



COMHAIRLE | CLARE  
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

9 Deireadh Fómhair, 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 14 Deireadh Fómhair, 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 gcrúinniú.

Iarrtar ort a bheith i láthair.

Mise le meas,

*Mary M<sup>c</sup>Mann*

**Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

**An Roinn Seirbhísi Corparáideach**  
**Stiúrthóireacht Airgeadais agus Seirbhísi 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 Meán Fómhair, a tionóladh ar an 9 Meán Fómhair 2024.
  - (a) Minutes of September monthly meeting held on 9 September 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 AGM held on 27 June 2024.
  - (a) Cruinniú cinn bhliana Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 27 Meitheamh, 2024.
  - (b) Ennis Municipal District Meeting held on 27 June 2024.
  - (b) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 27 Meitheamh, 2024.
  - (c) Ennis Municipal District Meeting held on 10 September 2024.
  - (c) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 10 Meán Fómhair, 2024.
  - (d) Shannon Municipal District meeting held on 16 July, 2024.
  - (d) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na Sionnainne a tionóladh ar an 16 Iúil, 2024.
  - (e) West Clare Municipal District meeting held on 16 July 2024.
  - (e) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach Iarthar an Chláir a tionóladh ar an 16 Iúil, 2024.
5. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 2 September, 2024.
5. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 2 Meán Fómhair, 2024.
6. Monthly Management Report.
7. Disposal Chief Executive Report in accordance with Section 37E of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, in respect of proposed Oatfield Windfarm.
8. Overdraft Approval 2025.
9. Applications considered at Memorial Committee for approval by Council.

10. Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee – Proposed Membership.
11. Agree date for Budget meeting - proposed date Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 3.00p.m.
12. Nomination of 1 Elected Member to the Clare County Council Placenames Committee.
13. Nomination of 7 Elected Members to the Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP).
14. Recommendation for award of Civic Reception to Clare Senior Hurling Team.
15. **Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. I. Lynch:-**

“That Clare County Council will develop a policy to implement a “Safe Routes to School” for each LEA on an annual basis.”

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

“Tacaíonn Comhairle Contae an Chláir le iarratas an BOOLC ar neamhspleáchas don Aonad ar a dtugtar Gaelcholáiste an Chláir, atá ceangailte le Ennis Community College. Tá iarbhunscoil lán-Ghaeilge neamhspleách lánach sa phlean teanga atá réitithe agus daingnithe ag an Roinn TCAGSM thar cheann an rialtais do Líonra na hInse, mar chroí bheartas chun soláthar iarbhunoideachais lán Ghaeilge den chaighdeán is airde a chur ar fáil do phobal Gaeilge an Chláir. Iarraimid ar an Aire Oideachas stádas neamhspleách a bhronnadh láithreach.

Clare County Council supports the LCETB’s application for independence for the Unit known as Gaelcholáiste an Chláir, which is under the remit of Ennis Community College. An independent all-Irish post-primary school is central to the language plan that has been agreed and confirmed by the Department of TCAGSM on behalf of the government for the Ennis network, as the heart of a policy to provide full Irish post-primary education of the highest quality to the Irish-speaking community of Clare. We ask the Minister of Education to grant independent status immediately.”

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

“I am requesting that the members of Clare County Council are briefed on the current situation regarding the introduction of CCTV, drones, etc as provided for in the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022. A number of other local authorities have already introduced the use of this technology and have deemed that it has been a great help in the battle against illegal dumping and associated anti-social behaviour.”

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

“That Clare County Council engage with the Management of Shannon Airport and The Department of Transport to ensure Shannon Airport remains commercially competitive in light of ongoing capacity issues at Dublin Airport.”

**19. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. D. McGettigan, T. Guilfoyle, A. Baker Bashua agus M. Howard:-**

“That this Council will disregard the half-rate Carer’s Allowance in full and the Disability Allowance received by children aged between 16 and 18 in full when calculating the rent of Council tenants under the Differential Rent Scheme (DRS). The Council notes that there are plans for a national review of the DRS, however, this has yet to commence. In the interim, the Council will implement changes to its DRS based on this motion. These can be updated pending publication of the national review of the DRS.”

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

“That Clare County Council, in light of the recent ruling by the International Court of Justice on the illegality of Israeli settlements in Occupied Palestinian Territories, calls on the Irish Government to enact the Occupied Territories Bill, to cut Irish trade ties with Israeli goods and services produced in these illegal settlements.”

**21. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. T. Guilfoyle:-**

“That Clare County Council is recognised for its commitment to standing with oppressed peoples and supporting justice and humanity. Given the ongoing conflict in Gaza, which has now lasted over 365 days, I propose that the Palestinian flag be flown at Áras Contae an Chláir for one week. This symbolic act would underscore our support for international law, the International Court of Justice, and the principles of human rights.

I call on the Council to unanimously support this motion as a demonstration of our solidarity with the Palestinian people and our commitment to global peace. Flying the flag would raise awareness within our community about the humanitarian challenges in Gaza and affirm our commitment to being on the right side of history.”

**22. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. J. Garrihy, R. McNerney, S. Talty agus J. Crowe:-**

“We call on Minister Roderick O’Gorman to instruct his department and IPAS to set a clear plan and timeline that will return hotels and tourism accommodations that have been used in Clare to house refugees through an emergency period to the tourist market and on Minister Catherine Martin and Clare Tourism to ensure a recovery and investment plan aligns to ensure areas & SMEs most affected areas in are supported in the transition phase.”

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

“I am asking that a that a comprehensive plan be put in place for R352 route.

The R352 is key strategic route linking Portumna and Killaloe to our County town of Ennis and the M18 motorway network from East Clare.

With the impending opening of the Killaloe bypass as a gateway to Clare together with the tourism initiatives in Inis Cealtra and Shannon Heritage sites as well as the volume of existing and planned employment along the route e.g. Beckman Coulter, McGrath Quarries and the proposed Data Centre.

I ask the Director of Service for Transportation and the Senior Engineer in Roads Design to prepare a comprehensive plan for much needed improvements, road widenings, junction safety and speed management along the full route of the R352 (and its villages) from Whitegate village to the junction of the M18 in Ennis, rather than the piecemeal approach to date.”

**24. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. T. O’Callaghan:-**

“Up to 300 post offices face closure without more state funding, I call our Minister for Communications to work closely with all stakeholders ensuring a viable business model is achieved preventing the closure of many urban and rural communities Post Offices especially within our county.”

**25. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. R. Hartigan:-**

“To combat the significant increase in instances of illegal dumping across the county, I ask that Clare County Council, under section 14A of the Waste Management Act of 1996, set aside a sum of money and develop a plan to roll out CCTV cameras in strategic locations as soon as possible.”

**26. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. T. O’Brien, M. Begley agus R. Hartigan:-**

“We request Clare County Council to ask the relevant Minister to sign off and designate the Special Development Zone (SDZ) at Gilloge, Clonlara, County Clare, as applied for by University Limerick and Clare County Council.”

**27. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. A. Baker Bashua:-**

“I would like to call on the County Council to advocate the Government to better support small hospitality businesses.

I propose that the Council would ask the Minister to urgently review the current supports available for small hospitality businesses throughout County Clare. Many of these businesses are struggling to recover from the challenges posed by the pandemic and the ongoing rise in operational costs. Despite their significant contribution to the local economy and employment, they are not receiving enough help to sustain their operations.

I ask that the Council to review the current supports given and establish a plan with relevant bodies to provide targeted assistance, such as financial supports, rate relief, and access to grants, marketing support to ensure these vital businesses can survive and thrive into the future.”

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

“That Clare County Council ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderick O’Gorman TD, to correct the deficiency in the income of childcare workers by aligning their salaries to an appropriate civil service grade.”

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

“That Clare County Council develop a road safety programme which

- installs digital feedback speed limit signs on all approach roads to our towns and villages

- ensures every small town and village has at least one pedestrian Belisha beacon zebra crossing.”

**30. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. M. Shannon:-**

“I call on the Department of Transport for an increase in our funding allocation for regional and local roads by 30 percent to meet the 10 percent resurfacing and maintenance threshold.”

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

“I call on the NTA, Department of Transport and Minister Eamon Ryan to ensure fair and equitable treatment of rural areas of County Clare in the Active Travel program by allocating and ring fencing at least 50% of the funding provided to areas outside of large urban centres going forward to market towns, small towns and villages and to settlements with high tourism traffic.”