



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA
Leitrim County Council



**Áras an Chontae
Carrick on Shannon**

Tuesday, 29 August 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, 4 September 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 Annual Meeting 30th June 2023 (Pages 1 - 4)
 - II. Minutes 3rd July 2023 (Pages 5 - 64)
2. Note resignation of Chief Executive (Pages 65 - 66)
3. Note appointment of Mr Joseph Gilhooly as Chief Executive temporarily with effect from 18th Sept 2023 until permanent appointment is made
4. Note that the Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District shall decide on all aspects of the making of the joint Carrick-on-Shannon Local Area Plan.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 131a(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended which outlines reserved functions that may be performed in respect of a Municipal District by Municipal District members or by the Local Authority.

5. Note Road Safety Strategy & Action Plan (Pages 67 - 106)
6. Management Reports - June & July 2023 (Pages 107 - 144)
7. Commitments

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

8. Consider time of November Council Meeting
9. Consider date and time of Annual Budget meeting
10. Report from Corporate Policy Group
11. Attendance at conferences/training
12. Meeting Correspondence (Pages 145 - 184)
13. Receive presentation from Local Link

Notice of Motions

14. Motion from Councillor Pdraig Fallon:

I ask Leitrim County Council, Housing Section, if the list of houses eligible for tenant purchase has been finalised and if the excluded list is finalised.

15. Motion from Councillor Felim Gurn

I seek the support of the members of Leitrim County Council in calling on the Minister for Finance to retain and extend the 9% VAT rate on food related businesses to the end of 2024.

16. Motion from Councillor Des Guckian:

That Council officials and engineers be asked to explain how and why they are cooperating with other agencies in flooding back farmland all along the Shannon and its tributaries. This is being done without the agreement of injured parties and without compensation for losses incurred. The Council has no right to be interfering in this way with the constitutional rights of farmers to use and to enjoy their properties.

17. Motion from Councillor Enda Stenson:

I ask what level of interest there has been in the Vacant/Derelict housing grant in Leitrim and are there any further incentives that we can offer as a Local Authority, to encourage more young couples, to at least consider the prospect of living in Leitrim. We need to get more people back into our county and, in particular, to rural Leitrim.

18. Motion from Councillor Enda McGloin:

That Leitrim County Council call on Waterways Ireland and Minister Malcolm Noonan to carry out a public consultation, in line with January 2019 Government guidance, before considering the introduction of the proposed new bye-laws for the Shannon catchment area which, reduce mooring times from 5 to 3 days, removes winter mooring, imposes a tax on all business operating on the Shannon, all of which puts the upper Shannon region and its waterways at a disadvantage to attract boaters & visitors. These bye-laws will reduce both overnight stays and visitors and will have a detrimental effect on all towns and villages in the County.

19. Motion from Councillor Sean McGowan:

I seek the support of the members in calling on the Minister for Finance, Mr. Michael McGrath & the Government to support the campaign by the Restaurants Association of Ireland to retain the VAT rate of 9% for food related businesses and to extend the 9% vat rate to the end of 2024.

20. Motion from Councillor Paddy O'Rourke:

I ask Leitrim County Council to contact Applus+ and the Road Safety Authority with a view to having them review and reverse their decision to discontinue accepting cash payments for NCT appointments. This policy decision is going to severely impact older persons and the elderly and place them in a situation where they could be taken advantage of by devious persons purporting to help them make NCT Appointments.

21. Motion from Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire:

I ask that this Council engage in supporting the "Ash Tree Conservation" project initiated recently in County Leitrim.

This is an opportunity by all to take action and achieve a very positive outcome. The support needs to be led by Dept. of Environment here in Leitrim and motion circulated so that it is noted by all local authorities.

22. Motion from Councillor Sean McDermott:

I ask Leitrim County Council to contact Iarnród Éireann and request them to provide additional bicycle storage on all trains on the Dublin to Sligo route, as cycling holidays have become very popular in Leitrim.

23. Motion from Councillor Paddy Farrell:

I seek the support of the members to call on the Department of Agriculture and the Minister Charlie McConalogue to provide urgent fodder support in this very difficult year. Many farmers have harvested no fodder yet due to poor ground conditions and restrictions. Some fodder that has been made in the last two months is of very poor feed value and will lead to severe animal welfare issues in the winter months.

24. Motion from Councillor Justin Warnock:

Landlords and greed are driving our young and mostly qualified professional people in their thousands out of this country annually, due to the spiralling cost of renting a room, an apartment or a house and this is all exasperated by the Government paying over €500,000,000 of taxpayers' money to private landlords to provide 50,000 housing units under HAP or RAS, these families and individuals need social housing. Therefore, I ask the elected members to call on the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and the Tanaiste Michael Martin to focus on funding for social housing construction in the upcoming budget.

25. Motion from Councillor Brendan Barry:

I request that Leitrim County Council call on ministers Eamon Ryan, Jack Chambers and the Road Safety Authority to deal with the long waiting time for driving tests in County Leitrim and across the country. The current wait time in Carrick on Shannon is over 7 months.

26. Motion from Councillor Gerry Dolan:

I call on Leitrim County Council to call on the Minister for Agriculture to strongly reconsider his planned change of dates to Farmers ANC, BISS, CRISS and Eco-Scheme payments for 2023. Delaying payments this year would be detrimental for the farming sector and rural communities.

This year farmers are under increased levels of stress and financial pressure due to the bad weather, forecasted fodder shortage, factories slashing livestock prices and continual high prices for meal and diesel. So again, I ask for him to do all in his power to change these delays.