



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí
Áras an Chontae
Cnoc na Radharc
GAILLIMH

22 Aibreán 2025

CHUIG GACH BALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

A chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú Míosúil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionólfar i **Seomra na Comhairle, Áras an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh, Dé Luain an 28 Aibreán 2025 ag tosú ag 11.00 ar maidin**. Ba chóir do chomhaltaí fógra a thabhairt don Riarthóir Cruinnithe chun páirt a ghlacadh go cianda i gcruinniú hibrídeach tráth nach déanaí ná 1 lá glan roimh an gcruinniú.

You are requested to attend an Ordinary Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held **in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, on Monday 28th April 2025 commencing at 11.00am**. Members should notify the Meetings Administrator in order to participate remotely in a hybrid meeting no later than 1 clear day prior to the meeting.

Mise, le meas,

J. Brann

Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator

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1. Confirmation of Minutes of the following Meetings:

- a) Minutes of Monthly Plenary Meeting held on 24th March 2025.

[Report available on the Extranet]

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

- a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 18th March 2025.
- b) Minutes of Housing Strategic Policy Committee held on 12th December 2024
- c) Recommendation from the Corporate Policy Group that Galway County Council hold a Civic Reception to honour:
 - Athenry Rounders

[Reports available on the Extranet]

3. To fill a Casual Vacancy in the Membership of the Council arising from the election of Cllr. P.J. Murphy to Seanad Éireann in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and Standing Order 75 of Galway County Council Standing Orders.

[Report available on Extranet]

4. Filling of a Casual Vacancy in the Membership of Climate Action, Biodiversity & Heritage Strategic Policy Committee.

[Report available on Extranet]

5. Filling of Casual Vacancy in the Membership of Western inter-county Rail Committee.

[Report available on Extranet]

6. Filling of a Casual Vacancy in the Membership of Local Authority Members Association (LAMA).

[Report available on Extranet]

7. Filling of Casual Vacancy on Comhar na nOileán C.R.T .

[Report available on the extranet]

8. To consider and adopt the Unaudited Annual Financial Statement for 2024

[Report available on the Extranet]

9. To fix a venue for the May Ordinary Meeting of Plenary Council

10. To consider and adopt the Annual Report 2024 in accordance with Section 221 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2001.

[Report available on the Extranet]

11. Director's update on the N6 Galway City Ring Road.

[Report to follow]

12. To consider the purchase of Municipal Districts Cathaoirleach Chains of office and the Draft Chain of office Protocol.

[Report available on Extranet]

13. To consider and if deemed appropriate authorise the attendance at Training in accordance with Section 142(5A) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

- (a) **Title of Training:** AILG March Training Module – “Embracing Equality – Cultivating Inclusive Local Communities” – Retrospective Approval

Location of Training: Clayton Hotel, Galway

Date: 22nd March 2025

Alternative Location of Training: Falls Hotel, Ennistymon

Date: 20th March 2025

- (b) **Title of Training:** AILG Annual Training Conference 2025 – Retrospective Approval

Location of Training: Limerick Strand Hotel

Date: Tuesday 2nd April and Wednesday 3rd April 2025

[Reports available on the Extranet]

14. To Note the summary of proceeding of Conferences attended in accordance with Section 142 (5F) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

[Report available on the Extranet]

15. To consider the Management Report – April 2025 in accordance with Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

[Report to follow]

16. Chief Executive’s Business & Correspondence.

[Correspondence available on the Extranet]

17. Question Cllr. Donohue

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the total number of employment vacancies - job opportunities available within Galway County Council and set out in Tabular format the job title etc.

C O U N C I L L O R S N O T I C E S O F M O T I O N S

O T H E R M O T I O N S R E C E I V E D

18. Cllr. Declan Geraghty

I will propose:

I propose that Galway County Council introduce one hour free parking for people who support businesses in Ballinasloe town. Retailers in Ballinasloe town are very supportive of this initiative as retail is hit extremely hard in Ballinasloe and need this to happen in order for them to compete against towns of similar size with no parking fees.

19. Cllr. Michael Regan

I will propose:

I am writing to propose a motion for consideration at the upcoming Co Council meeting regarding the urgent need to enhance road safety in areas approaching schools. I have significant concerns regarding the safety of children, cyclists and motorists alike.

I urge the Council to consider the following measures to improve road safety.

Increased signage and markings

- Installation of clearer and more visible road signs and pavement markings

Traffic calming measures

- Implementation of speed bumps, raised cross walks to slow down traffic.

Safety at our schools should be our top priority and it is imperative that we take proactive steps to address these concerns.

20. Cllr. Tom Welby

I will propose:

In order to create awareness of Lyme Disease that Galway County Council would install signage in parks and recreation areas (provided free of charge from the Lyme Resource Centre) that could help raise awareness, inform people on how to protect themselves, and provide guidance on proper tick removal—particularly for children, who are especially vulnerable.

21. Cllr. Noel Thomas

I will propose:

That Galway County Council urgently recognises the ongoing and serious safety risks posed to children, parents, and school staff during peak drop-off and collection times at schools across the county. It is now imperative that safety works be carried out at every school in County Galway without further delay.

We call on Galway Co. Co. to request immediate consultation with TII and the department of education for financial support for these works.

The burden of funding these vital measures cannot rest solely with the local authority. We call on Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the Department of Education to directly contribute to the cost of implementing meaningful traffic safety solutions around schools.

We can no longer accept tokenistic measures – such as signage and flashing lights – as sufficient. There must be physical infrastructure in place to slow down traffic, including but not limited to:

- Traffic calming bays

- Raised ramps
- Pedestrian crossings
- Reduced speed zones with enforcement support

Furthermore, Galway County Council must adopt a standardised set of safety requirements for all new school developments entering the planning process to ensure consistent, proactive traffic management and child safety.

22. Cathaoirleach's Business

23. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations