

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Held at GMIT, DUBLIN ROAD, GALWAY**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 11:00am**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Cllr. Peter Keaveney  
Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway

**I LATHAIR FREISIN:**  
**Baill:** Comh./Cllr. T Broderick, J. Byrne, I. Canning, L. Carroll, J. Charity, D. Collins, M. Connolly, G. Cronnelly, D. Ó Cualáin, J. Cuddy, S. Curley, T. Ó Curraoin, A. Dolan, G. Donuhue, G. Finnerty, D. Geraghty, S. Herterich Quinn, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, D. Killilea, M. Kinane, G. King, E. Mannion, J. McClearn, 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, Ms E. Ruane Director of Services, Mr D. Pender, Director of Services, Mr G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance, Mr. M. Owens, Director of Services/Meetings Administrator, Ms. U. Ni Eidhín, Oifigeach Gaeilge, Ms. B. Ryan, Staff Officer, Ms. E. Hoffman, Clerical Officer, Mr P. Scannell, Clerical Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

**ITEM NO. 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING: 3799**

(a) Minutes of Monthly Plenary Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Killilea **SECONDED** by Cllr. Dr. Parsons the minutes of the Monthly Plenary Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were **AGREED**.

Cllr. Dr. Parsons expressed her disappointment why her proposal supported by Members on the principle of Environmental Justice had not been inserted in the Draft County Development Plan. Cllr. Byrne concurred with Cllr. Dr. Parsons noting his concern that issues agreed at plenary meeting may not have been included in the draft plan.

In response, Mr. Owens advised that the principle of Environmental Justice while not specifically referenced in the Draft County Development Plan was reflected as a general theme across the plan.

In response to Cllr. Byrne, Mr. Owens referring to the Briarhill Framework Plan, said he was satisfied the intent of members was reflected in the Draft County Development Plan.

In response to a query from Cllr. Killilea regarding an investigation by the Ethics Officer into the application of €180,000 funding in Tuam Municipal District, Mr. Owens advised that it was not appropriate to comment as the matter was currently under review.

**ITEM NO. 2 CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. 3800**

(a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Byrne **SECONDED** by Cllr. M. Connolly the minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were **NOTED**.

**Matters arising**

In response to a query from Cllr. Hoade regarding proposals for meetings going forward the Chief Executive advised it is intended the July plenary meeting will be held in GMIT.

He advised CPG will consider arrangements in respect of future meetings in line with guidance from Central Government.

Cllr. McClearn queried when normal service would resume for Members, specifically when would they regain access to staff in headquarters. He stressed Members had a mandate which was difficult to fulfil with the current arrangements. In response, the Chief Executive said reopening will progress in line with government guidelines. He advised government approval was required before staff return and before opening the doors to the public. He expected to see an opening up, during or, at the end of the summer. Where there was difficulty contacting staff, he advised Members to contact the relevant Director of Service.

(b) Minutes of Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McKinstry **SECONDED** by Cllr. Dr. Parsons the minutes of Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were **NOTED**.

**ITEM NO.3 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF GALWAY RURAL DEVELOPMENT** 3801

*Report dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June published on the Extranet prior to the meeting.*

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Reddington **SECONDED** by Cllr. Killilea it was **AGREED** to reappoint appoint Cllr. Roche and Cllr. Kinane as members of Galway Rural Development.

Cllr. Kinane informed Members that her own party was also supporting and seconding her reappointment to Galway Rural Development. She noted the GRD carries out important work providing facilities in areas which otherwise may not be supported including the development of the playground in Clarenbridge which was due to be officially opened later that day. Cllr. Kinane also acknowledged the support to the Council in providing insurance cover for the playground.

**ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER AND IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE ADOPT THE DRAFT POLICY ON ROADSIDE MEMORIALS.** 3802

*Report dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June published on the Extranet prior to the meeting.*

Mr. Pender gave an overview of the Draft Policy on Roadside Memorials. He advised Members the draft policy was considered and agreed by the Roads, Transportation and Marine Strategic Policy Committee at a meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2020. He noted the Road Authority endeavors to facilitate the wishes of a bereaved family in respect of roadside memorials while at the same time ensuring a safe road network for all users.

**The following queries and points were raised by Cllrs. Killilea, Curley, Murphy, Hoade, Geraghty, M. Connolly, Hynes, Broderick, Cuddy, Dr. Parsons,**

- Acknowledged that roadside memorials were an important part of the grieving process. Stressed the voice of those with personal experience losing someone tragically on the roads needed to be considered, queried if they had an input. Noted the draft policy creates a hurdle for those applying for roadside memorials as the application process set out is too cumbersome.
- The proposal to discourage roadside memorials in favor of memorials in graveyards is heartless. Queried the proposal requiring a letter of application written by immediate family - who would apply if the deceased was the last surviving member of the family.
- Clarification sought on why a monument couldn't be considered on a road with speed limit over 100km.
- Will this policy impact retrospectively on existing monuments.
- Roadside memorials can serve to highlight dangerous locations to road users.
- Queried the need for a policy if we secondary roads are not included.
- The practice should not be abolished altogether.
- Is there a national policy on road side memorials and have other local authorities adopted similar policies.
- The material used in memorials needs to be carefully considered.
- For those identifying as LGBTQ+, the policy should reflect the many variations to the term "nuclear family" and include next of kin and families in a broader sense.

In response Mr. Pender confirmed the policy will not affect existing monuments. He said he could not confirm if any member of the SPC group had personal experience losing someone tragically on the roads. He confirmed there is currently no national policy on roadside memorials. He noted other local authorities have adopted policies and that the draft policy presented was similar to policies in use in other local authorities.

Speaking as a member of the Roads Transportation and Marine Strategic Policy Committee Cllr. Dolan reassured Members that every decision was considered thoroughly. He said the intention was to provide clear guidance on what was and was not permissible in terms of roadside memorials. As Chair of Roads Transportation and Marine Strategic Policy Committee, Cllr. Roche strongly rejected any suggestion that the SPC prepared the document without consideration and compassion for bereaved families. He assured members the draft policy was prepared with all due consideration, sympathy and empathy toward those directly affected. He advised Members he was happy to take any amendments into consideration and facilitate any changes required and assured them there was no rush.

Cllr. Charity proposed the deletion of paragraph no. 2 as he considered it wasn't right that Galway County Council would tell any family they "actively discouraged" roadside memorials for a lost loved one. He suggested the inclusion of wording to the effect that the granting of permission would not be unreasonably withheld. Cllr. Ó Cualáin noted the contradiction of stating that we actively discourage the erecting of monuments while at the same time adopt a policy for them. He supported Cllr. Charity regarding the removal of paragraph no. 2.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Killilea **SECONDED** by Cllr. M. Connolly it was **AGREED** to defer the item to allow further consideration of the Draft Policy on Roadside Memorials by the Roads, Transportation and Marine Strategic Policy Committee.

**ITEM NO.5 TO CONSIDER AND IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE ADOPT THE UNAUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR GALWAY COUNTY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020.**

3803

*Report dated the 17th June 2021 was published on the Extranet prior to the meeting.*

Mr. Mullarkey gave a brief overview of the unaudited Annual Financial Statement 2020. He noted the Covid Pandemic which hit in March 2020 had a very negative impact on finances, but Government reimbursed most of the loss in revenue. As a result, the accounts were in a much stronger position than originally envisaged and he confirmed there was a small surplus at the end of the year.

**The following points were raised by Cllrs. Byrne, Carroll, Herterich Quinn, Roche, Donohue, Cuddy, Welby, Finnerty, Sheridan, Broderick, Geraghty McClearn, Dr Francis Parsons:**

- The substantial amount transferred from Revenue to Capital is very welcome news following a difficult budget. What projects will benefit.
- The surplus, a good outcome after 9 months of Covid, is mainly due to funding from Central Government. Raised concerns that we don't have the staff to use that extra money.
- Highlighted the current low housing maintenance budget. Stressed the importance of budgeting appropriately to get small but important jobs completed.
- Issue of funding for Burial Grounds raised.
- Clarification sought on the reference to Government Debtors and Trade Debtors.
- Queried how many extra outdoor staff have we appointed during the year.
- Clarification sought as to whether Galway County Council was paying negative interest rates on money held on deposit.
- Queried how local authorities will be funded going forward given our dependence on rates and local income as sources of funding.
- Have we made an application to government for a waiver of rates for 2022. Is there a rainy-day fund in relation to rates and the anticipated tsunami of default.
- Are Restart and Restart Plus grants both cost neutral.
- How much of a windfall did we receive from Rates Waiver Scheme.
- What provision has been made for the increase of materials cost.
- Have we looked at remote working from a cost saving perspective in terms of rents and a reduction in properties we are renting.
- Clarification sought on the reference to "landfill sites depreciation and depletion of the landfill assets".

**Members Queries were responded to as follows by Mr. Mullarkey**

- 'Trade Debtors and Prepayments' relate mainly to housing in respect of the Capital Programme. Regarding Government Debtors, the Council has to spend the money before it can be recouped from the government. We incur substantial expenditure on projects. Most of that income has subsequently been received in the first quarter of 2021. Regarding Commercial Debtors the biggest debtor there is in relation to Rates, Non-Commercial relates to rents and loan customers. There will always be debtors and creditors on the books.
- While the banks are applying negative interest to sums over a certain figure, we are not paying negative interest rates. The Housing Finance Agency are taking our money and give a small, but a positive interest rate.
- Our closing arrears on rates at the end of the year are over €6.5m. We have a bad debt provision of €5m reflecting the fact that there are businesses that won't survive the pandemic and will close.
- Commercial rates as a base is unsustainable for local authorities. This has been raised with the department. There are many challenges facing us, including companies like Amazon taking local business and remote working reducing amount of office space required in the future.
- The Rates Waiver Scheme 2021 it has been extended to the end of September for businesses impacted.
- There was no real bounce from the Rates Waiver Scheme. There was a 5% improvement in the normal collection rate.
- Money for the Restart Grants covered grants only, it was money in and out, it didn't cover labour costs.
- The impact of remote working is being examined. Under the current restrictions remote working is not a short-term saving solution. All staff cannot be accommodated back in the offices at the moment due to the 2m distance rule.
- The report follows a prescribed standard format, the reference to 'landfill sites depreciation and depletion of the landfill assets" doesn't apply to Galway County Council.

Regarding the Rates Waiver scheme Cllr. Broderick sought clarification on where the 5% or extra €1.5m extra increase in rates demand for the year went, where it appeared in the accounts and how it will be spent. Mr Mullarkey explained there was no bounce on income in real terms - the rates income in the budget was €29.6m, the actual income received was €29.6m therefore there was no real bounce on income.

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Unaudited Annual Financial Statement for Galway County Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020:

- On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Carroll **SECONDED** by Cllr. Cuddy it was **AGREED** to adopt the figures as detailed in the Unaudited Annual Financial Statement for Galway County Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to formally close the accounts for 2020.
- On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Byrne **SECONDED** by Cllr. Carroll it was **AGREED** to approve the transfers to /from reserves as detailed in Note 14 of the accounts.
- On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Welby **SECONDED** by Cllr. Byrne it was **AGREED** to approve the over under expenditure by division as noted in Note 16 of the accounts.

On the **PROPOSAL** of the Cathaoirleach **SECONDED** by Cllr. Byrne it was **AGREED** to suspend Standing Orders to bring forward item No. 7 on the Agenda.

**ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL REPORTS ON THE ACCOUNTS OF  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2021, INCLUDING FOR THE PERIOD  
ENDING MARCH 2021.**

**3804**

*Report dated the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 was published on the Extranet prior to the meeting.*

The Financial Report on the accounts of Galway County Council for the year 2021, including for the period ending March 2021 was **NOTED**.

Cllr. Geraghty raised concerns regarding the significant increase in costs in relation to housing and building materials querying where the additional funding will come from in the year ahead. In response, Mr. Mullarkey advised Members increased costs will result in less works completed as there is no additional funding available. He noted all local

authorities face the same situation. Cllr. M. Connolly stressed that the disparity of prices and building materials compared to last year needs to be highlighted to the department, particularly in light of the current issues with housing and homelessness.

**ITEM NO.6 TO CONSIDER THE MANAGEMENT REPORT – JUNE 2021 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 136(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 (AS AMENDED).**

**3805**

*Report dated 28<sup>th</sup> June published on the Extranet prior to the meeting.*

**The following points were raised by Cllrs Mannion, Donohue, Charity, Reddington, King, Hynes, M. Connelly, Byrne, Ó Cualáin, Cuddy, McClearn**

- Welcomed the Summer Ready report and suggested extending the lifeguard service beyond weekends next year and suggested employing a second tourism officer.
- Expressed disappointment there was no public submissions in respect of the Local Property Tax noting the issue was raised last year regarding wording of newspaper advert.
- With only 28 out of the 237 valid applications for Local Improvements Scheme proceeding queried if additional funding had been applied for.
- Concerns raised that approved Local Improvements Scheme applications which were high on the priority list last year are at the bottom this year. Estimated it will take over 10 years to cover everything on the current list given the allocation received.
- The Local Improvements Scheme criteria must be set out clearly to ensure fairness in terms of priority listing.
- Commended the Local Improvements Scheme, but noted the funding is totally inadequate. Request representation to the department for additional funding.
- People paying Local Property Tax should get the services that they deserve-adequate allocations for roads should be provided.
- Works on the N67 Ballinderreen to Kinvara, including the walkway and cycleway, improving road safety were welcomed.
- Concerns raised that no school along the R336 were included in the Safe Routes to School Programme. Requested emergency funding for a road in the Connemara which is closed off every year due to flooding.

- Clarification sought on whether the Local Property Tax will be determined at national level or by Galway County Council.
- The preservation of cemeteries, vaults etc as heritage sites for future generations is very important. Funding for these heritage sites is an issue should be considered as an item for discussion.

**Members Queries were responded to as follows by the Chief Executive:**

- The funding received for the Local Improvements Scheme is inadequate to carry out works on all roads approved. Acknowledged it is unfair that an expectation has been created for applicants approved under the scheme.
- A case can be made to the Department, noting three years ago a supplementary allocation was received, but it is not certain we will be successful as all local authorities are in the same situation.
- Ideally progressing down through the list of approved Local Improvements Scheme rather than re-advertising every year would be best. It is unfair if a scheme drops its position on a list but new applications each year can bring new locations with higher priority.
- The variation of LPT remains a local authority decision. The valuation of property will be reviewed every 4 years.
- Regarding road flooding location in Connemara this may be considered as part of an application for the next tranche of funding for Climate Adaption and Resilience Works.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Byrne **SECONDED** by Cllr. Collins the Management Report – June 2021 in accordance with section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 (As Amended) was **NOTED**.

**ITEM NO.8 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE. 3806**

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

- Letter dated 17.05.2021 from Limerick City & County Council – Resolution; One off rural housing in County & City Development Plan.

- Letter dated 20.05.2021 from Meath County Council – Resolution; Councilor Expenses.
- Letter dated 28.04.2021 from County Secretary to Catherine Martin T.D., Minister for Tourism – Resolution; Outdoor Seating & Accessories for Tourism & Hospitality Business 2021.
- Letter dated 20.05.2021 from Private Secretary to Catherine Martin T.D., Minister for Tourism, Acknowledgment & Response; Outdoor Seating & Accessories for Tourism & Hospitality Business 2021.
- Letter dated 24.05.2021 from Catherine Martin T.D., Minister for Tourism, Response; Outdoor Seating & Accessories for Tourism & Hospitality Business 2021.
- Letter dated 26.05.2021 from County Secretary to Roderic O'Gorman T.D., Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth – Resolution; Help victims of domestic, sexual & gender-based violence access free counselling & support.
- Letter dated 26.05.2021 from County Secretary to Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Foreign Affairs & Defense – Resolution; message of solidarity to the people of Gaza and Palestine.
- Letter dated 01.06.2021 from Private Secretary to Minister for Foreign Affairs – Acknowledgment of resolution – solidarity with the people of Gaza and Palestine.
- Letter dated 26.05.2021 from County Secretary to Leo Varadkar T.D., Tánaiste & Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment – Resolution; packaging labelling in Irish.
- Letter dated 20.05.2021 from County Secretary to Darragh O'Brien T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage – Resolution; Clarification on Flemish Decree.
- Letter dated 20.05.2021 from County Secretary to Office of Planning Regulator – Resolution; Clarification on Flemish Decree.
- Email dated 26.05.2021 from Ash Ireland; outdoor smoke free places.
- Email dated 26.05.2021 from Ombudsman for Children's Office Youth Advisory Panel; Period poverty.
- Mayors for Peace News Flash – May 2021.

- Letter dated 01.06.2021 from Sligo County Council – Resolution; Bereavement Leave.
- Letter dated 02.06.2021 from Sligo County Council – Resolution; Offence of stalking on statue books.
- Letter dated 27.11.2020 from County Secretary to Roderic O'Gorman T.D., Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth – Resolution; Mother & Baby Homes.
- Email dated 03.06.2021 from Private Secretary to Roderic O'Gorman T.D., Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth – Response; Mother & Baby homes.
- Letter dated 08.06.2021 from the Municipal District of Castleblayney – Resolution; Emergency Response Unit.

**ITEM NO.9 CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS.**

3807

The following Motions were submitted:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Murphy **SECONDED** by Cllr. McClearn it was **AGREED**:

"that Galway County Council as a local authority will engage with the owners (or their agents) of the 4 acre green field site located on the southern bank of the Gort river (opposite the Convent of Mercy), which has recently been offered for sale, with the intention of purchasing the site for the provision of a publicly owned amenity for the town of Gort."

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**ITEM NO.10 - NOTICE OF MOTION**

3808

Cllr. Cronnelly submitted the following Notice of Motion at the previous plenary meeting  
It was deferred for clarification:

*"The Motion being that the Traffic Management Plan for Oranmore for which the Council have received funding to carry out a Feasibility study should include in that study the feasibility of a Coastal Cycling/Walkway from Tesco's in the centre of Oranmore to the rear of Renville Park approx 4km in length, and seek the support of the Councillors for same.*

*The advantages gained from the proposed cycle way are vast:*

- a) *Develop a safe cycle, walking, jogging path for an expanding population.*
- b) *For the use of the combined membership of the various sporting codes located in or to be located in Maree that combined number of sports persons of all ages and codes are over 2,500 players.*
- c) *Reduce traffic on an already busy road.*
- d) *The potential as an amenity to south Galway and to tourism as part of the Wild Atlantic way. Routes can be planned to takers walkers, cyclists and joggers through this coastal route through Renville Park and on to natural beauty spots like Taiwan Island, Ardfry house etc. with the potential for a round trip of 36km.*
- e) *A safe means of connecting to the cycleway planned from the railway station to the village thereby creating the opportunity of leaving the car at home.*
- f) *If the width of the cycle way is 4m this will allow its use by 4x4 vehicles by the Coast Guard and the Oranmore Search and Rescue group and speed up the response time considerably and searches of the coastline.”*

**The following reply issued:**

“Further to the reply issued in response to the NOM for the May meeting I wish to further advise that the funding allocated for the Oranmore Traffic Management Plan (TMP) is to update the existing TMP by proposing amendments if required.

There has been previous reference to a “Feasibility Study”, but that is not the case.

The development of any TMP will involve extensive and numerous public consultation events which will both inform the community of the relevant process, legislation and options whilst also aiding in receiving feedback and input which the Council may not already be aware of.

All of this two-way giving and receiving of information will help to inform, hopefully, a final design that incorporates the needs of all sections of the community.

Vulnerable road users, i.e. the visually impaired, pedestrians, cyclists and children coupled with public transport all now occupy the hierarchy of transport design processes and the car, van, HGV are secondary. It is not recommended that a proposed greenway is ‘shoehorned’ into a Traffic Management Plan. They are simply not compatible.

Funding may be sought from the relevant Government Department to fund a separate and standalone Feasibility Report for the provision of a Greenway from the town along the coast to Rinville as an excellent addition for the community."

**ITEM NO.11 - NOTICE OF MOTION**

**3809**

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

*"that Galway County Council provide optional remote attendance at all meetings of Galway County Council and all Municipal District meetings, effective from July 2021 meetings onwards.*

*Context:*

*Covid has shown that avoidance of large indoor gatherings should be facilitated wherever possible.*

*Where avoidable, people should be encouraged to attend meetings remotely to reduce our carbon footprint. This will be one small step towards reducing carbon emissions.*

*In order to make local politics an attractive proposition to the widest possible range of people in our community, and to attract the highest calibre of talent possible, we must facilitate ease of attendance at our meetings.*

*We have the provisions already in place to do this, having attended all meetings remotely for the last number of months.*

*Article 6.5 and 6.6 of the Moorhead Report explicitly state that councils must facilitate online attendance for councillors."*

**The following reply issued:**

"The Standing Orders as adopted by the Members in January 2021 provide for in-person meetings or fully remote meetings in "Level 5" scenarios as declared by Government or in "exceptional circumstances" following the signing of an order by the Cathaoirleach following consultation with the members of the Corporate Policy Group. There is currently no provision that allows for optional remote attendance at meetings. Therefore, the facilitation of optional remote attendance at meetings requires further amendment of the Standing Orders.

In addition, in order to facilitate optional remote attendance at meetings, the necessary technological solution and associated infrastructure must be sourced, funded and installed in the Council Chamber at County Hall. It should be noted that in availing of

the Council Chamber, while current social distancing requirements continue to apply, the maximum attendance by the Members in the Council Chamber will be 14 with a minimum of 25 Members required to participate remotely. Due to the technology, IT support and assistance required to support a hybrid meeting (in-person and remote participants) it is not possible to facilitate this model in a venue other than the Council Chamber."

**ITEM NO.12 - NOTICE OF MOTION**

**3810**

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

*"That Galway County Council write to the Minister for Transport seeking agreement that all Designated Disabled Parking Spaces in the whole of County Galway be painted the striking blue paint and that all the buff coloured tactile paving in the county be outlined in the same striking blue paint, in order that motorists can clearly identify such areas and not illegally park. Note: The implementation of the United Convention on the Right of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) is currently being tasked, yet people with disabilities still can't use the allocated Disabled Parking Bays as there is a "free for all" for everyone as there is very little enforcement of this regulation."*

**ITEM NO. 13 VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS**

**3811**

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

- Canavan Family, Westport Road Clifden, Co. Galway
- Geraldine King, Kilgarve South, Abbeyknockmoy, Co. Galway
- Jane Kilbane, 71. The Glade, Athenry, Co. Galway
- Seamus Coughlan and Family, Tallyhocross, Rathgorgan, Athenry, Co. Galway
- Michael Cunningham, Derrybrien, Loughrea, Co. Galway
- Gerry Higgins, Ardrahan, Co. Galway
- Patrick Diviney, Rakerin, Gort, Galway
- Joe and Monica Baldwin, Ballyaneen, Gort, Galway
- Gerard Fitzgerald, Cappard, Peterswell, Galway

- Deirdre King, Tobercrossaun, Headford, Galway
- Margaret Goaley, Balroebuck More, Corrandulla, Co. Galway
- Willie Cunningham and Family, Togher, Tuam, Co. Galway
- Mary Geraghty, Crowevillage, Newbridge, Galway
- Mary, Niamh and Fergal Keady, Carana, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe, Galway
- John Whyte and Family, Cloonascragh, Lavally, Tuam, Galway
- Jimmy Burke, Corbally, Cummer, Tuam, Co. Galway
- Richard Forde, Crumlin, Ballyglunin, Tuam, Co. Galway
- Bernie Glavin, Canteeny, Turloughmore, Co. Galway

**Chriochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin.**

**Submitted Signed and Approved**

**Cathaoirleach**

Pete Heaney

**Date :**

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