

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

Presiding:	Cllr. J. McDonagh (Chair)
Present:	Cllr. E. Seoighthe
Executive:	Ms. A. Rohan (SEO) Ms. S. Connolly (SE), Ms. O. Meaney (EE), Mr. F. McEvoy, (SEE), Mr. M. Coleman, (SSO), Ms. M. McCarthy (CO). Mr. F. Clancy (SEE), Ms. L. Elsner (AO), Mr. D. Mahon (SEO), Mr. M. Toher (EE), MS. E. Murphy (SE), Ms. K. Slattery, (CSCO),
Online:	Cllr. J. Forde, Cllr. E. Hoare Mr. D. Pender (DoS), Ms. M. Duddy (AO), Mr. P. Connolly (SEE), Ms. S. Watson (AO)
Apologies:	Ms. E. Fanning (Dos)

Agenda Item		Discussion	Action
1.	Draft minutes of meeting held on the 26 February 2026	The Minutes of Meeting held were 26 of February Proposed By: Cllr. E Seoighthe and Seconded By: Cllr E. Hoare	Minutes agreed and adopted.
2.	Matters arising	No matters arising.	
3.	Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)	Ms. O. Meaney gave an update on LIS. All Cllrs presented acknowledged the work being done. Cllr. E. Hoare requested to oversee work by Uisce Eireann and review.	
4.	Masterplans Update (Kingston/Southpark/Renmore/Sa lthill).	Ms. S. Connolly gave an update on Masterplans in the area. Update on South Park waiting on flood defence proposals before consultation date.	

5.	Galway City Local Community Safety Partnership	Ms. K. Slattery gave presentation on this. All Cllrs thanked Ms. K. Slattery for work and energy put into this partnership. Some key dates to note: All Cllrs welcome. 12 June 2026 - Sun Safety Community Safety Clinic 15 – 21 June 2026 – Men’s health week October 2026 – Life saver project October 2026 – Halloween Family Fun Events 2 November 2026 – Galway Together: Safety, Health Ireland and Age Friendly Expo	
6.	Speed Limit Review	Mr. F. McEvoy introduced Mr. M. Toher. Mr. M. Toher gave presentation ‘Phase 2 of the Speed Limit Bye Laws’; intention is to bring this to June Plenary Meeting and get approval to go to public consultation. Key date is 30 October 2026 needs to be completed by. 31 March 2027 new road markings and signs will be in place. It was requested that Shantalla Rd, Balla Rd and Circular Rd are also included in this.	
6.	Items/Questions & Updates by Directorate:		
Project Development			

	No items submitted.		
Operational Development			
1.	Parking Issues – Westside Boxing Centre	This item was discussed and confirmed car park is public.	
2.	Parking at Moyola Park used also as rat run	Cllr. J. Forde requested wardens check area more often. Mr. F. McEvoy agreed to bring this up to traffic.	.
3.	The Green College Road parking issue	Mr. F. McEvoy agreed to bring this up to traffic.	
4.	Coole Park, Bohermore is there any maintenance been carried out in this estate	Ms. S. Connolly agreed to investigate this.	
5.	South Park Benches / Anti-Social Behaviour	Cllr. J. Forde requested to remove the benches at Claddagh Hall as they are broken and there is anti-social behaviour. Cllr. E. Seoighthe raised a few concerns and requested this item be referred to LCSP for discussion. It was agreed to keep this on the agenda for the next meeting.	MMC to put on agenda for next meeting.

6.	Update on City Centre Residential parking / issuing of parking permits/ removal of blue badge parking to facilitate the development of Woodquay Park	It was confirmed that two disabled bays have been removed in the development. These have been replaced.	
7.	Issues relating to skating in Eyre Square	This item was not discussed.	
8.	Plans to prohibit the feeding of wildlife in the city and the storage of food waste on street from restaurants/takeaways.	This item was not discussed.	
9.	I would like to ask that a road safety audit be carried out on Shantalla Road and the junction at Raven's Terrace/ Dominick Street.	Cllr. E. Seoighthe requests an audit is done in these areas.	
10.	Is it possible to review placement of lollipop people at our city schools?	Mr. F. McEvoy confirmed there is no proposal to increase school wardens. Challenge is to recruit and retain. Question was raised on retirement age. It was confirmed the age is 70 but depends on when they joined GCC. It was noted to commend Mr. D. O'Callaghan for work with Wardens.	
11.	Can an update be provided on scheduled road resurfacing	Ms. O. Meaney gave update on this.	

	works across the city? (Including road marking improvements.)	It was noted to applaud the contractor on St. Francis Street; a fantastic job has been done.	
12.	Has a date been identified for when the executive is to meet with the residents of Shantalla to discuss the sale of the lands at Shantalla Park?	No update on this meeting yet.	
13.	Could the Council provide an update on when the remaining tree stumps from the trees damaged during last year's Storm Éowyn in Beach Court Estate will be removed?	Ms. S. Connolly gave update on this. She confirmed there is no intention to remove the stumps for biodiversity reasons in the area. There was a total off 800 stumps in the city removed. Priority went to ones that cause issues with walls.	
14.	Could the Council consider installing signage along the Grattan Road to discourage camper vans parking overnight in residential areas?	Mr. F. McEvoy confirmed the parking control bye laws were updated last year. Number of prescribed roads where it is an offer (including the prom) not Grattan Road.	
15.	Could the road markings in Woodquay, particularly in the areas where the outdoor dining scheme will operate, be refreshed and made more visible, as motorists are continuing to travel	Mr. F. McEvoy advised he can look to improve road markings there. Cllr. E. Hoare highlighted the need for resident only parking on temporary basis for outdoor dining. Cllr. E. Seoighthe and Cllr. J. McDonagh agree with this and should be explored.	

	in the wrong direction due to the faded markings currently in place.	It was confirmed that this request was being investigated but may need legal advice. No statutory basis for parking.	
16.	Could the Council also confirm how many parking spaces will be lost in Woodquay when the summer outdoor dining schemes begin.	This has not been confirmed yet and may be matter for the Tourism department.	
Urban Development			
1.	What is the current legal position in relation to planning irregularities at the site known as the blockyard on Quarry Rd Menlo.	This item was not discussed.	
Social Development			
1.	Can we have an update on the progress of Cost Rental Builds in the city?	An update was given on CRB in the city. A request for an update on Dyke Road development. Ms. E. Murphy advised she will come back with an update on this.	
2.	Can we undertake a review of the paperwork to apply for housing services?	This item was discussed.	

Corporate Development			
1.	Is there any progress on the option to live stream the council meetings?	Ms. A. Rohan gave an update on this. She confirmed they have collected data from other local authority. A funding application has been submitted and will be considered for his. Item has been referred to the procedures committee and the CPG meeting. Crown will have the capacity to deliver this.	
7.	Any Other Business	Cllr. E. Seoighthe requested figures on how many parking fines were issued in January 2025 – August 2025 and how much revenue was collected.	

Meeting Ended: The Meeting ended at 16.40pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, 23 July 2026