



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí
Áras an Chontae
Cnoc na Radharc
GAILLIMH

22 Meán Fómhair 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 28 Meán Fómhair 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 28th September 2026 commencing at 11 a.m.** 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,

L. Keady

Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator

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1. Confirmation of Minutes of the following Meetings:

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

[Report available on the Extranet]

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

- a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 13th July 2026.
- b) Minutes of the Joint Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee held on 25th September 2025.
- c) Minutes of the Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee held on 3rd March 2026
- d) Minutes of the Climate, Heritage & Biodiversity Strategic Policy Committee held on 25th March 2026.
- e) Minutes of the Environment Protection & Agriculture Strategic Policy Committee held on 28th May 2026.
- f) Minutes of the Physical Development, Transportation & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee held on 15th June 2026.
- g) Minutes of the Climate Action, Biodiversity & Heritage Strategic Policy Committee held on 17th June 2026.
- h) Recommendation from the Corporate Policy Group that Galway County Council hold a Civic Reception to honour the Galway Under 20 Ladies Football All-Ireland Champions 2026
- i) Recommendation from the Corporate Policy Group that Galway County Council hold a Civic Reception to honour the Galway Senior Ladies Football All-Ireland Champions 2026

[Reports available on the Extranet]

3. To consider the filling of a casual vacancy on the membership of the Climate Action, Biodiversity & Heritage SPC, arising from the resignation of Micheal Haverty sectoral representative of the Irish Farmers Association (IFA) and to approve the appointment of Karina Finn as nominated by the IFA for the remainder of the current Council term.

[Report available on the Extranet]

4. **To consider Overdraft Accommodation for the 12 months 1 January 2027 to the 31 December 2027.**

[Report available on the Extranet]

5. **To consider a date and time for the Budget 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 Autumn Training Seminar 2026”

Location of Training: Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Date: Wednesday 30th September – Thursday 1st October 2026

Alternative Location of Training: [None]

(b) **Title of Training:** “LAMA Autum Training Seminar”

Location of Training: The Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

Date: Wednesday 21st October – Thursday 22nd October 2026

Alternative Location of Training: [None]

[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 Conference:** “Celtic Conferences – Budget 2027”

Location of Conference: The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth

Date: Friday 16th, Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th October 2026.

Alternative Location of Conference: [None]

[Reports available on the Extranet]

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

[Report available on the Extranet]

9. Chief Executive's Business & Correspondence.

[Correspondence available on the Extranet]

10. Question Cllr. McNamara

Could the Chief Executive provide the following information in relation to households currently on the social housing waiting list and the allocation of social housing in County Galway:

The current number of households on the social housing waiting list, broken down by:

- total number of households
- nationality or citizenship, where this information is lawfully collected and held
- household size
- age profile of the main applicant
- length of time on the waiting list

For the past three calendar years, the number of social housing allocations made by Galway County Council, broken down by the same categories where the information is held.

For the same period, the percentage and number of successful housing offers accepted by applicants, broken down by nationality or citizenship where this information is recorded.

The number of housing offers refused or declined, together with the recorded reasons for refusal, and whether these figures can be broken down by nationality or citizenship.

The average and median waiting time for households who received an allocation during each of the past three years, and whether waiting times are monitored according to nationality, household type, housing need category or other demographic characteristics.

The proportion of social housing allocations made directly by Galway County Council compared with allocations or nominations involving Approved Housing Bodies, and whether the Council monitors the outcomes of these nominations.

Where Approved Housing Bodies are involved, the number of nominations made by Galway County Council which resulted in an accepted tenancy, a refusal, or no tenancy being created, together with the reasons recorded for unsuccessful nominations.

If Galway County Council does not currently collect or monitor allocation outcomes, waiting times, refusals or other relevant indicators by nationality or citizenship, could the Council state this explicitly and explain what demographic information it does collect and use when monitoring the operation and fairness of the social housing allocation system?

Finally, could the Council confirm what data it regularly publishes comparable to an analysis of social housing waiting times, allocations, refusals and successful nominations, Or if it would consider publishing such information in an anonymised and aggregated form?

The purpose of this request is to establish whether the Council has sufficient data to assess waiting times, allocation outcomes and demographic changes within the social housing system, while ensuring that any information provided is aggregated and does not identify individual applicants.

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

11. Cllr. David Collins

I will propose:

Joint Bid to Host Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann

That Galway County Council supports the submission of a joint bid, in partnership with Galway City Council, to host a future Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Galway County and City.

This annual celebration of Irish music, song and dance was last held in County Galway in Loughrea in 1955.

In 2026, Belfast hosted a hugely successful Fleadh, attracting over 1.6 million visitors to the city, with more than 1.7 million public transport journeys recorded during the week.

I believe the success of the Fleadh in locations around Galway would demonstrate what can be achieved when local authorities and communities come together with ambition.

It would bring huge Social, Cultural, and Economic value to Galway.

12. Cllr Geraldine Donohue

I will propose:

That Galway County Council opposes planned fare increases for public transport and calls on this Council to meet with the Minister for Transport to express the strong opposition of Councillors to these changes and to request that the proposed price increases are halted.

13.Cllr Gerry King

I will propose:

I propose that Galway County Council engage with the Department of the Marine and the Department of Rural Affairs and Islands for design plans to be progressed for Improvements works at Cleggan Pier, County Galway.

This 1800's pier is no longer viable as it needs to safely accommodate 2 larger ferries and a cargo boat servicing the island of Inishbofin, which is also a growing tourist destination. Along with this it is used daily by local fishermen who find it very difficult to manoeuvre and moor their boats in tight spaces. It has great potential to be a safe harbour for Marine traffic also.

Higher tides are flooding the top of the pier and there is no disability access on an old, cobbled stone surface.

Existing data from a major survey carried out a number of years ago can be utilised.

This is a hugely important piece of infrastructure to be progressed and modernised for the next generations.

14. Cllr Geraldine Donohue

I will propose:

That Galway County Council call on the Minister for Housing to ensure in the forthcoming budget that:

1. Carer's Allowance should be disregarded at the basic social welfare rate for the purposes of rent assessment;
2. Half-rate Carer's Allowance should be fully disregarded;
3. Disability Allowance received by children aged 16 to 18 should be fully disregarded, in line with the existing uniform disregard of Domiciliary Care Allowance for children under 16 years.

The standardisation of the Differential Rent Scheme was committed to in the previous Programme for Government; however it was not delivered.

Subject to Council approval, this motion will be referred to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage James Browne. T.D.

15. Cathaoirleach's Business

16. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations