

| Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held virtually on zoom platform on Monday 9th of May 2022 at 3.00 pm. | |
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| Presiding | Cllr. C. Connolly, Mayor of the City of Galway |
| Present | Councillors: A. Cheevers; J. Connolly; M.J. Crowe, M. Cubbard, F. Fahy, O. Hanley; E. Hoare, D. Lyons, N. McNelis & M. O'Connor |
| Present (virtually) | Councillors: C. Higgins, P. Keane, D. McDonnell, N. Murphy & T. O'Flaherty, |
| Apologies | Councillors: I. Byrne & N. Larkin |
| Present | Ms. P. Philbin, Deputy Chief Executive |
| | Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services |
| | Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator |
| | Mr. G. McMahon, Arts Officer |
| | Mr. C. Shaughnessy, Asst. Engineer |
| Present (virtually) | Mr. U. Finn, Senior Engineer |
| | Ms. A. Finn, Administrative Officer |
| | Mr. B. Barrett, Senior Executive Officer |
| | Mr. D. Mahon, Senior Executive Officer |
| | Ms. L. Fanning, Senior Engineer |
| | Ms. C. Morgan, Administrative Officer |
| | Ms. E. Finan, A/Administrative Officer |
| | Mr. R. Lehmann, Tourism Officer |
| | Ms. S. King, Clerical Officer |
| | Ms. M. Walsh, Clerical Officer |

Note: The Minutes of the Meeting and Agenda Items are recorded in the order of their consideration.

Ms A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator commenced the meeting with a statement of intention to conduct the business of the Meeting in line with Standing Orders followed by a moment of silent reflection.

Mayor C. Connolly welcomed all to the meeting and suggested that the agenda be considered as set out. This was agreed.

Cllr. T. O'Flaherty suggested the deferring of agenda item 4 (e) on the agenda until the June meeting and requested that video footage of the proposed plans for the Ballyloughane Road and Renmore Avenue be circulated to all Councillors showing any changes. Cllr. F. Fahy supported this.

Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services agreed that there will be a visualisation however it will be static, a video may not be possible as it is not available in 3D design. Mr. P. Greene advised that Transport would continue to progress the projects in the interim.

Cllr. A. Cheevers proposed motion to have a special meeting to discuss outstanding motions on the agenda, this was seconded by Cllr. O. Hanley, with a special meeting date of Monday 30th May 2022 at 3pm agreed.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1(a) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 11th April 2022

Mayor C. Connolly invited matters of accuracy regarding the minutes. None were raised.

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| Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons | Seconded By: Cllr. E. Hoare |
| 1(a) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 11 th April, 2022 | |
| The minutes were agreed and adopted. | |

Under matters arising, Cllr. N. McNelis raised a query if there was an update on Outdoor Living for Salthill. Mr. R. Lehmann, Tourism Officer gave an update on same.

(a) Special Meeting of Galway City Council held on 4th May, 2022

Mayor C. Connolly invited matters of accuracy and matters arising regarding the minutes. None were raised.

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| Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons | Seconded By: Cllr. C. Higgins |
| 1(b) Special Meeting of Galway City Council held on 4 th May, 2022 | |
| The minutes were agreed and adopted. | |

2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

2(a) To agree a date for the Annual Council Meeting - Friday 17th June at 4pm proposed.

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| Proposed By: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty | Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy |
| 2 (a) To agree a date for the Annual Council Meeting - Friday 17 th June at 4pm proposed. | |
| The date was agreed and approved. | |

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator advised that the venue for the Annual Council meeting will be the Ardilaun Hotel.

2(b) Veterinary Services – Section 85 agreement with Galway County Council

Proposed By: **Cllr. M. Crowe**

Seconded By: **Cllr. N. McNelis**

2 (b) Veterinary Services - Section 85 agreement with Galway County Council – per report circulated 4th May 2022.

This was agreed and approved.

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3(a) Procedures Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28th April 2022 - for consideration & noting.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator gave an overview of matters raised at the Procedures Committee meeting for consideration by Council.

Proposed By: **Cllr. C. Connolly**

Seconded By: **Cllr. F. Fahy**

3(a) Procedures Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28th April 2022

Proposal to continue hybrid meetings of Galway City Council (including sub-committee meetings) and for Council meetings to be held in an offsite suitable location like the Galmont Hotel until after the September Council meeting of Galway City Council. That a Procedures Committee Meeting be held to discuss future meeting arrangements before the October City Council Ordinary Meeting.

Standing Orders: Proposal to extend the deadline for submissions on the Review of Standing Orders to be extended until the end of September 2022.

Flag Policy: That the draft Flag Policy document be recirculated to all Councillors inviting comments and any suggested amendments by the end of September 2022 and for this to then be reviewed by the Procedures Committee.

The proposals were agreed and approved by Council.

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

4(a) Arts grants 2022

Mr. G. McMahon, Arts Officer referred Councillors to the report issued and to the recommendations for allocation of funding under the 2022 Arts Grants.

Councillors discussed the Report and Mr. G. McMahon responded to queries and clarifications raised by Councillors. Councillors thanked the Arts Officer and his team and the Committee for their work in allocating the €400,000 in funding to the 57

groups. Mr. McMahon agreed to examine representation on the Committee following suggestions from Councillors.

Proposed By: **Cllr. C. Connolly** Seconded By: **Cllr. O. Hanley**

4 (a) Arts Grants 2022 - per Report circulated dated 3rd May, 2022

The proposed Art Grants as circulated were agreed and approved by Council.

4(b) Galway City Council's Public Lighting LED Upgrade Programme

Proposed By: **Cllr. E. Hoare** Seconded By: **Cllr. M. O'Connor**

4(b) Galway City Council's Public Lighting LED Upgrade Programme

This was agreed and approved unanimously.

Mayor C. Connolly queried if Council would like to hear a presentation on the matter.

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed that a presentation be heard. This was seconded by Mayor C. Connolly and agreed.

Mr. U. Finn, Senior Engineer gave a brief introduction to the project.

Mr. C. Shaughnessy, Assistant Engineer gave a presentation on the Public lighting LED upgrade programme progress to Councillors which included Objectives; Outcome; Scheme Example; Maintenance Savings; Colour Temperature lanterns; Walkway Permeability; Infills; Future Works; Benefits and the National Regional LED Upgrade Programme.

Councillors complimented Mr. C. Shaughnessy & the team for works completed ahead of time & under budget.

Mayor C. Connolly suggested that the Council take a short break. Cllr. N. McNelis proposed that the meeting conclude after questions and answers on the public lighting agenda item. This was seconded by Cllr. D. Lyons and agreed.

A short break commenced at 5:15pm and the meeting resumed at 5.30pm.

Mr. C. Shaughnessy & Mr. U. Finn responded to queries raised by Councillors and agreed to revert on a number of requests.

Proposed By: **Cllr. O. Hanley** Seconded By: **Cllr. N. McNelis**

That Galway City Council calls on Iarnród Éireann to urgently improve the lighting along 'the line' walkway across Lough Atalia and to plan for further improvements on the walkway.

This was agreed and approved unanimously.

4(c) Chief Executive's Report: - Not Considered.

- i. April 2022
- ii. May 2022

4(d) Quarterly Report, January - March 2022 - Not Considered.

- i. Economic, Community & Cultural Development
- ii. Environment & Climate Change
- iii. Housing
- iv. Recreation & Amenity
- v. Transport & Infrastructure

4(e) Proposed Galway City Council Cycling Enhancement Projects - Doughiska Road South and Ballyloughane Road Cycling Enhancement Projects

It was agreed to defer this agenda item to the June Council Ordinary meeting.

5. NOTICES OF MOTION - Not Considered.

Special meeting agreed for Monday 30th May 2022 to consider same.

NOM 7/2021

Notice given by: Cllr. M.J. Crowe

Date Received: 11th February 2021

That Galway City Council calls on the Office of Public Works to carry out the necessary excavation works to recover the remains of Joe Brady, Daniel Curley, Michael Fagan, Thomas Caffrey and Tim Kelly, in what is commonly known as the Invincibles Yard at Kilmainham Gaol. The bodies of these five members of the Irish National Invincibles lie beneath the paving slabs of the yard where they were executed in 1883 for their part in the Phoenix Park assassinations. The families of the five men are represented by the National Graves Association and the wish of the families is for their relatives to be exhumed from Kilmainham Gaol and reinterred in consecrated ground at Glasnevin Cemetery.'

NOM 13/2021

Notice given by: Cllr. M.J. Crowe

Date Received: 3rd March 2021

On foot of recent events, this Council calls on the NTMA to cease all and any dealings with 'Davy' forthwith.

NOM 18/2021 also submitted under SO 34 at Council meeting held on 12th April 2021

Notice given by: Cllr. A. Cheevers

Date Received: 7th April 2021

I am calling on Galway City Council to make Cross street a permanent pedestrian street to accommodate outdoor dining and to accommodate businesses in the area.

I also would like Galway City Council to look at other areas of the City that this could be also made possible.

Reply issued on 16th April 2021. Request to leave on the Agenda.

NOM 28/2021**Notice given by: Cllr. M. O'Connor****Date Received: 10th May 2021 - Wording amended on 24th May 2021**

That Galway City Council call for:

- Free Travel pass to be extended to people with epilepsy who may be temporarily off the road due to their condition and/or who may be unable to drive because of their condition.
- Students who may experience a seizure during state examinations are afforded the opportunity to resit their exam within the same exam cycle.

NOM 33/2021**Notice given by: Cllr. C. Connolly****Date Received: 22nd June 2021**

Galway City Council acknowledges the need for a new national maternity hospital (NMH) to provide the highest quality healthcare in Dublin, and across Ireland. Galway City Council notes the lack of legal clarity regarding the ownership and management of the hospital, and also acknowledges the concerns regarding the employment rights of those who will work in the hospital.

Galway City Council agrees to write to the Minister for Health to call for the proposed new publicly-funded NMH to be constructed on land owned by the State; and that, to guarantee its secular ethos, the new facility be fully owned and governed by the State. If this motion is passed it is agreed that this motion is circulated to all Local Authorities.

NOM 40/2021**Notice given by: Cllr. C. Connolly****Date Received: 4th October 2021 (Amended wording 17th January 2022)**

GCC calls on the Government to support a New Deal for Early Childhood Years, increasing investment and implementing a new funding model so educators are paid a decent wage, childcare is affordable for parents and these essential services are sustainable into the future.

In doing so I propose that a letter is sent on behalf of GCC to both Minister O'Gorman and Minister McGrath asking them both to support a new deal for Early Childhood Years, in order to deliver quality care and education for our children, our workers, parents and providers.

NOM 41/2021**Notice given by: Cllr. N. McNelis****Date Received: 2nd October 2021**

The Irish Society for Colitis & Crohn's Disease is a patient-to-patient support group for over 40,000 people who are living with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) in Ireland. Inflammatory Bowel Disease describes a group of conditions in which the intestines become inflamed. The two most common inflammatory bowel diseases are Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

Living with IBD can be a daily struggle, traveling outside the home has always been a challenge for many people living with IBD. The Irish Society for Colitis and Crohn's Disease is calling on all County Councils and the Department of Health to recognise our "No Waiting" card, to support people in the community with IBD gaining urgent access to a nearby toilet.

NOM 03/2022**Notice given by: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty****Date Received: 01st February 2022**

That this council calls on the Government to include, in the wording of the proposed Road Traffic and Roads Bill 2021 currently going through the Oireachtas, a requirement that all users of e-scooters must wear hi-vis jackets; and that the proposed requirement that those aged 16 to 18 wear a helmet be extended to include all adult users of e-scooters.

NOM 5/2022**Notice given by: Cllr. O. Hanley****Date Received: 4th March 2022**

That Galway City Council will install a controlled pedestrian crossing on the Headford Road north of the Kirwan Junction to increase safety and support pedestrian access between communities.

NOM 6/2022**Submitted at Annual Budget meeting on 22nd November 2021****Proposed by: Cllr. C. Connolly Seconded by: Cllr. O. Hanley**

That Galway City Council calls on the Government to introduce legislation to impose levies on homes that are purchased as investment properties.

NOM 7/2022**Submitted by Cllr. Owen Hanley on the 19th April 2022**

That Galway City Council will allocate resources in the next annual budget and annual work plan to progress a feasibility study for a swimming pool and associated ancillary facilities in Doughiska on RA zoned lands, as per Chapter 4 of the City Development Plan 2017 -2023.

6. QUESTIONS - Not Considered**Q 03/2022****Question by: Cllr. O. Hanley****Date Received: 4th March 2022**

To ask the Council for an update in relation to work in collaboration with the Department of Education to secure accommodation for the Galway Educate Together Secondary School which faces a dire situation. To ask the general locations of the permanent sites currently being investigated, and if those represent medium term solutions, what short term solutions are being progressed?

Q3/2022**Question by: Cllr. N. McNelis****Date Received: 27th April 2022**

Can the relevant Director of Services provide statistics / numbers in relation to the number of water related incidents involving in the city's water courses (rivers, canals, seashore) over the last three years including the number of drownings and rescued persons?

What is the total budget for water safe ty in the city and how is it currently being spent?

Is there an active plan to improve the safety of the City's waterways?

Q4/2022

Question by: Cllr. J Connolly

Date Received: 28th April 2022

Can the members of Galway City Council be provided with the full contractual, management and operational relationship between Galway City Council and the operators of the Coach Station at the Sean Duggan Centre, Fairgreen Rd.

7. CORRESPONDENCE - Not Considered.

- (a) Correspondence received 15th March 2022 regarding Fast -Track Cities Mayors support for Ukrainian People Affected by HIV, TB, and Viral Hepatitis - copy attached.
- (b) Correspondence received 12th April 2022 regarding Resolution adopted by Limerick City and County Council – GDPR Consent Forms
- (c) Correspondence received 12th April 2022 regarding Resolution agreed by Killarney Municipal District
- (d) Correspondence received 13th April 2022 regarding Resolutions passed by the members of Clare County Council
- (e) Correspondence received 28th April 2022 regarding Resolution from Westmeath County Council
- (f) Correspondence received 28th April 2022 regarding Motion Passed by Wexford County Council Meeting.
- (g) Correspondence received 29th April 2022 regarding Motion passed by Wexford County Council

8. ITEMS FOR COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION

None.

9. CONFERENCES

None

10. VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS

Proposed By: **Cllr. D. Lyons**

Seconded By: **Cllr. E. Hoare**

VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS

Votes of Sympathy and Congratulations were agreed and approved.

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

None

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Meeting concluded at 6:05pm