



Comhairle Cathrach
na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

6 Bealtaine 2026
6 May 2026

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 **Luain, 11 Bealtaine 2026 ar a 3.00in sa Seomra Boird Aula Maxima, Ceathrú Cearnach, Ollscoil na Gaillimhe agus ar líne ar MS Teams**. Tá cóip de Chlár an Chruinnithe seo ar fáil ag an bhFáiltiú ar mhaithe le hiniúchadh.

Tá clár an chruinnithe leagtha amach faoi seo.

A Plenary Meeting of Galway City Council will be held on **Monday, 11 May 2026 at 3.00pm in the Aula Maxima Boardroom, Quadrangle, University of Galway and online via MS Teams**.

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 2(a) in writing, in advance of the meeting, to the undersigned.

Ailish Rohan,
Riarthóir na gCruinnithe / Meetings Administrator.

Clár/Agenda

Plenary Meeting - Monday 11 May 2026 at 3.00p.m.

Welcome address from President of University of Galway, Professor David Burn.

1. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

(Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended).

2. Confirmation of Minutes

(a) April Plenary Council meeting held on 13 April 2026.

3. Business Prescribed by Statute

(a) Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 – To agree the commencement time of the June Ordinary Meeting to facilitate attendance by Galway Culture Company. Proposed commencement: Monday, 8 June 2026 at 12.00 noon - to consider for approval.

(b) Freedom of the City – Special Meeting 12 noon Friday 12 June 2026 - for noting.

(c) Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 - Approving of Lending Allocation in relation to the Local Authority Home Loan Scheme - attached report and resolution for consideration.

4. Reports of Committee Meetings

(a) Report from Grants Committee Meeting held Friday 24 April 2026 - to consider for approval.

(b) Potential Section 183 Lands adjacent to University Hospital - Standing Item.

(c) Draft notes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 5 May 2026 - for noting.

Recommendations

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Cubbard **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

Following Poll of Councillors - To alternate the timing of the Information Briefings between 11am and 3pm

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Cubbard **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

The Monthly and Quarterly Management Reports be listed for noting only at Plenary Council meetings

5. Consideration of Reports of Officials

- (a) Monthly Management Report for May 2026 - for noting
- (b) Draft Annual Report 2025 - for review and observations.
- (c) National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) Annual Report 2025 and Galway City Council Performance Indicators 2025 - for noting.
- (d) Update on the decision by An Coimisiún Pleanála to grant Galway Harbour Company planning permission for the extension to the Port - to hear update from Maurice O’Gorman, Chair.

6. Notice of Motions

NOM 33/2025, submitted by Cllr. J. McDonagh on 02/06/2025 amend:31/03/2026

That this Council affirms its commitment to transparency and public engagement and resolves that no decision will be made to dispose of, sell, or otherwise transfer any part of Shantalla Park — including lands associated with the proposed helipad — without prior public consultation.

The Council further requests that the Chief Executive provide elected members with details of any consultations with the HSE and all related correspondence and records from January 2025 to present.

NOM 58/2025, submitted by Cllr. C. Higgins on 01/09/2025

That Galway City Council commit to:

1. That the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meets with the Galway City water sports groups to begin meaningful consultation.
2. That Galway City Council develops a Beach Management and Zoning plan (**that fully meets Criterion 30 of the Blue Flag beach criteria document**) for all Galway City Beaches.
3. That Galway City Council engages with all stakeholders to develop Zoning plans and maps for all Galway City Beaches (**consistent with Criterion 5 and Criterion 30 of the Blue Flag beach criteria document**) that allows for



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dedicated launch zones, improved access routes to the water, and provides for safe, inclusive use of our beaches for swimmers, watersports and beach users.

Blue Flag Criterion 30. There must be management of different users and uses of the beach so as to prevent conflicts and accidents.

Beaches that support multiple activities must have management plans to prevent accidents and conflicts. This must include zoning for swimmers, surfers, windsurfers and motor craft. At the same time, recreational use of the beach must be managed without a negative impact on the natural environment or the biodiversity of the beach, and with consideration for aesthetic issues.

Swimmers should be protected from all sea craft (motor, sail or pedal). Where necessary, zoning through the use of buoys, beacons or signs must be in place. The same must be done for surfing areas. Distinctions should be made between motor, paddle or sail craft. The use of these various activities must be separated.

Blue Flag Criterion 5. A map of the beach indicating different facilities must be displayed.

A map showing the boundaries of the Blue Flag beach area and the location of key facilities and services must be posted on the Blue Flag information board. The required map elements should show the location of: zoning (swimming, surfing, sailing, boating, etc.)

Response issued 03/10/2025. Request to leave on the agenda.

NOM 17/2026, submitted by Cllr. E. Seoighthe on 24/02/2026

That Galway City Council retire the ceremonial Sword and Mace to the Galway City Museum to ensure their proper preservation and protection, and that they be used for display purposes only going forward. Furthermore, that the Council initiate an open call for artists to create new ceremonial pieces to be used for official and public events, reflecting the culture, values, and identity of contemporary Galway

NOM 24/2026, submitted by Cllr. S. Forde on 30/03/2026

That this Council write to the Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien, requesting that the National Transport Authority (NTA), in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), establish a dedicated, ring-fenced fund for the ongoing maintenance of active travel infrastructure, including cycling and pedestrian facilities, with funding allocated to local authorities on a sustainable, multi-annual basis.

NOM 25/2026, submitted by Cllr. A. Cheevers on 01/04/2026

Calling on Galway City Council to introduce a Bye Law that there is a total ban on E Scooters on Public Footpaths in Galway City this should be introduced in the interest of safety of residents.

Response issued 06/05/2026

7. Questions

Q2/2026, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu on 23/03/2026

What is the current cycle or average number of years between road resurfacing works across Galway City, and what criteria are used to prioritise roads for resurfacing, particularly where roads have deteriorated to a poor or unsafe condition?

Furthermore, can the Council provide a list of roads scheduled for resurfacing in the current and upcoming programme, broken down by ward?

Response issued 05/05/2026

Q3/2026, submitted by Cllr. J. McDonagh on 31/03/2026

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed update on the Derelict Sites Register, including the enforcement of levies, and in particular to identify all Council-owned derelict properties, including vacant housing units, confirm whether these are included on the register, and outline the timelines and actions in place to bring them back into active use. Furthermore, to outline how the Council is preparing for the transition to the new Derelict Property Tax system, including measures to ensure accurate registration, effective enforcement, and maximising compliance in advance of its introduction.

Response issued 06/05/2026

8. Correspondence

(a) Carlow County Council, Dated: 20 April 2026

Resolution: LA Representative dedicated service provided by ESB network.

(b) South Dublin County Council, Dated 24 April 2026

Resolution: Missing children and girls in Bessborough mother and baby institution.

(c) Monaghan County Council, Dated 21 April 2026

Resolution: Business Grant to compensate for the loss of business.

(d) Roscommon County Council, Dated 5 May 2026

Resolution: Commission for the Validation of Planning Objections.

9. Items for Councillors Information

10. Conferences & Training

	Provider	Details	Date	Location
(a)	Inaugural Drogheda Civic Trust	Shared Horizons: Building the Future Together	8 -10 May 2026	St. Peter's C.O.I Conference Centre, Drogheda. A92 AP95
(b)	AILG	AILG - NILGA Allyship Training	20 May 2026	Online (Webinar 4)



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	AILG	Supporting Councillors Responding to Mental Health, Suicide, and Addiction Issues	21 May 2026	Kilmore Hotel, Cavan
	AILG	National Designated Maritime Area Plan (DMAP) for Offshore Renewable Energy	22 May 2026, 10am - 11.30am	Online (Webinar 5)
	AILG	Climate Action Regional Offices	29 May 2026, 10am - 11.30am	Online (Webinar 6)
	AILG	OPR - AILG Councillor Planning Training	20 June 2026	Hodson Bay Hotel, Westmeath.
	AILG	Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO)	26 June 2026	Webinar

11. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

12. Other Business set forth in the notice convening the meeting

13. Any Other Business