



COMHAIRLE | CLARE  
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

9 Aibreán, 2025.

## DON CHATHAOIRLEACH AGUS DO GACH BALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Leis seo, iarraim ort, le do thoil, a bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú Míosúil na Comhairle a thionólfar **Dé Luain, an 14 Aibreán, 2025 AR 3:00 i.n. i SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, ÁRAS CONTAE AN CHLÁIR, INIS** agus via ardán MS Teams. Thíos faoi seo, gheofar sonraí den ghnó a dhéanfar ag an gcruinniú.

Iarrtar ort a bheith i láthair.

Mise le meas,

Riarthóir Cruinnithe

**An Rannóg Seirbhísí Corparáideacha  
An Stiúrthóireacht um Fhorbairt Tuaithe**

Áras Contae an Chláir, Bóthar Nua, Inis, Co. an Chláir, V95 DXP2

**Corporate Services Department  
Rural Development Directorate**

Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare, V95 DXP2

## CLÁR OIBRE - AGENDA

- 1) Miontuairiscí na gcuinnithe seo leanas den Chomhairle.
- 1) Minutes of the following Council meeting.
  - (a) Miontuairiscí chruinniú mhí Mhárta, a tionóladh an 10 Márta 2025.
  - (a) Minutes of March monthly meeting held on 10 March 2025.
  - (b) Miontuairiscí an chruinnithe speisialta, a tionóladh ar an 19 Márta 2025.
  - (b) Minutes of the Special meeting held on 19 March 2025.
2. Nithe ag éirí as.
2. Matters Arising
3. **Comhfhreagras/Correspondence.**
4. Minutes of Municipal District Meetings.
4. Miontuairiscí chruinnithe na gCeantar Bardasach.
  - (a) Ennis Municipal District meeting held on 11 February 2025.
  - (a) Cruinniú Cheantar Bardasach Inse a tionóladh an 11 Feabhra 2025.
  - (b) Killaloe Municipal District meeting held on 15 January 2025.
  - (b) Cruinniú Cheantar Bardasach Chill Dalua a tionóladh an 15 Eanáir 2025.
  - (c) Killaloe Municipal District Special meeting held on 19 March 2025.
  - (c) Cruinniú speisialta Cheantar Bardasach Chill Dalua a tionóladh an 19 Márta 2025.
  - (d) Shannon Municipal District meeting held on 21 January 2025.
  - (d) Cruinniú Cheantar Bardasach Shionainne a tionóladh an 21 Eanáir 2025.
5. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting.
5. Miontuairiscí chruinniú an Ghrúpa Beartais Chorporáidigh.
  - (a) Corporate Policy Group meeting held on the 3 March 2025.
  - (a) Cruinniú an Ghrúpa Beartais Chorporáidigh a tionóladh an 3 Márta 2025.
  - (b) Special Corporate Policy Group meeting held on the 10 March 2025.
  - (b) Cruinniú speisialta an Ghrúpa Beartais Chorporáidigh a tionóladh an 10 Márta 2025.
6. Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings.
6. Miontuairiscí Chruinnithe na gCoistí Beartais Straitéisigh.
  - (a) Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 5 December, 2024.

- (a) Cruinniú an Choiste Beartais Straitéisigh um Fhorbairt Fhisiciúil a tionóladh an 5 Nollaig 2024
- (b) Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 26 November, 2024
- (b) Cruinniú an Choiste Beartais Straitéisigh um Fhorbairt Tuaithe a tionóladh an 26 Samhain 2024.
- (c) Social Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 4 December, 2024.
- (c) Cruinniú an Choiste Beartais Straitéisigh um Fhorbairt Shóisialta a tionóladh an 4 Nollaig 2024.
- (d) Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 4 December, 2024.
- (d) Cruinniú an Choiste Beartais Straitéisigh um Fhorbairt Turasóireachta a tionóladh an 4 Nollaig 2024.

7. Monthly Management Report.
8. Disposal of property (by lease/Licence) at Sean O'Farrell Drapery Store, 21 Main Street, Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, Bunratty, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211, of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended).
9. Disposal of property (by lease/Licence) at JJ Corry Terraced House located within Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, Bunratty, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211, of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended).
10. Disposal of property at No. 13 Church Road, Miltown Malbay, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211, of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended).
11. Report in accordance with Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and Part VIII, Article 80 and 81 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013 for the proposed development at Bodyke Village, Co. Clare.
12. Local Government Audit Report 2023.
13. Audit Committee Report on Local Government Audit Report 2023.
14. Audit Committee Annual Report 2024.
15. Annual Financial Statement 2024 Unaudited.
16. Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan.

17. Schedule of Municipal District Works 2025.
18. Adoption of Supplemental Speed Limit Byelaws No. 2 2024 - (Speed Limit Appeals & Periodic Speed Limits).
19. Section 85 Agreement between Clare County Council and Donegal County Council in respect of the Department of Transport Zero Emissions Vehicles Ireland (ZEVI) funded project.
20. Schedule date for Annual General Meeting – proposed date Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 3.00p.m.
21. **Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. P. Murphy:- (Deferred from the March Council Meeting)**

“That Clare County Council ask Minister Darragh O'Brien, Minister of State Seán Canney, and the Road Safety Authority, to outline any proposals that might be under consideration in relation to ensuring that all drivers have an adequate level of competency to drive safely on our Nation's roads”.

**22. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. S. Talty:-**

“Can a meeting be arranged to review the implementation of the County Development Plan, as per Standing Order 12.B? It states that meetings should be held twice yearly. I don't recall any such meeting being held during my time on the Council.”

**23. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. J. Garrihy:-**

“I call on Government and in particular Minister for Rural and Community Affairs Dara Calleary to review the situation whereby many rural funding streams preclude co-funding or match funding from other Government schemes. I call on Government and Minister Calleary to recognise the well noted value of master strategic planning, multiuse and access along with the major challenges associated with significant and increasing costs of capital projects and investment of scale. This applies particularly to the majority of community-based projects by community and voluntary groups and in my experience is becoming a serious disincentive/challenge for those wishing to develop vital projects in their area and should be addressed. I further call on Minister Calleary to explore a manner whereby strategically located projects of scale and multiuse/benefit and access are graded and recorded with a view to future regeneration and required capital upkeep funding.”

**24. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. A. Baker Bashua:-**

“That Clare County Council evaluates the potential of establishing a ‘Taste of Clare’ food festival in Ennis, showcasing the county's rich food heritage and supporting local artisan producers. This festival would highlight the best of Clare's local food scene, attracting both residents and visitors while boosting food tourism in the region. By celebrating local produce, traditional and contemporary cuisine, and sustainable food practices, this event

could enhance Ennis as a destination for culinary tourism and provide valuable opportunities for small food businesses to promote their products.”

**25. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. T. Guilfoyle:-**

“Clare County Council acknowledges the critical need for a fully operational ambulance service within County Clare. We will formally request increased funding for the National Ambulance Service (NAS) in Clare from the Minister for Health. The recent explanation of insufficient ambulance coverage due to "unfunded shifts" is inadequate. Recent incidents, such as a road traffic accident victim awaiting care for nearly four hours and a sixteen-year-old student left unattended for an hour following a seizure (necessitating ambulance transport from Galway and a helicopter from Cork), underscore the urgent need for service improvements. The citizens of Clare and NAS personnel, deserve enhanced emergency medical services.”

**26. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. I. Lynch:-**

“That Clare County Council request our Oireachtas members collaborate to establish a Dáil committee to fully review emergency first response care for Clare residents, specifically addressing: the complete failure of National Ambulance Service (NAS) dynamic deployment, including a thorough investigation into recent County Clare failures, such as a reported three-hour roadside wait following a recent road traffic collision; a full investigation into the awarding of the new Coast Guard Search and Rescue (SAR) contract, including how it commenced without adequate training and upskilling, resulting in an 8 AM to 8 PM restricted operating period; and how a SAR contract was awarded to a helicopter lacking a forward-mounted searchlight.”

**27. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. J. Ryan:-**

“That Clare County Council pushes for the continuance of the Northern Distributor Road from Knockalisheen to the University of Limerick Road exit as it represents a key strategic route that is going to service the county of Clare.”

**28. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. C. Ryan:-**

“That Clare County Council call on Minister for Agriculture, Martin Heydon, to provide additional funding for and to extend the Deer Management Programme to Co. Clare, in light of the unsustainable growth of the deer population in the county.”

**29. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. P. O’Gorman:-**

“Call on Clare County Council to ensure the appropriate level of fire service cover in the Shannon region noting the International Airport, the large industrial base and the growing population in the area.”

**30. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. J. Ryan, T. Guilfoyle agus M. Begley:-**

“That Clare County Council asks the relevant Minister to provide the necessary funding for the eradication of Hogweed. This is an issue in many different parts of County Clare and bordering counties.”

**31. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. D. Griffin:-**

“That Clare County Council supports the recent establishment of a dedicated Shannon Airport Oireachtas Group and will engage proactively with the group and senior airport management to ensure that Shannon and the wider mid-west region benefits from growth in the aviation sector in years to come.”

**32. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. M. Shannon:-**

“I call Clare County Council to invite the Chief Executive of National Broadband Ireland (NBI) for a comprehensive update on this county broadband rollout, NBI broadband rollout is gathering momentum in certain areas throughout County Clare. To date fibre to the home is available to 51% of the premises in Clare that were included in the NBI rollout plan.”

**33. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. R. McInerney:-**

“That Clare County Council engages with the T-Shore initiative to explore opportunities for collaboration in developing training and upskilling programmes for the offshore wind sector, ensuring that Clare benefits from emerging job opportunities in renewable energy.

Recognising the significant potential of offshore wind in driving economic growth and job creation along the Atlantic coast, I call on the Council to:

1. Establish a working group to engage with T-Shore partners and assess how Clare can benefit from its vocational training and skills development programmes.
2. Support the development of local training hubs and educational partnerships to equip workers with the necessary skills for careers in offshore wind energy.
3. Advocate for government funding and EU support to ensure Clare is positioned as a leader in offshore wind workforce development.

Furthermore, I request that the Council explores potential partnerships with T-Shore and relevant educational institutions to facilitate training opportunities in Clare.”