

Minutes of Galway City Council Plenary Meeting held in the Council Chamber, City Hall and Online via MS Teams on Monday, 10 November 2025 at 3.00p.m.	
Presiding:	Mayor Cllr. M. Cubbard.
Elected Members Present:	Councillors: A. Burke, A. Cheevers, M.J. Crowe, A. Curran, F. Fahy, J. Forde, S. Forde, C. Higgins, E. Hoare, P. Keane, D. Lyons, J. McDonagh, D. McDonnell, N. McNelis, T. O'Flaherty, H. Ogbu, E. Seoighthe.
Executive Present:	Chief Executive L. Cleary, Director of Services, P. Greene, H. Kilroy, D. Pender, A/DoS: L. Fanning, P. Philbin (online); Senior Executive Officer: A. Rohan, Administrative Officer: M. Duddy, Clerical Officer: M. Biggins, M. McCarthy.
Attending:	Mr. John Barry, National Transport Authority, Mr. Alan Dunne, Iregan Advisors.

The Meeting commenced with a statement of intent to conduct the business of the meeting in line with Standing Orders which was followed by a moment of silent reflection.

A demonstration of sympathy was expressed for Ms. Della Forde (RIP), mother of Cllr. Josie Forde, followed by a moment of silence.

The Mayor extended congratulations to Ms. Catherine Connolly on her election as President of Ireland and conveyed best wishes to former President Mr. Michael D. Higgins. This sentiment was echoed by all Members. The Mayor confirmed that he would write to both individuals in this regard.

The Mayor proposed that the meeting would break at 4:45p.m. and conclude at 6:30p.m. This was agreed.

It was agreed to take Item 5(a) Presentation from National Transport Authority (NTA) overview of NTA Network Redesign plus other investment in Galway City earlier than listed on the agenda.

A statement was made by the Mayor regarding the Special Council meeting held on 15 September 2025 to hear Presidential candidates. He clarified that candidates were invited to the Special meeting which commenced at 4p.m. He stated that Candidates were allocated speaking times and were advised these times were subject to change. One of the candidates, Mr. Diarmuid Mulcahy, was invited to speak ahead of his scheduled speaking time of 4.55p.m. due to non-attendance by the other candidates. Mr. Mulcahy kindly facilitated same. This was also reflected in the Adopted Minutes of 15 September 2025 meeting.

Cllr. F. Fahy requested information on how many candidates confirmed attendance and how many attended.

Cllr. M. Cubbard expressed concern regarding the reported threat of an attack on Galway Mosque and condemned same.

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

Mayor Cubbard referred Members to item on disclosures. No disclosures were made.

2. Confirmation of Minutes:

(a) October Plenary Meeting held on 6 October 2025.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. J. McDonagh
Resolved to adopt October Plenary Meeting held on 6 October 2025.	

Matters of Accuracy and Matters Arising:

On a point of accuracy, Cllr. A. Curran requested a correction to page 5, noting Cllr. H. Ogbu spoke on the Access for All initiative and highlighted that Wicklow County Council has a dedicated Disability and Inclusion Steering Committee (DISC).

A synopsis of matters arising included:

Members requested updates on the status of the capital loan, response from the Culture Company regarding the invitation, HSE Shantalla Park, Park and Ride proposals with the Colleges, issue with Knotweed, update on the Pedestrian crossing at the Atlantic Technological University (ATU) and queried whether turbines were operational.

Cllr. S. Forde requested clarification on whether a letter was sent to the National Transport Authority regarding mobility bikes.

The Mayor disallowed a question regarding a house in Kiltullagh as it was not referred to in the Minutes.

The Executive responded to queries.

Ms. H. Kilroy confirmed all documentation for loan sanction was submitted to the Department and that she had recently been in contact with the Department for an update on this matter.

Ms. A. Rohan responded on Culture Company invite which was acknowledged and forwarded to the board, a follow-up response will be requested.

Mr. P. Greene updated on the Park and Ride informing of a positive response from the University and that plans were progressing. He advised no further update on Shantalla and acknowledged problems with knotweed.

Mr. D. Pender gave an update on the turbines confirming the new project will replace current infrastructure. He informed of the tender assigned under EU Directives and set-out conditions which satisfied procurement rules. He also briefed Members on a

judicial review and negotiations with ATU on Sports Campus and the planning permission for pedestrian crossings at that location

In response to Cllr. S. Forde query, Mr. Pender confirmed a letter issued through Corporate Services to the National Transport Authority on 16 October 2025.

Cllr. A. Curran acknowledged the significant contribution by Ms. Paula Kearney with the Galway City Invasive Species Strategy and Biodiversity Action Plan 2025–2030, commended the quality of work involved, and extended best wishes to her in her future role.

3. Business Prescribed by Statute

(a) The Public Health Acts, Amendment Act 1890, (Part IV) – document for consideration to adopt.

Ms. A. Rohan informed the members that this item was before them for consideration to clarify the legal basis for issuing Public Music and Singing Licences in Galway City, with members being asked to formally adopt Part IV of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890.

Recent applications have revealed uncertainty over whether this Part was ever adopted by the former Galway Urban District Council. Adoption now would remove this uncertainty and align Galway City Council with similar actions taken by other Local Authorities.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons		Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy		
Resolved to adopt the Public Health Acts, Amendment Act 1890, (Part IV).				
Present: 17	In Favour: 17	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 1
Result: The motion was adopted.				

(b) Section 179(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2010 and in compliance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001, Part 8 Application for Newcastle Community Centre - for approval.

Cllr. M.J. Crowe noted that no Planning Report with recommendations was included in the documentation circulated by email.

Cllr. E. Hoare highlighted the transformative nature of the project and the positive submission from the Planning Department. He acknowledged staff and committee involvement and stressed the importance of prioritising delivery, aligning with active travel initiatives on Thomas Hynes Road to improve accessibility from Knocknacarra and the University. He further noted strong support across Government Departments, which was acknowledged by all Councillors present.

Cllr. D. Lyons expressed that the project demonstrates cross-Government and Departmental commitment and will benefit Newcastle and surrounding areas. He

acknowledged committed involvement by Deputy Grealish and Minister Humphreys, Cllr. P. Keane was in agreement with these comments.

Councillors commended the Committee for its efforts and acknowledged the work undertaken to secure funding approval, noting the considerable demand and the benefits for the wider area.

Cllr. A. Burke highlighted the need for accessibility given proximity to St. Joseph's Special School.

Mr. D. Pender confirmed that the project will be fully accessible and include universal landscaping design. He noted that the Planners' Report was uploaded to the Councillor Extranet along with the other Council meeting documentation.

A vote was called by the Mayor.

Proposed By: Cllr. E. Hoare		Seconded By: Cllr. D. Lyons		
Resolved to approve pursuant to Section 179(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2010 and in compliance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001, Part 8 Application for Newcastle Community Centre.				
Present: 17	In Favour: 17	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 1
Result: The motion was approved.				

5. Consideration of Reports of Officials

(a) Presentation from National Transport Authority (NTA) overview of NTA Network Redesign plus other investment in Galway City.

Mr. John Barry, National Transport Authority (NTA) presented to Councillors on the BusConnects redesign and other investments in the city. Mr. D. Pender thanked Mr. John Barry and NTA for their support on projects throughout the city.

The Mayor opened the room for questions.

Councillors had submitted some questions in advance and requested written responses to be circulated.

Cllr. D. Lyons expressed disappointment regarding the December 2023 report and requested an up-to-date explanation of the route changes in detail. He highlighted that it was previously stated that Kingston Road would be served by bus route and ensure that Route 10A is maintained. Cllr. Lyons added that the 424 route is vital, but changes have been implemented.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. C. Higgins
Propose that the 424 Bus Route would remain as at present which would serve the areas of Westbrook, Seacrest, Gentian Hill, Gentian Villas and Blakes Hill which have been omitted from the proposed bus routes.	

Each Councillor raised questions which focused on bus connectivity and delays during peak traffic and events, the need for improved frequency, bus network aligned with Irish Rail services and consideration for future developments. Queries were raised regarding provision of bus stops and shelters, funding arrangements and ownership of bus shelters. Councillors raised concerns regarding traffic congestion, accessibility and engagement to provide out of hours services for commuters. Issues around Park-and-Ride and provision of bus lanes at Cappagh Road were discussed. The lack of real-time updates from private operators along with calls for interim traffic measures and clarity on public consultation outcomes were noted.

The meeting recessed at 4:45p.m. and resumed at 5:03p.m.

Mr. D. Pender confirmed that responses would issue between Council Active Travel, Operational Directorate and the National Transport Authority.

Mr. John Barry advised that special event schedules are coordinated under operational services and would feedback comments. He noted a full network rollout is planned for 2027 with some interim measures under review. He advised that there will be updates to route frequencies, maps, and numbering. Mr. Barry committed to review linkages with Irish Rail to service late train arrivals.

Mr. Barry agreed to issue responses in collaboration with the Council's Active Travel office.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Barry for attending and his commitment to address queries.

4. Reports of Committee Meetings

(a) Notes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 31 October 2025.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis
Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 31 October 2025 were noted.	

It was noted that Cllr. M. Cubbard was listed under both Presiding and Apologies, which requires correction.

Cllr. F. Fahy sought update on porridge spreading. Cllr. P. Greene stated that he could not comment on this matter following legal advice.

Cllr. D. Pender confirmed there is currently no overrun on Ceannt Station, the expenditure profile is currently aligned with the business case. In regard to URDF, Mr. Pender informed that the NTA are currently indicating that another bridge is not a viability in the proposal.

Cllr. E. Hoare noted that this development forms a key component of the Clifden Greenway. He requested that it be communicated to the NTA that he strongly disagrees with any suggestion to alter the plan, as the project is integral to the Greenway and is viewed as a landmark initiative.

(b) Potential Section 183 Lands adjacent to University Hospital, standing item.

This item was discussed under Agenda Item 2(a) Matters Arising.

(c) Procedures Committee Meeting Standing Order Review.

On point of accuracy Cllr. E. Hoare stated he was not present at the procedures meeting and asked this to be noted.

Cllr. C. Higgins commented on the traditions and history of the title which honours the office of Mayor and proposed to retain title of Your Worship and incorporate the use of Irish version of the title.

Discussion ensued and the Mayor called for a vote on the proposal:-

Proposed By: Cllr. C. Higgins		Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy		
Resolved to keep the title His/Her Worship with Bilingual reference.				
Present: 18	In Favour: 10	Against: 8	Abstain: 0	Absent: 0
Result: The motion was carried				

Cllr. D. Lyons requested for the Sword and Mace to be available for up to a maximum of 4 occasions a year. This was seconded by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty.

Councillors were advised that Reports were previously circulated on the fragile state of the artifacts and that they are currently preserved in the museum. There will be cost implications associated with any reintroduction of same.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons		Seconded By: Cllr. T. O’Flaherty		
Resolved for Sword and Mace to be available for up to a maximum of 4 occasions a year.				
Present: 18	In Favour: 18	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 0
Result: The motion was carried				

In response to comments on the content included in minutes, Ms. Rohan agreed to raise the matter to discuss further through the Procedures Committee.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. McDonnell		Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis		
Resolved to adopt Standing Orders amendments – per Report circulated.				
Present: 18	In Favour: 10	Against: 8	Abstain: 0	Absent: 0
Result: The motion was carried				

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. F Fahy
Resolved to continue Information Briefings for Councillors.	
Result: The motion was agreed	

The Mayor and Members agreed to take Agenda Item 5. Consideration of Reports of Officials (g) Parking Payments Report and welcomed Mr. Alan Dunne to the Chamber.

5. Consideration of Reports of Officials

(g) Parking Payments Report.

Mr. P. Greene introduced Mr. Alan Dunne of Iregan Advisors. Mr. Greene outlined the context of the parking metres review and highlighted the areas tendered which included assessment of existing machines, adopt to digital services, interactive, enforcement, continuation to drive efficiencies and parking options which align with climate action and transport strategies.

Mr. A. Dunne emphasised the need for a strategic approach to parking management, and recommended adopting improved digital solutions to meet future parking needs and support balanced, sustainable economic development.

Cllr. F. Fahy suggested a gradually phase out of machines. Cllr. Fahy also referred to Payzone coding of car parks citing Dyke Road coded as GDRC which is difficult for visitors to know locations. He questioned if savings are forecasted by the move to app and payzone.

Cllr. E. Seoighthe referred to the Digital Strategy which affirms to avoid excluding people who cannot use digital channels and raised concern that some people are getting left behind. Cllr. Seoighthe noted that while she appreciates cost saving measure, she questioned at what expense to the people of Galway and business owners.

Cllr. P. Keane expressed full confidence in the executive's ability to manage legal matters and acknowledged concerns and confusion but stressed the urgency of implementing changes. Cllr. P. Keane proposed the following motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Keane
That Galway City Council resolves to cease with immediate effect the operation of parking machines as a method of generating revenue for parking within its functional area, and that these parking machines be replaced with Payzone payment options including the Payzone Parking App, Payzone Retail Outlets (42 locations), and/or Pay-by-Phone option to facilitate both card and cash payments for car parking. This Resolution is proposed in light of the following financial, operational, and user-focused considerations: 1. Excessive Operating Costs: The annual cost of maintaining approximately 90 parking machines, including spare parts, consumables, credit card processing fees (7.5%), software licence fees, and bank/cash handling charges amounts to approximately €308,000 per annum (2024 figures). This equates to a percentage total of 9% of total Parking Revenue.

2. 2024 Parking Revenue (Pre-Payzone):

From January to September 2024, total revenue generated through parking charges amounted to €2.3 million, with no Payzone payment options available.

3. 2025 Parking Revenue (With Payzone Options):

From January to September 2025, parking charges generated €2.1 million, with approximately 75% of this revenue collected via the new Payzone options. This figure also accounts for interruptions to parking charges due to Storm Eowyn and an official period of non-charging in Galway City in early 2025.

4. September 2025 Payzone Usage Data:

In September 2025 alone, a total of 62,800 transactions were processed via Payzone payment options, generating over €234,000 in parking charges, 96% of which were completed through the Parking App.

Accordingly, this Council further resolves:

- To begin the phased decommissioning and removal of roadside parking ticket machines across the City.
- To expand and promote in a user-friendly manner Payzone-based payment systems ensuring accessibility for all users, including provision of cash payment options at participating Payzone Retailers.
- To ensure clear public information, signage, and communication plans are implemented to assist all Residents and Visitors in transitioning to the new system.
- To review and report on the savings achieved, environmental benefits, operational efficiencies, and user satisfaction within 6 months of implementation.

Councillors queried the ownership of parking machines and if any cost for disposal of same.

Cllr. N. McNelis called for legal clarification regarding current signage, queried numbers of parking tickets issued compared to other years, and asked for an explanation on savings.

Mayor Cubbard excused his departure from the meeting, and Cllr. H. Ogbu assumed the Chair with agreement from members.

Cllr. E. Hoare stated he agrees that the app is the best way forward and requested to find a solution like a grace period of a half an hour for the elderly.

Cllr. D. McDonnell queried the 7.5% credit card charge, he emphasised the need for clearer signage particularly for elderly users and he questioned the €10 minimum payment requirement, suggesting its removal.

Cllr. T. O'Flaherty proposed the following motion:

Proposed By: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty	Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy
Proposed that Galway City Council continue to have Pay & Display parking machines in use throughout the City to facilitate all those who wish to use cash or card, in tandem with the continued promotion of the Galway City Parking app.	

At 6.20p.m. Cllr. H. Ogbu proposed to extend the meeting beyond 6.30p.m. to deal with the Parking Payments Report. Cllr. D. McDonnell requested that the Age Friendly Strategy be considered also. This was seconded by Cllr. F. Fahy.

Cllr. P. Keane proposed an amendment that the meeting conclude.

In line with Standing Orders, the amendment was considered first.

Proposed By: Cllr. P. Keane		Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis		
Resolved to end the Plenary meeting.				
Present: 15	In Favour: 9	Against: 6	Abstain: 0	Absent: 3
Result: The amendment motion was carried.				

In line with Standing Orders, when an amendment is affirmed, the original Motion disappears and the amendment becomes the original Motion.

A vote was taken as follows:

Proposed By: Cllr. P. Keane		Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis		
Resolved to end the Plenary meeting.				
Present: 15	In Favour: 9	Against: 6	Abstain: 0	Absent: 3
Result: The motion was carried				

- (h) The Galway Age Friendly Strategy 2025 – 2030, for adoption. **Not Considered.**
- (i) The Green Space Strategy 2025 - 2034, for adoption. **Not Considered**
- (j) Linking University Car Parks to existing city bus services for approval. **Not Considered**
- (k) Update on Section 177AE(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Part X Galway City Council will be seeking the approval of An Coimisiún Pleanála for the Development of Kingston Park and Millers Lane - Public Park and Urban Realm Project and all associated works - for noting. **Not Considered**

6. Notice of Motions – Not Considered.

NOM 33/2025, submitted by Cllr. J. McDonagh on 02/06/2025

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.

NOM 44/2025, submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on 04/07/2025

The existing fire station on Fr. Griffin Road is in need of urgent replacement. In consultation with the Chief Executive of Galway County Council and the Chief Fire Officer of Galway City and County Fire Service can the Chief Executive give an update and time frame on the provision of a new site and fire station in Galway City for the Galway City and County Fire Service.

Response issued 03/10/2025

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

That Galway City Council commit to:

1. The signage prohibiting water sports at Silver Strand beach be removed immediately.
2. That the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meets with the Galway City water sports groups to begin meaningful consultation.
3. 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.
4. 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 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

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.

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.

7. Questions – Not Considered.

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?

Q19/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu on 06/07/2025

Safety Concerns Related to E-Bike and E-Scooter Use on Shared Walkways

Can the Chief Executive advise if Galway City Council will consider installing signage and implementing other safety measures to address the increasing use of e-bikes and e-scooters on shared pedestrian walkways, such as the Railway Line Walk, which is particularly narrow in some areas?

In light of public concerns and safety risks especially for older people, children, and individuals with mobility challenges, can the Council explore options for signage, awareness campaigns, and potential collaboration with An Garda Síochána and Iarnród Éireann, to support enforcement and safer usage?

Response issued 30/10/2025

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

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.

8. Correspondence – Not Considered

- (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.

9. Items for Councillors Information - Not Considered

10. Conference, Training and other events - Not Considered

	Provider	Details	Date	Location
(a)	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)	La Touche Legacy	The Emerging New Ireland	19-21 Sept. 2025	Greystones, Co. Wicklow. Retrospective approval for Cllr. D. McDonnell.
(c)	Local Authorities Members Association (LAMA)	LAMA Conference Autumn Seminar	16-17 Oct. 2025	Gorey, Co. Wexford. Retrospective approval for Cllr. J. McDonagh.
(d)	AILG	SPC Chair Training Programme	2 Sept. 2025 9.15-4p.m.	Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise. Retrospective approval for Cllr. J. McDonagh.
(e)	AILG	Supporting Councillors: Responding to Mental Health, Suicide, and Addiction Issues	15 Nov. 2025 9.30a.m – 1p.m.	Radisson Blu Hotel (Athlone)
(f)	AILG	Overview of the evolving planning context including the new Ministerial Guidelines under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act.	15 Nov. 2025 9.30a.m. – 1p.m.	Radisson Blu Hotel Athlone (Athlone)
(g)	AILG	The European Accessibility Act – What Councillors Need to Know	21 Nov. 2025 10-11.30a.m.	Online
(h)	Celtic Conferences	Irish Health Services Entitlements	5-7 Dec. 2025	The Four Season's Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth.

11. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty
Francis (Fran) Havelin, Doreen Sharkey (née Sheridan), Martin Costello,	Eileen Noone (née Lennon), Simpson Hackett, Kay Shaw.

12. Other Business set forth in the notice convening the meeting - Not Considered

13. Any Other Business - Not Considered.

The meeting concluded at 6:26p.m.

