



Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

2 Samhain, 2022
2nd November, 2022

Fógra/Notice

Cruinnithe Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe Galway City Council Meeting

Do Gach Ball de Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe:

A Chara,

Tionólfar Gnáthchruinniú de Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe ar an **Luan, 7 Samhain, 2022 ar a 3.00pm sa Veranda lounge, Óstan Galmont, Bóthar Loch an tSáile agus ar líne**. Tá cóip de Chlár an Chruinnithe seo ar fáil ag an bhFáiltiú ar mhaithe le hiniúchadh.

Tá clár an chruinnithe leagtha amach faoi seo.

An Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council will be held on **Monday, 7th November, 2022 at 3.00pm in the Veranda lounge, Galmont Hotel, Lough Atalia Road and online**. A copy of the Agenda for this meeting is available at Reception for inspection.

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

Ailish Rohan,
Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator

Clár/Agenda

Ordinary Meeting 7th November, 2022

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 10th October, 2022 - copy attached
- (b) Special Meetings of Galway City Council held on 14th October, 2022 – copy attached

2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

- (a) Declaration of Road to be a public road - Radharc na Gréine, Monivea Road - Report attached

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- (a) Note from Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 17th October, 2022 - copy attached
- (b) Note from Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 2th November, 2022 - copy attached

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

- (a) Feasibility study for the public realm at Merlin and Tirellan castles – Presentation by Fergal McNamara, Conservation Architect and lead consultant for the multi-disciplinary team who carried out the repair and consolidation works at the 3 Castles (Menlough / Merlin and Tirellan) – presentation attached
- (b) Report on Speed Limit Bye-Laws Review - circulated September, 2022
- (c) Valuation Office - National Revaluation Programme - verbal update
- (d) Chief Executive's Report:
 - i. October 2022 - issued
 - ii. November 2022 - to follow
- (e) Quarterly Reports - July to September, 2022 - circulated October, 2022
 - i. Economic, Community & Cultural Development
 - ii. Environment & Climate Change
 - iii. Housing
 - iv. Recreation & Amenity
 - v. Transport & Infrastructure

- (f) Draft Report on Proposed Regional Aquatic Centre at Cappagh under the LSSIF - copy attached
- (g) Modernisation of Electoral System - Electoral Act, 2022 - verbal update
- (h) Draft Galway City Council Protocol on Civic Commemorations - copy attached
- (i) Tidy Towns Report 2022 - Report attached
- (j) Galway's Designation as European Capital of Culture 2020 - material issued
- (k) Update on Staff Recruitment - report issued 13th June 2022

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

NOM 8/2022

Submitted by Cllr. A. Cheevers on the 16th May 2022

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

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

NOM 9/2022

Submitted by Cllr. E. Hoare on the 25th May 2022

That Galway City Council reviews the policy currently in place for the provision of public street lighting. At present, street lighting is not erected on roads where no footpaths are developed.

A lot of local roads in Galway are without footpaths. The added burden of no public lighting makes these roads even more dangerous for all road users.

NOM 10/2022

Submitted by Cllr. E. Hoare on the 25th May 2022

That Galway City Council will consider waiving the renewal fee for residential parking permits in the City Centre for 2022 in light of reduced parking availability following the reintroduction of Outdoor Living for 2022. Central Government has waived the fee for outdoor street furniture licences in 2022 for commercial premises that qualify.

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

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

Date Received: 7th April 2021 (Amended wording 30th May 2022)

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

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

NOM 11/2022

Submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on the 30th May 2022

I request Galway City Council to enter immediate discussions with relevant land owners on the Upper Ballymoneen Road so as to acquire sufficient lands by negotiation or by Compulsory Purchase Order so that a bus turning bay can be installed which will permit a bus service operation on the Upper Ballymoneen Road serving the following estates; Slí Burca, Leitir Burca, Leas na Mara, Drisín, Maoilín, Slí Gheal, Fana Buí, Radharc na Farrage, Magh Burca, Ard Cre and a number of other estates now in construction and further developments due to take place on Ballymoneen Road in the future.

NOM 12/2022

Submitted by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty on the 7th June, 2022

Seconded by: Cllr. D. McDonnell on 13th June, 2022

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

NOM 13/2022

Submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on the 7th June 2022

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

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

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

NOM 14/2022

Submitted by Cllr. N. Murphy on the 25th June 2022

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

NOM 16/2022**Submitted by Terry O’Flaherty on the 1st Sept 2022**

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

Signed, by;

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

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

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

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

I request Galway City Council to install bicycle lanes on the Western Distributor Road from the Blake roundabout to the Cappagh Road roundabout and from the Cappagh Road roundabout to the Blake roundabout which would meet with the existing cycle lane on the Western Distributor Road. I believe that the existing roadway is wide enough to accommodate cycle lanes in both directions.

6. QUESTIONS

Q8/2022**Submitted by Cllr. M. Cubbard on the 19th June 2022**

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

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

Q10/2022**Submitted by Cllr. N. Murphy on the 14th August 2022**

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

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

Q13/2022

Submitted by Cllr. T. O Flaherty on the 21st October 2022

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

Q14/2022

Submitted by Cllr. O. Hanley on the 24th October 2022

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

Q15/2022

Submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on the 1st November 2022

Could the City Chief Executive please let me know what role Galway City Council has as co-owner of the Airport Site in its future planning of development. Following a vote of support taken by the elected members of both councils for the development of a Film Production facility, why were the economic and culture directors of both City and County not asked to comment the recent planning application. In light of the seven years of development work that has already gone into this project, does this proposed development have the support of Galway City Council Executive.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Correspondence received 10th October 2022 regarding Motion – Justice for Noah Donohue from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council.
- (b) Correspondence received 18th October 2022 regarding new funding model for Early Childhood Years from Mr. Michael McGrath T.D.
- (c) Correspondence received 24th October 2022 regarding Motion – Turf Cutting Policy from Donegal County Council
- (d) Correspondence received 26th October 2022 regarding Resolution from Offaly County Council

8. ITEMS FOR COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION

None

9. CONFERENCES

Approved Training

1) Title: AILG Elected Members October 2022 (In-Person) Module 5 Training - "Disability and Inclusion"

Dates: Thursday, 27th Oct 2022, 9:30am – 12:00pm

Venue: The Radisson Hotel, Sligo

2) Title: AILG Elected Members November 2022 (In-Person) Module 6 Training - "Data Protection - What Councillors Need to Know"

Dates: Saturday, 19th Nov 2022, 9:30am – 12:45pm

Venue: The Crown Plaza Hotel, Dundalk

10. VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS

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

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS