



COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

9 Iúil, 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 14 Iúil, 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 Stiúirtheacht 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 9 Meitheamh 2025.
 - (a) Minutes of June monthly meeting held on 9 June 2025.
 - (b) Miontuairiscí Chruinniú cinn bhliana de Chomhairle Contae an Chláir a tionóladh ar an 27 Meitheamh, 2025.
 - (b) Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Clare County Council held on 27 June, 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 13 May 2025.
 - (a) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 13 Bealtaine 2025.
5. Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings.
5. Miontuairiscí Chruinnithe na gCoistí Beartais Straitéisigh.
 - (a) Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 25 March 2025.
 - (a) Cruinniú an Choiste Beartais Straitéisigh um Fhorbairt Fhisiciúil a tionóladh an 25 Márta 2025.
 - (b) Social Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 5 March, 2025.
 - (b) Cruinniú an Choiste Beartais Straitéisigh um Fhorbairt Shóisialta a tionóladh an 5 Márta 2025.
6. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 3 June, 2025. (Minutes herewith).
6. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 3 Meitheamh, 2025. (Miontuairiscí iniata).
7. Monthly Management Report.
8. Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2025 - 2029 and associated Chief Executive's Report on submissions received.

9. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for Glór Music DAC for financial year ended 31st December 2024.

10. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. T. Guilfoyle (deferred from the June Council meeting):-

“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.”

11. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. A. O’Callaghan:-

“After Storm Eowyn and growth levels high for the last number of months there is an urgency for maintenance on our road network around the county to get it back to a standard to make it safe for all roads users. I am asking that we write to the Minister requesting that firstly all roadside hedges would be exempt from the Wildlife Act and more funding allocated to sort out our roads once and for all.”

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

“We call on Clare County Council to explain/establish on whom the responsibility rests for the cutting back of vegetation on our roadsides which is undertaken in the interest of health and safety. We ask that a campaign be launched in advance of the new cutting season to ensure that those who are required to complete this work understand their role and responsibility.”

13. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. P. Burke:-

“I am calling on Minister Darragh O’Brien and the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment as well as the Department of Transport to bring forward by one month from September 1st to August 1st, the period allowed for cutting roadside hedges in the interest of road safety.”

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

“As a key component of generating increased bed-nights within the county to ask Clare Tourism to develop a specific “Experience Clare” initiative; working with high quality activity providers to create an activity passport, similar to the Wild Atlantic Way passport, but based on booking and completing a series of representative activities from a menu of high-quality providers around the county.”

15. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. S. Talty:-

“Clare County Council calls on the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, James Browne T.D, to review and amend the terms of the Defective Concrete Block Scheme to allow for applications, where individuals are living long term in supported housing provided by charitable bodies. These are the homes of these individuals & deserve equality of treatment with all other homeowners. If passed, that the motion be circulated to all LA’s.”

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

“As an opportunity to open up zoned lands, currently locked out of development due to the lack of waste water, I ask that Clare County Council would seek a presentation by the manufacturer/provider of modular certified waste water systems to the Economic Development SPC and relevant council staff, including, but not limited to, the Planning and Environment section to provide clarity on installation best practice, usage and requirements”

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

“In recognition of the ongoing epidemic of domestic and gender-based violence in this country, that we call on Government to progress Jennie’s Law and to implement a Domestic Violence Register similar to that in the UK.”

18. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. J. Crowe:-

“That Clare County Council initiate a grass cutting disposal service to assist resident groups in the appropriate, environmentally responsible disposal of grass clippings, and similar organic waste, generated when maintaining their community public areas. This service would promote sustainable waste practices, reduce illegal dumping, and support resident groups in maintaining their local area.”

19. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. M. Shannon, J. Killeen, A. O’Callaghan P. Daly:-

“I call on Clare County Council to engage with the Department of Higher Education and Department of Public Expenditure (Ministers James Lawless and Jack Chambers) to reverse the proposed increase of €1,000 in student fees for September, the fees should be retained at current rates and should not be linked to cost of living measures. Parents and students are deeply challenged by accommodation costs and availability.”

20. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. T. Mulcahy:-

“To ask the Director to update this Council on the Disability/ Mobility/ Elderly Grant budgets for both private and County Council houses and to ensure we have enough funds in place to meet the needs of our ageing and disabled community.”

21. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. D. Griffin, R. Hartigan, T. O’Callaghan, A. Baker Bashua, R. McInerney, P. O’Gorman agus P. Hayes:-

“In light of the recent failings in nursing home care identified by Prime Time, Clare County Council calls on the Minister of State for Older People, Kieran O'Donnell TD, the Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD and the wider Government to:

1. Deliver a commissioner for older people to work across Government to protect and promote policies for an ageing population.
2. Deliver a statutory Home Care scheme.
3. Urgently progress safeguarding regulations.

4. Comprehensively review current regulatory frameworks for nursing homes and ensure HIQA provides adequate oversight of care in our nursing home sector.”

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

“That Clare County Council formally recognises the strategic importance of the N68 Ennis to Kilrush road and agrees that, given its critical role in regional connectivity, economic development, and in particular the future transformation of the Moneypoint site, the N68 should be designated a strategic route by this local authority.

Furthermore, that the Council commits to prioritising the N68 in all relevant infrastructure planning, funding applications and strategic transport assessments, ensuring that future upgrades and investment are pursued with urgency and ambition to meet the needs of West Clare and the wider county.”

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

“That Clare County Council asks the Minister for Health to review public orthodontic care in the Mid-West as the current waiting list for children to receive public orthodontic care is 2 – 4 years.”

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

“That Clare County Council calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Martin Heydon, to introduce regulations requiring the live weighing of cattle and installation of live-streaming cameras in beef processing factories, allowing farmers to observe the slaughter of their cattle in real time. This will ensure transparency, uphold animal welfare standards and strengthen trust within the agricultural supply chain.”

25. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. C. Ryan, J. Garrihy, M. Howard agus P. Burke:-

“That Clare County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne, to extend the current Vacant Homes Scheme by relaxing the eligibility criteria to include prospective purchasers who are required to reside in the property once acquired.”