

## **Minutes of Galway City Local Community Development Committee Meeting held on 5th of November 2025 at 3pm**

**(In Person in Council Chamber and Virtually on MS Teams)**

### **Present:**

Cllr. Helen Ogbu, Galway City Council, Chair  
Ms. Lorraine Lally, Galway City Community Network/PPN  
Mr. Tommy Flaherty, Galway City Community Network/PPN  
Ms. Linda Sice Brogan, Galway City Partnership  
Ms. Sinead Morgan, Galway & Roscommon ETB  
Mr. Donncha Foley, Civic Engagement / Volunteering Rep  
Mr. Laurence Gaughan, HSE  
Ms. Joanne Laffey, Galway City Community Network/PPN  
Mr. Shane Tuohy, Social Enterprise Representative  
Ms. Justine Delaney, Galway City Community Network (Environment)  
Ms. Aoife Glennon, Department of Social Protection

### **Apologies:**

Ms. Fiona McDonagh-Delaney, Galway City Community Network/PPN  
Ms. Caroline McDonagh, Local Enterprise Office Galway

### **In Attendance:**

Mr. Dermot Mahon, LCDC Chief Officer, Galway City Council  
Ms. Aisling Colreavy, Galway City Council  
Ms. Saoirsa Kilroy, Galway City Council

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions:**

Cllr. Helen Ogbu welcomed all and a round of introductions took place and apologies were noted. Cllr. Ogbu welcomed two new members to the LCDC. Ms. Aoife Glennon, nominated by the Department of Social Protection to replace Ms. Regina Higgins, and Ms. Justine Delaney who will serve as a Galway City Community Network (GCCN) representative under the Environment Pillar.

#### **2. Confirmation of the Minutes of Galway City LCDC meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2025**

Mr. Tommy Flaherty inquired about the status of the Ballybane Needs Analysis and whether any updates had been received since the previous meeting. In response, Mr. Dermot Mahon indicated that the report is complete and assured that he would follow up again. Ms. Joanne Laffey informed members that a meeting is scheduled next week with Mr. Nollaig McGuinness and Mr. Oliver Lydon, Urban Community Development Officer GCC.

Ms. Aisling Colreavy provided members with an update on the Age Friendly Strategy 2025 - 2030. She announced that the Strategy has now been translated into Irish and is ready for printing. It is scheduled for discussion and approval at the November Council meeting, with preparations for its official launch currently being discussed with Galway County Council.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2025 were agreed by all members.

**Proposed by:** Mr. Donnacha Foley      **Seconded by:** Mr. Tommy Flaherty

### **3. Draft LECP Implementation Plan 2026 – 2027 (Community Actions)**

Ms. Colreavy presented on the proposed Community Actions of the draft LECP Implementation Plan 2026–2027. She provided an overview of the LECP process and outlined the key steps undertaken to date. Ms. Colreavy noted that the document circulated in advance of the meeting is in draft form and requested that any feedback or proposed amendments be submitted to her directly for review by the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2025.

She noted that the full version of the LECP Implementation Plan, containing both Community and Economic elements will be circulated prior to the December LCDC meeting. It was noted that the Economic actions in the Plan will be on the November Urban Development SPC agenda for their approval.

Members provided feedback and proposed amendments for various action outcomes within the draft document and agreed to submit their individual suggestions to Aisling via email within the next two week for review.

Mr. Mahon noted that a final report on the Implementation Plan 2024 – 2025 would be prepared and circulated in Q1 2026 to highlight progress on actions included in the first Implementation Plan.

### **4. AOB**

Cllr. Ogbu informed members that the City of Zurich recently hosted the General Assembly of the European Coalition of Cities against Racism (ECCAR), which she attended alongside Urban Community Development Officer, Mr. Oliver Lydon. She described the event as informative and educational, offering valuable insights into the strategies employed by cities around the world to combat racism. Cllr. Ogbu will circulate a report on the event in advance of the next meeting. She also proposed that Urban Community Development Officer, Mr. Lydon deliver a presentation to the LCDC on this topic at the next meeting. All Agreed.

Mr. Dermot Mahon informed members that Mr. Niall Crowley, Chairperson of the Traveller Interagency Group and Ms. Marian Maloney, Chairperson of Access for All will be presenting at the next meeting.

**Meeting Concluded.**

**Next Meeting is to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2025 at 3pm in person in the Council Chamber, City Hall and Online on MS Teams.**