



COMHAIRLE | CLARE  
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

5 Márta, 2025.

## DON CHATHAOIRLEACH AGUS DO GACH BALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Leis seo, iarraim ort, le do thoil, a bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú Míósúil na Comhairle a thionólfar ar **Dé Luain, an 10 Márta, 2025 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,

**NOTE:** Briefing by FASD Ireland  
at 2:00 p.m.

  
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**Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

**An Rannóg Seirbhísí Corparáideacha  
An Stiúirthóireacht um Fhorbairt Tuaithe**

Áras Contae an Chláir, Bóthar Nua, Inis, Co. an Chláir, V95 DXP2

**Corporate Services Department  
Rural Development 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 Feabhra, a tionóladh ar an 10 Feabhra 2025.
  - (a) Minutes of February monthly meeting held on 10 February 2025.
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 14 January 2025.
  - (a) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 14 Eanáir 2025.
5. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 4 February, 2025.
5. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 4 Feabhra, 2025.
6. Monthly Management Report.
7. 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 Vandeleur Walled Garden and Visitor Centre, Kilrush, Co. Clare.
8. 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 The Cloister, 49 Abbey Street, Ennis, Co. Clare.
9. Draft Chief Executive's Report to An Bord Pleanála on the proposed 30 no. Offshore Wind Turbine Generators located off the Coast of Counties Clare and Galway in line with Section 291 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.
10. Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan 2025.
11. Fáilte Ireland's Festival and Participative Events Funding 2025.

12. Kilkee Waterworld Refurbishment.
13. Draft Clare Local Area Grant Scheme 2025.
14. Report on Climate Action Implementation.
15. Recommendation for award of Civic Reception to Foster Carers in the Clare Region.
16. Briefing from FASD Ireland at 2.00p.m.

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

“That the Interim Chief Operating Officer of Ennis 2040 DAC attend the April monthly meeting to allay my concerns and allow discussions on the following topics:

1. AECOM Report
2. Costings Provided
3. Rate of Return with Advisor providing Market Analysis.
4. Provide all reports and advice received to date.
5. List all Assets owned by Ennis 2040 to date.
6. Provide detailed repayment schedule.
7. Confirmation Ennis 2040 DAC’s Board and activity is fully compliant with Company Law Governance requirements.”

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

“That Clare County Council write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) requesting the erection of signage for the Wild Atlantic Way and the Estuary Way on the following routes:

1. The N19 National Primary Road from Shannon Airport, and
2. The M18 Motorway from Limerick and from Galway, before Junction 12 for Ennis in both directions.

The purpose of this request is to enhance the visibility and accessibility of these key tourist routes, supporting local tourism and businesses by guiding visitors more effectively to the scenic attractions of the Wild Atlantic Way and the Estuary Way.”

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

“I call on the Minister for Children and Disability, Norma Foley to provide funding for all of the valid applications made by Early Years Educators across the country through the Building Blocks Capital Investment Program 2025. A pillar service with major waiting lists and need across the country requires sufficient focus and funding now to ensure those who have taken the time and invested money in developing projects that prove a need in their area should be funded as a matter of urgency to see delivery of much needed additional spaces in the next 12/18 months.

If agreed, I ask this motion is shared with other local authorities.”

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

“That Clare County Council engage with the Shannon Airport Group and the Department of Transport to ensure we maximise the potential of the programme for Government commitment that Shannon Airport become a national technology testing hub.”

**21. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. A. Baker Bashua, T. Guilfoyle agus C. Colleran Molloy:-**

“Immediate Appointment of Occupational Speech Therapists and Behavioural Therapist in County Clare Special Schools.

That the County Council call on both the Department of Education and the Department of Disabilities to conduct immediate interviews and appoint full-time occupational therapists and speech therapists to the two special schools in County Clare. In the event that these positions cannot be filled immediately, I request that the Council secure a definitive timeframe for recruitment and obtain assurance of appropriate funding, to relieve the schools from the current burden of privately financing these essential services. These vital roles are crucial for addressing the needs of students and ensuring they receive the support they require to thrive academically and socially.”

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

“Request for Update on Ennis Dialysis Unit:

On 9 July 2024, Ms. Colette Cowan, Chief Executive Officer of UL Hospitals Group, confirmed in writing (reference REPDR/24/04537) that a new haemodialysis unit was planned for Ennis and that funding had been secured. This followed my representation to the UL Hospitals Group on behalf of a constituent.

The letter received indicated that the tender process was complete, and steps to finalise arrangements were ongoing, with an interim start date of 2025.

To monitor the progress of this vital healthcare project, Clare County Council will write to the, Chief Executive Officer of UL Hospitals Group, requesting a comprehensive update on the progress of the new haemodialysis unit in Ennis, including:

- A precise timeline for the commencement of services.
- Confirmation of the unit's location.
- Details of the contractor and any potential delays encountered.
- A detailed outline of the project's current status and any challenges preventing its timely completion.”

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

“To call on the Minister for Further and Higher Education to examine the possibility of expanding the HEA Free Fees Initiative to include students studying Graduate Entry Medicine.”

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

“We call on Minister Hayden and Minister of State Michael Healy Ray to fast-track Felling Licence applications for forest owners whose trees were damaged by Storm Éowyn and do not have a Thinning or Felling Licence. We further call for grant aid for the replanting of the forest area.

We welcome the founding of the Windblown Taskforce and ask that a large-scale timber rescue operation be progressed similar to the Swedish experience of 2005. Finally, we call for the appointment of a coordinator for each County to assist the massive logistical and marketing strategy of our national asset.”

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

“That Clare County Council call on Minister Darragh O'Brien, Minister of State Jerry Buttimer, officials at The Department of Transport and officials in the Road Safety Authority, to consider periodic reassessment of all licensed drivers that drive on our roads. This would lead to all drivers being updated on ongoing changes to the rules of the road and it would be a serious bid at tackling the huge loss of life that occurs on our roads on an annual basis.”