



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA
Leitrim County Council



Áras an Chontae
Carrick on Shannon

Tuesday, 28 February 2023

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, 6 March 2023 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. Adoption of Minutes
 - I. Minutes of Council meeting held 9th January 2023 (Pages 1 - 90)
 - II. Minutes of Special Meeting held on Co Development Plan on 7th Feburary 2023 (Pages 91 - 134)
2. Disposals under Section 183(1) of the Local Government Act, 2001
 - I. Notice of Intention to Dispose by way of Leasehold of property known as Carrick Business Campus at Attifinlay, Carrick-on-Shannon (Pages 135 - 138)
3. Consider the adoption of the North West Homelessness Action Plan (Pages 139 - 186)

4. Receive Annual Report from the Audit Committee 2022 (To Follow)
5. Note the Rate Collection Report for 2022 and Schedule of Uncollected Rates (To Follow)
6. Note report on the operation of Leitrim County Council's Litter Management Plan during 2022
7. Note Annual Report 2022 from Leitrim Joint Policing Committee (Pages 187 - 190)
8. Management Reports Dec 2022 and Jan 2023 (Pages 191 - 230)
9. Commitments

Under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act, 2001

10. Report from Corporate Policy Group
11. Attendance at conferences/training
12. Meeting Correspondence (Pages 231 - 278)
13. Presentation on the Library Service

Notice of Motions

14. Motion from Councillor Mary Bohan:

I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Health and the Government to consider abolishing the HSE and reinstating regional Health Boards to deliver the country's health services.

15. Motion from Councillor Thomas Mulligan

With regard to the housing scheme for the elderly, the condition whereby an applicant must produce a letter of refusal from their house insurance company stating that the necessary repairs are not covered by their existing policy is causing difficulties for applicants and in some cases cannot be acquired by the applicants. A level of discretion is necessary as the insurance business has become faceless and removed and are not prepared to respond to this type of request.

16. Motion from Councillor Des Guckian:

That we Councillors disapprove of the massive amount of speculation currently happening, concerning large areas of farmland and, also development lands near towns. While it is not illegal, it is morally wrong and must be publicly opposed by us.

17. Motion from Councillor Caillian Ellis

I propose that Leitrim County Council write to the Minister for Agriculture and Food to introduce a drainage grant of 80 percent for disadvantage areas over a number of years to help young farmers improve the quality of their land.

18. Motion from Councillor Pdraig Fallon:

I propose that this Local Authority write to HSE management, CHO Area 1, seeking an assurance that cleaning products being used are safe and don't pose a risk to staff, patients or visitors. Concerns have been raised by staff working in care settings. These products are labelled dangerous, can cause skin irritation, serious eye damage, and very toxic to aquatic life.

19. Motion from Councillor Enda McGloin:

I seek the support of the members in calling on the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage to review the workings of the Residential Tenancy Board with a view to providing more resources to deal with the current inefficiencies, particularly around customer service.

20. Motion from Councillor Sean McGowan:

I seek the support of members in calling on the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Housing, Local Government & Heritage to re-examine the Residential Zoned Land Tax legislation so that its application is limited to those counties containing cities and regional growth centres identified in the National Planning Framework, to include their defined commuting catchments as opposed to applying across the entire country, including County Leitrim, where it is not feasible for developers and builders to construct houses to the standards now required, while bringing houses to the market at an affordable price.

21. Motion from Councillor Sean McDermott:

What strategy has Leitrim County Council regarding the elimination of evasive species such as Japanese Knotweed that is growing along our roads?

22. Motion from Councillor Justin Warnock:

I ask Leitrim County Council to introduce the home "downsizing scheme for the elderly", as this scheme has been successfully introduced by many Local Authorities across the country.

23. Motion from Councillor Brendan Barry:

I request that Leitrim County Council call on the Government not to proceed with its plans to re-wet farmland on peat soils. How could Government think it's a good idea to flood farmland, while draining and replanting trees in peat soils for forestry? If Government want to restore bogs, forestry land and unproductive land should be considered first.

24. Motion from Councillor Felim Gurn:

Have Irish Water/ Úisce Éireann any plans to replace the clay pipes that remain in use in our towns and villages for the last 100 years and before their deterioration causes serious problems with our water quality and supply.

25. Motion from Councillor Enda Stenson:

I ask the support of the members to request the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage to immediately and at least, double the grant available for upgrade of septic tanks. Otherwise, households are no longer able to carry out upgrades as requested.

26. Motion from Councillor Paddy O'Rourke:

I ask that Leitrim County Council ask the HSE to provide additional personnel to carry out the necessary OT reports for persons seeking grant aid to improve their homes under the HAP grants. The huge delay in having OT reports provided to support their applications is causing great hardship to many applicants as a result of the lengthy delays. People only apply when they need this support often after hospitalisation of a fall taken at home, and need as fast a turn around for their application as possible.

27. Motion from Councillor Paddy Farrell:

I call on Leitrim County Council to contact the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly T.D., to speed up the waiting time for graduates to get registered with CORU, the regulator for health and social care professionals, so that they can get into the much needed work force.

28. Motion from Councillor Gerry Dolan:

I call on Leitrim County Council to write to the Minister of Agriculture to have a specialised group of representatives to negotiate with China for greater meat exports to it, in light of imports being banned from Brazil. This is a major chance for export deals to be done.
