



Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

7 Meán Fómhair, 2022
7th September, 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, 12 Meán Fómhair, 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, 12th September, 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 12th September 2022

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 11th July, 2022 - copy attached
- (b) Special Meetings of Galway City Council to consider the Draft Development Plan 2023-2029 - to follow
- Monday, 4th July 2022
 - Wednesday, 6th July 2022
 - Friday, 8th July 2022
 - Wednesday, 13th July 2022
 - Friday, 15th July 2022
 - Monday, 18th July 2022
 - Wednesday, 20th July 2022
 - Thursday, 21st July 2022
 - Friday, 22nd July 2022

2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

- (a) Consideration of rate of Local Property Tax under Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as Amended) - Report to be circulated.
- (b) Part 8 Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) - Cantilevered Pedestrian Walkway, signalised pedestrian crossing and footpath widening at R 336 (Wolfe Tone Bridge) and associated works. (Planning Reference LA2/2022) - Report issued 17th August, 2022.
- (c) Raising of Loan in relation to the Local Authority Home Loan Scheme – Copy attached
- (d) Review of Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy - Copy attached
- (e) To fix a date for Annual Budget meeting 2023.
- (f) Audit Committee
- i. Annual Report of the Audit Committee for 2021 – to follow
 - ii. Audit Committee Current Work Programme - for noting

(g) To agree attendance of representatives from Galway Harbour Company at the October Ordinary Meeting to present their financial statements for financial year 2021.

(h) To agree attendance of representatives from the National Transport Authority at the October Ordinary Meeting in relation to the proposed Park and Ride Strategy.

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(a) Note from Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on the 9th September 2022 – to follow

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

(a) Chief Executive's Report:

(i) July 2022 - issued July 2022

(ii) September 2022 – to follow

(b) Quarterly Reports – April to June, 2022 - Reports circulated July, 2022

- i. Economic, Community & Cultural Development
- ii. Environment & Climate Change
- iii. Housing
- iv. Recreation & Amenity
- v. Transport & Infrastructure

(c) Proposed Galway City Council Cycling Enhancement Projects – Verbal Update on the Doughiska Road South and Ballyloughane Road Cycling Enhancement Projects

(d) Report on Speed Limit Bye-Laws Review - copy attached.

(e) Update on Staff Recruitment - report issued 13th June 2022

(f) Galway's Designation as European Capital of Culture 2020 (Material Issued)

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 is 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 Siochána 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 15/2022**Submitted by Cllr. N. Murphy on the 25th June 2022**

"That Councillors should receive and debate the report on 'Webcasting of Council Meetings' issued to councillors in September 2021, or an updated version of that report if appropriate."

Response Issued: 7th Sept 2022

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.

6. QUESTIONS

Q7/2022

Submitted by Cllr. J. Connolly on the 13th June 2022

According to the annual report, a total of 100 litter fines were issued in 2021 that generated a total income of €9,280, can we get a breakdown of the locations where the offence occurred? Can we also ascertain how many attempts the council have made to prosecute for the offence of illegal dumping in 2019, 2020 and 2021?

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

Q9/2022

Submitted by Cllr. O. Hanley on the 26th June 2022

To ask the Council, in reference to the Garraí Beag Social Housing Project in Ballybane and the notice of termination that was served on Glenman Corporation on Tuesday, 21 June 2022, how far delayed is the project currently, what was the reasoning for enacting clause 12 of the building contract, have any legal processes been initiated by either party, and when can Councillors and the public expect a full explanation from the Council on this decision? Regarding completion of the 58 social houses can the Council seek a new contractor to complete the works, will this increase the cost to finish the project given the change in the markets since the original contract, and when could the Council begin to tender for same to ensure urgent delivery of the project?

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.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. ITEMS FOR COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION

9. CONFERENCES

Approved Training

Retrospective

1) **Title:** AILG Elected Member Training Programme Module 4 “Local Authority Audit Committees & Oversight Role of Elected Members”

Dates: 23rd July 2022

Venue: Allingham Arms Hotel, Bundoran

2) **Title:** AILG Autumn Seminar

Dates: 14th & 15th September

Venue: Knightsbrook Hotel Spa & Golf Resort, Trim Co. Meath

3) **Title:** Celtic Conferences : A Practical Guide to Budget 2023

Dates: 1st & 2nd October 2022

Venue: The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth

4) **Title:** Celtic Conferences : Irish State Retirement Pensions & Benefits

Dates: 7th, 8th & 9th October 2022

Venue: O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork

5) **Title:** Celtic Conferences : Innovation in Solar Energy Technology

Dates: 28th, 29th & 30th October 2022

Venue: O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork

6) **Title:** Celtic Conferences : The Role of Local Authorities in addressing the needs of Older People

Dates: 11th, 12th & 13th November 2022

Venue: The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth

10. VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS

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

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS