

**Adopted Minutes of Galway City Council Central Area Committee
15 January 2026 at 3.00p.m. held in Council Chamber, Galway City Council.**

Presiding:	Cllr. J. McDonagh (Chair)
Present:	Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. E. Hoare.
Executive:	Mr. D. Pender (DoS), Ms. S. Connolly (SE), Ms. O. Meaney (EE), Ms. F. Holland (SE), Mr. J. Russell (SP), Mr. F. McEvoy, (SEE), Mr. M. Coleman, (SSO), Mr. B. Heverin (SE), Mr. P. Connolly (SEE), Ms. M. McCarthy (CO).
Online:	Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. E. Seoighthe Ms. E. Fanning (DoS), Ms. N. Coen (UCDO), Ms. S. Carroll (SEO), Mr. D. Healy (AO), Ms. M. Duddy (AO), Mr. P. Staunton (SE), Mr. M. Cormican (SE).
Apologies:	Cllr. J. Forde.

Agenda Item		Discussion	Action
1.	Draft minutes of meeting held on the 20 November 2025	The Minutes of Meeting held 20 November 2025 were Proposed By: Cllr. F. Fahy and Seconded By: Cllr. E. Hoare	Minutes agreed and adopted.
2.	Matters arising	Cllr. F. Fahy complimented the team on the hedge cutting completed and requested that work be carried out by September next year. Cllr. E. Hoare asked for an update on Multi-Modal. He also queried which Pavement improvement scheme will be prioritised & when will the proposed plan for 2026 be finalised. Cllr. J. McDonagh sought an update on Munster Avenue house. Updates were also requested on Sliding rock and South Park dressing rooms.	

		Cllr. M. Cubbard sought an update on costings on floodlights for tennis and basketball courts. Ms. F. Holland updated members on Multi-Modal completed feasibility stage. Two schemes also under Chief Executive priority list with a cost of €20 million, cannot progress until funding is identified. Mr. F. McEvoy confirmed road program will be finalised in February. Open to suggestions on footpath improvements. Ms. E. Fanning informed members on the Munster Avenue house: issue with funding. Housing Capital are trying to secure funds on this and will an update at the next meeting. Ms. S. Connolly confirmed parks will re-surface area in the Sliding Rock park. She also updated on the South Park dressing rooms under LIS. Members were informed that the Tennis court costs are approx. €40,000 and the basketball court €160,000 (as more refurbishment work is needed, and Part 8 planning will be required).	E. Fanning update in next meeting on MA house.
3.	Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)	Mr. F. McEvoy updated members on LIS schemes. Application forms will issue next week for return by end February. He requested a maximum 3 schemes from each Councillor.	
4.	Masterplans Update (Kingston/Southpark/Renmore/Salthill).	No further update from Council meeting.	

5.	Request to reschedule the scheduled meeting 5 March at 3pm to facilitate Cllrs attending an Irish course. (Thurs 26 February 2026 3pm or Thurs 12 March 2026)	Cllr. M. Cubbard proposed the 26 February 2026. This was agreed by all councillors.	MMC to change date and send email to members.
6.	Items/Questions & Updates by Directorate:		
Urban Development			
1.	Participatory Budget initiative outcome by the Urban and Community Development Officer.	Ms. N. Coen confirmed the winner of the initiative is the Green Area Upgrades, Sliding Rock Park, Shantalla. €65,000 is the budget. This project involves the installation of a French Boules (Pétanque) area, alongside landscaping improvements such as benches, trees, and flower beds. The upgrades are designed to encourage outdoor recreation and create a more vibrant, welcoming green space for the community.	Ms. N. Coen will have costings and full plan circulated to members once complete.
2.	Update on planning issues in College Road	Mr. J. Russell gave update on this. Confirmed individual is bearing the legal costs.	
Operational Development			

1.	Road Operational – Resurfacing/Footpaths and hedge cutting. a) Footpaths to Ballindoooley cross/City Limits. Lack of maintenance and need to be extended. b) Request Monument Road resurfacing and Coolough Road resurfacing. c) Update on Dyke Road/line marking and resurfacing. d) Grattan Park. Ongoing issue with hedge cutting and residents.	Mr. F. McEvoy to schedule a meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to raise this issue. Mr. F. McEvoy highlighted the need for a scheme in this area. Need to determine budget required/available. Ms. S. Connolly confirmed an agreement in place to cut hedge every year. Cllr. F. Fahy requested to view this agreement.	FMcE to raise issue with TII. Ms. S. Connolly to circulate agreement to members.
2.	Flooding outside Galway shopping Centre on Headford Road.	Mr. F. McEvoy agreed to raise this issue with Uisce Éireann.	Mr. F. McEvoy to raise flooding with UE.
3.	Bye-laws regarding food waste in the city. Problems with plastic bags being ripped open by seagulls.	Discussion followed. Ms. F. Holland advised they are working on a delivery strategy, new enforcement officer in place to develop relationships and plans.	

		Mr. P. Connolly informed members he will talk to waste collectors to find a solution.	PC revert with solution.
4.	Update on spreading of oats in the city.	Ms. F. Holland confirmed Mr. P. Greene (DoS) gave an update at the Council Meeting, fines have been issued.	
5.	Further traffic calming measures and signage is needed along Palmyra Road. Cars and e-bikes travelling from St. Mary's Road Cllr. E. Hoare are travelling at very high speeds past residential homes along Palmyra Road. Traffic calming measures similar to those introduced along Sherwood Avenue need to be implemented here, needs to be urgently reviewed.	Cllr. E. Hoare requested the installation of a speed bump, noting it would have a significant impact. Ms. F. Holland confirmed Roads and Active Travel could liaise on this. Cllr. J. McDonagh highlighted a missing bollard on Rayleigh Rd.	Roads and Active Travel to meet on possible installation of speed bump.
6.	Ballagh Road and Circular Road resurfacing is required.	Mr. F. McEvoy updated members once budget is confirmed an investigation will take place and could extend work done last year in this area.	
7.	Can I please receive a progress update on the Multi Modal Corridor Report? The junction on the Bushypark side is to be signalled as part of the Bish redevelopment. Galway City Council will also need to widen the junction from the N59 to the School. Have we any timeline on this?	This item was discussed in matters arising.	

	The Circular Road/Letteragh Road junction is a more short-term scheme. Will GCC be applying to the NTA in 2026 to make this junction safer?	Mr. F. McEvoy confirmed a scheme will be needed for this.	
Social Development			
No items submitted.			
Project Development			
No items submitted.			
NOM 01/2026, submitted by Cllr. E. Hoare, 02/01/2026			
That Galway City Council commit to prioritising the development of a path from the Baily estate on Circular Road to Siobhan McKenna Road. This process would involve the Directorate progressing a Part 8 application if deemed necessary. This path is already being used by residents but is very unsafe and a health and safety hazard as residents need to navigate a grass area and a wall. I propose that the green area is fully resurfaced and a safe and accessible passage created to allow pedestrians and cyclists to safely navigate. Permeability projects form a key part of Galway City Council's Active Travel Plans, and this project needs to be progressed. Furthermore, it will allow residents of the Baily to safely access the 404-bus route within a 5-minute walk. This aligns with the Galway City Development Plan which promotes a 10-minute City. Response was issued on the 14.01.2026			
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 Ballindooley for 108 metres.

Ms. F. Holland agreed to look at location and answer on that basis.

7.	Any Other Business	Cllr. F. Fahy sought an update on Munster Avenue traffic measures on behalf of Cllr. J. Forde. Ms. F. Holland highlighted more engagement is needed in this area and options for some bollards. Provision of one-way street was denied by residents Cllr. E. Seoighthe sought an update on bus connects going through the hospital. Mr. D. Pender Dos confirmed communication with the Department before Christmas, outlining councils clear priority for a dedicated bus corridor. Mr. P. Connolly expressed thanks to the litter unit and grounds staff for their work in achieving status of 'Cleaner than European Norms'. He also acknowledged the contributions of the University Hospital and University of Galway in achieving this award. All members concurred. Cllr. J. McDonagh highlighted issues in Claremount park trees overgrown in alleyways. Request to meet with officials on this.	Ms. S. Connolly advised a representative from parks and roads will investigate this.
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Meeting Ended: 16.19p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 26 February 3p.m.