



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí
Áras an Chontae
Cnoc na Radharc
GAILLIMH

17 Meitheamh 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 23 Meitheamh 2025 ag tosú ag 1.00 san iarnóin.** 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 23rd June 2025 commencing at 1pm.** 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 26th May 2025.

[Report available on the Extranet]

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

- a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 19th May 2025.
- b) Minutes of Community, Irish Language, Gaeltacht, Tourism & Integration Strategic Policy Committee held on 17th February 2025.
- c) Minutes of Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee held on 5th March 2025.
- d) Minutes of Climate Action, Biodiversity & Heritage Strategic Policy Committee held on 9th April 2025.

[Reports available on the Extranet]

3. Filling of Casual Vacancy as the Chairperson on the Community Irish Language, Gaeltacht, Tourism & Integration Strategic Policy Committee

[Report available on the Extranet]

4. Reports on activities and operation of bodies accordance with Section 141 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended by Section 53 of the 2014 Act)

Reports on activities and operation of the following bodies for the period June 2024 to May 2025 inclusive:

- (a) Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees
- (b) Northern & Western Regional Assembly
- (c) Athenry Heritage and Tourism Co. Ltd.
- (d) Association of Irish Local Government
- (e) Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

- (f) Western Inter-County Rail Committee
- (g) Galway & Roscommon Education & Training Board (Formerly VEC)
- (h) Regional Health Forum Representation, West
- (i) Galway Rural Development Company
- (j) Forum Conamara Ltd.
- (k) Comhar na nOileán Teoranta
- (l) Údarás na Gaeltachta

[Reports available on the Extranet]

5. To consider the Draft Galway County Council Flag and Special Lighting Protocol

[Report available on the Extranet]

6. 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 22nd May 2025

Alternative Location of Training: Rose Hotel, Tralee

Date: Saturday 24th May 2025

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

Location of Training: Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan

Date: Saturday 21st June 2025

Alternative Location of Training: Radisson Blu Hotel, Cork

Date: Thursday 19th June 2025

[Report available on the Extranet]

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

[Report to follow]

8. To receive an update of Affordable Housing in County Galway.

[Report available on the Extranet]

9. To receive an update on Rate Waiver Regulations.

[Report available on the Extranet]

10. Chief Executive's Business & Correspondence.

[Correspondence available on the Extranet]

11. Question Cllr. Geraldine Donohue

To ask the Director of Housing to confirm what is the delivery timelines to have the 2 vacant former HSE houses on the Ennis Road Gort and now in Council ownership reoccupied. Note they are vacant for over 10 years.

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12. Cllr. Andrew Reddington

I will propose:

That Galway County Council writes to our local TDs to inquire about the timeline for the implementation of the updated wind turbine legislation. Currently, the 2006 guidelines remain in force, while a new set of guidelines are apparently being developed. It is crucial to know when these new guidelines will be in place, especially as we approach the development of a new County Development Plan.

13. Cllr. Michael Regan

I will propose:

Galway Co Co write to Department of Transport, Bus Éireann and the Department of Education asking them to change the guidelines for bus drivers who are 70 years of age or over

Presently you cannot drive the school run if you are over 70 plus, yet you can come back a half an hour later for a private bus operator and bring them to school matches, swimming and school tours

Any bus driver that is 70 or over has to do a medical every year to have bus license, its coming extremely difficult in rural areas to get drivers and going forward if this guideline is not changed, we will not have bus drivers to bring our children to some of our schools.

14. Cllr. Michael Regan

How many houses have Galway County Council purchased in the last year with the tenant in place.

15. Cllr. Geraldine Donohue

To ask the Chief Executive since the introduction of the Derelict Sites Levy how much Levies has been received by Galway County Council each year on each site on the Derelict Sites Register.

16. Cllr. Gerry Finnerty

I propose that Galway County Council undertake to remove all ragwort growing on council property including road sides. Farmers in the past have been prosecuted for having same growing on their lands.

It is not good enough now that the Council be seen as not controlling same.

17. Cllr. Martina Kinane

Background information to motion

This Council notes the significant impact of the Community Climate Action Fund in supporting local climate action initiatives. The Council acknowledges the rising costs associated with implementing these projects, including increased material and labour costs. The Council notes that the 2nd round of the fund is due to open shortly and notes that the funding allocation of €762,000 will remain the same as in the 1st round.

I am calling on the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) to increase the funding allocation to the Community Climate Action Fund in line with inflation. An enhanced allocation will ensure that local authorities can continue to support a high number of projects across the County.

Therefore, I, Cllr Martina Kinane, wish to propose that Galway County formally request the Department of the Environment,

Climate and Communications to increase the funding allocation to the Community Climate Action Fund to adequately address the rising costs and ensure the successful implementation of climate action projects across the county.

18. Cathaoirleach's Business

19. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

Followed by Civic Reception at 6 p.m.