



Comhairle Cathrach
na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

3 Aibreán 2024
3rd April 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, 8 Aibreán 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, 8th April 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) in writing, in advance of the meeting, to the undersigned.

Ailish Rohan,
Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator

Clár/Agenda

Ordinary Meeting 8th April 2024

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 4th March 2024 (attached).

2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

- (a) To Consider the issuing of Polling Cards for Local Government Electors in accordance with Article 55 of the Local Election Regulation 1995 and the Local Elections Order 2024 (cover letter attached).
- (b) Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2023 – for noting (report issued 28/02/24).
- (c) Declaration of Road to be a public road: Taylor’s Hill Court Road, Garrán Ard & Carraig Nua – (reports attached).
- (d) Approval for allocation of funding under the Local Authority Home Loan (report attached).

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- (a) Notes of CPG Meeting held on Tuesday 26th March 2024 (attached).

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

- (a) Presentation on “SH2AMROCK” - A green hydrogen hub for Galway, presented by Conor O’Dowd and Rory Monaghan, GH2 Consortium.
- (b) Chief Executive’s Report for March 2024 – (report issued 28/02/24).
- (c) Chief Executive’s Report for April 2024 and Quarterly Report January to March 2024 (report attached).

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 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).

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 37/2023

Submitted by Cllr. J. Connolly on the 2nd November 2023

That the planning notices provided to elected members would include all applications made for licences to Galway City Council under section 254 of Planning and Development Act, 2000.



NOM 02/2024 - Section 34 Motion submitted on 8th January 2024

Proposed By: Cllr. D. McDonnell

Seconded By: Cllr. P. Keane

In the interest of facilitating fundraising endeavours of Clubs to whom Pitch Licenses are granted, Galway City Council resolves to insert an amendment to the current Licenses to allow for Pitch-side Advertisement Hoardings.

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 crippling 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



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- 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 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

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 Farraige, 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.

6. QUESTIONS

Q4/2023

Submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on the 10th April 2023

Can Galway City Council urgently look at the design of Upr and Lwr Clybaun Road and Upr and Lwr Ballymoneen roads as pedestrian crossings at this roundabout are not safe and the speed coming off these is very high. Elected members of the West Ward met with Garda Superintendent last week and also raised this but there needs to be a design change to make these areas safe.

Q8/2023

Submitted by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty on the 6th November 2023

Please outline a time frame for completion of the Renmore Neighbourhood Project Framework Scheme, which will provide junior and senior playgrounds, if there are no objections; to include target dates for each of the following stages:

Stage I: Feasibility and Concept Design

Stage II: Preliminary Design for Planning Consent and Development for Initial Pre-Tender Cost estimate

Stage III: Tender Action, Evaluation and Award

Stage IV: Construction

Stage V: Handover

Q1/2024

Submitted by Cllr. N. Murphy on 23rd January 2024

The Galway City Development Plan in section 5.10 in specific objective 29 states:
"Continue the phased recording of Public Rights of Way in accordance with OPR good practice guidance and make publicly available by inclusion in the website inventory and by use of the plan variation process. The website will be updated within one year of adoption of the plan."

Can I please get an update of how much progress has been made. The plan is more than a year old, so the inventory should be in place.

Q4/2024

Submitted by Cllr. J. Connolly on 18th March 2024

How many people held annual subscriptions for the Galway City Bike Share Scheme in 2022 and 2023, and how many currently hold a subscription? Can data be provided as to the total number of journeys undertaken by customers per month in 2022, 2023 and to the end of March 2024? What was the annual cost of running the scheme in 2022 and 2023.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Resolution passed at March meeting of Clare County Council, received on 14/03/2024 (Request to Minister for Social Protection).
- (b) Correspondence from the Office of the Minister for Rural and Community Development in relation to NOM01/2024, received on 29/02/2024.
- (c) Correspondence to the CE from Emma Daly (On behalf of the Irish Healthcare Workers for Palestine network), received on 01/03/24, requesting Galway City Council to endorse

the 2022 Amnesty International Report on Israeli Apartheid against the Palestinian People.

- (d) Correspondence from Westmeath County Council received on 02/04/2024, resolution passed in support of IFA Campaign “Enough is Enough”.

8. ITEMS FOR COUNCILLORS’ INFORMATION

None.

9. CONFERENCES

Approved Training & Events

	Training title and Provider	Date and Location
A	AILG Module 2- Local Election 2024 Preparation – A Briefing from the Electoral Commission	Saturday 23 rd March Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone
B	AILG Training Webinar 3 How to Use Canva to Create Marketing Images – Beginner Level	Friday 15 th March Online
C	AILG Training Webinar 4 - AILG-CMG Security Training – Protecting yourself when canvassing for Local Elections	Friday 5 th April Online
D	AILG Training Webinar 5 - AILG Defensive Social Media Training – Protecting yourself online	Friday 12 th April Online

Other Events

- Twinning Delegation to Seattle & Washington (13th to 19th March 2024)

10. VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS

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

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS