



COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

3 Meán Fómhair, 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 Meán Fómhair, 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

NÓTÁIL: Cruinniú faisnéise ón Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail ag 2pm

NOTE: Briefing by the Public Participation Network at 2p.m.

**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 Iúil, a tionóladh ar an 14 Iúil 2025.
 - (a) Minutes of July monthly meeting held on 14 July 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 June 2025.
 - (a) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 10 Meitheamh 2025.
 - (b) Ennis Municipal District AGM held on 26 June 2025.
 - (b) Cruinniú cinn bhliana Ceantar Bardasach na hInse a tionóladh ar an 26 Meitheamh 2025.
 - (c) Shannon Municipal District meeting held on 27 May, 2025.
 - (c) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach na Sionnainne a tionóladh ar an 27 Bealtaine, 2025.
 - (d) Shannon Municipal District AGM held on 20 June, 2025.
 - (d) Cruinniú cinn bhliana Ceantar Bardasach na Sionnainne a tionóladh ar an 20 Meitheamh, 2025.
 - (e) West Clare Municipal District meeting held on 20 May 2025.
 - (e) Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach Iarthar an Chláir a tionóladh ar an 20 Bealtaine 2025.
 - (f) West Clare Municipal District AGM held on 27 June 2025.
 - (f) Cruinniú cinn bhliana Ceantar Bardasach Iarthar an Chláir a tionóladh ar an 27 Meitheamh 2025.
5. Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings.
5. Miontuairiscí Chruinnithe na gCoistí Beartais Straitéisigh.
 - (a) Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 11 March 2025.
 - (a) Cruinniú an Choiste Beartais Straitéisigh um Fhorbairt Tuaithe a tionóladh an 11 Márta 2025.
6. Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 7 July, 2025.
6. Cruinniú Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach a tionóladh ar an 7 Iúil, 2025.

7. Monthly Management Report.
8. Disposal of property at Baile Ui Loideain, Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
9. Disposal of property at Droichead Nua, Scariff, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
10. Disposal of property at Ballybrohan, Killaloe, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
11. Disposal of property at Dough, Spanish Point, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
12. Disposal of property at 23 Boyne Park, Shannon, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
13. Disposal of property at 46 Finian Park, Shannon, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
14. Disposal of property at Drumeer, Ruan, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.
15. 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 at 4 and 5 Lower Drumbiggle Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.
16. 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 at Beechpark Machinery Yard, Beechpark, Ennis, Co. Clare.
17. Interim Financial Report to 30 June, 2025.
18. Schedule date for the Presidential Election Special Meeting – proposed date Wednesday 17th September at 2p.m.
19. Briefing from Public Participation Network at 2.00p.m.

20. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllr. J. Crowe (deferred from July Council Meeting):-

“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.”

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

“That Clare County Council:

- Supports the principle of stronger transparency and value for money in public spending, recognising that every euro of taxpayers’ money must deliver real benefit.
- Calls on the Department of Local Government to introduce consistent national standards across all 31 local authorities for contract-level transparency and regular reporting of project expenditure, ensuring that waste, duplication, and overruns are identified and prevented.”

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

“That Clare County Council invite the Clare Comhairle na nÓg to present their short film on period poverty at the next available Council meeting.”

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

“Clare County Council request both Minister for Finance, Mr. Pascal Donohue and Minister for Equality Ms. Norma Foley address the current legal anomaly regarding inheritance laws for those without children. Over One million Irish citizens are childless, the current inheritance laws are inequitable and discriminatory and are skewed against childless people, with prohibitive tax obligations.”

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

“Creation of Designated Dog-Friendly Areas and Hours on County Beaches.

Currently, dogs are prohibited from Clare County beaches between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. This restriction limits access for residents and visitors who wish to enjoy the beaches with their family pets, particularly during peak daylight hours. Families travelling with dogs are therefore unable to fully enjoy some of our coastal walking areas, despite beaches being a shared and valued public space.

I propose that Clare County Council:

- Review existing restrictions on dog access to county beaches to balance the needs of dog owners, non-dog-owning beach users, and environmental protection.
- Identify and designate specific dog-friendly areas on selected beaches, allowing dogs to be exercised safely during the day, subject to responsible ownership rules (e.g., leash requirements where appropriate, proper waste disposal, and control of behaviour).
- Consider adjusting current time restrictions to provide more flexibility, for example: Allowing access earlier in the evening (e.g., from 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.) Providing mid-day access to designated dog areas, away from main bathing zones
- Ensure appropriate signage and waste disposal facilities are installed at these areas.

- Undertake community consultation, including residents, beach users, local businesses, and animal welfare groups, to determine the most suitable approach.”

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

“Following a recent petition for a dog park in Shannon, I would ask that this Council gives fresh consideration to providing a dog park in this County. I would ask that we invite the relevant staff or a representative from Limerick City and County Council to brief the members as well as the executive on how they developed and now operate the very successful dog parks in Mungret, Baggot Estate, and Newcastle West.”

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

“That Clare County Council formally calls on the Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) to conduct a comprehensive survey of mobile coverage across County Clare, identifying blackspots and areas of poor service. Furthermore, the Council urges the Commission to work with mobile network providers to implement targeted infrastructure improvements, ensuring equitable access to reliable mobile connectivity for all residents, businesses, and emergency services.”

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

“A strategic development of motor home camping facilities in Co. Clare is urgently required ensuring much needed economic growth in alternative tourism is created for our many businesses countywide. Are there any proposals currently being considered or provide any update on progressing this model further.”

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

“We call on Clare County Council to revisit the overall plan for motor home parking facilities in the county with a view to incentivising the provision of privately owned parking bays with assistance and advice from the Enterprise, Tourism and Planning Departments. In the absence of private investment, I ask that the Local Authority explore the possibility of providing facilities at various location around the county.”

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

“In light of the strategic importance to the county I am calling on Uisce Eireann to outline the works that have been undertaken in the last five years in West Clare to alleviate the frequent bursts on the water network and what other works they are proposing to undertake to ensure the people of West Clare have a secure and proper water supply going forward.”

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

“As Ennis/Kilrush Rugby Club team make history with their debut in the Energia All-Ireland League (AIL), becoming the first men’s or women’s team from County Clare to qualify for the All-Ireland League, I am asking that Clare Co Council

- (i) co-ordinate with the Club PRO through the Council public relations department to promote this County Clare involvement; and

- (ii) with nine away games scheduled for Belfast, Dublin, Cork and Galway, that the Tourism Department make efforts to have the “Visit Clare” logo displayed on the kit of the Team; and
- (iii) that banners equivalent to those erected to support County Clare GAA teams be erected in Ennis, Kilrush and other key towns in the County.”

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

“In light of current market values for cattle, that Clare County Council calls on the Minister of Agriculture to review the On Farm Market Valuation (TB compensation scheme) regarding the current ceiling of €3,000 per non pedigree bovine.”

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

“I call on Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, Darragh O'Brien to make the Just Transition Funding Scheme available to Clare. This funding could facilitate and increase the development of innovative projects that contribute to the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of the county. Projects of scale that are required to be transformative to the economic development of the area could be developed and attract investment through a dedicated funding stream.”

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

“To ask Clare County Council to ask the relevant Minister to devise a new, more efficient and secure system for Garda vetting.”

34. Curtha faoi bhráid na Comhairle ag Cllrs. R. Hartigan, T. O'Callaghan, P. Hayes, P. Daly, T. O'Brien, S. Talty, A. Baker Bashua agus D. Griffin:-

“That Clare County Council take immediate steps to support families in Clare who are in or at risk of energy poverty, similar to EnergyCloud schemes in place with Galway County Council, Offaly County Council, Cork City Council and others, where they use smart technology to harness the power of curtailed renewable energy and provide it for free to those facing fuel poverty; and to request the Executive to contact all existing renewable energy generators operating in Clare to seek their support to use the dumped renewable energy, to help tackle energy poverty and to provide an update to the Council within a two-month timeframe.”

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

“That Clare County Council write to the Minister for Education requesting that the return to school for all primary and secondary school children be regulated so that it does not occur earlier than the 1st of September each year.

An earlier return shortens the summer season and directly impacts families, holiday homeowners, and those paying significant site fees for mobile homes, who deserve to get value from their investment. More importantly, it undermines the viability of local businesses in tourism-dependent areas.

Many hotels, restaurants, cafés, shops, activity providers, and seasonal attractions in Clare and across Ireland rely heavily on a strong summer trade to carry them through the lean nine months of the off-season. Curtailing the school holidays cuts short this vital window, reducing visitor numbers at the peak of the season, and ultimately threatening the survival of businesses that form the backbone of our local economy.

By ensuring the return to school does not take place before September 1st, families will be able to fully avail of the summer break, while rural and coastal communities will benefit from an extended, more sustainable tourist season.”