



COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

8 Bealtaine, 2024.

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 13 Bealtaine, 2024 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 gcruinniú.

Iarrtar ort a bheith i láthair.

Mise le meas,

Riarthóir Cruinnithe

An Roinn Seirbhísí Corparáideach
Stiúrthóireacht Airgeadais agus Seirbhísí Tacaiochta
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 8 Aibreán 2024.
 - (a) Minutes of April monthly meeting held on 8 April 2024.
 - (b) Miontuairiscí Chruinniú mí Aibreán a cuireadh ar atráth, a tionóladh ar an 15 Aibreán 2024.
 - (b) Minutes of the adjourned April meeting held on 15 April 2024.

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 2 April, 2024
 - (a) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 2 Aibreán, 2024

5. Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings.
- 5 Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach
 - (a) Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 6 February, 2024
 - (a) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Fhisiciúil a tionóladh ar an 6 Feabhra, 2024
 - (b) Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 20 February, 2024
 - (b) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Tuaithe a tionóladh ar an 20 Feabhra, 2024.

6. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 2 April, 2024.
6. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 2 Aibreán, 2024.

7. Monthly Management Report.

8. Local Government Audit Report 2022.

9. Audit Committee Report on local government Audit Report 2022.

10. Audit Committee Annual Report 2023.
11. Annual Financial Statements Clare County Council 2023.
12. Annual Report 2023.
13. That Clare County Council issue Polling Information Cards pursuant to section 27 and Section 54 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Article 55 of the Local Elections Regulations 1995 (as amended).
14. LCDC Membership.
15. Applications considered at Memorial Committee meeting for approval by Council.

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

“That Clare County Council request the Minister for Local Government to amend Planning Regulators Directive which empowers TII to veto planning permission for farmers sons and daughters who inherit farms on national secondary roads.”

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

“That Clare County Council condemns the illegal blockade of passengers seeking to access Shannon Airport.”

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

“Clare County Council requests Minister Eamon Ryan to allow a portion of Active Travel Funding be used for the repair or replacement of footpaths in our towns and villages.”

19. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. D. McGettigan, Cllr. P. Hayes agus Cllr. L. Grant:-

“Calling on Clare County Council to adopt a rights based Ethical Procurement Policy.

To ethically advance how they tender and who they are affiliated in accordance with international law obligations.

We are asking that ethical Procurement policies are put in place as a framework to ensure that Clare County Council will be able to exclude businesses and companies involved in human rights and international law violations when tendering bids.

This initiative will ensure that international human rights principles and guidelines are being adhered to at a local level.

An ethical Procurement policy will clearly implement criteria in accordance with the ‘UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights’, ‘OECD Guidelines for Multinational

Enterprises’ and ‘The Global Sullivan Principles (1999)’.

The Council affirms that every endeavour is made to ensure that the Councils tendering process are consistent and with the above principles, including under the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the protection of civilian persons in time of war and under Customary International Humanitarian laws, prohibiting the importation or sale of goods or services originating in occupied territories. Criteria within the Procurement policy will ensure the role of Clare County Council is not to be overwhelmed determining human rights violations, but to ensure during tendering processes, bidders are checked in accordance with the guidelines Principles.

We would ask that during the development of an Ethical Procurement Policy, that Clare County Council seeks legal guidelines in relation to the logistical detail of the policy being adopted and implemented in principle.”

20. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy, Cllr. A. O’Callaghan agus Cllr. S. Talty:-

“While continuing to support every effort to have a Model 3 Hospital returned to Ennis to address the demands of our increasing population, that Clare County Council call on the Government and the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly, T.D. to immediately buy the 53 Bed Barrington’s Hospital Limerick (advertised for sale in the Irish Times on May 1st 2024) so as to alleviate the intolerable overcrowding in University Hospital Limerick and to ensure that these private *in situ* hospital beds are not lost to the public healthcare system and the people of Clare to a possible hotel, hostel, or education institution.”

21. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. R. McInerney:-

“Ahead of the Summer season, I call on Clare County Council to install billboards at our Blue Flag and Green Coast Bathing areas with lifeguard patrols to display the following daily updated information:

Emergency Numbers - 999/112

Date:

Lifeguard on Duty:

Air Temperature:

Water Temperature:

Wind Direction:

Low Tide Time / Height:

High Tide Time / Height:

Swimming Conditions:

Weather Conditions:

Sunburn Index:

Local Information:

Lifeguard months and hours of operation.”

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

“In order to ensure the ongoing viability and sustainability of those coastal towns and villages identified by the CSO as having a significant imbalance in second or holiday home ownership, we request the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage would consider amending his direction to local authorities that limits their acquisition of privately owned properties by introducing a clause that allows the relevant local authorities to purchase any private housing, subject to value for money, that comes on the open market, especially former council housing, and to also consider the reintroduction of the long-term leasing agreement for social housing provision.”

23. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. J. Flynn, Cllr. G. Flynn agus Cllr. T. O’Callaghan:-

“Request a report be prepared outlining the location including numbers, by individual Municipal District of new or purchased social housing, including AHBs, since 2014. The report to include the total of approved applicants for the same period.”

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

“I am calling on the Taoiseach of the day Simon Harris and the coalition partners Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and the Green Party to address the huge failures in the reconfigured health services established by the Government some years ago and the establishment of the HSE for responsibility in implementing the policy.

Health services for the public in Ireland has been led by Health Ministers from Fianna Fail, Progressive Democrats and Fine Gael for over 24 years and the current model of reconfiguration has been a failure. Recent reports indicated that rural parts of Ireland have been impacted the most and have a higher risk of poor outcomes and this is borne out by the experience of people from Clare attending overcrowded emergency departments and at times having tragic outcomes. People in need of health services from Clare are suffering and there is no evidence to suggest that the reconfigured health service has delivered improved outcomes. I am calling on the Government to urgently address the serious consequences for the public in Clare from the current government’s model of health care. I would request the circulation of this motion if supported to our Oireachtas Members in Clare and other local authorities.”

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

“That this council would carry out an extensive road drainage programme as the amount of damage being done to the county roads due to excess water accumulating on them due to adverse weather conditions is causing major damage.”

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

“A presentation was given on January 11th by Banking Federation Ireland (BPI) outlining a model of financing which would enable homeowners to access a percentage of their allocated grant to commence work. This needs a state backed guarantee.

I am calling on Clare County Council to call on the Department of Housing to back this guarantee and allow it to commence. This would greatly help those living in rotting pyrite homes, who simply cannot commence, as they do not have the means to cover the shortfall in the grant to remediate their homes.

I also Call on Clare County Council to call for retroactive reimbursement for foundations testing and removal.”

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

“To call on Clare County Council, in conjunction with An Garda Siochana, to co-ordinate a targeted joint approach to deal with speeding and dangerous driving habits in our villages and towns in County Clare.”

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

“That Clare County Council calls on the government to roll-out multi-agency taskforces to tackle anti-social behaviour in regional towns in County Clare and throughout the Country.”

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

“Call on Clare County Council to write to Minister Darragh O'Brien and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage asking them to update the regulations for changing place names. Whether it be through the means of a plebiscite or that the new regulations allow for local Councils to approve the changing of place names as reserved function, a mechanism is needed to change place names back to their commonly used spellings. We need to get the names officially changed so we can have the correct road signs for Lahinch, Ballyvaughan, Ennistymon, Miltown Malbay, Corofin, Kilnaboy, Carron, Clonlara etc.

It is embarrassing for these towns. It often confuses tourists and damages businesses that have the common spelling of the town in their business name or in their website domain.”

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

“I propose that Clare County Council calls upon the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly, and the Health Service Executive (HSE) to undertake a comprehensive review of how home care services are provided in Ireland and to acknowledge the significant challenges faced by individuals and families in accessing adequate and timely home care services.

I ask that following points be addressed:

- Assess the current system of home care provision, including its strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement.
- Examine the availability, accessibility, and affordability of home care services across different regions and communities.
- Consider the quality and standards of care provided, including the training and financial supports provided to home care workers.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of existing policies and regulations governing home care services.
- Engage with service users, their families, advocacy groups, and relevant stakeholders to gather feedback and insights.”