



Comhairle Cathrach
na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

5 Márta 2025
5 March 2025

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, 10 Márta 2025 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.

A Plenary Meeting of Galway City Council will be held on **Monday, 10th March 2025 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 2(a) in writing, in advance of the meeting, to the undersigned.

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Clár/Agenda Plenary Meeting - Monday 10th March 2025
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- 1. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest (Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended).**
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes**
 - (a) February Plenary Council meeting held on 10th February 2025.
- 3. Business Prescribed by Statute**
 - (a) LCDC Annual Report 2024 (for noting).
 - (b) Local Community Development Committee – Appointment of One (1) Member (for the lifetime of the Council) (Group system of appointment applies).
 - (c) Naming and Civic Commemorative Committee Recommendations.
 - (d) Audit Committee Annual Report 2024 (for noting).
 - (e) Audit Committee S121 Report (for noting).
 - (f) Audited Annual Financial Statements and Statutory Local Government Audit Report for the year ended 31 December 2023.
 - (g) Audit Committee Charter.
- 4. Reports of Committee Meetings**
 - (a) Notes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 3rd March 2025.
- 5. Consideration of Reports of Officials**
 - (a) Land Development Agency (LDA) - Part 10 application for new housing at the Dyke Road (verbal update).
 - (b) Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for March 2025.
 - (c) Galway City Heritage Plan 2025-2030 (for adoption).
 - (d) 2-year review of the Galway City Development Plan (for noting).

(e) 2024 Christmas Park and Ride Report.

6. Notice of Motions

NOM 11/2025, submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on 02/03/2025

In order to create awareness of Lyme Disease that Galway City Council would install signage in parks and recreation areas (provided free of charge from the Lyme Resource Centre) that could help raise awareness, inform people on how to protect themselves, and provide guidance on proper tick removal—particularly for children, who are especially vulnerable.

NOM 12/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu on 03/03/2025

Establishment of a Disability Access Officer and Disability & Inclusion Committee; COMMUNITY/SERVICES.

I propose the following motion for consideration by the Council Members. That Galway City Council:

1. Creates the position of a Disability Access Officer, whose responsibility will be to coordinate and oversee accessibility initiatives within the city, ensuring that people with disabilities have a dedicated advocate within the Council.
2. Establishes a Disability & Inclusion Committee, similar to Wicklow County Council's DISC, to ensure that disabled people are actively involved in shaping policies and decision-making processes.

This committee, facilitated by the Disability Access Officer, will work in partnership with relevant stakeholders, advocacy groups, and community representatives to improve accessibility and inclusivity across all Council services. By taking this step, Galway City Council will demonstrate leadership in championing disability rights and fostering a more inclusive city for all.

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NOM 13/2025, submitted by Cllr. E. Seoighe on 03/03/2025

That Galway City Council, in light of the damage done following Storm Eowyn's and the financial pressure this will place on the Council's resources, will suspend all trips abroad until further notice to elected members, with the exception of the planned trip in March 2025. The Council points out how important it is to maintain international relationships and will use technological opportunities available to promote those relationships. This decision would be reviewed as part of the October 2025 budget process.

NOM 14/2025, submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on 03/03/2025

Galway City Council calls onto the government to address the ongoing pay injustice facing Section 39 workers. These essential workers provide critical services in our communities, yet they continue to be treated unfairly in comparison to their counterparts in Section 38 and public sector employment.

7. Questions

Q2/2025, submitted by Cllr. M. Cubbard on 19/02/2025

Can the Director of Services with responsibility for the parking meters please outline what issues continue to rise at multiple locations in the city. Why are some machines still not accepting cash.

Can the Director of Finance provide what income was received from parking in January and February 2024 and also provide a comparable figure for January and February 2025.

Q4/2025, submitted by Cllr. S. Forde on 20/02/2025

What in total is the number of homes Galway City Council owns?
What is the percentage of homes owned by Galway City Council that are in arrears?
At present how much is owed in total by housing tenants to Galway City Council?

Q5/2025, submitted by Cllr. M.J. Crowe on 24/02/2025

I have a concern about the amount of 'Vape' stores that are opening in Galway City. I believe that there are serious questions around 'Vapes' and I see them as a possible unknown and unquantified threat to people's health. I understand that the current development plan has restrictions on certain types of businesses opening and also some restrictions on an intensification of 'similar' or 'same like' business in and around the city. Considering the aforementioned, can GCC clarify the following:

1. Is it possible that a measure can be introduced that makes it compulsory that ALL 'Vape' shops MUST apply for planning?
2. Also, can it be checked and confirmed that all current 'Vape' shops that are trading in the city have the correct planning permission to trade at their locations and that each individual shop that have displays and signage, also have the correct permission to have the correct permission(s) to have same?

Q6/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu on 03/03/2025

As we mark three years since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, thousands of Ukrainians living in Galway continue to face significant challenges, particularly around housing. Many are asking what supports are available to them, and whether they can access HAP like other residents. While I acknowledge that this is a national issue requiring national action, can Galway City Council take the lead in advocating for these individuals by pushing for a clear, supportive housing pathway? What steps can we take to address this locally while calling for broader policy changes?

Q7/2025, submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on 03/03/2025

What use of AI is Galway City Council operating at moment. Will its use affect current jobs in Finance, communications, customer service and public works. What actions have been taken to minimise any risk of data leakage, data loss or other unintended consequences.

8. Correspondence

- (a) Correspondence received on 13/02/2025 from South Dublin County Council – motion passed regarding Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

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- (b) Correspondence received on 13/02/2025 from Sligo County Council – motion passed regarding VAT rate on electricity costs.
- (c) Correspondence received on 17/02/2025 from Roscommon County Council – motion passed regarding landowner’s incentive trees.
- (d) Correspondence received on 17/02/2025 from Roscommon County Council – motion passed regarding Government phone network access.
- (e) Correspondence received on 17/02/2025 from Roscommon County Council – motion passed regarding exam time learning difficulties.
- (f) Correspondence received on 17/02/2025 from Roscommon County Council – motion passed regarding power lines in forestry.
- (g) Correspondence received on 20/02/2025 from Limerick City & County Council – motion passed regarding recent weather events and additional funding.
- (h) Correspondence received on 20/02/2025 from Limerick City & County Council – motion passed regarding financial support for the purchase of generators.
- (i) Correspondence received on 20/02/2025 from Limerick City & County Council – motion passed regarding recent weather events.
- (j) Correspondence received on 04/03/2025 from Sligo County Council – motion passed regarding legislation to ensure school places for children with additional needs.
- (k) Correspondence received on 04/03/2025 from Sligo County Council – motion passed regarding prohibiting the use of counselling and therapy notes in all cases of gender-based violence.
- (l) Correspondence received on 05/03/2025 from Uisce Éireann regarding LRSD Query.

9. Items for Councillors Information

None

10. Conferences & Training

	Provider	Details	Date & Location
(a)	AILG	AILG February Training Module: “An Overview of Wind Energy: Contribution	Thurs 20 th February and Saturday 22 nd February 2025 Fairways Hotel, Dundalk



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		to Economy, Climate Action and Future Potential"	
(b)	AILG	Video Content Creation Training for Local Authority Elected Members	TBC

11. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

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

13. Any Other Business

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