

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

**Áras An Chontae
Cora Droma Ruisc**

30th June 2015

**Cathaoirleach agus Gach Ball,
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A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held **in Aras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon on Monday, 6th July 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 Bredagh Old School House, Carrigallen on Monday, 11th May 2015 (copy enclosed).
 - b. Minutes of Annual Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Aras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Friday, 26th June 2015 (copy enclosed).
2. To adopt the Economic Development Strategy for County Leitrim 2015-202. (report to follow).
3. To adopt Leitrim County Council Incentivised Scheme for Business Start-ups in Town Centres (report enclosed).
4. To receive an update on Leitrim County Council's Budgetary Process.
5. To approve the establishment and the nomination of the Members to the Joint Policing Committee (report enclosed).
6. To consider Monthly Management Reports by the Chief Executive for April and May 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).

7. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act, 2001.
8. To consider report of Corporate Policy Group.
9. To approve the attendance of the Elected Members at forthcoming conferences.
10. Meeting correspondence.

Part I - Notice of Motions

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

"At the July meeting of the Leitrim County Council, I will seek the support of the Members in calling on Mr Frank Morrison, Acting Area Manager, Sligo/Leitrim & West Cavan, HSE West and the Department of Health to immediately provide additional nursing and care attendant staff in St. Patrick's Hospital, Carrick-on-Shannon. The present situation cannot be tolerated any longer, I have received a large number of complaints from relatives of patients over the past number of months complaining about the shortage of nurses in the Hospital, and the pressure that they are under trying to maintain a proper standard of care for the patients. The staff are doing excellent work under the circumstances but they appear to be working under duress all the time."

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

"That Leitrim Housing introduce a points rating system for all who are seeking housing from the County Council."

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

"I ask that Leitrim County Council call on the Department of Education and Skills to carry out a review regarding the Primary School Transport Scheme and ensure that any family in receipt of Back to School Clothing and Footwear allowance or with medical cards are afforded Free School transport."

It does not make sense that you can receive back to school allowance have a medical card – all means assessed and still be expected to pay for a bus ticket."

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

"I ask CEO, Mr. Frank Curran how many jobs were created in County Leitrim in the past 12 months and a break down for each Municipal area?"

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

"I call upon Leitrim County Council to unanimously support a call on Tanaiste and Minister for Social Protection, Ms. Joan Burton T.D, to immediately suspend the plans to reconfigure the MABS service as the proposed plan will result in increased cost of administration at national level while preventing the delivery of a very essential service at local level to local people many who desperately need it. Members are aware of the invaluable service that MABS has provided particularly in the last number of years and how essential it is for people who are experiencing

financial difficulty to have the assistance of MABS."

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

"At the July meeting of Leitrim County Council I will propose that Leitrim County Council should contract - out all verge cutting and hedge trimming to private operators at this time of year. This work should be taking place now but I understand that out-door staff numbers are at an all time low and that a lot of surface dressing takes place at this time of year also."

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

"I ask that Speed Indicator Signs which are Vehicle Activated with LED lighting and give true speed displays with programmable symbols or messages are placed at

(a) along the bypass in Carrick-on-Shannon by the Social Welfare Office

(b) along approach roads to Leitrim Village. From Carrick-on-Shannon and Drumshanbo.

I request that the existing Speed indicator sign at Acres Lake in Drumshanbo is brought out a further distance on the R207 to create an awareness earlier prior to vehicles passing McGuire's Cottages where children are often at play. The one at Killianiker in Rooskey is very effective."

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

"On a recent visit to the Local Authority Housing Estate at Drumlease, Dromahair I was surprised to see that there were a number of vacant dwellings in a very poor state of repair. There is evidence of flood damage to a number of the gardens and unauthorised dumping with the attendant rodent infestation problems. From speaking with colleagues I am concerned that there are other estates under the Council's control where there are similar problems. To this end I propose that the Housing Officer report back to the next meeting of the Council with the following information:

the number of dwellings under the council's control;

the number of vacant housing units;

the number of vacant houses which are deemed uninhabitable;

the frequency of inspection and the level of monitoring of estates under the council's control."

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

"At the July meeting of Leitrim County Council I will look for the support of members in calling on the Department of Agriculture and Minister Simon Coveney to reverse, the unjust Single Farm Payment cuts and penalties imposed on farmers, in marginal and disadvantaged areas across rural Ireland. Many farmers are struggling to survive, with loss of income and penalties imposed on farm land which had been actively farmed and properly maintained for generations but was deemed ineligible and not fit for farming in 2013. I also call on the Minister to cease all Land eligibility, ground and aerial satellite inspections, until this unfair situation is resolved."

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

"At the July Council Meeting, I will propose that Leitrim County Council would adopt Kiltyclogher as a Heritage Village for the County. I think that it would be appropriate as we edge closer to 'The Centenary Celebrations' of 'The Easter Rising'."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council calls on the Government to halt the proposed new centralised system of procurement of common goods and services across all public bodies. Eight common categories of spend across all public bodies, including ICT and office equipment, professional services and marketing, print and stationery are all proposed to be procured by the (Office of Government Procurement) OGP. Even plant hire and minor building and civil engineering works usually purchased locally by individual local authorities would be secured centrally by the Local Government Operational Procurement Centre (LGOPC) hosted by Kerry County Council. There has been no account of the impact this will have on local economies and local jobs."

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

"I ask that Leitrim County Council support childcare providers in their campaign to have early childhood care facilities exempt from commercial rates and contact all relevant Departments and Ministers."

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

"This Council supports the recent protest action of the INMO and staff and calls on the Government and the HSE to deal with the under staffing and provision of Nurses and Health Care Assistants at St Patrick's Hospital, Carrick on Shannon as a priority."

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council write to the Minister for Agriculture, Mr Simon Coveney not to implement the new regulations in regard to farmers having to get Planning Permission to replace existing fencing or when erecting new fences on their lands."

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

"At the moment, the Department of Agriculture, have set out guidelines that all young Farmers must complete a course the equivalent of the Green Cert, to avail of Grants and all other entitlements, there are a huge number of expressions of interest in this course, unfortunately Teagasc is only in a position to offer 30 places to farmers in Ballymote. I call on the Department of Agriculture and E.T.B. to provide Educational Officers and facilities here in Leitrim to any farmer who needs to complete this course."
