



COMHAIRLE | CLARE  
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

9<sup>th</sup> Feabhra, 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 14 Feabhra, 2022 AR 3:45 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,

*John Keyser*

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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 Eanáir, a tionóladh ar an 10 Eanáir, 2022.
- (a) Minutes of January monthly meeting held on 10 January, 2022.

- 2. Matters Arising.
- 2. Nithe ag éirí as.

### 3. Minutes of Municipal District Meetings.

#### Miontuairiscí cruinnithe Ceantar Bardasach

- (a) Ennis Municipal District meeting held on 11 January, 2022.
- (a) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 11 Eanáir, 2022.
  
- (b) Killaloe Municipal District Budget meeting held on 10 November, 2021.
- (b) Cruinniú Cháinainnéis Ceantar Bardasach Cill Dá Lua a tionóladh ar an 10 Samhain, 2021.
  
- (c) Killaloe Municipal District meeting held on 10 November, 2021.
- (c) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach Cill Dá Lua a tionóladh ar an 10 Samhain, 2021.
  
- (d) Shannon Municipal District meeting held on 16 November, 2021.
- (d) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na Sionnainne a tionóladh ar an 16 Samhain, 2021.
  
- (e) West Clare Municipal District meeting held on 2 November 2021.
- (e) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach Iarthar an Chláir a tionóladh ar an 2 Samhain, 2021.
  
- (f) West Clare Municipal District meeting held on 9 November, 2021.
- (f) Cruinniú Cháinainnéis Ceantar Bardasach Iarthar an Chláir a tionóladh ar an 9 Samhain, 2021.

### 4. Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings.

#### 4. Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach.

- (a) Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 20 September, 2021.
- (a) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Gheilleagrach a tionóladh ar an 20 Meán Fómhair, 2021.

### 5. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 4 January, 2021.

#### 5. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 4 Eanáir, 2021.

6. Monthly Management Report.
7. Disposal of lands at Clonmoney, Crusheen, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
8. Disposal of lands at Ardnaculla North, Ennistymon, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
9. Disposal of building (by Lease) at Lodge Road, Sixmilebridge, Co Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
10. Disposal of property at McMahan Villas, Clonroadmore, Ennis, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
11. Disposal of building (by Lease) at the County Museum, Arthur's Row, Ennis, Co Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
12. 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 in relation to the construction of 18 No. residential units at Ballyminoge, Scarriff, Co. Clare.
13. Fix date for March Council meeting.
14. Application considered by Memorial Committee to be approved by full Council – inscription on existing stone bench at Cappa, Kilrush, Co. Clare.
15. Museum Standards Programme for Clare Museum
  - Clare Museum Strategic Management Plan 2021-2023
  - Clare Museum Workplan 2021 – 2022
  - Clare Museum Disaster Plan, including for the Beechpark Store
  - Clare Museum Care of Collections Strategy 2021-2023.
16. Draft Community Support Scheme Guidelines 2022.

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

“That a report be made available detailing the employment related projects being pursued in the Shannon Estuary.”

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

“The unregulated short-term letting market is contributing significantly to the housing shortage in our county. The purpose of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2019 was to ensure that properties, which may have been advertised as short term lettings, be brought back onto the long-term market for long-term tenants. As the local planning authority, Clare County Council are responsible for monitoring and enforcing these new rules.

With that in mind, I call on Clare County Council to provide detailed information on:

- how many planning applications for short-term lets have been received since 1st July 2019, and how many have been approved, rejected, or are still pending in some form.
- how many enforcement cases have been opened, completed, or are pending against short-term lets since 1st July 2019, and to give an overview of their current status in tabular form.”

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

“That Clare County Council outline details of when zoned land tax will come into effect on the different rates that may apply to the different zoning designations.”

**20. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. I. Lynch:-**

“As the "real gate way" to the planned Ryder Cup in 2027 I am requesting Clare County Council to establish and lead a joint marketing campaign with Limerick, Tipperary and Kerry County Councils to ensure a united approach that will maximise the potential of Shannon airport and the Shannon Estuary for the anticipated numbers of visitors and media attention this event will bring.

I also request that a cross directorate strategy is developed to harness and maximise the potential for cruise ships ahead of the event by identifying and enhancing infrastructure along the Shannon estuary as well as developing visitor package bundles/itinerary to attract visitors to experience what wonders Clare has to offer.”

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

“With still a lot of uncertainty within the staff of the Shannon Heritage sites and their future, I am asking that this council would give an update on what the situation is at on taking these sites in charge.”

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

“In the context of the Government Town Center First strategy, Housing for All strategy, the focus on addressing dereliction, Climate Action and Challenges recognised for Rural Clare in formation of our county development plan I call on Clare County Council to commit to prioritising Rural Small towns for future Regeneration Projects under RRDF, T&V Renewal, and other schemes and to focus our resources to strategically build well planned and integrated projects in our Rural Small towns which play such a critical role in the future and vibrancy of Rural Clare.”

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

“That this council would carry out a full condition assessment of all secondary and minor roads in each Municipal District as the surface and drainage of these roads has greatly deteriorated over the last number of years.”

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

“We call on Clare County Council to continue the hedgerow cutting programme.

We call on Clare County Council and media outlets to redouble their efforts to make landowners aware of their responsibility in maintaining roadside hedgerows in the interest of health and safety of all road users in advance of the fast approaching March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.”

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

“That Clare County Council provide a report on the impact to the Council as a Housing Authority of the very recent Supreme Court decision.”

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

“That Clare County Council members be informed of the implications to Clare County Council and all local authorities of the Supreme Court Judgment issued on 31 January, 2022, granting the appeal discontinuing the injunction requiring Travellers to vacate the illegal encampment site on the Kilrush Road, Ennis, County Clare.”

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

“I call on Clare County Council to run a media campaign working alongside safe Ireland, local groups, women's aid and the national Women's Council, on violence against women. I also call for this Council to add services available in Clare to their website as is done through the [Stillhere.ie](http://Stillhere.ie) website. We need to put plans and actions in place to help eradicate gender based violence in our society.”

**28. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. T. O'Brien:-**

“That Clare County Council invite senior management of Shannon Doc to address the council regarding their planned service provision for County Clare going forward, and to answer any queries or concerns which the elected members may have.”

**29. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. J. Garrihy, C. Murphy, J. Cooney, P. Murphy, J. Flynn agus D. McGettigan:-**

“We call on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Minister for Transport to put in place a system of compensation and indemnity as a component of the licensing system for forestry. It is anticipated that this compensation fund will cover the cost of repairs and maintenance to damage caused to the public road network by forestry planting, maintenance and harvesting.

“We further call on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Minister for Transport to make it a requirement that forestry license holders - prior to commencing licenced forestry activities - consult with the relevant local authority with a view to minimizing damage to the public road network”.

If this motion is passed we request it is shared with all other local authorities.

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

“Call on the Government to support the Shannon Group build regular access to at least one of the major European hubs by promoting the West of Ireland Tourism product in their hinterland.”

**31. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. P. Daly, J. Crowe, T. O'Brien agus G. Keating:-**

“We request Clare County Council to make contact with the Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphreys with a view to considering bringing back the “Sumer Job Scheme” for students between 16 and 19 years that can get six weeks work, with local authorities, during the summer recess. We also request that this be circulated to Clare Oireachtas Members.”

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

“That Clare County Council would ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to exempt those local authorities with high numbers of holiday/second homes from the general embargo on the acquisition of houses within locations most affected.”

**33. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. A. O’Callaghan, P. McMahon, P.J. Kelly, M. Howard agus P.J. Ryan:-**

“In light of recent weeks where the lead time for passports is taking months to receive, especially first time passports, that this council would write to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Simon Coveney to put resources in place to address this issue.”

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

“Clare County Council requests An Post and the Revenue Commissioners to streamline their rules regarding VAT payments on goods coming into the country from the USA and UK, taking into consideration the high level of non-deliveries and return of those goods.”

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

“I am calling on the Minister for Finance to broaden the Household Benefits Package and include exemption from property tax for those people that are under extreme pressure to meet day to day expenses in light of the rising cost of living and their struggle to survive on a very low level of income.”

**36. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. A. Norton:-**

“Minister for Mental Health and Older People, Mary Butler, announced the launch of Talking Therapy Sessions on a no-cost basis to individuals impacted by the pandemic.

This will provide Counselling and Psychotherapy sessions, in over 15 languages, through a €1 million dedicated fund.

I am asking Clare County Council to write to the Minister and ask for this funding to be increased for the hiring of professional supports and proper funding put in place for face to face therapy and proper assessments done in proper time frames, for adolescents with mental health problem, as without an assessment proper therapy can’t be put in place which is having detrimental effects on young peoples lives.”

**37. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. S. Talty, J. Killeen agus L. Grant:-**

"The School Transport Scheme is a county wide issue affecting every parish in Clare. There is currently a national review being conducted and we urge all stakeholders to have their say at <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/81e6e-school-transport-reviews/>

In particular Clare County Council calls on Bus Eireann to revert the timetable on Route 333 (Doonbeg to Ennistymon) back to the previous timetable, which ensured students travelling from West Clare would arrive in Ennistymon before 9am for school. Furthermore we call on the Department of Education, Department of Transport and Bus Eireann to amend the School Transport System to ensure that students in the Corofin area have access to school transport to secondary school in Ennistymon as well as to schools in Ennis."

**38. Comhfhreagras/Correspondence.**