

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held virtually on zoom platform on Monday 21st March 2022 at 3.00 pm.	
Presiding	Cllr. M. O'Connor, Deputy Mayor of the City of Galway
Present	Councillors A. Cheevers; J. Connolly; M.J. Crowe & O. Hanley
Present (virtually)	Councillors: I. Byrne, F. Fahy, E. Hoare, N. Larkin, D. Lyons, D. McDonnell, N. McNelis, N. Murphy & T. O'Flaherty
Apologies	Councillors C. Connolly, M. Cubbard, C. Higgins & P. Keane
	Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator
	Ms. P Philbin, Director of Services
Present (virtually)	Mr. B. McGrath, Chief Executive
	Mr. U. Finn, Senior Engineer
	Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services
	Ms. A. Finn, Administrative Officer
	Mr. B. Barrett, Senior Executive Officer
	Mr. D. Mahon, Senior Executive Officer
	Ms. H. Martyn, Administrative Officer
	Mr. M. Lally, Executive Engineer
	Mr. L. Fanning, Senior Engineer
	Ms. C. Morgan, Administrative Officer
	Ms. K. Moloney, Executive Planner
	Mr. G. McMahon, Arts Officer
	Mr. R. Lehmann, Tourism Officer
	Ms. T. O'Donoghue, Staff Officer
	Ms. T. Nic Reamoinn, Asst. Staff Officer
	Ms. E. Finan, A/Administrative Officer
	Ms. M. Walsh, Clerical Officer
	Ms. S. King, Clerical Officer
	Ms. A. Ní Chúláin, 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.

Deputy Mayor M. O'Connor welcomed all to the meeting and suggested that the agenda be considered generally as laid out with Item no. 4 Consideration of Reports of Officials to be considered in the order 4 (a), (c), (d) and (b). She suggested that a 15 minute break be taken at 4.50pm to ventilate the room and the meeting conclude at 6.30pm. This was proposed by Cllr. D. Lyons and seconded by Cllr. F. Fahy and agreed.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1(a) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 14th & 28th February 2022

Deputy Mayor O'Connor invited matters of accuracy and matters arising. Under matters arising the following was raised:

Cllr. D. Lyons referred to his proposal that legal advice be sought on Mayor C. Connolly's recommendation 'That Galway City Council proceed with the two-way segregated cycle lane from Grattan Rd to Blackrock and to not proceed with the one-way cycle lane from Blackrock to Barna/Kingston junction. He proposed again that legal advice should be sought. He advised that this was supported by Cllr. F. Fahy initially at the meeting and then Cllr. T. O'Flaherty.

Cllr. T. O'Flaherty advised that she received a response in relation to the motion she submitted NOM 46/2021 relating to the derelict sites legislation. She queried if the Chief Executive will discuss with Councillors how monies received will be spent. A query was raised that if money has been received why the process takes so long.

Director of Services Ms. P. Philbin and Mr. P. Greene responded to queries raised.

Proposed By: **Cllr. E. Hoare**

Seconded By: **D. Lyons**

1(a) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 14th and 28th February 2022

The minutes were agreed and adopted.

1(b) Special meeting of Galway City Council held on Monday 7th March, 2022

Deputy Mayor M. O'Connor invited matters of accuracy and matters arising on the minutes. None were raised.

Proposed By: **Cllr. D. Lyons**

Seconded By: **Cllr. T. O'Flaherty**

1(b) Special meeting of Galway City Council held on Monday 7th March, 2022

The minutes were agreed and adopted.

2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

2(a) Disposal of Land at Guí Gharraí, Ragoon, Galway to Peter Triest Housing Association under S.183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 – issued 1st March 2022

Deputy Mayor O'Connor referred Councillors to Item 2(a).

Proposed By: **Cllr. D. Lyons**

Seconded By: **Cllr. F. Fahy**

Disposal of Land at Guí Gharraí, Ragoon, Galway to Peter Triest Housing Association under S.183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to develop 6

units of sheltered accommodation for persons with disabilities supported by Peter Triest Housing Association.

Area of Land: 0.16ha; Consideration amount: €74,825.58
– per Report circulated 1st March 2022.

This was considered and approved unanimously.

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3(a) Note of Transport & Infrastructure Strategic Planning Policy Committee of 8th February 2022

Proposed By: **Cllr. N. Murphy** Seconded By: **Cllr. N. McNelis**

Note of Transport & Infrastructure Strategic Planning Policy Committee of 8th February 2022

This was noted.

3(b) Note of Economic Dev, Community & Culture Strategic Policy Committee of 17th February 2022

Proposed By: **Cllr. D. Lyons** Seconded By: **Cllr. F. Fahy**

Note of Economic Dev, Community & Culture Strategic Policy Committee of 17th February 2022

This was noted.

3(c) Note of Climate Change, Environment, Recreation & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee of 23rd February 2022

Proposed By: **Cllr. T. O’Flaherty** Seconded By: **Cllr. D. Lyons**

Note of Climate Change, Environment, Recreation & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee of 23rd February 2022

This was noted.

3(d) Note of Planning Strategic Planning Policy Committee of 1st March 2022

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

Note of Planning Strategic Planning Policy Committee of 1st March 2022

This was noted.

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

4(a) Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026

Deputy Mayor O'Connor advised that the Report was for noting by Councillors.

Councillors discussed the Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022 - 2026 and the targets within same. Matters raised included concerns regarding insufficient staffing in the Housing department due to staff leaving and request for a report on staff vacancies and a timeline to fill same; request for details regarding breakdown of bedroom delivery and accommodation for persons with disabilities; request for a review of differential rent; request for an update on meeting between the Chief Executive and the Minister for Housing and also an update on the Ukrainian situation.

Ms. P. Philbin, Director of Services responded to queries raised.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons Seconded By: Cllr. D. McDonnell

Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026

The Plan was considered and noted.

4(c) Galway City Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2021

Noted

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The Annual Report was noted.

4(d) Report on Cycling Infrastructure

Mr. M. Lally, Executive Engineer, gave a detailed presentation on cycling network projects in Galway city, as requested by Council at a recent Council meeting held on 14th February, 2022.

Councillors welcomed the presentation and discussed the Report in detail.

Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services, Mr. M. Lally, Executive Engineer and Mr. U. Finn, Senior Engineer responded to queries and clarifications raised.

The Council took a break at 4.55pm and the meeting resumed at 5.10pm.

Cllr. O. Hanley spoke on motion 30/2021 which he submitted.

Councillors discussed the motion querying what areas are deemed as the City Centre.

Mr. U. Finn, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised by Councillors.

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

Proposed By: **Cllr. O. Hanley**

Seconded By: **Cllr. N. Murphy**

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.

In Favour: Cllr. I Byrne; Cllr. A. Cheevers; Cllr. J. Connolly; Cllr. M. J. Crowe; Cllr. O. Hanley; Cllr. N. McNelis; Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O'Connor

Against: Cllr. F. Fahy; Cllr. E. Hoare; Cllr. N. Larkin; Cllr. D. Lyons; Cllr. D. McDonnell & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

In Favour: 8 Against: 6 Abstain: 0 Present: 14

The Motion was passed.

Mr. McGrath, Chief Executive advised that a Report will be brought to Council regarding the motion passed.

4(b) Chief Executive's Report:

(i) February 2022

(ii) March 2022

Councillors discussed the Chief Executive Reports for February and March and raised individual matters.

Councillors extended their well wishes to Peter Creaven, Cemeteries supervisor on his retirement and Carmel Kilcoyne, Senior Engineer on her new work venture and thanked them for all their work throughout the years.

Directors of Services Ms. P. Philbin, Mr. P. Greene, Mr. B. Barrett and Mr. McGrath, Chief Executive responded to queries raised.

9. CONFERENCES

Conferences:

1. **Title:** AILG 2022 Annual Conference

Venue: Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Bunrana, Co. Donegal

Date: 23rd & 24th March

Approved Training

1) Title: LAMA – Spring Training Seminar

Year: 2022

Dates: ~~5th, 6th & 7th of April~~ **Change of dates: 11th & 12th April**

Venue: Hotel Kilkenny

Proposed By: Cllr. D.Lyons

Seconded By: Cllr.T.O’Flaherty

Approved Training - LAMA – Spring Training Seminar

This was approved.

10. VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons

Seconded By: Cllr. D. McDonnell

VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS

This meeting concluded at 18:31pm.