



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí  
Áras an Chontae  
Cnoc na Radharc  
GAILLIMH

20 Bealtaine 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 san, Maree Community Centre, Mearaí, Órán Mór, Co. na Gaillimhe, H91 V12C, **Dé Luain an 26 Bealtaine 2025 ag tosú ag 11.00 ar maidin.**

You are requested to attend an Ordinary Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held **in Maree Community Centre, Maree, Oranmore, Co. Galway, H91 V12C on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 commencing at 11.00am.**

**Mise, le meas,**

***J. Brann***

***Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator***

## **C L Á R**

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes of the following Meetings:**

- a) Minutes of Monthly Plenary Meeting held on 28th April 2025.

[Report available on the Extranet]

### **2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.**

- a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 22nd April 2025.
- b) Recommendation from the Corporate Policy Group that Galway County Council hold a Civic Reception to honour:  
Michael Cronnelly, World Amateur Title in MMA

[Reports available on the Extranet]

### **3. (a) To consider report under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 to rescind disposal of lands at Cothill, Woodford, Co. Galway – 0.276 hectares.**

**(b) To consider report under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 for disposal of land at Cothill, Woodford, Co. Galway – 0.276 hectares.**

[Reports available on the Extranet and S183 circulated to members on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025]

### **4. Filling of Casual Vacancy on Forum Connemara CLG.**

[Report available on Extranet]

### **5. 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 May Training Module – “Emergency Response – Councils Supporting Communities in Weather Crises” – Retrospective Approval

**Location of Training:** Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo

**Date:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

**Alternative Location of Training:** Rose Hotel, Tralee

**Date:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025

(b) **Title of Training:** AILG Induction Training (In-Person for Newly Co-Opted Councillors) May 2025

**Location of Training:** Athlone Springs Hotel

**Date:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**[Alternative Location of Training: None]**

(c) **Title of Training:** AILG June Training Module – “A New Approach to Planning – the Revised National Planning Framework & Planning Act”

**Location of Training:** Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan

**Date:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025

**Alternative Location of Training:** Radisson Blu Hotel, Cork

**Date:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025

[Reports available on the Extranet]

**6. To consider and if deemed appropriate to authorise the attendance at Conferences, Meetings, Other Events in accordance with Section 142(5) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)**

(a) **Title of Conference:** Mary Robinson Climate & Nature Conference

**Location of Training:** The Mary Robinson Centre, Ballina, Co. Mayo

**Date:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**[Alternative Location of Training: None]**

(b) **Title of Conference: National Sustainability Summit**

**Location of Training:** RDS Simmonscourt, Dublin

**Date:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**[Alternative Location of Training: None]**

[Reports available on the Extranet]

**7. 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]

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

[Report to follow]

**9. Chief Executive's Business & Correspondence.**

[Correspondence available on the Extranet]

## **10.Question Cllr. Geraldine Donohue**

To ask the Chief Executive and Director of Planning for a briefing and report of the land portfolio held by Galway County Council and its potential or limitation to support for new zoning arrangements and in turn new homes and what are the latest figures of planning permissions granted and not yet commenced and details of all private lands zoned for housing where no planning permission has been sought.

### **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**

## **11. Cllr. Michael Regan**

### **I will propose:**

Re Footpaths and Tyres

I request Galway Co Co to provide the following information

To provide the amounts of claims and compensation paid out last year 2024 due to:

1. Broken footpaths
2. Burst Tyres due to potholes on our roads

How many claims have been made this year 2025?

## **12. Cllr. Michael Regan**

### **I will propose:**

I would like you to supply me with the following,

- 1 How much land does Galway County Council own in the County.
- 2 How many people are on the housing list.
- 3 How many Towns/Villages are full to capacity with water or sewerage or both.

### **13. Cllr Andrew Reddington**

#### **I will propose:**

The FAI is planning to move all Irish football clubs to a calendar-year season, requiring all clubs to register in February each year. However, 77% of Galway clubs have voted against this plan. It could be devastating for both football and GAA sports, effectively putting them in direct competition with each other.

We are requesting that Galway County Council write to the FAI and ask them to allow football leagues the flexibility to choose the season and registration periods that best suit their needs.

### **14. Cllr. Dr. Evelyn Francis Parsons**

#### **I will propose:**

That Galway County Council agrees to designate Safe Home Ireland as an eligible initiative under Sections 1.4 and 4.2 of the Housing Allocation Scheme. This would allow the Council, at its discretion and subject to housing need assessment, to allocate a proportion of age-friendly housing to returning Irish-born emigrants who are both -

(a) Approved by Safe Home Ireland,

and

(b) Qualify under the Council's existing social housing criteria.

### **15. Cathaoirleach's Business**

### **16. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**