



COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

8 Márta, 2023.

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 13 Márta, 2023 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,

Alan Reynolds

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 Feabhra, a tionóladh ar an 13th Feabhra, 2023.
- (a) Minutes of February monthly meeting held on 13th February, 2023.

- 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 7 February 2023
- (a) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 7 Feabhra 2023

- 5. Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings.
- 5. Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach

- (a) Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 6 December, 2022
- (a) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Tuaithe a tionóladh ar an 6 Nollaig, 2022

- 6. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 3 February, 2023.
- 6. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 3 Feabhra, 2023.

7. Monthly Management Report.

- 8. Disposal of property at St. Michael's Villas, Ennis, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

9. Annual Service Delivery Plan

10. Clare Local Area Grant Scheme 2023 (CLAGS)

11. Fáilte Ireland – Festivals and Participative Events Funding

12. Renewed Clare Rural Development Strategy 2030

13. Recommendation for award of Civic Reception to Bernárd Lynch

**14. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. J. Flynn, cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Murphy:-
(continued from the February Council meeting)**

“Preparation of a Clare (or at least for Ennis & Southeast Clare) Air Quality Plan.

I request the elected members of Clare County Council exercise its statutory power as a “reserved function”, under S46 Air Pollution Act (APA) 1987, to request the preparation and making of an Air Quality Management Plan for either County Clare or if not for the whole County for both Ennis & Southeast Clare District to be in place prior to the Winter 2023.

S46(4) of APA 1987 states “An air quality management plan shall contain such objectives as seem to the local authority concerned to be reasonable and necessary for the prevention or limitation of air pollution or the improvement of air quality in the area to which such plan relates”.

Such a Plan to take into account, among other things, recent adopted changes to World Health Organisation (WHO) air quality guidelines and draft changes to EU air quality standards. In light of the serious health implications of poor air quality, winter trolley crisis at UHL and the absence of a level 3 hospital to serve Clare people, such a plan should include for air pollution alerting to the public, better air pollution monitoring using more extensive and varied type of measurement, etc.”

15. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. J. Cooney:- (deferred from the February Council meeting)

“That Clare County Council request an immediate update from Minister Darragh O’Brien on the current status of approval for the wastewater pilot schemes, which had originally received commitments to a December 2022 timeframe.”

16. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. P. Daly, Cllr G. Keating, Cllr. J Killeen, Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy, Cllr S. Talty, Cllr M. Howard, Cllr T. O’Callaghan, Cllr A. Norton, Cllr. B. Chambers, Cllr P. Murphy, Cllr. PJ Kelly:- (deferred from the February Council meeting)

“We are calling on the HSE to review arrangements at Ennis General to upgrade the acute hospital to a Level 3 hospital with appropriate bed capacity and skill mix to alleviate pressure on the Regional centre at UL Hospital, Limerick. This review should look at all possibilities currently available in the greater Ennis area including a green field site that might give further options in future years.”

17. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. J. Crowe:- (deferred from the February Council meeting)

“That a 2nd NCT Centre be provided in the South East area of County Clare so as to help alleviate the backlog which is affecting motorists in the County”

18. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. PJ Kelly:-

“That, in the interest of administrative reasonableness, the beneficiaries of planning benefit in infill sites be confined to local rural persons”.

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

"That Clare County Council request the Minister for Transport to outline what factors are leading to prospective US travellers to the West of Ireland being quoted fares of €1,000/\$1,000 dearer to fly to Shannon than those available to Dublin."

20. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. C Murphy, Cllr I Lynch, Cllr P Hayes:-

“That we be provided with an update on the progress of the two recently funded RRDF projects, Inis Cealtra in Mountshannon and the Maritime Training College in Kilrush.”

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

“I ask that Clare County Council write a letter of support to the Minister of State for Disability to support the right to Personal Assistance Service (PAS) for disabled people to have freedom, choice and control over all aspects of their lives to enable them to fully participate in an inclusive society as equals. Independent living means an individual can live with the freedom and control to have the same choices in life that everyone else has in terms of housing, transportation, education and employment. PAS is a tool for Independent Living that allows disabled people to live independently, providing individuals with the freedom and flexibility they need to live their lives as they choose.

With PAS, disabled people are in control and direct the Personal Assistant (PA) to carry out tasks both inside and outside of the home, including personal care, domestic duties, assisting in day-to-day tasks such as shopping, support in the workplace or socialising. PAs should not be confused with ‘Home Help’ or Carers as they do not ‘look after’ or ‘care for’ a disabled person.”

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

“Given the recent publication of consultation for OREDP 2 and the proximity of the proposed broad area for offshore wind energy development to the Clare coast, that Clare County Council prepare a robust submission to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government that will protect the visual amenity of the ocean off the coast of Clare by seeking to have the development area moved further off shore.”

23. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. PJ Ryan:-

“That this council would invite Prof. Eamonn Murphy (Emeritus) to address the Members and Management on the potential development of the Shannon Estuary and deep water at the mouth of same”.

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

“Tackling Ongoing Litter, when can we expect the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 Enacted.”

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

“That Clare County Council request the relevant ministers to introduce legislation requiring pedestrians, cyclists, scooter users and other vulnerable road users to be fully illuminated as is required of other road users when light and visibility is poor.”

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

"The Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 was signed into Law by Uachtáireáin na hÉireann on July 21st 2022, therefore, I am requesting that Clare County Council hereby implement the provisions relating to the use of CCTV and mobile recording devices for the prevention and detection of littering, dumping and fly-tipping as a matter of urgency".

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

“I am calling on The Minister for Housing Darragh O’Brien to review the Help to Buy Incentive scheme for first-time buyers as the price of new property is still beyond the reach of a substantial amount of first-time purchasers. I would request The Minister to broaden the policy and allow the purchase of older properties that are available at a lower cost and will encourage more people to engage with the incentive scheme and in turn will help to reduce the demand for social housing and possibly reduce vacant homes within communities”.

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

“We call on Clare County Council to carry out an inventory of the piers and harbours in our county to be made available to potential wind and wave energy companies.”

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

“In the context of the acknowledged desire, necessity and urgency to bring derelict and vacant properties back into use, I call on Clare County Council to write to the minister for Housing and Local Government requesting that the laudable Croi Conaithe scheme targeted to assist this objective is adjusted to allow owners of qualifying properties to access the scheme subject to conditions that the property is subsequently used for long term occupancy either through sale or long term lease. If supported, I request this motion be circulated to all other local authorities”.