

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ DE CHRUINNÍÚ NA COMHAIRLE DE CHUID CHOMHAIRLE  
CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Held at ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL,**

**Dé Luain / Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 11.00 a.m.**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Cllr. Jimmy McClearn, Cathaoirleach of the County Galway

**I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Comhalaí:**

Comh./Cllr. T. Broderick, J. Byrne, I. Canning, L.Carroll, D. Collins, D. Connolly, M.Connolly, G. Cronnelly, D. Ó Cualáin, J. Cuddy, S.Curley, T. Ó Curraoin, Albert Dolan, G. Donuhue, G.Finnerty, D. Geraghty, S. Herterich Quinn, M.Hoade, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, P. Keaveney, D. Killilea, M. Kinane, G. King, P.Mac an Iomaire, M.Maher, E. Mannion, A. McKinstry, P.J. Murphy, A. Reddington, P. Roche, J. Sheridan, N. Thomas, S. Walsh, and T. Welby.

**Oifigh:**

Mr. Kevin Kelly, Chief Executive (Interim)  
Mr. G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance  
Mr. J. Cullen, Director of Services  
Ms. E. Ruane, Director of Services  
Mr. A. Farrell, A/Director of Services  
Mr. M. Owens, A/Director of Services  
Ms. C. Delaney, Acting County Secretary  
Ms. E. Hourigan, Acting Administrative Officer  
Ms. S. Monaghan, Staff Officer  
Ms. C. Walsh, Clerical Officer

Thosnaigh an cruinníú leis an paidir.

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

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(a) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Maher **SECONDED** by Cllr. Killilea the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were **AGREED**.

(b) Minutes of CPG meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Albert Dolan **SECONDED** by Cllr. McKinstry the Minutes of the CPG meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were **AGREED**.

**Matters Arising:**

Cllr. Byrne informed the members that following discussion at the CPG meeting it was agreed that the Chief Executive seek legal advice on the issue of reallocation of Conference & Training monies to Community groups.

Cllr. Maher requested that the Council consider increasing the Conferences & Seminars Allocation in line with other Local Authorities who provide an allocation of €1,000.

**ITEM NO. 2 – TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.21 HECTARES OF LAND AT GORTNAMONA, HEADFORD, CO. GALWAY.** 3549

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Hoade **SECONDED** by Cllr. Killilea that the report under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 on the disposal of 0.21 hectares of land at Gortnamona, Headford, Co Galway was **AGREED**.

**ITEM NO. 3 – TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.031 HECTARES OF LAND AT KILLERORAN, BALLYGAR, CO. GALWAY.** 3550

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Killilea **SECONDED** by Cllr. Thomas that the report under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 on the disposal of 0.031 hectares of land at Killeroran, Ballygar, Co Galway was **AGREED**.

**ITEM NO. 4 – TO CONSIDER THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT ON THE PROPOSED ADDITIONS AND PROPOSED DELETIONS TO THE RECORD OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES IN THE GALWAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2021 AS PER SECTION 55 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, (AS AMENDED).**

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Ms. Mairin Doddy, Conservation Officer, provided a brief summary of the Chief Executive Report and process undertaken including presentations to the members of the Loughrea, Connemara and Athenry Municipal District Councils. These proposals were discussed in detail by the Municipal Districts with recommendations made for addition or removal from the Record of Protected Structures as appropriate.

Cllr. Killilea requested that the Council consult with all owners of the property/buildings and/or structures regarding the proposed changes from the Record of Protected Structures and any changes should be noted in the report. Cllr. Byrne noted that the Chief Executive Report presented is the same report presented to the members of the Municipal Districts. He requested that the Final Chief Executive Report to Plenary Council, should contain comments/ recommendations from the Municipal District meetings. Cllr. Finnerty requested that the recommendations of the Municipal District Councils should be accepted.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. Finnerty **SECONDED** by Cllr. Byrne the Chief Executive report was **AGREED** subject to incorporating the recommendations made at the Municipal District Meetings on the Proposed Additions and Proposed Deletions to the Record of Protected Structures in the Galway County Development Plan 2015-2021 as per Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, (As amended).

**ITEM NO.5 – 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).**

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On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. Hoade, **SECONDED** by Comh. Ó Curraóin, the members **AGREED** to authorise the attendance of the following Members at the AILG Module 2 Development Plan – The Development Plan Making Process – A briefing for Elected Members to be held:

Assigned location in Hotel Kilmore, Dublin Road, Cavan, on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Comh. Ó Curraóin

Cllr. Hynes

Cllr. Welby

Cllr. Herterich Quinn

Cllr. McKinstry

Alternative date & Location: Dooley's Hotel, The Quay, Waterford, on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Cllr. Sheridan

**ITEM NO.6 – TO CONSIDER AND IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE AUTHORISE THE ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, OTHER EVENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 142 (5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 (AS AMENDED).**

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On the PROPOSAL of Comh. Ó Curraóin **SECONDED** by Cllr. Murphy, the members AGREED to authorise the attendance of the following Member at The Finance Act 2019 held in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth (Retrospective Approval).

Cllr. Maher

**ITEM NO.7 – TO CONSIDER THE MANAGEMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 136 (2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 (AS AMENDED).**

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No matters arising.

**ITEM NO.8 – CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE** 3555

No matters arising.

**ITEM NO.9 – CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS** 3556

The following issues were raised and discussed by the Members.

Development(s) with Private WWTP:

Cllr. Byrne expressed his concerns regarding recent developments where planning applications consisting of two or more houses with private wastewater treatment plants are not allowed. This practice and the recent An Bord Pleanála refusal to grant a development containing a WWTP has serious implications for the development of rural towns and villages in South Galway.

Cllr. Byrne asked the Council to review and to allow developments with private wastewater treatment plants, with developers obliged to maintain the developments and infrastructure. He expressed the opinion that Irish Water should be provided with additional capital funding for these towns and villages where development is stifled through lack of infrastructure. Cllr. Byrne asked the Executive for a report with possible solutions on how the Council can address this issue.

The members agreed with Cllr. Byrne, highlighting the needs of various towns and villages in the County. There is a need for Municipal Plants to support development and the lack of this infrastructure, means that rural town and villages are effectively closed for development. Irish Water has a duty of care to these towns and villages and needs to discuss and bring forward funding for this infrastructure.

In reply, Ms. E. Ruane, advised that due to increasing number of problems across the county, a decision was taken not to grant any further planning permissions for developments with private wastewater treatment plants. Irish Water is responsible for water and wastewater services. A workable solution needs to be found that is agreeable to all, home- owners, developers, Galway County Council and Irish Water. Ms. Ruane advised that a sub- group, with staff from the Planning, Environment, and Taking in Charge section would consider the matter further.

Mr. K. Kelly said that discussion regarding WWTP should be scheduled for the new Planning SPC with a view to a finding a possible solution having regard to budgetary and bond implications, with consideration of decisions and approach of An Bord Pleanála.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Byrne **SECONDED** by Cllr. King it was **AGREED**, that at the next Plenary meeting the Executive would provide a report containing workable solutions on this matter.

#### Removal of barriers at Railway Crossing – Vicar Street Tuam

Cllr. Killilea requested an update on his Notice of Motion requesting Irish Rail to remove the barriers at Vicar Street in Tuam.

Mr. J. Cullen replied stating there was no further correspondence received from Irish Rail.

#### Greenway Application

Cllr. Killilea requested that a submission be made, in consultation with Irish Rail, for funding of a feasibility study to examine the possibility of a Greenway along the Athenry to Tuam railway line.

Following discussion, and on the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. D. Killilea, **SECONDED** by Cllr. P. Roche, the members **AGREED** "that Galway County Council make another application to apply for funding to explore the possibility of having a Greenway known as the Quiet Man Greenway."

Carpark:

Cllr. Reddington requested that carparking facilities in Headford be addressed on grounds of public safety.

In response, Mr. Cullen acknowledged that there is a need for carparking facilities in Headford and several other towns and villages across the County and the first step is to identify a suitable site and then secure funding.

Speed Ramps – Portumna:

Cllr. Canning asked on behalf of the Residents of an estate in Portumna that speed ramps be installed, even if only on a temporary basis for safety reasons. Cllr. McClearn supported Cllr. Canning with this request.

In response, Mr. Cullen said that the installation of speed ramps is not necessarily the best solution, he said he would raise the matter with the Area Engineer to consider the best solution for this estate.

N84 – Road works:

Cllr. Hoade asked that the roadworks scheduled for the N84 Shrulle to Headford Road be commenced as soon as possible due to recent accidents on this stretch of road. The contractors are appointed, and she would like to see works commenced. Cllr. Reddington supported Cllr. Hoade's request.

In reply, Mr. Cullen advised that the funding allocation is in place and works will commence as quickly as possible.

New Law - Overtaking of cyclists:

Cllr. Thomas enquired about Galway County Council's plans for the erection and placement of signage for new law regarding the Overtaking of Cyclists.

Mr. Cullen indicated that details are awaited from the Department and when received the Municipal District will be advised accordingly.

Local Improvement Scheme, Roads Programme & Staffing

Cllr. Donohue asked about the Roads Programme. She expressed concern about the outdoor staff numbers in the Gort Area, which in her opinion, is insufficient given the size of the area and works required. Cllr. Hoade also asked the Chief Executive to confirm if there will be any extra resources available for staff in 2020.

Cllr. Maher referred to the recent boundary change and its impact on the allocation of funds for roads. He expressed concern that there is no separate allocation for footpaths and funding for footpath repairs is only available from the road's allocation. Cllr. Hynes asked if any additional funding was received under the Local Improvement Scheme 2020.

In reply, Mr. Cullen advised that the Council just received notification of roads grants. The Roads Programme & Schedule of Works is being finalised and for consideration at Municipal District Meetings scheduled to take place week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020. In reply to Cllr. Hynes, he said that there is no correspondence received from the Department to date in respect of Local Improvement Scheme funding.

Mr. K. Kelly informed members that there is no money in the budget for additional resources. However, the council will avail of any opportunity for additional staffing under government schemes.

Claregalway Relief Road:

Cllr. Cuddy requested TII be asked to prioritise the Relief Road for Claregalway to relieve the traffic congestion in the area, Cllr. Broderick concurred with this request. Mr. Cullen agreed to follow up on this matter with TII.

Register of Right of Ways:

Cllr. Cuddy asked for an update on Council's Register of Right of Way and if there is a requirement for register to be in place before the County Development Plan.

Mr. K. Kelly replied saying that there is a provision in Planning Legislation, and this will be reviewed as part of the Development Plan process which is to officially commence in the next few weeks.

Damage to Cars:

Cllr. Cuddy queried the Council's position regarding claims for damage to cars due to road conditions and outlined a case where a claim was refused.

In response, Mr. Cullen advised Cllr. Cuddy that damage to a car on the road does not automatically entitle a person to compensation for whatever the reason may be i.e. pothole, debris, flooding or any other hazards. Galway County Council insurers, Irish Public Bodies will make settlements or pay claims when/where a liability is established. These settlements subsequent cost is reflected in the Council's Insurance costs.

Planning:

Cllr. Connolly raised the issue of planning applications on former National Routes now regraded to Regional Routes and why they are referred to TII for comment. He said that this process was creating major difficulties and putting obstacles in place for family farms /individuals seeking planning permission.

In response, Mr. Cullen said that he would review the practice of referral to the TII for comment.

Footbridge at Clarin College:

Cllr. Cronnelly welcomed the €1.2m funding provided for the Athenry Relief Road and enquired about funding to finish the Tuam/Monivea road.

Cllrs. Cronnelly, Herterich Quinn and Maher enquired about the pedestrian footbridge and the requirement to have it in place prior to the school opening in April/May.

Mr. Kevin Kelly advised that Galway County Council's position on this matter is quite clear.

The Department of Education had two options:-

- a) provide the pedestrian footbridge as conditioned in planning permission or
- b) provide the funding to the Council who would arrange to carry out the necessary access works.

Initially, the Department decided that the Pedestrian Footbridge would be completed as part of the School project and only recently contacted and notified the Council that the Department of Education is now going to provide funding to Galway County Council to carry out the works. The installation of a footbridge requires a certain timeframe to undertake the tendering and to carry out the work. The request for the interim provision of an alternative access route will require consultation and agreement with all parties involved (private and third parties).

Cllr. McClearn said that the Department of Education is providing a new school, and that issues relating to access to school is part of the planning application and if there is no access, the school is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of Planning and the school cannot be opened as planned. He requested that all parties engage to find a solution as soon as possible.

Digital Strategy:

Cllr. Albert Dolan queried Galway County Council's Digital Strategy, highlighting the need for the Council & LEO to encourage and help Business' compete on-line.

In response, Mr. Cullen said that a Digital Strategy will be developed for each Local Authority. The Council's Broadband Officer, Mr. Noel Madden is currently developing Galway County Council's Digital Strategy.

**Na Cluainte Estate, Killnadeema**

Cllr. Curley informed the meeting that the residents of Na Cluainte Estate in Killnadeema made a request under FOI for report on the WWTP on the estate. Cllr. Curley was requesting clarification from the Executive on the reply received by the residents.

In reply, Mr. Cullen said he would need more details in order to respond. However, any decision not to release information as requested under FOI would have been based on legislation.

**Irish Water Sludge Hub:**

Cllr. Killilea informed the meeting that it's expected that Irish Water will have a decision within next 3 weeks on the preferred site for 'Sludge Hub Centres', with both Tuam and Sligo under consideration.

**GWS Water Testing:**

Cllr. Killilea queried the costs charged for testing of water for Group Water Schemes. He said that Claretuam GWS was charged €594.95 for testing of water, where the charge for a single private supply is €200. On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Killilea, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Thomas, it was proposed "*to transfer funding for the following from his Training & Conference fund, €1,000 to Corofin GAA and €594.95 to Claretuam Water Scheme*"

***Item deferred pending decision of the CPG.***

**Funding of GWS Schemes:**

Cllr. Byrne queried the capital funding provided to GWS. He said that GWS can receive 85% funding, However, there is a problem in drawing down the grant, due to the Long-term Impact charge which is proving to be a major cost. The Long-term Impact charge is not recoupable. Cllr. Byrne proposed that GCC examine the Long-term Impact charge and the application of a bond to be considered to address this cost.

In reply, Mr. Cullen said that the Long-term Impact charge is to protect infrastructure. There is consensus within the National Federation of Group Water Schemes for a mechanism, to be delivered in the next few weeks, to enable GWS to operate without this additional burden.

**Single Use Plastics**

Comh. Ó Curraoín requested that Galway County Council take the lead in addressing the problem of plastic and promote the use of glass bottles and paper bags as an alternative to plastic. Cllrs. Cuddy, Murphy and McKinstry concurred and stressed the need to address these issues at the Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Comh. Ó Curraoín, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Cuddy, the members **AGREED** that Galway County Council put forward a motion to the Department of the Environment to introduce legislation to reduce the use of plastics.

***Correspondence issued.***

**Rates on Childcare facilities:**

Cllr. Roche enquired about rates on Childcare facilities stating that the Childcare facilities are facing increased burdens as a result of the Tulsa Report & recommendations. Several Childcare facilities are in older buildings that require remedial work, the cost of which is prohibitive, for compliance with Fire, Health & Safety Standards, insurance costs, etc. Cllr. Roche said that National Schools do not pay Rates and asked if exemption from rates could be extended to Childcare facilities or for an exemption to apply for the period the facilities are being brought to required standard.

In response, Mr. Mullarkey said that the Valuation Office determines who should or /should not pay rates. It was advised that Child Care facilities/ Crèches are liable for commercial rates in accordance with current legislation, unless there is a review of current legislation which states otherwise.

**Galway County Council's Register of Assets:**

Clir. Donohue asked for an update on the Register of Assets.

In reply, Mr. K. Kelly said that work on the Property Register is currently being carried out by a Senior Staff Officer who is assigned to the project 2 days per week. The SSO is working with the Council's Legal and Finance Unit in preparing the register which is an extensive piece of work.

Burglaries/Carbon Monoxide Alarms:

Cllr. Collins proposed that under the Community Enhancement Grant 2020, that Galway County Council include the provision of Carbon Monoxide Alarms for Community Groups to distribute and/or install in elderly and vulnerable households.

Mr. Farrell advised that the Community Smoke Alarm Scheme is led by the PPN and Fire Services. He agreed to put forward Cllr. Collins proposal for consideration by the PPN.

Minister Phelan - Additional Funding

Cllr. Donohue requested an update on the €1 million funding for Galway County Council announced by Minister Phelan in 2019.

In reply, Mr. Kelly said that €1 million additional funding was the subject of an initial submission to the Department. This submission is currently under consideration by the Local Government Structures & Modernisation Unit and a response from the Department is awaited.

Levy on Vacant Properties

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. Albert Dolan, SECONDED by Cllr. Thomas, the following motion was proposed *"that when Galway County Council are writing to Business Owners and Rated Building Owners, that the letter is signed by each Galway County Council member that voted in favour of the tax levy on vacant properties."*

G. Mullarkey, Finance Officer outlined the process whereby all relevant parties are written to and a Rate demand issued. Following discussion and noting the rates procedure, Cllr. Albert Dolan WITHDREW his proposal.

SPC Training for all Members:

Ms. C. Delaney, A/County Secretary informed the members that SPC Training for all members is provisionally booked to take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> February in the Maldron Hotel, Sandy Road, Galway with and the IPA will deliver the training programme.

Donation Forms:

Cllr. McClearn reminded the members to complete the donation statement form by the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

**PROPOSALS –**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Finnerty, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Hoade, the members **AGREED** “that Galway County Council calls on the Irish Government Department of Health, Justice and Equality and Children and Youth Affairs to recognise that Parental Alienation is “Substantial and sustained dissatisfaction within a caregiver-child relationship associated with significant disturbance in functioning” as coded by the World Health Organisation in the latest International Classification of Diseases version 11 and to implement recommendation 36 of the Report of the Reform of the Family Law System October 2019.”

***Correspondence issued.***

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Curley, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Albert Dolan, the members **AGREED** “that Galway County Council support the motion passed on November 19<sup>th</sup> in Dáil Éireann that calls for the provision of Personal Assistance Services to be legislated for as right for people living with disabilities.”

***Correspondence issued.***

**ITEM NO. 10 – VOTES OF SYMPATHY /CONGRATULATIONS**

**3557**

**Resolutions of Sympathy:**

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

- Martina Lane, Pollagh, Ballinderreen, County Galway
- Mary Lane, Kilcolgan, County Galway
- Carmel O'Toole & Family, Curramore, Headford, County Galway
- Mairin Neachtain, Cre Dubh, Spiddal, County Galway
- Micheal Friel, Cor Na Roo, Inverin, County Galway
- Julia Flynn, St. Mary's Road, Headford, County Galway
- Noel Egan & Family, Curramore, Headford, County Galway
- Thomas Moran, Pallas, Tynagh, County Galway

**Resolutions of Congratulations:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McKinstry, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Thomas, it was **AGREED** by the members “that Galway County Council congratulate Moycullen Basketball Under 20's team for their National Cup Title Win and invite them to a Civic Reception”.

***This Notice of Motion is referred to the CPG.***

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Welby, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Mannion, it was **AGREED** by the members that “*Galway County Council hold a Civic Reception for the Successful Oughterard GAA team who recently won the All Ireland Final.*”

***This Notice of Motion is referred to the CPG.***

A resolution of congratulations was extended to the following:-

- Corofin Football Team for 3 All Ireland wins in a row
- Moycullen Under 20's Basketball Team on winning their National Cup Title
- Oughterard Football Team on winning All Ireland Club Final

**Notice of Motion No.11 – Andrew Reddington:**

**3558**

Cllr. Reddington made the following proposal; “*that Galway County Council investigate the possibility of placing CCTV at bottle recycling across Co. Galway. This will in turn reduce the amount of illegal dumping occurring in our rural towns.*”

***The following written reply was issued to Cllr. Reddington:***

“Galway County Council are awaiting the outcome of audits which were carried out by the Data Commissioners last year. Once this is completed and the final audit report is received and reviewed by management, Galway County Council will be in a position to determine what measures will be put in place re the continued use of CCTV cameras in the County.”

**Notice of Motion No.12 – Donagh Killilea:**

**3559**

Cllr. Killilea made the following proposal; “*that Galway County Council withhold all public funding or payments of council funds/transitional funding to companies, developers or directors of building companies of former developers or directors, who have not complied with conditions of planning where housing estates/developments have not been finished by them or their entities. This funding should remain in trust with Galway County Council until estates are completed and taken in charge by the council. It is not good enough that some developers are able to dispose of assets to Galway County Council, while leaving the same local authority to complete estates on their behalf.*”

***The following written reply was issued to Cllr. Reddington:***

“Where the council has a contractual obligation to another party, for example for the Payment of goods or purchase of assets, it is obliged to fulfil that obligation and is not free to set-off other sums due to it without the agreement of the other party. The

correct procedure for non-compliance with conditions of planning are addressed through the Planning Enforcement Legislation.

Galway County Council is completing estates to Taking in Charge through the acquisition of the Bonds conditioned in the PP granted or through active engagement with the relevant Directors. Where there is a shortfall in funding to adequately complete an estate, there had been in recent years a provision of €100,000 allowed in the budget. This provision is no longer in place. In the absence of same, the TIC section will prioritise the works to be completed with the funding available.”

**Notice of Motion No.13 – Donagh Killilea:**

**3560**

Cllr. Killilea made the following proposal; “*that Galway County Council write to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, and junior Minister Sean Canney TD, and ask for the immediate release of the Rail Review which is now complete. The review could have an impact on decision made on Galway County Council’s County Development Plan for the future use of the rail alignment between Athenry and Tuam.*”

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Connolly, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Killilea, the members, “*that Galway County Council write to the Department of Transport and ask for the immediate releases of the Rail Review which is now complete. The review may have an impact on decision made in Galway County Council’s County Development Plan and the future use of the railway between Athenry and Tuam.*”

A discussion took place. Cllr. Killilea **WITHDREW** his motion.

**Notice of Motion No.14 – Shelly Herterich Quinn:**

**3561**

Cllr. Herterich Quinn initially proposed “*that the executive to write to the Minister Charlie Flanagan of the Department of Justice & Equality on the subject of CCTV and Gardai numbers in Rural Ireland. I request we propose that all CCTV be funded in full by Central Government, maintained by the Divisional Headquarters and that areas which have been repeatedly targeted by given priority for the implementation of surveillance in that area without further delay. Furthermore, the newly implemented policing model is ineffective and leaves rural areas detrimentally exposed as evident in Athenry this month and the previous few months. I look forward to your favourable response.*”

Following discussion, Cllr. Herterich Quinn proposal was **AMENDED**, removing Minister Flanagan's name and including the Garda Commissioner.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Herterich Quinn, **SECONDED** by Cllr. I. Canning, the members **AGREED** "that the executive to write to the Department of Justice & Equality and the Garda Commissioner on the subject of CCTV and Gardai numbers in Rural Ireland. I request we propose that all CCTV be funded in full by Central Government, maintained by the Divisional Headquarters and that areas which have been repeatedly targeted by given priority for the implementation of surveillance in that area without further delay. Furthermore, the newly implemented policing model is ineffective and leaves rural areas detrimentally exposed as evident in Athenry this month and the previous few months. I look forward to your favourable response."

The Chair extended good wishes to all Colleagues standing in the General Election.

Next Plenary Meeting scheduled to take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**Chriochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin.**

**Submitted Signed and Approved:**

**Cathaoirleach:**



**Date:**

24/2/2020

