



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí  
Áras an Chontae  
Cnoc na Radharc  
GAILLIMH

16 Meitheamh 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 i **Seomra na Comhairle, Áras an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh, Dé Luain an 22 Meitheamh 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 gcruinniú hibrídeach 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 22nd June 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***

## **CLÁR**

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

- a) Minutes of Monthly Plenary Meeting held on 25th May 2026.

[Report available on the Extranet]

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

- a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026.  
b) Minutes of the Climate, Heritage & Biodiversity Strategic Policy Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025.  
c) Minutes of Housing Strategic Policy Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.  
d) Minutes of the Community, Irish Language, Gaeltacht, Tourism & Integration Strategic Policy Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026.  
e) Minutes of the Physical Development, Transportation & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
f) Minutes of the Environmental Protection & Agriculture Strategic Policy Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026  
g) Recommendation from the Corporate Policy Group that Galway County Council hold a Civic Reception to honour:
- Aistear - First place winners of the Siansa Gael Linn music competition 2026

[Reports available on the Extranet]

### **3. Filling of Casual Vacancy on Forum Connemara CLG.**

[Report available on the Extranet]

### **4. Filling of a Casual Vacancy in the Membership of Galway Roscommon Education Training Board. (GRETB)**

[Report available on the Extranet]

**4. Reports on activities and operation of bodies accordance with Section 141 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended by Section 53 of the 2014 Act)**

Reports on activities and operation of the following bodies for the period June 2025 to May 2026 inclusive:

- (a) Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees
- (b) Athenry Heritage and Tourism Co. Ltd
- (c) Association of Irish Local Government
- (d) Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd
- (e) Local Authority Members Association (LAMA)
- (f) Western Inter-County Rail Committee
- (g) Galway & Roscommon Education & Training Board Committee
- (h) Regional Health Forum Representation, West
- (i) Galway Rural Development Company
- (j) Comhar na nOileán Teoranta
- (k) Údarás na Gaeltachta

[Reports 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:** 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

**(b) Title of Training:** “AILG Northern & Western Women’s Caucus” – Retrospective Approval

**Location of Training:** Radisson Hotel, Galway

**Date:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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

**(c) Title of Training:** “OPR-AILG Councillors Planning Training” – Retrospective Approval

**Location of Training:** Hodson Bay Hotel, Westmeath

**Date:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Alternative Location of Training:** Tower Hotel, Waterford [Out of Region]

**Date:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026

[Report 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)**

**(a) Title of Other Event:** IPB Insurance’s Centenary AGM Board Meeting – Retrospective Approval

**Location of Training:** Mansion House, Dublin

**Date:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

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

[Report available on the Extranet]

**8.To consider and if deemed appropriate approve the adoption of the Draft Anti-social Behaviour Strategy 2026-2031, as approved by the Housing Strategic Policy Committee and prepared in accordance with Section 35 of Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009.**

[Report available on the Extranet]

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

[Report to follow]

**10. To receive an update Report in regard to the A8 Rural Water Measure – Wastewater Treatment for Craughwell and Clarinbridge.**

[Report to follow]

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

[Correspondence available on the Extranet]

**12. Question Cllr. Shaun Cunniffe**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposed new building /extension discussed at previous plenary meeting. In particular, the likely cost and how it could be paid for. Could the Chief Executive also inform me on where this proposal is within the decision-making process of the council and the next formal interaction with Councillors for consideration of this proposal.

**13. Question Cllr. Geraldine Donohue**

To ask the Director of Services what is the update on the targeted approach of identifying the road side hedges and dangerous ash dieback affected trees that are a matter of public safety.

**14. Recommendation from Tuam Municipal District**

That in light of Galway LGFA's communications with Councillors explaining the urgent need to secure land to develop a Centre of Excellence for the promotion of Ladies Football in Galway, that we support Galway LGFA's request that circa 25 acres of the publicly owned Galway Airport Site be allocated for Community & Sporting purposes and allocated to Galway LGFA as a community dividend.

They currently own no land or premises and this is making the management and promotion of Ladies Football practically impossible, we wish to support their invaluable work that has such a positive effect on girls and ladies throughout Galway.

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

**15. Cllr. Martina Kinane**

**I will propose:**

I, Cllr Martina Kinane, propose that Galway County Council approve the securing of a loan of €2.6 million to provide the necessary match funding required to progress the Clarinbridge & Craughwell Wastewater Schemes.

This will enable the Council to draw down the approved departmental funding and proceed with the delivery of this vital infrastructure project.

**Background to Motion:**

The Government approved increased funding in November 2025 under the Rural Water Programme for the Clarinbridge & Craughwell Wastewater Schemes.

- Revised total project cost: €29.9 million
- Departmental funding: €27.3 million
- Galway County Council co-funding: €2.6 million

The advancement of this scheme is contingent on the availability of 8% (€2.6 million) match funding from Galway County Council. In this context, it is proposed that Galway County Council secure a loan of €2.6 million to meet the required contribution and unlock the progression of the project.

This investment is essential to advance critical wastewater infrastructure in Clarinbridge & Craughwell, facilitating sustainable development, protecting environmental standards, and ensuring that Galway County Council meets its obligations under planning and environmental legislation.

## **16.Cllr. Evelyn Francis Parsons**

### **I will propose:**

That Galway County Council calls on the Minister for Finance and the Government to set out a clear pathway towards the phased abolition of the Universal Social Charge (USC), commencing from January 2027, recognising that the USC was introduced as a temporary emergency measure during the financial crisis and continues to place a disproportionate burden on workers and families amid ongoing cost-of-living pressures.

The Council further calls on Government to ensure that any reform or abolition of the USC is implemented in a fair, balanced and fiscally sustainable manner, avoiding increases in Income Tax or PRSI and safeguarding essential frontline public services.

### **Context**

The USC was introduced at a time of exceptional national financial difficulty and was presented as a temporary measure. More than fifteen years later, many workers continue to face significant pressures arising from housing costs, childcare, insurance, energy bills and the general cost of living, while also experiencing substantial deductions from earnings once Income Tax, PRSI and USC are combined.

There is huge concern that the USC disproportionately impacts ordinary workers and acts as a disincentive to additional work and overtime at a time when Ireland is

seeking to retain skilled workers, support families and address wider affordability pressures.

This motion does not seek to undermine the funding of essential public services, but rather calls for a fairer and more proportionate long-term taxation model that reflects current economic conditions rather than emergency-era measures.

## **17. Cllr. Shaun Cunniffe**

### **I will propose:**

That Galway County Council Recognises that Oshi Software Limited, trading as Tickets.ie, ceased trading in early June 2026 and has moved to enter liquidation;

Notes that Tickets.ie was one of largest independent ticketing platforms operating in the State, that its services were significantly relied upon by non-profit, community, sporting and independent festivals and events, and that its sudden collapse has left organisers across the country unable to recover ticket revenues already collected on their behalf — with affected festivals, including the Rory Gallagher International Festival, Rockathon and Cowboys and Heroes, reported to be collectively owed in the region of €580,000;

Acknowledges that many of these events operate on tight or voluntary margins and fall during the summer season now under way, such that the loss of these funds threatens the viability of events with genuine cultural, social and economic value to communities in this county and nationwide;

Notes with concern that there is currently no specific regulatory regime requiring primary ticketing agents to ring-fence or protect monies held on behalf of event promoters and ticket-buyers — protections that exist in comparable sectors;

Resolves to write to the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, Peter Burke TD, and the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan TD, to:

- (i) request their intervention on behalf of the festival and event organisers affected by the cessation of trading by Tickets.ie;

- (ii) call for the introduction, as a matter of priority, of regulation of the ticketing sector — including measures to safeguard funds held on behalf of promoters and consumers — so as to prevent a recurrence of these difficulties; and
- (iii) request that available supports and funding within their Departments be mobilised to assist the events and organisers affected;

And further resolves to forward a copy of this motion to the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) and to neighbouring local authorities, with a request that they adopt a similar position.

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

### **I will propose:**

That the Director of Services provide a statement on the 2023 funding in the amount of €50,000 for Design Measures for Kilmeen Cross for the putting in place a roundabout and lights on the N65 Galway Site and timelines on the delivery of same at this very dangerous junction.

## **19. Cllr. Evelyn Francis Parsons**

Housing Options for Older People

### **I will propose:**

That, in view of Census data demonstrating a substantial increase in the number of people aged 65 years and over in County Galway, together with projections showing continued population ageing in the years ahead, and recognising the importance of enabling older people to live independently, safely and with dignity within their own communities for as long as possible in accordance with the objectives of the Galway City and County Age Friendly Strategy,

Galway County Council recognises the need to plan proactively for a broad range of housing options for older people and requests the Chief Executive to bring forward a report on the potential role of retirement villages, as well as downsizing and

rightsizing opportunities, age-friendly housing developments and other appropriate housing models in meeting the current and future housing needs of older people in the county.

## **20. Cathaoirleach's Business**

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