



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí
Áras an Chontae
Cnoc na Radharc
GAILLIMH

18 Samhain 2025

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 24 Samhain 2025 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 24th November 2025 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 20th October 2025.

[Report to follow]

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

- a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 13th October 2025.
- b) Minutes of Community, Irish Language, Gaeltacht, Tourism & Integration Strategic Policy Committee held on 12th May 2025.
- c) Minutes of Environmental Protection and Agriculture Strategic Policy Committee held on 23rd July 2025.
- d) Minutes of Community Irish Language, Gaeltacht Tourism & Integration Strategic Policy Committee held on 24th July 2025.

[Reports available on the Extranet]

3. To consider the report under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 for the granting of temporary leasehold and licence on lands at the former Galway Airport at Carnmore, Co. Galway to Galway Flying Club for the period 23rd December 2025 to 24th December 2026.

[Report available on the Extranet]

4. To consider the Draft Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Standing Orders Regulating Proceedings and Meetings of the SPCs.

[Report available on the Extranet]

5. To consider a date and time for the December plenary meeting.

6. 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:** AILG October Training Module – Local Authority Finance and Budget Process – Retrospective Approval

Location of Training: Arklow Bay Hotel, Wicklow

Date: Thursday 9th October 2025

Alternative Location of Training: Horse & Jockey Hotel, Tipperary [Out of Region]

Date: Saturday 11th October 2025

- (b) **Title of Training:** LAMA Autumn Training Seminar – Retrospective Approval

Location of Training: Amber Springs Hotel, Gorey, Co. Wexford

Date: Thursday 16th October & Friday 17th October 2025

[Alternative Location of Training: None]

- (c) **Title of Training:** AILG November Training Module – DHLGH, OPR and CCMA Briefing on Updated Planning Legislation & Guidelines – Retrospective Approval

Location of Training: Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone

Date: Saturday 15th November 2025

Alternative Location of Training: Ravenport Resort, Wexford

Date: Thursday 13th November 2025

[Reports available on the Extranet]

7. 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)

Title of Conference: Celtic Conferences – “The Evolving Role of AI in Public Relations” – Retrospective Approval

Location of Training: O’Donovan’s Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork

Date: Friday 7th November, Saturday 8th November & Sunday 9th November 2025

[Alternative Location of Training: None]

[Reports available on the Extranet]

8. To receive a presentation from the Western Region Drug & Alcohol Task Force on the Planet Youth Project.

[Report available on the Extranet]

9. To receive a presentation from The Association of Irish Local Government (AILG).

10. To consider the Management Report – November 2025 in accordance with Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

[Report to follow]

11. Chief Executive’s Business & Correspondence.

[Correspondence available on the Extranet]

12. Question Cllr. Paul Killilea

To ask the Chief Executive for

- 1) A detailed breakdown of costs associated with the reopening of Dunguaire Castle.
- 2) Can the CEO confirm that of May 2023 Clare County Council had taken ownership of Dunguaire Castle with responsibility to open and run it to visitors excluding banquets.

13. Question Cllr. Geraldine Donohue

To ask the Chief Executive how many Council Tenants have registered and been approved for the Rent-a-Room Scheme to Local Authority tenancies

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS

OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVED

14. Cllr. Geraldine Donohoe

I will propose:

An information flyer is circulated to every household in relation to the 1993 Roads Act and the responsibilities of landowners, homeowners and property owners for maintenance of hedge cutting and roadside trees.

15. Cllr. Geraldine Donohoe

I will propose that:

Galway County Council write to newly elected President Catherine Connolly wishing her well in her term as Uachtaran n hÉireann.

16. Cllr. Michael Regan

I will propose that:

Galway Council calls on the Department of Transport to ensure that traffic calming measures, speed ramps are implemented on all national routes and roads passing through villages and builtup areas, with particular emphasis on locations in front of schools where there is a concentration of pedestrian and student activity

Furthermore, that similar measures be prioritized on roads that lost their national classification but continue to experience significant traffic volumes and pose ongoing safety risks to local residents and road users.

17. Cllr. Michael Regan

I will propose that:

That Galway County Council write to Minister Daragh O'Brien to request dedicated funding for the development, extension and repair of footpaths within the county. This includes funding for new footpaths, extending existing paths and making repairs that enhance accessibility in line with universal design principles.

18. Cllr. Tom Welby

I will propose that:

Potential Candidates must secure the support of at least 10% (**rounded up:** currently 4 Cllr's) of the elected members of Galway Co Co to attend and present at the Special Council Meeting to select a candidate for the Presidential Election. Unless they attend, in person, the Special Meeting the Council is precluded from nominating them.

19. Cllr. Martin McNamara

I will propose that:

That this Council expresses its strong opposition to the Government's intention to abolish or amend the Triple Lock, which governs the overseas deployment of Irish Defence Forces personnel.

The Triple Lock—requiring approval of the Cabinet, Dáil Éireann, and a United Nations mandate—has been a core safeguard of Irish neutrality since its introduction as part of the Solemn Declaration (Seville Declaration) following Ireland's rejection of the Nice Treaty in 2001 and reaffirmed after the Lisbon Treaty.

Any move to remove or weaken this safeguard would represent a breach of trust with the Irish people and a serious erosion of Ireland's neutrality.

Accordingly, this Council calls on the Government that any proposal to abolish or amend the Triple Lock be put to the People of Ireland by way of referendum, ensuring that the Irish people remain the ultimate decision-makers on this matter.

If adopted, this motion is to be forwarded to the Taoiseach, Tánaiste, and Minister for Defence.

20. Cllr. Jimmy McClearn

I will propose that:

Galway County Council calls on the Irish Government not to support the European Commissions proposal to establish a single fund under the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034. This proposal would merge EU policy instruments such as the Common Agricultural Policy, Cohesion Policy, the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture policy into one overarching funding mechanism to be administered at National Level. The existing policies have delivered tangible benefits to Irelands Regions, Farmers and Coastal communities.

This proposal has very serious implications for our region the Northern and Western a region in transition by European norms.

21. Cllr. Dr. Evelyn Parsons

I will propose that:

Galway County Council request the Chief Executive to provide a written statement on the status of the Ballinasloe Landfill Remediation Fund, a specific reserve held in the Council's Capital Account and forming part of the overall credit balance to include

- The current balance of the Fund
- The amounts ring-fenced for the two designated projects in Ballinasloe

- the *Townparks Relief Road*, a roads objective in the current Galway County Development Plan (GCDP), and
 - the *Townparks Amenity Area*
- An update on how these two commitments are being progressed during the lifetime of the current GCDP and
 - Confirmation as to whether major funding opportunities can be leveraged by using this specific reserve as *match funding* to secure significant external investment and bring these projects forward.

With the establishment of the Council's Project Office, Galway County now has the organisational capacity to deliver major projects; what is needed is the financial capacity to leverage external investment. Clarifying the status of this specific reserve, the sums ring-fenced for each project, and whether it can be deployed as match funding will determine if substantial national funding streams can be unlocked, enabling these long-promised commitments to be delivered within the lifetime of the Plan.

22. Cathaoirleach's Business

23. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations



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