



Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe  
Galway City Council

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1 Márta, 2023  
1<sup>st</sup> March, 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, 6 Márta, 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, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 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 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 - copy attached

### 2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

- (a) Filling of a Casual Vacancy on Galway City Council under S.19(3)(a) Local Government Act, 2001 caused by the resignation of former Councillor O. Hanley. Social Democrats Nominee: Mr. Alan Curran
- (b) Galway City Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2022 - for noting

### 3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### 4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

- (a) Report on consultation on Dublin Road BusConnects project - to follow
- (b) Options report on reinstatement of former Clifden Railway Bridge with a Pedestrian /Cycle Bridge - to follow
- (c) Proposed Galway City Council Cycling Enhancement Project at Ballyloughane Road
- (d) Report on proposed new cemetery at Dublin Road - to follow
- (e) Chief Executive's Report:
  - a. February 2023 - issued
  - b. March 2023 - to follow
- (f) Northern & Western Regional Assembly - Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy Two-Year Monitoring Report 2020-2022 - copy issued January 2023 - for noting
- (g) Draft Galway City Council Protocol on Civic Commemorations - issued November 2022
- (h) Crown Square Update - circulated January, 2023
- (i) EPA Focus On Local Authority Environmental Enforcement - Performance Report 2021 - issued 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

- (j) National Oversight and Audit commission (NOAC) Galway City Council Scrutiny Report - copy issued 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 - for noting

## 5. NOTICES OF MOTION

### **NOM 8/2022**

**Submitted by Cllr. A. Cheevers on the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Notice given by:** Cllr. A. Cheevers    **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

**Date Received:** 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (Amended wording 30<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Request to leave on the Agenda. The Motion was deferred at a Special meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2022**

**Seconded by: Cllr. D. McDonnell on 13<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.operationencompass.org)

**NOM 14/2022**

**Submitted by Cllr. N. Murphy on the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**NOM 18/2022**

**Submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on the 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022**

I request Galway City Council to install bicycle lanes on the Western Distributor Road from the Blake roundabout to the Cappagh Road roundabout and from the Cappagh Road roundabout to the Blake roundabout which would meet with the existing cycle lane on the Western Distributor Road. I believe that the existing roadway is wide enough to accommodate cycle lanes in both directions.

**NOM 19/2022**

**Submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 05/2023****Submitted by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023**

'In relation to the Chapter 3 - Transport and Road Safety, GTS Walking and Cycling Appendix F – I wish to delete Item Ballyloughane Road, Renmore Avenue from the Annual Service Plan 2023, until such time as a final decision is made on the proper infrastructure suitable for Renmore.'

## 6. QUESTIONS

**Q8/2022**

**Submitted by Cllr. M. Cubbard on the 19<sup>th</sup> 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

**Q10/2022**

**Submitted by Cllr. N. Murphy on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

In April 2021 the council executive reported, via an answer to a question from Cllr. Hanley that the council was seeking 15 active travel staff to add to the existing 8. It was also reported that the hiring process can take over a year. We were also informed more recently that some positions may not be filled until specific skill sets are required for the task.

Can the elected member receive an update on this. Specifically, can we be informed if staff turnover has impacted these numbers. Of the positions that remain to be filled, how many fall into the category of roles where hiring is still deferred until a specialist skill is required.

**Q1/2023**

**Submitted by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty on the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

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

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Correspondence received 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 regarding Resolution passed at Tipperary County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (b) Correspondence received 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2023 from Corrib Beo Partnership regarding Symposium re Waterways and Recreation on the Corrib
- (c) Correspondence received 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2023 from Minister O'Brien regarding URDF

- (d) Correspondence from Western Inter-County Railway Committee received 28th June 2022
- (e) Correspondence received 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 regarding Resolution passed at Wicklow County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (f) Correspondence received 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 regarding National Women’s Council.
- (g) Correspondence received 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 regarding Resolution passed at Sligo County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (h) Correspondence received 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 regarding Four Resolutions passed at Sligo County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (i) Correspondence received 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 regarding Resolution passed at Kerry County Council Ordinary Meeting.
- (j) Correspondence received 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 regarding Resolution passed at Cavan County Council Ordinary Meeting.

## **8. ITEMS FOR COUNCILLORS’ INFORMATION**

None

## **9. CONFERENCES**

### **Approved Training**

- 1) **Title:** Celtic Conferences  
**Dates:** 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April (**NEW DATES**)  
**Venue:** O’ Donovan’s Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork

## **10. VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS**

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

## **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**