



Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe  
Galway City Council

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7 Nollaig, 2022  
7<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

## 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 **Luan, 12 Nollaig, 2022 ar a 3.00pm san Óstán Ardilaun, An Bóthar Ard, Gaillimh agus ar líne**. Tá cóip de Chlár an Chruinnithe seo ar fáil ag an bhFáiltiú ar mhaithe le hiniúchadh.

Tá clár an chruinnithe leagtha amach faoi seo.

An Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council will be held on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 at 3.00pm in the Ardilaun Hotel, Taylor's Hill, Galway and online**. A copy of the Agenda for this meeting is available at Reception for inspection.

The agenda for the meeting is set out hereunder. Members are requested to send queries regarding Matters Arising relating to Item 1(a), 1(b) & 1(c) in writing, in advance of the meeting, to the undersigned.

Ailish Rohan,  
Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator

# Clár/Agenda

## Ordinary Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (a) Special Meeting of Galway City Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - to follow
- (b) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 - copy attached
- (c) Annual Budget Meeting of Galway City Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 - copy attached

### 2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

- (a) Section 183 - Proposed disposal of land / premises by way of lease at Carnmore, Co. Galway - Report issued 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022
- (b) Speed Limits Review - Report to follow
- (c) Statutory Local Government Audit Report 2021 - copy attached
- (d) Three Year Capital Programme 2023 - 2025 - Report to follow
- (e) Regional Water Resources Plan – Draft RWRP North West Public Consultation

### 3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- (a) Procedures Committee Meeting held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2022 – copy attached

### 4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

- (a) Galway's Designation as European Capital of Culture 2020 - material issued – (agreed by Council to consider as first item on the agenda)
- (b) Chief Executive's Report:
  - i. November 2022 - issued
  - ii. December 2022 - copy attached
- (c) Sports Club Grants for 2022 – to follow – for noting.
- (d) Draft Report on Proposed Regional Aquatic Centre at Cappagh under the LSSIF - issued
- (e) Modernisation of Electoral System - Electoral Act, 2022 - issued November 2022

- (f) Draft Galway City Council Protocol on Civic Commemorations - issued November 2022
- (g) Tidy Towns Report 2022 – issued November 2022
- (h) Update on Staff Recruitment - report issued 13th June 2022
- (i) EPA Focus On Local Authority Environmental Enforcement - Performance Report 2021 – copy attached
- (j) Data Protection – verbal update

## 5. NOTICES OF MOTION

### **NOM 8/2022**

**Submitted by Cllr. A. Cheevers on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

I am calling on Galway City Council to have full consultation with Galway City Council public representatives in relation to the Master Plan for the Galway Airport Site.

I believe that as it's jointly owned with the county council the city council need to have full consultation in this process and it should not be solely for County Council.

**NOM 18/2021** submitted under SO 34 at Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Notice given by:** Cllr. A. Cheevers **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

**Date Received:** 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (Amended wording 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022)

That Galway City Council to permanently pedestrianise cross street and that would be from the Dáil Bar to Supermacs and to work with businesses to ensure the safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Reply issued on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Request to leave on the Agenda. The Motion was deferred at a Special meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and a Report is to be brought to Council on the matter.

### **NOM 12/2022**

**Submitted by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty on the 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2022**

**Seconded by: Cllr. D. McDonnell on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2022**

We propose that Galway City Council reject the proposals set out in the Ballyloughane Road /Renmore Avenue Active Travel Scheme in its present format; that the Council Executive have further discussions with the two national schools, Gaelscoil Dara and Scoil Chaitríona, together with representatives of local residents, sporting organisations and other stakeholders to bring forward an Active Travel Scheme which accommodates the needs of and ensures the agreement of all interested parties.

**NOM 13/2022****Submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

That Galway City Council will call on the Ministers for Justice; Education; and Children, Disability, Equality & Integration to immediately implement an Operation Encompass-style programme between An Garda Síochána and schools.

Operation Encompass is a police-led, school-based early intervention safeguarding scheme which supports children and young people who experience Domestic Abuse. Operation Encompass was created to ensure that by the start of the next school day, a child's school will be informed that there has been a police-attended incident of domestic abuse at the home of the child. The child is then supported immediately upon arrival at school.

In 2020, Women's Aid (Ireland) reported that there were 30,841 disclosures of abuse including 5,948 were against children. We need to support these children now. [www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org)

**NOM 14/2022****Submitted by Cllr. N. Murphy on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

That Galway City Council will write to the Advertising Standards Authority for Ireland to complain that the short term letting platform Airbnb is carrying advertisements for properties within the Galway Rent Pressure Zone which are in breach of planning regulations.

**NOM 16/2022****Submitted by Terry O'Flaherty on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2022**

We propose that item 4(a) Consideration of reports of Officials for the proposed Galway City Council Active Travel project for the Ballyloughane Road and Renmore Avenue that this item will not be discussed until full consultation has taken place with all of all the stakeholders that will be greatly affected by this scheme if it goes ahead.

Signed, by;

Cllrs. Terry O' Flaherty, Alan Cheevers, Noel Larkin, Michael Crowe, Declan Mc Donnell.

**NOM 17/2022****Submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on the 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022**

I request Galway City Council to progress the installation of a lighted pedestrian crossing on the Barna Road at the laneway that exits from the Rusheen Woods to the Barna Road. This laneway since upgraded is widely used by residents who walk the back Promenade. It is my understanding that the necessary drawings have been completed for some time for a pedestrian crossing at this location.

**NOM 18/2022****Submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on the 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022**

I request Galway City Council to install bicycle lanes on the Western Distributor Road from the Blake roundabout to the Cappagh Road roundabout and from the Cappagh Road roundabout to the Blake roundabout which would meet with the existing cycle lane on

the Western Distributor Road. I believe that the existing roadway is wide enough to accommodate cycle lanes in both directions.

**NOM 19/2022**

**Submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on the 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022**

I request Galway City Council to immediately begin the process of the Taking-In-Charge of the laneway linking Ballymoneen Road to the Rosard estate which is adjacent to the grounds of St. John the Apostle Church and the Monalee Heights estate.

**NOM 20/2022**

**Submitted by Cllr. A. Cheevers on the 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022**

That this council is concerned in relation to the operation of the transport division of the City Council and calls on the CEO to carry out an urgent review of its operations and to report back to the next Council meeting with proposals to improve the delivery of transport projects of all types in the City and to improve consultation with the elected members and public alike.

## 6. QUESTIONS

**Q8/2022**

**Submitted by Cllr. M. Cubbard on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Can the council provide a list of all masterplans/projects that have been approved by council for the Recreation & Amenity department and give the following information on each:

- Adoption Date,
- Estimated budget,
- Funding available as of 19/06/22,
- Timeline for completion

**Q10/2022**

**Submitted by Cllr. N. Murphy on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

In April 2021 the council executive reported, via an answer to a question from Cllr. Hanley that the council was seeking 15 active travel staff to add to the existing 8. It was also reported that the hiring process can take over a year. We were also informed more recently that some positions may not be filled until specific skill sets are required for the task.

Can the elected member receive an update on this. Specifically can we be informed if staff turnover has impacted these numbers. Of the positions that remain to be filled, how many fall into the category of roles where hiring is still deferred until a specialist skill is required.

**Q13/2022**

**Submitted by Cllr. T. O Flaherty on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

To ask the City Council executive for a progress update on the long-promised multi-purpose sports area proposed to be developed in a field adjacent to Bóthar Waithman and Sruthán Mhuirlinne in Ballybane; the reason for the long delay in getting work started; and an update on what is the current status of funding for this much needed project.

**Q14/2022**

**Submitted by Cllr. O. Hanley on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

To ask for an update on the pedestrian rehabilitation works in the city centre including an update on the final design for the finishing look when work is complete, any images for same, and remaining timeline for any remaining work.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Correspondence received 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 regarding Resolution passed at Wicklow County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (b) Correspondence received 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 from The Office of the Minister for Social Protection.
- (c) Correspondence received 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 regarding Resolution passed at Sligo County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (d) Correspondence received 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 regarding Ideas for special and Commemorative Stamps from An Post.
- (e) Correspondence received 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 regarding Two Resolutions passed at Monaghan County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (f) Correspondence received 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 regarding Resolution passed at Mayo County Council Ordinary Meeting.

## **8. ITEMS FOR COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION**

None

## **9. CONFERENCES**

### **Approved Training**

- 1) **Title:** Celtic Conferences – The Finance Act 2022  
**Dates:** 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
**Venue:** The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth
- 2) **Title:** Celtic Conferences – Local Authority Procurement Process  
**Dates:** 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023  
**Venue:** O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork
- 3) **Title:** Celtic Conferences – Modular Housing in Ireland  
**Dates:** 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
**Venue:** The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth
- 4) **Title:** Celtic Conferences – Protecting Your Mental Health as a Public Representative  
**Dates:** 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
**Venue:** O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork
- 5) **Title:** AIR 2023 – Regional Seminar and Training Event 2023  
**Dates:** 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
**Venue:** Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan Town, Co. Monaghan

**10. VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS**

**11. OTHER BUSINESS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**