

**Minutes of the May Monthly Meeting of Clare County Council held in the
Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare on
Monday, 8th May, 2017 at 3:45 p.m.**

Present:

Councillors J. Breen, J. Flynn, P. Daly, A. Norton, T. McNamara, M. Howard, P. Murphy, C. Colleran Molloy, J. Cooney, P. Hayes, M. Begley, A. O’Callaghan, C. Crowe, J. Crowe, G. Flynn, P.J. Ryan, P. McMahon, M. McKee, C. Curtin, R. Nagle, B. Slattery, I. Lynch, M. Hillery, P.J. Kelly, B. Chambers, G. Keating.

- Mr. Pat Dowling, Chief Executive.
- Ms. Carmel Greene, Meetings Administrator.
- Ms. Karen Stackpoole, Staff Officer.
- Mr. Gerard Dollard, Director of Service.
- Mr. Liam Conneally, Director of Service.
- Mr. Leonard Cleary, A/Director of Service.
- Mr. Niall Barrett, Head of Finance.
- Mr. Adrian Kelly, Chief Fire Officer.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Bill Chambers presided.

At the outset Cllr. Alan O’Callaghan proposed a full adjournment of the meeting in accordance with Standing Order No. 12 as a mark of respect to our friend and colleague Betty Devanny, R.I.P., Administrative Officer, Rural and Community Department of the Rural Development Directorate, on her sudden and untimely passing. This was seconded by Cllr. J. Crowe and agreed by all members present. The members extended their sympathy on behalf of the Council to Betty’s husband Seán and her daughters Sinead, Orla and Niamh and her son Sean Óg. In proposing the adjournment Cllr. A. O’Callaghan described Betty as a loyal public civil servant, who was a master of her job and full of life. Cllr. J. Crowe described her as a “great character” who was also very involved in community activities in the Kilmurry/Sixmilebridge areas.

On behalf of all the council staff, Chief Executive Pat Dowling extended his sincere sympathy to Betty’s husband Seán and family. He stated that following 35 years of outstanding service to the Council that Council staff would treasure and celebrate memories of their interactions with Betty as a great work colleague and friend. He assured all present that although Betty was no longer in our lives, she will be forever in our hearts. Tributes were also paid by all the members present.

It was also proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. M. McKee to adjourn the meeting as a mark of respect to Brigid Makowski on her passing, R.I.P. Brigid served as a member of Clare County Council from 1991 to 1999 and was also a member of Shannon Town Commissioners.

A vote of sympathy was also extended to the following:

- Cathaoirleach Bill Chambers on the passing of his niece Susan Watson nee Chambers, Shannon and England. R.I.P.;
- The family of James Haren, Acting Foreman, West Clare Municipal District on his passing, R.I.P.;
- The family of John Fitzpatrick, Ennis, on his passing, R.I.P.;
- The family of James Naughton, Ennis and late of Kilnamona on his passing, R.I.P.

Prayers were then recited for the deceased and the Meetings Administrator called for a minutes silence as a mark of respect.

The Cathaoirleach stated that the adjourned meeting would take place at 3:45 p.m. on Monday, 15th May, 2017.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Minutes of the adjourned May Monthly Meeting of Clare County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare on Monday, 15th May, 2017 at 3:45 p.m.

Present:

Councillors J. Breen, J. Flynn, P. Daly, A. Norton, M. Howard, P. Murphy, C. Colleran Molloy, J. Cooney, P. Hayes, M. Begley, T. O'Brien, P. Burke, A. O'Callaghan, J. Crowe, G. Flynn, P.J. Ryan, P. McMahon, M. McKee, C. Curtin, R. Nagle, B. Slattery, M. Hillery, P.J. Kelly, B. Chambers, G. Keating.

Apologies:

Councillor C. Crowe

- Mr. Pat Dowling, Chief Executive.
- Ms. Carmel Greene, Meetings Administrator.
- Ms. Karen Stackpoole, Staff Officer.
- Mr. Gerard Dollard, Director of Service.
- Mr. Liam Conneally, Director of Service.
- Mr. Tom Tiernan, A/Director of Service.
- Mr. Niall Barrett, Head of Finance.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Bill Chambers presided.

Vote of Sympathy

On the proposal of Cllr. P.J. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. B. Chambers a vote of sympathy was also extended to John Culligan, Ennis Municipal District and Margaret Killeen, Revenue Department on the passing of their father Patrick Culligan, R.I.P.

Item 1: Minutes of Council Meetings.

a. Ar moladh Cllr. J. Cooney
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the April monthly meeting of Clare County Council held on 10th April, 2017 be adopted and signed.”

b. Ar moladh Cllr. J. Cooney
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Clare County Council held on 24th April, 2017 be adopted and signed.”

Item 2: Minutes of Municipal District Meetings.

a. Ar moladh Cllr. A. Norton
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Daly agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the Ennis Municipal District Meeting held on the 3rd March, 2017 be noted.”

b. Ar moladh Cllr. B. Slattery
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Hillery agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the West Clare Municipal District Meeting held on the 7th March, 2017 be noted.”

c. Ar moladh Cllr. G. Keating
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Slattery agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the adjourned West Clare Municipal District meeting held on the 15th March, 2017 be noted.”

Item 3: Minutes of S.P.C. Meetings.

a. Ar moladh Cllr. P.J. Kelly
Cuidithe ag Cllr. R. Nagle agus glacadh leis

“That the minutes of the Rural Development S.P.C. meeting held on 24th January, 2017 be noted”.

Item 4: Minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meetings.

The members noted the minutes of the meetings held on 3rd April, 2017 as presented.

Item 5: Monthly Management Report.

Parking in Ennis

The monthly management report attached to the agenda included key activities in the principal service areas and was noted by the members.

Gerard Dollard, Director of Economic Development presented a report to the members on a number of proposed changes to the parking regime in Ennis Town. The members considered the report issued at the May meeting of Ennis Municipal District on proposed changes to the parking regime in Ennis Town. Following queries raised by the members, they agreed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Daly and seconded by Cllr. A.

Norton to proceed with the changes proposed with the exception of the amendments to parking permit arrangements which will be subject to further consultation.

The members also agreed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Daly and seconded by Cllr. A. Norton to proceed with the Ennis Paint Scheme in 2017 on a similar basis as 2016.

Cllr. C. Curtin flagged the time lag in awaiting a response from the DHPCLG on when Clare County Council can make submissions for the 2017 RWP allocation. He voiced his frustration that there is no update information available on when submissions can be made. In response the Chief Executive undertook to follow this up with the Department.

Cllr. G. Keating highlighted the slow progress of works at a number of key locations in the county in order to minimise the risk of flooding arising from the extreme flood events of 2015/2016. He felt that the time had now come to advance these projects to the next step.

Cllr. B. Slattery queried the current waiting time to the public for a response to a pre-planning query which was currently approximately four and a half months. In response, the Director of Economic Development cited a lot of recent staff changes within the Planning Department as being a contributing factor to this backlog. It is planned to improve staffing levels over time and this should have a positive impact on the pre-planning response time.

Cllr. G. Flynn queried the source of funding that will be available to Clare County Council in order to achieve a carbon footprint reduction of 33% by 2020 in public lighting. In response the A/Director of Service for Physical Development informed the members that over the past number of months, Clare County Council, along with all local authorities have fed into the development of a National Inventory of Public Lighting, which will facilitate forward planning towards the achievement of the 2020 objective. This will ensure that an itemised and costed programme of upgrade works will be developed. He also advised that an application for funding had been submitted to the TII/SEAI recently to facilitate works in the Kilrush area and an outcome to same is awaited. The Chief Executive added that he hopes this review will be finalised in 2017 and will be funded under a capital expenditure project.

Item 6: Fix date for Annual General Meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. R. Nagle and agreed by all present that the Annual General Meeting will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, 23rd June, 2017.

Item 7: Proposed disposal of plots of ground at Tradaree Court, Shannon pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

Report dated 14th April, 2017 from Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services was circulated with the agenda together with map. The report states that it is proposed to dispose of plots of ground at Tradaree Court, Shannon, Co. Clare subject to the conditions as set out in the notice served on the members dated 14th April, 2017.

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P.J. Ryan agus glacadh leis

“Notice having been served pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Clare County Council approves pursuant to the powers vested on it at Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended, of the disposal of plots of ground at Tradaree Court, Shannon, Co. Clare subject to the conditions as set out in the notice served on the members dated 14th April, 2017.”

Item 8: Proposed disposal of property at Drumdigus, Kilmurry McMahon pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

Report dated 3rd May, 2017 from Liam Conneally, Director of Social Development was circulated with the agenda together with map. The report states that it is proposed to dispose of property at Drumdigus, Kilmurry McMahon subject to the conditions as set out in the notice served on the members dated 24th April, 2017.

Ar moladh Cllr. B. Chambers
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Hillery agus glacadh leis

“Notice having been served pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Clare County Council approves pursuant to the powers vested on it at Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended, of the disposal of property at Drumdigus, Kilmurry McMahon, Co. Clare subject to the conditions as set out in the notice served on the members dated 24th April, 2017.”

Item 9: Proposed disposal of property at Rahona, Kilfenora pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

Report dated 3rd May, 2017 from Liam Conneally, Director of Social Development was circulated with the agenda together with map. The report states that it is proposed to dispose of property at Rahona, Kilfenora subject to the conditions as set out in the notice served on the members dated 24th April, 2017.

Ar moladh Cllr. R. Nagle
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Slattery agus glacadh leis

“Notice having been served pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Clare County Council approves pursuant to the powers vested on it at Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended, of the disposal of property at Rahona, Kilfenora, Co. Clare subject to the conditions as set out in the notice served on the members dated 24th April, 2017.”

Item 10: 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 for the proposed upgrading of the Cliffs of Moher Car Park.

Report dated 3rd May, 2017 from Gerard Dollard, Director of Economic Development together with the planning report was circulated with the agenda. The report outlines details of the proposed development as part of the upgrading of the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre Car Park.

Ar moladh Cllr. R. Nagle
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Slattery agus glacadh leis

“That pursuant to Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII, Article 80 and 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2010, Clare County Council proceed with the proposed upgrading of the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre Car Park.”

Cllr. B. Slattery queried if the members were empowered to approve this in light of the ongoing court case. Cllr. P.J. Kelly added that he was fully supportive of the project but is concerned about the timing and potential legal and financial implications and questioned whether the Chief Executive had acquired legal advice. Cllr. G. Flynn stated that he had no objection to this proposal but queried if this application would regularise the current arrangements at the Cliffs of Moher as he understands there are some issues of concern. He also queried matters regarding ticketing and the use of a right-of-way. Cllr. C. Curtin voiced his unequivocal support for this project but reserves the right to be fully advised in relation to the concerns raised.

In response to the queries raised, the Director of Economic Development advised the members that this Part VIII application is to upgrade the car park only and that the members were fully within their rights to approve the proposal.

The Chief Executive added that the Executive of Clare County Council are keen to regularise all matters at the Cliffs of Moher. He acknowledged that there are residual matters to which solutions need to be found and it was in the interests of all parties involved to resolve these matters.

Finally Cllr. B. Slattery queried if an underground tunnel could be provided to cross the road from the car park to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience. Gerard Dollard in response advised that it would be a major project to undertake.

Item 11: 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 for the proposed coastal repair works at Lahinch.

Report dated 2nd May, 2017 from Tom Tiernan, A/Director of Physical Development together with the planning report was circulated with the agenda. The report outlines details of the proposed development at the Old Promenade, Dough, Lahinch, Co. Clare.

Ar moladh Cllr. R. Nagle
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Hillery agus glacadh leis

“That pursuant to Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII, Article 80 and 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2010, Clare County Council proceed with the proposed coastal repair works at Lahinch, Co. Clare.”

Item 12: Report from Standing Orders Sub Committee.

Report dated 26th April, 2017 from Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services Department was circulated with the agenda. The report outlines details of a recent meeting of Standing Orders Sub-Committee, the minutes of which were circulated to Council for the April Council meeting. The report states that the changes are now incorporated into the revised Standing Orders for which approval is sought.

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Keating agus glacadh leis

“That pursuant to the provisions of Section 44, Schedule 10, Article 16 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the revised Standing Orders as circulated with the Agenda be adopted for the regulation of the proceedings and business of Clare County Council. These Standing Orders are effective from 8th May, 2017.”

Item 13: Approval to erect memorial at East End, Kilkee in accordance with Clare County Council Memorial Policy.

Report dated 2nd May, 2017 from John Corry, Administrative Officer, Transportation was circulated with the agenda. The report states that an application has been received by Clare County Council to erect a Civic Memorial at the East End car park in Kilkee, in accordance with Clare County Councils Memorial Policy. This proposed stone memorial is to commemorate those lost at sea. The report states that this application was considered by the Memorial Committee at a meeting on 7th March last and they recommended that the application would go before the full Council for consideration.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Keating and seconded by Cllr. B. Chambers and agreed by all present to erect a stone memorial to commemorate those lost at sea at East End, Kilkee in accordance with Clare County Council Memorial Policy and subject to the satisfaction of the Senior Executive Engineer for the area.

Item 14: Annual Financial Statement for year end 31st December, 2016.

The Annual Financial Statement for 2016 together with a report was circulated in advance of the agenda and was noted by the members.

Niall Barrett, Director of Finance and Support Services outlined the key outcomes in the Annual Financial Statement for 2016 resulting in a positive outcome overall.

Cllr. J. Flynn referred to the transfer to reserves and the additional expenditure documented in the report and queried why a reduction in rates cannot be afforded to the rate payers in the county as a goodwill gesture.

Cllr. P.J. Kelly queried why prior approval was not requested for the excess expenditure as required under Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001. He also questioned whether services were cut back when the surplus was not spent. He suggested that there was a need for a finance committee to be set up which should include external advisors.

Niall Barrett replied to all queries raised. He clarified that the capital portion of the loan repayments is treated as a transfer to reserves. The surplus in the year is in effect utilised to contribute to spending in 2017.

Ar moladh Cllr. R. Nagle
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Slattery agus glacadh leis

“In accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, the approval of Council is sought for additional expenditure by Division as set out below:

Additional Expenditure Approval 2016		€'000
Additional Expenditure	Division A	1,430
Additional Expenditure	Division B	111
Additional Expenditure	Division D	890
Additional Expenditure	Division E	827
Additional Expenditure	Division G	12

Ar moladh Cllr. R. Nagle
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Flynn agus glacadh leis

That Transfers to reserves as set out below is hereby approved:

Division A	1,633,796
Division B	933,355
Division C	741,804
Division D	3,247,116
Division E	1,524,627
Division F	673,428
Division H	(454,586)
Division J	<u>1,651,350</u>
	9,950,890

Item 15: Culture & Creativity Plan for the Creative Ireland Programme 2017 in County Clare.

Report dated 2nd May, 2017 from Liam Conneally, Director of Social Development was circulated with the agenda. The report states that the Creative Ireland Programme 2017-2022 is the legacy initiative following on from the success of the 1916/2016 programme which saw 80 events organised throughout the county during

2016 including the Council sponsored event at Club-bridge, the erection of the Centurial Sphere.

The Creative Ireland Programme is a Strategy in two parts - in 2017 the introduction to the public of the initiative has been carried out through a public consultation event which took place in the Temple Gate Hotel on 30th March, followed by a call for funding applications with a closing date of 12th April. The funding allocation from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs for 2017 is €64,000. Each Local Authority is tasked with supporting Pillar Two of the Creative Ireland Programme which is "Enabling Creativity in every community". As of 2nd May, 65 applicants received grants of between €500 and €1,000 satisfying the key criteria components of the Creative Ireland initiative which centres on "citizen engagement and the promotion of individual, community and national well-being". Each Local Authority under the guidance of the county co-ordinator (Helen Walsh, County Librarian for Clare) has been requested to create a Creative Ireland Plan for 2017 - the closing date for submissions was 20th April, this has been completed and is attached for your information.

The second part of the Strategy is the compilation of a Cultural Strategy for the County covering the period 2018-2022 which has a deadline of October 2017. In the coming weeks work will commence to prepare a Clare Cultural Strategy in time for presentation to the Elected Members in September/October 2017.

The members noted the report and complemented the County Librarian and her team.

Item 16: Presentation by Laura Ward, Manager, Clare Accessible Transport at 3:00 p.m.

The Cathaoirleach opened the presentation and Cllr. P. Hayes introduced the delegation from the Clare Bus. The presentation was made by Laura Ward and Chris Kidney, Managers of the operation.

Laura outlined the progress of the community based company which started out as East Clare Accessible Transport. They are contracted by the NTA to provide a rural transport service. They are also charged with the job of local transport co-ordination in the realm of main stream rural transport but with a community based structure. The development of a Local Rural Plan for County Clare is a key priority for the Clare Bus, in line with the Rural Development Strategy. They have varied services, scheduled and flexible and cater for the demands of many rural communities.

Chris outlined the 170 services that are provided on a daily/weekly basis and how passengers book and pay. The H.S.E. has recently invested in the services provided by the Clare Bus and they have had a good working relationship with the HSE for many years.

Laura concluded by re-stating the commitment of the Clare Bus to supporting the development and implementation of the Rural Development Strategy for County Clare with the objective of improving connectivity for Rural Clare.

The members and the Chief Executive complimented the Clare Bus representatives on their work and the service provided by them. The representatives replied to all questions raised by the members.

Item 17. Local Government Funding.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Curtin

Cuidithe ag Cllrs. J. Cooney, P.J. Kelly, J. Flynn agus G. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That the Head of Finance report on the income receipts for each of the years 2008-2016 from the following sources:-

- Moneypoint Generating Station,
- Property Tax (for relevant years),
- Local Government Fund

and arising from same as key elements of the current model of Local Government Funding that the Council commission a report to redress the resulting shortfall in funding to Clare County Council from central government under the principle of matching funds to meet the infrastructural needs of the county.”

Niall Barrett, Head of Finance replied as follows:

“Set out below of the income from the sources requested:

Year	Rates - Moneypoint €m	Local Property Tax €m	Local Government Fund €m
2008	10.7		19.9
2009	11.1		18.0
2010	11.1		16.3
2011	11.1		13.2
2012	11.1		12.1
2013	11.1		12.2
2014	11.1		2.6
2015	11.1	6.8	
2016	11.1	6.4	

Note 1: The Local Government Fund amounts above exclude the special water services allocations provided in the period 2008 - 2013

In September 2016 a deputation from the council met with Minister Coveney and officials from the Department of Planning, Housing, Community and Local

Government. A report was provided to the minister which addressed funding issues and in particular highlighted the following points:

- In 2014 Clare received one of the lowest allocations from the predecessor of the Local Property Tax, (the Local Government Fund (L.G.F.) – General Purposes Grant).
- This 2014 L.G.F. allocation became the reference base for the allocations that followed on transition to the Local Property Tax. Given the very low level of L.G.F. funding that Clare had in 2014, it meant that Clare was included in the authorities that did not receive funding from the L.P.T. Equalisation Fund. The Equalisation Fund is used to top up / add to L.P.T. collected in a local authority area and thus to provide extra funding to certain authorities. Because Clare does not receive such funding its L.P.T. allocation is relatively low compared to other rural counties.
- A comparison of the total income accruing to local authorities from rates and L.P.T. Discretionary Income taken together (using 2016 allocations) was shown. This highlighted that there were counties with higher rates bases than Clare that had higher amounts of discretionary L.P.T., and also counties with lower rates bases that had higher overall discretionary funding due to having higher discretionary L.P.T. funding.
- The substantial reduction in roads funding over the period 2008 -2016.
- Requirements in relation to the funding of housing provision.”

The members thanked the Head of Finance for his comprehensive report. They discussed this report in detail. Cllr. C. Curtin warned that the underfunding of Clare County Council since the abolition of the rates support grant has continued and the figures provided by the Head of Finance clearly shows the reduction of the Local Government Fund is at its lowest level ever. This shortfall in funding means rural Clare has been impacted greatly. Cllr. Flynn reminded the members that Clare County Council has been unsuccessful in getting any improvement in central government funding since the case was made back in 2008. Cllr. M. Begley again reminded the members again of the amount Clare County Council pays to the equalization fund compared to other Local Authorities. The members stated the need to invite the Oireachtas Members into a future meeting to discuss funding from central government.

Suspension of Standing Orders

It was agreed by the members that the Standing Orders would be suspended in order to extend the meeting to 7:00 p.m. As there was one half of the Members of the whole Council present this was proposed by Cllr. C. Curtin and seconded by Cllr. P. J. Ryan.

Item 18. Consultants costs.

Ar moladh Cllr. P.J. Kelly

“That the following information be made available:

- No. of consultants employed on advisory work on proposed capital works
- Cost of each consultant to date on each project
- Projected cost of each consultant
- Proposed appointments and proposed projects
- Source(s) of funding for consultants services
- Amount of cost eligible for recoupment
- Amounts not eligible for recoupment
- Proposals to limit costs of consultants.”

Niall Barrett, Head of Finance replied as follows:

“Work has commenced on compiling the data requested. This involves input from many departments with proposed capital works, especially the Physical Development Directorate.

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to complete the work required in the time available. It is planned to have the reply completed for the council meeting next month.”

Cllr. P.J. Kelly advised that he would like this item deferred to the June meeting pending receipt of the data that he has requested.

Item 19. Áras Contae an Chláir.

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“Following complaints, that Clare County Council explore the Waste Water facilities serving the public toilets in Áras Contae An Chláir as foul odour is coming from the vicinity of this area and causing upset to people using the Council Services located nearby.”

Niall Barrett, Head of Finance replied as follows:

“The Facilities Team track all the preventative and reactive maintenance for Áras Contae an Chláir through a computerised maintenance management system.

In the last five months, three work orders have been dealt with in relation to the public toilets area to solve issues that were raised as follows:-

In December 2016, the external foul drain was flushed.

In March 2017, the external surface drain was flushed due to silt build-up.

In April 2017, the extractor fan which provides the mechanical air supply to the public toilets was replaced.

In addition to these specific works, there are ongoing measures taken to ensure there is a comfortable environment in that area. These include programmed air-fresheners under a maintenance agreement and daily cleaning and upkeep.

To conclude, if a member of the public, staff or Councillors feel that any issue warrants reporting please don't hesitate to filter their request through the Customer Services Desk. Such a request will be forwarded to the Facilities team to address the matter."

Cllr. G. Flynn thanked the Head of Finance for his response. He re-iterated that these complaints originated from both members of the public and staff of Clare County Council. These complaints centre around a persistent appalling smell around the foyer area of the Áras. Cllr. Curtin queried whether there are any maintenance contracts with the original building contractor. The Meetings Administrator in response advised that there are different contracts for different matters in the building but none are with the original contractor. The Chief Executive stated that the facilities team would continue to resolve these and any matters that arise in relation to the building.

Item 20. Social housing.

Ar moladh Cllr. P.J. Ryan
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Flynn agus glacadh leis

"That this Council would ensure that any approved housing body that are providing social housing would ensure that all potential tenants' would be vetted and drawn from the Council's own housing list and the approved housing body would co-operate with existing residents associations."

Liam Conneally, Director of Social Development replied as follows:

"Clare County Council has full nomination rights to all State funded social housing provided by Approved Housing Bodies (A.H.B.s) in Clare. The tenants allocated for A.H.B.s housing are taken from the Council's Housing list of assessed and approved applicants. As with all allocations, potential tenants for social housing are subject to checks with relevant statutory agencies including An Garda Síochána's vetting.

A.H.B.s where they acquire properties within existing housing developments are encouraged to engage and consult with Resident's groups to ensure a positive and proper integration of new tenants into existing estates."

Cllr. P.J. Ryan thanked the Director of Service for his comprehensive reply. He posed further questions to Liam Conneally regarding the form of engagement that takes place, the rules that apply for allocations and the policing of the rules of tenancy. The Director of Service replied to all questions posed to him by the members.

Item 21. Joint assembly of the Clare, Limerick and Galway local authorities.

Due to the absence of Cllr. C. Crowe, Cllr. A. O’Callaghan on his behalf, asked that this motion be moved without discussion.

Ar moladh Cllr. A. O’Callaghan
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Hayes agus glacadh leis

“That the CEO and Cathaoirleach update all elected members on progress made with regard to the following notice of motion that was unanimously supported at the July 2016 monthly meeting of Clare County Council that took place at the University of Limerick:

That Clare County Council host a joint assembly of the Clare, Limerick and Galway local authorities (and invite all Oireachtas members from those counties) to discuss issues such as:

- Balanced regional growth in the West of Ireland.
- Arterial transportation links in the West of Ireland.
- Industrial expansion in the West of Ireland.
- Utility provision (broadband) in the West of Ireland.
- Airports in the West of Ireland, etc.”

Item 22. Energy consumption obligations.

Ar moladh Cllr. M. Hillery
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That the management of Clare County Council would outline the proposals they have to reduce energy consumption to meet the obligations of Climate Change 2020.”

Pat Stephens, Manager, Limerick Clare Energy Agency replied as follows:

“Clare County Council is taking the following actions on energy efficiency as part of the national burden sharing under the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan

- 1) Established an Energy Management Team (EMT) within the local authority. The EMT is drawn from all sections of the authority and is chaired by the Director of Services, Transportation, Water Services and Environment. The EMT meets to examine energy efficiency opportunities and discuss energy efficiency targets.
- 2) Clare County Council has issued an Energy Management Policy that is signed and supported by all of the Directors and communicated to all staff.
- 3) ISO 50001. The local authority is participating in a programme with the Sustainable energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) to establish and certify its energy management system to the international standard of ISO 50001. Members of the EMT are receiving training on the standard at present.
- 4) Energy Saving Projects are identified and supported by the council. They include:-
 - a. Public lighting upgrades
 - b. Office buildings improvements to heating and lighting systems
 - c. Upgrades to Ennis Leisure by installing a combined heat and power unit etc.
 - d. Upgrades to other buildings and facilities

e) Use of more efficient vehicles and equipment

Clare County Council has an energy efficiency target of 33% by 2020. At present the local authority has improved energy efficiency by 14%. Achieving the 33% energy efficiency target will be very challenging. Public Lighting is the largest consumer of energy, and the number of public lights being taken in charge is growing. A national plan to tackle the upgrading of public lights is being developed, however the funding and delivery of the plan will not be finalised until later this year.”

Cllr. M. Hillery thanked Pat Stephens for his detailed report. He asked if there was any more information available on the funding to be provided from government under the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan. In response the Chief Executive advised the members that funding and delivery of the plan will not be finalised until later in 2017. He did however, emphasise that there is a strong commitment from government in meeting these targets. He stated the he would expect news on the funding to be provided by them towards the end of 2017 and could arrange a presentation to Council on how the obligations could be achieved.

Item 23. Census 2016 Data.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Curtin
Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That the Director of Services, Planning and Rural Directorate up-date the Council on the Census 2016 Data in relation to the population and demography of the Electoral Districts in Clare in order that the elected members can respond to same as it impacts on the County Development Plan (2017-2023) objectives and the current County Rural Development Strategy of the County”.

Leonard Cleary, A/Director of Rural Development replied as follows:

“The attached table provides data for the census years 2011 and 2016 and shows the variance between both periods. It should be noted that this data covers a five year period only. Ideally, population trends need to be considered over longer periods – usually 30 to 40 years to reflect a second generation formation which is a better reflection of sustainable demographics.

I have also included two maps which represent this data – one for 2016 and one showing the change between 2011 and 2016.”

ED_ID		2011	2016	Number	% Change
	County	117,196	118,627	1,431	1.22%
16125	Carrowbaun	142	110	-32	-22.54%
16127	Coolreagh	231	184	-47	-20.35%
16120	Ayle	290	233	-57	-19.66%

ED_ID		2011	2016	Number	% Change
16107	Cappavilla	1,038	847	-191	-18.40%
16010	Drumcreehy	498	421	-77	-15.46%
16099	Mullagh	224	193	-31	-13.84%
16013	Mountelva	94	81	-13	-13.83%
16122	Caherhurley	220	191	-29	-13.18%
16088	Kilkee	1,037	914	-123	-11.86%
16003	Ennis No. 3 Urban	256	227	-29	-11.33%
16056	Kilfenora	459	408	-51	-11.11%
16070	Kilfiddane	364	324	-40	-10.99%
16152	Rathclooney	149	133	-16	-10.74%
16149	Loughea	169	151	-18	-10.65%
16011	Gleninagh	162	145	-17	-10.49%
16081	Creagh	466	422	-44	-9.44%
16103	Tullig	121	110	-11	-9.09%
16087	Kilfearagh	383	350	-33	-8.62%
16097	Moveen	94	86	-8	-8.51%
16086	Kilballyowen	286	262	-24	-8.39%
16001	Ennis No. 1 Urban	1,546	1,430	-116	-7.50%
16024	Rath	275	255	-20	-7.27%
16066	Ballynacally	257	239	-18	-7.00%
16076	Rinealon	196	183	-13	-6.63%
16114	Killokennedy	151	141	-10	-6.62%
16049	Ballysteen	363	339	-24	-6.61%
16128/16123	Corlea/Cahermurphy	182	170	-12	-6.59%
16083	Drumellihiy	447	418	-29	-6.49%

ED_ID		2011	2016	Number	% Change
16023	Muckanagh	319	299	-20	-6.27%
16015	Oughtmama	128	120	-8	-6.25%
16129	Derrynagittagh	149	140	-9	-6.04%
16101	Rahona	349	328	-21	-6.02%
16137	Scarriff	1,361	1,280	-81	-5.95%
16098	Moyarta	237	224	-13	-5.49%
16085	Glenmore	354	335	-19	-5.37%
16060	Liscannor	374	354	-20	-5.35%
16096	Knocknagore	226	214	-12	-5.31%
16047	Ballagh	200	190	-10	-5.00%
16052	Cloonanaha	282	268	-14	-4.96%
16014/16008	Noughaval/Castletown	208	198	-10	-4.81%
16100	Querrin	199	190	-9	-4.52%
16150	Newgrove	293	280	-13	-4.44%
16131	Feakle	367	351	-16	-4.36%
16095	Knocknaboley	307	294	-13	-4.23%
16055	Formoyle	219	210	-9	-4.11%
16090	Killimer	498	478	-20	-4.02%
16020/16017	Ballyeighter/Glenroe	203	195	-8	-3.94%
16051	Cloghaun	206	198	-8	-3.88%
16102	St. Martin's	104	100	-4	-3.85%
16143	Glendree	182	175	-7	-3.85%
16093	Kilrush Rural	748	720	-28	-3.74%
16053	Clooney Ennistymon	269	260	-9	-3.35%
16089	Killard	274	265	-9	-3.28%

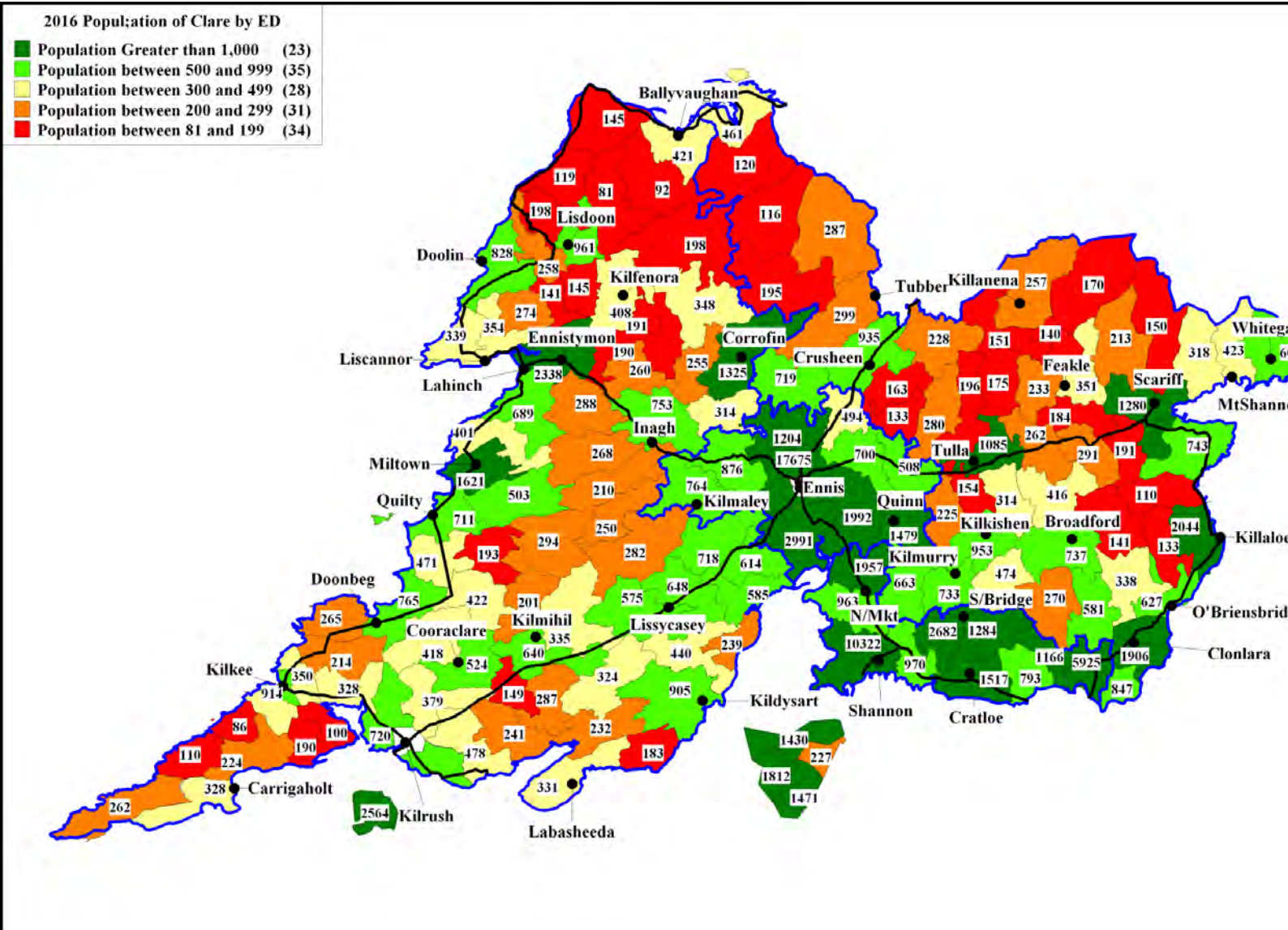
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16039	Kinturk	258	250	-8	-3.10%
16062	Magherareagh	297	288	-9	-3.03%
16031	Dysert	323	314	-9	-2.79%
16124	Cappaghabaun	154	150	-4	-2.60%
16018	Boston	294	287	-7	-2.38%
16073	Kilmurry Mc	294	287	-7	-2.38%
16016	Rathborney	94	92	-2	-2.13%
16080	Cooraclare	535	524	-11	-2.06%
16022	Kiltoraght	195	191	-4	-2.05%
16109	Cloghera	592	581	-11	-1.86%
16071	Killadysert	922	905	-17	-1.84%
16119	O'Briensbridge	638	627	-11	-1.72%
16153	Rossroe	745	733	-12	-1.61%
16117	Lackareagh	135	133	-2	-1.48%
16050	Ballyvaskin	407	401	-6	-1.47%
16035	Killanniv	775	764	-11	-1.42%
16094	Knock	244	241	-3	-1.23%
16147	Kiltannon	198	196	-2	-1.01%
16046	Annagh	508	503	-5	-0.98%
16033	Furroor	284	282	-2	-0.70%
16072	Killofin	333	331	-2	-0.60%
16025	Ruan	723	719	-4	-0.55%
16148	Kyle	315	314	-1	-0.32%
16043	Templemaley	1,199	1,204	5	0.42%
16082	Doonbeg	761	765	4	0.53%

ED_ID		2011	2016	Number	% Change
16155	Tulla	1,079	1,085	6	0.56%
16092	Kilmurry Ibk	706	711	5	0.71%
16144	Kilkishen	946	953	7	0.74%
16139	Ballynahinch	260	262	2	0.77%
16067	Clondagad	643	648	5	0.78%
16145	Killanena	255	257	2	0.78%
16042	Spancelhill	694	700	6	0.86%
16146	Killuran	412	416	4	0.97%
16005	Kilrush U.D.	2,539	2,564	25	0.98%
16115	Kilseily	729	737	8	1.10%
16106	Ballyglass	5,860	5,925	65	1.11%
16084	Einagh	324	328	4	1.23%
16132/16133	Iniscealtra N/Sth.	314	318	4	1.27%
16044	Tomfinlough	654	663	9	1.38%
16121	Boherglass	287	291	4	1.39%
16045	Urlan	949	963	14	1.48%
16057	Killaspuglonane	270	274	4	1.48%
16112	Fahymore	333	338	5	1.50%
16151	Quin	1,454	1,479	25	1.72%
16021	Killinaboy	342	348	6	1.75%
16142	Dangan	221	225	4	1.81%
16032	Ennis Rural	17,359	17,675	316	1.82%
16154	Toberbreeda	160	163	3	1.88%
16105	Ballycannan	1,144	1,166	22	1.92%
16065	Smithstown	142	145	3	2.11%

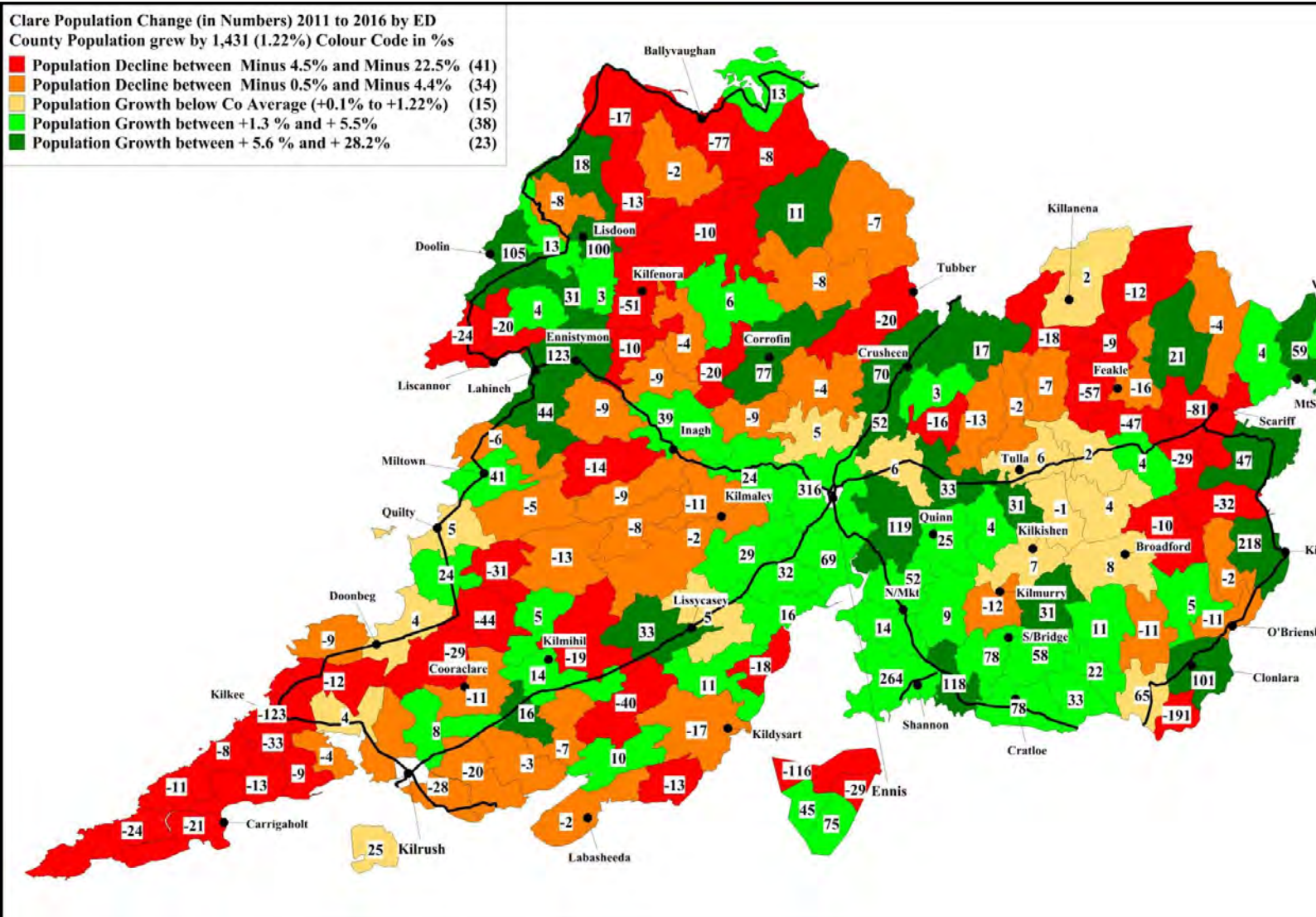
ED_ID		2011	2016	Number	% Change
16079	Clooncoorha	371	379	8	2.16%
16091	Kilmihil	626	640	14	2.24%
16026	Clareabbey	2,922	2,991	69	2.36%
16002	Ennis No. 2 Urban	1,767	1,812	45	2.55%
16077	Cahermurphy W C	196	201	5	2.55%
16069	Kilchreest	429	440	11	2.56%
16063	Milltown Malbay	1,580	1,621	41	2.59%
16027	Clenagh	10,058	10,322	264	2.62%
16040	Newmarket	1,905	1,957	52	2.73%
16075	Lisheen	569	585	16	2.81%
16037	Kilnamona	852	876	24	2.82%
16006	Abbey	448	461	13	2.90%
16041	Sixmilebridge	2,604	2,682	78	3.00%
16130	Drummaan	585	605	20	3.42%
16034	Kilcloher	689	718	29	4.21%
16110	Cloontra	259	270	11	4.25%
16113	Killeely	760	793	33	4.34%
16068	Coolmeen	222	232	10	4.50%
16118	Mountievers	1,226	1,284	58	4.73%
16061	Lurraga	245	258	13	5.31%
16078	Cloonadrum	447	471	24	5.37%
16004	Ennis No. 4 Urban	1,396	1,471	75	5.37%
16111	Cratloe	1,439	1,517	78	5.42%
16048	Ballyea	714	753	39	5.46%
16036	Killone	582	614	32	5.50%

ED_ID		2011	2016	Number	% Change
16054	Ennistymon	2,215	2,338	123	5.55%
16116	Kiltenanlea	1,805	1,906	101	5.60%
16074	Liscasey	542	575	33	6.09%
16019	Corrofin	1,248	1,325	77	6.17%
16029	Doora	1,873	1,992	119	6.35%
16136	Ogonnelloe	696	743	47	6.75%
16064	Moy	645	689	44	6.82%
16141	Clooney Tulla	475	508	33	6.95%
16108	Castlecrine	443	474	31	7.00%
16140	Caher	211	228	17	8.06%
16028	Crusheen	865	935	70	8.09%
16007	Carran	105	116	11	10.48%
16126	Cloonusker	192	213	21	10.94%
16012	Lisdoonvarna	861	961	100	11.61%
16038	Kilraghtis	442	494	52	11.76%
16134	Killaloe	1,826	2,044	218	11.94%
16104	Tullycreen	133	149	16	12.03%
16030	Drumline	852	970	118	13.85%
16058	Killilagh	723	828	105	14.52%
16135	Mountshannon	364	423	59	16.21%
16009	Derreen	101	119	18	17.82%
16138	Ballyblood	123	154	31	25.20%
16059	Kilshanny	110	141	31	28.18%

Map 1 Population of Clare 2016 by Electoral District (ED) showing Municipal District Boundaries.



Map 2 Population Change in Clare 2011 – 2016 by Numbers and 5 colour-coded % range



Item 24. Illegal dumping.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy

"In light of the extensive illegal dump caused by the travelling community at the Kilrush Road exit off the by-pass, which constitutes an embarrassing eyesore for us all and for visitors to our capital town, that Clare County Council explain, when illegal dumps caused by the travelling community are left behind when they exit a known site:

- (i) Why the dump is left for months on end without clean-up;
- (ii) What efforts are made to make the perpetrators account for the dump, especially when they have resided at the site for a lengthy period and where identity would be

ascertainable;

(iii) Does Clare County Council engage with the travelling community when they have been informed that an illegal site has been formed by members of their community on public property?

(iv) Are site visits undertaken to inform people there, that they are there illegally and that litter infractions etc. will be pursued via all legal actions open to Clare County Council?

(v) What is Clare County Council's policy in dealing with illegal traveller halting sites once they have been informed of them? Is there constant monitoring? Do litter wardens visit these illegal sites?"

Adrian Kelly, A/Director of Physical Development replied as follows:

“Illegally deposited waste is rarely left for months on end, especially if the amount is large or if it is located in a prominent location. The time taken to deal with such waste is dependent on resources available at a particular time. In the matter referred to above by Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy, Clare County Council have developed a plan to permanently resolve the illegal dumping issues at this location and have applied for funding through the new national anti-dumping initiative to carry out this work which involves fencing, gates, signage, cctv cameras and landscaping/planting.

Patrol wardens routinely search illegally dumped waste for evidence. When appropriate evidence is found - legal action follows. In this particular instance, following detailed inspection of the materials left on site, no appropriate evidence was located; therefore no further action can be taken.

Yes. Clare County Council has a Traveller Liaison Officer and a Traveller Accommodation Supervisor, both of whom are in regular contact with the occupiers of illegal encampments.

As referenced above, Housing staff engage with the occupiers of illegal encampments and work in partnership with our colleagues in Roads, Environment and the Gardai as required.

Once made aware of illegal encampments, the Council identifies the occupiers of same. If the occupants are non-indigenous to the County, the Council can seek the assistance of the Gardai in moving them on. The current occupiers of the various illegal encampments around Ennis are all indigenous to Clare and are all on our Social Housing list. The Council is committed to sourcing and providing suitable housing to meet the significant demand that exists however availability of suitable accommodation in the Ennis, Shannon and the South East corridor areas is limited.

Where complaints are received in the Environment Section, Environmental Patrol Wardens visit the locations of the complaint and carry out an investigation where necessary.”

Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy thanked the A/Director of Service for his detailed response. Some of the additional queries she posed to the A/Director of Service included the following:-

Why isn't it possible to identify the perpetrators?;

Why did engagement not happen?;

Why were the travellers not moved and why is there a distinction between indigenous and non-indigenous?;

How many traveller houses are not occupied?;

The A/Director of Service for Physical Development and the Director of Service for Social Development jointly responded to the queries raised by Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy in relation to their respective directorates and highlighted the cost resource involved in dealing with indiscriminate dumping.

Item 25. Natural sea resources.

"That Clare County Council introduce bye-laws to prevent the mechanical over harvesting of our natural sea resources, kelp."

Due to the absence of Cllr. Lynch this motion was not moved or discussed.

Item 26. Develop tourist loops off Wild Atlantic Way

"At the February 2015 meeting, item 15, the following amended/revised motion was adopted:

"I am proposing that Clare County Council, when engaging with Failte Ireland in relation to the Wild Atlantic Way initiative, suggest the development of the two following "loops",

i) A Shannon/Fergus estuary route to incorporate the natural coastlines of Counties Clare and Limerick and ii) a "Circle of Clare" to include towns, villages and attractions of Mid and East Clare, similar to the Ring of Kerry"

I welcome the time and effort that has gone into the first of these two suggestions and the "Burren Loop" and the unveiling of the exact routes is being anxiously awaited. I now wish to ask has consideration been given to a "Circle of Clare" initiative and if not should Clare County Council consider this proposal and promote it independently?"

Due to the absence of Cllr. P. Murphy this motion was not moved or discussed.

Item 27. Shannon Group.

Ar moladh Cllr. P. McMahon

Cuidithe ag Cllr. G. Flynn agus glacadh leis

"That Clare County Council seek an early report from Shannon Group on the implications of recent intending developments including staff numbers, airport 24 hour status, direct Cork/US flights, Brexit, D.A.A., aggressive advertising, U.S. military flights, opening of new Galway motorway."

In addition to the above motion it was proposed by Cllr. P. McMahon and seconded by Cllr. P.J. Ryan and unanimously agreed by all members present to invite the CEO of Shannon Group, Mr. Matthew Thomas to a future meeting of Clare County Council.

The Chief Executive in response reminded the members that Shannon Group have a very ambitious programme of works and that it would be very advantageous for Clare County Council to maintain a close working relationship between Shannon Group and ourselves.

Item 28. Comhfhreagras – Correspondence.

The following correspondence was circulated with the agenda.

1. Correspondence dated 24th April, 2017 from Deputy Michael Harty in relation to the Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2016.
2. Correspondence dated 21st April, 2017 from Deputy Joe Carey in relation to the Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2016.
3. Correspondence dated 28th April, 2017 from Deputy Pat Breen in relation to the Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2016.
4. Correspondence dated 27th April, 2017 from the Minister for Health concerning funding for the drug Orkambi for the sufferers of Cystic Fibrosis.
5. Correspondence dated 26th April, 2017 from the National Transport Authority concerning bus services between Galway and Shannon Airport.
6. Correspondence dated 13th April, 2017 from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport regarding extending Galway bus routes to incorporate Shannon Airport.
7. Correspondence dated April, 2017 from the Department of Social Protection regarding the reinstatement of the telephone rental allowance scheme.
8. Correspondence dated 11th April, 2017 from the Department of Social Welfare regarding the proposals to restructure the MABs and CIS offices.
9. Correspondence dated 24th April, 2017 from the Department of Finance regarding tax credits for tax payers who commute long distances to work.
10. Correspondence dated 18th April, 2017 from the Office of the Minister for Education and Skills regarding childcare.
11. Correspondence dated 18th April, 2017 from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs concerning childcare.
12. Correspondence dated 25th April, 2017 from the Department of Tourism and Sport regarding a PAYE motor tax credit.
13. Correspondence dated 13th April, 2017 from the Office of the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation in relation to the promotion of Shannon, Ennis and the Limerick and Galway areas for firms wishing to relocate from the UK to Ireland in the context of Brexit.

14. Correspondence dated 13th April, 2017 from the Office of the Minister for Social Protection in connection with the possible re-enactment of the Court Fines Act in order to have payment of fines taken at source.
15. Correspondence dated 13th April, 2017 from the National University of Ireland in relation to the review of undergraduate nursing places in universities.
16. Correspondence from An Garda Síochána regarding GoSafe prosecutions.
17. Correspondence dated 5th April, 2017 from the Office of the Taoiseach in relation to a review of the number of undergraduate nursing places available in universities.
18. Correspondence dated 4th April, 2017 from the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment regarding An Post.
19. Correspondence dated 25th April, 2017 from SIPTU in relation to the SIPTU Big Start Campaign presentation.
20. Resolution from Donegal County Council in relation to the Medal for Gallantry.
21. Resolution from Tipperary County Council in relation to the Coroner's Bill.
22. Resolution from Galway County Council in relation to the bus and rail services in rural County Galway.
23. Resolution from Tipperary County Council in relation to Community Employment Schemes.
24. Association of Irish Regions (AIR) Annual Training Event taking place in The Park Suite, Parkview Hotel, Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow on 26th May, 2017.
25. Conference entitled "The Local Authority Waters and Communities Office LAWCO" taking place in the Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork on 16th – 18th June, 2017.
26. Conference entitled "What does a hard Brexit mean for Ireland" taking place in the Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork on 23rd – 25th June, 2017.
27. 2017 Parnell Summer School entitled "Crime, Punishment and Justice" taking place in Avondale House, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow on 13th – 17th August, 2017.
28. AILG Training Programme for Elected Members May 2017.

Conferences.

Reports on Seminars/Conferences attended.

With regard to seminars/conferences attended, reports completed in accordance with Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001 were made available at the meeting.

AILG Training Seminar entitled "National Planning Framework Ireland 2040" taking place in Hotel Kilmore, Cavan on 7th February, 2017.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €393.73 including conference fee of €50.

It was agreed that Cllr. J. Crowe attend this Conference.

Training Seminar entitled “Local Authorities Supporting Tourism” taking place in Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford on 29th & 30th March, 2017.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €419.44 including conference fee of €130.

It was agreed that Cllr. P. Murphy attend this Conference.

AILG Annual Training Conference 2017 taking place in Tracey’s West County Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare on 6th & 7th April, 2017.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €164.20 including conference fee of €125.

It was agreed that Cllrs. C. Curtin, P.J. Kelly and G. Keating attend this Conference.

LAMA Spring Training Seminar entitled “Councillors Renumeration & Conditions” taking place in City North Hotel, Gormanston, Co. Meath on 28th & 29th April, 2017.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €695.22 including conference fee of €160.

It was agreed that Cllrs. C. Colleran Molloy, M. Howard, P. Murphy, B. Slattery, J. Crowe, P. McMahon, J. Cooney, P. Daly, J. Breen, A. Norton, P.J. Ryan, P. Burke, R. Nagle, G. Keating and M. Begley attend this Conference.

Training Seminar entitled “Community Development Initiatives Urban & Rural” taking place in Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo on 13th May, 2017.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €322.84 including conference fee of €50.

It was agreed that Cllrs. M. Hillery, A. O’Callaghan, C. Curtin, R. Nagle, P. Murphy, J. Crowe, P. McMahon, P. Burke, A. Norton, P. Daly, B. Slattery, M. Begley, P.J. Kelly, C. Crowe and C. Colleran Molloy attend this Conference.

AILG Training Seminar taking place in Killarney, Co. Kerry on 8th June, 2017.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €338.20 including conference fee of €50.

It was agreed that Cllr. C. Curtin attend this Conference.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____