



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA
Leitrim County Council



**Áras an Chontae
Carrick on Shannon**

Tuesday, 27 June 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, 3 July 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 2nd May 2023 (Pages 1 - 22)
2. Adopt Part 4 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, to confirm it is the will of the Council, that the courts have the power, to grant public music and singing licences pursuant to Section 51 (2) of the said Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 (as amended by Section 14 of the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935) (Pages 23 - 26)
3. Management Reports- April 2023 & May 2023 (Pages 27 - 70)
4. Presentation on Preparation of Leitrim's Climate Action Plan
 - County Leitrim Baseline Emission Inventory Report (Timoney Consultants)
 - County Leitrim Climate Change Risk Assessment (KPMG)
 - Decarbonising Zone Baseline Emission Inventory Report (KPMG)

- Leitrim's Climate Action Plan (Leitrim County Council)

5. Commitments

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

6. Report from Corporate Policy Group
7. Attendance at conferences/training
8. Meeting Correspondence (Pages 71 - 102)

Notice of Motions

9. Motion from Councillor Sean McGowan:

I seek the support of the members in calling on the relevant Government Departments to provide annual funding to the Leitrim Volunteer Centre for the operation of the Community Car Scheme.

This scheme was set up in March 2022 on a trial basis to assist vulnerable and isolated persons in the county to attend hospital appointments, pharmacy pick-ups, shopping and other transport needs. The uptake of the service far exceeds the resources which Leitrim Volunteer Centre can provide. The need for a flexible community car scheme to transport people who live in rural, isolated, areas in County Leitrim is of paramount importance.

10. Motion from Councillor Enda Stenson:

I seek the support of the members in calling on the HSE and the Department of Transport to provide ongoing financial assistance, for the continued use of the Community Car Scheme in operation by Leitrim Volunteer Centre since March 2022. This scheme assists with supporting vulnerable and isolated persons to attend hospital appointments, pharmacy pick-ups, shopping and other transport needs within the county and particularly in our rural areas, where we have no public transport.

11. Motion from Councillor Caillian Ellis

I propose that Leitrim County Council write to Bus Éireann to call on them to employ more school bus drivers, as the Bus Éireann system is full to capacity.

12. Motion from Councillor Paddy O'Rourke:

I ask that Leitrim County Council urge the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine to tread carefully with regard to plans to rewet any lands; be they public lands or Coillte lands. The rewetting of such lands could impact on adjoining farms, as well as posing a possible flood risk in some low lying areas. Given the level of investment that has been directed towards the draining of farmland down through the years, we cannot have a situation

where all of this would be undone by hasty decisions regarding the locations of rewetting.

13. Motion from Councillor Des Guckian

That we request our Council officials to immediately publish all information about the extension of the Dromod / Rooskey Bypass to Carrick-on-Shannon and into County Roscommon. This to include the design, the route to be taken and the likely impact on the communities affected and on the owners of property along the route.

14. Motion from Councillor Pdraig Fallon:

I propose that this Local Authority contact the HSE, the Minister for Health, and The Dept. of Rural & Community Development in an effort to seek funding from Government for the Leitrim Community Car Scheme.

15. Motion from Councillor Sean McDermott:

I am asking the Council to communicate with the relevant Minister on the delay in publishing the promised Rural Housing Guidelines which was due to be published in 2022. Many young people are leaving rural Ireland because of the difficulties to build a house in their rural communities.

16. Motion from Councillor Enda McGloin:

I call on Leitrim Co Council to seek the support of the TII to engage with consultants and identify a route selection for the Greenway from Kilclare to Ballinamore along the Shannon Erne waterway. This is a strategic route connecting South Leitrim from Carrick-on-Shannon all the way to the Cavan border and in my view merits funding as a National Strategic Walk and Cycle way.

17. Motion from Councillor Justin Warnock:

I ask the Executive to facilitate a workshop on the Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment Grant, between the elected members and the Local Authority's Housing, Planning and Economic Development departments at their earliest convenience.

Following a motion I submitted for the June meeting of Manorhamilton MD, the Director of Services for Housing, Community & Culture, Ms Mary Quinn, advised that the uptake on the Croí Cónaithe grant, to date, is 51 applications and 22 approvals. These figures are too low for County Leitrim which has seen a 10% growth in population in the recent census.

18. Motion from Councillor Paddy Farrell:

I seek the support of members to call on the Minister for Finance Michael McGrath TD, to abolish the Universal Social Charge, introduced as a temporary measure at the height of the economic crisis. This tax is very unfair on low to medium income workers.

19. Motion from Councillor Felim Gurn:

I ask the members to call on the Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan TD, to recognise that the trial to recruit taxi drivers in rural Ireland has failed and therefore call on the Minister to put more resources into Rural Link services, and in particular, in support of the night time economy and to trial these additional resources, which will support the night time economy, in County Leitrim.

20. Motion from Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire:

Violence against women in their own homes and involving persons known to them is increasing and too often fatal. I ask this council to write to the Minister for Justice asking that urgent action is taken to reverse this worrying trend. I further ask that we are furnished with a report summarising studies of recent years and any recommendations to be shared so that such tragic incidents can be avoided.

21. Motion from Councillor Brendan Barry:

I request that Leitrim County Council amend the conditions of the LIS local improvement scheme to allow medical letters signed by HSE employees or medical consultants to be added to files, and lanes to be scored accordingly based on the lanes occupants medical needs throughout the duration of this scheme rather than what their condition at January 2023.

22. Motion from Councillor Mary Bohan

I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Health and the HSE to address the urgent need for the provision of additional respite places for families in need. The current system is inadequate.