



Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

12 Aibreán, 2023
12 April, 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, 17 Aibreán, 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, 17th April, 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 17th April, 2023

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 6th March, 2023 - copy attached

2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

- (a) Vacancy on the Galway & Roscommon Education & Training Board (GRETB) following the resignation of Cllr. Michael Crowe - Report attached
- (b) To Agree a Date/Location for the Annual Council Meeting - Proposed date Friday 16th June at 4pm
- (c) Raising of a Loan in relation to Local Authority Home Loan Scheme - Report attached
- (d) Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended - Seamus Quirke Road Day Centre and Temporary Emergency Homeless Accommodation - Report attached
- (e) Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 Notice - Proposal for Disposal of Council Lands: Disposal of Merlin Park Waste Water Pump Station Site to Uisce Éireann – Circulated 31st March
- (f) Galway City Council Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Bye-Laws No. 1 - 2023 – to follow
- (g) Audit Committee Annual Report 2022 - copy attached
- (h) Audit Committee S121 Report - copy attached
- (i) Audit Committee Work Programme 2023 - copy attached
- (j) Draft Annual Financial Statement 2022 (subject to Audit) – to follow
 - i. Approval of Annual Financial Statements (Unaudited) for year ended 31st December 2022
 - ii. Approval of Transfers To/From Reserves as detailed in Note 14 of the Accounts
 - iii. Approval of Over/Under Expenditure by Division as detailed in Note 16 of the Accounts

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- (a) Note of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 29th March, 2023 - copy attached

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

- (a) Report on proposed new cemetery at Dublin Road - circulated 3rd March, 2023
- (b) Arts Grants 2023 Report - copy attached for approval.
- (c) Coirib go Cósta Galway City Flood Relief Scheme Update – to follow
- (d) Chief Executive’s Report:
 - (i) March 2023 - issued
 - (ii) April 2023 - to follow
- (e) Quarterly Reports - January to March, 2023 - to follow
 - (i) Economic, Community & Cultural Development
 - (ii) Environment & Climate Change
 - (iii) Housing
 - (iv) Recreation & Amenity
 - (v) Transport & Infrastructure
- (f) Local Government Boundary Arrangements for Galway City Council
- (g) Challenges affecting Housing Delivery – to follow
- (h) Draft Galway City Council Protocol on Civic Commemorations - issued November 2022
- (i) Crown Square Update - circulated January, 2023
- (j) EPA Focus On Local Authority Environmental Enforcement - Performance Report 2021 - issued 7th December, 2022
- (k) National Oversight and Audit commission (NOAC) Galway City Council Scrutiny Report - copy issued 6th January, 2023 - for noting
- (l) 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.

Reply Issued: 5th April 2023

Cllr D. Lyons Requested NOM 17/2022 to be resubmitted 10th April 2023

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 06/2023**Submitted by Cllr. A. Curran on the 10th April 2023**

That Galway City Council would as a matter of public safety, with immediate effect, reallocate space from the hard shoulder and carriageway width on the R338 Oranmore Coast Road, from the junction of the old Dublin Road to the end of the city border on the R338, in order to provide safe walking and cycling space. That the Council would achieve this by carrying out the following actions:

- clearing the existing hard shoulders of weeds, shrubs, overhanging branches, and other vegetation, mud and any matter organic and inorganic, in order to maximise the space available,
- removing all construction debris, rubbish, and other impediments to safe use,
- filling in all potholes and resurfacing the hard shoulders so that they are smooth and level, and safe for pedestrians, wheelchair users, buggies and bicycles,
- creating segregation between the road carriageway and the walking/cycling space by the use of bollards and planters.

This action is to be recognised as the first of several steps in the creation of proper Active Travel routes i.e. footpaths and bike lanes, for those living, working, or attending school in the area.

NOM 07/2023**Submitted by Cllr. A. Curran on the 11th April 2023**

This Council calls for the following actions concerning residential land, vacant land registers, and vacancy officers:

- a) The development of comprehensive masterplans for all zoned residential land that has not been built on or have valid planning applications, ensuring efficient and sustainable use of land for housing development, infrastructure, public transport, and community facilities.
- b) A thorough review and justification for why each parcel of residential zoned land that has not been built on is not on the vacant land register, with the aim to rectify discrepancies or omissions and provide transparent information on the register.

c) To ask the Minister in the Department for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien, for additional funding for the immediate hiring of additional vacancy officers to improve the identification of vacant properties and land, and to enforce levies effectively, thereby promoting the development of vacant and underutilised properties and contributing to the city's housing supply.

By implementing these measures, Galway City Council aims to promote responsible and sustainable development of residential land and encourage the use of vacant and underutilised properties in contributing to the city's growth and vitality.

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

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.

Q2/2023

Submitted by Cllr. J. Connolly on the 20th February 2023

"What was the total expenditure incurred by the parks and environment sections respectively in the provision of overtime services in 2022?"

Q3/2023

Submitted by Cllr. N. Murphy on the 1st April 2023

My question relates to the new "cost rental backstop" whereby the council or an Approved Housing Body (AHB) will purchase the home of renters who are not in receipt of HAP or RAS but who are facing homelessness due to the sale of the property. I realise that initially the AHBs will not be involved, and the council will be empowered to purchase the property. What extra resources (e.g. manpower and budgetary) is the council devoting to ensure this and how long will it be until the council have the infrastructure in place to start making purchases?

Q4/2023

Submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on the 10th of April 2023

Can Galway City Council urgently look at the design of Upr and Lwr Clybaun Road and Upr and Lwr Ballymoneen roads as pedestrian crossings at this roundabouts are not safe and the speed coming off these is very high.

Elected members of the West Ward met with Garda Superintendent last week and also raised this but there needs to be a design change to make these areas safe.

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 Minister O'Brien regarding URDF
- (c)** Correspondence from Western Inter-County Railway Committee received 28th June 2022
- (d)** Correspondence received 15th February 2023 regarding Resolution passed at Wicklow County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (e)** Correspondence received 21st February 2023 regarding National Women's Council.
- (f)** Correspondence received 22nd February 2023 regarding Resolution passed at Sligo County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (g)** Correspondence received 22nd February 2023 regarding Four Resolutions passed at Sligo County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (h)** Correspondence received 23rd February 2023 regarding Resolution passed at Kerry County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (i)** Correspondence received 27th February 2023 regarding Resolution passed at Cavan County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (j)** Correspondence received 6th March 2023 regarding Resolution passed at Westmeath County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (k)** Correspondence received 13th March 2023 regarding Participation in the Fourth Open Government National Action Plan 2023-2025
- (l)** Correspondence received 15th March 2023 regarding Resolution passed at Clare County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (m)** Correspondence received 15th March 2023 regarding Resolution passed at Tipperary County Council Ordinary Meeting
- (n)** Correspondence received 15th March 2023 regarding Resolution passed at Tipperary County Council Ordinary Meeting
- (o)** Correspondence received 16th March 2023 regarding Resolution passed at Sligo County Council Ordinary Meeting
- (p)** Correspondence received 20th March regarding Proposed Corrib Beo Symposium
- (q)** Correspondence received 20th March regarding N=Monitoring Reports – The Galway Traveller Movement
- (r)** Correspondence received 24th March 2023 regarding letter from Minister Darragh O'Brien
- (s)** Correspondence received 27th March 2023 regarding Motion from Wexford County Council
- (t)** Correspondence received 29th March 2023 regarding IBAL Anti-Litter League 2023

- (u) Correspondence received 31st March 2023 regarding letter from TD Paschal Donohoe
- (v) Correspondence received 3rd April 2023 regarding REF No. 586 - Galway Co Co N6 Galway Ring Road Motorway Scheme 2018
- (w) Correspondence received 3rd April 2023 regarding REF O_698 - Galway Co Co N6 Galway Ring Road Motorway Scheme 2018
- (x) Correspondence received 4th April 2023 regarding Resolution passed at Offaly County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (y) Correspondence received 5th April 2023 from An Bord Pleanála regarding Cross City Link

8. ITEMS FOR COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION

None

9. CONFERENCES

Approved Training

- 1) **Title:** AILG Module 2 Training
Dates: 25th March 9:30am – 1:00pm
Venue: The Fairways Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth
- 2) **Title:** AILG 2023 Annual Training Conference
Dates: 19th - 20th April
Venue: Hotel Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny

10. VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS

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

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS