



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí
Áras an Chontae
Cnoc na Radharc
GAILLIMH

21 Márta 2023

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 27 Márta 2023 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 27th March 2023 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,

J. Brann

Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator

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1. Confirmation of Minutes of the following Meetings:

- a) Minutes of Special Plenary Meeting held on 20th February 2023.
- b) Minutes of Monthly Plenary Meeting held on 27th February 2023.

[Report available on the Extranet]

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

- a) Minutes of Climate Change and Biodiversity Strategic Policy Committee held on 2nd November 2022.
- b) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 20th February 2023.
- c) Recommendation from the Corporate Policy Group that Galway County Council hold a Civic Reception to honour:
 - Kilkerrin-Clonberne Ladies Football Team

3. To consider the report under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 for the disposal of land (0.0084 ha.) at Ballyeighter, Aughrim, Co. Galway.

[Report available on the Extranet and circulated to members on 14th March 2023]

4. To consider and approve if deemed appropriate, the Galway County Council Community Support Schemes 2023 proposed list of approvals, in accordance with the performance of its functions under Section 67 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended.

[Report to follow]

5. To consider and adopt the Annual Report 2022 in accordance with Section 221(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2001

[Report to follow]

6. Filling of Casual Vacancy to the Joint Policing Committee.

[Report available on the Extranet]

7. **To nominate members to the sub-committee of plenary to interact with the NTA regarding the development of Park & Ride.**

[Report available on the Extranet]

8. **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 Annual Conference 2023

Assigned Location of Training: Hotel Kilkenny, Kilkenny

Date: 19th – 20th April 2023

(b) Title of Training: AILG Module 1 'A Briefing on the Electoral Reform Act' – *Retrospective Approval*

Designated Location of Training: Tullamore Court, Hotel, Co. Offaly on 23rd February 2023

Alternative Location of Training: Radisson Blu Hotel, Limerick on 25th February 2023

(c) Title of Training: LAMA Spring Seminar 2023 – *Retrospective Approval*

Location of Training: Westlodge Hotel, Bantry, Co. Cork

Date: 2nd – 4th March 2023

[Report available on the Extranet]

9. **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: Association of Irish Regions Conference – *Retrospective Approval*

Assigned Location of Conference: Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan on 7th to 9th February 2023

[Report available on the Extranet]

10. **To consider the Management Report – March 2023 in accordance with Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).**

[Report to follow]

11. Chief Executive's Business & Correspondence.

[Correspondence available on the Extranet]

12. Cathaoirleach's Business

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS

OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVED

13. Cllr. Jim Cuddy

I will propose:

That representatives of TII would come before our plenary meeting as soon as possible to give clarification with regard to certain road projects in the county which come within their remit.

14. Cllr. Jim Cuddy

I will propose:

It is a number of years since Galway County Council passed a motion requesting the presence of IDA representatives to appear before the elected members to outline their regional policy with regard to attracting employment throughout the county of Galway. Many of our towns are ideally equipped to provide employment opportunities. This would help local communities to remain sustainable rather than having to travel long distances to and from work each day and would help to reduce carbon emissions and give people a better quality of life.

15. Cllr. Martina Kinane

I will propose:

We need to recognise the importance of short term self catering accommodation in County Galway as an important tourism product which is an economic driver in many small local communities providing jobs and income streams in farm and rural households. It contributes to the local economy and success of local events and festivals, heritage sites, amenities like marine, boating, fishing, equine, etc. as well as pubs, shops, food and crafters, cafés, amenities and restaurants. The proposed new legislation on short term self catering accommodation will not permit stays less than 21 days and I foresee a huge reduction in the availability of rural holiday accommodation as a result. I believe we need to protect our rural tourism offering in County Galway. I wish therefore to propose that Galway County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage of Ireland, Darragh O'Brien seeking that voting on the new legislation be postponed until September 2023, to allow time for clarity on planning regulations to be discussed, for all stakeholders to be included and to secure existing offering self catering accommodation for this years tourist season.

16. Cllr. Karey McHugh Farag

I will propose:

I propose that Galway County Council create a new range of by-laws and protocols for the display and erection of election posters for Local, European, National and Presidential elections, included in this would also be the erection and displayed of posters for referendums. In these by laws/protocols the location and number of posters/displays by individuals should be restricted to a maximum agreed number and in specified locations based on public consultation, as per the by law process.

I am bringing this forward for several reasons:

1. Globally we are moving away from single use plastics and many organisations have outright banned the usage of single use plastics. It is incumbent on us as community representatives and those who wish to contest elections to show leadership on an individual level when it comes to elections and to reduce the usage of plastic in campaigns.
2. Many local groups particularly Tidy Towns organisations have reached out to candidates during campaigns requesting that posters not be erected on poles in towns and villages. Designated locations would reduce the visual impact posters and displays have on towns and villages at a time some of them are being judged in competition. Designated locations would also be safer for motorists and pedestrians ensuring sight lines are maintained and that posters are displayed properly and safely.
3. It will reduce the financial barriers faced by candidates making it a fairer and more even field for all contesting candidates.
4. Every election in recent years this topic has been raised by the public and in the media, we are yet to address it. Now is the time to start this process before the 2024 elections.

17. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations



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Civic Reception at Áras an Chontae at 6.00pm Monday 27th March
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- Sarsfield's Senior Ladies Camogie Team
- Galway under 17 Footballers
- University of Galway Maree Basketball Team
- Cliona Darcy, boxer.