



COMHAIRLE | CLARE  
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

7 Bealtaine, 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 12 Bealtaine, 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

**NÓTA:** Seisiún faisnéise ó Phádraic McElwee, Príomhoifigeach Oibriúcháin Eatramhach, Ennis 2040 DAC ag 2 p.m.

**NOTE:** Briefing from Padraic McElwee, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Ennis 2040 DAC at 2p.m.

**An Rannóg Seirbhísi 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 mí Aibreán, a tionóladh an 14 Aibreán 2025.
  - (a) Minutes of April monthly meeting held on 14 April 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 March 2025.
  - (a) Cruinniú Cheantar Bardasach Inse a tionóladh an 11 Márta 2025.
5. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on the 7 April 2025.
5. Miontuairiscí chruinniú an Ghrúpa Beartais Chorporáidigh a tionóladh an 7 Aibreán 2025.
6. Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings.
6. Miontuairiscí Chruinnithe na gCoistí Beartais Straitéisigh.
  - (a) Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 30 January, 2025.
  - (a) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Gheilleagrach a tionóladh ar an 30 Eanáir, 2025.
7. Monthly Management Report.
8. Disposal of property at 7, Clarehill, Clarecastle, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
9. Applications considered at Memorial Committee meeting for approval by Council.
10. Clare Twinning Funding 2025.
11. LCDC Annual Report 2024.

12. Clare Age Friendly County Strategy 2024-2030.
13. Supplementary CLAGS 2025 approval.
14. Two Year Progress Report on Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029.
15. Naming of the new Killaloe Bridge.
16. Update on the status of member representation on all boards listed in Appendix 8 of the Annual Financial Statements.
17. Appointment of 3 members to the Board of Ennis 2040 DAC.
18. Appointment of 2 member to the Board of Kilrush Amenity Trust.
19. Appointment of 2 members to the Board of Clare Tourism DAC.
20. Appointment of 2 members to the Board of Shannon Heritage DAC.
21. Appointment of 2 members to the Board of Cliffs of Moher DAC.
22. Recommendation for award of Civic Reception to Mick Guinee.
23. Briefing from Padraic McElwee, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Ennis 2040 DAC at 2p.m.
24. **Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. T. O’Callaghan:-**

“I am calling on Clare County Council to seriously consider the impact of granting Casual Trading Licence’s to operators adjacent to permanent trader’s and to carry out a review of the current policy. The cost of keeping a permanent business open has risen considerably and a number of traders have closed their outlets as a result of these costs that are impacting on the viability of their operation.”

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

“That Clare County Council request the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD, to urgently review the Residential Tenancies Act 2004, with particular attention to Part 3 – Rent and Rent Reviews, Section 19(1), which states:

“In setting, at any particular time, the rent under the tenancy of a dwelling, an amount of rent shall not be provided for that is greater than the amount of the market rent for that tenancy at that time.” It has become clear that the term “*market rent*” is being misused by some landlords to justify excessive rent increases. Specifically, there is growing evidence that rents are being benchmarked against short-term rental prices or selectively chosen advertised rental properties, rather than reflecting actual rates being paid by tenants in comparable long-term tenancies. This practice is contributing to unsustainable rent inflation and placing additional pressure on tenants already struggling in the midst of an ongoing housing crisis. It is therefore essential that the legislation is reviewed and strengthened to ensure that rent review mechanisms are fair, transparent, and grounded in realistic comparisons that protect tenants from exploitation.”

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

“That Clare County Council look at rolling out the Self-Help Grant to support local authority tenants who want to make improvements to their homes.”

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

“To ask the relevant Minister to properly fund Clare County Council in order for it to carry out more works in the county and to be able to employ more council workers.”

**28. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. S. Talty, J. Garrihy, P. Hayes, P. Burke, T. O’Callaghan, P. Murphy, J. Crowe, I. Lynch, M. Howard, R. McInerney, J. Killeen agus B. Slattery:-**

“Following the Local Government Audit report 2023, presented at the April meeting, we request the Chief Executive to:

1. Outline the statutory basis, governance procedure & rationale underpinning the purchase of lands at Cliffs of Moher highlighted in the Audit and the source of funding for these purchases.
2. Commit for future timely engagement with members in advance of strategic land/property purchases. Ensuring that members are regularly briefed on capital spending plans and given detailed update on ongoing capital reserves.
3. Provide a breakdown of lands/property purchased in 2024, to include details of property acquired, all associated costs and the funding sources.”

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

“EirGrid develops, manages and operates the electricity grid in Ireland, making sure everyone has electricity when and where they need it. EirGrid is responsible for Ireland's transition to a low carbon future. As they enhance the electricity system, they are delivering critical infrastructure that underpins greater energy independence for industry, Farmers and Domestic Customers, but as importantly, will create a better and sustainable future for the next generation. With future plans at Moneypoint being the nucleus of all wind renewable energy off the West Coast what are EirGrid plans to distribute energy throughout County Clare. I call on Clare County Council to invite the CEO of EirGrid to present plans to us in the Council Chamber.”

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

“I call on the Chief Executive to clarify the status of the Cliffs of Moher 2040 Strategy in context of it never being brought before elected members for approval.”

**31. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. J. Killeen:-**

“Having a key role in the coordination of community development activity in the County, I call on the LCDC to consider the development of a Community Crisis Response Plan for the County with the commitment of the agencies and organisations represented on the LCDC, together with support from Communities and other stakeholders in the coordination of future response efforts arising from severe or adverse weather events and that the LCDC will explore funding opportunities locally and nationally to support the delivery.”

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

“This Council confirms receipt of the Clare Public Participation Network (PPN)'s request to make a presentation at a formal Council meeting. We approve this request and direct the Chief Executive to invite the Clare PPN to present at the next available full Council meeting.”

**33. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. B. Slattery:-**

“I call on the Council Executive to update on the following:

- A. Is it lawful for a Planning Authority to zone land as “Open Space” other than land already in public ownership?
- B. Notwithstanding s191(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended is Clare County Council exposed to claims from private landowners of lands in long term agricultural use and which land was rezoned “Open Space” by the Planning Authority?
- C. Is the planning Authority entitled to impact on the property rights of private landowners by virtue of rezoning private lands as “Open Space” and the consequent restrictions on development arising?
- D. Is it legitimate to maintain scenic route planning policy within the boundaries of defined settlements?
- E. I ask that the reply to this question should be considered with respect to s. 204 which is a separate process to the review of the Development Plan and involves specific notice and consideration of objections/submissions prior to a decision to impact the lands. In other words, is it an abuse of process to rezone private land as “Open Space” in a Development Plan with the intention of maintaining a scenic route within a defined settlement as opposed to using s.204?”

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

“That Clare County Council provide an update on the current status and progress of the Cooraclare and Broadford Wastewater Treatment Schemes, including timelines for delivery, funding sources, and any obstacles to implementation. Furthermore, that Clare County Council liaise with Uisce Éireann to compile and publish the following:

1. A list of all towns and villages in County Clare that currently have a wastewater treatment system, with the remaining capacity in each system for additional housing or commercial units.
2. A list of towns and villages in County Clare that do not have a wastewater treatment system, and whether a priority list exists detailing which areas are proposed for future schemes, and in what sequence.

In addition, I request that Clare County Council outline the government funding allocations for the county in 2024 and 2025 for water and wastewater projects either through Clare County Council or Uisce Eireann.”