**Minutes of Special Meeting of Galway City Council**

**Held on Thursday 10th April 2017 at 2:00pm in City Hall, College Road, Galway.**

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**Presiding: Cllr. Noel Larkin, Mayor of the City of Galway**

**Present: Councillors: C. Ó Conchúir, P. Conneely, C. Connolly, O. Crowe, M.J. Crowe M. Cubbard, F. Fahy, P. Keane, M. Lohan, D. Lyons, J. Walsh, D. McDonnell T. O'Flaherty, M. Farrell, P. Flannery, B. Cameron and N. McNelis.**

**In Attendance: Mr. B. McGrath, Chief Executive**

**Mr. T. Connell, Director of Services**

**Ms. E. McCormack, Head of Finance/Director of Services**

**Ms. P. Philbin, A/Director of Services**

**Mr. G. Mc Mahon, Meetings Administrator**

**Mr. P. Foley, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services**

**Mr. J. Tansey Senior Engineer**

**Mr. U. Finn Senior Engineer**

**Ms. Susan Loughnane Executive Engineer**

**Mr. M. McElligott Senior Executive Engineer**

**Apologies:**

The Mayor welcomed all to the Meeting.

A presentation on Parkmore Access Improvements Project was given by Eoin Greene & Colin Acton from Aecom Consultants and by Uinsinn Finn, Senior Engineer, Galway City Council.

1. This led to a lenghty discussion among Councillors with most welcoming the proposed improvements at Parkmore but highlighting the many other problems associated with traffic across the City including problems with the Monivea Road, the need for Park and Ride, additional bus lanes, a 24 hour manned traffic control centre, improvements required with public transport, additional & safer bike lanes, Car pooling, light rail and the need for an outer ring road.

Responses and clarifications were provided by the U. Finn Senior Engineer who informed members that the Council is looking for suitable sites for Park and Ride. The Council had met with a number of Landowners in the Parkmore area who maybe willing to provide land which would help with the problem. Mr Finn also confirmed that the traffic control centre was an automated system but was checked daily by staff from 7.30am onwards and there were 30 junctions linked into the system. He encouraged members to have a look at the system and how it operates.

Mr Finn also highlighted the potential for car pooling, the need for alternative access to the Tuam road and City Ring Road. He also confirmed that a safety audit had been carried out on cycle lanes. . Light rail was not an option at this point in time as it could not be viably supported by the current population in Galway.

At 3.55pm the Mayor gave his apologies as he had to leave the meeting and attend a function. The Deputy Mayor presided for the remainder of the meeting. It was agreed by all Members to continue with a discussion on Transportation issues at the Ordinary Meeting which was due to commence at 4pm

1. The meeting concluded at 3.59pm.