**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council**

**Held on Monday 13th February, 2017**

**at 4.00 p.m., in City Hall, College Road, Galway.**

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

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

**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. P. Foley, Meetings Administrator**

**Mr. U. Finn, Senior Engineer**

**Mr. J. Tansey, Senior Engineer**

**Mr. G. McMahon, A/ Senior Executive Officer**

**Ms. C. Phelan, Senior Planner**

**Ms. K. Lohan, Clerical Officer**

**Mr. P. Rabbitte, County Librarian, Galway County Council**

**Ms. M. Stuart, County Librarian, Offaly County Council**

**Mr. D. Minton, Director, MWRA**

**Apologies: Cllr. B. Cameron**

At the beginning of the meeting The Mayor proposed that the three presentations be taken first and that the meeting finish at 7.30pm. This was agreed by all members present.

**1. Presentation heard from Mr. David Minton, Director, Northern & Western Regional Assembly, including NWRA Economic Study and the proposed National Planning Framework.**

**2. Item 4(d) To consider making a Submission on National Planning Framework (closing**

**date 16th March, 2017)**

A presentation was heard from Ms Caroline Phelan, Senior Planner, and it was agreed to

make a submission on the Ireland 2040 National Planning Framework to the Department of

Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government.

**3. Item 4(a) My Open Library.**

A Presentation heard from County Librarians Mr. Peter Rabbitte and Ms. Mary Stuart on My Open Library.

Following the presentation the following proposals were received.

1. Proposer: Cllr. P. Flannery Seconder: Cllr D. McDonnell
2. “That Galway City Council endorses the concept of a “My Open Library” service and
3. recommends that they implement the service for a 12 month trial period in the libraries
4. within the remit of Galway City Council

The Mayor called for a vote to be taken which resulted as follows:

In Favour 11

Against 5

Abstain 1

1. **Proposer: Cllr. D. McDonnell Seconded: Cllr T. O Flaherty**
2. “That the Ordinary Meeting Scheduled for 13th March be rescheduled to the 6th March as
3. the Mayor and Chief Executive are away on official business”

In Favour 13

Against 3

Abstain 1

It was agreed to take notice of motions as the next item.

1. **5. NOTICES OF MOTION**

It was proposed by the Mayor and agreed by members to consider Notice of Motions without debate

1. **Motion proposed at December 2016 Meeting:**
2. “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”
3. Proposed: Cllr. M.J Crowe Seconded: Cllr. P. Keane

Deferred at the request of Cllr. M.J. Crowe

1. NOM 03/16 Notice given by: Cllr. N. McNelis
2. Date Received: 30th March, 2016
3. “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”.

Deferred as Cllr. McNelis was not in attendance at the meeting.

1. NOM 09/16 Notice given by: Cllr. C. Connolly
2. Date Received: 11th April, 2016
3. “That GCC requests that the Government provide adequate funding to provide special housing units for victims of domestic violence”.

Deferred as Cllr. Connolly was not present in the Council Chamber.

1. NOM 12/16 Notice given by: Cllr. C. Connolly
2. Date Received: 3rd May, 2016.
3. “That Galway City Council Transportation SPC calls on the Government to introduce a free school transport service for all children attending city schools.

Deferred as Cllr. Connolly was not present in the Council Chamber.

1. NOM 16/16 Notice given by: Cllr. C. Ó Conchúir
2. Date Received: 24th August, 2016.
3. “That this Council ask Sean Kyne T.D. and the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
4. to intervene in the ongoing dispute at Ros a Mhil Harbour between local fisherman and the
5. harbour authorities”.

Deferred as Cllr. Ó Conchúir was not present in the Council Chamber.

1. NOM 17/16 Notice given by: Cllr. D. Lyons
2. Date Received: 5th September 2016.
3. “Galway City Council calls on the Minister of Health to amend the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2002 and introduce additional legislation/regulations which would regulate the use of e-cigarettes similar to those which already apply to tobacco related activity”

This motion was proposed by Cllr. Lyons, seconded by Cllr. McDonnell and agreed unanimously by the 13 members present.

1. NOM 18/16 Notice given by: Cllr. D. Lyons
2. Date Received: 5th September 2016.
3. “Galway City Council calls on the Industrial Development Authority and other state agencies
4. to bring forward plans for the development of the industrial zoned lands on the west of
5. Galway City.”

This motion was proposed by Cllr. Lyons, seconded by Cllr. McDonnell, Cllr. F. Fahy proposed the following amendment which Cllr. Lyons agreed to incorporate into his proposal. The Mayor called for a vote be taken on the proposal, which was agreed unanimously by the 13 members present.

1. NOM 23/16 Notice given by: Cllr. B. Cameron
2. Date Received: 3rd October, 2016
3. “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”.

Deferred as Cllr. Cameron was not in attendance at the meeting.

1. NOM 24/16 Notice given by: Cllr. P. Flannery
2. Date Received: 2nd November, 2016
3. “That the Galway City Council executive write to Dr Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh
4. and Primate of All Ireland and request the he formally invite His Holiness Pope Francis to
5. visit Galway during his proposed visit to Ireland in 2018 and celebrate mass in a similar
6. fashion to his predecessor John Paul 2nd in 1979”.

This motion was proposed by Cllr. Flannery, Cllr. Lyons proposed that the wording following 2018 be removed from the motion, Cllr. Flannery agreed to remove the word “and celebrate mass in a similar fashion to his predecessor John Paul 2nd in 1979”. Cllr. Lyons then seconded the proposal, the Mayor called for a vote to be taken on the proposal which was unanimous agreed by the 13 members present.

1. NOM 25/16 Notice given by: Cllr. O. Crowe
2. Date Received: 8th November, 2016
3. “That Galway City Council calls on the current government to reverse their decision for
4. staffless libraries with immediate effect”

This motion was proposed by Cllr. O. Crowe and seconded by Cllr. Lyons. The Mayor called for a vote to be taken which resulted as follows:

For: 10

Against: 1

Abstain: 2

1. NOM 26/16 Notice given by: Cllr. N. McNelis
2. Date Received: 5th December, 2016
3. “That Galway City Council introduce weight restrictions on vehicles that enter pedestrian
4. areas of the city centre”.
5. Deferred as Cllr. McNelis was not in attendance at the meeting.
6. NOM 27/16 Notice given by: Cllr. N. McNelis
7. Date Received: 5th December, 2016
8. “That an audit of housing for the elderly owned by Galway City Council take place, with
9. regard to best practice in EU to heating and weather glazed windows”.
10. Deferred as Cllr. McNelis was not in attendance at the meeting.
11. **NOM 01/ 17 Notice given by: Cllr D. McDonnell Seconded by: Cllr. P. Keane**
12. **Date Received: 3rd January 2017**
13. “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, Finacial Services Building, Moneenagheisha Road, Galway.
14. 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.”

The motion was proposed by Cllr. D McDonnell. Cllr. P Conneely who was originally noted as seconding the proposal asked to be removed as seconder to the proposal. The proposal was subsequently seconded by Cllr. P Keane. The Mayor called for a vote to be taken which resulted as follows:

For: 7

Against: 6

Abstain: 0

Absent: 5

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed that NOM 5/17 be taken as urgent business without debate. The Mayor requested that the motion was deferred until further clarification provided to Elected Members.

1. **1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

(a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on Monday 9th January 2017

- Copy attached

(b) Minutes of Special Meeting of Galway City Council held on Monday 23rd January 2017

- Copy attached

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Conneely, seconded by Cllr. F. Fahy to defer minutes listed on the agenda until next ordinary meeting. This was agreed by Members present.

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**

Deferred.

**(b) Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan**

Deferred.

**(c) To seek the agreement of the City Council to consider proposed Material Contravention of the Galway City Development Plan in respect of Planning Application 310/15 at the Special meeting of Galway City Council to be held on the 20th February, 2017**

1. **Proposer: Cllr. O. Crowe Seconded: Cllr D.Mc Donnell**

“That item 2(c) proposed Material Contravention of City Development Plan be placed on the agenda for the special meeting on the 20th February”

In Favour 13

Against 1

Absent 3

**(d) Section 85 Agreement with Galway County Council in relation to the Galway City Ring Road Project**

Deferred.

**3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**(a) Report from Procedures Committee of Meeting held on 11th November 2016 (to be considered if time permits, otherwise to be deferred to special meeting on 20th February, 2017)**

Deferred.

**(b) Report from Corporate Policy Group Meeting of 10th February, 2017**

Deferred.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS**

**(b) Chief Executive’s Report for February 2017**

Deferred.

**(e) To receive a report on Notice of Motion NOM 01/17**

Deferred.

**(f) Repair and Leasing Scheme / Buy and Renew Initiative**

Deferred.

**(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)**

Deferred.

**7. ITEMS FOR COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION**

It was proposed by Cllr. N. McNeilis, seconded by Cllr. D. McDonnell, to note correspondence listed on the Agenda.

**8. CONFERENCES**

1. It was proposed by Cllr. N. McNeilis, seconded by Cllr. D. McDonnell, to approve members attendance at approved training/conferences as listed below.

AILG Training Seminar 7th February

Following Councillors nominated to attend:

Cllrs. D. McDonnell, T. O’Flaherty, F. Fahy, P. Conneely, O. Crowe, C. Connolly.

1. The Finance Act 2016 24th – 26th March
2. Following Councillors nominated to attend:
3. Cllr. C. Connolly.

The Fair Deal Scheme

Following Councillors nominated to attend:

Cllrs. P. Flannery, T. O’Flaherty, F. Fahy, P. Conneely, O. Crowe, M.J. Crowe

28th Colmcille Winter School – 24th and 25th February, 2017

Following Councillors nominated to attend:

Cllrs. N. McNelis and C. Connolly.

**9. VOTES OF SYMPATHY/CONGRATULATIONS**

**Votes of Congratulations**

Mr. Paul Grealish

Mr. Gavin Hennigan

**Votes of Sympathy**

Mrs. Nancy Cannon (RIP)

Mr. Maurice O’Connell (RIP)

Mrs. Mary Conneely (RIP)

Mr. Joe Mulryan (RIP)

Mrs. Peggy Carty O’Brien (RIP)

Mr. John O’Brien (RIP)

Mr. Seamus Concannon (RIP)

1. The meeting concluded at 7.30pm.