



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA
Leitrim County Council



Áras an Chontae
Carrick on Shannon

Tuesday, 2 July 2024

Cathaoirleach agus Gach Ball,
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA.

A Chara,

A meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held in the **Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday, 8 July 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,

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Agenda

1. Adoption of Minutes
 - I. Minutes of the 7th May 2024 (Pages 1 - 22)
 - II. Minutes of the Annual Meeting 21st June 2024 (Pages 23 - 36)
2. Disposals under Section 183(1) of the Local Government Act, 2001
 - I. Consider for approval disposal of lands comprising 15.56 Acres (6.3 Hectares) in the townland of Drummagh, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim as contained in Folio No. 4106. (Pages 37 - 46)
 - II. Consider for approval disposal of restored buildings on the site of the Old railway Station at The Junction, St Felim's College Premises, Ballinamore, (Pages 47 - 52)

Co. Leitrim as contained in Folio LM21245F

3. Consider for adoption the Leitrim Arts Plan 2024-2027 (Pages 53 - 70)
4. Consider Draft SPC Scheme 2024-2029 (Pages 71 - 82)
5. Note update on Speed Limit Review (Pages 83 - 84)
6. Approve the Department of Social Protection nominee to the Leitrim Community Development Committee (LCDC) (Pages 85 - 86)
7. Management Reports - April & May 2024 (Pages 87 - 128)
8. Commitments

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

9. Report from Corporate Policy Group
10. Attendance at conferences/training
11. Meeting Correspondence (Pages 129 - 182)

Notice of Motions

12. Motion from Councillor Des Guckian:

I urge all Councillors to join with me in urging our CEO and leading officials to seek a doubling of central government funding for all Council Departments.

13. Motion form Councillor Justin Warnock

I ask for the support of the elected members in calling on Minister for Further and Higher Education Patrick O'Donovan TD, and the Minister for Finance Michael McGrath TD, to introduce immediately a substantial allowance/incentive for trainee doctors, nurses, speech therapists, occupational therapists and all other trainee medical students, who in turn would give a 2 - 3 year commitment to work in Ireland after graduation.

14. Motion from Councillor Paddy Farrell:

I call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien to halt the implementation of Waterways Ireland's new bye-laws, which herald the introduction of new charges and regulations, that will have an impact on cruiser traffic on the River Shannon, until such time as a study is carried out to determine if these charges and regulations result in a sharp decline in river cruiser traffic. Locally in Leitrim, it appears that river traffic is down almost 50% this year.

15. Motion from Councillor Enda McGloin:

I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Housing and Local Government to review upwardly the rates under the current housing grants scheme for disabled and older persons. The current recommended rates are totally insufficient given the building inflationary increases, leaving a considerable amount of applicants turning down their approved grant because they cannot afford to proceed, which is disappointing.

16. Motion from Councillor Mary Bohan:

I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs and the Taoiseach, as a matter of urgency, to increase the provision of childcare places in County Leitrim. Extra resources need to be allocated for this service immediately.

17. Motion from Councillor Sean McGowan:

That we call on the HSE to immediately carry out refurbishment of the day Care Centre at Arus Carolan in Mohill, so that the services that were provided there in the past, to the people of south Leitrim, can be reinstated.

18. Motion from Councillor Pdraig Fallon:

I ask what is the Local Authority's position with regard to house purchases where Tenant in Situ is not, or cannot be availed of. Specifically, is this Local Authority seeking to expand stock, looking at single offers of residential properties as they become available.

19. Motion from Councillor Felim Gurn:

The development of one-off housing has been an issue in Leitrim for the last 20 years. With technology it can be sorted out. However, costs to do so are approximately €50k per house, and even with grants of approximately 10k available, it is still not viable for young people to build due to materials and labour costs. Young people are frustrated that we have not been able to come up with a solution to this problem. We have to resolve this problem in this 5 year term, otherwise our rural areas will never survive. We have to find a suitable percolating system to be adopted throughout the county by EPA.

20. Motion from Councillor Gary Prior:

In relation to the Local Improvement Scheme for rural private lane-ways, I call on Leitrim County Council to support this motion to have a delegation of councillors to meet with the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, to seek a substantial funding payment as soon as possible, so we as a council can seriously make an impact on the huge backlog of applications in the county, which in its current form will take some years to address. Such a funding package would enable the LIS scheme to be re-

opened to new applicants.

21. Motion from Councillor Ita Reynolds Flynn:

I request that Leitrim County Council write to the Minister for Health and the HSE, requesting that the employment embargo in the HSE is ended. The lack of carers in the community is at crisis point and causing great stress to both families and employees.

22. Motion from Councillor Cormac Flynn:

I ask Leitrim County Council to call on the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media, Catherine Martin, along with Waterways Ireland and Bord Failte, to initiate a study to ascertain the reason for the sharp decline on cruiser traffic on the River Shannon.

23. Motion from Councillor Maeve Reynolds:

That Leitrim County Council call on Minister Roderic O'Gorman to delay the Draft Child Care Act 1991 Childminding Regulations 2024 until comprehensive consultations with childminders occur and amendments address service operators' legitimate concerns. While safeguarding children is paramount, these proposed regulations impose financially and administratively burdensome requirements on small-scale childminders. Instead of enhancing child safety, it risks driving small-scale childminders out of the industry at a time when securing childcare services is already extremely challenging for parents wishing to return to work.

24. Motion from Councillor Roisin Kenny:

Leitrim is one of the nine counties still without a refuge for those suffering domestic violence. I ask that Leitrim County Council call on the government to rectify this as a matter of urgency. Provision of a refuge unit was included in the governments zero tolerance strategy to tackle domestic, sexual and gender-based violence published in June 2022. Can the council get an update on the implementation of this strategy and a date for when we can expect the refuge unit to be operational in the County.

25. Motion from Councillor Eddie Mitchell:

I ask that the council shall promote, organise and assist the carrying out of research into the socio-economic impacts on rural communities in County Leitrim that may arise out of land use changes and forestry now and in the future with a particular interest in landownership and the move away from locally distributed land ownership towards land held in concentrated ownership, land owned outside the local region and land owned or managed by or for investment funds

26. Motion from Councillor James Gilmartin:

To further encourage uptake of the Croi Cónaithe Scheme I ask that Leitrim County Council call on the Department of Housing to allow payment of the scheme to be on a staged basis to further incentivise prospective applicants; to increase the build time requirement from 13 months to 24 months to address shortages in suitable contractors alongside unforeseen issues associated with renovations; and to provide extra funding for removal and disposal of asbestos, which may be relevant in older buildings.

27. Motion from Councillor Brendan Barry:

That Leitrim County Council calls on the Government and Minister for Children to publicly commit to childminding and to demonstrate a real and meaningful process of engagement with childminders to address significant fears and concerns that they have about the new regulatory framework for childminding. Failure to do so will lead to a mass exodus of childminders from the sector and an absence of thousands of current childcare places.

28. Motion from Councillor Paddy O'Rourke

That Leitrim County Council to write to the Minister for Transport requesting him to receive a delegation of Councillors from this council to discuss the funding for the community and voluntary schemes which have fallen far behind in funding coupled with approximately 20 percent rise in materials costs over the last year. These schemes offer a lifeline to people living on mostly cul-de-sac roads, but nevertheless less public roads, with residents in most cases prepared to contribute to the scheme but we have been placed in a position by the poor funding that small number of projects are completed this year.