



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí
Áras an Chontae
Cnoc na Radharc
GAILLIMH
13 Meán Fómhair 2021

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 **Halla Spóirt Chor an Dola, Cor an Dola, Co. na Gaillimhe** **Dé hAoine an 17 Meán Fómhair 2021 ag 2.30p.m.**

You are requested to attend an Ordinary Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held in Corrandulla Sports Hall, Cor an Dola, Co. Galway **on Friday 17th September 2021 at 2.30p.m.**

Mise, le meas,

I. Martyn

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 and 28th July 2021.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

- (a) Minutes of Roads & Transportation SPC held on 29th March 2021.
- (b) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 21st June 2021.

[Report available on the Extranet]

3. Appointment of replacement nominees to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) for PPN Community Representative.

[Reports available on the extranet]

4. To consider the Management Report – September 2021 in accordance with Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)

[Report to follow]

5. To receive presentation regarding “*A redesigned revenue equalisation funding model for local government*” by economics lecturers Dr Gerard Turley and Stephen McNena at the J.E. Cairnes School of Business & Economics in NUIG

[Article and Paper available on the Extranet]

6. To agree a date and venue for the October Ordinary Meeting of Council.

7. Chief Executive’s Business & Correspondence.

[Correspondence available on the Extranet]

8. Cathaoirleach’s Business.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS

OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVED

9. Cllr. Curley

I will propose:

“That Galway County Council supports the campaign of Epilepsy Ireland to address long-standing issues that continue to impact on people with epilepsy and their families in Ireland today, namely:

1. Access to Free Travel.
2. Provision of Reasonable Accommodations for State Examinations for students with epilepsy.”

The Motion, if agreed, to be then sent to the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly TD, Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Education, Norma Foley TD, Michael Moynihan TD (Chair, Oireachtas Committee on Disability Matters) and to other local authorities for correspondence purposes.”

10. Cllr Curley

I will propose:

“That Galway County Council calls on the Minister for Transport, Éamon Ryan, to reinstate the PSO bus service from Galway to Dublin which serves rural towns such as Loughrea.”

11. Cllr Finnerty

I will propose:

I propose that in future the debate on the LPT take place 3 months ahead of the decision date. This is to give all members the opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of varying the rate.”

12. Cllr Reddington

I will propose:

“I propose that a letter is sent on behalf of Galway County Council to both Minister O’Gorman and Minister McGrath asking them both to support a new deal for Early Years by increasing Government investment in Budget 2022 in order to deliver quality care and education for our children, our workers, parents and providers.

Rationale behind the motion.

The pandemic has shown us just how crucial Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) is for parents, children and the economy. However, the sector is in crisis, high fees for parents and high staff turnover as services struggle to recruit and retain workers.

- Irish Government investment in the Early Years Sector lags far behind other European Countries
- Irish parents pay the highest fees in Europe. The average weekly fee for full-time childcare is €186
- The average hourly pay for Early Years Educators is €11.91
- The average staff turnover is 40% in full day services per year.

In Budget 2022, the Government can start the transformation of ECEC by increasing investment and implementing a new funding model so educators are paid a decent wage, that childcare is affordable for parents and these essential services are sustainable into the future.”

13. Cllr Mannion

I will propose:

“I propose that Galway County Council contact Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance to ask them to provide cover for outdoor exercise equipment on community owned property across the county”

14. Comh. Gerry King & Comh. Ó Cualáin

I will propose:

“ Given the success of the extended Beach Lifeguard working hours in 2021, We propose that going forward these extended operating hours of 11am to 7pm would be continued and kept in operation at the various beaches and lakes throughout Galway County. These extended operating hours will further enhance water safety throughout the county as was the case in 2021”.

15. Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations