



Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

8 Feabhra, 2023
8th February, 2023

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, 13 Feabhra, 2023 ar a 3.00pm san Óstán Ardilaun, An Bóthar Ard, Gaillimh 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, 13th February, 2023 at 3.00pm in the Ardilaun Hotel, Taylor's Hill, Galway 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) in writing, in advance of the meeting, to the undersigned.

Ailish Rohan,
Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator

Clár/Agenda

Ordinary Meeting 13th February, 2023

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 9th January, 2023 - copy attached

2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

- (a) To consider changing the date of the March 2023 Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for Monday 13th March, 2023 to Monday 6th March, 2023
- (b) St. Patrick's Day Parade Event Licence 2023 - Herewith Report for adoption
- (c) Annual Service Delivery Plan 2023 – to follow
- (d) Public Consultation on draft Regional Water Resources Plan - Draft RWRP North West - for consideration

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- (a) Draft notes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on Friday 16th December, 2022 – issued 6th January, 2023 for noting.
- (b) Draft note of Procedures Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th February, 2023 – copy attached.

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

- (a) Chief Executive's Report:
 - i. January 2023 - issued
 - ii. February 2023 - to follow
- (b) Quarterly Reports - October to December, 2022 – issued 6th January 2023
 - i. Economic, Community & Cultural Development
 - ii. Environment & Climate Change
 - iii. Housing
 - iv. Recreation & Amenity
 - v. Transport & Infrastructure
- (c) Crown Square Update - circulated January, 2023

- (d) EPA Focus On Local Authority Environmental Enforcement - Performance Report 2021 – issued 7th December, 2022
- (e) National Oversight and Audit commission (NOAC) Galway City Council Scrutiny Report – copy issued 6th January, 2023 - for noting
- (f) Northern & Western Regional Assembly - Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy Two-Year Monitoring Report 2020-2022 - copy issued January 2023 - for noting
- (g) Proposed Galway City Council Cycling Enhancement Project at Ballyloughane Road

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

NOM 8/2022

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

I am calling on Galway County 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 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 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.

NOM 19/2022

Submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on the 7th Nov 2022

I request Galway City Council to immediately begin the process of the Taking-In-Charge of the laneway linking Ballymoneen Road to the Rosard estate which is adjacent to the grounds of St. John the Apostle Church and the Monalee Heights estate.

NOM 20/2022**Submitted by Cllr. A. Cheevers on the 29th Nov 2022**

That this council is concerned in relation to the operation of the transport division of the City Council and calls on the CEO to carry out an urgent review of its operations and to report back to the next Council meeting with proposals to improve the delivery of transport projects of all types in the City and to improve consultation with the elected members and public alike.

NOM 01/2023**Submitted by Cllr. E. Hoare on the 10th January 2023**

That Galway City Council review and urgently address the flooding issues that continue to persist at the playing pitches in South Park. This is a serious health and safety issue and is impacting on the uses of the playing pitches during periods of heavy rainfall.

NOM 02/2023**Submitted by Cllr. E. Hoare on the 10th January 2023**

That Galway City Council commit to constructing a pedestrian crossing at Dangan and another at Bushypark along the N59. This is a very dangerous location and pedestrian crossings would make it safer for all road users.

NOM 03/2023**Submitted by Cllr. J. Connolly on the 11th January 2023**

Galway City Council calls on the NTA to ensure that bus shelters installed in Galway include end panels at both ends of the shelter to provide maximum protection from the elements.

NOM 04/2023**Submitted by Cllr. J. Connolly on the 11th January 2023**

Galway City Council requests the NTA to attend a meeting of Galway City Council to discuss the provision of bus licences within Galway City prior to conducting the review of the Galway Transportation Strategy.

NOM 05/2023**Submitted by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty on the 2nd February 2023**

'In relation to the Chapter 3 - Transport and Road Safety, GTS Walking and Cycling Appendix F – I wish to delete Item Ballyloughane Road, Renmore Avenue from the Annual Service Plan 2023, until such time as a final decision is made on the proper infrastructure suitable for Renmore.'

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.

Q1/2023

Submitted by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty on the 7th February 2023

What is the reason for the delay in constructing the changing shelter proposed for Ballyloughane Beach?

A sum of €40,000 was included for this project in the 2021 Galway City Council budget, but while other projects agreed at the same time have gone ahead, there is not even a reference made to the Ballyloughane changing facility and the long overdue new toilets in the Annual Service Delivery Plan for 2023.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Correspondence received 24th January 2023 regarding Resolution passed at Tipperary County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (b) Correspondence received 31st of January 2023 from Corrib Beo Partnership regarding Symposium re Waterways and Recreation on the Corrib
- (c) Correspondence received 31st of January 2023 from Minister O'Brien regarding URDF
- (d) Correspondence from Western Inter-County Railway Committee received 28th June 2022

8. ITEMS FOR COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION

None

9. CONFERENCES

Approved Training

Retrospective

- 1) **Title:** AILG-UCC Certificate in CPD Climate Crisis and Local Government
Dates: Start: 1st February, 12 week course
Venue: Part-time online/blended delivery

- 2) **Title:** AILG Elected Member Training Programme Module 1 (In-Person) February 2023 - 'A Briefing on the Electoral Reform Act'
Dates: 23rd – 25th February 2023
Venue: TBC

- 3) **Title:** LAMA Spring Seminar
Dates: 2nd – 4th March 2023
Venue: West Lodge Hotel , Bantry Co. Cork

- 4) **Title:** AILG Annual Conference 2023
Dates: 19th – 20th April 2023
Venue: Hotel Kilkenny College Rd, Sugarloafhill, Kilkenny

Other Events

Seattle Sister Cities Twinning Event & St. Patrick's Day festivities 2023

10. VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS

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

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS