



COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

6 Nollaig, 2023.

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 11 Nollaig, 2023 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 gcrúinniú.

Iarrtar ort a bheith i láthair.

Mise le meas,

NOTE: Briefing by HSE, 1:30 p.m.

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) Miontuairiscí na Cruinnithe seo leanas den Chomhairle.

1) Minutes of the following Council meeting.

(a) Miontuairiscí Chruinniú mí Samhain, a tionóladh ar an 13 Samhain 2023.

(a) Minutes of November monthly meeting held on 13 November 2023.

(b) Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Cháinainnéis Reachtuil a tionóladh ar an 30 Samhain, 2023.

(b) Minutes of Statutory Budget meeting held on 30 November, 2023.

2. Matters Arising.

2. Nithe ag éirí as.

3. **Comhfhreagras/Correspondence.**

4. Minutes of Municipal District Meetings.

4. Miontuairiscí cruinnithe Ceantar Bardasach

(a) Ennis Municipal District meeting held on 7 November, 2023

(a) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 7 Samhain, 2023

(b) Ennis Municipal District Budget meeting held on 9 November, 2023

(b) Cruinniú Cháinainnéis Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 9 Samhain, 2023

(c) Killaloe Municipal District meeting held on 21 September 2023

(c) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach Cill Dá Lua a tionóladh ar an 21 Meán Fómhair 2023

(d) Shannon Municipal District meeting held on 19 September 2023.

(d) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na Sionnainne a tionóladh ar an 19 Meán Fómhair 2023

(e) Shannon Municipal District Budget meeting held on 15 November 2023

(e) Cruinniú Cháinainnéis Ceantar Bardasach na Sionnainne a tionóladh ar an 15 Samhain 2023

5. Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings.

5 Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach

(a) Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 18 September, 2023.

(a) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Gheilleagrach a tionóladh ar an 18 Meán Fómhair, 2023.

(b) Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 19 September, 2023

(b) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Fhisiciúil a tionóladh ar an 19 Meán Fómhair, 2023

- (c) Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 19 September, 2023
- (c) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Tuaithe a tionóladh ar an 19 Meán Fómhair, 2023

6. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 6 November 2023.
6. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 6 Samhain 2023.

7. Monthly Management Report.

8. Disposal of ground at 4 New Cottages, Ennistymon, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

9. Disposal of land at Laghile, Cratloe, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

10. Disposal of land at 5 Ballycasey Avenue, Shannon, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

11. Disposal of property at 4 Station Road, Ennis, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

12. Amendment to (County of Clare) Bye-Laws 2017 Speed Limits – N85 at Inagh Village, Co. Clare.

13. Amendment to (County of Clare) Bye-Laws 2017 Speed Limits – N67 Doonbeg to Bealaha, Co. Clare.

14. Amendment to (County of Clare) Bye-Laws 2017 Speed Limits – L-1112 Kilnaboy, Co. Clare.

15. Amendment to (County of Clare) Bye-Laws 2017 Speed Limits – Querrin Village, Co. Clare.

16. Proposed traffic calming measures to Main Street, Mountshannon pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994.

17. Ratification of new Clare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) members. Sergeant Catriona Holohan of the Community Policing Unit of An Garda Síochána has been nominated to replace Sergeant Catriona Brooks An Garda Síochána.

18. Briefing by HSE at 1.30 p.m.

19. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. J. Flynn:- (deferred from the November Council meeting)

“In light of recent devastating flooding in Middleton, Newry and a sustained pattern of increased rainfall due to climate change, that Clare County Council will protect both the biodiversity and flood role of town and village watercourses by ensuring adherence to Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI)* guidance on developments adjacent to urban watercourses which includes provision of a minimum nature-based buffer of 33m before hardcore development.

Clare County Council acknowledges the important role of such town and village rivers, streams, and their riverside (riparian) corridor in slowing down the flow of rainfall, helping to regulate flooding and preventing flash flooding. (*referred to in Vol 10 a & b Clare County Development plan 2023-2029).”

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

“Clare County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage to publish the 2022-2025 Multi Annual Rural Water Programme without further delay. We are now at the end of year 2 of a 4-year programme and still we have no clarity for the many active group water schemes awaiting funding. Request that the motion be circulated to Clare Oireachtas members & all County Councils.”

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

“That with regard to the Lough Donnell Sluice at Clohaninchy, the following information be provided:

- (1) Height over sea level of previous sluice pipe.
- (2) Height over sea level of new sluice pipe.
- (3) Cost of recent works at Lough Donnell.
- (4) Designer of recent project.
- (5) The Council outline its consultations with OPW in other similar projects across the county”

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

“That Clare County Council calls on the Minister for Transport to ensure that the DAA doesn’t use its ownership of Cork Airport to disadvantage Shannon in the distribution of excess traffic arising from restrictions on night flights to Dublin”.

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

“That Clare County Council develop, on a cross directorate basis, including but not limited to, Tourism, Rural Development, Planning, Environment and the LEO, a pilot approach to address the challenges associated with the tourism accommodation shortages throughout the County through the provision of additional serviced pods (glamping), to a maximum of two subject to all other planning considerations, on farms in our rural and coastal areas with a view to providing a farm

based visitor experience that will support rural farm diversification and wider local economic benefits associated with longer staying independent travellers.”

24. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr M. Howard, Cllr A. O’Callaghan agus Cllr. P. O’Gorman:-

“Clare County Council requests the Road Safety Authority address the long waiting times for driving tests and prioritise the backlog for those waiting throughout Co Clare.”

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

“In light of the new Government guidelines that are about to be issued in the coming months in relation to the reduction of speed limits in both urban and rural areas. Could this council consider as part of the next speed limit review that all of the applications that have been received in the present appeals process be looked at once the new guidelines are issued.”

26. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr G. Flynn, Cllr. T. O’Callaghan, Cllr. J. Flynn, Cllr. I. Lynch, Cllr. P. Burke, Cllr P.J. Kelly agus Cllr P. Daly:-

“We are calling on the Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee and the Garda Commissioner, Drew Harris to revisit the current model of policing as it is not fit for purpose and is based on reactionary policing and in the current times the public feel very vulnerable both in rural communities and urban communities throughout Clare and find the lack of adequate numbers of Gardai on the ground is having a negative impact on their lives.”

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

“In light of the continuing increase in serious road accidents and fatalities I request that Clare County reinstate:

- Road Safety Officer Position
- The Clare Road Safety Working Group and
- Update the Clare Road Safety Strategy 2014 - 2020

To ensure cohesive and consistent implementation of the 4 "E's" of road safety – Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Evaluation to deliver a county wide policy towards improving safety on our roads.”

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

“I am calling on the Housing Minister Darragh O’Brien to review the Part V obligations placed on private housing developers and especially the social element and focus the obligation on the development of affordable housing and housing for people with disabilities. The current policy is a barrier to the development of private housing and especially for people in lower income categories that are struggling to secure their own home. Local authorities are best placed to deliver social housing and need to be properly resourced.”

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

“In planning towards investment and regeneration of our towns and villages as sustainable, attractive places to live, visit, work and invest in, I call on Clare County Council to commit and ringfence 50% of any surplus of income over expenditure available at year-end. This could be considered as part of the Council’s strategic investment deliberations at the time of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS). This follows the very strategic investments in worthwhile projects at this time in recent years.

Our towns and villages across all four MDs are locations of sunk state funding and infrastructure and require priority commitment across all directorates and strategy implementation in order to No. 1 add value to and underpin already invested taxpayers’ money, and in order to thrive, sustain and align with the major focus and investment of state funds and resources being committed to Town Centre First, Rural, Social, Economic, Tourism and Physical Development.”

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

“I call on Clare County Council to write to the Department of Justice and Minister James Browne asking them to enact the Gambling Regulation Bill as soon as possible. There's a lot of people around the Country suffering with gambling addiction and this legislation needs to be brought forward to safeguard persons participating in gambling. So many people's lives have been harmed from gambling, it needs to be regulated.

I'm also calling for the redistribution of the gambling levy into social projects including the creation of a social impact fund to finance initiatives aimed at reducing problem gambling. Since 2001, €1.5 billion has been given to horse and greyhound racing from this levy. These industries are well able to support themselves and this funding needs to go towards more worthy causes.”

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

"That this Council would consider providing salt and grit bins for all national schools that require them and are not on the gritting network in the County."

32. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. D. McGettigan agus Cllr. L. Grant:-

“That Clare County Council, notwithstanding the current short-term truce, condemns the ongoing bombardment and collective punishment by Israel of innocent men, women and children in Gaza over the last seven weeks. We therefore formally endorse and support the Palestinian-led Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement to compel Israel to comply with international law and universal human rights. In addition, we support calls for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire and full humanitarian intervention to alleviate the suffering of the people of the besieged Gaza Strip. We call for the release of all hostages and prisoners by both sides as part of a comprehensive ceasefire.”

33. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. M. Begley:-

“That this Council would ask the Minister for Housing, Darragh O’Brien, to include the conversion of suitable buildings such as well constructed, but no longer used, farm stables as qualifying for the €50,000 & €70,000 Vacant Property Grant.”