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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA
Leitrim County Council



Áras an Chontae
Carrick on Shannon

Tuesday, 25 February 2020

***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, 2 March 2020 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. Visit from Minister John Paul Phelan, Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform to Leitrim County Council
2. Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in Aras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon on Monday, 6th January 2020 (Pages 1 - 26)
3. To consider Annual Report from the Audit Committee for 2019 (Pages 27 - 30)
4. To note the Annual Report 2019 from the Leitrim Joint Policing Committee (Pages 31 - 32)
5. To receive report on the operation of Litter Pollution Act 1997 in regard to measures taken during 2019 in relation to the prevention and control of litter (Pages 33 - 36)

6. To approve Leitrim Heritage Plan 2020 - 2025 (Pages 37 - 72)
7. To note the Rate Collection Report for 2019 and Schedule of Uncollected Rates
8. To consider report from Corporate Policy Group
9. To consider Monthly Management Reports by the Chief Executive for December 2019 and January 2020 (Pages 73 - 112)
10. To note commitments to be entered into under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 2001
11. To approve the attendance of the Elected Members at forthcoming conferences
12. Meeting Correspondence (Pages 113 - 130)

Notice of Motions

13. Motion from Councillor Sean McGowan:

I seek the support of Members of Leitrim County Council in calling on the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment to immediately put in place a Regulator for the waste industry, there is no body to regulate the industry with the result that operators can increase the charges whenever they want. Homes and businesses would have received correspondence from Barna Recycling in the past couple of weeks informing them of an service Charge increase of €9 per quarter plus an increase per kg for General Waste as and from the beginning of this month. This increase I fear will lead to further illegal dumping along our local road's and in our bogs.

14. Motion from Councillor Des Guckian:

I am asking our CEO, Mr Lar Power, to explain to us, Cllrs, the very low mark recently achieved by Leitrim Council Council, in terms of transparency, in the National Integrity Index (NII), published in December 2019. Also, I wish him to outline the steps he and his senior staff will be taking to get a much better mark in future.

15. Motion from Councillor Pdraig Fallon:

I propose that's this Local Authority call on the Minister and Department of Transport along with the RSA to rectify and amend as necessary legislation requiring Irish Citizens to prove citizenship in order to obtain driving licences.

16. Motion from Councillor Ita Reynolds Flynn:

I request information on the smart technology for older people and people with disabilities. How is it to be rolled out and where in the county? Is it county wide and under what stream

of funding and amount is allocated? What Department within the Council will be overseeing this smart technology?

17. Motion from Councillor Sean McDermott

I will ask Leitrim County Council to make contact with the relevant Minister regarding the rising costs of Waste Collection. There is no Economic Regulator in the waste Industry at the moment and this needs to be addressed.

18. Motion from Councillor Frank Dolan:

I ask that Leitrim County Council write to each of the four newly elected TD's in this constituency to highlight the disappointment of the many rural families in this county at the absence yet again of a proper LIS scheme in this years roads allocation. No matter what shape the next Government takes at least one of those TD's will be part of it, so I think it is important to highlight this now.

19. Motion from Councillor Enda McGloin:

I call on Leitrim County Council to invite Irish Water to attend at the next meeting of this local authority to outline a defence for their connection charges on commercial developments which seem overly expensive and bordering on extortionate coupled with the level of over the top engineering requirements for a simple connection. Members should have the opportunity to challenge Irish Water on these matters.

20. Motion from Councillor Justin Warnock:

As it is now accepted both Nationally and Internationally that we are in a Climate and Biodiversity Crisis, I will ask that an Environmental Officer visits the sites of all Afforestation Applications which are presented to the Council for comment.

21. Motion from Councillor Enda Stenson:

As I know, and have spoken to a number of Artists in Leitrim, they feel very Lucky to live and work in the most vibrant and creative Arts County in Ireland. With this in mind many Artists feel that a Creative Hub/Arts Hub, based on the format of the very successful Hive for Buisness, should be created for the Artists in Leitrim. The provision of such a Hive/Hub would bring great potential and opportunities to the Artists and entice even more Artists to our County.

22. Motion from Councillor Gerry Dolan:

I will ask that Leitrim County Council take into consideration the serious concerns regarding the increase of afforestation as an additional cause of flooding.

23. Motion from Councillor Paddy O'Rourke:

I ask that Leitrim County Council contact Barna Waste with a view to asking them to refrain from implementing the price hike of €9 in the quarterly charges which is now coming so quickly after the recent rise of €7. This is the last thing we need just as the public who were reluctant about the privatisation of waste collection were coming around to see it could work and will only lead to illegal dumping. A plague we don't want to see revisited in the county.

24. Motion from Councillor Brendan Barry:

I request that Leitrim County Council call on the Irish Government's Department of Health, Dept. of Justice and Equality and Dept. of Children and Youth Affairs to recognise Parental Alienation and provide expert professional structures and services to intervene wherever it is a problem. Parental Alienation is recognised by the World Health Organisation and is a crime in a growing number of nations. However in Ireland the Courts, HSE and Tusla ignore its existence, meanwhile, it is destroying children and parent's lives. Ireland needs to address this abuse and to enact legislation and to implement recommendation 36 of the Report of the Reform of the Family Law System October 2019.

25. Motion from Councillor Paddy Farrell:

I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the OPW and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to providing a funding scheme for drainage of rivers, such as the Shannon, that will help resolve the problems associated with the recent flooding.

26. Motion from Councillor Mary Bohan:

I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the HSE to take steps immediately to reduce the long waiting time for chiropody services in Leitrim.

Agenda Item 2

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