

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Galway City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall and Online via MS Teams on Monday, 8 September 2025 at 3.00p.m.	
Presiding:	Mayor Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. M.J. Crowe
Elected Members Present:	Councillors: A. Curran, J. Forde, S. Forde, P. Keane, D. Lyons, J. McDonagh, N. McNelis, T. O'Flaherty, H. Ogbu, E. Seoighthe.
Elected Members Online:	Councillors: A. Burke, F. Fahy, C. Higgins, E. Hoare, D. McDonnell.
Executive Present:	Chief Executive L. Cleary, Director of Services: P. Philbin, P. Greene, H. Kilroy, D. Pender, Senior Engineer: E. Murphy, Senior Executive Officer: A. Rohan, S. Carroll, Administrative Officer: M. Duddy, Clerical Officers: Caroline Cormican, Ian Canavan.

In line with Standing Orders the Meeting commenced with a statement of intent to conduct the business of the Meeting in line with agreed Standing Orders which was followed by moment of silent reflection.

Mayor Cubbard welcomed all present, and highlighted a time change on the agenda regarding item 3(f) from 11am to 2p.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) Special Meeting held on 14 July 2025.

On a point of accuracy, Cllr. A. Curran noted he was marked absent for this meeting but had attended online. This was noted.

Proposed By: Cllr. N. McNelis	Seconded By: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty
Resolved that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 14 July 2025 confirmed and signed by the Mayor..	
The Draft Minutes were adopted.	

(b) July Plenary Council meeting held on 14 July 2025.

Under matters arising queries were raised regarding the status of the capital loan, an update was requested on the Council's engagement with the HSE on lands at Shantalla, including the possibility of holding discussions with the local residents, NTA and Park and Ride and payzone outlets. A request was made for progress update on the Masterplan for City Hall. The success of the recent Arts Festival was acknowledged, along with a query on potential for increased funding.

Directors responded to queries raised.

Proposed By: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty	Seconded By: Cllr. J. Forde
Resolved that the minutes of the Plenary Meeting held on 14 July 2025 confirmed and signed by the Mayor.	
The Draft Minutes were adopted.	

3. Business Prescribed by Statute:

- (a) To consider, if appropriate to resolve that Galway City Council nominate a person to be a candidate at the Presidential Election to the office of President of Ireland, in accordance with the Presidential Elections Act 1993, Circular F08-25 and Presidential Election (Forms) Regulations 2011 – S.I. 258 of 2011 amended by S.I. 329 of 2018 proposed date to hear a presentation from persons seeking a nomination from Galway City Council to participate in the election for the Office of President of Ireland on Monday 15 September 2025 at 11a.m.

Cllr. J. Forde proposed that the meeting time be changed to 4p.m.

A discussion took place regarding the proposal not to hold a meeting. It was highlighted in the spirit of democratic process and to ensure fairness to independent candidates, the opportunity should be provided for candidates to present their case for nomination.

Ms. A. Rohan confirmed that six Councillors would be required for a quorum.

The Mayor introduced the motion for consideration.

Proposed By: Cllr. M.J. Crowe	Seconded By: Cllr. S. Forde
Propose that Galway City Council don't hold a meeting to nominate a person to be a candidate at the Presidential Election to the office of President of Ireland.	
Present: 15	In Favour: 3 Against: 12 Abstain: 0 Absent: 3
The Motion was defeated	

The Mayor proceeded with the motion to set a date for Special Meeting.

Proposed By: Cllr. N. McNelis	Seconded By: Cllr. J. McDonagh
Resolved that Galway City Council consider the nomination of a person to be a candidate at the Presidential Election to the office of President of Ireland, in accordance with the Presidential Elections Act 1993, Circular F08-25 and Presidential Election (Forms) Regulations 2011 – S.I. 258 of 2011 amended by S.I. 329 of 2018 proposed date to hear a presentation from persons seeking a nomination from Galway City Council to participate in the election for the Office of President of Ireland on Monday 15 September 2025 at 4p.m.	
Present: 15	In Favour: 11 Against: 4 Abstain: 0 Absent: 3
The Motion was carried	

**(b) Circular Fin. 10/2025: 2026 Budget meeting and other budgetary matters.
To fix the date of the Annual Budget meeting proposed date Monday 17
November 2025 at 3p.m.**

Mayor M. Cubbard proposed an alternative date of 24 November 2025 at 3p.m.

Proposed By: Cllr. H. Ogbu	Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis
Resolved to hold the Annual Budget meeting on 24 November 2025 at 3p.m.	
Present: 15	In Favour: 15 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 3
The Motion was carried	

(c) Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000 in respect of the proposed Leasing of Land at Mervue, Galway to Mervue United football Club Limited.

Mr. P. Greene Director of Services provided Councillors with an update on the current situation faced by Mervue United Football Club and advised it needed to obtain a 35-year lease to meeting criteria for Sports Capital funding.

A discussion followed and Cllr. P. Keane raised concerns regarding departing from a policy that is either established or being established and if this is granted the prejudices for other clubs. He asked if other clubs will be afforded the same opportunities. Councillors acknowledge the hard work and investment of own resources done by the club. Clarification was sought on legal impediment on the club having a long lease and the implications of deferring a decision.

Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services informed Councillors if an agreement was not reached the club may be penalised. Mr. Greene agreed to Galway City Council working with and meeting other clubs if required.

Cllr C. Higgins proposed that the decision be deferred for four weeks to allow for engagement with other clubs.

The Mayor introduced the motion for consideration

Proposed By: Cllr. C. Higgins	Seconded By: Cllr. P. Keane
That this Council defers the decision on the matter of club leases until an open day is hosted to engage directly with local clubs. This Open Day will provide clubs with an opportunity to put forward their individual needs and requirements in relation to leases, enabling Council members to make an informed and balanced decision that reflects the realities on the ground." Cllr. P. Keane amendment to be furnished with a copy of a draft lease and defer for four weeks.	
Present: 12	In Favour: 5 Against: 7 Abstain: 0
The Motion was defeated	

The following Motion was considered:

Proposed By: Cllr. A. Curran		Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis	
To approve Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000 in respect of the proposed Leasing of Land at Mervue, Galway to Mervue United football Club Limited.			
Present: 12	In Favour: 9	Against: 3	Abstain: 0
The Motion was carried.			

(d) Planning & Development Act 2000, (as amended) Part 8 of Planning & Development Regulations 2001 Doughiska and Renmore Pitch Floodlighting Applications.

Proposed By: Cllr. M. Crowe		Seconded By: Cllr T. O'Flaherty		
Resolved to approve Planning & Development Act 2000, (as amended) Part 8 of Planning & Development Regulations 2001 Doughiska and Renmore Pitch Floodlighting Applications.				
Present: 15	In Favour: 15	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 0
The Motion was carried				

(e) Planning & Development Act 2000, (as amended) Part 8 of Planning & Development Regulations 2001 No. 1 Munster Avenue.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons		Seconded By: Cllr. A. Curran		
Resolved to approve under Planning & Development Act 2000, (as amended) Part 8 of Planning and Development Regulations 2001 No. 1 Munster Avenue.				
Present: 15	In Favour: 15	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 0
The Motion was carried.				

(f) Change of Date for next Corporate Policy Group meeting to Friday 31 October 2025 at 2p.m. To agree that NOMs and Qs be submitted by 4p.m. on Thursday 30 October 2025.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons		Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis		
Resolved to change Corporate Policy Group meeting to Friday 31 October 2025 at 2p.m. Agree that Notice of Motions and Questions to be submitted by 4p.m. on Thursday 30 October 2025.				
Present: 15	In Favour: 15	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 0
The Motion was carried.				

(g) To Appoint Members to the Procedures Committee of Galway City Council.

It was proposed that all independent Members be given representation on the Procedure Committee. Other parties were invited to submit nominations. Ms. Rohan will issue a date to convene the next meeting.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty
The following appointments were proposed: Cllr. E. Hoare was nominated by Cllr. C. Higgins, seconded by Cllr. S. Forde. Cllr. J. McDonagh was nominated by Cllr. N. McNelis. Cllr. A. Cheevers was nominated by Cllr. P. Keane, seconded by Cllr. M. Cubbard. Cllr. A. Burke to represent Sinn Féin. All Independent Councillors to be invited to sit on the committee.	
The Motion was carried	

4. Reports of Committee Meetings

(a) Notes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 1 September 2025.

Recommendation: Arthur Colohan - request from Civic Naming Committee for a plaque.

Cllr. D. Lyons and Cllr. P. Keane requested an update on the issue of porridge oats being spread around the City. Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services advised work is being carried out in collaboration with other agencies to find a resolution and more time is required. Clean up teams on the ground are responding to address the issue.

Councillors raised concerns regarding parking meters in the city and stated they are receiving complaints from constituents and inquired about the financial implication due to loss of revenue and legal costs, a discussion followed.

Ms. H. Kilroy Director of Services furnished Councillors with revenue figures past and present and drew comparisons.

Mr. P. Greene responded to parking queries and provided updates on improving branding and communication of payment methods to customers.

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

Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded By: Cllr. N. McNelis
Recommendation: Arthur Colohan - request from Civic naming committee for a plaque.	
Present: 14	In Favour: 14 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 4
The motion was approved and carried	

(b) Update Lands adjacent to University Hospital.

It was agreed to update agenda item with title Potential Section 183 for future listed agendas.

A request was made for the HSE to provide formal correspondence outlining their position. It was noted that the HSE has committed to meeting with residents. Councillors expressed concerns regarding the need for information on active travel measures and HSE sign-off prior to any vote by Councillors.

(c) Report from the Grants Committee meeting held on 29 August 2025

Councillors acknowledged the successes of the Grants Committee and a discussion followed on meeting procedures.

Cllr. C. Higgins proposed that the Shop Front Enhancement Scheme be extended to Salthill in subsequent rounds and suggested an online option for applicants to fully engage. A discussion took place regarding the potential to extend the initiative citywide in future years.

Cllr. D. Lyons noted that the intention was to issue a report to determine the feasibility of replicating the initiative in other areas of the city subject to budget allocations.

Proposed By: Cllr. D. McDonnell	Seconded By: Cllr. D. Lyons
Resolved to approve report recommendations from the Grants Committee meeting held on 29 August 2025.	
The report was approved.	

5. Consideration of Reports of Officials

(a) Monthly Management Report for August and September 2025.

Elected members acknowledged work done throughout the city and the Monthly Management report for being concise.

Cllr. N. McNelis requested more information on Hydro Turbines, if Galway City Council properties are included on derelict list, and requested an update on the Crown Square.

Cllr. D. Lyons queried why 'Social Steps' dance classes as part of Healthy Galway city initiative were not available in the West of City and if they could be extended to the West and noted no dates for Planning SPC included.

Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. T. O'Flaherty and Cllr. S. Forde queried why photo opportunities referencing the signing of a contract for the Skatepark in the Eastside were not afforded to all councillors.

Cllr E. Hoare queried when resurfacing work on Circular Road will be completed.

Mr. D. Pender Director of Services responded to queries raised.

Cllr. C. Higgins queried if an information day regarding National world vacant home day will be run to highlight planned initiatives and different scheme.

Ms S. Carroll agreed to circulate vacant home information after meeting.

Cllr. M.J. Crowe commented that there was no reference to recent increased funding allocation for second-hand home acquisition. Ms. S. Carroll informed while information had been submitted, final details were not yet available for inclusion in the report.

The Chief Executive advised announcements are in advancement of progress made on the ground.

Proposed by: Cllr. N. McNelis	Seconded by: Cllr. C. Higgins
Monthly Management Report for August and September 2025.	
The Report was noted and agreed.	

(b) Taking in Charge Report.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded by: Cllr. N. McNelis
Taking in Charge Report.	
The Report was noted.	

(c) Linking University Car Parks to existing city bus services.

Mr. B. Gallagher gave a presentation on the City Services Bus Link with car parks options at University of Galway (Dangan) and ATU.

Cllr. E. Hoare discussed the cost element and proposed to progress with discussions as outlined by the Corporate Policy Group. While acknowledging the report outlined reasons against proceeding, he expressed the view that the issues and costs could be overcome.

Cllr. E. Seoighthe supported Option A, highlighting the need for a temporary pedestrian crossing to improve safety in the area.

Cllr. A. Curran emphasised that considerations should extend beyond financial cost to include social and environmental impacts.

Cllr. S. Forde expressed concern that there had been no upgrade to facilities along the 404/401 bus routes and suggested that funding should be reinvested in infrastructure on St. James' Road.

Cllr. T. O'Flaherty noted the narrowness of the road and indicated a preference for Option B.

Cllr. J. McDonagh also supported Option B, referencing the 401/405 routes. While he acknowledged the initiative could encourage public transport use, he pointed out that the Dublin Road bus lane serves the route.

Cllr. D. Lyons raised concerns about liability for the proposed 5-day trial at ATU. suggested that, through the Corporate Policy Group (CPG), the executive seek a longer-term commitment from ATU, ideally a minimum of 2–3 weeks.

Cllr. F. Fahy criticised the reliability of the 404 bus service, stating it is often full and lacks capacity. He proposed engaging with the church regarding use of car parks, which has an existing bus stop, for a 5-day period.

Mr. D. Pender updated on temporary pedestrian crossing in connection with the cross city bus connects programme.

Mr. P. Greene advised a decision is due at the next meeting on Park and Ride options following outcome of management car parks.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded by: Cllr. N. McNelis
Linking University Car Parks to existing city bus services	
Deferred for decision at next meeting	

6. Notice of Motions

NOM 10/2025, submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on 02/03/2025, amended by Cllr. A. Curran 08/09/2025
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 include raised continuous footpaths across junction entrances, narrow junction entrance radii, and to complete the public roadside footpaths, within a dedicated time of the Development commencing.

Cllr. A. Curran put forward an amendment to Notice of Motion.

It was agreed that the item would remain on the agenda until a written response is received.

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.

It was agreed that the item would remain on the agenda until a written response is received.

NOM 44/2025, submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on 04/07/2025

The existing fire station on Fr. Griffin Road is in need of urgent replacement. In consultation with the Chief Executive of Galway County Council and the Chief Fire Officer of Galway City and County Fire Service can the Chief Executive give an update and time frame on the provision of a new site and fire station in Galway City for the Galway City and County Fire Service.

It was agreed that item be left on the agenda. Elected members were advised that a reply is imminent.

NOM 45/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu on 06/07/2025

Seconded by: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

Utility Reinstatement Standards and Oversight

That Galway City Council outlines the current measures in place to ensure quality control and proper reinstatement of footpaths and roads following works carried out by utility providers such as Irish Water, ESB, and others.

Given ongoing concerns about substandard reinstatement works in many areas resulting in long-term damage, safety issues, and additional costs to the Council, I call for the consideration of recruiting a new staff who will be assigned to the Licensing & Technical team to monitor and inspect utility works both prior to commencement and post-completion. This would help ensure compliance with agreed reinstatement standards and reduce the financial and operational burden on the local authority.

This motion was carried.

Mr. P. Greene Director of Services outlined the agreement in place and will issue a comprehensive written response.

NOM 52/2025, submitted by Cllr. A. Cheevers on 26/08/2025

That Galway City Council calls on the Government to reinstate the 9% VAT rate for food-led businesses from 1 January 2026 as part of Budget 2026, to protect jobs, prevent further closures. With 99.6% of businesses in the sector being SMEs, failure to reinstate the 9% VAT rate will result in the closure of many small businesses in our communities.

The motion was not discussed as Cllr. Cheevers was absent. It was agreed that the item be left on the agenda.

NOM 53/2025, submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on 29/08/2025

Seconded by: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

In recent years there is strong evidence that there is a major change for people who pass away who are now being cremated instead of the usual burial in cemeteries/graveyards. I understand that in the City, 30% of people who pass

away are now being cremated. I believe in future that this percentage will increase. I am requesting Galway City Council to examine the possibility of providing Columbarium Walls in designated areas in communities rather than in cemeteries.

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed a feasibility study be carried out and the item to be left on the agenda. A response to issue on same.

NOM 55/2025, submitted by Cllr. S. Forde on 01/09/2025

Seconded by: Cllr. C. Higgins

That Galway City Council recognises the urgent and growing public safety hazard posed by the unregulated use of high powered e-scooters and e-bikes on footpaths, pedestrian areas, and shared public spaces across the city. The increasing number of collisions, near misses and injuries highlights the need for immediate intervention. Accordingly, this Council agrees:

1. To write to the Minister for Transport requesting the urgent introduction of national regulations requiring licensing, registration, and insurance for high powered e-scooters and e-bikes, in line with other motorised vehicles, to ensure accountability and public safety.

2. To engage with local Gardaí to coordinate a targeted enforcement blitz in high risk areas, including Galway City Centre and Parkmore, where pedestrian safety concerns are most acute.

This motion seeks to ensure Galway City remains a safe and accessible city for pedestrians, cyclists, and all road users, while also calling for national legislation to provide clear guidance and enforcement.

Response issued 02/09/2025

Cllr. S. Forde proposed signage be put in place for the use of high powered e-scooters and e-bikes and suggested working with An Garda Síochána enforcement in areas such as Parkmore and the Renmore Railway Line as the use e-scooters and e-bikes on footpaths is a safety concern.

Other matters raised by Councillors included concerns about high-speed e-mopeds, non-compliance with rules of the road and the need for increased visibility.

Mr. Pender agreed to bring the matter forward at the next Local Community Safety Partnership meeting.

NOM 56/2025, submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on 01/09/2025

Seconded by: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

This council recognises the essential work carried out in our schools by secretaries and caretakers and the central role played by schools in our communities.

That this council will write to Ministers for Education and Youth and the Minister for Finance reiterating the demands of secretaries and caretakers for pension parity with their public sector colleagues.

This motion was carried.

Cllr. N. McNelis and Cllr. C. Higgins added amendment that Galway City Council sign the online pledge to show their support.

NOM 57/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu on 01/09/2025

That Galway City Council explore the feasibility of establishing a structured workplace internship programme for young people from Galway, aged 18 and over, within the local authority.

The programme would aim to:

- Provide participants with valuable first-hand experience of local government operations, community services, and policy development.
- Offer meaningful and challenging work opportunities during the summer months.
- Encourage future careers in public service and strengthen civic engagement among young people.
- Provide additional support to Council staff during periods of annual leave or reduced capacity.
- Enhance public awareness of the Council's work and its impact on the community, as seen through the perspective of young participants.

This initiative would serve to build stronger connections between Galway City Council and the next generation of leaders, while contributing to service delivery and community engagement.

Proposed by: Cllr. H. Ogbu

Seconded by: Cllr. A. Curran

This motion was carried.

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

That Galway City Council commit to:

1. The signage prohibiting water sports at Silver Strand beach be removed immediately.
2. That the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meets with the Galway City water sports groups to begin meaningful consultation.
3. 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.
4. 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.)

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Higgins

Seconded by: Cllr. D. Lyons

This motion was carried.

Cllr. C. Higgins proposed amendment to Notice of Motion (58/2025) to omit Point 1 "The signage prohibiting water sports at Silver Strand beach be removed immediately."

The Chief Executive committed to issue a response before the end of the month.

7. Questions

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?

Q19/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu on 06/07/2025

Safety Concerns Related to E-Bike and E-Scooter Use on Shared Walkways
Can the Chief Executive advise if Galway City Council will consider installing signage and implementing other safety measures to address the increasing use of e-bikes and e-scooters on shared pedestrian walkways, such as the Railway Line Walk, which is particularly narrow in some areas?

In light of public concerns and safety risks especially for older people, children, and individuals with mobility challenges, can the Council explore options for signage, awareness campaigns, and potential collaboration with An Garda Síochána and Iarnród Éireann, to support enforcement and safer usage?

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?

Cllr. Peter Keane proposed that the Council consider phasing out parking machines suggesting Galway take the lead nationally in adopting e-parking citing success of the existing parking app.

Other Councillors echoed concerns about the visibility and branding of the parking system, noting that poor communication had led to public confusion.

Mr. Greene, Director of Services, confirmed that a communications campaign is underway.

Cllrs. E. Hoare, H. Ogbu, E. Seoighthe, and J. McDonagh, raised concerns about the impact on elderly and vulnerable users. Suggestions included introducing a temporary permit system and ensuring card payment options remain available. Concerns about the current Byelaws were addressed, with confirmation that they are valid and are being updated to formally include app-based payments.

Q21/2025, submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on 01/09/2025

Following on from reports in local media this week can Galway City Give an update on Mutton Island Treatment plant. Has Uisce Eireann informed Galway City Council about its concerns and future plans. Are time scales available and what if any threats exist to storm proofing existing site.

What impact does this have on possible future developments for housing.

Q22/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu on 01/09/2025

At present, the EV charging facilities in City Hall – consisting of one fast charger and two slow chargers are restricted for use by service vehicles only and are not available to staff or councillors.

Would it be possible to open these facilities to staff and councillor use, both to alleviate some of the current stress around access to EV charging and to serve as a modest revenue stream for Galway City Council?

Additionally, could the EV chargers located at Sandy Road and the Dog Pound also be considered for public access, thereby providing a further source of revenue while supporting the city's sustainability and climate goals?

8. Correspondence

- (a) Waterford City & County Council Resolution: Calls upon Central Bank to take all possible steps to discontinue facilitating the sale of Israeli bonds.
- (b) Waterford City and County Council Resolution: Abolish means testing for Carers Allowance in Budget '26.
- (c) Clare Co. Co. Resolution: Review and amend terms of Defective Concrete Block Scheme.
- (d) Galway Co. Co. Resolution: Announcement of HSE to downgrade Portiuncula Hospital.
- (e) Metropolitan District of Limerick Resolution: College Fee.
- (f) Limerick City & County Council Resolution: Ribbon Development Rules.
- (g) Limerick City & County Council Resolution: Link to Community Welfare Support.
- (h) Offaly Co. Co. Resolution: Include Part V Houses in Tenant Purchase Scheme.
- (i) Donegal Co. Co. Resolution: National Affordable Housing Scheme.
- (j) Donegal Co. Co. Resolution: Socio Economic Status.
- (k) Tipperary Co. Co. Resolution: Publication of regulations for renewable energy.

Proposed by: Cllr. N. McNelis	Seconded by: Cllr. J. McDonagh
Resolved to support Agenda Item 8(d) Galway County Council Resolution: Announcement of HSE to downgrade Portiuncula Hospital and Agenda Item 8(b) Waterford City and County Council Resolution: Abolish means testing for Carers Allowance in Budget '26 and support remaining resolutions.	
Resolved to support resolutions.	

9. Items for Councillors Information

None

10. Conference, Training and other events

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Lyons		Seconded by: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty		
	Provider	Details	Date	Location
(a)	AILG	Autumn Training Seminar	Wed. 17 th Thurs. 18 th Sept. '25	Westport Woods Hotel, Mayo
(b)	AILG	Canva Level 1 Training – Using Canva to Create Marketing Images	Fri. 26 th Sept. '25 10am – 11.30am	Online
(c)	AILG	OPR Elected Member Planning Training	Thur. 9 th Oct. '25 9:30am - 1:00pm	Arklow Bay Hotel (Wicklow)
(d)	Celtic Conferences	Practical Guide to Budget 2026	Fri. 10 th and Sat. 11 th Oct. '25	Four Season Hotel, Carlingford Co. Louth

(e)	AILG	OPR Elected Member Planning Training (Out of Region Option)	Sat. 11th Oct. '25 9:30am - 1:00pm	Horse & Jockey Hotel (Tipperary)
(f)	AILG	Local Authority Budget Process 2026	Fri. 24th Oct. '25 10:00am - 11:30am	Online
(g)	AILG	Supporting Councillors: Responding to Mental Health, Suicide, and Addiction Issues	Sat. 15th Nov. '25 9:30am - 1:00pm	Radisson Blu Hotel (Athlone)
(h)	AILG	The European Accessibility Act – What Councillors Need to Know	Fri. 21st Nov. '25 10:00am - 11:30am	Online
(i)	Twinning	Delegation to Chicago Milwaukee	Wed 13 th Aug to Fri 22 Aug. '25	Retrospective

11. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Lyons	Seconded by: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty
Mary Finnerty, RIP	Brian McHugh, RIP
Seamus Devane, RIP	Anna Belton, RIP
Dell O'Sullivan, RIP	Margaret Ward, RIP
Nuala Cashman, RIP	Maureen Curran, RIP
Paul Quinn, RIP	Gerard Breslin, RIP
Pat Houlihan, RIP	Hilda Kimberley, RIP
Votes of Sympathy were noted.	

Cllr. T. O'Flaherty acknowledged priest ordained from Mervue.

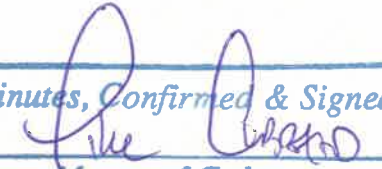
12. Other Business set forth in the notice convening the meeting

None

13. Any Other Business

Cllr. S. Forde paid tribute to Garda Diarmuid O'Tuairisg and Garda Don Connellan who recently passed away. A moment of silent was observed in honour of the deceased.

The meeting concluded at 18:58.

Minutes, Confirmed & Signed

 Mayor of Galway

