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**Leitrim County Council**



Áras an Chontae  
Carrick on Shannon

Tuesday, 28 April 2020

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

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A Chara,

An online information meeting of the Plenary Council will be held via zoom on **Tuesday, 5 May 2020 at 11.00 am** for the purpose of considering the business set out on the Agenda hereunder.

A separate meeting invitation will be sent via email with logon details to access the online meeting.

You are hereby invited to access this online information meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Agenda**

1. To receive update from Mr Lar Power, Chief Executive in relation to the current situation regarding the COVID 19 National Emergency

## **Notice of Motions**

### ***2. Motion from Councillor Des Guckian:***

A government initiative called Public Service Temporary Assignment Scheme: Covid 19 Crisis

At the 5th May 2020 Skype Meeting, I will ask Mr Power CEO to explain, in full, how he implemented the above Government directive, on the staff at Leitrim Council. Particularly, what criteria were used in deciding which staff members would be nominated for transfer

to other branches of the Public Service.

**3. Motion from Councillor Pdraig Fallon:**

I ask Leitrim County Council what specific measures are in place to ensure that there are adequate facilities for the disposal of PPE such as gowns, gloves, masks, wipes, googles etc where a case or suspected case of Coronavirus may arise in the home.

**4. Motion from Councillor Felim Gurn:**

When the restrictions are lifted the tourism sector in Ireland is going to need more financial help from the Government. I see that one out of 10 restaurants may survive from restrictions arising from Coronavirus as there is not enough financial support for businesses. If we look at our main streets over the years with the closing of banks, post offices, shops and now pubs and restaurants, we are going to have a tough time reviving our main streets and that this issue should be prioritised at Government levels and to see what financial help there is for rural towns and villages.

**5. Motion from Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire:**

I ask what measures will Leitrim County Council Finance Dept be putting in place for the businesses of Leitrim now closed or trading with a much reduced income due to guidelines being adhered to during the Covid19 pandemic. Business income has been decimated for 2020. What calculations have been made by the Finance Department regarding this income. What percentage of businesses in the county have closed since mid March? What percentage have remained trading? What types of response has the recent letter inviting conversations with staff in Finance re outstanding Rates moiety due received

**6. Motion from Councillor Frank Dolan:**

I will ask the CEO of Leitrim County Council has any indication come from the Department in relation to the funding announced last year for Manorhamilton and Balinamore or does he think there could be a danger of it being withdrawn in the present circumstances.

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

I ask the Director of Services, Economic Development, Planning & Infrastructure Mr Joseph Gilhooly, to outline what his plans are or what steps can be put in place to start the roadworks programme in the event of an extension to the restrictions currently in place as a result of the coronavirus? We are already seven weeks behind as a result of the shutdown.

**8. Motion from Councillor Ita Reynolds Flynn:**

I ask the Chief Executive if he could give myself and members here, any information he and his fellow Chief Executives may have received from Department of Housing and Local Government on any proposals or schemes to allow businesses that are currently closed due to Covid 19 to request a "rates write off" for the period they are closed or non operational?

Government must ensure that none of the financial losses are carried by this or any local authority.

**9. Motion from Councillor Thomas Mulligan:**

As a result of the cancellation of the national tidy towns competition, I propose that we introduce on a one off basis a county tidy towns competition. The purpose of this would be to invigorate the tidy towns groups to continue with their efforts over a shorter period. If there is an easing of the restrictions regarding Covid 19 there may well be an opportunity for groups to become active again even later in the summer. It would be important to urge and assist these voluntary groups to stay together and continue with their efforts even on a limited basis at this particularly difficult time.

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

I ask is there any update on the Code of Practice for one off Waste Water Treatment systems. We are aware of meetings that were taking place with the stakeholders last year. The issue is very relevant at the moment with more people working from home because of Covid-19. As people adapt to living and working away from cities, companies realize that people can work effectively remotely. I believe this can give us an opportunity to stabilize our population and save communities and parishes in rural Leitrim.

**11. Motion from Councillor Paddy O'Rourke:**

I ask the Director of Services, Housing, Corporate Services, Community and Cultural Services what plans are in place regarding home repair inspections in order that some works can proceed rather than have a severe backlog later in the year.

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

I request that the Planning Department of Leitrim County Council facilitate pre planning meetings to be done on the site of proposed development. By having the Planner, Architect and proposer onsite everyone should have a clearer understanding of outcome each person wants to achieve at the end of the meeting. This I feel could help streamline planning applications and make the process less costly on the applicant.

**13. Motion from Councillor Justin Warnock**

Has Leitrim County Council received notification of any funding streams to deal with stress and mental health issues in the community as a result of the uncontrollable circumstances and uncertain future which the new unemployed find themselves in.

**14. Motion from Councillor Enda Stenson:**

I ask is there any progress being made, in Leitrim or Nationally on the issue of Zero discharge. We are entering a critical period, with the formation of a new GOVERNMENT imminent.

**15. Motion from Councillor Gerry Dolan:**

I call on Leitrim County Council to have a moratorium against the proposed spraying of Insecticide Gypermethrin in any forestry in Cloone or any forestry in any of the county of Leitrim, as the companies involved admits the danger involved to people, livestock and wildlife's health.

**16. Motion from Councillor Mary Bohan:**

What is the position regarding funding for projects that cannot be completed on time due to the current restrictions? Will it be possible to carry over this funding perhaps even until next year? Projects such as regeneration, bridge repairs and the various road projects.