


**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council  
held virtually on zoom platform and in the Galmont Hotel on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of  
June 2022 at 3.00 pm.**

<b>Presiding</b>	Cllr. C. Connolly, Mayor of the City of Galway
<b>Present</b>	Councillors: J. Connolly, M.J. Crowe, M. Cubbard, C. Higgins, D. Lyons, D. McDonnell, N. McNelis, N. Murphy & T. O'Flaherty
<b>Present (virtually)</b>	Councillors: I. Byrne, A. Cheevers, F. Fahy, O. Hanley, E. Hoare, P. Keane, N. Larkin & M. O'Connor
<b>Present</b>	Mr. B. McGrath, Chief Executive Ms. P. Philbin, Director of Services Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services Ms. H. Kilroy, Head of Finance Mr. U. Finn, Senior Engineer Mr. M. Lally, A/Senior Executive Engineer Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator
<b>Present (Virtually)</b>	Mr. D. Mahon, Senior Executive Officer Ms. C. Morgan, Administrative Officer Ms. E. Finan, A/ Administrative Officer Ms. T. Donohue, Senior Staff Officer Ms. J. Higgins, Senior Staff Officer Mr. T. Melly, Staff Officer Ms. S. Murray, Staff Officer Mr. D. Reape, Graduate Ms. S. King, Assistant Staff Officer Ms. A. Ní Chúláin, Clerical Officer Mr. C. Mitchell, Senior Executive Engineer Mr. J. Whelan, Executive Engineer Mr. D. Greally, Executive Engineer Mr. C. Kelly, Atlantic Economic Corridor Officer Ms. M. Gaughan Reddan, Galway Cultural Development Ms. H. Kilbride, Clerical Officer

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

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator commenced the meeting with a statement of intention to conduct the business of the Meeting in line with Standing Orders followed by a moment of silent reflection.

Mayor C. Connolly welcomed all to the meeting including Ms. H. Kilroy, the new Head of Finance. Condolences were expressed on the recent passing of Ms. Kilroy's mother, RIP.

*Minutes, Confirmed & Signed*  
  
Mayor of Galway

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed that Item 4(b) Galway's Designation as European Capital of Culture 2020 be deferred until the Ordinary Meeting in July. This was following a request from some Councillors. This was seconded by Cllr. J. Connolly and agreed.

Cllr. T. O'Flaherty proposed that item 2(a) Draft Annual Financial Statement 2021 (subject to audit) be deferred for consideration at the July Ordinary meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. D. Lyons and agreed.

Mayor C. Connolly proposed a 6.45pm finish time for the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty and agreed.

## 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mayor C. Connolly invited matters of accuracy for each of the individual meetings 1(a), 1(b), 1(c) and 1(d). None were raised. She invited matters arising. No matters arising were raised for 1(a), 1(b) or 1(c).

### 1(a) Special Meeting of Galway City Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons                      Seconded By: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

**1(a) Special Meeting of Galway City Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022**

The minutes were agreed and adopted.

### 1(b) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons                      Seconded By: Cllr. M. O'Connor

**1 (b) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2022**

The minutes were agreed and adopted.

### 1(c) Special Meeting of Galway City Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

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

**1 (c) Special Meeting of Galway City Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2022**

The minutes were agreed and adopted.

### 1(d) Special Meeting of Galway City Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

Proposed By: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty                      Seconded By: Cllr. D. Lyons

**1 (d) Special Meeting of Galway City Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2022**

The minutes were agreed and adopted.

Cllr. T. O'Flaherty referred to a motion NOM 03/2022 she submitted relating to e-scooters and which was discussed at the Special meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> May. She advised that she wished to withdraw same give the fact that legislation is due to be published regarding this matter.



## 2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

### 2(a) Draft Annual Financial Statement 2021 (subject to Audit)

Deferred for consideration at the July Ordinary meeting.

### 2(b) To agree dates for the holding of special meetings of Galway City Council to discuss the Chief Executive's Report following public consultation in relation to the draft Galway City Development Plan 2023 – 2029

Councillors discussed dates and the following was agreed:

Proposed By: **Cllr. D. Lyons**                      Seconded By: **Cllr. M. O'Connor**

#### **2(b) City Development Plan Meeting, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

**10am – 1pm**

**1pm – 2.30pm – Lunch**

**2.30pm – 5.30pm**

**This was agreed.**

Proposed By: **Cllr. D. Lyons**                      Seconded By: **Cllr. N. Murphy**

#### **2(b) City Development Plan Meeting, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

**3pm – 6.30pm**

**6.30pm – 7pm – Break**

**7pm – 9pm**

**Ms. A. Rohan. Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a roll call vote:**

**In Favour:** Cllrs: M. Cubbard, F. Fahy, C. Higgins, E. Hoare, P. Keane, N. Larkin, D. Lyons, N. Murphy, M. O'Connor & T. O'Flaherty

**Against:** Cllrs: I. Byrne, A. Cheevers, C. Connolly, J. Connolly, M.J. Crowe, O. Hanley & N. McNelis

**Abstention:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**In Favour: 10    Against: 7    Abstain: 1    Present: 18**

The date and times, as proposed were approved.

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

#### **2(b) City Development Plan Meeting, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

**2pm – 7pm**

**5pm to 5.30pm – Break**

**This was agreed.**

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

**2(b) City Development Plan Meeting, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

**10am – 1pm**

**1pm – 2.30pm – Lunch**

**2.30pm – 5.30pm**

**This was agreed.**

Cllr. M.J. Crowe proposed that the rest of the dates be considered at a separate time. This was seconded by Cllr. J. Connolly.

The Chief Executive advised that it would be helpful if tentative dates were agreed to allow for availability of venue and staff.

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed that the dates be agreed now. This was seconded by Cllr. F. Fahy and agreed by all.

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

**2(b) City Development Plan Meeting, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

**10am – 1pm**

**1pm – 2.30pm – Lunch**

**2.30pm – 5.30pm**

**This was agreed.**

Proposed By: **Cllr. M.J. Crowe**      Seconded By: **Cllr. J. Connolly**

**2(b) City Development Plan Meeting, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2022**

**2pm – 6pm**

**6pm – 7pm Break**

**7pm – 9pm**

**This was agreed.**

Proposed By: **Cllr. D. Lyons**      Seconded By: **Cllr. M. O'Connor**

**2(b) City Development Plan Meeting, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2022**

**10am – 1pm**

**1pm – 2.30pm – Lunch**

**2.30pm – 5.30pm**

**This was agreed.**

**It was agreed by Council that these dates may need to be revisited by Council due to deadline of completion of the draft Galway City Development Plan 2023 - 2029 by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

**2(c) Part 8 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended – Application LA1/2022 - Culturally Appropriate Traveller Group Housing Scheme at Circular Road - 5 Units**

Ms. P. Philbin, Director of Services gave an update to Councillors on the proposed development.

Councillors discussed same and Ms. Philbin responded to queries raised.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. McDonnell      Seconded By: Cllr. M. O'Connor  
**Part 8 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended – Application LA1/2022 – Culturally Appropriate Traveller Group Housing Scheme at Circular Road – 5 Units – per Report circulated 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.**  
**This was agreed unanimously and approved by Council to proceed.**

**2(d) Section 183 Disposal of Lands at Sandy Road**

Councillors discussed the proposed disposal of land. The Chief Executive responded to queries raised.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons      Seconded By: Cllr. D. McDonnell  
**2 (d) Section 183 Disposal of Lands at Sandy Road**  
**This was agreed.**

**2(e) Draft Annual Report 2021**

Ms. A. Rohan gave a brief overview of the Annual Report to Councillors.

Councillors discussed the Report and Mayor C. Connolly thanked all staff for their hard work during 2021 and for keeping Galway a diverse, multicultural and safe city to live in.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons      Seconded By: Cllr. C. Connolly  
**Draft Annual Report 2021.**  
**This was approved and adopted.**

**3(a) Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons      Seconded By: Cllr. M. O'Connor  
**3(a) Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**The minutes were noted.**

**Proposed By: T. O'Flaherty**

**Seconded By: Cllr. C. Connolly**

**Propose to erect a wooden fingerpost signage to represent twinning links outside City Hall. To also erect the Rue de Lorient signage.**

**This was agreed.**

**Proposed By: Cllr. C. Connolly**

**Seconded By: Cllr. M. O'Connor**

**That the names of all Mayors be engraved on the Mayoral Chain**

**This was agreed.**

A break commenced at 4.07pm for 15 minutes. The meeting resumed at 4.23pm.

#### **4(a) Proposed Galway City Council Cycling Enhancement Projects – Update report on the Doughiska Road South and Ballyloughane Road Cycling Enhancement Projects**

Mr. M. Lally, Senior Executive Engineer gave a detailed presentation to Councillors. Several concerns and issues were raised by Councillors.

Mr. U. Finn and Mr. M. Lally responded to concerns and issues raised. Some clarifications were sought and they were responded to.

Mayor C. Connolly suggested that the meeting be extended to 6.45pm to finish discussions on this matter. This was proposed by Cllr. D. McDonnell and seconded by M.J. Crowe and agreed.

Mr. P. Greene and the Chief Executive responded to further clarifications raised.

Motions were submitted by Councillors as follows:

**Proposed By: Cllr. M.J. Crowe**

**Seconded By: Cllr. P. Keane**

**That this item (Ballyloughane) be left on the agenda and that the Executive meet with the six local area Councillors with a view to resolving this matter. T**

**This was agreed.**

**Proposed By: Cllr. C. Connolly**

**Seconded By: Cllr. M. Cubbard**

**That this Council makes an application under Active Travel to continue with the cycle/pedestrian route around South Park**

NOM 12/2022 submitted by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

Proposed By: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

Seconded By: Cllr. D. McDonnell

**We propose that Galway City Council reject the proposals set out in the Ballyloughane Road/Renmore Avenue Travel Scheme in its present format; that the Council Executive have further discussion with the two different national schools, Gaelscoil Dara and Scoil Chaitriona, together with the 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.**

**Cllr. T. O'Flaherty agreed to leave this motion on the agenda following meeting with the area Councillors.**

Proposed By: Cllr. C. Connolly

Seconded By: Cllr. M. Cubbard

**That this Council makes an application for funding under Active Travel to continue with the cycle/pedestrian route around South Park as part of the Master Plan for South Park.**

**This was agreed and approved.**

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed that the matter be put on the agenda for the next meeting with a request for a map.

Proposed By: Cllr. M.J. Crowe

Seconded By: Cllr. D. Lyons

**Proposed Galway City Council Cycling Enhancement Projects on the Doughiska Road South was noted and supported by Council.**

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Correspondence received 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 regarding Fast -Track Cities Mayors support for Ukrainian People Affected by HIV, TB, and Viral Hepatitis - copy attached.
- (b) Correspondence received 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 regarding Resolution adopted by Limerick City and County Council – GDPR Consent Forms
- (c) Correspondence received 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 regarding Resolution agreed by Killarney Municipal District
- (d) Correspondence received 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 regarding Resolutions passed by the members of Clare County Council
- (e) Correspondence received 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022 regarding Resolution from Westmeath County Council
- (f) Correspondence received 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022 regarding Motion Passed by Wexford County Council Meeting.
- (g) Correspondence received 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 regarding Motion passed by Wexford County Council
- (h) Correspondence received 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 Letter Sent to Minister Eamon Ryan from Cavan County Council.

- (i) Correspondence received 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Resolution from Galway County Council  
- Re. Public Recognition Market for LGBTQI Community.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons

Seconded By: Cllr. D. McDonnell

Correspondence were noted.

## 8. ITEMS FOR COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION

None.

## 9. CONFERENCES

### Approved Training

#### **Retrospective**

- 1) **Title:** AILG Elected Members May 2022 (In-Person) Module 2 Training  
*"Climate Action – The Role of Local Government"*

**Dates:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 9:30am – 1:00pm

**Venue:** The Hillgrove Hotel Co. Monaghan

- 2) **Title:** Regional Women's Caucus Plenary Meeting/Training & Development

**Dates:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 10:00am – 1:00pm

**Venue:** Sligo Park Hotel, Co. Sligo

- (3) **Title:** AILG Elected Members June 2022 (In-Person) Module 3 Training

**Dates:** Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June (Athlone) or Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June (Kilkenny)

**Venue:** Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone or Avalon House Hotel, Castlecomer,  
Kilkenny

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons

Seconded By: Cllr. C. Higgins

Approved training was approved.

## 10. VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Galway GAA on the success of the Senior Football Team on winning the Connacht Senior Championship.

Congratulations to Gabriel Dossan, European Boxing Champion and Lisa O'Rourke World Boxing Champion and the Olympic Boxing Club on their recent success.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons

Seconded By: Cllr. D. McDonnell

This was approved.

The meeting concluded at 6.45pm.