

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall and Online via MS Teams on Monday 13th May 2024 at 3.00p.m.	
Presiding	Cllr. E. Hoare, Mayor of the City of Galway
Present (Elected Members)	Councillors: I. Byrne, A. Cheevers, J. Connolly, M.J. Crowe, M. Cubbard, A. Curran, F. Fahy, C. Higgins, P. Keane, D. Lyons, D. McDonnell, N. Murphy, N. McNelis, T. O'Flaherty
Present (virtually)	Councillors: C. Connolly, M. O'Connor, N. Larkin
Apologies	Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services & Ms. E. Fanning, A/Director of Services
Present (Executive)	Mr. L. Cleary, Chief Executive Ms. P. Philbin, Director of Services Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services Ms. H. Kilroy, Director of Finance & ICT Mr. D. Pender, Director of Services Ms. L. Fanning, A/Director of Services Mr. E. Lynch, Senior Planner Mr. C. O'Riordan, Senior Engineer Ms. S. Connolly, Senior Engineer Mr. M. Cormican, Senior Engineer Ms. L. Hynes, Financial Management Accountant Mr. E. Humphreys, Senior Executive Architect Ms. L. Smyth, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent Mr. B. Barrett, Senior Executive Officer (Online) Mr. C. Shaughnessy, Executive Engineer Mr. F. Clancy, Senior Executive Engineer Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator Ms. A. Kenny, Administrative Officer

Note: The Minutes of the Meeting and Agenda items are recorded in the order of their consideration.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator commenced the meeting with a statement of intent to conduct the business of the meeting in line with Standing Orders followed by a moment of silent reflection.

Mayor E. Hoare proposed to take agenda items 1(a), 1(b), 2(f), 4(b), 2(a) and 2(b) in that order with a 15-minute break at 4.45pm and to finish at 6.30pm. This was Seconded by Cllr. D. Lyons and agreed.

Mayor E. Hoare welcomed the new Chief Executive of Galway City Council, Mr. Leonard Cleary to the meeting. Mr. Cleary gave a brief introduction to Members.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(a) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 8th April 2024

Mayor E. Hoare referred members to agenda item 1(a) and invited comments.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. D. McDonnell
1(a) Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 8 th April 2024	
The minutes of the April meeting were agreed and adopted.	

Mayor E. Hoare invited matters of accuracy and matters arising.

Under matters of accuracy, Cllr. M. Cubbard asked if the spelling of Raleigh Road could be amended in the draft minutes.

The matters arising were as follows:

- Parking issues at Raleigh Road and clarification on the funding for works undertaken at this site.
- When will the second treatment of the Walter Macken flats take place.

Mr. C. O’Riordan and Mr. P. Greene responded to the above matters.

1(b) Draft minutes of Special Meeting of Galway City Council held on 22nd April 2024

Mayor E. Hoare referred members to agenda item 1(b) and invited comments.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy
1(b) Draft Minutes of the Special Meeting of Galway City Council held on 22 nd April 2024	
The minutes of the Special meeting were agreed and adopted.	

Mayor E. Hoare invited matters of accuracy and matters arising.

Under matters of accuracy, Cllr. J. Connolly asked if the minutes could be amended to reflect the two other names that were suggested and discussed, Nora Barnacle and Maolra Seoighe, for the naming of the Salmon Weir Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge.

The matters arising were as follows:

- Cllr. F. Fahy referred to motion he submitted, reference NOM 19/2024, and asked for an update on same.

Mr. C. O’Riordan responded and gave an update on NOM19/2024.

Mayor E. Hoare referred Members to motion, ref. NOM 18/2024, submitted by Cllr. D. McDonnell to deal with urgent business and invited comments. Following a discussion, Mayor E. Hoare called for a show of hands in favour of Notice of Motion, NOM 18/2024.

NOM 18/2024 - Motion for the purposes of dealing with urgent business			
Proposed By: Cllr. D. McDonnell		Seconded By: Cllr. MJ Crowe	
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.			
In favour: 18	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 0
This motion was unanimously carried.			

Ms. P. Philbin referred to the above motion and will communicate this back to the NTA and will request a written response and circulate to Members when available.

Mayor E. Hoare referred Members to NOM 11/2022, submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons and invited comments. Following a discussion, Mayor E. Hoare called for a show of hands in favour of same.

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.			
In favour: 18	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 0
This motion was unanimously carried.			

Mayor E. Hoare referred Members to Notice of Motion proposed by Cllr. J. Connolly and invited comments. Following a discussion, Mayor E. Hoare called for a show of hands in favour of same.

For the purposes of dealing with urgent business Motion – NOM 25/2024			
Proposed By: Cllr. J. Connolly		Seconded By: Cllr. A. Curran	
Galway City Council calls on the Department of the Transport to regionalise the NTA			
In favour: 17	Against: 0	Abstain: 1	Absent: 0

This motion was carried.

Mayor E. Hoare proposed the following motion. This was Seconded by Cllr. F. Fahy. Following a discussion, Mayor E. Hoare called for a show of hands in favour of same.

NOM 24/2024			
Proposed By: Mayor E. Hoare		Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy	
That the National Transport Authority agree to meet with Galway City Council to discuss concerns relating to the proposed new Route 3 under the Proposed Bus Connects Plans. This route plans to run a bus through Cnoc and Óir and Bun an Choic. This is not safe and should be reviewed.			
In favour: 18	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 0
This motion was unanimously carried.			

2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

2(f) Section 183 - Leasing of land at Ballyloughane Road

Mayor E. Hoare referred Members to agenda item 2(f) and invited comments.

Cllr. T. O'Flaherty declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting for this item.

Ms. L. Smyth, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent gave a short presentation on this item.

A discussion followed and a number of queries were raised and responded to by the Executive.

Mayor E. Hoare called for proposer and seconder and for a show of hands in favour of agenda item 2(f).

Proposed By: Cllr. D. McDonnell		Seconded By: Cllr. A. Curran	
2(f) Section 183 - Leasing of Land at Ballyloughane, Renmore, Galway to Renmore Parish Development Association (0.289 hectares) as per report issued on 1 st May 2024.			
In favour: 17	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 1
Section 183 was approved and agreed.			

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

4(b) Marketing Fund

Mayor E. Hoare referred Members to agenda item 4(b) and invited comments.

Mr. R. Leihman, Tourism Officer presented on this item. Following a discussion, Mayor E. Hoare called for a proposer and seconder and for a show of hands in favour of item 4(b).

Proposed By: Cllr. N. McNelis	Seconded By: Cllr. D. Lyons
4(b) Marketing Fund 2024/25, as per report issued on 8 th May 2024.	
In favour: 18	Against: 0
Abstain: 0	Absent: 0
The Marketing fund 2024 was approved and agreed.	

2(a) To agree a date for Freedom of the City Special meeting - Proposed date Friday 31st May at 4pm

Mayor E. Hoare referred Members to agenda item 2(a) and invited comments.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty
2(a) Date agreed for Freedom of the City Special meeting. Meeting will take place on Friday 31 st May 2024 at 4:00pm in the Hardiman Hotel, Galway City.	
The proposed date was agreed and approved.	

Cllr. T. O'Flaherty requested that persons afforded Mayoral & Civic Receptions be invited to attend. This was agreed by all.

2(b) To agree a time for the Annual Council Meeting - Friday 21st June

Mayor E. Hoare referred Members to agenda item 2(b) and invited comments.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Mayor E. Hoare
2(b) Time and date agreed for the Annual Council meeting. This meeting will take place on Friday 21 st June 2024 at 4:00pm.	
The date for the Annual Meeting was approved and agreed.	

Ms. A. Rohan advised Members that Robes are customarily worn for the Annual Council meeting. This was noted by all.

2(c) Part 8 – Westside Running Track Floodlighting

Mayor E. Hoare referred Members to agenda item 2(c) and invited comments.

Mr. C. Shaughnessy, Executive Engineer presented on this item.

A discussion followed and a number of queries were raised by Members and responded to by the Executive.

Mayor E. Hoare proposed that this Part 8 be progressed. This was Seconded by Cllr. M. Cubbard. Mayor E. Hoare called for a show of hands in favour of item 2(c).

Proposed By: Mayor E. Hoare	Seconded By: Cllr. M. Cubbard
2(c) Part 8 – Westside Running Track Floodlighting	
In favour: 18	Against: 0
Abstain: 0	Absent: 0
Part 8 was agreed and approved.	

Cllr. C. Higgins referred to Notice of Motion reference 17/2024, supported by Cllr. P. Keane and asked for a commitment from the Executive that funding will be in place.

A discussion followed and Mayor E. Hoare called for a show of hands in favour of NOM17/2024.

NOM 17/2024			
Proposed by Cllr. C. Higgins		Seconded by: Cllr. D. Lyons	
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.			
In favour: 17	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 1
This motion was carried.			

Cllr. M. Cubbard proposed the following motion. This was seconded by Cllr. A. Curran. Mayor E. Hoare called for a show of hands in favour of same.

NOM 23/2024			
Proposed by Cllr. M. Cubbard		Seconded by: Cllr. A. Curran	
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 Southpark.			
In favour: 17	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 1
This motion was carried.			

Cllr. T. O’Flaherty proposed the following motion. This was seconded by Cllr. D. Lyons. Mayor E. Hoare called for a show of hands in favour of same.

NOM 29/2024			
Proposed by Cllr. T. O’Flaherty		Seconded by: Cllr. D. Lyons	
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 Renmore.			
In favour: 17	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 1
This motion was carried.			

Mayor E. Hoare referred Members to agenda items 2g, 2h, 2i, 2j & 2k and invited comments.

Ms. H. Kilroy, Director of Finance, presented on these items.

Mayor E. Hoare called for a proposer and seconder for agenda item 2g(I), (II) and III).

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis
2(g) Draft Annual Financial Statement 2023 (subject to Audit)	
I. Approval of Annual Financial Statements (Unaudited) for year ended 31st December 2023	
In favour: 17	Against: 0
Abstain: 0	Absent: 1
The draft AFS 2023 was unanimously approved.	

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis
2(g) Draft Annual Financial Statement 2023 (subject to Audit)	
II. Approval of Transfers To/From Reserves as detailed in Note 14 of the Accounts	
In favour: 17	Against: 0
Abstain: 0	Absent: 1
The draft AFS 2023 was unanimously approved.	

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis
2(g) Draft Annual Financial Statement 2023 (subject to Audit)	
III. Approval of Over/Under Expenditure by Division as detailed in Note 16 of the Accounts	
In favour: 17	Against: 0
Abstain: 0	Absent: 1
The draft AFS 2023 was unanimously approved.	

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis
2(h) Audit Committee Annual Report 2023	
In favour: 17	Against: 0
Abstain: 0	Absent: 1
The Audit Committee report 2023 was noted.	

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis
2(i) Audit Committee S121 Report	
In favour: 17	Against: 0
Abstain: 0	Absent: 1
The Audit Committee S121 Report was noted.	

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis
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2(j) Audit Committee Work Programme 2024
In favour: 17 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1
The Audit Committee work programme 2024 was noted.

Proposed By: Cllr. F. Fahy	Seconded By: Cllr. J. Connolly
2(k) Statutory Local Government Audit Report 2022	
In favour: 17 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1	
The Statutory Local Government Audit Report 2022 was unanimously agreed.	

Mayor E. Hoare referred Members to agenda items 2(l), 3(a), (b) & (c) and item 10 and proposed to note and approve same. This was seconded by Cllr. F. Fahy and agreed.

2(l) Draft Annual Report 2023

Proposed By: Mayor E. Hoare	Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy
2(l) Draft Annual Report 2023	
The Draft Annual Report 2023 was approved.	

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Proposed By: Mayor E. Hoare	Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy
3(a) Notes of Procedures Committee meeting held on 16 th April 2024 for noting	
The notes of the Procedures Committee meeting held on 16th April 2024 were noted.	

Proposed By: Mayor E. Hoare	Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy
3(b) Notes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 22 nd April 2024	
The notes of the Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 22nd April 2024 were noted.	

Proposed By: Mayor E. Hoare	Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy
3(c) Galway City Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2023, for noting.	
The Galway City Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2023 was noted.	

10. VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS

Proposed By: Mayor E. Hoare	Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy
Mr. Thomas Devane, RIP	
Vote of Sympathy were noted and agreed.	

Mayor E. Hoare proposed to extend the meeting to 7:00pm to deal with agenda items 2(d) and 2(e). This was agreed by Members.

2(d) Part 8 - Bóthar Stiofáin Cycle Scheme

Mayor E. Hoare referred Members to agenda item 2(d).

Mr. F. Clancy, Senior Executive Engineer & Ms. Caroline Butler, Director with Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates Consulting Engineers, presented on this item.

A discussion followed and a number of queries were raised by Members and responded to by the Executive.

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed to the adoption of Bóthar Stiofáin Cycle Scheme as outlined in the report but leaving out the drop point from the scheme. This was Seconded by Cllr. C. Higgins.

Mayor E. Hoare called for a show of hands in favour of adopting agenda item 2(d) as proposed by Cllr. D. Lyons.

NOM 27/2024			
Submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons at meeting on 13th May 2024			
Seconded By: Cllr. C. Higgins			
I propose the adoption of Bóthar Stiofáin Cycle Scheme as outlined in the report but leaving out the drop point from the scheme.			
In favour: 16	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 2
The Part 8 Bóthar Stiofáin Cycle Scheme was agreed and approved as outlined in the report subject to amendment of leaving out the drop point from the scheme.			

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed that a higher curb be considered. Mayor E. Hoare called for a show of hands in favour of this proposal.

NOM 30/2024			
Proposed by Cllr. C. Connolly		Seconded by: Cllr. A Curran	
In relation to Part 8 - Bóthar Stiofáin Cycle Scheme, I proposed that a higher barrier/curb be considered in the detailed design of same.			
In favour: 16	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 2
This motion carried.			

2(e) Part 8 - Neighbourhood Centre & Social Housing Development at Ballyburke

Mayor E. Hoare referred Members to agenda item 2(e). Mr. E. Humphreys, Senior Executive Architect, presented on this item. A discussion followed and a number of queries were raised by Members and responded to by the Executive.

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed the following motion.

NOM 26/2024

Submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons at meeting on 13th May 2024

Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy

I propose that the pedestrian/vehicular entrance from Maolín be omitted, that the 6th storey be reduced to 4 storey and the 4-storey relocated in the development as there is sufficient space on site to accommodate the 84 units.

The meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes to allow the Executive to discuss the proposed amendment.

Mr. E. Lynch, Senior Planner suggested the following amendment:

Within the red line boundary on the map circulated to Member, that the vehicular access to Maolín shall be omitted while maintaining access for emergency services.

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed an amendment motion to item 2(e). This was Seconded by Cllr. A. Curran. In line with Standing Orders the amendment is considered first.

Cllr. C. Connolly called for a Roll Call Vote. This was supported by Mayor E. Hoare and Cllr. A. Curran.

The meetings administrator proceeded to record a Roll Call Vote.

NOM 28/2024

Proposed by Cllr. C. Connolly

Seconded By: Cllr. A. Curran

Within the red line boundary, the vehicular access to Maolín shall be omitted while maintaining access for emergency services.

In favour: Cllrs. I. Byrne, C. Connolly, J. Connolly, MJ Crowe, M. Cubbard, A. Curran, C. Higgins, E. Hoare, N. McNelis, N. Murphy, T. O'Flaherty.

Against: Cllrs. F. Fahy, P. Keane, D. Lyons

Absent: Cllrs. A. Cheevers, N. Larkin, D. McDonnell, M. O'Connor

In favour: 11 Against: 3 Abstain: 0 Absent: 4

This motion is carried.

This now becomes the substantive motion. Mayor E. Hoare called for a show of hands in favour of same.

NOM 28/2024

Proposed by Cllr. C. Connolly

Seconded By: Cllr. A. Curran

Within the red line boundary, the vehicular access to Maolín shall be omitted while maintaining access for emergency services.

In favour: 11 Against: 3 Abstain: 0 Absent: 4

This motion is carried.

Cllr. C. Connolly Proposed to approve the scheme with the above amendment. This was Seconded by Cllr. M.J. Crowe.

Proposed by Cllr. C. Connolly Seconded By: Cllr. M.J. Crowe

To approve Part 8 - Neighbourhood Centre & Social Housing Development at Ballyburke, subject to the following amendment:

Within the red line boundary, the vehicular access to Maolín shall be omitted while maintaining access for emergency services.

In favour: 11 Against: 3 Abstain: 0 Absent: 4

The Part 8 for the Neighbourhood Centre & Social Housing Development at Ballyburke was approved subject to amendment.

5. NOTICES OF MOTION – Not Considered

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).

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 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
- 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 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 Corri board 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 Northwest 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 civilian's 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 – Not Considered

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 – Not Considered

(a) NOAC Annual Report 2023

(b) National Ambulance Service Recruitment Campaign

8. ITEMS FOR COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION – Not Considered

None.

9. CONFERENCES – Not Considered

None

11. OTHER BUSINESS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING – Not Considered

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. I. Byrne expressed thanks to the Executive and her fellow Councillors for her time on the Council and wished them well for the future.

Mayor. E. Hoare and the Executive thanked Cllr. I. Byrne for her work and contribution to Galway City and wished her well the future.

The meeting concluded at 20:35.