

<b>Minutes of Galway City Council Plenary Meeting held in the Council Chamber, City Hall and Online via MS Teams on Monday, 12 January 2026 at 3.00p.m.</b>	
<b>Presiding:</b>	Mayor M. Cubbard.
<b>Elected Members Present:</b>	Councillors: A. Burke, A. Cheevers, M.J. Crowe, A. Curran, F. Fahy, J. Forde, S. Forde, E. Hoare, P. Keane, D. Lyons, J. McDonagh, D. McDonnell, N. McNelis, T. O'Flaherty.
<b>Elected Members Online:</b>	Councillors: M.J. Crowe, C. Higgins, H. Ogbu, E. Seoighthe.
<b>Executive Present:</b>	Chief Executive: L. Cleary, Director of Services: P. Philbin, P. Greene, H. Kilroy; A/DoS: E. Fanning. Senior Executive Officer: A. Rohan, Administrative Officer: M. Duddy, Clerical Officer: C. Cormican.
<b>Executive Online:</b>	Senior Executive Officer: D. Mahon.

The Meeting commenced with a statement of intent to conduct the business of the meeting in line with Standing Orders. Mayor Cubbard proposed a minute's silence as a demonstration of sympathy on the passing of Sharon Lawless and John Joe Corcoran, former employees of Galway City Council; James (Jimmy, Jim) Walsh father of Stephen Walsh; Nick Callan - father of Jimmy Callan, and Paul Furlong , nephew Cllr D. Lyons. This was agreed and a minute's silence was observed.

Mayor Cubbard wished all present a Happy New Year.

It was agreed, on the proposal of Mayor Cubbard, that the meeting would break at 4:45p.m. and conclude at 6:30p.m.

**1. Disclosure of Conflict-of-Interest Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.**

No disclosures raised.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes:**

**(a) Plenary Council meeting held on 8 December 2025.**

No matters of accuracy were raised.

Cllr. T. O'Flaherty commented on the Agenda item for Parking Report which was not included in January Agenda. The item was not taken at the December meeting as the meeting ended. Cllr. T. O'Flaherty proposed to either suspend Standings or put as an agenda item for February meeting. This was Seconded by Cllr. F. Fahy.

It was agreed to place this as an agenda item for the February meeting.

A synopsis of matters arising included:

Members questioned the response received from the National Transport Authority (NTA) requesting further clarity be sought. They also highlighted the lack of bus shelters and adequate lighting at bus stops, plans for campervans and motorbike parking in the city and requested for an audit of parking signage and lighting at bus shelters be carried out.

Mr. P. Greene agreed to examine campervan, motorbike and resident parking in the city as part of the work programme.

Mr. D. Pender advised Members to email him directly with queries for the National Transport Authority which he will follow-up directly with them.

Members queried the response received from Galway Culture Club invitation and requested another attempt be made to set up a meeting. The Chief Executive agreed to extend a further invitation.

Cllr. F. Fahy requested an update on the spreading of porridge in the city querying if fines have been issued, together with clarification on the cost of court proceedings for parking tickets issued under the Byelaws. He also requested an update of the long-term plan for Galway Airport.

The Chief Executive provided an update on Galway Airport stating a report will issue to Members at the end of Q1.

Mr. P. Greene agreed to provide Members with costs involved in taking court proceedings for unpaid fines and updated Members on fines issued under the Litter Pollution Act.

Cllr. J. McDonagh requested an update on lands in Shantalla and talks between the HSE and residents.

Mr. P. Greene provided an update on this matter.

Cllr. E. Hoare requested clarification on ownership of lands at Gaol River. Mr. P. Greene agreed to meet with Cllr. E. Hoare to discuss further.

Members from the East Ward raised concerns regarding the ongoing works at Castlepark/Ballybane Road and highlighted issues with signage on the route over the Christmas period.

Mr. D. Pender responded to queries raised regarding works at Castlepark/Ballybane Road and agreed to investigate signage issues raised.

Ms. H. Kilroy provided an update to Cllr. S. Forde query on the annual budget process.

<b>Proposed By:</b> Cllr. F. Fahy	<b>Seconded By:</b> Cllr. D. McDonnell
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Resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Plenary Meeting held on 8 December 2025.
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The minutes were agreed and adopted.
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### **3. Business Prescribed by Statute**

#### **(a) Section 135 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Three Year Capital Programme (Capital Projects) 2026 - 2028.**

A synopsis of matters arising included:

Members requested an update from the Chief Executive on how the progress against the Three-Year Capital programme will be reviewed and measured. The Chief Executive explained that progress would be monitored by the Senior Management Team with updates provided to Members through the Monthly Management Report.

Cllr. A. Burke requested an update on the regeneration of the City Hall site. The Chief Executive advised that a Masterplan will be developed in Q1 to maximise the potential of the site and its benefit to the Council and the City.

Members sought clarity on the Bus Enhancement Programme, the Bus Stop Network Redesign and Safe Routes to School.

Cllr S. Forde requested an update on the progress of Crown Square to which Mr. D. Pender provided an update.

Members requested an update on the use of CCTV cameras to address illegal dumping. A discussion followed during which members queried whether households could be cold-called to establish if they have a refuse collection contract in place considering Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) report findings for Ballybane. Cllr. H. Ogbu suggested a meeting with local resident may be beneficial.

Mr. P. Greene agreed to meet with Members from the East Ward to discuss further and confirmed that the Council use the reverse register to obtain data from bin collection companies to assist with enforcement.

The Mayor highlighted the need for safe crossing at Browne roundabout and questioned whether some of the minor works included in the programme could be done in house.

Councillors raised queries regarding timelines for the repairs to BlackRock Tower, the need for a civic amenity site on the West side of the city, the need for Mobility and Disability parking, query as to why Siobhan McKenna Rd and Thomas Hynes Rd weren't included in programme; the need for a pedestrian crossing on the N59, the need for repairs to the footpath on Munster Avenue. Mr. P Greene provided an update on these matters.

Cllr. N. McNelis requested an update on Clybaun and Merchant Rd housing delivery.

Cllr. A. Cheever and Cllr. D. McDonnell requested an update on Japanese Knotweed at a site in Doughiska. Ms. L. Fanning provided an update on these matters.

<b>Proposed By:</b> Cllr. D. Lyons		<b>Seconded By:</b> Cllr. N. McNelis		
Resolved to adopt Section 135 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Three Year Capital Programme (Capital Projects) 2026 – 2028.				
<b>Present:</b> 17	<b>In Favour:</b> 17	<b>Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0	<b>Absent:</b> 1
<b>Result:</b> This Motion was adopted.				

#### 4. Reports of Committee Meetings

##### (a) Draft notes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 5 January 2026.

Councillors requested an update on Pálás. In response to which Ms. P. Philbin advised proposal to present findings of the report to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) next month and then to all Elected Members at the February meeting subject to due diligence and legal input.

Ms. H. Kilroy provided an update on discussion held with the CPG regarding the Galway Regional Aquatic Centre project under the Large-Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF).

Councillors raised queries regarding interest rates and if repayment includes interest, if terms include an amount of community hours for the area and how Councillors will be selected for the board.

Ms. H. Kilroy responded to queries regarding the interest rate and outlined that details of the pool operation were not finalised at this stage, but by stipulation public access is required through LSSIF.

The Chief Executive advised that the governance structure of the Company and the nomination of Councillors to participate will be addressed in due course. This matter will be for the full Council to decide.

The Mayor read the recommendation from the CPG to full Council and a vote was taken as follows.

<b>Proposed By:</b> Cllr. D. Lyons		<b>Seconded By:</b> Cllr. D. McDonnell		
Resolved to recommend the approval of funding in the amount of €2m in the form of a loan with conditions attached including, but not limited to:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loan is repaid by the company</li> <li>• 4 people from Galway City Council to form part of a project oversight board (2 councillors and 2 executive)</li> <li>• 2 nominees of Galway City Council on Company Board of Directors (1 councillor and 1 executive)</li> <li>• The €5m in private funding is a donation and non-refundable.</li> </ul>				
<b>Present:</b> 18	<b>In Favour:</b> 18	<b>Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0	<b>Absent:</b> 0
<b>Result:</b> The recommendation was agreed and approved for funding in the amount of €2m in the form of a loan with conditions.				

<b>Proposed By:</b> Cllr. D. Lyons	<b>Seconded By:</b> Cllr. D. McDonnell
To note the draft Corporate Policy Group meeting notes held on 5 January 2026.	
The Members noted the Corporate Policy Group notes.	

**(b) Report from Grants Committee Meeting 17 December 2025 - to consider for approval.**

Cllr. D. McDonnell proposed to approve the report without debate.

Cllr. S. Forde noted that many of the same groups receive support from the Council on an annual basis and suggested the introduction of an alternation system to allow for rotation of the top 10 of funded groups, allowing other groups the opportunity to benefit from the grants scheme.

Cllr. A. Curran raised concerns about the CAIRDE Grants process, stating that a report proposing the allocation of €650k should not be agreed without debate. He expressed the view that previous concerns raised by him were not addressed and had concerns with application of the Terms of Reference. Cllr. Curran proposed that the Senior Management Team conduct a review of the CAIRDE Grants process. He outlined he would abstain from the vote in protest rather than voting against beneficiaries.

Cllr. T. O'Flaherty requested if the list of unsuccessful applicants could be provided, to inform on reasons for refusal.

Cllr. P. Keane raised a Point of Order, suggesting if there is difficulty with the matter, to consider putting a motion to the floor for a vote.

Mr. D. Mahon outlined that the Guidelines for the CAIRDE Scheme were reviewed and agreed in advance of the launch of the 2026 CAIRDE Scheme and were applied as such. He clarified the process and noted that if any Member was not satisfied with the Terms of Reference of the Grants Committee, they could bring forward proposals for consideration. He confirmed the list of successful and unsuccessful applicants will issue after the outcome of the vote.

The Chief Executive acknowledged the significant work undertaken by Mr. Mahon and his team, including their collaboration with voluntary groups and efforts to build capacity to support emerging groups and recognised contributions from other areas that assisted in the assessment process. The Chief Executive highlighted the positive development of consultation with the individual ward members of the Grants Committee. It was noted that these initiatives aim to achieve the best outcomes for the community. The Chief Executive added if there are any specific concerns or issues Councillors can bring their concerns to the Grants Committee forum where the decision can be made as part of that process to ensure full transparency.

On a point of clarification Cllr. S. Forde noted that he was not consulted and Cllr. T. O'Flaherty also commented she had not been consulted for second year.

Mr. D. Mahon confirmed that all Members of the Grants Committee were invited to attend briefings for each ward after the closing date once all applications received initial assessment.

<b>Proposed By:</b> Cllr. D. McDonnell		<b>Seconded By:</b> Cllr. P. Keane		
Resolved to adopt the Report from Grants Committee Meeting 17 December 2025.				
<b>Present:</b> 18	<b>In Favour:</b> 17	<b>Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 1	<b>Absent:</b> 0
Result: The Motion was adopted and agreed.				

Cllr. H. Ogbu requested to suspend Standing Orders and proposed that Notice of Motions be considered next or following the break.

<b>Proposed By:</b> Cllr. H. Ogbu		<b>Seconded By:</b> Cllr. D. McDonnell		
I would like to propose we bring the motions forward for consideration, either first thing after the break or after agenda item 4.				
<b>Present:</b> 18	<b>In Favour:</b> 18	<b>Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0	<b>Absent:</b> 0
Result: This Motion was approved and agreed.				

It was agreed to commence with Notice of Motions following the break.

The meeting recessed at 4:45p.m. and resumed at 5:05p.m.

## 6. Notice of Motions.

<b>NOM 33/2025, submitted by Cllr. J. McDonagh on 02/06/2025</b>
That this Council affirms its commitment to transparency and public engagement and hereby 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 first conducting a full and proper consultation process with the local residents and relevant community.

Standing Item to remain on the agenda.

<b>NOM 58/2025, submitted by Cllr. C. Higgins on 01/09/2025</b>
That Galway City Council commit to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meets with the Galway City water sports groups to begin meaningful consultation.</li> <li>2. That Galway City Council develops a Beach Management and Zoning plan <b>(that fully meets Criterion 30 of the Blue Flag beach criteria document)</b> for all Galway City Beaches.</li> <li>3. That Galway City Council engages with all stakeholders to develop Zoning plans and maps for all Galway City Beaches <b>(consistent with Criterion 5 and Criterion 30 of the Blue Flag beach criteria document)</b> that allows for dedicated launch zones, improved access routes to the water, and provides for safe, inclusive use of our beaches for swimmers, watersports and beach users.</li> </ol> <p><b>Blue Flag Criterion 30. There must be management of different users and uses of the beach so as to prevent conflicts and accidents.</b></p>

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.**

Standing item to remain on the agenda.

**NOM 62/2025, submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis 28/10/2025**

That this council asks the HSA to investigate the serious safety concerns raised about the Queens Gap and Eel Cages on the River Corrib, that this Council again asks Inland Fisheries to remove same.

Galway Fire and rescue personal are unable to access the river at these points.

**Proposed By:** Cllr. N McNelis

**Seconded By:** Cllr. J McDonagh

Resolved to adopt Notice of Motion 62/2025.

**Present:** 18

**In Favour:** 18

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**NOM 63/2025, submitted by Cllr. E. Seoighthe 31/10/2025**

This Council expresses its dismay at and opposition to the government's intention to abolish the Triple Lock, which governs the deployment of Irish Defence Forces personnel overseas.

The Triple Lock has ensured that Ireland's participation in overseas missions (with more than 12 defence personnel) would always require approval from: 1. the Cabinet 2. Dáil Éireann and 3. that the mission they are being deployed on would have a UN mandate either from the Security Council or the General Assembly.

In 2001, the Irish people rejected the Nice Treaty over concerns that it would drag Ireland into EU military structures that would threaten our neutrality. To get the electorate to approve the EU Treaty, the government with the agreement of the other EU Member States, through a "solemn declaration" introduced the Triple Lock. This Declaration was reiterated following initial rejection of the subsequent Lisbon Treaty.

Therefore, this Council rejects government's plans to abolish or amend the Triple Lock, considering the proposal signifies a breach of trust with the Irish electorate and a serious diminution of Irish neutrality.

Notice of Motion (NoM 65/2025) submitted by Cllr. A. Burke in relation to this matter was withdrawn.

Cllr. P. Keane requested to hear from the Proposer Cllr. E. Seoighthe in relation to NOM 63/2025. She requested that the Notice of Motion be taken as read.

Cllr. P. Keane proposed in the interest of fairness that the matter be deferred until the Proposer can explain the Motion. This was Seconded by D. McDonnell

Cllr N. McNelis gave some background to the motion. A vote was taken by Mayor M. Cubbard on Cllr. P. Keane proposal.

**Proposed By: Cllr. P. Keane** **Seconded By: Cllr. D. Lyons**

Proposed in the interest of fairness that the matter be deferred until the Proposer can explain motion.

**Present: 18** **In Favour: 10** **Against: 7** **Abstain: 1** **Absent: 0**

**Result: Item deferred to next Meeting**

**NOM 64/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu 03/11/2025**

Addressing Dampness and Mould in HAP and RAS Housing in Galway City

Rationale:

The prevalence of dampness and mould in HAP and RAS properties in Galway is causing serious concern among tenants, with some reports indicating severe health impacts. Learning from the tragic case that led to Awaab's Law in the UK, it is imperative that Galway City Council takes proactive steps to safeguard residents' health and well-being, prevent unnecessary harm, and ensure that all housing under its remit meets safe and habitable standards.

I am calling on Galway City Council to urgently audit all affected properties, implement robust remediation procedures, and ensure tenants have enforceable rights to safe, healthy homes. This is about protecting the health and wellbeing of some of our most vulnerable residents, and it cannot wait.

I propose that Galway City Council:

1. Recognises the growing reports and concerns from tenants in HAP and RAS housing regarding dampness and mould and acknowledges the serious health risks associated with prolonged exposure to these conditions, including respiratory issues and other long-term impacts.
2. Notes the example of Awaab's Law in the UK, introduced following the tragic death of 2-year-old Awaab Ishak due to mould exposure in social housing. This legislation establishes a legal duty for landlords to address hazards like damp and mould within a fixed timeframe and highlights the importance of timely intervention to protect tenants.

3. Requests the Council to conduct a comprehensive audit of all HAP and RAS properties under its remit to identify and record the extent of damp and mould issues, prioritising properties with reported health impacts.
4. Calls on the Council to develop and implement a clear protocol for landlords and property managers, including:
  - Timely inspections of reported issues
  - Immediate remedial works where hazards are identified
  - Regular maintenance schedules to prevent recurrence
  - Clear communication channels for tenants to report concerns without fear of blame or reprisal
5. Urges that Galway City Council explores legislative and policy frameworks similar to Awaab's Law to ensure that tenants in all social, HAP, and RAS housing have enforceable rights to safe, healthy homes, and that landlords are legally accountable for remedial action within a defined period.

**Response issued 5 December 2025.**

A discussion ensued regarding increased eviction notices adding to homelessness and questions raised in respect to issues with HAP and Council owned properties.

Ms. L. Fanning, A/Director of Services for Social Development, addressed the matters raised and confirmed that the Damp Remediation Programme, with details outlined in the Monthly Management Report, is underway. She noted that notifications are issued to tenants along with educational information and that issues are being actively addressed by the maintenance team. Ms. Fanning further advised of the ongoing Minimum Standards Rental Inspections and means to request inspections of private rental properties.

**NOM 65/2025, submitted by Cllr. A. Burke 05/11/2025**

This Council expresses its dismay at and opposition to the government's intention to abolish the Triple Lock, which governs the deployment of Irish Defence Forces personnel overseas.

The Triple Lock has ensured that Ireland's participation in overseas missions (with more than 12 defence personnel) would always require approval from: 1. the Cabinet 2. Dáil Éireann and 3. that the mission they are being deployed on would have a UN mandate either from the Security Council or the General Assembly.

In 2001, the Irish people rejected the Nice Treaty over concerns that it would drag Ireland into EU military structures that would threaten our neutrality. To get the electorate to approve the EU Treaty, the government with the agreement of the other EU Member States, through a "solemn declaration" introduced the Triple Lock. This Declaration was reiterated following initial rejection of the subsequent Lisbon Treaty.

Therefore, this Council rejects government's plans to abolish or amend the Triple Lock, considering the proposal signifies a breach of trust with the Irish electorate and a serious diminution of Irish neutrality.

The Motion was withdrawn as same matter as Notice of Motion 63/2025 as submitted by Cllr. E. Seoighthe.

**NOM 73/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu 25/11/2025 amended 12/01/2026**

That Galway City Council calls on the Government to amend the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill so that its scope includes the prohibition of trade in services, in accordance with the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice and the Resolution co-sponsored by Ireland at the United Nations General Assembly. Furthermore, this Council urges the Government to enact the legislation in full as soon as possible.

Cllr. H. Ogbu called for support, noting that the international community recognises its duty to act and that eight other Councils have already passed similar motions. Cllr. Ogbu emphasised the importance and urgency of the issue and urged Galway City Council Members to adopt the motion in full.

Cllr. P. Keane and Cllr. D. Lyons requested for the reference to “before the end of 2025” to be updated to “as soon as possible” for clarity and validity.

The motion was amended and the Mayor called for a vote.

<b>Proposed By:</b> Cllr. H. Ogbu		<b>Seconded By:</b> Cllr. N. McNelis		
<b>Present:</b> 18	<b>In Favour:</b> 18	<b>Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0	<b>Absent:</b> 0
The motion was approved and agreed.				

**NOM 74/2025, submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons 27/11/2025**

Having received a large number of representations and correspondence from concerned residents and parents of children attending the Knocknacarra Educate Together National School who are seriously concerned regarding road safety on Cappagh Road Lower, I am requesting Galway City Council Roads Department/Active Travel Department to investigate the possibility of introducing traffic calming measures on Cappagh Road South including extra signage, repeat 50 KPH signs, Speed Detector Signs and any measures that will reduce speed on this road.

**Referred to West Area Committee meeting**

**NOM 75/2025, submitted by Cllr. J. McDonagh 27/11/2025**

That Galway City Council initiate the necessary process to amend the relevant by-laws to prohibit the overnight parking of camper vans, motorhomes, or similar large recreational vehicles on the public streets of the Claddagh.

In recent months, a significant increase in overnight camper van parking has created difficulties for local residents, including reduced availability of parking spaces, obstruction of sightlines, and increased pressure on an already limited residential parking environment.

Accordingly, this Council agrees to review and amend the by-laws to ensure that overnight parking in the Claddagh is restricted to private cars only, and that appropriate enforcement measures are implemented to protect residential amenity.

**Referred to Operational Development SPC.**

## **5. Consideration of Reports of Officials**

### **(a) Monthly Management Report for January 2026 and Quarterly Report for Q4, 2025.**

Members discussed the reports and raised the following points:

Cllr. T. O’Flaherty highlighted that public lighting has been out of order for several months and requested improved repairs and communication with Electric Skyline and Galway City Council. Cllr. O’Flaherty confirmed that works on kissing gates have been completed and thanked staff for their efforts.

Members requested circulation of derelict site data and noted ‘access control’ to be amended as a heading.

Cllr. D. Lyons raised concerns regarding planning and integration of active travel measures and appealed for integration of bus lanes and cycle lanes on the Western Distributor Road and Cappagh Road for a successful Park and Ride scheme.

Members complimented housing repair works and responsiveness and noted detailed data in the housing report. Members welcomed the success of the Christmas Lights, Market and New Year’s Eve events. Members noted the Chief Executive’s involvement at events which was appreciated and recognised by constituents and Councillors. Compliments were extended to the Recreation and Amenity Team for the Skate Park, with calls for similar facilities citywide.

Members welcomed the positive IBAL report and commitment to maintain standards along with recognising Circular Economy initiatives. A discussion ensued regarding blackspot areas and approaches to address this through CCTV, community groups and research from other Local Authorities.

Cllr. S. Forde requested an update on the Dublin Road BusConnects scheme and suggested for Mayoral receptions to be enhanced to reflect their significance similar to event hosted for Mr. Parick Horgan, Cork.

Cllr. N. McNelis raised concerns with the increase in Notices to Quit from private landlords exiting rental markets.

Cllr. A. Cheevers requested a commitment to providing a grass cutting service for estates and queried whether funding could be made available to Resident Associations to support this service if resources are an issue.

Cllr. E. Hoare requested an upgrade to the junction at Circular Road and Letteragh Road, which he noted does not require a land acquisition, to be progressed in 2026 as part of a road safety improvement scheme. He emphasised the need for ambition in Development Plan Variation proposals and called for a review of unzoned lands for potential residential zoning in line with Department Circulars.

The Mayor commented on the Corrib Park timelines to upgrade playground and stressed the importance of a dedicated youth space, for a drop in study areas for arts/crafts to be considered in the next phase.

The Executive Responded to matters raised:

Mr. Derek Pender updated Members on the Youth Space Research and report, Dublin Road Environmental impact assessment report and timeframes and agreed to circulate data on derelict sites.

Ms. L. Fanning responded queries relating to homelessness data, housing and facility resources, maintenance and allocation turnaround times, status of Tenant-in-Situ scheme and noted further instruction awaited on this scheme.

Mr. P Greene updated on Multi Modal Funding submissions and agreed to review lighting issues raised by Cllr. T. O’Flaherty. Mr. Greene acknowledged challenge in grass cutting and the possibility of a potential grant scheme will be considered through the Strategic Policy Committee.

The Mayor requested to extend the meeting time to complete agenda items this was proposed by Cllr. D. McDonnell and seconded by Cllr. F. Fahy and agreed.

The Chief Executive responded to concerns on Housing assuring that the views expressed will be conveyed to the Housing Taskforce during discussions with Senior officials in the Department.

Cllr. C. Higgins called for an update on the Salthill Seafront Strategy.

Members discussed future infrastructure planning and called for engagement with contractors to coordinate works with Active Travel projects to avoid resurfacing roads twice and requested that planning applications be managed to ensure minimal disruption to residents and commuters.

Cllr. P. Keane suggested that policies be considered similar to sister twinning authorities, such as Lorient, where road opening notices are issued to utilities/contractors, allowing them to apply for coordinated works and no further permissions for road openings are granted for five years.

<b>Proposed By:</b> Cllr. D. Lyons	<b>Seconded By:</b> Cllr. N. McNelis
Resolved to note the Monthly Management Report for January 2026 and Quarterly Report for Q4, 2025.	
<b>Result:</b> The report was noted.	

## 7. Questions.

### **Q17/2025, submitted by Cllr. J. McDonagh on 02/06/2025**

Can the Chief Executive detail what consultations, if any, have taken place between Galway City Council and the HSE regarding (a) the proposed helipad in Shantalla Park, and (b) any potential disposal or transfer of lands within Shantalla Park? Furthermore, can all relevant correspondence, meeting notes, and records of communication between the Council and the HSE on this matter, from January 2025 to the present, be provided to elected members?

It was agreed that the Question would remain on the Agenda.

### **Q20/2025, submitted by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty on 29/08/2025**

Please clarify the following in relation to parking in Galway City:

How many Pay & Display parking machines are there in the city and how many of them are out of order?

How much income has Galway City Council lost as a result of difficulties with the Pay & Display parking meters since January 2025 (with details of income for 2025 year to date, 2024 Jan-Aug inclusive and 2023 Jan-Aug inclusive)?

To what extent is the Council aware of instances where the parking app has not worked, is this an ongoing problem and how widespread is it (temporary glitches, out for hours, out for days)?

How many parking fines have been issued in relation to parking in areas covered by parking meters (with figures for the corresponding periods in 2024 and 2023)?

How many of these have been paid? How many court proceedings have been issued in any case of non-payment of fines this year (with corresponding figures for 2024 and 2023)?

If a motorist receives a parking fine currently, would this stand up in court taking into account the fact that the machines are cashless and cardless?

What is the current projected total income from parking meters in 2025, and what was the corresponding income in '24 and '23?

**Response issued 03/10/2025. Request to leave on the agenda until a full response can issue.**

Cllr. T. O'Flaherty agreed to remove Q20/2025 from the Agenda.

### **Q24/2025, submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on 28/10/2025**

To ask the Chief Executive the detail in tabular form the total number of CPOs each year since 2020, total spent each since 2020, total amount received each year and the current level of arrears since 2020 And to detail the Budget for turning around void units each year since 2020, the total number refurbished each year the expected number of units to be refurbished in 2026 year and an update on the current status of each of those sites; the total amount levied under the Derelict Sites Act each year.

**Response issued 5 December 2025.**

## 8. Correspondence.

- (a) **Limerick City and County Council**, Dated 30 September 2025,  
**Resolution:** Call on Minister for Agriculture for Ash Dieback Disease compensation.
- (b) **Wexford County Council**, Dated 3 October 2025,  
**Resolution:** Call on Department Transport, Agriculture and Environment coordinate Ash Dieback response.
- (c) **Wexford County Council**, Dated 22 October 2025,  
**Resolution:** Endorse the End Discrimination of Inheritance Tax (EDIT) Campaign.
- (d) **Wexford County Council**, Dated 22 October 2025,  
**Resolution:** Reform Dog Breeding Establishment Act (2010) to incorporate Stouts Law.
- (e) **Donegal County Council**, Dated 4 November 2025,  
**Resolution:** Emergency Household Response Package
- (f) **Galway Culture Company** response to invite.
- (g) **Response from Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht** re Town/City Gift Cards referring to Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment.
- (h) **Kerry County Council**, Dated 02 November 2025.  
**Resolution:** Endorses the End Discrimination of Inheritance (EDIT) campaign.
- (i) **Clare County Council**, Dated 13 November 2025.  
**Resolution:** Call to reject EU Single Common Fund.
- (j) **Laois County Council**, Dated 6 November 2025  
**Resolution:** Establish Referendum Commission for Presidential Elections.
- (k) **Wexford County Council**, Dated 20 November 2025.  
**Resolution:** Express solidarity with Survivors of Irelands Industrial and Reformatory Schools.
- (l) **Donegal County Council**, Dated 26 November 2025.  
**Resolution:** Public Information Campaign – Electrical Wiring in Older Homes.
- (m) **Limerick County Council**, Dated: 27 November 2025  
**Resolution:** 150 Anniversary of the Catalpa Expedition, grant posthumous presidential pardon to the six Fenian prisoners concerned.
- (n) **Longford County Council**, Dated: 2 December 2025  
**Resolution:** Reverse decision for OAP to pay for blister packs of medication
- (o) **Clare County Council**, Dated: 9 December 2025  
**Resolution:** Calls on Government to respond to John Collison/Denis O'Brien comments.
- (p) **Clare County Council**, Dated: 9 December 2025  
**Resolution:** Calls for Minister for Health to provide gels/creams over the counter without prescription like other countries.
- (q) **Clare County Council**, Dated: 9 December 2025  
**Resolution:** Review Local Government funding, powers and democratic structures.

**Proposed By:** Cllr. D Lyons

**Seconded By:** Cllr. E Hoare

Correspondence was noted.

## 9. Items for Councillors Information

### 10. Conferences & Training

	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>(a)</b>	AILG	SPC Chair Training Programme	2 Sept. 2025	Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise. Retrospective approval for Cllr. J. McDonagh.
<b>(b)</b>	La Touche Legacy	The Emerging New Ireland	19-21 Sept. 2025	Greystones, Co. Wicklow. Retrospective approval for Cllr. D. McDonnell.
<b>(c)</b>	Local Authorities Members Association (LAMA)	LAMA Conference Autumn Seminar	16-17 Oct. 2025	Gorey, Wexford. Retrospective approval for Cllr. J. McDonagh.
<b>(d)</b>	European Coalition Cities Against Racism (ECCAR)	UNESCO (ECCAR) Conference.	23–24 Oct. 2025.	Zurich, Switzerland. Retrospective approval for Cllr. H. Ogbu.
<b>(e)</b>	Local Development Companies Network	National Conference: Community, Society, Economy: Summit 2030	30–31 Oct. 2025	Ballina, Co. Mayo. Retrospective approval for Cllr. E. Seoighthe.
<b>(f)</b>	Councillor Travel	Series of meetings in Brussels	3-5 Nov. 2025	Retrospective approval for Mayor M. Cubbard, Cllr. N. McNelis, Cllr. D. McDonnell
<b>(g)</b>	2025 Excellence in Local Government Awards	Chambers Ireland	27 Nov. 2025	Crown Plaza Hotel, Santry, Dublin. Retrospective approval for Cllrs. M. Cubbard, C. Higgins, N. McNelis, T. O'Flaherty.
<b>(h)</b>	Celtic Conferences	Irish Health Services Entitlements	5-7 Dec. 2025	The Four Season's Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth.
<b>(i)</b>	Celtic Conferences	The Finance Act	16-18 Jan. 2026	The Four Season's Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth.
<b>(j)</b>	Local Authority Members Association (LAMA)	LAMA Spring Seminar	28-29 Jan. 2026	The Connacht Hotel, Old Dublin Road, Galway.

(k)	Celtic Conferences	Misinformation, Disinformation and Fake News	6-8 Feb. 2026	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork
(l)	Regional Assemblies in Ireland	Association of Irish Regions Training Seminar 2026	25-26 Feb. 2026	Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Co. Donegal.  D McDonnell encourage all councillors to attend.
(m)	Local Authority Members Association (LAMA)	All-Ireland Community and Council Awards 2026	28 Feb. 2026	Royal Convention Centre, Dublin

Ms. A. Rohan requested that Members submit the Disclosure of Donations before the deadline of 31 January 2026. Ms. Rohan also informed of Mayoral and Civic reception events held.

<b>Proposed By:</b> Cllr. D Lyons	<b>Seconded By:</b> Cllr. E Hoare
Conferences and Training was approved.	

### 11. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

<b>Proposed By:</b> Cllr. D. Lyons	<b>Seconded By:</b> Cllr. T. O'Flaherty
Annie O'Neill, R.I.P.	Ita Greaney, R.I.P.
Clodagh Blithe, R.I.P.	Kay O'Riordan, R.I.P.
Des (Desi) Kenny R.I.P.	Jim (Seamus) Sugrue, R.I.P.
Hiltrud Drescher, R.I.P.	Paul Furlong, R.I.P.
James (Jim) Sheehan, R.I.P.	Joe Nyland, R.I.P.
Resolved to extend the sympathy of the Council to the bereaved.	

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

None

### 13. Any Other Business

Cllr. S. Forde proposed a vote of sympathy for Mr. George Guest, Mervue and Mr. Bartley Nolan, Renmore, R.I.P. This was seconded by Cllr. D. McDonnell and agreed.

Sympathies were extended to Cllr. H. Ogbu on the untimely passing of her nephew.

The Chief Executive informed Cllr. C. Higgins that details on the Salthill Seafront Strategy would issue from the Director of Services by way of report at the next meeting.

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The meeting concluded at 6:39 p.m.

*Res, Confirmed & Signed*  
*[Signature]*  
*Mayor of Gas*

