



COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

5 Feabhra, 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 10 Feabhra, 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 Seirbhísí Corparáideacha
An Stiúirthóireacht um Fhorbairt Tuaithe**

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

**Corporate Services Department
Rural Development 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 13 Eanáir 2025.
 - (a) Minutes of January monthly meeting held on 13 January 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 10 December 2024.
 - (a) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 10 Nollaig 2024.

 - (b) Killaloe Municipal District meeting held on 13 November 2024.
 - (b) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach Cill Dá Lua a tionóladh ar an 13 Samhain 2024.

 - (c) Shannon Municipal District meeting held on 19 November 2024.
 - (c) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na Sionnainne a tionóladh ar an 19 Samhain 2024.

 - (d) West Clare Municipal District meeting held on 19 November 2024.
 - (d) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach Iarthar an Chláir a tionóladh ar an 19 Samhain 2024.

5. Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings.
5. Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach
 - (a) Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 9 December, 2024.
 - (a) Cruinniú Coiste Polasaí Straitéiseach Forbairt Gheilleagrach a tionóladh ar an 9 Nollaig, 2024.

6. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 6 January, 2025.
6. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 6 Eanáir, 2025.

7. Monthly Management Report.

8. Disposal of property (by lease) at catering locations in Bunratty, Knappogue Castle & Inis Cealtra Visitor Centre in Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

9. Strategic Policy Committee Standing Orders.

10. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. J. Killeen (Deferred from January meeting):-

“In advance of the 2025 tourist season we call on Clare County Council to outline plans proposed or in place to increase transport connectivity designed to minimise traffic density difficulties while supporting our towns and villages.”

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

“Clare County Council formally invites Garda Commissioner Drew Harris to address a Council session. This invitation follows a recent increase in reported criminal activity in Ennis, Clarecastle, and throughout County Clare. The Council aims to understand the strategies being implemented to improve public safety and address these concerns promptly and effectively.”

12. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. T. Mulcahy, P. Burke, J. Crowe agus C. Ryan:-

“That this Council would immediately put in place a major removal and replacement plan (away from the infrastructure) for trees near electrical infrastructure i.e. light poles and cable lines. It is no longer acceptable that we continue to have lighting installations completely overgrown by trees. The last two storms have left 1.25 million customers without power and many such incidents caused by falling trees.”

13. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. M. Shannon:-

“I call on the new Government to make available funds to meet the needs of our community's hardship as a result resent severe weather in Co. Clare.”

14. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. P. Daly, M. Begley agus M. Shannon:-

“We call on Clare County Council to request the Government to grant aid, affordable generators, so that for future storms people will be in a position to cope with the difficult circumstances which has been seen in the recent Storm Éowyn.”

15. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. P. O’Gorman:-

“Calling on Clare County Council to engage with farmer representative organisations and agricultural contractors, to investigate the potential for cooperation in dealing with the fallout from storm damage.”

16. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. D. Griffin:-

“That Clare County Council supports the development of tourism assets along the Shannon Estuary to take advantage of the opportunities posed by such a beautiful and unique landscape.”

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

“That Clare County Council request that the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to apply a waiver of planning permission and associated connection for all properties impacted by Defective Concrete Blocks.”

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

“Ennis 2040 DAC - Council approved a loan for €10 million that a discussion be allowed under the following headings:

- A. What's the cost of the loan and it's duration.
- B. Schedule of loan repayments by Ennis 2040 DAC.
- C. List the assets owned by Ennis 2040 DAC at this current date.
- D. Purpose of loans and has the Council guaranteed all liabilities.
- E. Is the Council financially liable in any event of unfortunate financial misadventure.”

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

“Recognising the distinguished service of President Michael D. Higgins as he approaches the completion of his terms as President of Ireland, and acknowledging his strong connections to County Clare through his early life and education, my motion is:

1. That Clare County Council formally invite President Higgins to attend a Civic Reception in County Clare, where representatives from communities across the county would have the opportunity to express their appreciation for his lifelong commitment to public service, social justice, and the promotion of Irish culture and heritage.
2. In the event that such a visit is not feasible, that Clare County Council respectfully request the President to facilitate the attendance of representatives from community groups across County Clare at one of the President’s Garden parties at Áras an Uachtaráin during the summer, providing an opportunity to mark and celebrate his enduring connection with the county.”

20. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. D. Griffin, R. McInerney, P. Hayes agus J. Killeen:-

“We propose that Clare County Council, our Oireachtas members and the relevant Government Departments redouble their efforts in securing increased road/footpath funding for our county and outline the funding streams available to improve our overall county road and footpath network as well as details of the funding applications submitted in each funding category in the last 5 years.”

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

“I call on Clare County Council to refocus on investing in the development of high-quality community hubs and multiservice centres at strategic locations across the county especially in rural areas. These multiservice centres should have back up capacity for water and power along with communication facilities. They should follow the principle of co-operating parishes, multiservice centres and on the ground connections to successful multi agency county response forums which evolved from Covid 19 and Migration forum.

I call on aligning ambition, focus and investment for high quality community multiservice hubs and centres as envisaged by Clare Rural Development Strategy as we have shown in developing the Clare collection of tourism sites over the last 5 years.”