

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

A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held **in the Council Chamber, Aras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim on Monday 6th March 2017 at 11.00 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

Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Aras an Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon on Monday, 9th January 2017 (copy enclosed).

2. To receive presentation on the proposed Phase II of the Civic Office development in Carrick on Shannon by Bluett O'Donoghue, Architects.

3. To approve the raising of a loan of €5m for the purposes of construction of Phase II of the Civic Office development in Carrick on Shannon. (Report enclosed).

4. To consider the disposal of the following:

(a) Transfer of Plot of land comprising 1.265Ha or thereabouts in the townlands of Aughameeny and Keenaghan, Carrick on Shannon comprised in Folio 3941F of the Register of Freeholders County Leitrim.

And

(a) Option to transfer plot of land comprising 0.992Ha or thereabouts in the above townlands comprised in Folio 3941F of the Register of Freeholders County Leitrim.

in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Notice of Intention to Transfer of Plot of land comprising 1.265Ha or thereabouts in the townlands of Aughameeny and

Keenaghan, Carrick on Shannon comprised in Folio 3941F of the Register of Freeholders County Leitrim and option to transfer plot of land comprising 0.992Ha or thereabouts in the above townlands comprised in Folio 3941F of the Register of Freeholders County Leitrim dated 17th February 2017 which was circulated to each Member.

5. Disposal of plot of ground comprising circa 0.5634 acres (0.228 hectares) in the townland of Lisdarush, Rossinver, Co Leitrim (registered in the name of Leitrim County Council – Folio No LM 19460 in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Notice of Intention to dispose of ground comprising circa 0.5634 acres (0.228 hectares) in the townland of Lisdarush, Rossinver, Co Leitrim dated 23rd February 2017 which was circulated to each Member.
6. Disposal of Freehold interest in rural cottage no 215, and adjoining site comprising circa 1.05 acres (0.425 hectares) in the townland of Ardrum, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim (Freehold interest Registered in name of Leitrim County Council – Folio No LM17434) in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Notice of Intention to dispose of Freehold interest in property rural cottage no 215 and adjoining site comprising circa 1.05 acres (0.425 hectares) in the townland of Ardrum, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim dated 23rd February 2017 which was circulated to each Member.
7. To consider resolution to enter into an agreement, under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001, with Roscommon County Council in respect of the programme for the management of Invasive Alien Plant Species on roads whereby Roscommon County Council will be enabled to undertake the works as may be necessary in the Administrative Area of Leitrim County Council. (Report enclosed).
8. To adopt the Leitrim County Council Annual Service Delivery Plan 2017 (Report to follow).
9. To receive report on the operation of Litter Pollution Act 1997 in regard to measures taken during 2016 in relation to the prevention and control of litter. (Report enclosed).
10. To consider and approve the implementation of a Hedge Cutting Grants Scheme on a 1 year pilot scheme basis. (Report enclosed).
11. To note schedule of uncollected rates.
12. To note Rate Collection Report for 2016 (Report enclosed).
13. To note the report from the Leitrim Joint Policing Committee (Report enclosed).
14. To consider Report from the Audit Committee for 2016 (Report to follow).
15. To note the Schedule of Municipal District Works including Road Works Programme 2017 as approved by the Municipal Districts.
16. To consider Monthly Management Reports by the Chief Executive for December 2016 and January 2017 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).
17. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act, 2001.

18. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group.
19. To approve the attendance of the Elected Members at forthcoming conferences.
20. Correspondence (enclosed).

Part I - Notice of Motions.

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

"I ask this Council to call on the Minister of Agriculture before the new proposal is completed. The Department of Agriculture is currently carrying out a review of the Areas of Natural Constraint Scheme. This payment has been reduced from €4,454 in mountain areas to €3,400 since 2008. Current proposals mentioned that if more than 50% of the land in a DED is afforested (Planted) then this DED would not be eligible for Areas of Natural Constraint Scheme payments."

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

"In the recent commercial premises revaluation, drink sales were multiplied by 7% and food sales were multiplied by 5% annually to establish the rate liability.

It is clear that this has amounted to a significant rise in rates for pubs and restaurants against a back drop of falling turnover and tightening margins.

This flat rate does not take into account economies of scale. Pubs with a large turnover can achieve a greater margin than those with a smaller turnover.

I propose a progressive rate for pubs and restaurants as follows;

Food sales up to €200,000 to be rated at 3%

Food sales above €200,000 to be rated 5%

Drink sales up to €500,000 to be rated at 5%

Drink sales above €500,000 to be rated at 7%"

23. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Des Guckian;

"That, we the Elected Members, request the Government to hold a public investigation into how and why we have so many unfinished housing estates in County Leitrim and into the ill-effects this is having on the county in general."

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

"I ask the Chief Executive, what protocols and procedures are being followed within the Council, when deputations are requested to meet with the the Chief Executive or other Executives of the Council regarding public issues."

25. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Padraig Fallon;

"That Leitrim County Council recognises the very difficult working conditions of our Nurses and Midwives and supports their campaign demands, in particular, their demands around staffing, recruitment and staff retention."

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

"I ask Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation, what progress has been made with regard to putting together a list of rivers and tributaries which are in need of cleaning within the county. Has contact being made with the OPW with a view to securing a funding package over the next 4 to 6 years to clean and dredge all those rivers which feed into the main rivers and lakes within the county of Leitrim."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to consider the establishment of a Forum on Rural Development in Leitrim. Recently the Government launched it's National Action Plan for Rural Ireland, as a framework, this action plan has significant opportunities for rural development in Leitrim. I feel now might be the time to establish a Rural Development Forum in Leitrim. I am aware that Clare County Council is in the process of establishing a Forum on Rural Development."

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

"Town Centre Retail is changing rapidly. With revaluation of Rates now leaving most of Carrick-on-Shannon's town centre retailers experiencing upward costings can this chamber examine the of giving Rates allowances where occupiers of premises have created a unique style outlet of tourist, historical, artistic and economical benefit. Many premises see no return from Leitrim County Council for Rates paid. We may lose key businesses in town through the costing of Rates increasing. Rent is fixed but much increased rates are sprung on businesses. Credits should be earned by recognising uniqueness and excellence."

29. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Justin Warnock;

"I ask my fellow Councillors for their support for this Notice of Motion in calling on Leitrim County Council to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Michael Creed, following the ANC (Areas of Natural Constraint) review this year, that monies retrieved from lands which are deemed ineligible be returned to the farmers of this county and those in the disadvantaged areas of the West of Ireland."

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

"Leitrim County Council members view with alarm the recent decision of the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government to change the qualifications required for posts in the Public Library Service by dropping the requirement for an ability to transact business in the Irish Language. This decision means that there is now no requirement for anyone working with Leitrim County Council and other local authorities to have any knowledge of Irish whatsoever. This Council calls on the Minister to reverse this decision immediately in the national interest and in order to provide services to the public through the medium of the first official language of the state."

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

"As a result of the revaluation process rate payers in Dromahaire Village have received a significant increase, so much so that other doors may be forced to close, and should this happen the village will have very little left. I ask in light of this that we write to the relevant Department calling for a complete change to this out dated system of collecting revenue in an effort to save not just Dromahaire but all our small towns and villages."

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

"I request that Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Agriculture, Michael Creed to maintain and invest in the Regional Veterinary laboratory in Doonally Co. Sligo. This is a vital service to maintain and improve Ireland's high Animal disease control and prevention standards. The highest possible standards are required to secure new, and grow existing export markets. We need to encourage farmers to use the laboratories more by keeping them within a reasonable distance."

33. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Caroline Mulvey;

"I request that Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Communications, Climate Change and Natural Resources, Denis Naughton to save the post office in Aughavas, County Leitrim as this is a vital service to the local community and also to call on Minister of State for Regional Economic Development, Michael Ring to prevent any further cuts to our rural services"

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

"I ask that this Council call on the Minister for Regional Economic Development, Michael Ring TD to use his influence with An Post to help retain the postal services in Aughavas where there is evidence of a necessity for such a service along with genuine support for it in the community."

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

"The methodology employed for determining the rate-able valuations of licensed premises and restaurants in Ireland by the Valuation Office is placing an impossible burden on such businesses in rural Ireland. We call on the appropriate authorities to reduce the turnover percentage used in the calculation by 50% - otherwise employment in these sectors will be adversely affected and may result in some people going out of business."

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

"I ask has this Council received any plans, or other indication, from the H.S.E. as to their future intentions to build the long awaited new St Patrick's Hospital, in Carrick-on-Shannon."

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

"I call on the Minister for Education, Mr Richard Bruton TD and the Department of Education to grant Deis status to St Brigid's N.S. Drumkeerin and to Lough Allen College, Drumkeerin as a matter of urgency in the interest of fairness and equality for students and parents."
