



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí  
Áras an Chontae  
Cnoc na Radharc  
GAILLIMH

16 Aibreán 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 Aibreán 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 22<sup>nd</sup> April 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**

## **C L Á R**

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes of the following Meetings:**

- a) Minutes of Monthly Plenary Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

[Report available on the Extranet]

### **2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.**

- a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- b) Minutes of Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- c) Minutes of Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023.
- d) Minutes of Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- e) Minutes of Housing SPC meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- f) Minutes of Housing SPC meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- g) Minutes of Housing SPC meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
- h) Minutes of Housing SPC meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
- i) Minutes of Housing SPC meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

[Reports available on the Extranet]

### **3. To consider and adopt the Unaudited Annual Financial Statement for 2023.**

[Report to follow]

### **4. To consider report under section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 on the lease of land at New Inn community centre, New Inn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway to New Inn Playground Development, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.**

[Report available on the Extranet]

### **5. To consider report under section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 the disposal of property numbers 2 to 21, inclusive, at Gort Mhaoilir, Athenry, Co. Galway.**

[Report available on the Extranet]

- 6. To consider report under section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 the disposal of property number 16 at Tulach na Corraige, Loughrea, Co. Galway.**

[Report available on the Extranet]

- 7. To consider and adopt the Annual Report 2023 in accordance with Section 221 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2001.**

[Report to follow]

- 8. To consider and if deemed appropriate adopt the Galway County Council Vacant Homes Action Plan 2024 – 2029.**

[Report to follow]

- 9. To consider and if deemed appropriate adopt changes to the Galway County Council Housing Allocation Scheme (Transfer Policy for Local Authority Tenants) in accordance with Section 22 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and the Social Housing Allocation Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 198 of 2011) as amended.**

[Report to follow]

- 10. To consider the appointment of Replacement Nominees to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)**

- **Local Enterprise Office (LEO)**
- **Karen Mannion CEO Forum Connemara CLG to replace Terry Keenan RIP**

[Report available on the Extranet]

- 11. 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:** A Practical Guide to Personal Taxation in Ireland
- b) **Location of Conference:** O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork
- c) **Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

[Report available on the Extranet]

- 12. 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 WoMeN's Regional Caucus Training & Development

**Location of Training:** Customs House, Dublin

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**(b) Title of Training:** AILG Module 2 'Local Election 2024. A Briefing for the Electoral Commission'

**Assigned Location of Training:** Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

**Alternative Location of Training:** Hotel Kilkenny, Kilkenny

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

[Reports available on the Extranet]

- 13. To receive a presentation on the Digital Strategy for Galway County Council from Eileen Ruane, Director of Services**

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

[Report to follow]

- 15. Chief Executive's Business & Correspondence.**

[Correspondence available on the Extranet]

## **COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

### **OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVED**

#### **16. Cllr. Dr. Evelyn Francis Parsons**

##### **I will propose:**

I propose that where need has been identified and a qualifying applicant has been approved by Safe Home Ireland, that Galway County Council will allocate one age-friendly property per year (in each of the Council's electoral areas) to a returning Irish emigrant and that a copy of this motion is distributed to the other local authorities. The proposed applicant must have their housing needs assessed by the Local Authority and be approved for inclusion on the social housing waiting list.

##### **Background Information - About Safe Home Ireland**

Safe Home Ireland (Safe Home) is a not-for profit national registered charity. The organisation was set up in 2000 to facilitate the desire for older Irish born emigrants abroad to return home. After much advocacy and publicity at that time, Safe Home succeeded in highlighting their circumstances and this recognition was reflected in the granting of the Amendment to the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) in November 2001 (see below). The Amendment gave qualifying Irish born emigrants a realistic chance of realising their dream of returning home to Ireland by allowing them to be considered for housing in Ireland. This recognition continues to this day, primarily facilitated by Local Authorities and Housing Associations throughout the country. Over the years, Safe Home has evolved from simply facilitating a housing option for older Irish born emigrants. It now provides a targeted range of services to Irish emigrants abroad, regardless of age or circumstances, who desire to return home, as well as supporting those who have recently made the journey back home.

#### **17. Cllr. Tim Broderick**

##### **I will propose:**

We be presented with the current total of unfunded balances, and the allocation of the amounts to the relevant directorate? Can we also get a clear outline going forward of how this debt is to be dealt with.

**18.Cllr. Gerry King**

**I will propose:**

That Galway County Council provide an affordable housing scheme for Conamara Northwest housing area as a matter of high priority.

**19.Cllr. Thomas Welby**

**I will propose:**

That Galway County Council support a motion to request that the Irish Government immediately expel the Israeli ambassador for Ireland in light of the horrendous and dehumanizing activity by her Government in Gaza.

**20.Cllr. Alastair McKinstry**

**I am proposing the following motion:**

Given the legally binding ruling this week in the ECHR, a climate action plan must define targets as well as actions. This council will commit to add to the LACAP targets for each action for which KPIs are defined, and required in the Climate Act section 14 b(3), all such targets shall be consistent with the national climate action plan; in particular for traffic, there will be targets to reduce car km driven to be consistent with national climate plans.

**21.Cllr. Jim Cuddy**

**I am proposing the following motion:**

That a clear time line as to when the appointment of a School Warden for Claregalway will take place. The parents and school management are very concern

as the danger that is presently there for children crossing the N 83 between the Church and Hughes Supermarket.

## **22. Cathaoirleach's Business**

The members are hosting a Civic Reception after the April plenary meeting at 5pm for:

- St. Thomas GAA All-Ireland Senior Club title winners 2023 / 2024
- Kilkerrin/Clonberne LGFA All-Ireland Senior Club title winners 2023

The Members will host a Civic Reception for Galway Bay FM's Keith Finnegan, who has retired after 34 years of distinguished service to the industry, after the May Plenary on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in the Oranmore Lodge Hotel.

## **23. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**