



COMHAIRLE | CLARE  
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

4 Meitheamh, 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 9 Meitheamh, 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 gcuinniú.

Iarrtar ort a bheith i láthair.

Mise le meas,

**Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

**An Rannóg Seirbhísí Corparáideacha  
An Stiúrthóireacht 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 Bealtaine, a tionóladh ar an 12 Bealtaine 2025.
  - (a) Minutes of May monthly meeting held on 12 May 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 January 2025.
  - (a) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 14 Eanáir 2025.
  
  - (b) Killaloe Municipal District meeting held on 26 March 2025.
  - (b) Cruinniú Cheantar Bardasach Chill Dalua a tionóladh an 26 Márta 2025.
  
  - (c) Shannon Municipal District meeting held on 21 March 2025.
  - (c) Cruinniú Cheantar Bardasach Shionainne a tionóladh an 21 Márta 2025.
  
  - (d) Shannon Municipal District Special meeting held on 4 April 2025.
  - (d) Cruinniú speisialta Cheantar Bardasach Shionainne a tionóladh an 4 Aibreán 2025.
  
  - (e) West Clare Municipal District meeting held on 20 March 2025.
  - (e) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach Iarthar an Chláir a tionóladh ar an 20 Márta 2025.
  
  - (f) West Clare Municipal District Special meeting held on 31 March 2025.
  - (f) Cruinniú speisialta Ceantar Bardasach Iarthar an Chláir a tionóladh ar an 31 Márta 2025.
  
5. Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings.
5. Miontuairiscí Chruinnithe na gCoistí Beartais Straitéisigh.
  - (a) Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 19 February 2025.
  - (a) Cruinniú an Choiste Beartais Straitéisigh um Fhorbairt Turasóireachta a tionóladh an 19 Feabhra 2025.
  
6. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 6 May, 2025.
6. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 6 Bealtaine, 2025.
  
7. Monthly Management Report.

8. Disposal of property at No 1, Crawford Street (formerly known as 1 Grace Street), Kilrush, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
9. Disposal (by lease) of property at Pound Street, Kilkee, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
10. Disposal of land at 1 Dun an Óir, Shannon, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
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 development in Barefield, Co. Clare.
12. Annual Report 2024.
13. CLAR 2025 Shortlisted Projects.

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

“At the commencement of our new Chief Executive’s term I am calling on the leadership, Management Team of Clare County Council, in a strategic and cross directorate manner, to refocus and to set priority for clear and measured strategies and initiatives that have as an objective the sustainability, success and where necessary the regeneration of the key towns and villages across county Clare, along with enabling and attracting private sector and community led SMEs to our settlements that are critical to the viability and future of the rural communities served by them.”

**15. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. A. Baker Bashua:-**

“That Clare County Council formally request the Department of Health for the appointment of a dedicated cancer patient advocate to support individuals undergoing cancer treatment in County Clare. Due to the unique arrangement in the Mid-West region - where chemotherapy is provided publicly at University Hospital Limerick (UHL) and radiotherapy is delivered privately at the Mater Private Hospital Limerick - there is a clear need for a designated advocate to help patients navigate between both services.

Relying solely on charities to fill this gap is not a sustainable or equitable solution, as it risks vulnerable patients falling through the cracks. A dedicated advocate would ensure continuity of care, provide guidance, and support patients through complex treatment pathways at a time when they are most in need.”

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

“I am calling on Clare County Council to arrange an in-person meeting with the Department of Transport to discuss the Ennis Northern Inner Relief Road and to progress its development, as recently occurred with the TII to discuss issues which pertained to our national roads in the County. This road is identified as an Infrastructure Safeguard for the Ennis Northern Inner Relief Road, from the Tulla Road to the Gort Road, in the last several Clare County Development Plans and has not been developed to date and which is included as a vital part of the Emerging Preferred Strategy (Section 6.4.3 Page 80) of our Draft LTP.

Especially pertinent in a housing crisis is the fact that it cuts through residential zoned lands impeding the development of same for the benefit of the people of Ennis and County Clare. This is because the footprint of the proposed link road (measuring in excess of 1 Ha) has been essentially sterilised from development via its designation as an Infrastructure Safeguard and for one developer in the affected areas, it cuts off access to approx. 7.5 Ha of zoned Residential lands which would have the potential to accommodate circa 260 houses based on the metric of 35 units/Ha as set out in the Development Plan. This area is also sterilised from development as it cannot be accessed without the road. Since access to the land is limited by the non-development of this road, request is being made by the developer to have these lands exempted from Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT). This is entirely incongruent with Ministerial dictate that Local Authorities make all efforts to have zoned lands developed for housing.

In March 2024, I called on Clare County Council Executive Management Team to arrange an in-person meeting with the Department of Transportation to progress the funding for the traffic studies, design, environmental studies, the construction of the most immediate section of this strategic piece of infrastructure which is in part Council ownership, that being from the beginning of the existing built road that ends abruptly at the Clare Technology Park, to continue across the railway track so as to connect to the existing most westerly roundabout in Oakleigh Wood.

The Department of Transport needs to factor this strategic corridor reserved in our County Development Plan into the transportation plan for our County Town, especially since a portion of it is already built, so as to bring the accessibility benefits of this infrastructure to the County, which are inter alia: alleviation of traffic on the Gort Road and the Tulla Road; improved connectivity to the Gort Road Industrial Estate, a venue of substantial employment in our County, where access (either by way of traffic lights or roundabout(s)) to the Gort Road Industrial Estate should be factored into this phase of development; improved both-way access from East Clare to North Clare without congesting the town centre; alleviation of congestion of the town centre; and amelioration of the active travel corridors, especially the immediate corridor planned for the Tulla Road from the motorway into Ennis, and finally, to accommodate provision of much needed housing.”

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

“To ask Clare County Council to ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education to re-negotiate a fair contract with the TUI on behalf of adult educators working in Clare.”

**18. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. R. Hartigan:-**

“To ask that this Council take the position that no new onshore wind farm planning applications should be approved in Clare until the national guidelines on wind energy are updated and put into action.

I ask the Chief Executive to share this position with the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage and to request a temporary pause, in line with this motion.”

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

“That Clare County Council supports the implementation of a national development levy waiver for rural one off and self-build homes.”

**20. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. J. Killeen, P. Daly, T. O’Callaghan, M. Shannon agus S. Talty:-**

“The HSE recognises that another hospital with an A&E is required in the Mid-West, and we are calling on all concerned such as the Taoiseach, Tánaiste, Minister for Health, HSE, HIQA, Clare Oireachtas and County Councillor members, Friends of Ennis hospital to put in place a strategy that will deliver a Model 3 or 4 hospital in the town of Ennis or a central location in the county, so that the people of Clare can experience a top-class health service for now and for future years.”

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

“That Clare County Council proactively engages with the newly proposed Housing Activation Office by identifying viable sites across the county suitable for both public and private housing-led development.

Furthermore, that the Council provides strategic and evidence-based feedback on its experience of current housing delivery schemes, both project-based and financial assistance initiatives, highlighting what is working effectively, the challenges being encountered by local authorities, home buyers, and builders, and recommending practical improvements to enhance the delivery and impact of these schemes at local level.”

**22. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. J. Garrihy, P. Burke, I. Lynch agus P. Murphy:-**

“In the context of the lack of necessary municipal wastewater infrastructure in the vast majority of our towns and villages across the county we call on Clare County Council to accept the principle of developer led modular wastewater plants in towns and villages where there is a demand, desire and need for development.

We further call on Minister for Housing, James Browne to direct Uisce Eireann to support the local authority in overseeing and ensuring the treatment systems are of acceptable standard, have acceptable maintenance plans and will be constructed in a manner whereby full connection will be possible to municipal plants when delivered.”

**23. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. P. Hayes, C. Collieran Molloy, D. Griffin, A. Baker Bashua, R. Hartigan, R. McInerney agus P. O’Gorman:-**

“That the elected members of Clare County Council call on the Ministers for Finance and Foreign Affairs to investigate and instigate appropriate actions that can be taken at National and European level to prevent the funding of Israeli war bonds, and that the Government fast track the Occupied Territories Bill into law.”

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

“The appropriate personnel in the Clare County Council will come together and set up a discussion to explore the possible setup of a League of Ireland soccer team in the Banner County with all the

relevant stakeholders. The findings of this think tank will be brought back to this chamber for further debate.” **(M)**