



1 Márta 2017
1 March, 2017

Fógra/Notice

Cruinnithe Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe Galway City Council Meeting

Do Gach Ball de Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe:

A chara,

Tionólfar Gnáthchruinniú de Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe ar an 6ú Márta 2017 ag 2.00 i Halla na Cathrach, Bóthar an Choláiste, Gaillimh.

An Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council will be held on the 6th March 2017 at 2:00pm in City Hall, College Road, Galway.

Tá cóip de Chlár an Chruinnithe seo ar fáil ag an bhFáiltiú ar mhaithe le hiniúchadh.
A copy of the Agenda for this meeting is available at Reception for inspection.

Tá clár an chruinnithe leagtha amach faoi seo.
The agenda for the meeting is set out hereunder.

Is mise, le meas,

Sínithe/Signed: Patrick Foley.

Riarthóir Cruinnithe/Meetings Administrator

Clár/ Agenda

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

- (a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on Monday 9th January 2017
- Copy already circulated (February 2017)
- (b) Minutes of Special Meeting of Galway City Council held on Monday 23rd January 2017
- Copy already circulated (February 2017)
- (c) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on Monday 13th February 2017
- Copy attached
- (d) Minutes of Special Meeting of Galway City Council held on Monday 20th February 2017
- Copy attached

2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

- (a) (i) Consideration of Audit Committee Annual Report for 2016
(ii) Review of Audit Committee Charter
(iii) Adoption of Audit Committee Work Programme for 2017 – Copy already Circulated (February 2017)
- (b) Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan 2017 – Report previously issued (January 2017) (partly adjourned from the meeting held on 23rd January, 2017)
- (c) Section 85 Agreement with Galway County Council in relation to the Galway City Ring Road Project (Report Already Circulated February, 2017)

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- (a) Report from Procedures Committee of Meeting held on 11th November 2016 – Report previously issued
- (b) Report from Corporate Policy Group Meeting of 10th February, 2017 – Report Attached
- (c) Report from Corporate Policy Group Meeting of 6th March, 2017 – Report to Follow (due to time constraints, Report will not be available for circulation until the Council Meeting of 6th March 2017)

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

- (a) To consider a mid-term review on Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018 pursuant to the Traveller Accommodation Act 1998 – Report Already Circulated - February 2017
- (b) National Planning Framework – To Receive Update
- (c) Chief Executive's Report for February 2017 – Report Already Circulated – February 2017
- (d) Chief Executive's Report for March 2017 – Report to Follow
- (e) To receive a report on Notice of Motion NOM 01/17 – Report Already Circulated – February 2017
- (f) Repair and Leasing Scheme / Buy and Renew Initiative – Report Already Circulated – February 2017
- (g) Road Traffic Special Speed Limits Galway City Bye-law No. 1 – 2017 (Housing Estates Slow Zones) (to consider putting draft out to public consultation) – Report Already Circulated – February 2017
- (h) Arts Grants – presentation of recommendations for funding – Report to Follow

5. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion proposed at December 2016 Meeting:

"That this Council introduce one-way systems throughout Galway City as a means of solving the traffic gridlock and that such projects are introduced immediately on a pilot basis with a view to full implementation in March 2017"

Proposed: Cllr. M.J Crowe

Seconded: Cllr. P. Keane

NOM 03/16 **Notice given by:** **Cllr. N. McNelis**
Date Received: **30th March, 2016**

"For the benefit of retailers in the city centre and for shoppers and visitors all pedestrian areas of the city centre are vehicle free from an earlier start of 9.00 am during the months of June, July and August".

NOM 09/16 **Notice given by:** **Cllr. C. Connolly**
Date Received: **11th April, 2016**

"That GCC requests that the Government provide adequate funding to provide special housing units for victims of domestic violence".

NOM 12/16 **Notice given by:** **Cllr. C. Connolly**
Date Received: **3rd May, 2016.**

"That Galway City Council Transportation SPC calls on the Government to introduce a free school transport service for all children attending city schools.

NOM 16/16 **Notice given by:** **Cllr. C. Ó Conchúir**
Date Received: **24th August, 2016.**

"That this Council ask Sean Kyne T.D. and the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to intervene in the ongoing dispute at Ros a Mhil Harbour between local fisherman and the harbour authorities".

NOM 23/16 **Notice given by:** **Cllr. B. Cameron**
Date Received: **3rd October, 2016**

"I call on the Chief Executive to earmark and designate the 1.4 acre site in the Westside as a Cultural and Artistic hub to cater for a mix of organisations specialising with Children and youth".

NOM 26/16 **Notice given by:** **Cllr. N. McNelis**
Date Received: **5th December, 2016**

"That Galway City Council introduce weight restrictions on vehicles that enter pedestrian areas of the city centre".

NOM 27/16 **Notice given by:** **Cllr. N. McNelis**
Date Received: **5th December, 2016**

"That an audit of housing for the elderly owned by Galway City Council take place, with regard to best practice in EU to heating and weather glazed windows".

NOM 01/ 17 **Notice given by:** **Cllr D. McDonnell**
 Date Received: **3rd January 2017**

"I hereby propose that a variation of the City Development Plan is initiated forthwith to provide for the re-zoning of lands of 1.2 acres at Greenfields, Newcastle, in the ownership of Rory Rogers c/o McCarthy Keville O'Sullivan, block 1, Financial Services Building, Moneenagheisha Road, Galway.

The proposed variation is in the interest of proper planning and sustainable development and having regard to the housing crisis that currently exists in Galway City."

NOM 2/17 **Notice given by:** **Cllr. M. Lohan**
 Date Received: **23rd January, 2017**

"Member of Galway City Council are calling on the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Minister Katherine Zappone to invest in early Childhood Care and Education to ensure that children have access to quality, sustainable and affordable childcare with decent pay and conditions for professional in the sector.

Early Years professionals are hugely dedicated professionals who care for and educate children during the most crucial years of their development. It is vital that children receive high quality care and education. However a lack of investment means that qualified professionals are struggling to make ends meet and providers are struggling to stay open.

We call on Minister Zappone to put children first and invest in quality childcare.

NOM 3/17 **Notice given by:** **Cllr. J. Walsh**
 Date Received: **25th January, 2017**

"I am calling on Galway City Council to expedite the preparation of the Draft Local Area Plan for Ardaun. These lands have been identified as one of the major urban housing delivery sites with a potential yield of 500 units in the medium term subject to progress on the Local Area Plan".

NOM 4/17 **Notice given by:** **Cllr. C. Ó Conchúir**
 Date Received: **2nd February, 2017**

"That Galway City Council calls on Minister Creed to relax the criteria for young Farmer Scheme as regards educational requirements. As it currently stands, the strict deadlines for enrolment in FETAC level 6 courses means that many worthy applications are automatically excluded from the scheme. With farming uptake by younger people at an all-time low, this Council considers it of the utmost importance that proper incentives are given to young people to get involved in farming activities and that the legislation in place is as inclusive as possible".

NOM 5/17 **Notice given by:** **Cllr. C. Connolly**
Date Received: **6th February, 2017**

"That Galway City Council request the Government to progress the Coroner's Bill as a matter of urgency that the Coroner's Bill will provide for an automatic Inquest into every maternal death in this state".

NOM 6/17 **Notice given by:** **Cllr. C. Ó Conchúir**
Date Received: **26th January, 2017**

Go n-iarrfadh an Chomhairle seo ar Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh aisghairm a dhéanamh ar an gcinneadh a ghlac sí deireadh a chur leis an riachtanas go mbeadh Gaeilge ar a thoil nó ar a toil ag Uachtarán na hOllscoile agus toil na Comhairle a dhéanamh agus Gaillimh a chur chun cinn mar chathair dhátheangach.

6. QUESTIONS

Q1/17 **Question given by:** **Cllr. N. McNeils**
Date Received: **1st February, 2017.**

Can I please have an update on the water Safety Audit for Galway City that was requested over 12 months ago. When will it be published, distributed. What are the plans for it. Who is the point of contact that will be working to deliver safety works. What is/has been the delay in getting the audit done. Who is in charge of audit in City Hall.

This has been a very sad year again for the amount of persons who have entered the water across the city, I have been working with a number of groups who are trying to put in place a system to recover victims quicker. The next step is prevention.

Q2/17 **Question given by:** **Cllr. T. O'Flaherty**
Date Received: **6th February, 2017.**

Can this Council give an explanation as to why the delay with regard to the installation of the long awaited CCTV cameras which have been agreed for Walter Macken Place and the area close to Park, Castle in Ballybane.

Has Garda clearance been sought for the CCTV cameras and if not why the delay.

Q3/17 **Question given by:** **Cllr. M. Cubbard**
Date Received: **23rd February, 2017.**

Can you please answer the following?

How many rent reviews have been complete as part of the 2016 review?

How many rent accounts remain outstanding for review?

How many tenants received bills for back dated rent of over €1,000?

How many of these have paid the arrears?

Apart from the standard letter and reminder letter, has any contract been made with tenants in this situation by way of telephone or a visit by a TLO?

7. ITEMS FOR COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION

- (a) Letter from Mr. Simon Coveney, T.D. Minister for Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government dated 13th February, 2017.

RE: My Open Library

- (b) Letter Mr. Simon Harris, T.D., Minister for Health dated 13th February, 2017

RE: Acknowledgement letter regarding letter from Galway City Council regarding Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2002.

- (c) Letter Mr. Simon Harris, T.D., Minister for Health dated 22nd February, 2017

RE: Reply to Resolution passed by Galway City Council regarding Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2002.

- (d) Article from Galway Advertiser Website dated 13th February, 2017

RE: Major funds allocated to Town Hall and City Museum

8. CONFERENCES

- (1) Title: National Tidy Towns Conference 2017

 Date: 25th March 2017

 Venue: Westport, Co Mayo.

- (2) Title: What does a Hard Brexit mean for Ireland

 Date: 31st March and 1st & 2nd April 2017

 Venue: Carlingford, Co. Louth

- (3) Title: Social Media Training for Councillors

 Date: 19th & 20th April 2017

 Venue: Clonakilty, Co. Cork

- (4) Title: LGAS An Overview of the work of Local Government Auditors
Date: 21st – 23rd April 2017
Venue: Clonakilty, Co. Cork

Approved Training

- (1) Title: Irish Planning Institute Annual Planning Conference April 2017
Date: 6th and 7th April 2017
Venue: Westport, Co. Mayo.
- (2) Title: AILG Annual Conference
Date: 6th and 7th April 2017
Venue: To be confirmed
- (3) Title: LAMA Spring Training Seminar
Date: 28th and 29th April 2017
Venue: Gormanstown, Co. Meath

9. VOTES OF SYMPATHY/CONGRATULATIONS

10. OTHER BUSINESS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS