



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí  
Áras an Chontae  
Cnoc na Radharc  
GAILLIMH

17 Feabhra 2026

## 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 23 Feabhra 2026 ag tosú ag 11.00 ar maidin**. Ba chóir do chomhaltaí fógra a thabhairt don Riarthóir Cruinnithe chun páirt a ghlacadh go cianda i gcrúinniú hibrideach tráth nach déanaí ná 1 lá glan roimh an gcrúinniú.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 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***

## CLÁR

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

- a) Minutes of Monthly Plenary Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

[Report available on the Extranet]

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

- a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

[Report available on the Extranet]

### **3. To consider the Audit Committee's 2025 Annual Report under Section 15 Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014**

[Report available on the Extranet]

### **4. Filling of a Casual Vacancy on the Membership of the Regional Health Forum West and North West.**

[Report available on the Extranet]

### **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 Spring Training Seminar – Retrospective Approval

**Location of Training:** The Connaught Hotel, Old Dublin, Galway

**Date:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January & Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**[Alternative Location of Training: None]**

(b) **Title of Training:** ALLG February Training Module: “From Policy to Practice; What Local Authorities in Ireland Can Offer to Support Disabled People and an Ageing Population” – Retrospective Approval

**Location of Training:** Fairways Hotel, Dundalk

**Date:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Alternative Location of Training:** Hotel Kilkenny [Out of Region]

**Date:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026

(c) **Title of Training:** Association of Irish Regions Training Seminar 2026

**Location of Training:** Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Co. Donegal

**Date:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February & Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**[Alternative Location of Training: None]**

(d) **Title of Training:** ALLG Annual Training Conference 2026

**Location of Training:** Hotel Minella, Coleville Road, Raheen, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

**Date:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April & Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

**[Alternative Location of Training: None]**

[Reports available on the Extranet]

**6.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:** COPE Galway – “Domestic Abuse Seminar” – Retrospective Approval

**Location of Training:** Galway County Council

**Date:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**[Alternative Location of Training: None]**

[Report available on the Extranet]

**7. 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]

**8. To approve the attendance of a delegation from Galway County Council to attend the St. Patrick's Day engagements in New York and Boston and associated business meetings and events**

[Report available on the Extranet]

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

[Report to follow]

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

Reminder for Members: Ethical Framework, Annual Declarations to be submitted by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

[Correspondence to follow]

**11. Question Cllr. Donohue**

To ask the Chief Executive has Galway County Council applied to Central Government for the funding required for the purchase, restoration and reopening of Dunguaire Castle and to provide a copy of same.

**C O U N C I L L O R S   N O T I C E S   O F   M O T I O N S**

## OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVED

### **12. Cllr. Karey McHugh Farag**

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

Galway County Council calls on the Government to amend the *Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill* to include the prohibition of trade in services.

The inclusion of services is in accordance with the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice and the Resolution which Ireland co-sponsored at the United Nations General Assembly.

Furthermore, this Council urges the Government to enact the legislation in full before the end of Spring 2026.

### **13. Cllr. Declan Kelly**

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

That Galway County Council Executive write to the Minister for Housing and ask that the new guidelines on modular homes be expedited, as many families are contacting Councillors as to where it is at.

### **14. Cllr. Alan Harney**

Galway County Council notes the importance of protecting and enhancing the character and appearance of Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs), and reaffirms the role of the Shopfront Design Guide, produced by the Regeneration Team in 2023 in achieving this objective.

This Council should proactively engage with business owners and occupiers within ACAs to encourage awareness of, and compliance with, the Shopfront Design Guide, including the provision of guidance and advice where appropriate.

Furthermore, where such engagement does not result in compliance, that this Council examines and, where necessary, pursues appropriate enforcement options

under the Planning and Development Acts to address non-compliant shopfronts, in order to protect the architectural and visual integrity of ACAs."

## **15. Cllr. Evelyn Parsons**

### **I will propose:**

That this Council call upon Government to enact legislation to systematically, sustainably and steadily increase the provision of Irish-medium education so that future generations of Irish children will have the opportunity to be educated through their national language, if they so desire.

Further, that this Council-

Requests that this motion be circulated to the Minister for Education, the Taoiseach, the Minister for the Gaeltacht, all Oireachtas members in the constituency, and the other local authorities for their information.

Rún:

Go n-iarrann an Chomhairle seo ar an Rialtas reachtaíocht a achtú chun a chinntiú go mbeidh an deis cheart ag glúnta páistí agus teaghlaigh amach romhainn oideachas trí mheán na Gaeilge a fháil ina dteanga náisiúnta féin, más mian leo é.

Ina theannta sin, iarrann an Chomhairle seo go seolfar an rún seo chuig an Aire Oideachais, an Taoiseach, Aire na Gaeltacht, agus gach ball den Oireachtas sa dailcheantar, agus chuig na húdaráis áitiúla eile mar eolas dóibh.

## **16. Cllr. Máirtín Lee**

### **I will propose:**

Tá mé ag moladh go cuirfidh Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe litir ag MARA, maidr leis na hiarratais atá deanta chun Ceadunais chun feamainn a bhaint sna cladaigh ar chósta Contae na Gaillimhe, ag insinnt dóibh go bhfuil cearta bainnte feammaine ag fórmhór mhuintir na haite sna gceantair ina bhfuil siad ag deanamh iarratas iontú. Iarraimid ar MARA breithniú cuí a dhéanamh ar na cearta seo sula gcinnfear na

hiarratais agus aird a thabhairt ar na gnáthchearta seanbhunaithe agus cearta príobháideacha seo atá ag muintir na háite chun feamainn a bhaint.

I am recommending that Galway County Council write to MARA, regarding the applications made for Licences to harvest seaweed on the shores of County Galway, informing them that the majority of the local people in the areas where they are applying for consent have seaweed harvesting rights. We call on MARA to give due consideration to these rights before determining the applicaitons and have regard to the long established and customary and private sea weed harvesting rights of the local people.

#### **17. Cathaoirleach's Business**

- Seachtain na Gaeilge calender of events

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