



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí
Áras an Chontae
Cnoc na Radharc
GAILLIMH

16 Meán Fómhair 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 22 Meán Fómhair 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 22nd September 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 21st July 2025.
- b) Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 16th September 2025.

[Reports to follow]

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

- a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 14th July 2025.
- b) Minutes of Environmental Protection and Agriculture Strategic Policy Committee held on 12th November 2024.
- c) Minutes of Environmental Protection and Agriculture Strategic Policy Committee held on 11th March 2025.
- d) Minutes of Physical Development, Transportation & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee held on 16th June 2025.
- e) Recommendation from the Corporate Policy Group that Galway County Council hold a Civic Reception to honour the Galway Senior Camogie All-Ireland Champions 2025

[Reports available on the Extranet]

3. Filling of Casual Vacancy as the Chairperson on the Environment Protection and Agriculture Strategic Policy Committee.

[Report available on the Extranet]

4. Filling of Two Casual Vacancies on the membership of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

[Report available on the extranet]

5. To consider Overdraft Accommodation for the 12 months 1 January 2026 to the 31 December 2026.

[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 – DHLGH Training for SPC Chairs and Senior Officials Supporting Strategic Policy Committees (SPC's) – Retrospective Approval
Location of Training: Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise

Date: Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Alternative Location of Training: Hotel Kilkenny {Out of Region}

Date: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

- (b) **Title of Training:** AILG Autumn Training Seminar 2025 - Retrospective Approval
Location of Training: Westport Woods Hotel, Westport Demesne, Westport, Co. Mayo F28 KW53

Date: Wednesday 17th September & Thursday 18th September 2025

[Alternative Location of Training: None]

- (c) **Title of Training:** AILG Video Content Creation for Local Authority Members
Location of Training: Galway County Council, County Hall, Galway

Date: Wednesday 24th September 2025 (Workshop 1) (in Person) & Wednesday 1st October (On-line Editing Workshop)

[Alternative Location of Training: None]

- (d) **Title of Training:** AILG October Training Module – OPR Elected Member Planning Training

Location of Training: Arklow Bay Hotel, Wicklow

Date: Thursday 9th October 2025

Alternative Location of Training: Horse & Jockey Hotel, Tipperary [Out of Region]

Date: Saturday 11th October 2025

- (e) **Title of Training:** LAMA Autumn Training Seminar

Location of Training: Amber Springs Hotel, Gorey, Co. Wexford

Date: Thursday 16th October & Friday 17th October 2025

[Alternative Location of Training: None]

[Reports available on the Extranet]

7. 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:** 35th La Touche Legacy Seminar – “The Emerging New Ireland” - Retrospective Approval

Location of Training: Greystones Golf Club, Co. Wicklow

Date: Friday 19th September & Saturday 20th September 2025

[Alternative Location of Training: None]

(b) **Title of Conference:** Celtic Conferences – “A Practical Guide to Budget 2025”

Location of Training: Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth

Date: Friday 10th October, Saturday 11th October & Sunday 12th October 2025

[Alternative Location of Training: None]

(c) **Title of Conference:** FLIARA Final Conference – “Women Leading Rural Innovation: From Vision to Action”

Location of Training: Jacques Delors Building (JDE), European Committee of Regions, Brussels

Date: Friday 17th October 2025

[Alternative Location of Training: None]

[Reports available on the Extranet]

8. 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]

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

[Report available on the Extranet]

10.To consider the County Galway Age Friendly Strategy 2025-2030

[Report to follow]

11.Update on the review of the Galway Residential Zoned Lands

12.Progress of Local Democracy Task Force

13.To consider the Consolidation of Office Accommodation

[Report to follow]

14.Update of Key Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Supports – Presentation by Head of Enterprise.

[Report to follow]

15.Chief Executive's Business & Correspondence.

[Correspondence available on the Extranet]

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS
OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVED

16. Cllr. Reddington

I will propose:

That the Executive write to the Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) to request the attendance of a senior representative at a plenary meeting and, in advance of the meeting, the provision of county-level coverage data, planned improvements, timelines, and enforcement measures within ComReg's remit.

17. Cllr. Martin McNamara

I will propose:

On behalf of the residents of Galway and the elected members of Galway County Council, we request that Galway County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to urgently request the publication of updated, comprehensive regulations governing renewable energy development, including but not limited to biomethane, solar, and wind energy, as well as conventional generation facilities.

The Council recognises Ireland's legally binding climate targets and supports the accelerated transition to renewable energy. However, we stress that this transition must proceed in a manner that is properly planned, environmentally sustainable, and protective of public health and community well-being.

In light of the absence of up-to-date national guidelines, the Council calls on the Minister to:

1. Prioritise the immediate publication of clear, enforceable regulations to provide certainty for communities, local authorities, and developers.

2. Introduce, as an interim measure, a temporary pause on the approval of large-scale projects above an appropriate capacity threshold until such regulations are in place, in order to avoid inappropriate or premature development.

18. Cathaoirleach's Business

19. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations



Followed by Civic Reception at 6 p.m. to honour:

- U15 Turloughmore Camogie All Ireland Féile Champions
- U15 Claregalway Girls Football All Ireland Féile Champions
- U23 All Ireland Camogie Champions 2025