



COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

4 Bealtaine, 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 9 Bealtaine, 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 gcrúinniú.

Iarrtar ort a bheith i láthair.

Mise le meas,

Jim Keywood

Riarthóir Cruinnithe

An Roinn Seirbhísí Corparáideach
Stiúthóireacht 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 Aibreán, a tionóladh ar an 11 Aibreán, 2022.

(a) Minutes of April monthly meeting held on 11th April, 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 5 April, 2022.

(a) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 5 Aibreán, 2022.

4. Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings.

4. Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach.

(a) Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 23 February, 2022.

(a) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Tuaithe a tionóladh ar an 23 Feabhra, 2022.

5. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 4 April, 2022.

5. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 4 Aibreán, 2022.

6. Monthly Management Report.

7. Disposal of property by way of lease at County Museum Building, Ennis, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

8. Report in accordance with Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and Part VIII, Article 81 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the proposed construction of 15 no. residential units and public car park at Ballyliddan West, Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare.

9. Report in accordance with Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and Part VIII, Article 81 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the proposed development of a flood defence protecting three properties in Quin, Co. Clare.

10. Fix date for 2022 Annual General Meeting.

11. Annual Service Delivery Plan 2022.

12. Community Support Scheme 2022.

13. Approval of applications considered by Memorial Committee.

14. Fáilte Ireland -Festival and Participative Events Funding 2022.

15. Clare County Council Public Art Policy 2022 – 2023.

16. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. P. McMahon:- (Deferred from April Council Meeting)

“That Clare County Council calls on the Government to increase investment in the Childcare sector and in particular to urgently address the pay of childcare workers.”

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

“Due to the significant implications for affected homeowners and for Clare County Council in the implementation of any proposed pyrite/mica redress scheme, I request that the matter is included as a headed item on the agenda of the housing SPC and within the management report. This will better ensure that members are kept up to date with the progression, nationally and locally, in relation to the pyrite/ mica redress scheme.”

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

“In recent years where cremation is getting more common, can the Council provide details on whether a columbarium policy for the burial of ashes exists for County Clare and if so, does this policy take account of the sharp increase in cremation rates in the county. Considering the pressure for burial space in some areas of the county, I request that if such a policy exists that it should adequately provide for cremation options for families who opt for cremation.”

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

"Community Support Schemes, I am proposing that the deadline for applications is brought forward in order to help facilitate the invaluable work that community groups are doing in towns and villages across County Clare. An example of the aim of this Notice of Motion would be where Tidy Towns groups are currently unaware of what support they are getting this year, yet the closing date for Tidy Towns entries is mid May, thus making it very difficult to plan accordingly for the year ahead".

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

“That the term “infill site” and all listed considerations relative to it as exists in the present County Development Plan be excluded from the next County Development Plan.”

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

“That this council would request to enact a bye law holding timber harvesting benefactors responsible for any damage done to public roads during extracting operations.”

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

“I call on Clare County Council to follow in the foot steps of Cork City Council and to end the practice of using chemical herbicides for the control of unwanted vegetation in amenity areas, including public parks, open space areas, greenways, woodland planting and roadside verges.

The alternatives are by far more environmentally friendly in terms of greater biodiversity and pollinator-friendly amenity areas. A shift in expectation is needed by the public in how we manage weeds and how best to promote biodiversity.

I would acknowledge that there should be limited use of the herbicide Glyphosate for the control of invasive Japanese knotweed species, but ordinary use should effectively be banned.”

23. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. J. Garrihy, S. Talty agus B. Chambers:-

“I call on Clare County Council to outline the criteria and selection process for prioritisation of Towns and Villages to be put forward to the new waste water systems fund just announced. Waste water infrastructure is long overdue and holding back economic and social development in many rural towns and villages of Clare particularly in Doolin, Carrigholt, Cooraclare and Broadford.”

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

“That this Council calls on the Government and Minister of Social Protection to find a solution which would allow artists with disabilities to be in receipt of the Basic Income for Artists payment without it affecting their disability supports.”

25. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. C. Murphy, I. Lynch agus J. Flynn:-

“To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to consider including a member of the executive from Clare County Council, Limerick City & County Council and Kerry County Council to represent community and environmental interests on the Shannon Estuary Economic Taskforce.”

26. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. M. Howard:-

“Clare County Council request Minister for Finance, Mr Pascal Donohoe to remove VAT on AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators). By removing VAT Minister Donohue will save lives.”

27. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. P. Daly, J. Crowe, M. Begley, P. McMahon, J. Killeen, P. O’Gorman agus G. Keating:-

“We ask Clare County Council to immediately make contact with the Department of Transport with a view to insisting that Dublin Airport Authority diverts spare capacity traffic to the likes of Shannon Airport particularly as Dublin has clearly been unable to cater for what it has while Shannon needs more passengers.”

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

“In view of the fact that E,Scooters are classed as a Mechanically Propelled Vehicle and the E,Scooter regulations won’t be in place until 2023, I am calling on the Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan to urgently put regulations in place to protect members of the public from the users of these vehicles on public roads and footpaths, some serious issues are materialising for vulnerable people and the use of Guide Dogs by the visually impaired is being compromised by the presence of these vehicles on footpaths.”

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

“I call on Clare County Council to ask the minister to bring back screening for scoliosis in our schools in Clare.

This was previously done in schools and had helped with early detection therefore preventing the need for surgery in some cases as the degree in scoliosis can increase during growth spurts.

The test can be done simply in a few minutes as part of the health screening programme in schools.”

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

“We call on the Minister for Agriculture, our Oireachtas Members and other relevant Agencies to put adequate supports for the farming livestock sector in place immediately to ensure sufficient fodder is harvested to prevent a fodder crisis in Winter/Spring 2023.”

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

“That Clare County Council request, in the interest of balanced regional development, that the Tánaiste instructs the recently formed Shannon Estuary Economic Taskforce to ensure that the potential of the Fergus Estuary, which is deemed coastal up as far as Clarecastle and is part of, is included in the consideration of the 5 key objectives set out below for consideration by Government to the recently formed Shannon Estuary Economic Taskforce.

With regard the Shannon Estuary the Programme for Government committed to

“consider the potential of the Shannon Estuary in terms of regional economic development across transport and logistics, manufacturing, renewable energy and tourism, and develop a strategy to achieve this potential, with support from the Exchequer.”

In this regard to fulfil the commitment in the Programme for Government, the Terms of Reference for the Shannon Estuary Economic Taskforce are to:

- a. Assess the strategic strengths and comparative advantages of the Shannon Estuary from an investment and enterprise development perspective, in a national and international context;
- b. Scope potential areas of opportunity for the Shannon Estuary and specify policy and investment requirements to exploit those areas of potential;
- c. Assess the current connectivity of the region and make recommendations as to how this could be enhanced;
- d. Specify the actions required from national and local government, as well as from other stakeholders, to exploit those areas of potential; and
- e. Produce a Report and associated Action Plan with specific steps in areas of potential.

The Taskforce Report will be presented to the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment. It will subsequently be considered by Government.”

32. Comhfhreagras/Correspondence.