

27th October 2015

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

A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held **in Aras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon on Monday, 2nd November 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

Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Aras An Chontae,
Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 7th September, 2015 (copy enclosed).

2. To approve the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendation pursuant to Section 179 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2015 & Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 - 2015, for the development of a Blueway Trail from Acres Lakes, Drumshanbo to Battlebridge comprising the construction of a timber/steel boardwalk and bound path around the foreshore of Acres Lake, linking into proposed new unbound paths and existing established paths along the Lough Allen Canal. (Report to follow).
3. To consider the adoption of Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2015 for County Leitrim in pursuant of Section 9 of the Roads Traffic Act, 2004 and Part 19 of Local Government Act, 2001. (Report enclosed).
4. To consider Monthly Management Reports by the Chief Executive for August and September 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 approve overdraft accommodation in the sum of €1.5 million for the twelve month period ending 31st December 2016, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, in accordance with Section 106 (2) of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended.

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 consider the Winter Service Maintenance Plan 2015/2016 (Report to follow).
9. To approve the attendance of the Elected Members at forthcoming Conferences/ Seminars/ Events and Training.
10. Correspondence (enclosed).

Part 1 – Notice of Motions

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

"I call on the Minister for Education Ms. Jan O'Sullivan and the Department of Education to grant DEIS status to Drumkeerin National School as a matter of urgency."

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

"I will seek the support of Members in calling on the Minister for Justice, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D and the Garda Commissioner Ms. Noreen O' Sullivan to review the decision taken in 2013 to close rural Garda Stations. This was a money saving move, it was done to cut down on the cost of rural policing and ultimately with the offering of the relevant properties for sale, it has proved to be a detrimental decision which has left many rural communities vulnerable and fearful. It has sent a message to the criminal world that rural Ireland is there for the taking.

Over recent months we have seen an alarming increase in situations where rural communities are being targeted with the result that people particularly the elderly are living in a constant state of fear."

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

"That the flow of information to Councillors be improved in the following ways:

That Councillors who are representing the County Council on external bodies/boards supply their fellow Councillors with a short written summary after each meeting.

That County Council Officials make available to Councillors the names of all Contractors employed by the Council doing the various works in which the Council is involved."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Minister and Department of Agriculture to immediately address the deliberate exclusion of 4,000 farmers who despite being under the age of 40 do not qualify for key young farmer supports."

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

"That Leitrim County Council outright condemns the disgraceful series of cutbacks inflicted on St. Patrick's Hospital, Carrick-on-Shannon in recent years and calls on the current Government and the HSE who facilitated these cuts to protect the current services while demanding the full re-

instatement of services stolen from the community in the mis-directed belief that money will be saved and the hospital will be protected in the long-term."

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

"Bearing in mind that the parent company of CDM Smith Ireland Limited, the company employed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on behalf of the Irish people to lead the "Environmental Impacts of Unconventional Gas Exploration & Extraction (UGEE)" research project, has led the fracking industry into Poland and Ukraine, we call on the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources Mr. Alex White T.D. to direct the EPA to stop the study immediately and to cancel the issuing of supplementary tenders for on-the-ground seismic tests and other monitoring tasks relating to this work. It is plainly absurd for the EPA (or the Minister) to argue that because the company has signed "a conflict of interest declaration as part of the tender documentation" that their track record in this area will not influence their decision making."

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

"I am asking for the support of all Members of Leitrim County Council to call on the Minister for Finance NOT to sign into Law the remaining sections of the Credit Union and Co-Operation with Overseas Regulators, Act 2012, until the concerns of the Credit Union Sector, have been considered and satisfactorily addressed as the proposals place the Credit Union Sector at a serious disadvantage vis-à-vis the commercial banking sector."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council at the Annual Budget Meeting put in place an allocation to provide for the maintenance and upgrading of graveyards. There is a great demand and need for such a fund right throughout the county."

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

"Some of the so called good news stories in the recent budget are misleading, many of the announcements around childcare will not come into effect until at least September, 2016. Leitrim County Council does not condone this Governments attempts to fool the Irish people."

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

"I ask the Director of Services for Economic Development what is the latest update on the former MBNA complex in Carrick-on-Shannon and if there are any IDA or other business initiatives forthcoming.

If not, I would propose that the possible development of an International Language College at this complex be investigated."

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

"Over months motions and questions have been raised regarding the withdrawal of public lighting on estates not yet taken-in-charge. There appears to be a definite pattern emerging when an estate is regarded by a Developer as complete, the lighting which has been provided is cut off by the electricity provider. Experience shows that the process embarked upon to have lighting reinstated is costly and there is a danger in having no lighting in areas of high population i.e. housing estates. Can this Council work with electricity providers to stop this method of closing off

estates before being taken in charge? Reconnection besides being extremely costly is an unnecessary and unfair practise."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council demand that the Government intervene immediately to stop the research commissioned by the EPA into Fracking by CDM Smith. This is a clear conflict of interest as CDM Smith is an overtly pro-fracking multinational company which sponsored The Shale Gas World Europe conference in Warsaw in 2013 and has worked for the gas and oil industry all over the world promoting fracking."

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to prioritize the local road that leads to the homestead of Sean MacDiarmada for a 'Restoration Improvement Grant' from the Annual Roads Programme for 2016, half of this road was completed this year."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council make contact with the Minister for Transport, Paschal Donohoe TD, with a view to seeking an appointment regarding funding for local and private roads. As there has been no response from him on this issue which is very urgent for people who live in rural areas."

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

"Leitrim County Council has been made aware of the growing body of irrefutable evidence regarding the serious and unregulatable risks to human life and health posed by the Unconventional Gas Exploration and Extraction (UGEE) industry. The Council is particularly concerned by the shocking revelations contained in the New York State Health Commission Report of 2014. For this reason, Leitrim County Council requires that the Irish Government and the Northern Ireland Executive, as well as their agents cease and desist from any further activities or other development within County Leitrim which is in any way associated with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (EPA - DCENR - NIEA) and the UGEE Joint Research Programme (JRP)."
