

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

Presiding:	Cllr. F. Fahy (Chair)
Present:	Cllr. E. Seoighthe
Executive:	Mr. D. Pender (DoS), Ms. A. Rohan (SEO) Ms. S. Connolly (SE), Ms. O. Meaney (EE), Mr. F. McEvoy, (SEE), Mr. M. Coleman, (SSO), Mr. B. Heverin (SE), Mr. P. Connolly (SEE), Ms. M. McCarthy (CO). Mr. K. Neary (SEE)
Online:	Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. J. Forde Mr. D. Healy (AO), Ms. M. Duddy (AO),
Apologies:	Ms. E. Fanning (Dos)

Agenda Item		Discussion	Action
1.	Draft minutes of meeting held on the 15 January 2026	The Minutes of Meeting held 15 January 2026 were Proposed By: Cllr. E Seoighthe and Seconded By: Cllr. J McDonagh	Minutes agreed and adopted.
2.	Matters arising	A discussion took place on the funding for footpaths. It was agreed to go with engineer's proposals. Elected members requested to have footpaths on the September agenda. Queries were raised on Munster Avenue house, bus connects, Letteragh Road, flooding on Headford Road, resurfacing monument Road, Dyke Road and Mincooln.	MMC to put on agenda for Sept.

		Mr. D. Pender (Dos) confirmed meeting took place with HSE and GCC on bus connects and made desire clear on having a clear route. Mr. F. McVoy informed members that Letteragh Road has no scheme currently in place and will bring this request to the Mr. P. Greene (DoS). He confirmed that Uisce Éireann have been notified of the flooding on the Headford Rd. Mr. F. McEvoy advised the team will look at resurfacing on Monument Road. The Dyke Road may have some sections to improve. This is pending conditions of planning requirement to upgrade the Dyke Road from new student accommodation. Updates will follow. Mr. F. McEvoy also confirmed the Mincooln junction a land acquisition was necessary. A grant has been allocated for this junction due to considerable number of collisions. No detailed design is completed. Cllr. F. Fahy requested update on his motion 16/01. Requested be sent to CPG meeting. This was agreed by all members.	
3.	Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)	Mr. F. McEvoy advised members submission must be in by (Friday, 27 February 2026).	
4.	Masterplans Update (Kingston/Southpark/Renmore/Sa lthill).	Ms. S. Connolly gave an update on Masterplans in the area.	

		Cllr. J. Forde raised missing all weather pitch on the Southpark plans. Ms. S. Connolly confirmed once the environmental assessments are complete; Overall plan will be drawn up based on assessment and feedback.	
6.	Items/Questions & Updates by Directorate:		
Project Development			
1.	An allocation of €50,000 was made for road safety/traffic calming measures on Shantalla Road. May we be provided with an update on this and a timeline be given for when this will start?	Cllr. E. Seoighthe corrected the amount €180,000. Mr. K. Neary confirmed a meeting with National Transport Authority will take place on 12 March 2026. The aim is to have the report reviewed and bring this to a design. Update requested after this meeting. This was agreed.	.
2.	I note the POD for the Multi Modal Transport Corridor was not prepared or issued to the NTA and as such no funding was issued by the NTA for 2026. Can I please receive an update on this?	Mr. D. Pender (DoS) confirmed Galway City Council have successfully agreed with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to progress this project (Clifden Railway Pedestrian Cycle Bridge) under URDF funding. The project will now be progressed through the design stage and brought to the pre-planning stage over the coming months.	
Operational Development			

1.	Gully overflowing on Main Street in Bohermore. Can this please be cleaned and cleared as soon as possible to prevent further issues?	Ms. O. Meaney confirmed works have started this week.	
2.	The hedging in Fr. Griffin Road is overgrown and overflowing onto the footpath. This needs to be cut back as soon as possible.	Ms. S. Connolly requested more information on this. Cllr. J. Forde confirmed she will send photos.	.
3.	South Park is completely overgrown and has not been maintained. Can we get clarification on why regular maintenance is not being carried out.	Cllr. J. Forde requested maintenance of area in South Park; overgrown weeds on footpaths in front of club and benches are removed. Ms. S. Connolly advised no hedge cutting has been done due to significant rainfall, will resume once weather improves. Paved areas can only be sprayed certain time of year and confirmed this will go on the works program.	
4.	Corrib Park and Ardilaun Road parking is becoming a serious issue, and emergency vehicles cannot pass down the road. This is a major safety concern that needs urgent attention.	Mr. F. McEvoy agreed several estates close to university have parking issues. This has been raised by Garda and attention of the wardens. It is a difficult issue to deal with.	
5.	Request update on any plans to upgrade the T-Junction between Circular Road and Letteragh Road? Concern this is extremely	Cllr. E. Hoare requests that this be prioritised and apply for funding on this.	

	dangerous and navigated by hundreds of cars, pedestrians and cyclists daily. Can I please get an update on this and enquire as to why funding has not been sought to upgrade this junction?	Mr. F. McEvoy confirmed they will explore this option and check if land acquisition is needed.	
6.	Update requested regarding plans for Ballagh Road, including a timeline for proposed works. Noted road has not been resurfaced in years, no road marking and no signs to slow drivers. Concerns that the route is increasingly being used as a rat-run from Barna /Knocknacarra to the N59.	Ms. F. McEvoy confirmed roads markings and signs will be explored once road surfacing is done.	
7.	Update on issues raised at previous meeting re road/footpaths in Menlo/Monument Road/Dyke Rd/Headford Road.	Mr. F. McEvoy advised members the student accommodation being built have planning requirements to fix the road. The TII confirmed the Headford Road not suitable for footpaths.	
8.	Update on removal of kissing gates in the city and plans to remove gates in Castlelawn/Dyke Road.	Mr. K. Neary gave update on this; currently upgrading access controls in the city by removing kissing gates. Works will be carried out in locations such as Wellpark. Currently in the design phase for access control upgrades for Westside Playing Pitches and Claremont Park. Access control upgrades must be carried out as per the National Transport Authority (NTA) guidelines.	

		Active Travel are willing to meet on site at Dyke Road/Castlelawn to examine existing kissing gate locations to discuss upgrades and are willing to engage in public consultation.	
Urban Development			
1.	Bohermore – Old Tonery's Bar Site - Work is currently being carried out at the old Tonery's bar, and the whole road is impassable. Residents are extremely concerned. Many relied on parking at Tonery's with permission, and there is now no available parking for most of those living there.	Ms. H. Coleman confirmed number of conditions of compliance on this site. Warning letter has gone out. Cllr. J. Forde raised issue with no disabled parking on either side of the road. Ms. O. Meaney advised to talk offline on the parking issues raised.	
2.	Student complex being developed in Coolough. Conditions of planning enforcement officer dealing with same.	Ms. H. Coleman confirmed site inspection has taken place and site clearance has started. They have written to them to advise they need to comply to this.	
3.	Issues with planning compliance at the Montaine student complex at Coolough.	Ms. H. Coleman confirmed on going monitoring of this site to ensure contractors work within their working hours.	
Corporate Development			
1.	There are growing calls for live streaming of council meetings to allow the public viewing of local democracy taking place.	Ms. A. Rohan advised for this item to go on CPG Agenda. She also highlighted the need to set up a group with GDPR, comms etc to do some research on this.	MMC to Contact CPG secretary to add this item to agenda

	Can this be provided for when the council chamber equipment is upgraded?		
Motion 16/2026 – Submitted by Cllr. F. Fahy			
That this committee request An Garda Siochána to carry out speed checks and enforcement of speed limits on the Dyke Road and Coolough/Menlo Road and Monument Road.			
	Cllr E. Seoighthe requested to include Shantalla Road. This was agreed. Send this item to LCSP meeting.	MMC to refer motion to LCSP meeting.	

7.	Any Other Business	Cllr E Seoighthe request the Mayor to convey a special meeting with HSE and relevant stakeholders regarding Shantalla Park and bus connects to discuss, agree plans and get some clarity. Seconded by: Cllr. J. McDonagh. Cllr. M. Cubbard agreed to raise this at CPG meeting under AOB. Cllr. J. Forde questioned if there are any plans to fence of Pat Manaogue pitch. Ms. S. Connolly will discuss this further with club. Cllr. J. Forde requested some clarity on boxing centre in westside and use of adjacent car park. Ms. H. Coleman will revert on this.	HC revert on this.
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Meeting Ended: 16.26pm
Next Meeting: Thursday, 21 May 2026