



COMHAIRLE | CLARE  
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

2 Márta, 2022.

## 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 7 Márta, 2022 AR 3:45 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**

- Changing Places Facilities Presentation by Brothers of Charity at 3.00 p.m.

**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 Feabhra, a tionóladh ar an 14 Feabhra, 2022.

(a) Minutes of February monthly meeting held on 14 February, 2022.

2. Matters Arising.

2. Nithe ag éirí as.

3. Minutes of Municipal District Meetings.

Miontuairiscí cruinnithe Ceantar Bardasach

(a) Ennis Municipal District meeting held on 1 February, 2022.

(a) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 1 Feabhra, 2022.

4. Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings.

4. Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach

(a) Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 16 November, 2021.

(a) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Fhisiciúil a tionóladh ar an 16 Samhain, 2021.

(b) Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 16 November, 2021.

(b) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Tuaithe a tionóladh ar an 16 Samhain, 2021.

(c) Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 26 January, 2022.

(d) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Tuaithe a tionóladh ar an 26 Eanáir, 2022.

5. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 7 February, 2022.

5. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 7 Feabhra, 2022.

6. Monthly Management Report.

7. Disposal of property at Garrynacallaha, Kells, Corofin, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

8. Changing Places Facilities Presentation by Brothers of Charity at 3.00 p.m.

**9. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. S. Talty, J. Killeen agus L. Grant –  
Deferred from February Meeting:-**

"The School Transport Scheme is a county wide issue affecting every parish in Clare. There is currently a national review being conducted and we urge all stakeholders to have their say at <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/81e6e-school-transport-reviews/>

In particular Clare County Council calls on Bus Eireann to revert the timetable on Route 333 (Doonbeg to Ennistymon) back to the previous timetable, which ensured students travelling from West Clare would arrive in Ennistymon before 9am for school. Furthermore we call on the Department of Education, Department of Transport and Bus Eireann to amend the School Transport System to ensure that students in the Corofin area have access to school transport to secondary school in Ennistymon as well as to schools in Ennis."

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

"That Clare County Council would commission a report into the impacts of short term lets on communities across Clare."

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

"I ask Clare County Council to examine ways to make the housing waiting list and application procedure more user friendly for people who are not familiar with the system."

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

"Across the County, faulty street lights have been taking an unacceptable length of time to be repaired over the past number of months. These lights are critical public infrastructure and when out of service cause a lot of stress and anxiety to the public. Can measures be put in place to reverse this trend and return to more acceptable repair turnaround times?"

**13. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. P. Murphy:-**

"That the elected members of Clare County Council receive regular updates (monthly bulletin or inclusion in the Monthly Management Report) from H.R. on recruitment and interdepartmental transferring of staff".

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

"Can I ask Clare County Council to get involved in a SVP Food Appeal before the break-up of the summer holidays and again coming up to the Christmas period. I think for councillors and staff it would be a great initiative to work together on, due to the difficulties some families are facing at the moment."

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

"That Clare County Council calls on the Government to introduce a €30k grant for people who build their own houses."

**16. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy:-**

"That Clare County Council communicate with the Minister for Justice to express its support for the proposed legislation to criminalise "Stalking" in Ireland."

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

“I propose that Clare County Council invite National Broadband Ireland (NBI) to a Council meeting to update us on the current rollout of Broadband across the County.”

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

“Now that we seem to be coming out of restrictions and a sense of normality seems to be returning.

I am calling on Clare County Council to officially thank those volunteers, staff, community groups, garda etc. who very quickly came on board with the covid helpline.

The helpline was set up very effectively and efficiently through Clare County Council, through this we learned of people who were not only vulnerable, but did not have access to a support system in ordinary times.

Now in some cases a long lasting friendship or buddy system has been built where those in need can call someone in their area for help or just a chat.

It was amazing to see the community spirit alive and well in Clare from the council, community groups, the Gardai and individual volunteers who signed up quickly to keep people safe and relaxed in their homes by doing their shopping or picking up prescriptions.

Now is the time to acknowledge this great coming together.”

**19. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. G. Flynn, P. O’Gorman, M. Begley, J. Crowe, P. McMahon, P.J. Ryan agus D. McGettigan:-**

“We are calling on the Minister for Transport and the Government to urgently address the many issues and problems experienced by members of the public in Clare when accessing the delivery of Driver Licences. The location of the Road Safety Authority branch office in the shopping centre in Ennis is proving very difficult to gain access and members of the public find the service delivery very poor from a customer engagement and manner of service. A substantial amount of Clare Residents living in Towns and Villages bordering Limerick find that their new address has them in Limerick. The statement issued by the RSA in 2013 claimed that the New Licence would be the ‘Best in Class’ I would suggest a geography lesson would be in order for this body.

The local authority in Clare delivered a very professional and courteous service up to 2013 but unfortunately the new arrangements with the Road Safety Authority is not satisfactory and requires a root and branch reform or else the returning of the service to local authorities that are best placed and have the capability to deliver this very important service.”

**20. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. L. Grant:-**

“I am asking Clare County Council to write to the Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly and ask him to take urgent action in order to address the turnaround times and response times of the National Ambulance service. Average ambulance turnaround times at hospitals are almost twice the national target and response times to critical incidents are no way near good enough.

The National Ambulance Service needs to run a media campaign to educate the public so that if a call is not serious or life threatening that they consider other options such as a GP, Minor Injury Clinic, pharmacist or self care.

There is also a massive problem with recruitment in the National Ambulance service. This January the national ambulance service attempted to recruit a class of 96 paramedics but only 6 people

accepted a place on the course. With so few paramedics being recruited it's likely that things are going to get worse before they get better."

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

"That this Council requests an urgent meeting of an Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, and Chief Executive Pat Dowling, to discuss the financial implications of the proposed transfer of Shannon Heritage sites to Clare County Council and to ensure the Taoiseach has all the relevant information and facts surrounding the proposed transfer".

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

"I am requesting that the Minister for Justice, Helen Mc Entee in conjunction with the Garda Commissioner, Drew Harris look into providing extra Gardai For villages and small towns especially community guards that can work on the ground with local organisations, businesses and people. These community guards could liaise with Chief Superintendent Sean Colleran in the Clare Division".

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

"We call on Irish Water to attend a face to face public meeting with Clare County Councillors and Oireachtas Members on the issues of water extraction and waste water system provision in County Clare."

**24. Comhfhreagras/Correspondence.**