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Leitrim County Council



Áras an Chontae
Carrick on Shannon

Friday, 19 June 2020

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

A Chara,

A Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held in the **Bush Hotel, Carrick on Shannon on Friday, 26 June 2020 at 1.30 pm** 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. Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2020 (Pages 1 - 26)
 - II. Minutes of online Information Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th May 2020 (Pages 27 - 50)
 - III. Minutes of Special Online Meeting held on Monday, 25th May 2020 (Pages 51 - 58)
 - IV. Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd June 2020 (Pages 59 - 60)
2. To consider for approval Chief Executives report and recommendations on part 8

planning on the following developments (Pages 61 - 70)

- I. Construct a footpath along the LP2059 outbound from Tullaghan
 - II. Construct a footpath, associated footbridge and associated public lighting along Church Street, Carrigallen
 - III. Construct a footpath and associated public lighting from Drumkeeran to the Windmill Housing Development
 - IV. Construct a 2 storey extension to the front of the existing 'Hive' building in Carrick on Shannon (Pages 71 - 84)
3. Section 183 Disposals
- I. Consider for approval disposal of vacant rural house and adjoining site (0.13 hectares) at Cornamucklagh South, Ballinaglera, Co Leitrim (Pages 85 - 86)
 - II. Consider for approval disposal of a section of the green area adjoining No 13 Dristernan, Drumshanbo (0.012 hectares) (Pages 87 - 88)
4. Consider agreement with Roscommon County Council concerning the design, construction and completion of the Hartley Bridge Project (Pages 89 - 90)
5. Consider the Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2019 (To Follow)
6. Approve additional expenditure incurred by Leitrim County Council in the performance of its functions during 2019
7. Consider the Draft Annual Report 2019. (Pages 91 - 160)
8. Report on the National & Local Performance Indicators, 2019 (Pages 161 - 176)
9. Report from Corporate Policy Group
10. Management Reports - February, March, April & May 2020 (Pages 177 - 262)
11. Commitments under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act, 2001
12. Attendance at conferences/training
13. Correspondence (Pages 263 - 308)

Notice of Motions

14. Motion from Councillor Des Guckian:

That we call upon all political parties and Independents in this state to immediately begin work on drafting a new National Plan that will take into account the real and new national Planning needs of Ireland in the post-COVID situation. The entire landscape and assumed possibilities, have been drastically altered by COVID and Ireland must establish a new paradigm to meet it.

15. Motion from Councillor Sean McGowan

I seek the support of members in calling on the HSE to provide an Ophthalmic service in the new Medical Centre currently under construction in Carrick on Shannon. This service was previously in Carrick and it was moved to Sligo University Hospital. We will have a state of art facility when the new centre opens and now is the time to make provision for this much needed service.

16. Motion from Councillor Pdraig Fallon:

I ask Leitrim County Council what element or percentage of commission earned is taken into account when assessing income thresholds for Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan applications, if it is a Department guideline, if such a guidelines can be issued in reply and how this compares with percentages used by banks.

17. Motion from Councillor Enda McGloin:

I call on Leitrim Co Council to provide a report on how they currently handle the derelict buildings register in the County and in particular buildings within our towns that neighbouring businesses may purchase to enhance and expand their present business premises.

18. Motion from Councillor Sean McDermott:

Is it possible, that when the new Leitrim County Council area offices in Manorhamilton are up and running, to have space provided for staff members who reside in North Leitrim and may wish to work from these offices. The issue is very relevant at this time, because of Covid-19 many staff members are working from their homes. This arrangement may be possible for at least a few days a week.

19. Motion from Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire:

Has the Executive had any interaction with Carrick Business Park owners (ie formerly MBNA building) re increased occupancy in coming months?

20. Motion from Councillor Ita Reynolds Flynn:

I would like the up to date figure on the amount of money raised by the 25 per cent rate levy on closed businesses in County Leitrim. I request also the amount received by each municipal area.

21. Motion from Councillor Enda Stenson:

That Leitrim County Council contact Bord Na Mona about the possibility of obtaining the obsolete rail line that they are lifting. This could be used in future to connect Dromod station to Mohill station.

22. Motion from Councillor Justin Warnock:

With the strong possibility of over 9,000 small and medium sized businesses being lost, with some in this county, due to COVID-19 and the Government's lockdown, I ask the elected members a) to call on the Government to put a compensation fund in place to compensate these small family and independent businesses for there irreversible closure and b) to seek debt forgiveness from the financial institutions for these businesses

23. Motion from Councillor Frank Dolan

I ask what the current position is regarding the review of the county development plan, is work still in progress and has there been any public consultation yet. What is the expected road map for this going forward?

24. Motion from Councillor Paddy O'Rourke:

I ask Leitrim County Council are there any plans to include Guesthouses and B&B's in the Restart programme in this County following the COVID-19 crisis. Many of these small businesses contribute greatly to the local economy by means of providing full and part time employment along with the contribution of their patrons to the local economy.

25. Motion from Councillor Paddy Farrell

That Leitrim Council explore avenues of providing grants and support to farmers in Leitrim that now need to invest in technology to efficiently run their farms.

With Mart sales now taking place on line it's vital that farmers of all ages and locations have the necessary equipment and skillset's to enable them to participate when it comes to online sales.

The local authority should consider as a matter of urgency providing grants for equipment such as laptops and tablets. The Council should also explore and engage with local companies that can provide basic training for farmers to get them established on line.

26. Motion from Councillor Felim Gurn:

I ask that Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Finance to provide additional supports for small business, as they re-open following the COVID-19 pandemic, other than just the rates rebate system. Small businesses cannot avail of credit through the economy due to banks and credit institutions not giving established businesses loans. There needs to be start up loans for businesses, to the value of €15,000-€20,000, to kick start businesses who have been closed for more than 3 months and have had no cash flow. Everybody's credit in the world economy is in a mess and businesses will struggle to get employees back unless more support is given.

27. Motion from Councillor Brendan Barry:

I request that Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Agriculture to reopen the GLAS scheme for new young farmers and all those farmers who have finished up AEOS and to extend GLAS contracts until a new scheme can be opened. The loss of these payments means a more than 50% reduction to gross margin for many farms.

28. Motion from Councillor Mary Bohan:

I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Communications to implement measures as a matter of urgency for the provision of high speed broadband throughout the County.

29. Motion from Councillor Gerry Dolan

The Government recently announced details of a €50 million aid package for farmers that have seen their incomes severely affected by the coronavirus pandemic. I would like to put forward a motion to ensure that this money is directed to farmers and not to factory feed lots. Also a new reps style environmental scheme has been included in the new programme for government. This scheme needs to be more suitable for the west of Ireland than the GLAS and AEOS schemes. It needs to be more like the old Reps Scheme. Restrictions on when you can mow rushes and when you mow meadows do not suit the land in County Leitrim. Farmers have to be able to carry out these works when the ground is dry.

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