



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA
Leitrim County Council



**Áras an Chontae
Carrick on Shannon**

Tuesday, 28 June 2022

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

A Chara,

A meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held in **Áras Pádraig, Drumshanbo, N41 YE63 on Monday, 4 July 2022 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,

**Kieran Brett
Meetings Administrator
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Agenda

1. Adoption of Minutes
 - I. Adoption of Minutes 9th May 2022 (Pages 1 - 22)
 - II. Adoption of Minutes of the Annual Meeting 24th June 2022 (Pages 23 - 28)
2. Section 85 Agreement with Donegal County Council under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 concerning the design, construction and completion of the R280 Lennox Bridge Project with Leitrim County Council being the administering authority (Pages 29 - 30)

3. Section 85 Agreement with Cavan County Council under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 concerning the planning, design, construction and completion of the SLNCR Greenway Project with Leitrim County Council being the lead authority (Pages 31 - 32)
4. Section 85 Agreement with Sligo County Council under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 concerning the planning, design, construction and completion of the SLNCR Greenway Project with Leitrim County Council being the lead authority (Pages 33 - 34)
5. Consider extension of the existing County Development Plan 2015-2021, as varied, up to 31st March 2023 (Pages 35 - 46)
6. Approve the raising of a loan of €5m for the purposes of matched funding requirements of the Capital Investment Programme for the period 2022 - 2027
7. Management Reports - April & May 2022 (Pages 47 - 88)
8. Report from Corporate Policy Group
9. Attendance at conferences/training
10. Meeting Correspondence (Pages 89 - 192)

Notice of Motions

11. Motion from Councillor Des Guckian:

That we ask Leitrim Co Council officials and TII to immediately publish their intentions about the detailed design and the actual route to be taken by the N4 extension of The Dromod /Rooskey By-pass, from Faulties to the new bridge over the Shannon, close to Glas na hAbhainn Estate, Carrick-on-Shannon. There is great concern among the farming community who fear difficulty of access to lands and, also, residents of homes whose houses may be demolished or end up too close to the new roadway. It is grossly unfair that such concerned citizens should be left in a cruel limbo situation.

12. Motion from Councillor Pdraig Fallon:

I propose that this Local Authority write to the three Government party leaders as well as the Ministers for Finance and Transport seeking a reduction in excise and vat on fuel and home heating oil.

13. Motion from Councillor Enda Stenson:

May I ask, have IDA personnel visited Leitrim in 2022? We urgently need employment opportunities to keep our young people in Leitrim.

14. Motion from Councillor Felim Gurn:

I call on Minister Heather Humphreys to reduce the amount of match funding that applicants to the new Leader program will have to come up with from 25 percent to 5 - 10 percent, before the new programme for funding starts next year, as new applicants will struggle to fund projects due to high material costs and inflation.

15. Motion from Councillor Sean McGowan:

I will seek the support of members in calling on the Dept of Transport & the Local Link office to look at the possibility of providing transport to our rural towns & villages to support the night-time economy particularly at weekends.

16. Motion from Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire:

I ask that our Planning Department leads out on minimising the paper content required in Planning applications made by the public. Copies of numerous numbers of items are requested by our planning office while many readings are easily available to do online. An in-house audit of hard copy and online copy would reduce paper usage, print usage and space provision going forward.

17. Motion from Councillor Brendan Barry:

I request that Leitrim County Council reopen the Local Improvement Scheme for new applications.

18. Motion from Councillor Justin Warnock:

The CSO has published the preliminary figures from the Census 2022 on population growth in Leitrim, which records a population of 35,087. This is an increase of 3,043 or 9.5%. Does this welcomed increase in population sound alarm bells in this Local Authority, as housing stocks to be delivered during the lifetime of our new County Development Plan will be totally inadequate. I ask that the Housing Strategy section of the CDP be revisited and amended to reflect the increase in population.

19. Motion from Councillor Sean McDermott:

Can I ask what progress is been made in regards to Slow Adventure Tourism for Leitrim as we are a designated area for Slow Adventure Tourism.

20. Motion from Councillor Paddy Farrell:

I call on Leitrim County Council to contact Minister for Education, Norma Foley, to put more funding and resources into children with special needs, and also to give as much help as possible to next years Leaving Cert students as they have lost a lot of school time and have never sat a state exam.

21. Motion from Councillor Enda McGloin:

While County Leitrim has recorded a reduction in house vacancy it still has almost 2,900 houses empty according to the 2022 census. I propose that this local authority applies for funding to investigate through an expert led study to clarify what is the reason for such a large number of vacant properties, the reason for same and what measures can be considered to encourage the owners of these properties if they are viable to either sell them or rent them, to allow some ease to the pressure we have in Leitrim for homes to buy or rent.

22. Motion from Councillor Paddy O'Rourke:

I ask that Leitrim County Council contact the School Transport Section of Bus Eireann urging them to notify parents and guardians as to which Students/Pupils are going to be eligible for bus tickets this coming school year, to avoid the deplorable situation that arose last year when parents and guardians were not informed until within days of the schools reopening, leaving them with inadequate time to come up with other solutions.
