



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

**Galway County Council**  
**Monthly Management Report**  
**March 2021**

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## HOUSING DIRECTORATE

Tackling homelessness is a key priority for Galway County Council. The preventative measures now include:

**Homeless HAP Place Finder Service:** Since the commencement of the Homeless Place Finder Service in November 2018, **156** households have been accommodated in total; 72 are singles and the remaining are households with children.

**Tenancy Sustainment Officer, Homeless Support Worker (Homeless Team):** Section 10 Homeless funding supported the employment of two staff. They are the first points of contact for Homeless clients. Social Work will provide a case management function to clients who have been assessed and are in receipt of approved Emergency Accommodation.

**Housing First:** We are working in partnership with the agencies in rolling out and implementing Housing First. This model offers an opportunity to meet the complex needs of clients.

### Current Homelessness -Galway County

Type	Families	Singles	
Private Emergency Accommodation	4	2	
Emergency Hostels		17	
Rough Sleepers		11 (in /out of Cold Weather response)	
<b>Sub- Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34 Households</b>
Transitional Accommodation	4	2	
Licence Agreements	3	2	
<b>Sub- Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11 Households</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>45 Households</b>

### Capital

Roundstone development is nearing completion:

Comprising of 4 no. single-storey 2 bed dwellings, 8no. two-storey 2 bed dwellings, 2 no. two-storey 3 bed dwellings, car parking, associated wastewater treatment plant, provision of greenspace, connection to existing services and all ancillary site development.



## INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE

### **Climate Adaptation and Resilience Works 2021**

An allocation of €15m is being made available to local authorities funded under the department's regional and local road maintenance and renewal grant programme for climate adaptation and resilience schemes. The Department is now inviting local authorities to submit applications for consideration for funding. It has been indicated that any allocation approved must be for works which can be completed and claimed by the end of November 2021. The closing date for receipt of applications is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

### **Clifden Flood Relief Scheme**

On 1<sup>st</sup> March the council issued an invitation to tender for Consultants to undertake the engineering and environmental elements of the Clifden Flood Relief Scheme. The objective of the scheme is to identify and design a solution that alleviates the risk of flooding, obtain the necessary planning and environmental consents, procure, manage and oversee the construction of the scheme. The closing date for receipt of tenders is 12th April and it is expected the successful consultant will be appointed in May or June 2021.

## RURAL FUNDING SCHEMES – CLÁR 2021

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD launched a €5.5 million CLÁR 2021 programme with a 10% increase on 2020 funding. This includes a new Innovation Measure to support communities to develop and test new project ideas.

- ✓ **CLÁR** is targeted funding for small infrastructural projects in rural areas experiencing depopulation - projects must be located in a Clár area and proposals based on locally identified priorities;
  - **Measure 1 – Safety Measures at Schools or Community Facilities**
  - **Measure 2 – Outdoor Community Recreation Facilities**
  - **Measure 3A – Community Gardens, Allotments & Sensory Gardens**
- ✓ Any facilities funded must be publicly accessible without appointment, with clear arrangements in place to insure and manage the facility
- ✓ Applications to for Measures 1, 2 and 3A are to be submitted to Galway County Council by email April 15<sup>th</sup> [clar@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:clar@galwaycoco.ie)
- ✓ Local Authority may submit up to 10 applications between Measure 1 & 2, and max of 3 under Measure 3A by May 7<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- ✓ €5,000 to €50,000 subject to maximum 90% of total costs
  - ✓ You will also note, the Measure 3(b) Scheme Outline Mobility and Cancer Care Transport, which seeks applications directly to the Department to assist groups providing mobility and cancer care transport services to people living in CLÁR areas.
  
- ✓ Further Information Requests can be submitted to [clar@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:clar@galwaycoco.ie) or by contacting Martin Kenny, SSO & CLÁR Co-ordinator at 091-509395 , or Eímear Dolan, Rural Development Officer/AO 091-509334.
- ✓ A Webinar on CLÁR in association with the Galway County Public Participation Network, (PPN) is being planned for March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10.30am and 7.00pm.
- ✓ Further details and applications forms are being made available on [www.galway.ie](http://www.galway.ie)

### **CLÁR Innovation Measures – New Measure**

**(EOI's by closing date Friday 21st May 2021 to the Department of Rural and Community Development)**

- Innovative or pilot projects which address specific challenges of Clár areas such as rural isolation, village decline, service accessibility, population change, social disadvantage and marginalisation;
- Applications are submitted directly to the Department not Galway County Council and must demonstrate cross-community and cross-organisational ways of working to deliver outcomes, consider new or innovative ways to deliver services, and/or implement approaches or ideas which can be replicated elsewhere;

- €5,000 - €50,000 with varying match funding levels, e.g. up to 95% for community groups – approvals may be announced in tranches throughout the year;
- Eligible Applicants: LA's, LDC's, Community Groups, Representative bodies for businesses and other Organisations located in Clár areas (must be formally established, i.e. CLG).
- Response to queries: pilot project can be across a number of DED's once they are all in Clár and expenditure can be allowed on capital as well as current expenditure
  - Details on the DRCD website at <https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/91ba52-clar/>.

## P L A N N I N G   D I R E C T O R A T E

### **Planning Lists:**

At the February meeting of Council, a request was made to provide more information on planning applications

We are required by Planning legislation to publish a weekly list of planning applications received, decisions made and further information requested. These lists are available on our website including new applications , decisions to grant , decisions to refuse , Further Information , Invalid and appeals to An Bord Pleanála at the link [www.galway.ie/en/services/planning/weeklylists/](http://www.galway.ie/en/services/planning/weeklylists/)

I attach for your information a copy of the lists for week 1/3/21 to 7/3/21 which shows the applications and decisions for that week.

[01.03.2021-07.03.2021 Applications Received](#)

[01.03.2021-07.03.2021 Granted](#)

[01.03.2021-07.03.2021 Refused](#)

[01.03.2021-07.03.2021 Further Information](#)

[01.03.2021-07.03.2021 Invalid](#)

[01.03.2021-07.03.2021 An Bord Pleanála](#)

The Members have also been registered on a free MapAlerter service by our IT section to receive weekly notifications of Planning applications and decisions for their Municipal District

<http://www.galway.ie/en/services/planning/online/>

The Planning staff will be happy to assist any Member in relation to the above if contacted through [planning@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:planning@galwaycoco.ie)



**19<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Kevin Kelly,**

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