



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí
Áras an Chontae
Cnoc na Radharc
GAILLIMH

16 Eanáir 2024

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 Eanáir 2024 ag tosú ag 11.00 ar maidin**. 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 January 2024 commencing at 11.00am**. 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,

L. Keady

Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator

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1. Confirmation of Minutes of the following Meetings:

- a) Minutes of Monthly Plenary Meeting held on 18th December 2023.
- b) Minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting held on 4th December 2023.

[Report available on the Extranet]

[Budget Meeting Report to follow]

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

- a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 20th November 2023
- b) Minutes of Community & Culture SPC held on 8th February 2023.
- c) Minutes of Planning, Environment, Agriculture & Emergency Services SPC held on 29th May 2023.
- d) Minutes of Community & Culture SPC held on 29th November 2023.

[Reports available on the Extranet]

3. To consider a change of date of the February Plenary meeting to the 19th February 2024 to allow for consideration of the Climate Action Plan by the members ahead of its adoption deadline.

4. (a) To revoke Resolution 4058 of 28th November 2022, which approved the disposal of 0.18 acres at Ballymore, Craughwell, Co. Galway.

(b) To consider report under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 on the disposal of 0.12 acres of land at Ballymore, Craughwell, Co. Galway.

[Reports available on the Extranet and S183 circulated to members on 3rd January 2024]

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: LAMA Training – Building for Success – Retrospective Approval

Assigned Location of Training: The Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal

Date: 19th & 20th January 2024

(b) Title of Training: Association of Irish Regions Conference

Assigned Location of Training: The Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, Co. Limerick

Date: 7th & 8th February 2024

(c) Title of Training: AILG Annual Training Conference

Assigned Location of Training: Arklow Bay Hotel, Co. Wicklow

Date: 14th & 15th February 2024

[Reports available on the Extranet]

6. **To consider the Management Report – January 2024 in accordance with Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).**

[Report available on the Extranet]

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

[Correspondence available on the Extranet]

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS

OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVED

8. Cllr. Geraldine Donohue

I will propose:

That Galway County Council urgently seek funding from Central Government for the putting in place a Dedicated Ash Dieback Team that will also include for the mechanical dismantling of affected roadside trees that are a major risk to human life and also a major risk to the general operatives that may be called out following a storm. A copy of this Motion to be sent to all 31 Local Authorities also.

9. Cllr. Tim Broderick

I will propose:

Following on from the recent generous donation of 32,000,000euros to GAA clubs by J P McManus,for which he is to be commended, I noted some comments made by minister Ann Rabbite, where the minister feels the donation should be put towards improving disability space at GAA clubs. As a treasurer of my local GAA club,I am acutely aware that in the majority of cases the money coming from JP, is already spoken for, but the minister has the bones of a good idea,and on foot of that I would like to make the following proposal;

Call on minister Rabbite's department to provide a 32,000,000euro fund to enable GAA clubs throughout the country an opportunity to improve existing,or provide much needed disability space in their clubs.

10. Cllr. Albert Dolan

I will propose:

That each Director of Services ensure that a digital/online version of all forms that the people may need to access is available, while also providing a paper version for those who may still need to use a hard copy.

11. Cllr. Donagh Killilea

I will propose:

The Tuam Municipal District proposes that Galway Co Co send a delegation to meet with minister Heather Humphreys with the aim to secure a one off €5 million payment to clear the back log in LIS schemes. At present it is envisaged that no new application will be made until 2026 as funding is an issue.

12. Cllr. Evelyn Francis Parsons

I propose that Galway County Council seek to establish a Projects Management Office (PMO) within Galway County Council, dedicated to overseeing the efficient and effective application and management of capital development projects aligned with the council's strategic plans and to deliver on the GCDP.

Project Management Offices are operational in some other County Councils and the establishment of same has been considered very beneficial in terms of smart effective use of staffing, resources, quality and value for money. The chronic underfunding of GCC would lean towards making maximal effective use of scarce resources.

The need for a specialized PMO arises from the increasing complexity of capital projects, the widened range of funding stream applications and the huge draw on existing stretched staff and in particular municipal resources on the ground and the establishment of a dedicated Project Management Office seems imperative to focus on targeted funding applications for the county and enable concentrated alignment with best design and building practices on projects.

A PMO would serve as a centralized hub for project management, ensuring consistency, professionalism, and adherence to industry standards. There is a fear that GCC risks missing out on significant opportunities to attract funding and take on ambitious infrastructural projects due to its consistent lack of central funding down the years, and the consequent impacts on staffing and resources. This may be a smarter way to do more with less.

13. Cathaoirleach's Business

14. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations