



COMHAIRLE | CLARE  
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

7 Aibreán, 2021.

## DON CATHAOIRLEACH AGUS 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 ar **Dé Luain, an 12 Aibreán, 2021 AR 3:45 i.n. 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,

*An Roinn Seirbhísí*

Riarthóir Cruinnithe

**Please note:**

Two separate MS Teams meeting invitations will issue as follows:

2.00 p.m. HSE briefing

3.45 p.m. Council meeting.

An Roinn Seirbhísí Corparáideach  
Stiúrthóireacht Airgeadais agus Seirbhísí Tacaíochta  
Áras Contae an Chláir, Bóthar Nua, Inis, Co. an Chláir, V95 DXP2

Corporate Services Department  
Finance and Support Services Directorate  
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare, V95 DXP2

## CLÁR OIBRE - AGENDA

### 1) Miontuairiscí na Cruinnithe seo leanas den Chomhairle.

#### 1) Minutes of the following Council meeting.

- (a) Miontuairiscí Chruinniú mí Márta, a tionóladh ar an 8 Márta, 2021.
- (a) Minutes of March monthly meeting held on 8 March, 2021.

- 2. Matters Arising.
- 2. Nithe ag éirí as.

#### 3. Minutes of Municipal District Meetings. Miontuairiscí cruinnithe Ceantar Bardasach.

- (a) Killaloe Municipal District meeting held on 13 January, 2021.
- (a) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach Cill Dá Lua a tionóladh ar an 13 Eanáir, 2021.
- (b) Shannon Municipal District meeting held on 19 January, 2021.
- (b) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na Sionnainne a tionóladh ar an 19 Eanáir, 2021.
- (c) West Clare Municipal District meeting held on 19 January, 2021.
- (c) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach Iarthar an Chláir a tionóladh ar an 19 Eanáir, 2021.

#### 4. Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings. 4. Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach.

- (a) Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 7 December, 2020.
- (a) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Gheilleagrach a tionóladh ar an 7 Nollaig, 2020.
- (b) Social Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 9 December, 2020.
- (b) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Shóisialta a tionóladh ar an 9 Nollaig, 2020.

#### 5. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 1 March, 2021. 5. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 1 Márta, 2021.

#### 6. Monthly Management Report.

#### 7. Disposal of lands at Ballycalla, Newmarket on Fergus, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

#### 8. Disposal of lands at Cree Village, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

#### 9. Disposal of property at Ballard Road, Miltown Malbay, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

10. Fix date for 2021 Annual General Meeting.
11. Annual Service Delivery Plan 2021.
12. Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) for 2021.
13. Report from Standing Orders Sub-Committee.
14. Briefing by HSE personnel on Covid 19 and other service matters across UL Hospital Group and the Mid-West region - Colette Cowan, Chief Executive Officer, UL Hospitals Group, Maria Bridgeman, Chief Officer, HSE Mid-West Community Healthcare and Dr. Mai Mannix, Director of Public Health Mid-West at 2.00 p.m.

**15. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. C. Colleran Molloy, S. Crawford agus J. Crowe:-**

“That Clare County Council acknowledge World Ovarian Cancer Day on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, by lighting up Áras Contae an Chláir in the colour teal in the interest of promoting awareness of ovarian cancer in the county, similar to the Convention Hall, the Mansion House, the National Concert Hall, Heuston Station, the Titanic Building, Cork City Hall, UCC, NUIG, Kilkenny Castle, Rock of Cashel, while simultaneously acknowledging the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Clare Cancer Support Centre (Sláinte an Chláir) in Kilnamona, County Clare.”

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

“To protect the most vulnerable in domestic abuse situations I am asking Clare County Council to seek legal advice on the removal of a tenant’s name from a local authority tenancy where domestic violence has been proven or there is a fear for the victims’ health and wellbeing. In the event that legal opinion cannot identify a mechanism to remove the perpetrators name from a local authority tenancy I further request that the Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, bring forward emergency legislation empowering local authorities to remove a tenant’s name from a local authority tenancy to protect the victim of domestic violence.”

**17. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. P.J. Kelly:-**

“That a feasibility study be done on the potential of the Moneypoint site being developed as an international shipping port with emphasis on trans-shipment.”

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

“That this council put in place a robust communication system to inform people whose property status changes in the new county development plan and also communicate with communities where alternative energy zoning is under consideration.”

**19. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. D. McGettigan:-**

“That this Council should examine the Community Wealth Building model with a view to incorporating it into their local Economic Community Plans. Community Wealth Building has emerged as a powerful approach to local economic development and has been particularly successful in Preston, England, North Ayrshire Scotland and Cleveland, United States.

The model will allow Counties to leverage existing resources, such as procurement to meet local needs while creating quality employment promoting equity and sustainability.

The council initiate dialogue with local public bodies and semi-state companies in the locality regarding their potential role in the strategy.

Local businesses, enterprises and community activists need to be brought into the discussion around developing the project.

The council could also engage with Councils in Preston, North Ayrshire and elsewhere which have successfully developed this model.”

**20. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. C. Murphy:-**

“That Clare County Council would implement a system to support the submission of all planning applications through an online portal.”

**21. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. C. Murphy, I. Lynch, M. Howard, G. Flynn agus P. O’Gorman:-**

“a) that Clare County Council create a specific “section 254” license application form for telecommunications infrastructures,

b) the application form would include the requirement for the applicant company seeking such a license to notify the public of their intention to do so, by

i) Publishing a notice, in a publicly accessible location, at the site for which they seek the license

ii) Publishing a notice of their intention to seek such a license at that location from Clare County Council in a Clare based media outlet

and

c) the Planning section of Clare County Council would notify the elected members when such a license application for telecoms infrastructure is made under section 254.”

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

“We call on Clare County Council to make ready our county with a comprehensive housing build and adaptation policy for towns and villages in rural areas in anticipation of relocating urban dwellers which will bring about an increase in the housing stock required. There will be an increase in the number of planning applications that will be made for one off houses, all on foot of the Governments new Rural Strategy set to boost rural Ireland’s population by 500,000 by 2040.”

**23. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. P. McMahon, P.J. Ryan agus P. Daly:-**

“In view of the increased demand for outdoor exercising as covid restrictions ease, that this Council engage with Coillte, Government Departments and others providing walking trails with a view to having temporary toilet facilities and additional parking in place before the 2021 summer season.”

**24. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. J. Flynn:-**

“Proposal for potential financial levy if and when proposed abstraction scheme proceeds of Lough Derg water for Dublin region water supplies to benefit development and growth of rural Clare\* and rural Tipperary.

That Clare County Council request the Government put in place a funding mechanism in association with Irish Water that would levy a charge on an ongoing basis, e.g. a proportional % cent per litre of abstracted water to result in circa €10million annual fund, on any future water abstracted from Lough Derg for the lifetime of such water scheme to provide water to Midlands & Dublin Region. Such levies to be used equally for rural development in both Clare and Tipperary. Immediate Clare projects would be a strategy to provide waste water treatment of Clares 55 unsewered towns and villages. Further Clare projects would include rural tourism, rural enterprises, rural housing, etc. \* Rural Clare means areas outside of Limerick Metropolitan Area as per Southern RSES.”

**25. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. A. Norton:-**

“I am asking Clare County Council to write to the Taoiseach, Minister for Finance and the Minister for Social Protection, to prioritise that the carers allowance is no longer means tested after the 2021 budget. Given that the majority of carers are female and the fact that carer’s allowance is means tested a huge amount of women don’t receive any money due to their partners earnings.

This means that women carers are reliant on their husband or partner for financial support with no support from the state. This is a throw back to the 1800’s when women were not recognised by society for their contributions or value to the state. Carers are saving the state millions for this service with no recognition. The carers allowance should be provided to the carer regardless of their partners income, as that is their only means of income.

Why is it that the carers allowance is means tested but the children’s allowance is universal? Is one not as important as the other? I would like the Ministers and the Taoiseach to answer these questions.

I would also like that this motion is circulated to all councils across Ireland to show solidarity and support for all carers.”

**26. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. S. Crawford:-**

“That Clare County Council ask the HSE and the “Connecting for Life” initiative to pilot a Community Psychiatric Car service in the County. This has been successfully piloted by the NHS in London. The Mental Health Joint Response Car (MHJRC) involves having a Community Psychiatric Nurse and Emergency Medical Technician on call 24/7. The rationale is that people in mental health crises in the community do not often require admission to hospital, rather to address their issues with trained personnel in their own homes. Equally the qualified personnel can also make the call if actual hospital admission is warranted. To date, evaluation of the pilot has proven successful in the UK and a further 7 cars are now in operation.

Currently, Goal four of Connecting for Life, Ireland's national strategy to reduce suicide 2015-2020, aims to enhance accessibility, consistency and care pathways of services for people vulnerable to suicidal behaviour. This motion seeks to enact this in real time in our communities. I also ask for the motion to be circulated to every local authority.”

**27. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. A. O’Callaghan:-**

“Call on Clare County Council to contact the Minister for Agriculture to allow the appointment of an independent Meat Regulator with statutory powers.”

**28. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. P. McMahon:-**

“That Clare County Council alert the Minister for Transport and the Government to the potential downside for Shannon Airport and Aer Lingus staff in this region arising from the developing of the airline Manchester hub and demand strong government action to avert a crisis.”

**29. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. G. Flynn:-**

“I am calling on Clare County Council to contact the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage to outline our complete opposition to the proposed provisions of The Land Development Agency Bill 2021 (LDA). The proposed removal of Section 183 reserved function of elected members in relation to the disposal of local authority held land to the LDA as provided for in the Bill is unacceptable and an affront to democracy.

The Government should provide adequate funding for local authorities to build affordable homes for rent and for sale and stop wasting public money on unaccountable bodies.

I am calling on my colleagues to support my call to the Minister.”

**30. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. J. Garrihy, S. Talty agus J. Killeen:-**

“That Clare County Council write to the Department of Health and to Minister Stephen Donnelly requesting that Victims of Domestic, sexual and gender-based violence have access to free psychological support and counselling during and after the legal process as required. We request this support be provided bearing in mind that convicted perpetrators have access to these services at least over the duration of sentence. If passed we ask that this motion is shared with all other local authorities for support.”

**31. Comhfhreagras/Correspondence.**