



COMHAIRLE | CLARE  
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

7 Nollaig, 2022.

## 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 12 Nollaig, 2022 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,

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**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 14<sup>th</sup> Samhain, 2022.
- (a) Minutes of November monthly meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.
  
- (b) Miontuairiscí Chruinniú mí Samhain a cuireadh ar atráth, agus a tionóladh ar an 21<sup>st</sup> Samhain, 2022.
- (b) Minutes of adjourned November meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022.
  
- (c) Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Cháinainéis Reachtuil a tionóladh ar an 25 Samhain, 2022.
- (c) Minutes of Statutory Budget meeting held on 25 November, 2022.

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 1 November, 2022.
- (a) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 1 Samhain, 2022.
  
- (b) Killaloe Municipal District meeting held on 21 September 2022
- (b) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach Cill Dá Lua a tionóladh ar an 21 Meán Fómhair 2022
  
- (c) Shannon Municipal District meeting held on 20 September 2022
- (c) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na Sionnainne a tionóladh ar an 20 Meán Fómhair 2022
  
- (d) Shannon Municipal District meeting held on 8 November 2022
- (d) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na Sionnainne a tionóladh ar an 8 Samhain 2022
  
- (e) West Clare Municipal District meeting held on 6 September 2022
- (e) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach Iarthar an Chláir a tionóladh ar an 6 Meán Fómhair 2022

5. Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings.

5. Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach

- (a) Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 31 May 2022
- (a) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Fhisiciúil a tionóladh ar an 31 Bealtaine 2022

6. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 7 November, 2022.
6. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 7 Samhain, 2022.
7. Monthly Management Report.
8. Co-option to fill vacancy on Clare County Council.
9. Disposal of property at Clancy Park, Ennis, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
10. Disposal of lands to the rear of New Cottages, Ennistymon, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
11. Disposal of lands at Burton Street, Market Street, Kilrush, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
12. Disposal of property at Knockadereen, Tullycrine, Kilrush, Ennis, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
13. Disposal of property at 9 Carraig Hill, Shannon, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
14. Adoption of Mid-West Region Homelessness Action Plan 2022 - 2025
15. Approval of Draft Policy on Twinning/Sister City Arrangements.
16. HSE presentation at 2.00 p.m.
17. **Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. M. Howard:-**

“Clare County Council request the Minister for Health Mr Stephen Donnelly to urgently consider giving ALL children with Cystic Fibrosis the drug Kaftrio. There is absolutely no reason why these children cannot have this wonder drug.”

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

“That the following information with regard to the Councils legal service provider be made available

(a) Cost of service for years ending

1. 2019

2. 2020

3. 2021

(b) Date present contract expires

(c) Date when tenders will be sought for future legal service provision.”

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

“I am requesting Clare County Council to contact the Minister for Housing Darragh O’Brien and request information concerning the Mica/ Pyrite Re-Dress Scheme for County Clare Households.

1/ When will the individual owners of damaged homes in Clare receive confirmation that they are eligible for funding to rebuild their homes.

2/ Will the Government accept reports from private consultants in determining the damage to properties or will the confirmation have to come from the local authority.

3/ Will the Government consider 100% funding for homeowners that may want to Right Size their homes for their current needs.

4/ Clare is approved for access to the re-dress scheme but residents of crumbling homes in Clare need clarification and transparency from The Government in regard to timelines and this needs to be addressed urgently.

I would also request the circulation of this motion to our local Oireachtas Members if it receives support from the members.

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

“In view of recent Government decisions to give local authorities responsibility in the area of emergency accommodation for Ukrainian refugees, that every effort be made to fully utilise the large stock of recently vacated town and village and rural homes which are otherwise likely to remain unoccupied.”

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

“While welcoming the introduction of the Agri Environmental Scheme Acres for 30,000 farmers we call on the Minister for Agriculture to review the supports in the Scheme in relation to the Burren area of North Clare and the Hen Harrier area of East Clare.”

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

“To ask that Clare County Council would arrange a roadshow type of event in each LEA to highlight both Town Centre First and the Croi Conaithe scheme for owners and potential purchasers of vacant or derelict properties”

**23. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr J. Flynn:-**

“I ask Clare County Council to review and acknowledge more fully the potential of environmental impact of any existing and proposed extractive industries (including mining) and to amend the wording in Statutory documents such as the Draft County Development Plan to ensure best standards in order to protect the environment.

Potential amended wording could be similar to the example in Leitrim’s draft CDP as below:

A) To ensure that the extraction of minerals and aggregates protects to the maximum practicable extent the visual quality of the receiving landscape and do not adversely affect the environment or adjoining existing land uses

B) The planning authority will not facilitate the development of the extractive industry and permit such workings unless it has been shown that the following criteria can be met; having taken into account the reduced demand for aggregates that will come about through improved recycling of construction and demolition waste:

1. The environment and the landscape will be safeguarded to the greatest possible extent during all life-cycle stages of the process,
2. Such operations have good access to, or are within reasonable distance of, the national or regional road network and do not adversely affect the residential or tourism amenity of the area,
3. Satisfactory provision will be made for a beneficial after use of the land that does not conflict with other planning objectives for the area,
4. The working, landscaping, restoration and after-care of the site will be carried out to the highest standards in accordance with the approved scheme.

C) Where proposals for the working out of minerals and aggregates are submitted in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty AONB or an Area of High Visual Amenity (AHVA), existing landscape quality shall remain the overriding priority and such proposals must illustrate that the benefits of the development will outweigh any adverse environmental consequences. The planning authority shall evaluate the need to conserve the environment, character and natural beauty of AONBs and AHVAs and the extent to which the proposed development would materially damage these qualities. It shall also examine the national need for that specific mineral or aggregate substance to be worked and the availability of the resource in less sensitive locations.

D) regarding Gold ore mining

The use of the following chemicals as a processing agent shall not be permitted as part of any proposed processing operation located above or adjacent to surface or groundwaters, or which could potentially impact such Waters regardless of their location - mercury, cyanide or cyanide compounds, breakdown products of cyanide, or sulphuric acid. These present an unreasonable risk of environmental harm due to the toxicity of such chemicals and their demonstrated potential to cause damage to the environment.”

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

“That this council would request all Municipal Districts to appoint a sign or signage maintenance team as there are numerous signs all over the county damaged/unreadable and covered in overgrown foliage including Stop and Yield sign that could potentially cause a major accident”

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

“That Clare County Council review its commitment to focus on and resourcing of Rural and Community Development.”

**26. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. P. Daly, J. Crowe agus P. McMahon:**

“We call on Clare County Council to co-ordinate with the Clare Division of the Garda Síochána particularly when a tenant of the Council causes regular anti-social behaviour, to ensure that the interest of the neighbouring tenants be protected.”

**27. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr L. Grant:**

“Call on Clare County Council to explore the option of switching all staff to paperless payslips. I would ask the council to engage with MyPay to see if this is worthwhile. I would also ask to council to find out the following:

How much it costs the council to have payslips printed and posted to staff? How much money would be saved if all staff were moved to the paperless model?

I understand email addresses would need to be collected for outdoor staff, but this could be an opportunity for the council to save money.”