



**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA**  
**Leitrim County Council**



**Áras an Chontae**  
**Carrick on Shannon**

**Wednesday, 1 May 2024**

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

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A Chara,

A meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held in the **Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Tuesday, 7 May 2024 at 11.00 am** for the purpose of considering the business set out on the Agenda hereunder.

You are hereby invited to attend.

In accordance with Statutory Provisions, the Register of Chief Executive's Orders will be available for inspection at the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

**Kieran Brett**  
**Meetings Administrator**  
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**Agenda**

1. Adoption of Minutes 4th March 2024 (Pages 1 - 24)
2. Disposals under Section 183(1) of the Local Government Act, 2001
  - I. Consider for disposal area of land comprising circa 0.013 hectares (Pages located alongside house No 1 in Lahard, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim in Folio 25 - 28) LM14081
3. Consider the approval of additional expenditure by Leitrim County Council in the performance of its functions in 2023 (Pages 29 - 30)
4. Consider the Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December 2023 (Pages 31 - 68)

5. Consider the draft Annual Report 2023 (Pages 69 - 148)
6. Consider the issue of Polling Information Cards in relation to Local Elections 2024
7. Management Reports - February & March 2024 (Pages 149 - 186)
8. Note the National and Local Service Indicator Reports (Pages 187 - 210)
9. Note the date and time of the Annual Meeting
10. Commitments

Under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act, 2001

11. Report from Corporate Policy Group
12. Attendance at conferences/training
13. Meeting Correspondence (Pages 211 - 256)
14. Presentation on Promotion of the Irish in the County

### **Notice of Motions**

#### ***15. Motion from Councillor Pdraig Fallon (on behalf of members of Manorhamilton MD)***

Motion submitted jointly by all six members of Manorhamilton Municipal District. That this Municipal endorses the reports by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories that show Israel is committing the crime of apartheid against the Palestinian people; and further noting that the United Nations has declared apartheid a crime against humanity under the 'The International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid'; this Council, in line with our commitment to the principles of international law, declares itself an Apartheid Free Zone, and in doing so, fully supports and endorses the Palestinian-led Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement for freedom, justice and equality.

#### ***16. Motion from Councillor Felim Gurn:***

The construction industry and house building has stalled recently because of construction costs involved for first time builders or those completing a self-build. VAT rates are 23% or for self-build 13.5%. The average house build is €375k. If the VAT rate was zero, it would reduce the costs for a self-build by €86k or €50k on a contractor build and it would incentivise more house building.

I call on the Minister of Finance, therefore, to remove VAT on house building projects for a period of one year, this measure would bring down the cost for building and be quick solution to our housing problem.

**17. Motion from Councillor Des Guckian**

That in light of the careless planning decisions, given, by Leitrim Planning, over the years, in areas liable to flooding, our Council officials must consider granting compensation to homeowners whose foundations have been flooded or whose houses have been entered by flood waters.

**18. Motion from Councillor Sean McGowan:**

I ask the Director of Services infrastructure has there been any response from either of the Departments of Agriculture and the Department of Transport in our call to provide, a funding scheme as a matter of urgency, to support landowners & farmers to address the serious issue that Ash Die Back poses on the Ash Tree species in roadside hedgerows across the country.

**19. Motion from Councillor Enda Stenson**

I seek the support of the members in calling on Minister Roderic O'Gorman, to provide a proper source of funding to Community groups to enable them to acquire or fund the purchase of premises, needed at present, to cope with the current demand, for Childcare

**20. Motion from Councillor Enda McGloin:**

I call on Leitrim County Council to consider adopting a private housing strategy for the County, that needs to address our current lack of private and affordable new housing which would be considered by the local authority for adoption before the end of this calendar year. While acknowledging the progress under the Croí Cónaithe scheme, we must address the lack of enthusiasm by developers to build new homes in our county with the exception of Carrick on Shannon. This will adversely affect our potential to bring jobs and investment to Leitrim.

**21. Motion from Councillor Sean McDermott:**

I raise the issue of depopulation in many of our rural parishes. There is concern that there are plans to discourage one-off housing in the countryside. The population make up of Leitrim has always been town, village and one-off housing. For years there has been no rural houses built in many parishes. Only 10 houses received planning in Glenfarne in 2004, but none since 2016. Will the engagement the Council has had with Trinity College, the EPA and the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage lead to a solution to facilitate planning for one-off housing before it's too late for many of our parishes.

**22. Motion from Councillor Paddy O'Rourke**

I ask what is the position regarding people who's applications for an LIS was unsuccessful under the old rules i.e. (the necessity for two active herd numbers on a roadway) now that the rules have changed and no longer require two herd numbers on roadway. Will there be an opportunity for

those applications to be reviewed in light of the change in the criteria.

**23. Motion from Councillor Justin Warnock:**

I ask for a review of the Council's role in the Leitrim's Sustainable Agriculture Group for the term of the next Council?

**24. Motion from Councillor Brendan Barry:**

I request that Leitrim County Council amend the terms and conditions of the Local Improvement Scheme in the county to reflect the changes that the Department who are funding the schemes have made regarding herd numbers. Applications that were previously rejected should be reviewed.

**25. Motion from Councillor Paddy Farrell:**

I call on Leitrim County Council to send a strong motion to the Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee and the Government to work with their counterparts in Northern Ireland to immediately regulate the large flow of illegal immigrants flocking to this country without proper checking or identification.

**26. Motion from Councillor Mary Bohan**

I propose that Leitrim County Council contact the Taoiseach, Simon Harris TD, the Tánaiste, Micheál Martin TD, Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee TD, and Minister Roderic O'Gorman TD to express our total dissatisfaction with the lack of communication in relation to the placing of international protection persons to locations in County Leitrim.

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