



COMHAIRLE | CLARE  
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

3 Nollaig, 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 Míosúil na Comhairle a thionólfar ar **Dé Luain, an 8 Nollaig, 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,

**Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

**An Rannóg um Sheirbhísí Corparáideacha agus Rialachas**

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

**Corporate Services and Governance Department**

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 10 Samhain 2025.

(a) Minutes of November monthly meeting held on 10 November 2025.

(b) Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Cháinainnéis Reachtúil a tionóladh ar an 26 Samhain, 2025.

(b) Minutes of Statutory Budget meeting held on 26 November, 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 October 2025.

(a) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 14 Deireadh Fómhair, 2025.

(b) Killaloe Municipal District meeting held on 17 September 2025.

(b) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach Cill Dá Lua a tionóladh ar an 17 Meán Fómhair 2025.

(c) Killaloe Municipal District Budget meeting held on 10 November 2025.

(c) Cruinniú Cháinainnéis Ceantar Bardasach Cill Dá Lua a tionóladh ar an 10 Samhain 2025.

(d) Shannon Municipal District meeting held on 16 September 2025.

(d) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na Sionnainne a tionóladh ar an 16 Meán Fómhair 2025.

(e) Shannon Municipal District Budget meeting held on 10 November 2025.

(e) Cruinniú Cháinainnéis Ceantar Bardasach na Sionnainne a tionóladh ar an 10 Samhain 2025.

(f) West Clare Municipal District meeting held on 16 September 2025.

(f) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach Iarthar an Chláir a tionóladh ar an 16 Meán Fómhair 2025.

(g) West Clare Municipal District Budget Meeting held on 12 November 2025.

(g) Cruinniú Cháinainnéis Ceantar Bardasach Iarthar an Chláir a tionóladh ar an 12 Samhain 2025.

5. Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings.
5. Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach
  - (a) Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 17 June, 2025
  - (a) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Fhisiciúil a tionóladh ar an 17 Meitheamh 2025.
  - (b) Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 15 July, 2025
  - (b) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Tuaithe a tionóladh ar an 15 Iúil, 2025.
  - (c) Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 8 May, 2025.
  - (c) Cruinniú an Choiste Beartais Straitéisigh um Fhorbairt Turasóireachta a tionóladh an 8 Bealtaine 2025.
6. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 3 November, 2025.
6. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 3 Samhain, 2025.
7. Monthly Management Report.
8. Disposal of property at Curranroo, Burren, New Quay, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
9. Material Contravention Report in accordance with Section 34 (6) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, for the development of 6 no. houses at Acha Bhile, Loughville, Lahinch Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.
10. Chief Executive Report in accordance with Section 37E (4) and (5) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, in relation to the Cloonkett Windfarm application.
11. Draft Clare Local Area Grant Scheme 2026.
12. Draft Clare Biodiversity Action Plan 2025-2031.
13. Appointment of 2 members to Kilrush Amenity Trust CLG.
14. Appointment of 2 members to Clare Tourism Development DAC.
15. **Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. I. Lynch:-**

“That Clare County Council develop a suite of pre-established traffic management plans for strategic routes across the county, to be made available to emergency services and relevant private companies as required. The purpose of these plans is to ensure that, in the event of an unexpected emergency road closure, there are clear, safe, and pre-approved

diversion routes and procedures ready for immediate implementation. This proactive approach will help minimise disruption to local communities, support effective emergency response, and maintain public safety during unplanned incidents. Where non-critical vehicle recovery is taking place, no approval should be given unless outside of peak traffic hours and confirmation the approved traffic management plan is in place and adequately resourced.”

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

“We call on the Minister for Housing and our MEP’s to progress strategies and devise an E.U. wide approach to help alleviate, in part, Europe's and thus Ireland's housing shortage crisis.”

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

“To ask Clare County Council to assess the council houses with reported instances of mould as a matter of urgency.”

**18. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. T. Guilfoyle, P. Murphy, T. O’Callaghan, C. Colleran Molloy agus A. Baker Bashua:-**

“That Clare County Council urgently engage with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and relevant stakeholders to install hard shoulders on the N68 Kilrush Road between Edenvale and the junction with the Ballyea Road (L-4166), a stretch of approximately 1 kilometer. This intervention is necessary to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists accessing Ennis or starting their journey west to the towns, villages, and townlands in the surrounding countryside.”

**19. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. C. Ryan:-**

“That Clare County Council revise the winter service plan to include gritting of all regional roads in the county. Further can Clare County Council conduct an information and advisory campaign to promote safe driving in icy conditions.”

**20. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. M. Howard, P. O’Gorman agus A. O’Callaghan:-**

“Clare County Council requests the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne provide for funding and a strategy to enable local authorities to build extensions and or attic conversions for additional bedrooms for families who are living in overcrowded council properties.”

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

“That Clare County Council prepare and present to the Elected Members a comprehensive list of all national road projects in County Clare that have been, or could in future be, submitted to the Department of Transport and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) for consideration under the National Development Plan (NDP).

This report should clearly identify:

1. Projects previously submitted under the Major Projects category (over €200 million);

2. Projects previously submitted under the Sub-€200 million category;
3. Potential future projects that the Council considers suitable for submission under either category, including their current status, strategic importance and indicative cost band;
4. Any projects for which preliminary studies, feasibility assessments or early-stage design work have already been undertaken.

The purpose of this request is to ensure full clarity for Elected Members on Clare's past and potential future submissions to the national programme, and to support a stronger and more coordinated approach to securing inclusion in upcoming NDP updates."

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

"Clare County Council requests the Minister for Health to provide for Vaginal Estrogen Gels & Creams be available over the counter without a prescription like other countries."

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

"I propose that Clare County Council immediately begin the process of identifying and establishing a number of pilot locations for the installation of CCTV and other appropriate monitoring technologies to combat the ongoing problem of illegal dumping across the county and that this Council prepare the necessary assessments and compliance measures required under data-protection legislation (Prosecution of Offence Regulations 2022) to begin this process, and that we also engage with local communities to determine priority sites."

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

"That Clare County Council calls on the Irish Government to respond urgently to the concerns raised by John Collison (co-founder of Stripe) and by businessman Denis O'Brien regarding Ireland's declining economic competitiveness, infrastructure shortages, skills mismatches in the labour market, and challenges in our tax and regulatory environment.

Specifically, Clare County Council requests that the Government:

1. Prioritise a world-class education and skills strategy that ensures graduates are equipped for a rapidly changing global economy and increasing technological demands.
2. Accelerate planning and delivery of housing, transport and digital infrastructure in line with John Collison's concerns that Ireland is "going backwards" in developing the homes, transport networks and energy systems needed to support economic growth.
3. Promote a more agile, innovation-focused tax and regulatory system, addressing criticisms raised by Denis O'Brien regarding "digital colonialism" and Ireland's ability to sustain a competitive enterprise environment for both multinational and indigenous businesses.
4. Adopt a more ambitious national vision and leadership approach that strengthens ministerial accountability and reduces process-driven delays, ensuring Ireland remains future-focused and responsive to economic challenges."

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

“That Clare County Council calls on the Taoiseach to initiate a full and urgent review of local government funding, powers, and democratic structures, with a view to aligning Ireland with European norms. In the 2019 report “Democracy Works If You Let It” by Dr. Mary Murphy of Maynooth University, it was noted that only 8% of public spending in Ireland occurs at local government level, compared to an EU average of 23%.

The review must examine the overall financing model for local government, including the significant financial pressures placed on councils due to the requirement to fully fund pension obligations and to co-fund government schemes, often at levels ranging from 10% to 50%. It should also assess the employment status and pension arrangements of local authority staff, with a view to formally recognising all local authority employees as public servants and incorporating their pension entitlements into the public sector pension scheme.

Once completed and approved by Government, the review should be implemented through a clear and time-bound action plan to restore democratic accountability, strengthen local service delivery, and ensure parity of esteem for the workforce delivering essential public services.

I request that this motion be forwarded to all County Councils.”

**26. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. R. McInerney, M. Shannon, S. Talty, J. Killeen, D. Griffin agus R. Hartigan:-**

“That Clare County Council, noting the Minister for Health’s announcement to progress Options A and B of the HIQA Review, expresses its disappointment that the development of a hospital in County Clare is not included as an immediate action, despite the well-documented challenges faced by communities in West, North and East Clare in accessing timely emergency care.

While acknowledging the proposed improvements to services at University Hospital Limerick, this Council calls on the Minister for Health and the HSE to outline, as a matter of urgency, the mitigation measures that will be introduced to support healthcare provision for those living in remote and rural parts of the county who continue to experience long ambulance response times and extended travel distances for emergency treatment.

In addition, recognising that Option B offers a critical and time-sensitive opportunity to secure acute hospital infrastructure within the Clare boundary, this Council further calls on the Executive to:

1. Immediately identify and assess at least two potential sites of approximately 30–40 acres within County Clare, located within a 20–30 minute travel time of UHL, with access to the motorway network, available wastewater capacity and appropriate ESB connectivity;
2. Engage directly with HSE Estates, possible published or private landowners, and relevant agencies to confirm feasibility and accelerate preparatory technical work;
3. Report back to Elected Members before Christmas on these discussions in relation to the potential of Option B being in Clare.

Given the urgency and the profound impact on the people of Clare, this Council agrees that this work must begin immediately to ensure that our county is not excluded from the next phase of acute hospital development in the Mid-West.”

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

“That Clare County Council request the Minister for Local Government James Browne T.D. to assess the main road from Ennis to Kilrush N68, the gateway to West Clare, in particular the end of Darragh/Caherea to Lissycasey and from Lissycasey to Kilrush town with a view to allocating

substantial funding for the upgrade of this seriously poor road. Please send copies of this motion to all Clare Oireachtas members.”