

6ú Meitheamh, 2025.
6th June, 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, 9ú Meitheamh 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, 9th June 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 9th June, 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) May Plenary Council meeting held on 12th May, 2025 - attached.

3. Business Prescribed by Statute

(a) Galway City Council Annual Report 2024 - for adoption.

(b) Nomination of 7 Elected Members to Galway City Local Community Safety Partnership pursuant to Policing, Security and Community Safety Act, 2024 (Section 114) (Safety Partnership) Regulations 2025.

Request for at least two Councillors from each Ward and a gender balance.
Group system of appointment applies.

(c) To agree a date for the July Plenary meeting
- Proposed date Monday 14th July 2025 at 3p.m.

(d) To agree a date for the Special Council meeting on Crown Square.
- Proposed date Monday 14th July 2025 at 11a.m.

(e) Nomination to Northern Western Regional Assembly (for the lifetime of the Council) on Resignation of Cllr. A. Burke.
Group system of appointment applies

(f) Shopfront Enhancement Scheme 2025 - 2029 - Report attached to consider for approval.

4. Reports of Committee Meetings

(a) Differential Rent Review - for noting.

(b) Report from Civic Naming Committee - Recommendation to name the Playground on Henry Street as 'Mary Byrne Playground' – to follow.



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(c) Notes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 3rd June 2025 - to follow.

(d) Report from Grants Committee Meeting 23rd May 2025 - attached to consider for approval.

5. Consideration of Reports of Officials

(a) Monthly Management Report for June 2025 – attached for noting.

(b) Draft Derelict Sites Policy & Procedures 2025 - attached to consider for approval.

(c) Lands adjacent to University Hospital – report to follow.

6. Notice of Motions

NOM 10/2025, submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on 02/03/2025

In future in order to avoid what has emerged on the Upper Clybaun Road where two housing developments opposite each other are under construction with hoardings erected on either side of the road, giving only a 5m clear road space, no pedestrian facilities, very poor sight lines and no public lighting, I request Galway City Council would introduce a Condition which would be applied to every Planning Decision, to compel Developers to complete the public roadside footpaths, within a dedicated time of the Development commencing.

NOM 23/2025, submitted by Cllr. E. Seoighe on 07/04/2025

Response issued 14/04/2025. Request to leave on the Agenda.

That this Council requests a full report from the Chief Executive detailing the purchase of Crown Square including:

1. The rationale for the purchase and how it aligns with the Council's Development Plan and strategic objectives.
2. The total purchase price, source of funding, and any additional financial commitments associated with the acquisition.
3. A breakdown of the due diligence process undertaken, including property valuation, structural surveys, legal title checks, and planning compliance.
4. Details of the procurement or selection process, including whether alternative properties were considered and if a competitive process was followed.

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5. Any future plans for the property, associated costs, and the expected timeline for its use.
6. Confirmation of compliance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and other relevant legislative provisions.

Furthermore, this Council calls for a review of the governance procedures surrounding property acquisitions to ensure full transparency, value for money, and accountability in all future purchases.

NOM 32/2025, submitted by Cllr. E. Hoare on 25/05/2025

The FAI is planning to move all Irish club football to a new Aligned Football Calendar. This calendar will transition all leagues to a January-to-December format. This would require all clubs to register in February each year. However, 77% of Galway clubs have voted against this plan. It could be devastating for both football and GAA sports, effectively putting them in direct competition with each other.

We as a local authority have a duty to continue to encourage active participation in all sports. I believe this new proposal will have a negative impact on participation levels.

I am requesting that Galway City Council write to the FAI and ask them to consider allowing football leagues the flexibility to choose the season and registration periods that best suit their needs.

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 34/2025, submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on 02/06/2025

That Galway City Council will write to the Minister for Housing and the Taoiseach requesting urgent increased funding for the Capital Acquisitions Scheme 2025 to prevent families and individuals from being homeless and to allow the scheme to function as previously, given its success.

NOM 35/2025, submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on 02/06/2025

That this council will produce a Residents Association handbook and compile a centralised list of recognised residents associations in the administrative area of the local authority.

7. Questions

Q9/2025, submitted by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty on 26/03/2025

Please give a breakdown of all the properties that the City Council is currently renting for office space or other purposes; their location and use; how many staff are working in those offices/spaces (listed for each space rented); the yearly rents paid on those properties and the current status of the leases (start and finish month/year). Also, will Crown Square accommodate all of the office staff currently working in those rented properties including the staff in City Hall.

Q11/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu on 07/04/2025

At the January Council meeting, I raised the need for access to the email addresses of Residents' Associations in Galway City. Previously, this information was available via a link on the old website, but it has since been removed. Given that restoring access would facilitate better engagement, empowerment, and information sharing for communities, as well as assist the Council in disseminating information on funding, grants, planning, and consultations, can the Council take steps to reinstate this access?

Furthermore, can this process begin while we continue recruiting the Community Development Officers, under whose remit this would eventually fall?

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?

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Q18/2025, submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on 02/06/2025

To ask the Chief Executive the number of applications received, approved and disallowed by Galway City Council for 2023 and 2024 year to date under repair and lease scheme, the buy and renew scheme; the types of properties involved (apartment, detached, bungalow etc) the amount paid under each scheme to date, and the length of turnaround time on average in tabular form.

8. Correspondence

- (a) Fingal County Council: Ban on Fox Hunting on Council-owned Lands
- (b) Donegal County Council: Resolution State of Israel Bonds Issuance Programme

9. Items for Councillors Information

10. Conferences & Training

	Provider	Details	Date & Location
(a)	NWRA	NWRA Committee Meeting	20 th June 2025, Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road.
(b)	AILG - CARO	Planning Webinar: Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) for Water Management	Online, 13 th June 2025

11. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

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

13. Any Other Business