



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí
Áras an Chontae
Cnoc na Radharc
GAILLIMH

16 Márta 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 Márta 2026 ag tosú ag 11 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 23rd March 2026 commencing at 11am**. 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 23rd February 2026.
- b) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 16th February 2026

[Report to follow]

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

- a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 16th February 2026.
- b) Minutes of Community, Irish Language, Gaeltacht, Tourism & Integration Strategic Policy Committee held on 3rd December 2025.
- c) Minutes of Housing Strategic Policy Committee held on 18th December 2025.

[Reports available on the Extranet]

3. Filling of a Casual Vacancy on the Climate Action, Biodiversity & Heritage Strategic Policy Committee.

[Report available on the Extranet]

4. To consider the Draft Standing Orders Regulating Proceedings and Meetings of the Plenary Council.

[Report available on the Extranet]

5. To consider and if deemed appropriate adopt the Galway County Council Annual Service Delivery Plan 2026, in accordance with Section 134(A) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

[Report available on Extranet]

6. To consider and approve if deemed appropriate, the Galway County Council Community Support Schemes 2026 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]

7. To consider the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Annual Report on performance of functions for 2025, in accordance with Section 128B (1) (i) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

[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:** 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 19th February 2026

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

Date: Saturday 21st February 2026

- (b) **Title of Training:** Association of Irish Regions Training Seminar 2026 – Retrospective Approval

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

Date: Wednesday 25th February & Thursday 26th February 2026

[Alternative Location of Training: None]

(c) **Title of Training:** AILG Elected Member Training Programme March 2026
Module 2 – “Overview of New Housing for all Action Plan and Tenancy Rights
Implications for Local Authorities and Councillors – Retrospective Approval

Location of Training: Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo

Date: Saturday 21st March 2026

Alternative Location of Training: Radisson Blu Hotel, Limerick

Date: Thursday 19th March 2026

(d) **Title of Training:** AILG-UCC Climate Crises and Local Government
Certificate

Location of Training: UCC Cork – Blended Delivery [On-line and in-person
classes]

Date: TBC [12 week course]

[Alternative Location of Training: None]

(e) **Title of Training:** AILG Annual Training Conference 2026

Location of Training: Hotel Minella, Coleville Road, Raheen, Clonmel, Co.
Tipperary E91 FY97

Date: Wednesday 22nd April & Thursday 23rd April 2026

[Alternative Location of Training: None]

[Reports 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:** Local Community Partnership Chairpersons Meeting –
Retrospective Approval

Location of Training: The Atrium, Department of Justice, St. Stephen's
Green, Dublin

Date: Thursday 5th February 2026

[Alternative Location of Training: None]

[Report available on the Extranet]

10. 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]

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

[Report to Follow]

12. To consider the Summer Ready Report

[Report to follow]

13. Chief Executive's Business & Correspondence.

[Correspondence available on the Extranet]

14. Question Cllr. Geraldine Donohue

To ask the Chief Executive is Galway County Council liable for public safety at Dunguaire Castle given that it states the following on the website "**Dunguaire Castle means Dungaure Castle and Galway County Council**" [Dunguaire Castle | Things to do in Galway | Castles in Ireland | Book Now | Dungaure Castle](#)

15. Question Cllr. Martin McNamara

In recent correspondence with representatives of AMASS, Galway County Council stated that it was unable to identify or locate records detailing the data, methodology, or analytical process used in the preparation of the Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategy (LARES) maps, including the solar opportunity and constraint mapping.

Can the Chief Executive explain why Galway County Council is unable to identify or produce records showing:

the datasets used, the methodology applied, the weighting of factors, or the alternatives considered in the preparation of these maps?

In the absence of such records, how can the Council be satisfied that the LARES maps are sufficiently robust, evidence-based and compliant with national guidance and environmental assessment requirements to be relied upon in forward planning and development management decisions?

Given that these maps have been treated as a material consideration in assessing renewable energy developments, does the Chief Executive consider it appropriate to continue relying on them until a fully documented and transparent evidential basis is available?

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O T H E R M O T I O N S R E C E I V E D

16. Cllr. Jimmy McClearn

I will propose:

That Galway County Council will Compulsory Purchase the Derelict building Formerly known as the Shannon Oaks Hotel. This building has remained in a derelict condition for fifteen years with the owners making no attempt to refurbish it.

There are apartments at the rear of this building which are not in compliance with planning permission and therefore are unauthorised.

17. Cllr. Geraldine Donohue

I will propose:

That Galway County Council Chief Executive and Director of Services provide confirmation that the Councils owned pothole patching machines are in perfect working order in the 5 Municipal Districts.

18. Cllr. Michael Regan

I will propose:

That Galway County Council make contact with Coillte to make a financial contribution towards the local roads they are using.

These roads were never built to carry the weight of these trucks and trailers and are doing untold damage to our local roads.

19. Cllr. Michael Regan

I will propose:

That Galway County Council build more one off houses in rural areas. It's very important to build a supply of one off houses for applicants that have their own site, keeping the people in their own area, from where they came from, also helping our rural areas, schools and parishes that are in decline.

20. Cllr. Geraldine Donohue

I will propose:

That Galway County Council Chief Executive and Director of Services provide confirmation that Galway County Council test and sample the material used in the resurfacing the County Roads and the Roads Programme.

21. Cllr. Michael Leainde

I will propose:

That Galway County Council discuss the recently proposed regulations relating to self-catering accommodation and the potential negative impact these measures may have on tourism and on the local economy.

Furthermore, that Galway County Council submit an application to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment seeking that the Galway Islands be granted an exemption from these proposed regulations. This request is made in recognition of the challenges facing the islands, including limited employment opportunities and ongoing population decline, and the vital role that self-catering accommodation plays in supporting tourism, sustaining small businesses and maintaining the viability of Island communities

22. Cathaoirleach's Business

Reminder that the April Plenary meeting will commence at 1pm due to the holding of a Civic Reception at 6pm.

23. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations



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