



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí  
Áras an Chontae  
Cnoc na Radharc  
GAILLIMH

**21<sup>st</sup> Lúil 2020**

## **CHUIG GACH BALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE**

**A chara,**

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú Míosúil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionólfar í **Theatre 1000, Institiúid Teicneolaíochta na Gaillimhe - Maigh Eo – Campus na Gaillimhe, Bóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath, Gaillimh, H91 T8NW Dé Luain 27 Lúil 2020 ag 11.00am.**

You are requested to attend a Monthly Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held in **Theatre 1000, GMIT Galway Campus, Dublin Road, Galway, H91 T8NW on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 11.00am**

**Mise, le meas,**

***M. Owens***

***Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator***

# C L Á R

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

**(a) Minutes of Monthly Plenary Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

[Report available on the Extranet]

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

- (a) Minutes of CPG meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- (b) Minutes of the Community and Culture Strategic Policy Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- (c) Minutes of the Housing SPC of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- (d) Minutes of the Housing SPC of 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

[Reports available on the Extranet]

**3. To consider report under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 on the disposal of 0.044 hectares of land at Owenbristy, Castletaylor, Co. Galway**

[Report already circulated & available on the extranet]

**4. To consider report under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 on the disposal of 0.055 hectares of land at Owenbristy, Castletaylor, Co. Galway**

[Report already circulated & available on the extranet]

**5. To consider report under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 on the disposal of 1.062 hectares of land at Keamsellagh, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway**

[Report already circulated & available on the extranet]

**6. To consider and if deemed appropriate to approve a contribution towards the operation of Irish Water Safety in accordance with Section 67 of the Local Government Act 2001.**

[Report available on the Extranet]

**7. To fill a Casual Vacancy in the Membership of the Council arising from the Nomination of Cllr. Aisling Dolan to Seanad Éireann in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and Standing Order 63 of Galway County Council Standing Orders**

[Report available on the Extranet]

**8. Filling of a Casual Vacancy on the Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board (GRETB).**

[Report available on the Extranet]

**9. Filling of a Casual Vacancy on the Membership of the Regional Health Forum West.**

[Report available on the Extranet]

**10. Filling of a Casual Vacancy on the Membership of the Climate Change & Biodiversity Strategic Policy Committee.**

[Report available on the Extranet]

**11. To consider and if deemed appropriate adopt the Unaudited Annual Financial Statement for Galway County for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.**

[Report available on the extranet]

**12. To consider Financial Reports on the Accounts of Galway County Council for the year 2020, including for the period ending June 2020.**

[Reports available on the Extranet]

**13. To consider the Aged Debt Report for Galway County Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.**

[Report available on the Extranet]

**14. To consider the Management Report – July 2020 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]

**16. Cathaoirleach's Business.**

## **Notices of Motions**

### **Cllr. Geraldine Donohue**

- I will propose:

**17.** “that Galway County Council formally agrees to write to the leaders of all political parties in Dáil Eireann requesting supports “to assist in the halt of the economic and social decline of rural Ireland by implementing a new programme for government that will include specific objectives to support the suckler beef sector, that will support the viability of the family-farms particularly in areas where other enterprises like Dairying are not feasible and will commit to:

a) initiating a new agri-environmental scheme whereby a qualifying farmer can draw down payments equivalent to those that were available under the old REP Scheme, except that under the new scheme such payments will be available on the first 32 Hectares of a holding, and

(b) providing within the same scheme for an optional suckler cow welfare measure that will allow the qualifying farmer to draw down €300 on each cow up to a maximum of 17 cows, 17 cows being the average suckler cow herd size in the country.”

### **Cllr. Jim Cuddy**

- I will propose:

**18.** “That this Council agrees not to attempt to operate our housing function in the functional area of Galway City Council without the democratic agreement being reached between this Council and the elected members of Galway City Council. I therefore am calling for all works to cease immediately on the house in Kiltulla until and unless an agreement is reached with the elected representatives of both Councils. If such an agreement cannot be reached I am asking that this property be put up for sale”.

### **Cllr. Martina Kinane**

- I will propose:

**19.** “That Galway County Council write to the Dept. of Finance seeking that the Minister for Finance:

(1) categorise Irish Yoga Studio owners (as distinct from yoga teachers providing yoga classes) as “providers of facilities for sport and physical education” akin to gym facilities, and thereby qualify for the lower VAT rate of 9% instead of 13.5%, to preclude them being lumped together with individual service providers and yoga teachers, who do not have a fraction of the ongoing running costs of yoga studios; and

- (2) that the Minister explain specifically why his position is that he cannot lower the VAT for yoga studio facilities, claiming that he is being blocked by EU law in doing so; and
- (3) that the Minister explain the rationale of distinguishing Yoga Studios from Gyms in terms of VAT treatment in light of the fact that he is giving an unfair advantage to Gyms (who had their VAT lowered in 2011), likely causing many more yoga studios to close down and cease providing the employment that they do, while also depriving the much needed benefits of yoga exercise in these times of great stress in our society.”

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- I will propose:

- 20.** “that in future the Housing Department of Galway Council inform the elected members of any houses that they are proposing to purchase in the County prior to the purchase taking place and the location of the houses”.

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- I will propose:

- 21.** “that Galway County Council insist that the City Council inform them of their intention to purchase any house in the functional area of Galway County Council before the purchase is concluded and the purpose of purchasing the house”.

**22. Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations**