



8 Bealtaine 2024
8th May 2024

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, 13 Bealtaine 2024 ar a 3.00in sa Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Comhairle Cathrach 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.

An Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council will be held on **Monday, 13th May 2024 at 3.00pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Galway City Council 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 1(a) and 1(b) in writing, in advance of the meeting, to the undersigned.

Ailish Rohan,
Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator

Clár/Agenda

Ordinary Meeting 13th May 2024

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 8th April 2024 (attached)
- (b) Special Meeting of Galway City Council held on 22nd April 2024 (attached)

2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

- (a) To agree a date for Freedom of the City Special meeting - Proposed date Friday 31st May at 4pm
- (b) To agree a time for the Annual Council Meeting - Friday 21st June
- (c) Part 8 – Westside Running Track Floodlighting - (attached)
- (d) Part 8 - Bóthar Stiofáin Cycle Scheme - (attached)
- (e) Part 8 - Neighbourhood Centre & Social Housing Development at Ballyburke (report issued 01/05/224)
- (f) Section 183 - Leasing of land at Ballyloughane Road (reports issued 03/05/2024)
- (g) Draft Annual Financial Statement 2023 (subject to Audit) – (attached)
 - (i) Approval of Annual Financial Statements (Unaudited) for year ended 31st December 2023
 - (ii) Approval of Transfers To/From Reserves as detailed in Note 14 of the Accounts
 - (iii) Approval of Over/Under Expenditure by Division as detailed in Note 16 of the Accounts
- (h) Audit Committee Annual Report 2023 (report to follow)
- (i) Audit Committee S121 Report (report to follow)
- (j) Audit Committee Work Programme 2024 (report to follow)
- (k) Statutory Local Government Audit Report 2022 (attached)
- (l) Draft Annual Report 2023 - (report issued 1st May, 2024)

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- (a) Notes of Procedures Committee Meeting held on 16th April 2024 for noting (attached)
- (b) Notes of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 22nd April 2024 (attached)
- (c) Galway City Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2023, for noting (attached)



4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

- (a) Chief Executive's Report for May 2024 (attached)
- (b) Marketing Fund (report to follow)

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

NOM 8/2022

Submitted by Cllr. A. Cheevers on the 16th May 2022

Response issued 18/05/2023

Response issued 06/10/2023 - Request to leave on the agenda.

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 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 11/2022 – Resubmitted 30th March 2024

Submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on the 30th May 2022 – Response issued 16/06/2022

Resubmitted 1st May 2023 – Response issued 17/05/2023

Response issued 01/05/2024 – Resubmitted on 01/05/24 to be discussed at meeting

I request Galway City Council to enter immediate discussions with relevant land owners on the Upper Ballymoneen Road so as to acquire sufficient lands by negotiation or by Compulsory Purchase Order so that a bus turning bay can be installed which will permit a bus service operation on the Upper Ballymoneen Road serving the following estates; Slí Burca, Leitir Burca, Leas na Mara, Drisín, Maoilín, Slí Gheal, Fana Buí, Radharc na Farrage, Magh Burca, Ard Cre and a number of other estates now in construction and further developments due to take place on Ballymoneen Road in the future.

NOM 17/2022

Submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on the on the 10th Oct 2022.

Response issued 05th April 2023 Resubmitted 10th April 2023 (Not included in Special meeting on 22/05/23 as Cllr. Lyons had three motions on this agenda).

Response issued 01/05/24 – Resubmitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on 01/05/24 to be discussed at meeting.

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 27/2023

Submitted by Cllr. A. Cheevers on the 8th August 2023

I am Calling on Galway City Council to support the retention of VAT at 9% for the food related businesses and we are calling on the Minister for Finance to extend the 9% vat rate to the end of 2024.

NOM 03/2024

Submitted by Cllr. C. Higgins on the 29th January 2024

That the government recognises the urgent situation of the crisis facing the hospitality sector and acts swiftly to provide immediate support to SMEs in the hospitality sector by way of a suite of measures. Failure to do so, risks irreversible damage to our economy and loss of countless jobs and livelihoods. Recognising the urgency of the matter Galway City Council calls on the Government to take the following immediate actions to support SMEs in the hospitality sector;

1. Reduce the VAT rate to 9%
2. Extension of Warehouse Tax scheme in line with calls from the Restaurant Association of Ireland which will give businesses a viable opportunity to pay back what they owe over an extended period.
3. An overhaul of the electric support which is one of the most cribbling costs to SMEs in the hospitality sector at present.

NOM 04/2024

Submitted by Cllr. C. Higgins on the 6th February 2024

That this Council recognises, supports and endorses the Institute of Professional Auctioneers and Valuers (IPAV) draft legislation the Seller's Legal Pack for Property Buyers' Bill 2021 which has completed first and second stage in Dail Eireann. The introduction of the Seller's Legal Pack will reduce delays in conveyancing by 50% by frontloading the process thereby giving consumers certainty. It will reduce gazumping and gazundering, and it will align general sales with public auctions and online sales whereby legal documents are sought upfront.

The Seller's Legal Pack will include;

- Law Society Conditions/Contract of Sale
- Certified copy of file and file plan or root of unregistered title
- Architect's Certificate of Compliance with planning permission
- Architect's Certificate of Compliance with building regulations
- Copy of all planning permission and building regulations documents
- Receipts for financial conditions
- Letter confirming roads and services or evidence of rights of way and wayleaves
- Local property history details
- A BER Certificate and Advisory Report
- Certificate of discharge or exemption from Non-Private Residence Charge.



That this Council circulates this motion to the Houses of the Oireachtas, Minister for Justice and all Councils.

NOM 16/2024

Proposed By: Cllr. M.J. Crowe at April Meeting

Seconded By: Cllr. A. Cheevers

That the Merlin Woods Development be an affordable only scheme.

NOM 17/2024

Submitted by Cllr. C. Higgins on the 1st May 2024

That this Council agrees to submit an application to the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) for the development and upgrade of sporting facilities at Kingston and Millars Lane.

NOM 18/2024

Submitted by Cllr. D. McDonnell on the 1st May 2024

Galway City Council calls on the National Transport Authority to abandon plans, contained in its current Galway BusConnects proposals, to run buses through the narrow streets of the Old Mervue area, and instead maintain the route of the current 401 service for the area, running via McDonagh Avenue and Clarke Avenue to serve the stop at Parnell Avenue, and also the current 405 route via Connolly Avenue.

NOM 19/2024 (Raised at Special Meeting held on 22nd April 2024)

Proposed By: Cllr. F. Fahy

Seconded By: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

That a temporary crossing solution be put in place for pedestrians and cyclists to slow down traffic to help enable pedestrians and cyclists to get across the bridge safely.

Agreed to include on May meeting agenda.

NOM 20/2024

Submitted by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty on 6th May 2024

I request Galway City Council to include a shower facility along with the planned automated toilets at Ballyloughane beach, construction work on which is scheduled to take place this year.

NOM 21/2024

Submitted by Cllr. A. Cheevers on 7th May 2024

I am calling on Galway City Council to cooperate with my Election Posters Recycling Plan for all Election Posters as follows:

- Provide a collection point for all used corriboard posters after the elections and for Council to deliver them to ENPLAST LTD , Granard , Co Longford where the Company will grind the posters down to pellet form where the company will use them for the signage /construction industry. ENPLAST LTD have agreed to provide this service free of charge.



NOM 14/2024 (Response issued to Cllrs on 01/05/24)

Submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on the 23rd April 2024

I request Galway City Council, Roads Department/Active Travel Department to request the National Transport Authority to extend the TFI Bike Stations in Galway to include the following locations: Promenade Salthill, Gateway Park and Cappagh Park at the earliest opportunity.

NOM 15/2024 (Response issued to Cllrs on 01/05/2024)

Submitted by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty on the 24th April 2024

That a pedestrian crossing be provided immediately on the Dublin Road near the ATU Galway campus, to facilitate, in particular, students and other bus users alighting at stops on either side of the Dublin Road and having to cross an extremely busy road to get to the ATU campus or the North West Regional Garda HQ on the other side. While the proposed BusConnects Scheme includes the provision of dedicated pedestrian and cyclist crossings in the area, this will take some time and in the meantime, many hundreds of people are taking their lives in their hands every week at this location to cross the road, which has an almost constant flow of traffic with no safe pedestrian crossing option.

NOM 22/2024

Submitted by Cllr. N. Murphy on the 7th May 2024

I propose that Galway City Council condemn the unparalleled destruction of Gaza and the mass slaughter of innocent civilians babies, children, women and men of Palestine. These acts must be called out in every political forum across the globe as genocidal acts masquerading as legitimate warfare. In light of these atrocities we call on Galway City Council to suspend the purchasing of any goods and services from businesses involved in the illegal Israeli settlements, as identified by the United Nations Human Rights Council.

6. QUESTIONS

Q5/2024

Submitted by Cllr. J. Connolly on 7th May 2024

Can the council be provided with the number and locations of all public bins managed and maintained by Galway City Council over the following years:

- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023
- 2024

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) NOAC Annual Report 2023

(b) National Ambulance Service Recruitment Campaign

8. ITEMS FOR COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION

None.

9. CONFERENCES

None

10. VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS

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

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS