



COMHAIRLE | CLARE  
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

9 Samhain, 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 14 Samhain, 2022 AR 3:00 i.n. in Glucksman Library, Ollscoil Luimnigh 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,

*Alan Reynolds*

**Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

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. Formal welcome by Professor Kerstin Mey, President, University of Limerick.
2. Miontuairiscí na Cruinnithe seo leanas den Chomhairle.
2. Minutes of the following Council meeting.
  - (a) Miontuairiscí Chruinniú mí Deireadh Fómhair, a tionóladh ar an 10 Deireadh Fómhair, 2022.
  - (a) Minutes of October monthly meeting held on 10 October, 2022.
  - (b) Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Speisialta a tionóladh ar an 20 Deireadh Fómhair, 2022.
  - (b) Minutes of Special meeting held on 20 October, 2022.
3. Matters Arising.
3. Nithe ag éirí as.
4. Comhfhreagras/Correspondence.
5. Minutes of Municipal District Meetings.
5. Miontuairiscí cruinnithe Ceantar Bardasach
  - (a) Ennis Municipal District meeting held on 6 September, 2022.
  - (a) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 6 Meán Fómhair, 2022.
  - (b) Ennis Municipal District meeting held on 4 October, 2022.
  - (b) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 4 Deireadh Fómhair, 2022.
6. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 3 October, 2022.
6. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 3 Deireadh Fómhair, 2022.
7. Monthly Management Report.
8. Disposal (by lease) of building and surrounding site at the Junction, Cloughleigh, Ennis, 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 Glenina, Gort Road, Ennis, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
10. 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 Monastery Lane, Ennistymon, Co. Clare.

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

“I call on Clare County Council to increase the lifeguard season at “big beaches” to include weekends in May.”

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

“The members of Clare County Council, call on the Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform to provide significant additional funding to Local Authorities in 2023 having regard to the unprecedented levels of inflation, in particular, spiralling energy costs, rising construction costs, enhanced payroll commitments, impact of the cost of living crisis on other revenue streams such as rent and rates. Such additional funding is crucial in maintaining essential services.”

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

“That a report be written on the rationale behind the proposal in the Draft County Development Plan which details two different policies for farmer families who possess herd numbers and who may seek to build houses on family land.”

**14. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. P. Daly, P. McMahon, J. Crowe, S. Talty, J. Killeen:-**

“We call on the Government to take steps to ease the burden on rate payers in County Clare arising from the extraordinary high valuation of properties recently introduced by the Valuation Office”.

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

“Following the decision at the meeting of Clare County Council in April 2018 to progress the South Clare/UL SDZ and it’s inclusion as an objective in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, to acknowledge the past and present co-operation between the University of Limerick, President and Colleagues and Clare Members and Officials of Clare County Council and to look forward to designation by Government of the area as a Strategic Development Zone and to the continued future co-operation of all agencies to advance the proposed SDZ for the benefit of the mid west region”.

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

“That this Council request that Minister Eamonn Ryan removes the stop he has placed on the second section of the LNDR, as this is a very important piece of infrastructure for the future economy and convenience of the public in the Clare/Limerick area.”

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

“I request that Clare County Council develop an employment and supply chain charter to be considered for all Local Authority contracts, Ennis 2040 DAC, FDI's, Renewable Energy Investment and any investment opportunities that presents direct or indirect investment through local employment or supply chain provision.”

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

“Following several contacts made to me about the lack of GP services or access to GP, also added to that, the findings of the Clare Anti Poverty Group findings that Clare needs 33% more GPs even just to put us on a par with the national average.

I am calling on Clare County Council to ask the Minister to establish a working group to set targets for recruitment and retention of GPs in Clare.

People are challenged with finding a new GP when their own retires, while those on medical cards

are moved to already full GPs thus finding it harder to get an appointment.  
People of Clare need timely, sometimes life saving access appointments with their GPs.”

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

“To request that Clare County Council would

- a) seek information from the International Protection Accommodation Services (IPAS) as to the quantity of hotel bedrooms that are currently contracted to them in Clare for i) the next 3 months ii) the next 6 months and iii) their expectation for the next 12 months.
- b) undertake discussions as soon as possible with Failte Ireland, the Clare Tourism Advisory Forum and the tourism industry in general, to get a clear understanding of the impact the reduction of serviced overnight accommodation has had to date, and may have in the future, on the wider tourism sector across the county, and
- c) create and deliver a marketing strategy for 2023 that takes full account of those expected impacts.”

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

“I am calling on the Minister for Housing Darragh O’Brien and the Minister for Justice Helen McEntee to have a look at the legislation covering third party tenancies that are subsidised by public funding and the role of local authorities in this policy. The current situation is proving very problematic for established communities who are experiencing anti social behaviour from some dysfunctional tenants. I would suggest a change in the legislation may be required to allow local authorities to have a more hands on approach in the management of these properties as a substantial amount of public funding is being paid to private landlords that in some cases are failing to adequately control the behaviour of their tenants and as a result peaceful community life is threatened.”

**21. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. J. Flynn, J. Garrihy, C. Murphy, L. Grant agus G. Flynn:-**

“In light of the Climate Change Crisis and the particular vulnerability of County Clare to its effects, the elected members request the Chief Executive to arrange for the recently assigned Senior Engineer for Climate Change to liaise with each Municipal District Committee to identify priority climate adaptation projects in each municipal district.”

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

“This Council calls on the Government to recognise the invaluable contribution made by student nurses and midwives while on work placement and furthermore calls on the Government to adequately compensate them for the work they do during this time.”

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

“That Clare County Council give an update on how many roads have been upgraded under the LIS and CIS schemes since 2018 in the county, and when is it hoped to take new applications for the LIS scheme.”

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

"That Clare County Council contact Bus Éireann insisting on reinstatement of their heretofore policy of picking up passengers at all safe points along their Public Service Obligation routes".

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

“I call on Clare County Council to review the policies and the business practices of the major tourist sites/visitor attractions in Clare that are managed/proposed to be managed by public bodies to ensure, where this is necessary, that their marketing and operation steers footfall to local towns and villages/SMEs and strengthening the economic activity and sustainability of host communities.”

**26. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. T. O’Brien:-**

“That this council write to the Minister for Transport asking that any holder of a category D1 driving licence be allowed to drive a vehicle with a capacity of 25 passengers raising it from the current 16 passengers.”

**27. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. G. Keating:-**

“That Clare County Council request the promoters of offshore wind energy projects to set up an office in Kilrush with a view to providing a good local communication service.”

**28. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. T. O’Brien, P. Murphy agus P. Hayes:-**

“That this Council asks the Ministers for Transport and Education to instruct Bus Éireann school transport to immediately remove the discriminatory practice of forcing drivers who are fully qualified and have been medically assessed as fit and competent to drive, for private contractors to retire due to age.”