



Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

28 Feabhra 2024
28th February 2024

Fógra/Notice

Cruinnithe Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe Galway City Council Meeting

Do Gach Ball de Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe:

A Chara,

Tionólfar Gnáthchruinniú de Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe ar an **Luain, 4 Márta 2024 ar a 3.00in sa Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe agus ar líne ar MS Teams**. Tá cóip de Chlár an Chruinnithe seo ar fáil ag an bhFáiltiú ar mhaithe le hiniúchadh.

Tá clár an chruinnithe leagtha amach faoi seo.

An Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council will be held on **Monday, 4th March 2024 at 3.00pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Galway City Council and online via MS Teams**. A copy of the agenda for this meeting is available at Reception for inspection.

The agenda for the meeting is set out hereunder. Members are requested to send queries regarding Matters Arising relating to Item 1(a) in writing, in advance of the meeting, to the undersigned.

Ailish Rohan,
Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator

Clár/Agenda

Ordinary Meeting 4th March 2024

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 12th February 2024 (attached).

2. BUSINESS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE

- (a) To consider the recommendation received from the Public Appointments Service (PAS) in relation to the Chief Executive for Galway City Council: (Local Government (Appointment of Chief Executive) Regulations, 2014) - regulations attached.
- (b) Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan 2024-2025 for adoption (issued 07/02/24).
- (c) Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2023 – for noting (report attached).

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- (a) Notes of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 26th February 2024 (report attached).

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

- (a) Chief Executives Report for February 2024 (report attached).
- (b) Chief Executives Report for March 2024 (report attached).
- (c) Arts Act Grants to Organisations 2024 (cover letter and report attached).

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

NOM 8/2022

Submitted by Cllr. A. Cheevers on the 16th May 2022

Response issued 18/05/2023

Response issued 06/10/2023 - Request to leave on the agenda.

I am calling on Galway County Council to have full consultation with Galway City Council public representatives in relation to the Master Plan for the Galway Airport Site.

I believe that as it is jointly owned with the county council the city council need to have full consultation in this process and it should not be solely for County Council.

NOM 17/2022**Submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on the on the 10th Oct 2022.****Response issued 05th April 2023 Resubmitted 10th April 2023 (Not included in Special meeting on 22/05/23 as Cllr. Lyons had three motions on this agenda).**

I request Galway City Council to progress the installation of a lighted pedestrian crossing on the Barna Road at the laneway that exits from the Rusheen Woods to the Barna Road. This laneway since upgraded is widely used by residents who walk the back Promenade. It is my understanding that the necessary drawings have been completed for some time for a pedestrian crossing at this location.

NOM 19/2023**Submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on the 22nd June 2023**

In view of the recent petition by the Mincloon Residents seeking a footpath in their area from the junction of the Clybaun Road to the junction of Bóthar Stiofáin, I request Galway City Council to forward this request to the National Transport Authority and pursue it as a pilot Active Travel Project, which could be replicated in other parts of the city which is similar to the Ragoon Road, lacking the necessary infrastructure like footpaths and public lighting.

NOM 26/2023**Submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on the 26th July 2023**

I request Galway City Council, Roads Department/Active Travel Department to prepare the necessary drawings and seek funding from the National Transport Authority for the provision of a lighted pedestrian (zebra) crossing south of the roundabout on the Cappagh Road. The provision of a lighted zebra crossing at this location would make it safer for users of the Cappagh Park facilities to cross this busy road.

NOM 27/2023**Submitted by Cllr. A. Cheevers on the 8th August 2023**

I am Calling on Galway City Council to support the retention of VAT at 9% for the food related businesses and we are calling on the Minister for Finance to extend the 9% vat rate to the end of 2024.

NOM 37/2023**Submitted by Cllr. J. Connolly on the 2nd November 2023**

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

Section 34 Motion submitted on 8th January 2024**Proposed By:** Cllr. D. McDonnell**Seconded By:** Cllr. P. Keane**NOM 02/2024**

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

NOM 03/2024**Submitted by Cllr. C. Higgins on the 29th January 2024**

That the government recognises the urgent situation of the crisis facing the hospitality sector and acts swiftly to provide immediate support to SMEs in the hospitality sector by way of a suite of measures. Failure to do so, risks irreversible damage to our economy and loss of countless jobs and livelihoods. Recognising the urgency of the matter Galway City Council calls on the Government to take the following immediate actions to support SMEs in the hospitality sector;

1. Reduce the VAT rate to 9%
2. Extension of Warehouse Tax scheme in line with calls from the Restaurant Association of Ireland which will give businesses a viable opportunity to pay back what they owe over an extended period.
3. An overhaul of the electric support which is one of the most crippling costs to SMEs in the hospitality sector at present.

NOM 04/2024**Submitted by Cllr. C. Higgins on the 6th February 2024**

That this Council recognises, supports and endorses the Institute of Professional Auctioneers and Valuers (IPAV) draft legislation the Seller's Legal Pack for Property Buyers' Bill 2021 which has completed first and second stage in Dail Eireann. The introduction of the Seller's Legal Pack will reduce delays in conveyancing by 50% by frontloading the process thereby giving consumers certainty. It will reduce gazumping and gazundering, and it will align general sales with public auctions and online sales whereby legal documents are sought upfront.

The Seller's Legal Pack will include;

- Law Society Conditions/Contract of Sale
- Certified copy of file and file plan or root of unregistered title
- 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 07/2024**Submitted by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty on 24th February 2024**

With reference to the objective in the City Council's Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan 2024 to "Review Silverstrand and Ballyloughane Beaches for locations of a new APC" (page 19, number 13), I request that the toilets for Ballyloughane be treated as a stand-alone project, and that the word "review" be replaced with "construct".

6. QUESTIONS

Q4/2023

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

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

Q8/2023

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

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

Stage I: Feasibility and Concept Design

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

Stage III: Tender Action, Evaluation and Award

Stage IV: Construction

Stage V: Handover

Q1/2024

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

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

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

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Correspondence received on 07/02/2024 from NUI Galway – Plant Based Treaty Action Plan, Edinburgh City Council.
- (b) Correspondence received on 06/02/2024 from the Chief Superintendent regarding NOM44/2023.

8. ITEMS FOR COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION

None.

9. CONFERENCES

Approved Training & Events

	Training title and Provider	Date and Location
A	AILG 2024 – Annual Conference	14 th & 15 th February 2024 Arklow Bay Hotel Sea Rd., Ferrybank Arklow, Co. Wicklow (Retrospective)
B	Policy Forum for Ireland - National Transport Authority Keynote - PFFI keynote seminar	22 nd March 2024 Online Seminar
C	Celtic Conferences - A Practical Guide to Personal Taxation in Ireland	1 st – 3 rd March 2024 O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork
D	Annual Suck Valley Way Training Conference	13 th & 14 th March 2024, Hannon's Hotel, Co. Roscommon

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

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS