



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí
Áras an Chontae
Cnoc na Radharc
GAILLIMH

21 Aibreán 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 27 Aibreán 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 hibrideach 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 April 2026 commencing at 1 pm.** 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 23rd March 2026.

[Report available on the Extranet]

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

- a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 16th March 2026.
- b) Minutes of Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee held on 3rd December 2025
- c) Minutes of Physical Development, Transportation and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee held on 10th December 2025

[Reports available on the Extranet]

3. To consider and adopt the Unaudited Annual Financial Statement for 2025

[Report available on the Extranet]

- 4.** To consider a report to An Coimisiún Pleanála under Section 37(E)(4) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended on the following - Proposed Development: Construction of an open-cycle gas turbine power plant, primarily fueled by Natural Gas, Above Ground Installation and ancillary development, located within Collnagroagh and Rathmorrissy (Townlands), Athenry, Co. Galway ACP – 324113-26.

[Report available on the Extranet]

5. To fix a venue for the May Ordinary Meeting of Plenary Council

6. To consider and adopt the Annual Report 2025 in accordance with Section 221 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2001.

[Report available on the Extranet]

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: 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]

(b) 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

(c) Title of Training: AILG Annual Training Conference 2026 – Retrospective Approval

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]

8. 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]

9. To approve the attendance of a delegation from Galway County Council to attend the UNESCO Global Geoparks Certificate Ceremony and associated business meetings and events – Retrospective Approval

[Report available on the Extranet]

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

[Report to follow]

11. Update on the N6 Galway City Ring Road.

[Report to follow]

12. Chief Executive's Business & Correspondence.

[Correspondence available on the Extranet]

13. Question Cllr. Donohue

To ask the Chief Executive to outline for the Council how the new Complaints Procedure developed by the County and City Management Association in conjunction with the Ombudsman will be implemented by Galway County Council.

14. Question Cllr. Cunniffe

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed update on negotiations between Government and Galway County Council to correct the systematic inherent deficiency in funding we receive and to achieve a commensurate amount of LPT Equalisation Funding or other monies to allow Galway County Council to provide a baseline of services given our geographic area, population, local road network and other service needs.

Please include information on meetings held subsequent to 24th March and the participants, can you also provide a copy of the information GCC presented in any meetings held.

15. Cllr Andrew Reddington

In regards to the septic tank grant there are three criteria to qualify

DWWTS grant under the National Inspection

DWWTS grant in Prioritised Areas for Action

DWWTS grant in High Status objective Catchment Area

If a householder does not qualify under the above criteria would an engineers report which will state that the septic tank is not operating correctly suffice to qualify for the grant?

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

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

16. Cllr. Mairtín Lee

I will propose:

Tá mé ag moladh go gcuirfidh Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe litir ag an tÚdarás Náisiúnta Iompair ag iarraidh orthú seirbhís breise a chuir ar seirbhís bus an 424 go háirithe ag an am is gnóthaí a bhíonn siad. Ba cheart dhoibh freisin an seirbhís bus

cathrathach a chuir amach chomh fada le Bearna, chun cuid don ualach a thógail ón seirbhís an 424.

I am proposing that Galway County Council send a letter to the National Transport Authority requesting that they add additional services to the 424 service, particularly at the busiest times. They should also extend the city bus service as far as Bearna, to take some of the pressure off the 424 service.

17. Cllr Thomas Welby

This Council agrees that the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) providing additional rights to multinational corporations to sue the state outside of ordinary legal systems we currently have will undermine EU social, health and environmental standards. This Council acknowledges that many of the trade elements are already in place and does not need the addition of corporations being able to sue the Irish government through the Investor Court System (ICS) when any new laws affect their profits. This council stands against the Investor Court System (ICS) and calls this constituency a CETA-Free Zone.

This Council resolves to write to the Minister for Trade, the Minister for Local government and the Taoiseach to outline this position. It further resolves to publicise the council's concerns about CETA and to circulate this motion with other Councils as correspondence for consideration.

18. Cathaoirleach's Business

19. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

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

- Loughrea Senior Hurlers, County Senior Champions 2025
- Kilkerrin Clonberne Senior Ladies Football Club Champions 2025
- Athenry Camogie All Ireland Club Champions 2025