



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA
Leitrim County Council



Áras an Chontae
Carrick on Shannon

Tuesday, 31 October 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 November 2023 at 4.00 pm** 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 4th September 2023 (Pages 1 - 84)
2. Approve overdraft accommodation in the sum of €5 million for the period ending 31st December 2024.
3. Approve the raising of a loan of €5m for the purposes of matched funding requirements of the Capital Investment Programme for the period 2023 - 2028
4. Consider the report of the Audit Committee on the Audited Financial Statement 2022 and the LG Auditors Report (Pages 85 - 100)
5. Consider for adoption the Leitrim Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2029 (Pages 101 - 280)

6. Consider for adoption the Leitrim Library Development Plan 2023-2027 (Pages 281 - 314)
7. To note Leitrim County Council Winter Maintenance Service Plan 2023-2024 (Pages 315 - 330)
8. Management Reports - August & September 2023 (Pages 331 - 372)
9. Commitments

Under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act, 2001
10. Report from Corporate Policy Group
11. Attendance at conferences/training
12. Consider date and time of January 2024 plenary council meeting
13. Meeting Correspondence (Pages 373 - 430)

Notice of Motions

14. Motion from Councillor Pdraig Fallon:

I propose that Leitrim County Council write to the three Government party leaders urging an increase in the income threshold for applicants of the Rural Social Scheme. I also ask that they and the relevant ministers address the unreasonable situation where travel expenses are assessed as income in determining eligibility for this scheme.

15. Motion from Councillor Des Guckian:

That we ask the Council officials to admit that there is a large amount of pollution going into our rivers and lakes from town dumps, from waste water treatment plants and from the unofficial dump / sewer that exists between the old Leitrim Observer office and St. Patrick's Park. I wish to know how they are proposing to end this pollution which poses massive risks to public health.

16. Motion from Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire:

I ask that this council send a Note of Congratulations to President Professor Orla Feely of University College Dublin. Professor Feely has been elected President of the College which is an honour and great achievement. Professor Feely in her inaugural address as President mentions with pride her Leitrim roots as her father hails from North Leitrim.

17. Motion from Councillor Sean McGowan

I seek the support of the members in calling on the Department of Agriculture and the

Department of Transport to provide, as a matter of urgency, a funding scheme to support landowners to address the serious issue that Ash Die Back poses on the Ash Tree species in roadside hedgerows across the country.

18. Motion from Councillor Felim Gurn:

There is an on-going problem with overgrown hedgerows on country lanes that are making it impassable for school buses to provide services for school children.

It is normally down to a small number of landowners who won't maintain their hedgerows. The existing grant of €75 per km for cutting hedges may not be enough to encourage maintenance of hedgerows.

Can the members receive an update on the number of hedge cutting grant applications received per Municipal District and how much has been paid out this year, and I ask this Council include an emergency fund in the Annual Budget to swiftly resolve this issue.

19. Motion from Councillor Sean McDermott:

I ask if there is provision in the forthcoming budget for contributions towards the Sean MacDiarmada Summer School and ICBAN?

20. Motion from Councillor Justin Warnock:

I will ask for the support of the elected members in calling on Leitrim County Council to recommence building Local Authority houses for young families from rural areas who are on the housing waiting list and who would have access to a suitable site.

21. Motion from Councillor Enda Stenson

Can the members receive an update on the number of Ukrainian persons now resident in Leitrim, having fled their home country since the war there started in February 2022.

22. Motion from Councillor Paddy Farrell:

I welcome the deferral of the residential zoned land tax for a further 12 months, as new legislation is required. I ask the support of members to call on the Taoiseach and the Government to remove all land that is being genuinely and actively farmed from the RZLT.

23. Motion from Councillor Ita Reynolds Flynn

That Leitrim County Council call on the HSE, the Minister for Health and the Minister for Education to provide psychological assessment services in County Leitrim for school children in need of this service.

24. Motion from Councillor Paddy O'Rourke:

I ask that Leitrim County Council arrange to have signs erected indicating the entry to County Leitrim from County Cavan on the R201 and the R203 along with LP 1586-2 road entering the County from Longford. I am asking that provision be made for this initiative in the forthcoming budget, this signage is essential to compliment our efforts to develop our tourism product.

25. Motion from Councillor Enda McGloin:

I ask Leitrim County Council to consider the potential of this county been part of the WRAP film region alongside other counties in the West and North West. In just two years, the Regional Fund has generated over €16.8m in expenditure, putting the West at the epicentre of production and welcoming many high profile, indigenous and international productions, so perhaps Leitrim should consider been part of the successful project.

26. Motion from Councillor Mary Bohan

What is the current position regarding the provision of Group Sewerage Schemes and also the taking over of same by the Council where necessary?

27. Motion from Councillor Brendan Barry:

That Leitrim County Council condemns Israel's brutal assault on the 2.3million civilians of Gaza with almost 50% of them under the age of 18, which live in an area less than a quarter the size of County Leitrim and has resulted in more than 7,028 deaths including over 2,913 children to date (26/10/23).

The forced displacement of Palestinians by Israel, with the cutting off of water, fuel, food and medical supplies and the destruction of civilian infrastructure including Hospitals, throughout Gaza amounts to collective punishment, in contravention of international humanitarian law.
