

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council
held virtually on zoom platform on Monday 24th January, 2022 at 3.00 p.m.**

Presiding:	Cllr. C. Connolly, Mayor of the City of Galway
Present Virtually:	Councillors: I. Byrne; A. Cheevers; J. Connolly; M.J. Crowe; M. Cubbard; O. Hanley; C. Higgins; E. Hoare; P. Keane; N. Larkin; D. Lyons; D. McDonnell; N. McNelis, N. Murphy; M. O'Connor & T. O'Flaherty
Apologies:	Cllr. F. Fahy
Present:	Mr. B. McGrath, Chief Executive Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator
Present Virtually:	Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services Ms. P. Philbin, Director of Services Ms. R. McNally, Director of Services Mr. D. Smyth, Head of Finance Ms. E. Naughton, Head of ICT Mr. D. Mahon, Senior Executive Officer Mr. U. Finn, Senior Engineer Mr. M. Lally, Executive Engineer Mr. M. Cormican, Executive Engineer Mr. G. McMahon, Arts Officer Ms. A. Finn, Administrative Officer Ms. C. Morgan, Administrative Officer Ms. T. Donohue, Staff Officer Mr. J. Seymour, National Transport Authority (NTA) Mr. J. Rooney, NTA Mr. J. Grogan, NTA Ms. E. Finan, A/Administrative Officer Ms. G. Reilly, Clerical Officer Ms. S King, Clerical Officer

Note: The Minutes of the Meeting and Agenda Items are recorded in the order their consideration.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator welcomed all and commenced the meeting followed by a moment of silent reflection. She reminded Councillors to submit any outstanding disclosure of donations statements which are due by the 31st January 2022.

Mayor C. Connolly welcomed all to the meeting and referred Councillors to two items of correspondence and requested that opinion be provided to Council on same by the executive.

Minutes, Confirmed & Signed

Mayor Cllr. C. Connolly
Mayor of Galway

- Global Mayors Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy carried forward from November meeting
- Correspondence dated 11th January 2022 received from Benny McDonagh, Technological University of the Shannon

Mayor C. Connolly referred to Agenda Item 4(f), Draft Protocol for the flying of flags from Civic Buildings. The Mayor suggested that this be referred to Procedures Committee for consideration in the first instance and then be brought back to Council.

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Connolly **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

Item 4(f) Draft Protocol for the flying of flags from Civic Buildings to be referred to Procedures Committee for consideration in the first instance and then be brought back to Council.

This was agreed.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1(b) Special meeting held on Monday 10th, Wednesday 12th & Friday 14th January 2022

Mayor C. Connolly referred to item 1(b) and suggested that given the lengthy meetings that were held that the minutes be considered at the February Ordinary meeting to ensure accuracy and allow time for consideration of same. This was agreed.

Mayor C. Connolly discussed the time arrangements for the meeting.

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Connolly **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. O'Connor

That the meeting proceed until 6.30pm.

This was agreed.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Lyons **Seconded by:** Cllr. E. Hoare

To allow for a ventilation break for a period of 10 - 15 minutes at 4.45pm.

This was agreed.

Mayor C. Connolly proposed that an adjournment meeting take place on Monday 31st January, 2022, if necessary to consider any remaining items on the agenda.

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Connolly **Seconded by:** Cllr. T. O’Flaherty

An adjournment meeting take place on Monday 31st January, 2022, if necessary to consider any remaining items on the agenda.

This was agreed and approved.

Cllr. M.J. Crowe made reference to the Governments latest decision on lifting restrictions and reflecting where society is at. He proposed that Councillors should have a choice for a hybrid option. This was seconded by Cllr. A. Cheevers.

Mayor C. Connolly referred to the decision made on the 10th January 2022, where Council made a decision that meetings be held online for the month of January and February.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator welcomed the Government’s announcement but advised that the Work Safety Protocol remains in place and that the local government sector are awaiting guidance on the matter.

Cllr. D. McDonnell referred to the decision that a Procedures meeting would be held in advance of the February Ordinary meeting.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator confirmed that a date is being scheduled for the Procedures meeting in advance of the February Ordinary meeting.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1(a) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 13th December 2021

Mayor C. Connolly invited matters of accuracy and matters arising on the minutes.

There were no matters of accuracy.

Matters Arising

Cllr. T. O’Flaherty referred to agenda item 4(a) Update on Proposed Temporary Cycle Lane in Salthill page 6 of the minutes. She advised that she could not see a start and finish date referred to.

Cllr. M. Cubbard referred to page 2 of the minutes and sought an update on upgrades of tennis courts. In relation to the proposed temporary cycle lane in Salthill, he queried if emergency services had been consulted regarding the proposed temporary cycle lane.

Cllr. J. Connolly referred to item 4a on page 7 regarding the time frame for a consultation process and queried if legislative requirements were met. He made reference to page 2 regarding the Scheme of letting Priorities advising that two children of the same gender are being treated differently regarding the number of bedrooms allocated in a housing allocation.

Cllr. D Lyons referred to Page 6 regarding the advertisement of dates for public consultation under item 4(a) and incorrect wording in the initial advert and advising that the timeline should be extended for public consultation.

Cllr. A. Cheevers referred to the upgrade of the tennis courts and why same was not delivered.

Mayor C. Connolly queried the relevance of the contribution being made as the issue had previously been raised and addressed and advised that the meeting will be moved on to consider items on the agenda.

Cllr. A Cheevers said that Mayor Connolly was running the meeting as a dictatorship like Mussolini.

Mayor C. Connolly adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm and the meeting resumed at 3.26pm.

Following a request from the Mayor, Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator read out Standing Orders relating to Order of Councillors and also referenced the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

Mayor C. Connolly asked if there were other matters arising from the minutes of the 13th December 2021.

Under matters arising Mayor C. Connolly referred to page 3 of the minutes and public accessibility to attend meetings online. Mayor Connolly asked that this item be considered by the Procedures Committee.

Mayor C. Connolly referred to page 6, seeking clarification from Mr. U. Finn, Senior Engineer regarding the various options and about the public consultation period also raised by other Councillors.

Mr. U. Finn, Senior Engineer referred to page 3 of the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 11th Oct 2021 where it refers to clarification that was provided that the proposed cycleway was for a 6 month period and to be temporary in nature. He clarified the difference between Part 1 and Part 3 under S. 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994. He also confirmed that the Council has engaged with the public, seeking their views through a non-statutory consultation process. He confirmed consultation had taken place with An Garda Síochána, the Fire Service & Health Service Executive, Ambulance and Emergency unit. He confirmed that Options 1 & Option 2 are out on consultation and that it is intended to bring a Report before the February meeting. He confirmed the correction regarding the advert and the amended advert and that with the level of public engagement to date that he was satisfied that the timeframe for public consultation was adequate. He added that over 1,000 submissions have been received to date.

Ms. C. Kilcoyne, Senior Engineer gave an update to Council on the upgrade of the Tennis Courts confirming that the Council will issue a new tender for these proposed works.

The Chief Executive responded to queries raised.

Mayor C. Connolly advised Councillors to write in to the relevant Director of Services department for responses to any outstanding queries. This was agreed.

Proposed by: Cllr. D McDonnell **Seconded by:** Cllr. T. O’Flaherty

1(a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 13th December, 2021.

The minutes were agreed and adopted.

2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

Three Year Capital Programme 2021 - 2023

Proposed by: Cllr. E Hoare **Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Higgins

2(a) Three Year Capital Programme 2021 - 2023

This was agreed and noted.

Councillors discussed the three year capital programme and costings for capital projects. Councillors raised individual views on matters including:

Housing - request for confirmation of proposed locations for retrofitting and energy upgrade programme in the city; update on Traveller Accommodation Programme and start date for Circular Road; update on Cúl Trá agreement; is the proposed timeline for the redevelopment of Fana Glas achievable; Approved Housing Bodies; the delivery of new social housing units in the city; Ballyburke lands; update on proposed redevelopment of Council owned derelict houses on Merchant’s Road; if Clybaun Road housing project is still on course for timelines set out; status of Sliabh Bán remedial works; if Keeraun social housing development will be completed in 2023; request that infill schemes for Tirellan and Munster Avenue be similar to the local streetscape.

Roads & Transport - N6 Galway City Ring Road; Bus Connects Galway; Kirwan Roundabout Upgrade and if contractor can be paid to extend a nearby wall; is the tender approved for the Salmon Weir Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge; former Clifden Railway Bridge reinstatement of pedestrian & cycling bridge; Ceannt Station/Transport Hub and if it includes a double track; Galway Transport Strategy Park & Ride update from the NTA for locations and any discussions with GAA; request for a formal update of why Park & Ride at NUIG not progressed and if it could be considered for next year; number of bus shelters to be constructed this year and if consultations regarding locations have been held with bus service providers; details on Safe Routes to School programme; what does “under revision from the NTA mean” in relation to approval gateways and project lifecycle; update on the Martin roundabout for access to Ardaun; if a contractor appointed for Merlin Park affordable housing scheme and if there is potential access from the main Doughiska Road; timeline regarding proposed Connemara Greenway, especially the section from Moycullen to Galway City Centre or is this a function of Galway County Council; consideration of overhead signage at the Kirwan Junction; proposed public transport link through UHG in the context of the proposed Emergency Department Building – implications for Shantalla and neighbouring recreational lands.

Water - raising main from Terryland.

Environment, Climate Action and Recreation & Amenity - CFRAMS, has a contractor been appointed for the Glen Oaks Multi Use Games Courts; how can a higher priority be assigned to the Galway-Dublin greenway; query regarding new fire station for 2023 not in the plan; New Burial Ground Dublin Road; Allotments and Community Gardens; timeframe for Bohermore Neighbourhood Park; update on Black Rock Diving Tower Restoration Project; Dangan Woods Restoration Plan and confirmation of ownership of lands; details on Corrib Park Phase II and grassworks; progress on walkways/westside running track lighting and Westside ball wall court and if consultation with the basketball club regarding same; request for details on Bóthar Waithman Local Park and Renmore Neighbourhood Park play facility and if any other plans for this area; funding for Ballyloughane Amenity Plan; Renmore Neighbourhood Park - Preliminary Masterplan; South Park Public Park; update on South Park tenders and appointment of design team; can purchase of lands at Terryland Forest Park be examined; Merlin Woods City Park and kissing gates replacement programme; process regarding the proposed Regional Aquatic Facility at Cappagh Park; query regarding the inclusion of Oughterard pier in the Report and water safety measures.

Economic, Community, Culture & Corporate - request for an update on Arts Centre in Dominick Street and details requested on the Westside Enterprise Units.

Response were given to Councillors queries and clarification by Director of Services: Ms. P. Philbin, Mr. P. Greene, Senior Executive Officers: Mr. D. Mahon, Mr. B. Barrett, Senior Engineers: T. Prendergast, Mr. U. Finn, Ms. L. Fanning and Ms. C. Kilcoyne and the Chief Executive.

The Council took a break at 5:19pm and the meeting resumed at 5:36pm.

9. CONFERENCES

Proposed: Cllr. D. Lyons **Seconded:** Cllr. C. Higgins

Agenda item 9. Conferences and Training Education Programme were agreed and approved by Council.

Conferences:

- a) **Title:** Irelands Housing Conference 2022
Venue: Online
Date: 2nd February 2022

- b) **Title:** Celtic Conferences – Social Media Use in Political Campaigns
Venue: O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork
Date: 4th, 5th & 6th February 2022

Training Educational Programme

- 1) **Title:** Diploma in Corporate Law & Governance
Year: 2022
Venue: Kings Inns, Dublin
Participant: Cllr. E. Hoare

10. VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS

Votes of sympathy/congratulations were proposed by Cllr. T O'Flaherty and seconded by Cllr. D. Lyons and approved.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence dated 8th December 2021 received from Irish Water – Capital Investment Plan 2020-2024 – copy attached.

Correspondence dated 10th December 2021 received from Sligo County Council – copy attached.

Correspondence dated 17th December 2021 received from Maria Walsh, MEP – copy attached

Correspondence dated 20th December 2021 received from Monaghan County Council – copy attached.

Correspondence dated 23rd December 2021 received from Louth County Council – copy attached.

Correspondence dated 11th January 2022 received from Benny McDonagh, Technological University of the Shannon – copy attached.

Correspondence dated 17th January 2022 received from Mr. Daragh O'Brien, Minister for Housing – copy attached.

Correspondence dated 18th January 2022 received from Sligo County Council – copy attached.

Correspondence were proposed by Cllr. T O'Flaherty and seconded by Cllr. D. Lyons and approved.

2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

2(b) Annual Service Delivery Plan 2022

Councillors discussed the Annual Services Delivery Plan (ASDP) and individual matters raised by Councillors included: staffing issues which is impacting the delivery of service; recruitment and retention strategy; notice received regarding the cessation of bulky goods and a request by a number of Councillors to maintain this service; impacts on road sweeping; function of Communication team and skills; estate change unit; public realm strategy; Headford Road initiative; Irish language services and the promotion of Galway as a bilingual city; CRM system; recruitment of enforcement officers to deal with issues including short term lettings; litter management; need for more Community wardens; housing liaison officers and halting site staff; housing maintenance; cyber security; request for up to date list of staff; Greenways; climate city; details requested on Silverstand safety audit details regarding shared water space; update on derelict sites audit; byelaws including casual trading; working with the Joint Policing Committee regarding the issue of public drinking; speed limits and taking in charge housing estates; welcoming of European green funding and the need for the Council to deliver social housing. Councillors acknowledged the work carried out by the staff in Galway City Council.

Ms. R. McNally, Director of Services and the Chief Executive responded to Councillors queries and clarifications.

Proposed by: Cllr. D McDonnell **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

To note Item 2(b) - Annual Service Delivery Plan 2022

There was not agreement to note same so it will be considered at the adjournment meeting scheduled for Monday 31st January, 2022.

Mayor C. Connolly asked Councillors to take outstanding or further queries up with the relevant Director of Services.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator referred to correspondence received from the Mayor of Lorient and the Twinning Committee and sought approval for the Mayor to attend Lorient to represent Galway city during St. Patrick's Day festivities. This was proposed by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty and seconded by Cllr. D. Lyons and agreed.

The Meeting ended at 18:30 hours

Minutes of the adjourned Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held virtually on zoom platform on Monday 31st January, 2022 at 3.00 p.m.

Presiding:	Cllr. C. Connolly, Mayor of the City of Galway
Present Virtually:	Councillors: I. Byrne; A. Cheevers; J. Connolly; M.J. Crowe; M. Cubbard; O. Hanley; E. Hoare; C. Higgins; P. Keane; D. Lyons; D. McDonnell; N. McNelis; N. Murphy; M. O'Connor & T. O'Flaherty.
Apologies:	Councillor: F. Fahy & N. Larkin
Present:	Mr. B. McGrath, Chief Executive Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator
Present Virtually:	Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services Ms. P. Philbin, Director of Services Ms. R. McNally, Director of Services Mr. D. Smyth, Head of Finance Ms. E. Naughton, Head of ICT Mr. D. Mahon, Senior Executive Officer Mr. U. Finn, Senior Engineer Ms. C. Kilcoyne, Senior Engineer Mr. T. Prendergast, Senior Engineer Ms. E. Fanning, Senior Engineer Mr. B. Barrett, Senior Executive Officer Mr. R. Lehmann, Tourism Officer Mr. G. McMahon, Arts Officer Ms. G. Reilly, Clerical Officer Ms. S King, Clerical Officer

Mayor C. Connolly began the meeting by referencing the unacceptable conduct at the previous meeting held on Monday 24th January and requested Cllr. A. Cheevers to withdraw both comments he made that Mayor C. Connolly was running the meeting 'as a dictatorship' and 'like Mussolini'.

Cllr A. Cheevers apologised and withdrew both comments.

Mayor C. Connolly stated that she is willing to meet any individual Councillor to discuss how the agenda of the meeting could be best progressed and completed.

She suggested that the meeting proceed until 6.30pm with a break at 4.45pm for 10 minutes to ventilate the room. This was agreed.

Mayor C. Connolly referred Councillors to Item 2(b).

2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

2(b) Annual Service Delivery Plan 2022

Proposed by: Cllr. D. McDonnell **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

To note 2(b) Annual Service Delivery Plan 2022

This was noted and agreed. Questions submitted regarding same will be responded to.

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3(a) Procedure Committee Meeting 6th January 2022 draft minutes

The draft minutes were noted. The Meetings Administrator advised that the next Procedures meeting will potentially be held on Tuesday 8th February subject to receipt of Government guidance.

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

4(a) Galway City Council Digital Strategy

Ms. E. Naughton, Head of ICT gave a verbal presentation giving an overview of the Galway City Council Digital Strategy for Galway city. She outlined some components in the strategy including innovation; society specific actions; sustainability; infrastructure and agreed to review the strategy from the perspective of post-covid advancements and give an update in the next six months on same.

Councillors raised individual matters relating to budget, resources, social inclusion, training to community groups, cyber security, reliability of broadband services, accessibility to internet, being paperless by 2025, hacking safe guards, personal data breaches, early warning system e.g. flooding and digital divide.

Following queries from Councillors Ms. Naughton outlined measures in place to protect Galway City Council's ICT systems; cyber security and she referred to the provision of free Wi-Fi in a number of public spaces across the city with a full list and map to be circulated to Councillors when finalised.

Mr. B. Barrett and the Chief Executive also responded to queries raised.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Lyons **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

4(a) Galway City Council Digital Strategy - per Report circulated 11th June 2021.

The Galway City Council Digital Strategy was noted and adopted.

4(b) Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF)

The Chief Executive advised that Galway City Council secured funding under the URDF for Galway City projects to the value of €53.24m with committed match funding of €43.07m. He advised that additional projects, including new projects, will be applied for in next round of URDF applications. He further advised that the application process is extensive. The linkages and connections between various projects was highlighted in the application process. A key focus now will be on seeking to have these funded projects

delivered as quickly as possible. Mr. McGrath added that additional permanent staff with specialised skills are to be recruited in the coming year. Mr. B. Barrett, SEO gave details on the projects approved funding and the projects that were not funded at this time. He also referenced funding announced at a national level for Community Centres and will follow up on same.

Councillors raised individual matters regarding the projects, timeframes, why some projects are not being funded and if there were other potential sources of funding for projects not being funded. Councillors complimented the Chief Executive and the team for their success in securing the funding.

The Council took a break at 4.53pm and the meeting resumed at 5.03pm.

Mr. B. Barrett and the Chief Executive responded to queries raised by Councillors.

4(c) National Development Plan 2021 - 2030

Mayor C. Connolly proposed to leave item 4(c) on the agenda and suggested that a synopsis of the National Development Plan and the benefits and objectives for Galway city be provided. Cllr. T. O'Flaherty seconded this.

Cllr. D. McDonnell's proposed an amendment to Cllr. C. Connolly's proposal. In line with Standing Orders the amendment is considered first.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a Roll Call Vote:

Proposed by: Cllr. D. McDonnell **Seconded by:** Cllr. M.J. Crowe

To take the National Development Plan Report as read and send questions to the Chief Executive for reply.

In favour: Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis & Cllr. N. Murphy

Against: Cllr. C. Connolly & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

In Favour: 13 Against: 2 Abstain: 0 Present: 15

The amendment was passed.

As the amendment was passed, it becomes the substantive motion. Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a Roll Call Vote on the motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. D. McDonnell **Seconded by:** Cllr. M.J. Crowe

To take the National Development Plan Report as read and send questions to the Chief Executive for reply.

In favour: Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell,

Cllr. N. McNelis & Cllr. N. Murphy

Against: Cllr. C. Connolly & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

In Favour: 13 **Against:** 2 **Abstain:** 0 **Present:** 15

The motion was passed.

Mayor C. Connolly referred to item 4(d) and suggested that both Chief Executive's Reports be considered together.

4(d) Chief Executive's Report:

- i. December 2021
- ii. January 2022

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Cubbard **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

4(d) To consider Chief Executive Report for December 2021 & January 2022 together.

This was agreed.

Councillors raised queries on the Chief Executive's Reports for December 2021 and January 2022. A summary of matters raised and clarifications included:

- Storm Barra – sandbag removal and homelessness emergency beds;
- Proposal for year round water testing and views in favour and against same by individual Councillors;
- Reference to unlicensed wastewater discharge and if the source was from private or public entity;
- Stages of the planning process for Large Scale Sport Infrastructure project;
- Will Part X planning proposal for Merchants Road come before Council;
- Update requested on the derelict sites audit and if it is completed;
- Update on city centre rehabilitation;
- Current percentage of water leakage on the Water network in Galway city
- If Claddagh basin culverts are a permanent solution;
- Will asbestos cement watermains repairs be prioritised;
- Request for Millar's lane public consultation feedback to be given to councillors;
- Query if any further applications for Strategic Housing Developments in Galway city;
- Query regarding turnkey housing locations and if any expressions of interest;
- Planning for the aquatic centre, community hours, conditions of planning, E.I.S and E.I.A reports, updated costings;
- Seating on the prom;
- Details regarding Anti-vandal toilets and their provision in other locations like Merlin woods;
- Query regarding a start date for changing units near Ballyloughane beach;
- 23 of 78 number unsold affordable homes transferred to Galway City Council social housing stock; what will happen to balance of units?; request for a more detailed report;
- Increased traffic fines, enforcement, advertising of same, no increase on fines for disabled bays;
- Resurfacing of tennis courts timeline;
- Galway City Ring road – Judicial review, timeline of next stages;
- Busconnects and when will second consultation take place;
- Have physical works commenced on Martin Roundabout;

- Request for a trial for a Christmas Park & Ride in the westside of the city;
- Salmon Weir Pedestrian and Cycle bridge – timeline for completion;
- Safety of walkways;
- Economic report for Christmas Market;
- LED lighting in more areas;
- Eyre Square works timeline for completion;
- Illegal Dumping - CCTV, measures for 2022;
- COVID-19 helpline – plans to continue past March 2022;
- Request for a discussion and prioritisation of the Tuam road bus corridor;
- Request for update on proposed new cemetery on the Dublin Road;
- Tree Felling and policy for replacing trees;
- Policy on Vacant site levy, number of properties on the register and financial update;
- Who will lead on the need to decarbonise the electricity grid re: Circular Letter PL 12/2021;
- Proposed new extension to Galway City Council’s museum and proposed admission fees ;
- Forum for Comhairle na nÓg to be heard;
- Proposed Regional Aquatic centre at Cappagh Park under the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure fund; what are the next steps, will this involve a Part 8 application; query if environmental assessment completed; challenge of such a large facility in close proximity to a Special Area of Conservation;. Request to meet with local area Councillors regarding this proposed project; request for updated cost of project and will increased funding be received;
- Proposed increases in certain fixed charges for parking violations - Will the council be publicising the changes to fines to help reduce illegal parking. Query if this increase in charges can be revisited. Disappointment expressed that illegal parking in disabled bays not considered more seriously;
- Manor Court to Cimín Mór laneway - Are ramps for wheelchair/bike access going to be added at the entrance at each end;
- Millar’s Lane: Following public consultation, was there a decision on how many of the possible permeability openings will proceed;
- Process for opening of tenders.

As the meeting neared an end, Mayor C. Connolly suggested to have a question & answer session regarding the Chief Executive reports.

The Chief Executive advised that he will respond with answers to the queries raised regarding the Chief Executive Reports.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Lyons **Seconded by:** Cllr. A. Cheevers

Propose to leave remaining items on the agenda until the next Ordinary Council Meeting in February.

It was noted that that the December CE Report will fall from the agenda. The January CE Report will remain on the agenda and a February CE Report will be circulated to Councillors.

This was agreed.

Cllr. T. O’Flaherty advised that she wished to raise a motion at the next Ordinary Council meeting. This was noted by the Mayor.

4(e) Galway City Council Sports Club Grants 2021 and the Minority Sports & Physical Activity Grants 2021 - Report circulated 17th December 2022 – not considered

4(g) Quarterly Report - Oct to Dec 2021 – not considered

- i. Transport & Infrastructure
- ii. Housing - copy attached
- iii. Environment & Climate Change
- iv. Recreation & Amenity
- v. Economic Development & Culture
- vi. Community & Sports Development

4 (h) Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022 – 2026 – not considered

5. NOTICES OF MOTION – Not considered

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Connolly **Seconded by:** Cllr. O. Hanley

That Galway City Council calls on the Government to introduce legislation to impose levies on homes that are purchased as investment properties.

It was agreed at the Annual Budget meeting to carry this proposal to the December Council agenda

NOM 7/2021

Notice given by: Cllr. M.J. Crowe

Date Received: 11th February 2021

That Galway City Council calls on the Office of Public Works to carry out the necessary excavation works to recover the remains of Joe Brady, Daniel Curley, Michael Fagan, Thomas Caffrey and Tim Kelly, in what is commonly known as the Invincibles Yard at Kilmainham Gaol. The bodies of these five members of the Irish National Invincibles lie beneath the paving slabs of the yard where they were executed in 1883 for their part in the Phoenix Park assassinations. The families of the five men are represented by the National Graves Association and the wish of the families is for their relatives to be exhumed from Kilmainham Gaol and reinterred in consecrated ground at Glasnevin Cemetery.'

NOM 13/2021

Notice given by: Cllr. M.J. Crowe

Date Received: 3rd March 2021

On foot of recent events, this Council calls on the NTMA to cease all and any dealings with 'Davy' forthwith

NOM 18/2021 also submitted under SO 34 at Council meeting held on 12th April 2021

Notice given by: Cllr. A. Cheevers

Date Received: 7th April 2021

I am calling on Galway City Council to make Cross street a permanent pedestrian street to accommodate outdoor dining and to accommodate businesses in the area.

NOM 30/2021**Notice given by: Cllr. O. Hanley****Date Received: 17th May 2021**

That Galway City Council shall prepare Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws, under the Road Traffic Act 2004, to introduce a 30km/h inner speed limit zone. That these bye-laws will be in-keeping with a cohesive approach to transport management in the city, but that they shall be presented as standalone Bye-laws to be voted on by Councillors.

Reply issued to Council 9th November 2021. Request to leave on the Agenda.

I also would like Galway City Council to look at other areas of the City that this could be also made possible.

Reply issued on 16th April 2021. Request to leave on the Agenda.**NOM 26/2021****Notice given by: Cllr. O. Hanley****Date Received: 2nd May 2021**

Recognising the Council's role as a planning authority, in providing climate leadership, and in public procurement, that Galway City Council will require proof of planning permission from a supplier when buying resources sourced from a quarry.

That Galway City Council ask the Local Government Operational Procurement Centre to invoke a similar requirement.

That Galway City Council will work with other Local Authorities to ensure where possible a convergence of approach in dealing with any supplier that has been prosecuted for illegal quarrying, or is known to be sourcing material from SACs or SPAs.

That this motion be circulated to all other Local Authorities.

NOM 28/2021**Notice given by: Cllr. M. O'Connor****Date Received: 10th May 2021 - Wording amended on 24th May 2021**

That Galway City Council call for:

- Free Travel pass to be extended to people with epilepsy who may be temporarily off the road due to their condition and/or who may be unable to drive because of their condition.
- Students who may experience a seizure during state examinations are afforded the opportunity to resit their exam within the same exam cycle

NOM 31/2021**Notice given by: Cllr. J. Connolly****Date Received: 30th May 2021**

Galway City Council initiate a traffic management plan for Silverstrand which includes the use of automated signage.

NOM 33/2021**Notice given by: Cllr. C. Connolly****Date Received: 22nd June 2021**

Galway City Council acknowledges the need for a new national maternity hospital (NMH) to provide the highest quality healthcare in Dublin, and across Ireland. Galway City Council notes the lack of legal clarity regarding the ownership and management of the hospital,

and also acknowledges the concerns regarding the employment rights of those who will work in the hospital.

Galway City Council agrees to write to the Minister for Health to call for the proposed new publicly-funded NMH to be constructed on land owned by the State; and that, to guarantee its secular ethos, the new facility be fully owned and governed by the State. If this motion is passed it is agreed that this motion is circulated to all Local Authorities.

NOM 35/2021

Notice given by: Cllr. N. McNelis

Date Received: 5th July 2021

That this Council again calls on the NTA to provide a bus route for Upr. Ballymoneen Road and engage with operators to deliver same. With two new developments built by City Council and a third to seek planning and also a new school, it is important that public transport be made available for residents. It is not appropriate to expect residents to walk to Western Distributor Road as this does not promote use of public transport.

A copy of this motion to be sent to Minister for Transport.

NOM 40/2021

Notice given by: Cllr. C. Connolly

Date Received: 4th October 2021 (Amended wording 17th January 2022)

GCC calls on the Government to support a New Deal for Early Childhood Years, increasing investment and implementing a new funding model so educators are paid a decent wage, childcare is affordable for parents and these essential services are sustainable into the future.

In doing so I propose that a letter is sent on behalf of GCC to both Minister O'Gorman and Minister McGrath asking them both to support a new deal for Early Childhood Years, in order to deliver quality care and education for our children, our workers, parents and providers

NOM 41/2021**Notice given by: Cllr. N. McNelis****Date Received: 2nd October 2021**

The Irish Society for Colitis & Crohn's Disease is a patient-to-patient support group for over 40,000 people who are living with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) in Ireland. Inflammatory Bowel Disease describes a group of conditions in which the intestines become inflamed. The two most common inflammatory bowel diseases are Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

Living with IBD can be a daily struggle, traveling outside the home has always been a challenge for many people living with IBD.

The Irish Society for Colitis and Crohn's Disease is calling on all County Councils and the Department of Health to recognise our "No Waiting" card, to support people in the community with IBD gaining urgent access to a nearby toilet.

NOM 44/2021**Notice given by: Cllr. J. Connolly****Date Received: 2nd November 2021**

The Grave of 19th Century artist and Galway City native Joseph Patrick Haverty remains unmarked at Glasnevin Cemetery. I propose that Galway City Council would undertake the appropriate work to mark the Grave with Haverty's name and the location of his birth.

NOM 45/2021**Notice given by: Cllr. A. Cheevers****Date Received: 29th November 2021**

Following the receipt in recent days by Galway City Council of the fines due and owing for the years 2020 and 2021 pursuant to the Derelict Sites legislation from the owners of the property comprising the former Corrib Great Southern Hotel, this Council resolves to ring-fence the sum of €400,000 (four hundred thousand euro) to be allocated to the delivery of projects earmarked by Council for the Galway City East Local Electoral Area.

NOM 46/2021**Notice given by: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty****Date Received: 28th December 2021**

As Ballyloughane beach is widely used by the people living on the east side of the city, I propose that part of the €375,000 in fines paid by the owners of the former Corrib Great Southern Hotel under the Derelict Sites Act should go towards the construction of a new wall from the bridge to link up with the new wall at the beach road. The roadway could also be widened in conjunction with the construction of the wall, which would make the road safer and enhance the area greatly. This will mean that the unsightly concrete blocks currently inside the old wall, which have been in place since 2016, should be removed

NOM 1/2022**Notice given by: Cllr. E. Hoare****Date Received: 12th January 2022**

That Galway City Council in correspondence with the National Transport Authority assess the potential to extend the 404 bus route to service Circular Road, Galway. This comes in light of a number of recent residential developments in the area and an increased demand for a reliable bus service for local residents.

NOM 2/2022**Notice given by: Cllr. E. Hoare****Date Received: 15th January 2022**

That Galway City Council commit to completing a road safety audit of the stretch of road along Ballagh Road from the N59 junction to the cross roads at Tonabrucky and Letteragh Road. This motion is set down in response to the increased car traffic along this route.

6. QUESTIONS

None

8. ITEMS FOR COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION

None.

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

None

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

The meeting concluded at 6:30pm