seanson, Director, The Dock Arts Centre.

8. To approve the attendance of the Elected Members at forthcoming Conferences/ Seminars/ Events and Training.
9. Correspondence (enclosed).

## **Part 1 – Notice of Motions**

### ***10. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Des Guckian;***

"That Leitrim County Council makes the following provision in our upcoming budget: To mark the 1916 Centenary Commemoration, three scholarships of €2,000 euro each be awarded to Leitrim-based students who take history as a Leaving Cert subject and who, as part of that, do a project on 1916 Leaders Seán Mac Diarmada and/or Tom Clarke."

### ***11. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sinead Guckian;***

"I ask will ask for the support of Members in requesting a presentation from Three, regarding the reduced coverage on the O2 mobile network throughout Leitrim, since their takeover of the network earlier this year. Since their takeover, existing O2 customers are experiencing little or no coverage in areas where previously the O2 network had sufficient coverage."

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

"I am calling on the support of all Members, to ask the Minister for Finance to reduce the amount of inheritance tax now payable on transfer of lands or property at the moment. How can we encourage young people to take over the running of farms or business, having first to pay a tax greater in some cases than the holding is worth."

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

"I ask that this County Council unanimously support a call on the Minister for Education, Ms. Jan O'Sullivan to end speculation regarding the inclusion of capital assets such as family farms, business premises etc when assessing eligibility for third level grants. The value of such properties often bears no relation to the income derived from them and the publication of sanitized version of who get grants and who doesn't is serving no purpose other than cause division amongst society who should be directing their attention at the lack of support and list of broken promises by government."

### ***14. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Justin Warnock;***

"I ask Leitrim County Council to hold the County Council's January, 2016 meeting in Kiltyclogher to commemorate Sean Mac Diarmada."

### ***15. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Padraig Fallon;***

"I propose that this Council call on the Minister for Social Protection to have epilepsy included as a condition for a Free Travel Pass."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council call on Government to review the SUSI Student Grant Scheme as delays and red tape continue to frustrate families with students going to college. In addition to a review of the delivery of the scheme, I also propose that the rates of maintenance

grant for students who have to rent and live in Dublin be increased by at least 25% due to the high cost of accommodation in the capital."

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

"I will ask the Chief Executive, Mr. Frank Curran, what is the up to date position in relation to the proposed cycle/walkway on the old narrow gauge railway line between Dromod-Mohill and Ballinamore. Have discussions taken place with relevant landowners/stakeholders? Are there plans in place to carry out a feasibility study? Is there any indication of the cost of this project and is there a commitment to finance the project from the relevant funding agencies."

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

"I will ask what responsibility has the Council for traffic diversions when there are serious traffic accidents on our road network? I am aware that when traffic is diverted on to local roads, drivers sometimes can get lost on the maze of local roads. This can be due to lack of diversion signage."

**19. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Felim Gurn;**

"In light of the severe financial hardships being currently experienced by the farming community, it is proving increasingly difficult for many farmers with multiple water connections servicing fragmented parcels of land to continue to pay water charges as presently determined. As it will be 12 to 18 months before decisions will be made on water charges for mixed use customers, I call on Leitrim County Council to waive the present €650 water disconnection charge in the event that a farmer is forced to discontinue with a water connection due to financial constraints."

**20. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Brendan Barry;**

"I propose that Leitrim County Council contact the Minister for Agriculture Mr. Simon Covney and request that the rules for the Beef Data And Genomics programme be changed to make it possible for more farmers to qualify. The recent changes to suckler beef values make it even harder to fulfill the current requirements."

**21. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Finola Armstrong-McGuire;**

"I call on this Council to introduce free 2 hour parking in all towns in the county. It is essential that this is done and policed. Congestion is caused at busy times by cars circling Carrick-on-Shannon seeking parking spaces. Shoppers and visitors must be given a sense of freedom and those who work in town must be encouraged to park in public free car spaces. The current situation cannot continue."

**22. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Seadhna Logan;**

"I propose that Leitrim County Council examine all the place name signage in the towns across the county and repair or replace any signage that may be absent or damaged. Also if any new signage is required that funding be found to address this immediately and if any new signage is required that any such new signs would be bilingual."

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council and Irish Water to put a fair system in place immediately to deal with the matter of agricultural water charges. The current system of billing followed by threatening letters is causing serious distress for farmers. This is of particular concern for the former members of the Creevelea/Killargue Group Water Scheme now taken in charge by this Council."

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

"I ask this Council to call on the Minister for Agriculture to ensure that at least 50% of the farmers Single Farm Payments are paid out in late September or early October to help farmers. Due to the bad summer, farmers didn't get all their fodder and some of it is of poor quality. Also the young farmers (new to the scheme) had to pay 100% rent up front for rented grass at the beginning of the year and are desperately awaiting payments."