

**Minutes of Adjourned Special Council Meeting of Galway City Council  
held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022, at 10am online via zoom platform.  
City Development Plan 2023 – 2029**

**Presiding:** Cllr. C. Connolly, Mayor of the City of Galway

**Present**

**Virtually:** Councillors: I. Byrne, A. Cheevers, J. Connolly, M. Crowe, M. Cubbard, F. Fahy, O. Hanley, C. Higgins, E. Hoare, P. Keane, N. Larkin, D. Lyons, D. McDonnell, N. McNelis, N. Murphy, M. O'Connor & T. O'Flaherty

**In attendance**

**Virtually:** Mr. B. McGrath, Chief Executive  
Ms. P. Philbin, Director of Services  
Ms. R. McNally, Director of Services  
Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services  
Mr. D. Smyth, Head of Finance  
Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. C. Phelan, Senior Planner  
Mr. B. Barrett, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. D. Mahon, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. U. Finn, Senior Engineer  
Ms. C. Kilcoyne, Senior Engineer  
Ms. H. Coleman, Senior Executive Planner  
Mr. F. Clancy, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. E. Silke, Administrative Officer  
Ms. K. Moloney, Assistant Planner  
Ms. M. Harrington, Executive Planner  
Ms. M. Beirne, Executive Planner  
Mr. G. McMahon, Arts Officer  
Ms. C. Morgan, Administrative Officer  
Ms. T. Donohue, Staff Officer  
Ms. M. Kilgarriff, Assistant Staff Officer  
Ms. G. Reilly, Clerical Officer

The meeting was opened by Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator. Councillors confirmed online that they could see and hear the meeting. Ms. Rohan read the Code of Conduct and Regulation of Lobbying information into the record of the Meeting:

Extract from Code of Conduct for Councillors under the Local Government Act 2001: Key decisions on planning matters such as the making of development plans are vested in the elected council as representatives of the local community acting in the interests of the common good and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. The planning system is a very open one allowing for input by all parties. It is all the more important therefore that consideration of planning matter by Councillors is carried out in a transparent fashion; follows due process; and is based on what is relevant while ignoring that which is irrelevant within the requirements of the statutory planning framework. The same applies as regards input by individual Councillors in relation to planning applications, decisions on which vest in the executive. Extra care must therefore be observed in dealing with planning matters and in this context the provisions of this Code particularly as regards conflict of personal and public interest are very relevant.

*Minutes, Confirmed & Signed*  
*Mayor Cllr C. Connolly*  
*Galway*

Extract from Regulation of Lobbying; Guidelines on lobbying in relation to development and zoning of land from the Standards in Public Office Commission: When communicating with public officials or representatives regarding the zoning or development of land, individuals and groups who may not ordinarily regard themselves as carrying on lobbying activities, may find that the Act also applies to them. These guidelines deal specifically with lobbying in relation to zoning and development. When drawing up development plans or local area plans, local authorities engage in a formal consultation process. This means that the public may make a submission to the local authority setting out their views on the proposed plan. Making views known to a local authority as part of a formal public consultation process is not lobbying. Communication, however with a Designated Public Official outside the formal public consultation process about a development plan or local area plan or a proposal to zone or re-zone particular lands may be lobbying. For example contacting a local TD or County Councillor about a development plan or a proposal to zone or re-zone particular lands outside the formal public consultation process or a proposal to zone or re-zone particular lands outside the formal public consultation process.

Mayor. C. Connolly welcomed Councillors to the meeting and referred to the motion submitted by Cllr. M. Cubbard.

Cllr. M. Cubbard spoke on the motion and Councillors discussed same.

Ms. H. Coleman, SEP and Mr. McGrath, Chief Executive gave comments on the motion.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M. Cubbard      **Seconded by:** Cllr. E. Hoare

**Chapter 2 - Climate action. Page 48 - additional action #15 specific objective:**

**“Support and facilitate measures to reduce the reliance on single use plastics in the city with a particular emphasis on taking single use plastic bottles out of use as a measure to be pro-active in supporting the Climate Action Plan.”**

Following discussion, it was agreed to remove the words ‘and facilitate’ from the motion.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M. Cubbard      **Seconded by:** Cllr. E. Hoare

**Chapter 2 - Climate action. Page 48 - additional action #15 specific objective:**

**Support measures to reduce the reliance on single use plastics in the city with a particular emphasis on taking single use plastic bottles out of use as a measure to be pro-active in supporting the Climate Action Plan.**

This motion was agreed and approved.

Mayor. C. Connolly referred Councillors to Chapter 4 Sustainable Mobility & Transportation and invited general queries from Councillors.

Cllr. E. Hoare spoke on the motion he submitted and Councillors discussed same.

Ms. H. Coleman, SEP and Mr. U. Finn, SE gave comments on the motion.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. E. Hoare      **Seconded by:** Cllr. T. O’Flaherty

**p.103 Policy 4.10 Public Transport**

**Include the following policy:**

**“Identify appropriate locations on the outskirts of the city for the provision of bus shelters along bus routes from County Galway”**

The motion was withdrawn by. Cllr. E. Hoare

Cllr. E. Hoare spoke on the motion he submitted and Councillors discussed the motion.

Cllr. D. Lyons requested that Upper Ballymoneen Road be included in the motion. Cllr. E. Hoare agreed to include this in the motion.

Ms. H. Coleman, SEP, Mr. U. Finn, SE and the Chief Executive gave comments on the motion.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. E. Hoare      **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. Cubbard

**P103. 4.10 Specific Objectives:**

**Identify through a review of the Galway Transport Strategy the need for bus transport in areas of Galway City currently not serviced by bus transport to include rural Bushypark, Circular Road, Upper Ballymoneen Road and Menlo and other locations as appropriate.**

The Motion was agreed and approved.

Mayor C. Connolly referred Councillors to Chapter 5 – Natural, Heritage, Recreation and Amenity and invited queries.

Further to queries from Elected Members in relation to Chapter 5, Ms. H. Coleman advised that short term objectives are envisaged to be completed within the lifetime of the Plan. Medium/long term objectives may go beyond the lifetime of the Plan they may also be linked to other strategies/budgets.

Cllr. M. Cubbard spoke on the motion he submitted and Councillors discussed the motion.

Ms. H. Coleman, SEP and Ms. C. Phelan, SP spoke on the motion.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M. Cubbard      **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

**On page 112 Policy 5.1**

**Number 2 to have the following additional text added after Recreation and Amenity Needs Study. *"with particular emphasis on the progression and completion of both the existing South Park and Kingston Land Masterplans"***

The Motion was agreed and approved.

The Council agreed to take a 15 minute break to ventilate the Council Chamber at 11.01am and the meeting reconvened at 11.16am.

Cllr. A. Cheevers spoke on the motion he submitted. Councillors discussed the motion.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. A. Cheevers      **Seconded by:** Cllr. O. Hanley

**Insert in Specific Objectives Section 5.10 Green Spaces, pg. 129**

**That Galway City Council proceed immediately with its plans to provide an interim sand and gravel athletics track at Doughiska Park, Doughiska, Galway; and that Galway City Council proceed with a plan to provide a state of the art athletics at Doughiska Park as a matter of urgency thereafter.**

Amended text was recommended by Ms. H. Coleman and this was accepted by Cllr. A. Cheevers

**Proposed by:** Cllr. A. Cheevers      **Seconded by:** Cllr. O. Hanley

**Insert in Specific Objectives Section 5.10 Green Spaces, pg. 129**

**That Galway City Council examine the potential for provision of an athletics running track at Doughiska in the context of the Green Space Strategy**

The Motion was agreed and approved.

Cllr. C. Connolly spoke on the motion she submitted. The Chief Executive spoke on the motion and advised that he was supportive of the sentiment and spirit of the motion however he did not recommend the motion.

Councillors discussed the motion.

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

**Insert in Policy 5.3 Blue Spaces: Coast, Canals and Waterways page 120/121**

**A comprehensive strategic plan for Galway's rivers and canals will be created and implemented that will include their maintenance, governance, future development in terms of water quality, safety, cleanliness, access, appearance and safety; their full potential for recreation, civic amenity, tourism, heritage, clean energy and biodiversity. The plan will be instituted by the Local Authority with representatives from river users and community groups.**

Amended text was suggested by Councillors and this was accepted by Cllr. C. Connolly.

**Insert in Policy 5.3 Blue Spaces: Coast, Canals and Waterways page 120/121**

**A comprehensive strategic plan for Galway's rivers and waterways be created and implemented in consultation with all stakeholders involved.**

Following discussion, Cllr. E. Hoare withdrew his support for the motion and the motion was withdrawn.

Cllr. C. Higgins spoke on the motion she submitted.

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

**Page 130, Point 20**

**Support provision of a floodlit Astro Turf Hockey facility in the west of the City with a 2G surface and to support the provision of further hockey facility with a 2G surface in the East side of the City.**

Following discussion, Cllr. C. Higgins amended the wording of the motion.

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

**Chapter 5 Page 130, Point 20**

**Support the provision of a Hockey facility with an all-weather pitch with a suitable playing surface for hockey in the west of the City and to support the provision of a further facility suitable for hockey elsewhere in the city.**

The motion was agreed and approved.

Cllr. A. Cheevers spoke on the motion he submitted and Councillors discussed the motion.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. A. Cheevers      **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. Cubbard

**To Support a Master Plan for Castlepark in Ballybane that would incorporate an all Weather Pitch, Community Playground and a Walkway for residents in the community.**

The motion was withdrawn. It was agreed and approved by Council to add specific reference to Castlepark Masterplan in section 5.10 Green Spaces on p129, ~~2-1~~, as per recommendation of Ms. C. Phelan, Senior Planner.

Mayor C. Connolly referred to Chapter 6 – Economy, Enterprise and Retail and invited general queries from Councillors. She advised that there were no motions submitted regarding this Chapter.

In relation to Chapter 6, Ms. C. Phelan advised that, while the retail landscape is changing, there is still a demand for in person shopping and that service and entertainment retail must also be considered. She said that the night time economy will also be important.

Mayor C. Connolly referred to Chapter 7 – Community & Culture and invited general queries from Councillors regarding same.

Cllr. Cubbard spoke on the motion he submitted.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M. Cubbard      **Seconded by:** Cllr. A. Cheevers

**Chapter 7 - Community & Culture. Page 171. 7.1 General Policies - additional policy #9**

**To work with all stakeholders and explore the development of a multi sports complex to include but not be restricted to floodlit grass and Astro turf playing facilities, community training and performance space, multi-purpose meeting rooms, changing facilities and outdoor training areas with enhanced walkways**

Following recommendation from Ms. C. Phelan, Senior Planner, Cllr. M. Cubbard agreed that this motion should be aligned with Chapter 5 and wording changed from a sports complex to a community complex to reflect its broader use.

Ms. C. Kilcoyne, SE suggested that this motion could be considered in the Green Spaces Strategy.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M. Cubbard      **Seconded by:** Cllr. A. Cheevers

**Chapter 5 – Natural Heritage, Recreation and Amenity, insert additional specific objective in section 5.10 under Community Spaces, pg. 130**

**To work with all stakeholders and explore the development of a multi-use community complex to include but not be restricted to floodlit grass and Astro turf playing facilities, community training and performance space, multi-purpose meeting rooms, changing facilities and outdoor training areas with enhanced walkways**

**The motion was approved and agreed.**

Cllr. C. Higgins spoke on the motion she submitted.

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

**Insert text in Chapter 7 Section 7.3 Inclusive City under the heading of People with Disabilities on page 174, that Galway City Council would support the installation of Changing Places facilities (specialised toilet facilities) in the City and particularly in recreational and amenity spaces. In addition, support and**

**encourage the provision of these facilities in any new building developments where the public have access in large numbers, such as, educational establishments, cultural buildings, health facilities and sport and leisure facilities.**

The motion was agreed and approved.

Ms. H. Coleman confirmed that, in relation to pg. 184, pt.13, the Department of Education and Skills is looking at sites for a new school but no specific site has been identified yet. Schools are also provided for in the Ardaun Local Area Plan.

Ms. C. Phelan, SP advised that residential placenames are approved by Planning. She added that commercial businesses are encouraged to adopt bilingual signage and this has been positively received.

The meeting took a break at 1pm and resumed at 2.01pm.

Cllr. N. McNelis spoke on the motion he submitted and Councillors discussed same.

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

**P173 7.2 point 13 added**

**Motion re: film, television, audio-visual, gaming and other lens based content production. That this plan supports the continuing goals and objectives of Galway as a City of Film within the UNESCO Creative Cities Network. This plan actively supports the development of film, audio-visual & other lens-based production within the city and region in a sustainable, cultural and economic development context. This includes encouraging the further development of financial, infrastructural, production and personnel supports, incentives & capacity in the city and region which will enhance and grow Galway as a centre for local, national and international production of film, television, audio-visual, gaming and other lens-based content.**

Following discussion and recommendation from Planning staff, Cllr. N. McNelis agreed the following motion for consideration:

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

**Additional text be included on P153 6.3.10 to include in the first paragraph 'lens-based content including gaming and audio-visual' into the description of creative.**

**Additional text to be included: Specifically including UNESCO City of Film designation in policy 6.3.10.**

The motion was agreed and approved.

Cllr. O. Hanley spoke on the motion he submitted and Councillors discussed the motion.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. O. Hanley      **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. Cubbard

**Amend the policy point under Policy 7.2.7 Creative City (page 172) which reads:**

**"Enable expansion of arts and culture infrastructure by requiring such facilities to be integrated into planned development on designated regeneration and opportunity sites."**

**And instead to read:**

**"Enable expansion of public and accessible arts and culture infrastructure by requiring such facilities to be integrated into planned development on designated regeneration and opportunity sites."**

Following discussion Cllr. Hanley agreed to remove the words 'public and' and the following wording of the motion was agreed:

**"Enable expansion of accessible arts and culture infrastructure by requiring such facilities to be integrated into planned development on designated regeneration and opportunity sites."**

The motion was agreed and approved.

Cllr. O. Hanley spoke on the motion.

Ms. H. Coleman gave comments on the motion.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. O. Hanley      **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. O'Connor

**Insert an additional policy point under Policy 7.2.7 Creative City (page 172) which reads:**

**"Facilitate and encourage the continued use of existing arts and culture facilities in the city by considering and having regard to the negative impacts of any proposed development seeking to derogate from that use."**

The motion was withdrawn.

Cllr. O. Hanley spoke on the motion and Councillors discussed the motion.

Ms. H. Coleman, SEP and Ms. C. Phelan, SP gave comments on the motion.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. O. Hanley      **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. Murphy

**Insert an additional policy point insertion under Policy 7.3 Inclusive City (page 176) which reads:**

**"Support the development of an accessible and safe resource centre for the LGBT+ community."**

An amendment motion was proposed by Cllr. D. McDonnell:

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

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

**To include text on P174:**

**"This includes encouraging the provision of facilities to support all community groups including the LGBT plus community"**

**In favour:** Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. N. Larkin, Cllr. D. Lyons & Cllr. D. McDonnell

**Against:** Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. N. McNelis, Cllr. N. Murphy, Cllr. M. O'Connor & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

**In Favour: 4    Against: 11    Abstain: 0    Present: 15**

The amendment failed.

Mayor C. Connolly referred to the motion submitted by Cllr. O. Hanley

**Proposed by:** Cllr. O. Hanley      **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. Murphy

**Insert an additional policy point insertion under Policy 7.3 Inclusive City (page 176) which reads:  
"Support the development of an accessible and safe resource centre for the LGBT+ community."**

The motion was agreed and approved.

Cllr. O. Hanley spoke on the motion he submitted and the motion was discussed.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. O. Hanley      **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. O'Connor

**Amend the final line of the final paragraph on page 178 Community Facilities which reads:  
"The preparation of this audit will be subject to available resources and cooperation with other agencies involved with the delivery of community services."**

**And instead to read:**

**"The preparation of this audit while subject to available resources and cooperation with other agencies involved with the delivery of community services but will be prioritised to identify opportunities and challenges in community infrastructure across the city."**

The motion was agreed and approved.

Cllr. O. Hanley spoke on the motion he submitted.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. O. Hanley      **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. O'Connor

**Support an additional policy point under Specific Objectives of Chapter 7 (page 183) such as COPE Galway and Túsla, the Child and Family Agency, and work towards the realisation of one refuge space per every 10,000, as per the recommendation of the Istanbul convention."**

Changes to the text of the motion were suggested by Ms. C. Phelan, SP and accepted by Cllr. O. Hanley.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. O. Hanley      **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. O'Connor

**Insert in Chapter 3, policy 3.1 additional policy 26 which reads:  
"Support service providers in the provision of domestic violence refuges in the city"**

The motion was agreed and approved.

Mayor Cubbard referred Councillors to Chapter 8: Built Heritage, Placemaking & Urban Design and invited general queries from Councillors.

Cllr. N. Murphy spoke on the motion he submitted and Councillors discussed the motion.

Ms. H. Coleman, SEP, Ms. C. Phelan, SP, Mr. U. Finn, SE and the Chief Executive gave comments on the motion.

Cllr. N. Murphy removed the following wording from the text which was at the end of the motion he submitted '*with the aim of addressing those items during the life of the plan.*'



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

**Proposed by:** Cllr. N. Murphy    **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. O'Connor

**Policy 8.9 Specific Objectives, page 205 of Draft CDP**

**Motion: I move that we add an objective 16: "Carry out an audit of existing roads and public realm spaces in Galway in order to itemise in priority order the specific locations which need to be modified to improve accessibility"**

**In favour:** Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. N. Larkin, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis, Cllr. N. Murphy, Cllr. M. O'Connor & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

**Against:** Cllr. J. Connolly & Cllr. M.J. Crowe

**In Favour: 14    Against: 2    Abstain: 0    Present: 16**

The motion was agreed and approved.

Cllr. I. Byrne spoke on the motion she submitted.

The Chief Executive advised that he was supportive of the sentiment of the motion and suggested that the motion could be considered under the Local Economic & Community Plan.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. I. Byrne    **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. Cubbard

**I am proposing the following that relates to Chapter 7, Diversity and an Inclusive City Policy 7.3 Pg. 175/176**

**'Cooperate with NUI Galway's University of Sanctuary initiative in promoting multicultural strategies across Galway City, and undertaking to become a City of Sanctuary'**

Following discussion, the motion was withdrawn

The Chief Executive stated that the proposal will be forwarded to the Community & Culture Section for consideration in line with the Local Economic Community Plan.

Cllr. J. Connolly spoke on the motion he submitted under Chapter 4 and Councillors discussed same.

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

**Pg. 98 Addition to text at top of page**

**"...with ESB networks and other service providers in the provision of charging points in public areas in the city to ensure there are appropriate levels of electric charging infrastructure in place including at public transport interchanges.**

**To instead read:**

**"...with ESB networks and other service providers in the provision of charging points in public areas in the city to ensure there are appropriate levels of electric charging infrastructure in place including *on regional routes and* at public transport interchanges.**

The motion agreed and approved.

Cllr. O. Hanley referred to the motion he submitted under Chapter 5 and Councillors discussed the motion.

Ms. C. Kilcoyne suggested that this could be considered as part of the Green Spaces Strategy and this was accepted by Cllr. Hanley.

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

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

**On page 129, Chapter 5, to insert under item 3 Community Spaces: Short Term the following as a new policy objective:**

***“Undertake a feasibility assessment to identify the type and optimum locations for new skateboard facilities throughout the city as part of the Green Spaces Strategy.”***

**In favour:** Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. N. Larkin, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis, Cllr. N. Murphy, Cllr. M. O’Connor & Cllr. T. O’Flaherty

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

The motion was agreed and approved.

A break from the meeting was taken to ventilate the Council Chamber at 3.45pm and the meeting resumed at 4pm.

Mayor C. Connolly referred Councillors to Chapter 9 – Environment and Infrastructure and invited general queries from Councillors.

As discussed at the City Development Plan Workshops in December, it was requested that Grattan Beach and Ballyloughane are to be added to the text on pg. 210. This was agreed and approved.

Ms. Coleman clarified that Noise Action Plans are for specific roads in the city. She confirmed that there is no Light Action Plan, but there are conditions and standards that must be adhered to in relation to Building Control.

Ms. Coleman and the Chief Executive confirmed that there is capacity at Mutton Island.

Cllr. T. O’Flaherty spoke on the motion she submitted and Councillors discussed same.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. T. O’Flaherty    **Seconded by:** Cllr. M.J. Crowe

**Pertains to Section 4, Policy 9.4 Water Services, I propose that a sewerage system to facilitate the houses, public toilets and club house in Ballyloughane village be included as a matter of priority in the 2023-2029 City Development Plan, to remedy the current situation whereby all of the houses including the public toilets on the beach and Liam Mellows Club House have septic tanks.**

Ms. H. Coleman, SEP suggested alternative wording and this was accepted by Cllr. T. O’Flaherty.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. T. O’Flaherty    **Seconded by:** Cllr. M.J. Crowe

**Pertains to Policy 9.3 Water Services no. 7**

**“Support the decommissioning of existing individual effluent treatment systems which include septic tanks at locations which include Ballyloughane, where there is a feasible option to connect to the public sewer network. Galway City Council will collaborate with Irish Water in this regard.”**

The motion was agreed and approved.

The Council took a break at 4.41pm and the meeting resumed at 4.47pm.

Cllr. O. Hanley spoke on the motion he submitted and Councillors discussed same.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. O. Hanley    **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. Murphy

**Amend the policy point under Policy 9.3 Water Services (page 213) with additional text which reads:**

**“Support and liaise with Irish Water in the provision of a sustainable and effective wastewater drainage collection and treatment system capable of meeting the existing and future needs of domestic, commercial, and industrial users in the city.**

Cllr. Hanley agreed to the following word change:

**Proposed by:** Cllr. O. Hanley    **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. Murphy

**Amend the policy point under Policy 9.3 Water Services (page 213) with additional text which reads:**

**“Support and liaise with Irish Water in the provision of a sustainable and effective wastewater drainage collection and treatment system capable of meeting the existing and future needs of the city and the MASP area.**

The motion was agreed and approved.

Cllr. P. Keane spoke on the motion he submitted and Councillors discussed same.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. P. Keane    **Seconded by:** Cllr. M.J. Crowe

**I propose that GCC Re-inserts the objective to implement the rock Armour coastal protection works required from the old driving range to Silverstrand along Knocknagoneen Drumlins to further protect the adjoining lands.**

The motion was withdrawn.

Following discussion, Cllr. P. Keane proposed the following wording:

**Proposed by:** Cllr. P. Keane    **Seconded by:** Cllr. M.J. Crowe

**Addition of the following additional wording to Paragraph 3 P.209 Chapter 9:-**

**“Specifically where coastal erosion measures are being progressed for Sailin to Silverstrand these shall be examined for the capacity to incorporate amenity measures including a link of the walkway from Blackrock to Silverstrand”**

The motion was agreed and approved.

Mayor C. Connolly referred Councillors to Chapter 10: Compact Growth and Regeneration and invited general queries.

Cllr. T. O'Flaherty declared a potential conflict of interest as she is a member of the governing body of the Galway Mayo Institute of Technology and left the meeting while two motions will be considered by Council.

Cllr. O. Hanley spoke on the motion he submitted and Councillors discussed same.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. O. Hanley    **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. O'Connor

**Amend the policy point under Policy 10.12 Corrib Great Southern Regeneration Site (page 239) which reads:**

**In addition "*community facilities for the wider area...and quality...*" before local park**

The motion was agreed and approved.

Cllr. C. Connolly spoke on the motion she submitted and Councillors discussed same.

It was noted that Cllr. T. O'Flaherty declared a potential conflict of interest as she is a member of the governing body of the Galway Mayo Institute of Technology and had left the meeting while the matter is being considered by Council.

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

**Proposed by:** Cllr. C. Connolly    **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

**Insert in CDP 2023-2029 Section 10.12 Corrib Great Southern Regeneration Site (page 239):**  
**"A minimum of one third of the site shall be reserved for higher/secondary educational use, and/or research/collaborative ventures between higher education institutes and industry."**

**In favour:** Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. O. Hanley & Cllr. N. McNelis

**Against:** Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. N. Larkin, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O'Connor

**In Favour: 4    Against: 10    Abstain: 0    Present: 14**

The Motion failed.

The Meetings Administrator contacted Cllr. T. O'Flaherty and she re-joined the meeting.

Cllr. O. Hanley spoke on the motion he submitted and Councillors discussed same.

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

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

**P242 Amend the policy point under Policy 10.19 Former Connaught Laundry Opportunity Site which reads:**

**"In this regard, the Council will consider residential development on the full extent of the site."**

**And insert the following additional text:**

**"...alongside appropriate public realm and community facilities."**

**In favour:** Cllr. J. Byrne, Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. N. Murphy, Cllr. M. O'Connor

**Against:** Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. N. Larkin, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

**In Favour: 7    Against: 6    Abstain: 5    Present: 13**

The motion was agreed and approved.

As the time was approaching 6pm, Councillors discussed a finish time for the meeting. Mayor C. Connolly advised that a finish time of 6pm was agreed by Council at the previous meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Lyons and seconded by Cllr. M. Cubbard to finish consideration of motions submitted by Councillors. This was agreed by Council.

A break was taken at 6.15pm and the meeting resumed at 6.23pm.

Cllr. Higgins submitted the below motion under Chapter 3. Following advice from Ms. C. Phelan, Cllr. Higgins agreed to discuss under Chapter 10.

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

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**3. Community Spaces**

**Point 9 to read**

**Prepare an overall master plan for Salthill to include a strategy for the long term improvement and enhancement of Salthill Promenade and a plan as to what form of development should take place.**

**Agreed by Cllr. C. Higgins to consider under Chapter 10**

Cllr. C. Higgins submitted the below updated wording of the motion she submitted:

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

**Page 250 Ref 10.7 Specific Objectives under Salthill Point 2**

**Prepare a plan and strategy as to the form of development which takes place in Salthill to ensure cohesion of developments. And to ensure high quality in the design of new developments and have regard to the distinctive character of Salthill.**

Amended wording suggested by Planners and accepted by Cllr. Higgins;

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

**Insert in chapter 10 page 250 section 10.7 under Salthill**

**Prepare a strategy for the long term development and enhancement of the character of Salthill village and promenade which provides for guidelines for good urban design and the development of high quality architectural standards for new developments and redevelopments.**

The motion was agreed and approved.

Mayor C. Connolly referred Councillors to Chapter 11: Land Use Zoning Objectives and Development Standards & Guidelines and invited general queries on same.

Cllr. F. Fahy spoke on the motion he submitted and Councillors discussed same.

Ms. H. Coleman, SEP and Ms. C. Phelan, SP spoke on the proposed motion.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. F. Fahy      **Seconded by:** Cllr. M.J. Crowe

***To extend the definition of immediate members of families in chapter 4 section 4.6.2 to include grandchildren, nieces and nephews, text will read – “ie. sons and daughters, grandchildren, nieces and nephews” on page 128.***

Cllr. N. Murphy proposed an amendment.

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. N. Murphy      **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. O’Connor

**I propose that the words ‘nieces and nephews’ are dropped from the proposal to extend the definition of immediate families in chapter 4 section 4.6.2. on page 128**

**In favour:** Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O’Connor

**Against:** Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. Cllr. N. Larkin, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis & Cllr. T. O. Flaherty

**In Favour: 3    Against: 12    Abstain: 0    Present: 15**

The amendment failed.

As the amendment failed, the original motion was considered by Council.

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

**Proposed by:** Cllr. F. Fahy      **Seconded by:** Cllr. M.J. Crowe

**To extend the definition of immediate members of families in chapter 4 section 4.6.2 to include grandchildren, nieces and nephews, text will read – “ie. sons and daughters, grandchildren, nieces and nephews”**

**In favour:** Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. N. Larkin, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis & Cllr. T. O’Flaherty

**Against:** Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O’Connor

**In Favour: 12    Against: 3    Abstain: 0    Present: 15**

The motion was agreed and approved.

Cllr. N. Murphy spoke on the motion he submitted and Councillors discussed same.

Ms. C. Phelan, SP and Helen Coleman, SEP spoke on the motion.

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

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| <p><b>Proposed by:</b> Cllr. N. Murphy      <b>Seconded by:</b> Cllr. C. Connolly</p> <p><b>I move that in Section 11.16, we add the line “A reduction in private car use and an increase in the number of electric vehicles means that Galway should only require new filling stations in exceptional circumstances. Therefore a justification must be given for any new filling stations.”</b></p> <p><b>In favour:</b> Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. N. Murphy &amp; Cllr. M. O’Connor</p> <p><b>Against:</b> Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. N. Larkin, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis &amp; Cllr. T. O’Flaherty</p> <p><b>In Favour: 4    Against: 11    Abstain: 0    Present: 15</b></p> <p>The motion was defeated.</p> |
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Cllr. N. Murphy spoke on the motion he submitted and Councillors discussed same.

Ms. C. Phelan, SP spoke on the motion.

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

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| <p><b>Proposed by:</b> Cllr. N. Murphy      <b>Seconded by:</b> Cllr. M. O’Connor</p> <p><b>Section 11.29, page 300 states “There will be a presumption against the requirement for car parking, however each proposal will be assessed on its merits and the intensity of use outside of the academic year.”</b></p> <p><b>I move to drop the words “however each proposal will be assessed on its merits and the intensity of use outside of the academic year.”</b></p> <p><b>In favour:</b> Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. N. Murphy &amp; Cllr. M. O’Connor</p> <p><b>Against:</b> Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. N. Larkin, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis &amp; Cllr. T. O’Flaherty</p> <p><b>In Favour: 4    Against: 11    Abstain: 0    Present: 15</b></p> <p>The motion was defeated.</p> |
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Cllr. N. Murphy spoke on the motion he submitted.

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| <p><b>Proposed by:</b> Cllr. N. Murphy      <b>Seconded by:</b> Cllr. M. O’Connor</p> <p><b>On page 261</b></p> <p><b>“Access to the Knocknacarra Hill amenity area should be provided from the Ballymoneen road to the west, and also from the Clybaun road to the east, either directly or via the adjacent housing estates.”</b>Following discussion, it was agreed that greenway objectives on maps would be reviewed.</p> |
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Amended wording was suggested by the Planning team. Cllr. D. Lyons proposed the amended wording.

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

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

**Insert in Chapter 11, pg. 261: "Maximise access to RA zoned lands located between the Ballymoneen Road and Clybaun Road through connections from the existing road network and through future residential developments."**

**In favour:** Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. N. Larkin, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

**Against:** Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O'Connor

**In Favour: 14    Against: 2    Abstain: 0    Present: 16**

The Motion was agreed and approved by Council.

Cllr. D. Lyons requested that a continuous line be inserted in place of a broken line on the map provided. This was agreed.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. N. Murphy      **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. O'Connor

**The CDP maps to be updated to reflect the intention, when the ring road is constructed, to permanently cut off access to the amenity area of Knocknacarra Hill via the walking greenway from the north, which previously connected to Ragoon road.**

The motion was withdrawn following discussion

Cllr. E. Hoare referred to the motion he submitted.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. E. Hoare      **Seconded by:** Cllr. F. Fahy

**Chapter 11**  
**I refer to a property at an address at 31 Shantalla Road, Shantalla, Galway. There is a self-contained unit to the rear of this property that is currently zoned for commercial use. This unit was previously used as a printing workshop and store at the rear of the residential unit.**  
**I propose that the use is changed to provide for residential use through an appropriate zoning or through the inclusion of a specific objective to facilitate the conversion of the unit to residential use. This motion is made in the context to alleviate the housing shortage in the City.**

The motion was withdrawn following discussion

Cllr. T. O'Flaherty referred to the motion she submitted and Councillors discussed same.

Ms. C. Phelan, SP and the Chief Executive provided comment on the motion proposed.



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

**11.2.5 page 259 bullet point 4**

**To include a Specific Objective on CI zoned lands At Radharc na Greine that the residential should be restricted to Affordable Housing.**

The motion was withdrawn following discussion.

Cllr. D. McDonnell proposed the adoption of the draft City Development Plan and environmental assessments and for the draft plan to go to public consultation.

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

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell      **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. Cubbard

**To adopt the Draft City Development Plan and Environmental Assessments to go to public consultation**

**In favour:** Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. N. Larkin, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. McDonnell, Cllr. N. Murphy, Cllr. M. O'Connor & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

**In Favour: 14    Against: 0    Abstain: 0    Present: 14**

The motion was agreed and the Draft City Development Plan 2023-2029 was adopted to go on public consultation.

Mayor C. Connolly expressed thanks to all the team during these incredibly challenging times. She thanked Councillors, the audio visual and ICT support, Planning department and the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive in turn extended his thanks to all and advised that the draft Plan will go on display for a period of ten weeks and that the Council will seek to engage as widely as possible.

A number of Councillors expressed their thanks individually and collectively on behalf of their political party and wished to be associated with remarks by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

The meeting concluded at 8.41pm.

