



COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

7 Eanáir, 2026.

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 Míosúil na Comhairle a thionólfar ar **Dé Luain, an 12 Eanáir, 2026 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

CLÁR OIBRE - AGENDA

- 1) Miontuairiscí na Cruinnithe seo leanas den Chomhairle.
- 1) Minutes of the following Council meeting.
 - (a) Miontuairiscí Chruinniú mí Nollaig, a tionóladh ar an 8 Nollaig 2025.
 - (a) Minutes of December monthly meeting held on 8 December 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 11 November 2025.
 - (a) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 11 Samhain, 2025.
5. Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings.
5. Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach
 - (a) Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 5 September, 2025.
 - (a) Cruinniú Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh um Fhorbairt Eacnamaíoch a tionóladh ar an 5 Meán Fómhair, 2025.
 - (b) Social Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 10 September, 2025.
 - (b) Cruinniú an Choiste Beartais Straitéisigh um Fhorbairt Shóisialta a tionóladh an 10 Meán Fómhair, 2025.
6. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 1 December, 2025.
6. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 1 Nollaig, 2025.
7. Monthly Management Report.
8. Ratification of new Community and Voluntary Representative on the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).
9. Recommendation for award of Civic Reception to Uachtarán na hÉireann, Catherine Connolly.

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

“I request the Chief Executive to arrange a series of workshops and forums to facilitate input and involvement of elected representatives in shaping the priorities for the County's multi-year strategic investment plan.

Given the significant investment and focus in certain areas of the county since 2019, it is imperative that the plan is balanced to ensure equitable and effective distribution of resources with sufficient and cross directorate attention to all parts of the county ensuring their sustainability and future is underpinned by the focus of the Investment Strategy.

The workshops and forums should aim to:

Provide advanced opportunity for representatives to input through a Strategic Investment Plan Framework or Discussion Paper with context of progress in the last council term, objectives, themes of focus, map current resource focus & investment patterns and areas for rebalancing, funding potential and constraints.

Gather input from elected representatives on key priorities for the strategic investment plan.

Identify areas where rebalancing of investment is needed.

Inform the development of the plan to ensure it reflects the needs and aspirations of all communities in the county with fair distribution in context of recent years focus.

We request that the Chief Executive reports back to the Council on the outcomes of these workshops and forums and outlines how the input gathered will inform the strategic investment plan.”

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

“That Clare County Council urgently call on the Department of Education to review and amend SNA Health & Safety Leave entitlements, so as to ensure full parity with teachers and to guarantee that Special Needs Assistants can remain on full Departmental pay up to the commencement of maternity leave where a workplace risk has been identified, recognising their essential role in supporting children with additional needs and ensuring fair and equitable treatment in the workplace.”

12. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. A. O’Callaghan:-

“Given the continued prominence of Group Water Schemes across the county and the ongoing issue of billing for water quality testing, that greater collaboration between the local authority and Irish Water be undertaken to provide support and, where possible, accelerate the process of taking these schemes in charge.”

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

“I call on Clare County Council to carry out an overview of the required Physical Infrastructure to support the proposed development at Cahircon and the Shannon Estuary by Gas Networks Ireland. If the proposed development obtains Planning approval, the local area will require considerable financial investment from central government.”

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

“We request that the Clare County Council provide a comprehensive update on the initiatives undertaken to attract a significant employer to County Clare.

Given the departure of Roche from Clarecastle and the reduction in operations at Moneypoint in Kilrush, it is imperative that we, in collaboration with the IDA and Enterprise Ireland, endeavour to bring substantial, high-quality employment opportunities to the County. To strengthen this very important relationship, we request the Council to invite the IDA and Enterprise Ireland to give a presentation in the Council Chamber to County Councillors and Council Management.”

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

“That the elected members of Clare County Council are opposed to the centralisation of GP services in the County and call on the HSE to ensure that GP services are retained and accessible to all in our communities.”

16. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. B. Slattery:-

“That Clare County Council would provide the elected members with a detailed briefing on the impact of the current planning and rent pressure zone legislation for those people who plan on operating a short term let for the 2026 tourist season.”

17. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. P. Daly, J. Killeen, M. Howard, T. O’Callaghan, A. Baker Bashua, J. Crowe agus M. Shannon:-

“That this Council, conscious of the economic and reputational damage caused to County Clare by recent judicial review sagas, commend the Government on its recently announced plans to restrict judicial reviews of planning decisions and urges it to limit the number to one, also limit to one the number of judicial reviews that may be pursued in relation to any project on application not covered by the proposed reforms, such as the Banner Plaza on the motorway outside Ennis, though the development is built and opened, the developer is deprived of water and sewerage connection, mainly due to the lodgement of a second judicial review”.

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

“At the moment there are two areas in Clare i.e. Ennis & Shannon in the affordable housing scheme, I am proposing that going forward all future housing developments within Clare are included in this scheme, there will be the requirement of a communication to be sent to the office of the Minister for Housing, James Browne.”

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

“We call on our Oireachtas Members and Minister for Social Protection Darragh Calleary to publicise the details of the My Future Fund Scheme to commit to further promotion of the scheme with a view to encouraging participants to remain long term past the six month period.”

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

“That Clare County Council establish a quarterly finance and budget workshop for Elected Members, to be facilitated by the Executive, with the purpose of:

- Providing Councillors with a clear and accessible comparison between the adopted annual budget and actual expenditure and income to date, including variances, emerging pressures and underspends;
- Reviewing projected outturns for the remainder of the current financial year, with early identification of risks, cost escalations or savings opportunities;
- Supporting early and informed preparation for the following year's budget, including horizon-scanning for known policy changes, capital commitments, staffing pressures and funding uncertainties;
- Strengthening transparency, democratic oversight and collective understanding of the Council's financial position throughout the year.

Such workshops would be held on a non-statutory basis, in addition to existing budgetary processes, and structured to enable constructive engagement between Members and the Executive in advance of key budget decisions.”

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

“Motion calling on the Central Bank of Ireland to stop facilitating the sale of Israeli Bonds:
We are gravely concerned that the Central Bank of Ireland is regulating the Israeli Bonds Issuance Programme and, thereby, facilitating the sale throughout Europe of bonds which are funding genocide in Gaza.

We note that:

(i) The bonds, known as Israel Bonds, have, since 1951, raised funds for the Israeli Treasury for use across the Israeli economy including the financing of the apartheid system, the Israeli military, and illegal settlements.

(ii) The bonds are now being advertised as war bonds and are funding the genocide in Gaza

We further note that:

(i) In January 2024 the International Court of Justice (ICJ) confirmed the plausibility of the charge of genocide against Israel.

(ii) In June 2024 the UN's International Commission of Inquiry on Palestine found that Israel's actions in Gaza “constitute the war crimes of wilful killing and mistreatment, and the crime against humanity of extermination”.

(iii) In July 2024 an ICJ ruling declared that Israel is committing the crime of apartheid and its entire regime of military occupation of Palestinian territories is illegal and must end immediately.

(iv) All institutions are under obligation under international law to prevent genocide and abuse of human rights.

We believe that the Central Bank of Ireland must end all complicity in genocide.

We, therefore, call on the Central Bank of Ireland to immediately end the regulation of the Israeli Bond Issuance Programme.”

22. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. P. Hayes, A. O'Callaghan agus G. Keating:-

“That Clare County Council calls on the Minister for Transport to authorise the development of the long-awaited train station at Crusheen without any further delay. We welcome the confirmation by the Government that the extension of the Western Rail Corridor from Athenry to Claremorris is to commence and we also welcome the confirmation by Iarnród Éireann that the railway from Claremorris to Sligo is to be kept for future rail use only.”