



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí  
Áras an Chontae  
Cnoc na Radharc  
GAILLIMH

19 Bealtaine 2026

## CHUIG GACH BALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

**A chara,**

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú Míósúil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionólfar in **Ostán Bhaile Chláir, Baile Chláir, Co. na Gaillimhe H91 XR8E**, ar **Dé Luain an 25 Bealtaine 2026** ag tosú ag **11.00** ar maidin.

You are requested to attend an Ordinary Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held in **Claregalway Hotel, Baile Chláir, Co. na Gaillimhe, H91 XR8E** on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026** commencing at **11.00am**.

**Mise, le meas,**

***J. Brann***

***Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator***

## **C L Á R**

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

- a) Minutes of Monthly Plenary Meeting held on 27th April 2026.

[Report available on the Extranet]

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

- a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 20th April 2026.  
b) Recommendation from the Corporate Policy Group that Galway County Council hold a Civic Reception to honour:
- Glenamaddy Players, All Ireland Confined Drama Winners

[Reports available on the Extranet]

### **3. To consider report under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 to dispose of 0.05067 hectares of land at Parkmore, Tuam, Co. Galway**

[Report available on the Extranet]

### **4. To consider report under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 to dispose of 1,149(sqM) of land at Raheen Demesne, Gort, Co. Galway**

[Report available on the Extranet]

### **5. To consider report under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 to dispose of 798 (sqM) of land at Thoor, Ballylee, Co. Galway**

[Report available on the Extranet]

**6. Filling of a Casual Vacancy on the membership of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).**

[Report available on the Extranet]

**7. To consider and if deemed appropriate, approve Housing Borrowing Requirements.**

[Report available on the Extranet]

**8. Update to Plenary on Implementation of the Corporate Plan 2025-2029**

[Report available on the Extranet]

**9. To fix a Date and Time for the Annual Meeting of Plenary Council.**

**10. 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 Women's Regional Caucus Network - Retrospective Approval

**Location of Training:** Tipperary County Council Office, Nenagh

**Date:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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

**(b) Title of Training:** AILG Elected Member Training Programme May 2026 – Module 3 – “Supporting Councillors: Responding to Mental Health, Suicide and Addiction Issues” – Retrospective Approval

**Location of Training:** Hotel Kilmore, Cavan

**Date:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026

**Alternative Location of Training:** Whites of Wexford [Out of Region]

**Date:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

[Reports available on the Extranet]

**11. 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]

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

[Report to follow]

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

- Update for Members: Training will be delivered to Members on the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026 in respect of the following:
  1. Public Sector Duty &
  2. Members Conference/Training Expenses.

[Correspondence available on the Extranet]

**14. Question Cllr. Geraldine Donohue**

That Galway County Council Chief Executive and Director of Services provide confirmation how much has Galway County Council written off on Derelict Sites Levies in the last 10 years.

**15. Question Cllr. Andrew Reddington**

How many streetlamps there are in Galway County Council's administrative area,  
How many streetlamps have been replaced with modern LED lamps to date,

What plan Galway County Council has to replace the remaining lamps.

**COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS**  
**OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVED**

**16. Cllr. Thomas Welby**

**I will propose:**

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.

**17. Cllr. Michael Regan**

**I will propose:**

That we write to electric Skyline, to clarify the lights they have replaced on all poles within the County, are of what wattage.

It appears all these new light LED fittings are not throwing out the same light as the old light fitting.

In between poles there is a huge black spot, dark area which means they need to put in a stronger light fitting, if not we would have to look at putting in a new pole and light between existing poles, as its extremely dangerous for all pedestrians.

#### **18. Cllr. Geraldine Donohue**

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

Based on the attached February 2026 Plenary reply to my question, can Galway County Council Chief Executive and Director of Services provide an update on the funding requests to Central Government required for the re-opening of Dunguaire Castle and status of same. If no response has been forthcoming can Galway County Council write to relevant depts in Central Government seeking an update on the urgent funding required to have this important domestic and international tourist attraction re-opened.

#### **19. Cllr. Karey McHugh Farag**

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

That Galway County Council writes to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, and any other relevant Government Ministers, requesting an urgent review and amendment of current maternity, paternity and parental leave legislation to provide additional supports for families following childbirth recovery.

In particular, this Council calls on the Government to introduce provisions whereby:

1. A parent availing of the current two-week Paternity Leave entitlement would automatically qualify for the immediate usage of four weeks of Parent's Leave where their partner has undergone a Caesarean section birth, recognising the medical recommendation of a minimum six-week recovery period following major abdominal surgery. Should they wish to do so.
2. A parent availing of Paternity Leave in cases of natural birth would qualify for an additional two weeks of Parent's Leave immediately following the initial two-week leave period, in recognition that recovery from labour and childbirth

complications frequently extends beyond two weeks. Should they wish to do so.

The purpose of these measures is to ensure that mothers recovering from childbirth, particularly following Caesarean delivery, have adequate support during the critical postnatal recovery period, including assistance with attending medical appointments, caring for newborns and other children, and managing day-to-day activities where medical restrictions may apply.

This motion is also being brought forward in recognition of the fact that many partners currently only avail of the initial two weeks of Paternity Leave, while some employers do not facilitate or accept the immediate use of additional Parent's Leave directly following paternity leave period. As a result, many fathers and partners defer or do not avail of their Parent's Leave entitlement during the first two years of a child's life, despite the clear need for support in the immediate postnatal period. This issue has also been highlighted in recent Government awareness campaigns encouraging greater uptake of Parent's Leave by partners and fathers.

Galway County Council further recognises the significant positive impact that extended parental support can have on maternal recovery, family wellbeing, and early childhood care, and requests that the Government give this matter urgent consideration.”

## **20. Cllr. Karey McHugh Farag**

### **I will propose:**

That Galway County Council writes to the Minister for Health, the Minister for Social Protection, the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, and any other relevant Government Ministers, requesting that consideration be given to the introduction of a statutory annual medical appointment leave entitlement for individuals registered under the Long-Term Illness (LTI) Scheme.

In particular, this Council calls on the Government to introduce a provision whereby individuals in full-time or part-time employment who are approved under the Long-Term Illness Scheme would be entitled to an allowance of 2–3 paid days per annum for the purpose of attending necessary scheduled medical appointments, treatments, consultations, or preventative care related to their condition.

This motion is being brought forward in recognition of the fact that many individuals living with long-term illnesses are currently unable to attend all recommended medical appointments due to financial pressures, workplace constraints, or an inability to take unpaid leave from employment. As a result, some patients delay or miss essential preventative and ongoing care appointments, which can negatively impact health outcomes and quality of life.

Galway County Council further recognises that missed medical appointments place a significant financial burden on the HSE each year and can contribute to increased long-term healthcare costs arising from delayed diagnosis, avoidable complications, and the progression of treatable conditions.

This Council believes that providing a limited and protected medical appointment leave entitlement for those living with long-term illnesses would support preventative healthcare, improve patient outcomes, reduce avoidable pressures on the healthcare system, and promote a more compassionate and inclusive working environment for individuals managing chronic health conditions.

Galway County Council therefore requests that the Government urgently review this matter and consider the implementation of such a support measure.”

## **21.Cathaoirleach’s Business**

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