



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí
Áras an Chontae
Cnoc na Radharc
GAILLIMH

20 Eanáir 2026

CHUIG GACH BALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

A chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú Míósúil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionólfar i **Seomra na Comhairle, Áras an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh, Dé Luain an 26 Eanáir 2026 ag tosú ag 1 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 26th January 2026 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 15th December 2025.
- b) Minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting held 14th November 2025

[Reports available on the Extranet]

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

- a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 8th December 2025.
- b) Minutes of Physical Development, Transportation & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee held on 10th September 2025.
- c) Minutes of Housing Strategic Policy committee held on 25th September 2025.
- d) Recommendation from the Corporate Policy Group that Galway County Council hold a Civic Reception to honour:
 - Kilkerrin Clonberne Ladies All Ireland 5 in a row Football Champions 2025.
 - Athenry Camogie All Ireland Senior Club Champions 2025.
 - Loughrea Senior Hurling Team, Galway County Champions 2025.

[Reports available on the Extranet]

3. To consider the Audit Committee's Report on the 2024 Audited Annual Financial Statement (AFS) and Statutory Auditors Report (Pursuant to Section 60 of the Local Government Act 2014).

[Report available on the Extranet]

4. Filling of Casual Vacancy on the Membership of the Midlands Regional Transition Team (MRTT).

[Report available on the Extranet]

5. To consider and endorse the Joint Retail Strategy as per the requirements of the Retail Planning Guidelines and Policy Objective RET3 of the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

[Report available on the Extranet]

6. To consider a date for a Special Meeting in relation to the consideration under Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act (as amended) of the Chief Executives report on the submissions received on proposed Variation 1 of the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

7. 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 Spring Training Seminar
Location of Training: The Connaught Hotel, Old Dublin Road, Galway
Date: Wednesday 28th January & Thursday 29th January 2026
Alternative Location of Training: [None]
Date: N/A

[Report available on the Extranet]

8. 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:** Celtic Conferences – ‘The Finance Act 2025’ – Retrospective Approval
Location of Conference: Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth
Date: Friday 16th January – Saturday 18th January 2026
Alternative Location of Training: [None]

- (b) **Title of Conference:** “Celtic Conferences” – ‘Misinformation, Disinformation and Fake News – Finding the Truth’
Location of Conference: O Donovan’s Hotel, Clonakilty, Cork

Date: Friday 6th, Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th February 2026

Alternative Location of Training: [None]

- (c) **Title of Conference:** Cope Galway – Domestic Abuse Seminar
Location of Conference: Galway County Council Chamber
Date: Thursday 12th February 2026
Alternative Location of Training: [None]

[Reports available on the Extranet]

9. 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]

10. To consider the Management Report – January 2026 in accordance with Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

[Report to follow]

11. To consider the Draft Customer Services Action Plan 2025-2029

[Report available on the Extranet]

12. Chief Executive's Business & Correspondence.

- Reminder for Members: Ethics Register – Requirement to submit Annual Donations Statement by the 31st, January 2026 and Annual Declaration by the 28th February 2026.
- Members' Workshop with ESB on Monday 16th February at 2 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

[Correspondence available on the Extranet]

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS

OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVED

13. Cllr. Andrew Reddington

I will propose:

That Galway County Council executive would write to the minister for housing James Browne and ask that the following be added to the Housing for the older person Grant

-The cost would be covered for the installation of a change over switch and a generator under the older person grant-

As Galway prepares for future storms, we have to be storm ready and this new aspect of the grant would protect our most vulnerable.

14. Cllr. Martina Kinane

I will propose:

Galway County Council formally write to the Rural Water Unit of Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage seeking an extension to the response deadline of 27 February 2026, in respect of the revised conditions for funding approval for the Measure A8 Demonstration Projects for Clarinbridge and Craughwell.

Given the significant scale, complexity, and revised scope of the combined project I believe a face-to-face meeting with Minister Jack Chambers ,Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation, Minister James Brown, Minister for Housing Local Government and officials from Rural Water Unit Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is essential to ensure that the untenable conditions attached to the revised funding approval are fully addressed and that a more favourable outcome can be achieved for all stakeholders.

The current timeframe does not provide sufficient opportunity for these critical discussions to be undertaken. An extension to the response deadline is therefore

required to allow the project to progress on a sound, transparent, and fully agreed footing.

15. Cllr. Laurie Harney

I will propose:

That Galway County Council petition the government to ensure that low-income families do not retrospectively lose their positions on the local government housing lists because of an increase in the Additional Needs Payment. This payment is intended to alleviate pressure on household budgets of low-income families. Increases in social welfare should cause an increase in the allowable threshold for qualification for a place on the local housing list.

16. Cathaoirleach's Business

17. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

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

- Galway Senior Camogie All Ireland Winners 2025
- Galway Under 16A Camogie All Ireland Winners 2025
- Conor and James Canavan – Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 15-18 Duet Champions 2025