

Minutes of Galway City Council Plenary Meeting held in the Council Chamber, City Hall and Online via MS Teams on Monday, 8 December 2025 at 3.00p.m.	
Presiding:	Mayor Cllr. M. Cubbard.
Elected Members Present:	Councillors: A. Curran, F. Fahy, J. Forde, S. Forde, C. Higgins, E. Hoare, D. Lyons, J. McDonagh, D. McDonnell, N. McNelis, T. O’Flaherty, H. Ogbu.
Elected Members Online:	Councillors: A. Burke, M.J. Crowe, E. Seoighthe.
Elected Members Apologies:	Councillors: A. Cheevers; P. Keane.
Executive Present:	Chief Executive: L. Cleary, Director of Services: P. Philbin, P. Greene, H. Kilroy; A/DoS: E. Fanning. Administrative Officer: M. Duddy, Clerical Officer: C. Cormican.
Executive Online:	Senior Executive Officers: D. Mahon; A. Rohan; Senior Engineers: B. Heverin, M. Cormican; Senior Executive Engineer: B. Gallagher

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.

Mayor Cubbard opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

It was agreed, on the proposal of Mayor Cubbard, that the meeting would break at 4:45p.m. and conclude at 6:00p.m.

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

No disclosures raised.

2. Confirmation of Minutes:

(a) November Plenary Council meeting held on 10 November 2025.

No matters of accuracy were recorded. A synopsis of matters arising included:

Members questioned why no response has issued from the National Transport Authority (NTA) following the presentation at the November Council Meeting. They also highlighted the lack of bus shelters and adequate lighting at bus stops.

Cllr. F. Fahy requested an update on porridge spreading, together with clarification regarding the coding of car parks on the Galway City Parking App and the reason it is not indicated that the charges do not apply after 6:30p.m.

Cllr. E. Hoare requested an update on the Greenway from Clifden to Galway including the proposed railway bridge.

Mr. P. Greene stated that he is unable to comment on the matter of porridge spreading in the city following legal advice.

Mr. P. Greene agreed to review the coding for parking machines and noted that continuous improvements are ongoing with app developments and communications.

Mr. M. Cormican committed to contact Galway County Council as lead on the project and provide an update to Councillors on the Greenway from Clifden to Galway.

Members from the East Ward raised concern regarding the ongoing works at Castlepark/Ballybane noting there are no off-road bus stops causing cars to overtake.

Mr. B. Heverin responded to queries raised regarding works at Castlepark/Ballybane, offering to meet Members and stated the design complies with national design standards, which is a prerequisite for funding approval.

Cllr. D. McDonnell proposed that Members be provided with detailed design of work including maps, design layout and associated impacts prior to the planning stage of projects.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. McDonnell	Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy
That in future all Active Travel plans are put before the Council that the full details are shown to the Councillors.	
Result: This Motion was agreed and approved.	

Proposed By: Cllr. N. McNelis	Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy
Resolved to adopt the Minutes of the November Plenary Meeting held on 10 November 2025.	
The minutes were agreed and adopted.	

(b) Annual Statutory Budget Meeting held on 24 November 2025.

No matters of Accuracy were recorded. A synopsis of matters arising included:

Members raised concerns about the funding removed from Leisureland in Budget 2026 and questioned how it would impact the facility's operations and the sinking fund.

Clarification was sought regarding the recent Corporate Policy Group meeting agenda item regarding budget implications and documentation which was not circulated to other Councillors. Questions were raised on the potential impact of budget reductions on Climate 2030 retrofit targets, museum funding, the status of local area plans, and projected income from derelict sites if targets are not met. Further queries related to the implications for the budget should the Port fail to pay the anticipated dividends.

It was also suggested that the budget be made available earlier for review, citing insufficient lead time and suggested earlier preparation and continuous review allowing for input.

The Chief Executive indicated that the Corporate Policy Group has a statutory role in the budgetary process and have an advisory role on budget strategy. He stated the focus should remain on identifying solutions and adjustments if necessary. It was agreed that the work be completed in late January or thereafter. The Chief Executive expressed his appreciation to the Corporate Policy Group for their work and input.

Proposed By: Cllr. N. McNelis	Seconded By: Cllr. D. McDonnell
Resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Statutory Budget Meeting held on 24 November 2025.	
The minutes were agreed and adopted.	

3. Business Prescribed by Statute

(a) Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, the disposal of two sections of land at Shantalla, Galway. Report circulated to Members on the 24 November 2025.

It was noted that the land at Shantalla is of significant importance. Members expressed concerns regarding the accuracy of the Galway City Council land register and timelines were sought on when transfers will be completed.

The Chief Executive acknowledged concerns and informed that additional resources have been allocated to address these issues.

Mr. D. Mahon highlighted that the process is currently underway to register lands and achieve a complete and accurate record and outlined that such work is complex due to historic cases where registration was not fully completed, a dedicated team is progressing through the legal requirements to resolve these matters.

Proposed By: Cllr. F. Fahy		Seconded By: Cllr. D. Lyons		
Resolved to approve Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, the disposal of two sections of land at Shantalla, Galway.				
Present: 16	In Favour: 15	Against: 0	Abstain: 1	Absent: 2
Result: This Motion was approved.				

(b) Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, granting of temporary leasehold and licence on lands at the former Galway Airport at Carnmore, Co. Galway to Galway Flying Club. Report circulated to Members 26 November 2025.

Clarification was sought as to why other flying clubs are not permitted to land at Galway Airport, and requests were made for details on the long-term plan for the airport, including its timeline.

Ms. P. Philbin addressed queries raised.

Proposed By: Cllr. N. McNelis		Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy		
Resolved to approve Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, granting of temporary leasehold and licence on lands at the former Galway Airport at Carnmore, Co. Galway to Galway Flying Club.				
Present: 16	In Favour: 15	Against: 0	Abstain: 1	Absent: 2
Result: This Motion was approved.				

**(c) Galway City Council Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2025
Part VIII Civic Offices, Crown Square Block C**

Members requested an update on Crown Square timeline, details to the change of structure, and sought clarification on the ownership and charge if applicable for 21 car park spaces.

Mr. M. Cormican addressed queries and agreed to respond directly to Councillors on ownership and leasing details of car park spaces.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons		Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis		
Resolved to approve Galway City Council Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2025 Part VIII Civic Offices, Crown Square Block C – per Report circulated.				
Present: 15	In Favour: 14	Against: 0	Abstain: 1	Absent: 3
Result: This Motion was approved.				

(d) Draft Parking Control Bye Laws 2025

Mr. P. Greene and Mr. B. Gallagher provided Members with an update on the four key changes to the Parking Control Bye Laws 2025 and gave an overview of the five-submissions received.

A discussion followed and Members raised concerns regarding reference to clamping in the Bye Laws and campervan parking in the city.

Queries were raised regarding the absence of motorbike parking in the city, the feasibility of conducting a cost analysis for a tow truck, and whether licences are required for skips, cranes, and cherry pickers. Questions were also asked about penalties for electric vehicle users who leave their cars after charging, and whether

bye laws cover promotional vehicles parked on Salthill Promenade. Concerns were expressed about the timeframe for removing illegally parked cars.

Cllr. E. Hoare and Cllr. J. McDonagh called for an audit of parking signage throughout the city. Further discussion focused on parking provisions for residents, including the possibility of residents-only areas during outdoor living initiatives, for consideration in future revisions.

Discussion ensued regarding Notice of Motion (Reference 75/2025):

NOM 75/2025, submitted by Cllr. J. McDonagh 27/11/2025

That Galway City Council initiate the necessary process to amend the relevant by-laws to prohibit the overnight parking of camper vans, motorhomes, or similar large recreational vehicles on the public streets of the Claddagh.

In recent months, a significant increase in overnight camper van parking has created difficulties for local residents, including reduced availability of parking spaces, obstruction of sightlines, and increased pressure on an already limited residential parking environment.

Accordingly, this Council agrees to review and amend the by-laws to ensure that overnight parking in the Claddagh is restricted to private cars only, and that appropriate enforcement measures are implemented to protect residential amenity.

Refer to Operational Development SPC

It was agreed to refer the Notice of Motion to the Operational Development Strategic Policy Committee for response and for the item to remain on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Mr. P. Greene and Mr. B. Gallagher addressed queries raised. Mr. P. Greene stated that the Operational Strategic Policy Committee has included in its work Programme for 2026 to examine the issue of campervans and could consider resident only parking areas, however implementing this would also require a policy recommended for approval through the Strategic Policy Committee.

Proposed By: Cllr. A. Curran	Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis
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Resolved to adopt Parking Control Bye Laws 2025

Present: 16	In Favour: 14	Against: 0	Abstain: 2	Absent: 2
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Result: This Motion was adopted.

4. Reports of Committee Meetings

(a) **Notes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 1 December 2025 – document for noting.**

Arising from the Corporate Policy Group meeting it was proposed by Cllr. N. McNelis and seconded by Cllr. J. McDonagh that the Mayor accept an invitation received from the Ambassador of Morocco Dr. Lahcen Mahraoui to the city of Agadir.

Cllr. T. O'Flaherty sought clarification on how many traffic fines have been issued this year and previous years.

Cllr. D. Lyons queried if there has been an update on the invitation extended to the Galway Culture Company.

Cllr. S. Forde inquired whether the number of Community wardens had increased and if it would be possible for them to begin work at 8.30 a.m.

Cllr. F. Fahy queried if tickets issued are covered under the current bye laws and the average cost of court proceedings per person.

Mr P. Greene addressed queries raised and will provide costs to Cllr. F. Fahy relating to any court proceedings.

Proposed By: Cllr. N. McNelis		Seconded By: Cllr. J. McDonagh		
For the Mayor to accept an invitation to travel to the city of Agadir from Morocco Ambassador Dr. Lahcen Mahraoui.				
Present: 16	In Favour: 15	Against: 0	Abstain: 1	Absent: 2
Result: This motion was carried.				

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis
Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 1 December 2025 was noted.	
Result: The report was noted.	

(e) Potential Section 183 Lands adjacent to University Hospital - Standing Item.

Cllr. J. McDonagh noted his satisfaction in the level of engagement by Health Service Executive with the community and requested that Galway City Council engage with the residents of Shantalla regarding the BusConnects project.

The Chief Executive advised that a further update will be provided once maps are agreed, with engagement and consultation thereafter.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Curran and seconded by Cllr. E. Seoighthe that Notice of Motions be considered after the break.

The meeting recessed at 4:56p.m. and resumed at 5:15p.m.

A discussion took place regarding the order of Agenda Items, following which it was agreed to proceed with Agenda Item 5(a).

5. Consideration of Reports of Officials

(a) Monthly Management Report for December 2025 - for noting.

Members credited the operational team for the impressive Christmas lights display. The Gaillimh Abú festival was highlighted as a significant success, generating strong footfall and creating a festival atmosphere around the city and a suggestion to plan events like Marley Park. Compliments were also extended for the organisation of the World Café housing workshop that brought stakeholders together on important housing perspectives.

Members requested more detail and visual updates in monthly reports on housing for Councillors.

It was requested that housing sites be immediately prioritised, noting the requirement to unlock essential water infrastructure to service sites across the city.

A workshop was proposed by Cllr. C. Higgins to progress these matters, given the limited movement on housing delivery in the city. The motion was seconded by Cllr. E. Hoare. Notice of Motion 68/2025 was discussed.

NOM 68/2025, submitted by Cllr. C. Higgins 16/11/2025				
That Galway City Council writes to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to request the following measures in order to ensure a pipeline of certainty for housing delivery in Galway City:				
1. The publication of annual housing delivery targets for Galway City across social, affordable, cost-rental, and private tenures, recognising that yearly targets are essential to planning, sequencing infrastructure, securing finance and maintaining a continuous delivery pipeline. 2. The immediate prioritisation of Galway City sites for the Housing Infrastructure Fund, given the critical need for water, wastewater and transport upgrades to unlock serviced land and accelerate the delivery of homes already identified in our development plan. 3. The establishment of a Department-led Housing Roadshow in each local authority, including Galway City, bringing senior Department officials, elected members, and local housing and planning teams together to examine the detail of the new national housing plan, resolve local bottlenecks and ensure that national policy aligns with local delivery capacity.				
This Council affirms that without annual targets, serviced land and direct Departmental engagement, Galway cannot maintain the housing pipeline required to meet the needs of families, renters and communities over the coming years.				
Proposed by: Cllr. C. Higgins			Seconded by: Cllr. E. Hoare	
Present: 16	In Favour: 16	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 2
The motion was agreed and approved.				

Several operational and strategic matters were raised to include road condition on the Upper Ballymoneen Road coupled with hoarding causing the road to be

impassable. Concerns regarding Ballybane and Castlepark Road, as well as the need for upgrades to guidance systems and pedestrian crossings were raised. Requests for Gaol Road funding potential, works on Ballagh Road and Circular Road to prioritise in 2026 and the need for an audit on signage across the city.

Questions were raised on biodiversity projects, disability access improvements, and timelines for climate action works, no mow in May and questioned why the press were not allowed attend the Safety Partnership in December and January.

Members sought updates on Ardaun, Newcastle Community Centre, Clifden to Galway Greenway and the Retail Strategy.

The Executive responded to queries and updated on matters raised.

In response to no mow in May, Mr. P. Greene agreed circulate details on seasonal factors to Councillors.

With regard to biodiversity, Mr. P. Greene agreed to schedule a meeting to discuss the matter further with Cllr. S. Forde.

In response to comments on the Monthly Management Report the Chief Executive acknowledged the need for communications going forward to help socialise ideas for communication in the Community.

The Chief Executive advised that the Department of Justice is coordinating national guidance, and the Committee will issue a coordinated media piece through the Communications Office. It was agreed to circulate Members of the meeting and arrange for an update.

The Mayor relayed confirmation received from Active Travel that the National Transport Authority (NTA) will issue responses to questions raised at November meeting within 7 to 10 days.

Proposed By: Cllr. C. Higgins	Seconded By: Cllr. H. Ogbu
The Monthly Management Report for December 2025 was noted.	

(b) The Galway Age Friendly Strategy 2025 – 2030, for adoption.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons		Seconded By: Cllr. A. Curran		
Resolved to adopt the Galway Age Friendly Strategy 2025 – 2030				
Present: 16	In Favour: 16	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 2
Result: The motion was adopted.				

(c) The Green Space Strategy 2025 - 2034, for adoption.

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed the following Motion on the Green Spaces Strategy:

In view of the in balance of playing pitches and active recreation facilities in the West Electoral Area not addressed in the Green Spaces Strategy, I propose the inclusion of a “Running Track” as part of future facilities to be provided in the West Electoral Area.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons		Seconded By: Cllr. C. Higgins		
Resolved to adopt the inclusion of a “Running Track” as part of future facilities to be provided in the West Electoral Area as part of the Green Spaces Strategy.				
Present: 16	In Favour: 16	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 2
Result: The Motion was passed				

Proposed By: Cllr. A. Curran			Seconded By: Cllr. C. Higgins		
Resolved to adopt The Green Space Strategy 2025 - 2034					
Present: 16	In Favour: 16	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 2	
Result: The motion was adopted.					

(d)THRIVE Integrated Urban Strategy - for adoption.

Cllr. D. Lyons raised concerns regarding plans for oneway traffic on Domnick Street concerns, reservations on that proposal considering BusConnects plans for Salmon Weir Bridge.

Proposed By: Cllr. A. Curran		Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis		
Resolved to adopt the THRIVE Integrated Urban Strategy				
Present: 16	In Favour: 15	Against: 0	Abstain: 1	Absent: 2
Result: The motion was adopted.				

(e) Linking University Car Parks to existing city bus services - for noting.

(f) Parking Payments Report – Response to queries attached following questions on the Report at the November Plenary meeting.

It was proposed Cllr. M.J. Crowe that this item 5(f) be postponed until the January meeting and Seconded by Cllr. D. McDonnell.

At 5.55p.m. the Mayor proposed to extend the meeting till 6.15pm to deal with NoM on the agenda or to conclude meeting at 6p.m.

Proposed By: Cllr. A. Curran		Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy		
Resolved to extend the Plenary meeting till 6.15p.m.				
Present:	In Favour:	Against:	Abstain:	Absent:
Result: this motion was defeated.				

Proposed By: Cllr. D. McDonnell		Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis		
Resolved to conclude meeting at 6p.m.				
Present: 16	In Favour: 10	Against: 6	Abstain:	Absent: 2
Result: This motion was carried				

The Mayor wished all present and online a Happy Christmas.

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

That Galway City Council commit to:

1. That the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meets with the Galway City water sports groups to begin meaningful consultation.
2. 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.
3. 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. Request to leave on the agenda.

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.

NOM 64/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu 03/11/2025

Addressing Dampness and Mould in HAP and RAS Housing in Galway City
Rationale:

The prevalence of dampness and mould in HAP and RAS properties in Galway is causing serious concern among tenants, with some reports indicating severe health impacts. Learning from the tragic case that led to Awaab's Law in the UK, it is imperative that Galway City Council takes proactive steps to safeguard residents' health and well-being, prevent unnecessary harm, and ensure that all housing under its remit meets safe and habitable standards.

I am calling on Galway City Council to urgently audit all affected properties, implement robust remediation procedures, and ensure tenants have enforceable rights to safe, healthy homes. This is about protecting the health and wellbeing of some of our most vulnerable residents, and it cannot wait.

I propose that Galway City Council:

1. Recognises the growing reports and concerns from tenants in HAP and RAS housing regarding dampness and mould and acknowledges the serious health risks associated with prolonged exposure to these conditions, including respiratory issues and other long-term impacts.
2. Notes the example of Awaab's Law in the UK, introduced following the tragic death of 2-year-old Awaab Ishak due to mould exposure in social housing. This legislation establishes a legal duty for landlords to address

hazards like damp and mould within a fixed timeframe and highlights the importance of timely intervention to protect tenants.

3. Requests the Council to conduct a comprehensive audit of all HAP and RAS properties under its remit to identify and record the extent of damp and mould issues, prioritising properties with reported health impacts.
4. Calls on the Council to develop and implement a clear protocol for landlords and property managers, including:
 - Timely inspections of reported issues
 - Immediate remedial works where hazards are identified
 - Regular maintenance schedules to prevent recurrence
 - Clear communication channels for tenants to report concerns without fear of blame or reprisal
5. Urges that Galway City Council explores legislative and policy frameworks similar to Awaab's Law to ensure that tenants in all social, HAP, and RAS housing have enforceable rights to safe, healthy homes, and that landlords are legally accountable for remedial action within a defined period.

NOM 65/2025, submitted by Cllr. A. Burke 05/11/2025

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.

NOM 73/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu 25/11/2025

That Galway City Council calls on the Government to amend the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill so that its scope includes the prohibition of trade in services, in accordance with the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice and the Resolution co-sponsored by Ireland at the United Nations General Assembly.

Furthermore, this Council urges the Government to enact the legislation in full before the end of 2025.

NOM 74/2025, submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons 27/11/2025

Having received a large number of representations and correspondence from concerned residents and parents of children attending the Knocknacarra Educate Together National School who are seriously concerned regarding road safety on Cappagh Road Lower, I am requesting Galway City Council Roads Department/Active Travel Department to investigate the possibility of introducing traffic calming measures on Cappagh Road South including extra signage, repeat 50 KPH signs, Speed Detector Signs and any measures that will reduce speed on this road.

Referred to West Area Committee meeting

NOM 75/2025, submitted by Cllr. J. McDonagh 27/11/2025

That Galway City Council initiate the necessary process to amend the relevant by-laws to prohibit the overnight parking of camper vans, motorhomes, or similar large recreational vehicles on the public streets of the Claddagh.

In recent months, a significant increase in overnight camper van parking has created difficulties for local residents, including reduced availability of parking spaces, obstruction of sightlines, and increased pressure on an already limited residential parking environment.

Accordingly, this Council agrees to review and amend the by-laws to ensure that overnight parking in the Claddagh is restricted to private cars only, and that appropriate enforcement measures are implemented to protect residential amenity.

Refer to Operational Development SPC

The Notice of Motion (NoM 75/2025) was discussed under Agenda Item 3(d) it was agreed to refer the Notice of Motion to the Operational Development Strategic Policy Committee for response and agreed for the item to remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

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?

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. Request to leave on the agenda until a full response can issue.

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.
- (h) **Kerry County Council**, Dated 02 November 2025.
Resolution: Endorses the End Discrimination of Inheritance (EDIT) campaign.
- (i) **Clare County Council**, Dated 13 November 2025.
Resolution: Call to reject EU Single Common Fund.
- (j) **Laois County Council**, Dated 6 November 2025
Resolution: Establish Referendum Commission for Presidential Elections.
- (k) **Wexford County Council**, Dated 20 November 2025.
Resolution: Express solidarity with Survivors of Irelands Industrial and Reformatory Schools.
- (l) **Donegal County Council**, Dated 26 November 2025.
Resolution: Public Information Campaign – Electrical Wiring in Older Homes.

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, 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)	Councillor Travel	Series of meetings in Brussels	3 - 5 Nov 2025	Retrospective approval for Mayor M. Cubbard, Cllr. N. McNelis, Cllr. D. McDonnell
(f)	2025 Excellence in Local Government Awards	Chambers Ireland	27 Nov 2025	Crown Plaza Hotel, Santry, Dublin. Retrospective approval for Mayor M. Cubbard, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. T. O'Flaherty, Cllr. N. McNelis.
(g)	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
Martina (Tina) Mitchell. R.I.P. Mary Duggan (née Jordan). R.I.P. Dermot Forde. R.I.P. Christina Turley (nee Garland). R.I.P. Ann Gallagher. R.I.P. Eamonn Conway. R.I.P.	

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

Not Considered.

13. Any Other Business

Not Considered.

The meeting concluded at 6:05p.m.

Minutes Confirmed & Signed

Mayor of Galway