



Comhairle Cathrach
na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

4 Márta 2026
4 March 2026

Fógra/Notice

Cruinnithe Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe Galway City Council Meeting

Do Gach Ball de Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe:

A Chara,

Tionólfar Gnáthchruinniú de Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe ar an **Luain, 9 Márta 2026 ar a 12.00in sa Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe agus ar líne ar MS Teams**. Tá cóip de Chlár an Chruinnithe seo ar fáil ag an bhFáiltiú ar mhaithe le hiniúchadh.

Tá clár an chruinnithe leagtha amach faoi seo.

A Plenary Meeting of Galway City Council will be held on **Monday, 9 March 2026 at 12.00pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Galway City Council and online via MS Teams**. A copy of the agenda for this meeting is available at Reception for inspection.

The agenda for the meeting is set out hereunder. Members are requested to send queries regarding Matters Arising relating to Item 2(a) in writing, in advance of the meeting, to the undersigned.

Ailish Rohan,
Riarthóir na gCruinnithe / Meetings Administrator.



Clár/Agenda

Plenary Meeting - Monday 9 March 2026

1. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

(Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended).

2. Confirmation of Minutes

(a) February Plenary Council meeting held on 9 February 2026.

3. Business Prescribed by Statute

(a) Section 128B (1)(i) of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by Section 36(2) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 - Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2025 - for noting only.

(b) Section 22 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998, Appointment to Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee - to consider for approval.

(c) Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001, Raising of a Loan under the Capital Assistance Scheme for the construction of properties by Approved Housing Bodies – to consider for approval.

(d) Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, Disposal of Units at Na Blátha Creige to Clúid Housing Association - to consider for approval.

(e) Section 44 of the Local Government Act 2001, Schedule 10 to hold Plenary Meeting 11 May 2026 in the Michael D. Higgins Auditorium (Aula Maxima Lower) in University of Galway - to consider for approval.

(f) Section 13 of the Planning and Development 2000 (as amended) Variation No. 2 of Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 – to consider for adoption.

4. Reports of Committee Meetings

(a) Draft notes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 2 March 2026 - for noting.

(b) Procedures Committee meeting 3 March 2026 recommendation to bestow the Freedom of the City of Galway - to consider for approval.

- (c) Galway City Council's Gaeilge Subcommittee - An update on advancing Council commitments and obligations.
- (d) Potential Section 183 Lands adjacent to University Hospital - Standing Item.
- (e) Report from Grants Committee Meeting 27 February 2026 - to consider for approval.

5. Consideration of Reports of Officials

- (a) Monthly Management Report for March 2026 - for noting.
- (b) Customer Service Action Plan and Charter 2025-2029 – to consider revision for approval.

6. Notice of Motions

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 02/2026, submitted by Cllr. F. Fahy 08/01/2026

That Galway City Council take in charge roads - An Sean Bothar in Menlo for 101 metres and Gortnahoe in Ballindoooley for 108 metres.

Referred from Corporate Policy Group to Central Area Committee for a report to issue to the Central Area Committee by the Operational Directorate.

NoM 06/2026, submitted by Cllr. A. Curran on 28/01/2026

That in advance of a review of the Traveller Accommodation Program, approved by this council in 2024, this council will work to identify new sites not included in the program, and consider why previous sites identified in the previous TAP were excluded from the current program.

Agreed 9 February 2026 to remain on Agenda.

NoM 09/2026, submitted by Cllr. S. Forde on 30/01/2026

Use of 3D VR and Digital Twin Technology

That Galway City Council commits to the use of 3D Virtual Reality (VR) technology for future presentations of major projects to be delivered across the city.

This innovative technology provides a high-quality visual representation of proposed developments, enabling elected members and the public to better understand how future projects will look and function in practice. Similar technology is already in use across Dublin local authorities and has received three national awards for its application in Fingal County Council.

Furthermore, that Galway City Council commits to producing a digital twin for all significant public projects. If adopted, this would make Galway City Council the first local authority in Ireland to implement such an approach, demonstrating both

political leadership and technical innovation, while improving transparency, public engagement, and decision-making.

NoM 17/2026, submitted by Cllr. E. Seoighthe on 24/02/2026

That Galway City Council retire the ceremonial Sword and Mace to the Galway City Museum to ensure their proper preservation and protection, and that they be used for display purposes only going forward. Furthermore, that the Council initiate an open call for artists to create new ceremonial pieces to be used for official and public events, reflecting the culture, values, and identity of contemporary Galway.

NoM 18/2026, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu on 25/02/2026

That Galway City Council prioritise the housing needs of individuals and families fleeing domestic abuse, adopting a trauma-informed, safety-led approach that protects survivors and their children; and that a report be brought to Council on current supports, waiting times and actions required to prevent homelessness.

That Galway City Council affirms that, where legally permissible and safe, the perpetrator not the survivor or children should be required to leave the family home and calls on the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Housing to strengthen legislation and housing policy accordingly.

NoM 19/2026, submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on 25/02/2026

I am requesting the Parks Department, Galway City Council to examine the possibility of relocating the large signs erected at Silver Strand as the signs in their present location are blocking people from sitting on the seats provided.

Referred by Corporate Policy Group to West Area Committee.

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?

8. Correspondence

- (a) **Clare County Council**, Dated: 10 February 2026
Resolution: Irish Bee Keepers' Association.
- (b) **Wexford County Council**, Dated: 10 February 2026
Resolution: Outlaw Anonymous Social Media Accounts.
- (c) **Wicklow County Council**, Dated: 10 February 2026
Resolution: Call to suspend Investor Court System ICS pending assessment.
- (d) **Wexford County Council**, Dated: 17 February 2026
Resolution: Task Irish Public Bodies with the provision of insurance cover for residential and commercial properties in flood zone areas.
- (e) **Westmeath County Council**, Dated: 18 February 2026
Resolution: Increase thresholds Social Housing Provision and Housing Assistance Payment.
- (f) **Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme**, Dated: 3 March 2026

9. Items for Councillors Information

10. Conferences & Training

	Provider	Details	Date	Location
(a)	AILG	Briefing on New Housing Plan - Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025-2030	21 March 2026	Radisson Blu Sligo
(b)	AILG	Ending Violence Against Women and Girls	24–25 March 2026	Slieve Russell Hotel, Co. Cavan. Approval for Cllr. H. Obgu
(c)	AILG	OPR Planning Training PDA Planning Training	27 March 2026	Webinar 10-11.30a.m.
(d)	AILG	Annual Conference	22 - 23 April 2026	Hotel Minella, Clonmel Tipperary, Approval for Cllr. J. McDonagh

11. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

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

13. Any Other Business