

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Held at ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL**  
**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 11:00 am**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Cllr. Michael 'Moegie' Maher

Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway

**I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Baill:** Comh./Cllr. T Broderick, J. Byrne, I. Canning, L. Carroll, J. Charity, D. Collins, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, G. Cronnelly, J. Cuddy, S. Curley, T. Ó Curraoin, G. Donohue, G. Finnerty, D. Geraghty, M. Hoade, C. Keaveney, D. Kelly, D. Killilea, G. King, P. Mac an Iomaire, M. Maher, E. Mannion, J. McClearn, K. McHugh Farag, A. McKinstry, P. Murphy, E. Francis Parsons, A. Reddington, P. Roche, J. Sheridan, N. Thomas, S. Walsh and T. Welby.

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**Oifigh:** Mr. J. Cullen, Chief Executive, Mr. L. Hanrahan, Director of Services, Mr. M. Owens, Director of Services, Ms Eileen Ruane, Director of Services, Mr T Prendergast, Senior Engineer, Ms. Á. Fenton, Head of Finance, Ms. J. Brann, Meetings Administrator, Ms. L. Sharkey, Administrative Officer, Ms L Keady, Administrative Officer, Ms. B. Ryan, Staff Officer, Mr. M. Ó Donnchadha, Oifigeach Gaeilge, Ms. E. Hoffman, Clerical Officer.

**Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.**

Cllr. Cuddy was joined by Members in extending sympathies to the family of Private Seán Rooney RIP who lost his life tragically while serving as part of a UN peacekeeping mission in Lebanon. Condolences were also extended to his colleagues and the Defence Forces. As a mark of respect to the late Private Seán Rooney a minute's silence was observed.

**ITEM NO.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS**

**4073**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Byrne **SECONDED** by Cllr. King the minutes of Monthly Plenary Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were **AGREED**.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Hoade **SECONDED** by Cllr. Byrne the minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were **AGREED**.

It was noted and agreed by Cllr. Killilea that the motion proposed at the Budget Meeting in relation to the occupation of vacant commercial premises would be dealt with at the January meeting.

**ITEM NO.2 CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**4074**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Killilea **SECONDED** by Cllr. Maher the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Galway County Council Planning, Environment, Agriculture, & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee and the Galway City Council Planning Strategic Policy Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were **AGREED**.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Carroll **SECONDED** by Cllr. Reddington the minutes of the Community and Culture Strategic Policy Committee Special Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were **AGREED**.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McKinstry **SECONDED** by Cllr. Cronnelly the minutes of the Climate Change and Biodiversity Strategic Policy Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022 were **AGREED**.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Geraghty **SECONDED** by Cllr. Hoade the minutes of the Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were **AGREED**.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Killilea **SECONDED** by Cllr. D. Connolly the minutes of the Planning, Environment, Agriculture & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were **AGREED**.

**ITEM NO.3 TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 FOR THE GRANTING OF TEMPORARY LEASEHOLD AND LICENCE ON LANDS AT THE FORMER GALWAY AIRPORT AT CARNMORE, CO. GALWAY TO GALWAY FLYING CLUB FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 23RD, 2022 TO DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023.** 4075

*Statutory Notice issued in accordance with Section 183(1)(b) and report dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 was published on the Extranet prior to the meeting.*

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Carroll **SECONDED** by Cllr. Hoade it was **AGREED** to grant a temporary leasehold and licence on lands at the former Galway Airport at Carnmore, Co. Galway to Galway Flying Club for the period December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 to December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, in accordance with the terms of the Statutory Notice dated the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

**ITEM NO.4 TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 FOR THE DISPOSAL OF LAND AT MOUNT VERNON, ORANMORE, CO. GALWAY – 0.017 ACRES.** 4076

*Statutory Notice issued in accordance with Section 183(1)(b) and report dated 7th December 2022 was published on the Extranet prior to the meeting.*

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Carroll **SECONDED** by Cllr. Collins it was **AGREED** to dispose of 0.017 acres of land at Mount Vernon, Oranmore, Co. Galway, in accordance with the terms of the Statutory Notice dated the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

**ITEM NO.5(A) TO CONSIDER AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT SERVICE STATUTORY AUDIT REPORT TO GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021** 4077

*Annual Financial Statement and Local Government Audit Service Statutory Audit Report dated the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 was published on the Extranet prior to the meeting. On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. Carroll SECONDED by Cllr. Hoade the Audited Annual Financial Statement for Galway County Council and Local Government Audit Service Statutory Audit Report to Galway County Council for year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 was NOTED.*

**ITEM NO.5(B) TO CONSIDER THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE 2021 AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT (AFS) AND STATUTORY AUDITORS REPORT (PURSUANT TO SECTION 60 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2014).**

**4078**

*Audit Committee Report on the 2021 AFS and the Statutory Auditor's Report dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 was published on the Extranet prior to the meeting.*

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. Carroll SECONDED by Cllr. Charity the Audit Committee Report on the 2021 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) and Statutory Auditors Report pursuant to section 60 of the Local Government Act 2014 was NOTED.

Members AGREED to suspend Standing Orders to bring forward item No. 11 on the Agenda.

**ITEM NO.11 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY ON THE STRATEGIC PARK & RIDE**

**4079**

Mr. Eoin Gillard, Head of Public Transport Investment and Ms. Roisin Cloake, PRDO Design Engineer from the National Transport Authority made a presentation to Members on the Galway Park and Ride Strategy. Mr. Gillard outlined the objectives and gave an overview of the Park and Ride Strategy.

Ms. Roisin Cloake identified six traffic corridors from the nine routes leading into Galway city. She noted the emerging strategic locations for Park and Ride on three of the corridor routes which could be implemented in the shorter term; R338, N6 and N83. The emerging strategic location on the N59, a longer-term project, was noted together with possible future locations on the R336 and N84.

Following the presentation Mr. Gillard and Ms. Cloake responded to queries raised by Members.

The following motion was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. McClearn **SECONDED** by Cllr. McKinstry:

"That Galway County Council will establish a sub-committee to interact with the NTA regarding the development of Park and Ride"

As agreement could not be reached on the motion the Cathaoirleach called for a vote.

The following was the result:

**For 18**

Cllr. McKinstry	Cllr. Reddington	Cllr. Collins
Cllr. Dr. Francis Parsons	Cllr. Mannion	Cllr. Cronnelly
Cllr. Finnerty	Cllr. Canning	Cllr. Byrne
Cllr. McClearn	Cllr. Carroll	Cllr. Hoade
Cllr. Maher	Cllr. P. Keaveney	Cllr. Murphy
Cllr. Broderick	Cllr. Welby	Comh. Mac an Iomaire

**Against 12**

Cllr. Kelly	Cllr. C. Keaveney	Cllr. Killilea
Cllr. Geraghty	Cllr. Donohue	Cllr. King
Cllr. Charity	Cllr. Cuddy	Cllr. McHugh Farag
Cllr. Thomas	Cllr. Roche	Cllr. Curley

**Abstain 3**

Cllr. D. Connolly	Cllr. Walsh	Comh. Ó 'Curraoin
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**No-Voting 2**

Cllr. M. Connolly	Cllr. Sheridan
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The Cathaoirleach confirmed that the motion was carried.

It was agreed that all group leaders would meet after the Christmas break to agree the composition of the subcommittee.

**ITEM NO.6 THAT WE CEASE ANY FURTHER PROGRESS WITH THE DRAFT BEACH BYLAWS 2022 AND THAT WE RESTART A NEW SET OF DRAFT BYLAWS WHICH WILL INCLUDE BEACH ZONING MAPS WHERE**

**APPROPRIATE. AND ALSO CONSULTATION WILL TAKE PLACE WITH ANY RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS WHEN COMPILING THESE NEW DRAFT BYLAWS.**

**4080**

Mr. Owens advised the Draft Beach Byelaws had been considered by the Community and Cultural SPC and were subsequently adopted at the July Plenary Meeting with amendments. He advised a total of 1,030 submissions were received by the extended closing date for the public consultation process. He noted some submissions were based on an incorrect interpretation of the wording in Part 2 - Prohibited Acts of the Draft Beach Byelaws:

*"No person shall wind surf on sail boards or kite-surf on kite boards or surf on a surf board or use a canoe, kayak, dinghy, stand-up paddle board or water bike in close proximity to bathers."*

Mr. Owens noted it had been interpreted by some that there was a ban on water sports on the beaches by Galway County Council. He stressed that was clearly not the case and at no point was it the intention to ban water sports. He noted that the wording contained in the Galway County Council Draft Bye-Laws in relation to restricting water sports '*in close proximity to bathers*' was similar to wording in existing bye-laws in place in Mayo, Clare, Kerry, Cork, Waterford and Wexford with bye-laws in place in some instance for over 10 years and the wording was not interpreted and more importantly was not implemented on the basis that it reflected a ban on water sports in those counties. He advised similarly the wording was not to suggest a ban on water sports in Galway.

Mr. Owens advised Members that the time was limited to restart and complete the process to have byelaws in place for the summer season. He advised the issue of beach zoning could, if the Members wished to included zonings, be dealt with by way of amendments to the byelaws. He noted it was open to SPC Members to invite Water Sports bodies or any other interested parties to make a presentation to the SPC. Following consultation with the Loughrea and Connemara Municipal Districts any amendments made to the byelaws would go before plenary meeting for consideration and adoption with or without further amendment.

Cllr. Thomas welcomed the suggestion of a presentation to the SPC from Water Sports bodies. He considered it would inform the creation of zoning maps which could be

incorporated into the byelaws by way of amendment avoiding the recommencement of the byelaw process.

Cllr. Thomas agreed to withdraw the motion.

**ITEM NO. 7 TO CONSIDER AND IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE AUTHORISE THE ATTENDANCE AT TRAINING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 142(5A) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 (AS AMENDED).**

4081

*Report dated the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 was published on the Extranet prior to the meeting.*

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McClearn **SECONDED** by Cllr. C. Keaveney it was **AGREED** to authorise Cllr. Killilea to attend LAMA "Autumn Training Seminar 2022" at Four Season Hotel, Monaghan on 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> November 2022. (Retrospective Approval)

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. C Keaveney **SECONDED** by Cllr. P Keaveney it was **AGREED** to authorise Cllrs. Dr. Francis Parsons and Hoade to attend AILG "Women's Regional Caucus" at Leinster House, Dublin on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 (Retrospective Approval).

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. C Keaveney **SECONDED** by Cllr. P Keaveney it was **AGREED** to authorise Cllr. Kinane to attend AILG Module 6 – "Data Protection - What Councillors Need to Know" at the Newgrange Hotel, Navan on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022. (Retrospective Approval).

**ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER AND IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO AUTHORISE THE ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, OTHER EVENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 142(5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 (AS AMENDED).**

4082

*Report dated the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 was published on the Extranet prior to the meeting.*

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. King **SECONDED** by Cllr. Mac Iomaire it was **AGREED** to authorise Comh. O 'Curraoin to attend Celtic Conferences "The Finance Act 2022" at The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth on 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. C. Keaveney **SECONDED** by Comh. Mac Iomaire it was **AGREED** to authorise Cllrs. Killilea and Walsh to attend AEE "Europe Energy

Conference & Expo 2022" at RDS (Simmonscourt), Dublin on 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022.  
(Retrospective Approval)

**ITEM NO.9 TO CONSIDER THE MANAGEMENT REPORT – DECEMBER 2022 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 136(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 (AS AMENDED).** 4083

*Report dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 was published on the Extranet prior to the meeting.*

The Management Report – November 2022 in accordance with section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 (As Amended) was **NOTED**.

**ITEM NO.10 TO CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE APPROVE GALWAY COUNTY CULTURE AND CREATIVITY STRATEGY 2023-2027** 4084

*Galway County Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027 was published on the Extranet prior to the meeting.*

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McClearn **SECONDED** by Cllr. Curley it was **AGREED** to approve the Galway County Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027.

Chair of Community and Cultural SPC, Cllr. D. Connolly thanked Ms. Sharon O'Grady and her team for their work preparing the Galway County Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027.

**ITEM NO.12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE.** 4085

The following items of correspondence which were published on the extranet prior to the meeting were **NOTED**:

- Letter dated 29.11.22 from Mayo County Council. Resolution – Fund for taking in charge of Housing Estates.
- Letter dated 02.12.22 from Limerick City & County Council. Resolution – Bus Shelters at each bus stop.
- Letter dated 06.12.22 to Pascal Donohue TD, Minister for Finance. Resolution – Extension of Deadline for Dezoning.
- Letter dated 06.12.22 to the Directors of Services, Michael Owens, Derek Pender, Eileen Ruane and Liam Hanrahan. Resolution – Five Day Contracts.
- Letter dated 06.12.22 to Eileen Ruane, Director of Services. Resolution – Chamber Sound System.

- Letter dated 06.12.22 to Derek Pender, Director of Services. Resolution – Best Route Solution for Athlone to Galway Greenway.
- Letter dated 06.12.22 to Derek Pender, Director of Services. Resolution – Galway to Athlone Greenway (Kinvara to Kilcolgan)
- Letter dated 07.12.22 to Pascal Donohue TD, Minister for Finance. Resolution – Residential Zoned Land Tax.
- Letter dated 07.12.22 to Revenue Commissioners. Resolution – Residential Zoned Land Tax.
- Letter dated 08.12.22 to Members of the Oireachtas and Ministers. Resolution – Derrybrien (Gort Wind Farm Ltd. Site)
- Email dated 10.12.22 from Sean Canney, TD. Response – Derrybrien (Gort Wind Farm Ltd. Site)
- Email dated 12.12.22 from Nicole Coughlan, Minister Darragh O'Brien's Office. Acknowledgement – Derrybrien (Gort Wind Farm Ltd. Site)
- Email dated 13.12.22 from Damien Griffin, Private Secretary to Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Rural and Community Development – Derrybrien (Gort Wind Farm Ltd. Site)
- Mayors of Peace News Flash November 2022
- Letter dated 13.12.22 from the Northern & Western Regional Assembly. Resolution – Support of proposed development of Cancer Care for the West and North West of Ireland.

**ITEM NO.13 NOTICE OF MOTION**

**4086**

Cllr. Curley submitted the following Notice of Motion prior to the meeting:

"That Galway County Council would identify funding to employ a full-time European Affairs Officer.

Context: Councils such as Dublin City and Cork City have done extremely well from European funding on the back of having such an officer. If we had an officer like this, we could have someone constantly focusing on maximising the amount of money coming into our county from Europe.

This is especially pertinent given that Ireland is now a net financial contributor to the EU."

**The following reply issued:**

*"The primary route for accessing European Funding for local authorities is through the Regional Assemblies.*

*The Northwest Regional Assembly, of which Galway County Council has a member, has established a Local Authority EU funding strategy and network. The purpose of the network is to improve the uptake and use of EU funds and programmes across its region.*

*The objective with this initiative is to:*

- *Provide a pathway for each Local Authority to increase its participation in EU based programmes.*
- *Establish an information sharing and learning Network of EU practitioners in the region.*

*The NWRA gave commitment to provide support to councils on accessing EU Funds through their advice service, as many of the EU funding streams have a preference for a collaborative approach. The NWRA information document in relation to the network is attached."*

Members discussed the motion.

As agreement could not be reached on the motion the Cathaoirleach called for a vote.

The following was the result:

**For 14**

Cllr. McKinstry	Cllr. Killilea	Cllr. D. Connolly
Cllr. Geraghty	Cllr. Dr Francis Parsons	Cllr. Cronnelly
Cllr. Donohue	Cllr. Finnerty	Cllr. Byrne
Cllr. Carroll	Cllr. Hoade	Cllr. P. Keaveney
Cllr. Curley	Comh. Ó 'Curraoin	

**Against 4**

Cllr. Charity	Cllr. McClearn	Cllr. Maher
Cllr. Broderick		

**Abstain 0**

**No-Voting 17**

Cllr. Kelly	Cllr. Reddington	Cllr. C. Keaveney
Cllr. Collins	Cllr. Mannion	Cllr. King
Cllr. Canning	Cllr. Cuddy	Cllr. McHugh Farag
Cllr. Thomas	Cllr. Roche	Cllr. Murphy
Cllr. Walsh	Cllr. Welby	Comh Mac Iomaire
Cllr. M. Connolly	Cllr. Sheridan	

The Cathaoirleach confirmed that the motion was carried.

**ITEM NO.14. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**4087**

Cllr. Curley submitted the following Notice of Motion prior to the meeting:

"This motion removes the limit on the amount of NOM funding which a Councillor can dedicate for the purpose of public lighting per year, while still allowing engineers or the executive the discretion to intervene if a public lighting project is not sustainable, realistic or deliverable etc when approving NOM submissions."

**The following reply issued:**

*"NOM funding is provided for within the Roads Section's budget and is expended on Roads related matters. The protection and enhancement of the road infrastructure is a key priority of the Roads Section. NOM funding is a critical supporting budgetary mechanism for this work and has proved especially helpful in addressing matters which are not ordinarily supported by grant schemes etc., such as minor drainage works, small, localised areas of concern, hedge cutting. Approval of NOM allocations is always considered in this context and the current limits on public lighting spending are based on and are consistent with this position. Active Travel provides a regular source of funding for extensions to the public lighting network. It is also open for Councillors to work on a collaborative project to fund a number of lights."*

Members discussed the motion. Cllr. Curley agreed to amend the wording of the motion to address Members concerns regarding the limit on the amount of NOM.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Curley **SECONDED** by Cllr. Donohue the Members **AGREED** that:

"This motion increases the limit to €6,000 on the amount of NOM funding which a Councillor can dedicate for the purpose of public lighting per year, while still allowing engineers or the executive the discretion to intervene if a public lighting project is not sustainable, realistic or deliverable etc when approving NOM submissions."

**ITEM NO.15 NOTICE OF MOTION**

**4088**

Cllr. Kinane submitted the following Notice of Motion prior to the meeting:

"I wish to propose that Galway County Council write to PPN secretariat, seeking that they engage with community organisations (that are members of the PPN) with links to water sports , sailing clubs, sea swimming and the fishing community , for the purpose of seeking 2 nominees to be assigned to Community & Cultural Development SPC and Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC ."

**The following reply issued:**

*" There are currently no vacancies for PPN representatives i.e. Community/Voluntary, Social Inclusion or Environmental on the Community & Cultural SPC or the Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC and as such Galway County Council are not in a position to write to the PPN secretariat, seeking that they engage with community organisations (that are members of the PPN) with links to water sports , sailing clubs, sea swimming and the fishing community , for the purpose of seeking 2 nominees to be assigned to Community & Cultural Development SPC and Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC."*

**ITEM NO.16 CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS**

**4089**

The following Motions were submitted:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McKinstry **SECONDED** by Cllr. Mannion the Members **AGREED**:

"That this council will develop a gritting and salting program for footpaths reflects the hierarchy of street users, the public sector duty on equality and human rights and the priority on walking and cycling. This policy should include a list of priority locations for

gritted footpaths – e.g. schools, health centres, public transport hubs in the winter maintenance program, and that Galway County Council will seek active travel funding from the NTA and Dept of Transport for such, mirroring the funding for roads from TII.”

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Byrne **SECONDED** by Cllr. Finnerty the Members **AGREED**:

“That a detailed investigation by an independent consultancy firm be immediately undertaken to carry out a technical appraisal of the Gort water supply to assess its suitability in terms of treatment of raw supply, adequate frost protection, supply capacity including reservoir capacity (etc).

That the Executive of Galway County Council convene a meeting with senior Irish Water personnel and local public reps to agree on communication protocols going forward.”

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Finnerty **SECONDED** by Cllr. Byrne the Members **AGREED**:

To “Call on Galway County Council to liaise with Irish Water immediately to get a full and transparent reply as to what the problem is with the Gort public water supply:

Outages unannounced since Nov 29<sup>th</sup>.

On Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec water supply off not restored until 1 am on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.

On Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec water coming from taps in a terrible colour and odour.

Business don’t know where they stand.

Residents don’t know will they have water for cooking and washing and heating on Christmas Day.”

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Donohue **SECONDED** by Cllr. Charity the Members **AGREED**:

“That Irish Water meet with the people of Gort who are most affected and Members of Galway County Council plus Galway County Council officials”

Cllr. Geraghty advised that the issues with Irish Water extended further than Gort noting Persspark, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.

**ITEM NO.17 VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS**

**4090**

**A resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:**

- The Ahern Family, St. Judes, Barrack Street, Athenry, Co. Galway
- Ms. Caroline Heneghan, Clogherboy, Tuam, Co. Galway
- Mr. Kevin O Brien, Hillsbrook House, Barnaderg, Tuam, Co. Galway
- Nell Ni Gamhnáin, Seanaghurráin, Spiddal, Co. na Gaillimhe
- Brid O'Donnell, Cloondine, Gort, Co. Galway
- Anne Hynes, Parkmore, Kinvara, Co. Galway

**Resolutions of Congratulations:**

Cllr. D. Connolly acknowledged and thanked all staff involved in recent Liam Mellows commemoration events which coincided with the centenary of his execution on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1922.

Cllrs. Curley and McClearn were joined by Members extending congratulations to the Sarsfield's Senior Ladies Camogie team on retaining their Club Champions title for 2022.

Cllr. P. Keaveney was joined by Members extending congratulations to the Kilkerrin-Clonberne Senior Women's Football team on defending their All-Ireland Senior Club title.

Congratulations was also extended to Béibhinn Parsons on her recent sporting achievements with the Ireland Women's Sevens Squad in the World Series tournament in Cape Town.

**Chriochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin.**

**Submitted, Signed and Approved**

**Cathaoirleach:**

Michael Mohan

**Date:**

23/01/2023