



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA
Leitrim County Council



Áras an Chontae
Carrick on Shannon

Tuesday, 5 January 2021

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

A Chara,

A meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held **via MS Teams on Monday, 11 January 2021 at 11.00 am** for the purpose of considering the business set out on the Agenda hereunder.

You are hereby invited to attend.

Yours sincerely,

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Agenda

1. Adoption of Minutes
 - I. Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 2nd November 2020 (Pages 1 - 20)
 - II. Minutes of Meeting held 4th November 2020 (Pages 21 - 22)
 - III. Minutes of Budget Meeting held Monday, 30th November 2020 (Pages 23 - 38)
 - IV. Minutes of Meeting held 7th December 2020 (Pages 39 - 48)
2. Disposals under Section 183(1) of the Local Government Act
 - I. Consider for disposal Rural Cottage at Aghagrana, Drumshanbo, Co Leitrim (Pages 49 - 50)

- II. Consider for disposal by means of a 10 year lease building known as the Courthouse in Drumshanbo Co. Leitrim (Pages 51 - 54)
3. Receive report on Programme of Capital Projects for the forthcoming three years in accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended (To Follow)
4. Approve the raising of a loan of €1,000,000 from the Housing Finance Agency (HFA) in accordance with Section 6 of the Local Government Act, 2001 for the purposes of financing housing loans (Pages 55 - 56)
5. Adopt the Leitrim County Council Annual Service Delivery Plan 2021 (To Follow)
6. Receive progress report on the Corporate Plan (To Follow)
7. Receive Annual Report from the Audit Committee for 2020 (Pages 57 - 60)
8. Approve the appointment of external members to the Audit Committee in accordance with Article 7 of the Local Government (Audit Committee) regulations 2014
9. Management Reports - November & December 2020 (Pages 61 - 104)
10. Report from Corporate Policy Group
11. Attendance at conferences/training
12. Meeting Correspondence (Pages 105 - 140)
13. Update on Framework of Regional Priorities for the Central Border Region, 2021-2027 strategic document

Notice of Motions

14. Motion from Councillor Des Guckian

I'm asking senior Council officials if it is now Leitrim Council policy to ignore the importance of and to cover over areas of our County where significant archaeological finds have been made or where the history suggests important archaeological remains exist? Does an actual policy exist which conforms to the law of reporting such finds to the Dept of Heritage together with putting in place further research and, if necessary, having geophysical surveys and possibly excavation work done in the vicinity of such finds?

15. Motion from Councillor Padraig Fallon

Sinn Féin have been calling on the Government for four years to have a full, substantive Dáil debate on CETA, which has been ignored. During the Christmas rush and Brexit uncertainty,

the Government attempted to railroad this legislation through the Dáil. This caused grave concern. I propose that we call on Government to have a full and substantive debate on this deal, and its consequences. Unlike traditional trade deals that focus on tariffs, it focuses on non-tariff barriers to trade, issues like standards, protections, environmental impacts and the very worrying investor state dispute settlement mechanism. All need to be debated thoroughly.

16. Motion from Councillor Frank Dolan

I propose that Leitrim Co Co seek funding to allow for an upgrading and maintenance programme to be carried out on all signage throughout the county. Much of the signage along our roads is old and dilapidated and in some cases is not visible at all.

17. Motion from Councillor Felim Gurn

Can the executive of Leitrim County Council consider renewing the Ambassador program to promote Leitrim as a tourist destination? This, I believe would have a huge boost on tourism and other sectors within the county post COVID-19.

18. Motion from Councillor Sean McGowan

I call on the Director of Services Joseph Gilhooly to examine the potential use the “Bio Kube” Wastewater Treatment System. This treatment system can be installed for as little as €6,000 and where/if there was a need for the provision of a willow bed to be installed in addition to the “Bio Kube” cost would be in the region of € 10-15,000.

This system can be sourced here in Leitrim, where Rooskey based company “Waterteck” are agents for this treatment system.

19. Motion from Councillor Sean McDermott

I refer to the joint motion in 2016 by the six north Leitrim councillors proposing Kiltyclogher to be designated as a Heritage and Cultural Village. The motion also got widespread support at a Full Council meeting. This project could be a game changer for Kiltyclogher; a community that has suffered greatly from depopulation, emigration, and The Troubles in Northern Ireland. Can the Council examine all funding opportunities for this project and also make contact with The Department of Arts, Heritage and The Gaeltacht on the issue?

20. Motion from Councillor Justin Warnock:

I ask the CEO Lar Power to have an assessment / report carried out for our County Development Plan 2022 - 2028 on the cumulative impacts of forestry on the social, community, environment, and economy of County Leitrim

21. Motion from Councillor Paddy O'Rourke

I ask that this Council make whatever arrangements are necessary in conjunction with the Joint Policing Committee to extend the text alert initiative which many communities operate

in Leitrim to cover adjoining counties and Garda Districts to assist in the fight against crime which many rural communities have been subjected over a number of years with a particular surge in recent weeks. The extension of the text alert scheme has the obvious advantage of being able to monitor the movements of criminals as they exit one area and enter another.

22. Motion from Councillor Paddy Farrell:

I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly to put more resources and staff into breast check screening as this service has dropped 70 % in 2020.

23. Motion from Councillor Brendan Barry:

I ask Leitrim County Council to provide detailed driver guidance instructions and maps for each route on the Winter maintenance plan, also the statistical documents for each route detailing the lengths total, treated and untreated, average spread width, kg required for 10g/m², 20g/m² and 40g/m² spread rate on each section and totals for each route. Full details of each lorry and gritters, which route each lorry is on, capacity of each m³ and kg and any other information deemed necessary to explain the lack of capacity to add additional routes to the winter maintenance plan.

24. Motion from Councillor Mary Bohan

I propose that Leitrim Co Council call on the Minister for the Environment once again to provide a special allocation of funds to deal with the long waiting list for LIS schemes in the county.

25. Motion from Councillor Ita Reynolds Flynn:

I call on the HSE to fast track the provision of high dependency accommodation in Ballinamore. I also call on LCC to support and collaborate with the HSE to procure a suitable location in this regard.

26. Motion from Councillor Enda McGloin:

I ask that Leitrim Co Council consider a Tourism Plan for our County (post Covid 19) from May to October 2021 to include all stakeholders including representative organisations, festival committees alongside hotels and restaurants to ensure we capitalise on the anticipated reduction in Covid restrictions at that time & hopefully the opening of our local economy.

27. Motion from Councillor Enda Stenson:

At the start of another new year have we any further prospects for industrial jobs in Leitrim? Leitrim has proved to be an excellent base to work from throughout 2020. We need to

promote ourselves more , and encourage further investment in Leitrim to keep some of our young educated people living here.

28. *Motion from Councillor Gerry Dolan:*

I call on Leitrim County Council to publish monies sought and received from Coillte and private forestry companies for the years 2019 & 2020 for the repair of roads and bridges in the county.