

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

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

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

**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 11.00am**

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

**I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Baill:**

**Oifigh:** Mr. Kevin Kelly, Chief Executive (Interim)  
Ms. C. Delaney, Acting County Secretary  
Mr. G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance  
Mr. J. Cullen, Director of Services  
Mr. A. Farrell, A/Director of Services  
Mr. M. Owens, A/Director of Services  
Ms. E. Ruane, Director of Services  
Ms. U. Ní Eidhín, Oifigeach Gaeilge  
Ms. F. Mitchell, Staff Officer  
Ms. S. Elwood, Clerical Officer  
Ms. C. Walsh, Clerical Officer

**Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir**

Cllrs. Mc Clearn, Hoade, Welby and Maher congratulated Mr. Terry Curley, County Buildings Caretaker on his recent retirement, wishing him happiness and health for the future.

On behalf of Management and staff, Mr. Kelly wished Mr. Terry Curley a long and healthy retirement and expressed how he will be very much missed in County Buildings.

Cllr. McClearn asked the A/County Secretary to convey the Members appreciation to Mr. Terry Curley.

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

(a) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 3503

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Maher, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Hoade the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 were **AGREED**.

#### **Matters Arising**

Members commended Cllr. Mc Clearn for organising a meeting with Minister John Paul Phelan to address Galway County Council's lack of funding and welcomed the clear, precise presentation made to Minister Phelan by Mr. Kelly, clearly outlining the comparative funding and service delivery in other Local Authorities. The Minister announced an additional €1m funding to Galway County Council at this meeting. This was welcomed by Members, however, concerns were raised of its adequacy in the context of the existing financial constraints of the Council.

In response, Cllr. Mc Clearn said it was the wish of every Member to address the underfunding issue of Galway County Council and stated that he was responding to the wishes of the Members requests.

Cllr. Killilea informed the Meeting that the closing date for receipt of submissions to Irish Water in respect of the Sludge Hub in Tuam is extended from the 28<sup>th</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. He expressed disappointment that Irish Rail did not respond to correspondence issued by Galway County Council in relation to gates in Tuam.

Response available in the correspondence section of the extranet.

Cllr. Thomas referring to Item No. 15 of the September Plenary Meeting Agenda – To consider functions to be undertaken by each Municipal District. He said that he submitted two Notice of Motions to the Conamara Municipal District Meetings proposing to suspend all development of houses on the Council site in Moycullen village until the Local Area Plan for Moycullen has been completed. He was informed by the Director of Housing at the Municipal District Meeting that suspension of the development would incur a financial loss to the Council. Cllr. Thomas acknowledged the necessity for the provision of social housing in the area, however, he raised concerns regarding the input of the Municipal District Members in the decision making process.

Cllr. Maher requested a correction to Item No. 11, Appointment of 1 chair (designate) of strategic policy committee the Minutes. The Minutes should read **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Mannion, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Maher.

Cllr. Kinane enquired if there was any update in relation to Notice of Motion in respect of the safe passage of all children/teenagers attending National and Secondary Schools in the county seeking the introduction of a mandatory speed limit zone of no higher than 50Km at all locations, presented at the September Plenary Meeting. She outlined the importance of these mandatory speed limit zones and recommended that the Department of Education should provide part funding for same.

In response to Cllr. Kinane's query, Mr. Cullen confirmed that correspondence issued to the Ministers, however, no acknowledgement was received to date. Correspondence subsequently received from the Minister for Education and Skills after the meeting which is available in the correspondence section on the extranet.

Mr. Kelly responded to the issue raised regarding the decision-making process at Municipal District level. He advised members that Part 8's are an Executive function until it comes before the members when they decide whether or not the proposed development proceeds or is amended. There are clear roles under the Reserved/ Executive function framework and it is his responsibility to pursue actions to meet the Council's targets which are set out under Rebuilding Ireland.

Cllr. Thomas stressed the need to go back and look at the planning permission that was granted in Moycullen. He stated that just because An Bord Pleanála granted this permission, it does not mean they are right in their decision. He stated that developers are finding it hard to sell houses and the houses in Moycullen are priced at €335,000 which is an extortionate price. He advised Mr. Kelly that in his opinion this is not the way the site in Moycullen should be developed.

Cllr. Murphy concurred with Cllr. Thomas's comments. He stated that he failed to get information in respect of 138 houses on the Tubber Road, Gort, and if they were purchased by Galway County Council.

**ITEM NO. 2 - TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.0005 HECTARES OF LAND AT BALLYQUIRKE EAST, MOYCULLEN, CO. GALWAY** **3504**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McKinstry, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Thomas, the disposal of 0.0005 hectares of land at Ballyquirke East, Moycullen was **AGREED**.

**ITEM NO. 3 - TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL REPORT ON ACCOUNTS OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019** **3505**

Mr. Mullarkey presented the report setting out the financial position of Galway County Council for the first nine months of 2019. He confirmed that the figures are on target and remain within the budget.

Clarification was sought in relation to the increase in expenditure on service D0603 Social Inclusion, the underspend in service A0702 Long Term Leasing. In addition, clarification was sought regarding the overspend in service B1101 Agency and Recoupable. It was noted that roads expenditure to the end of September was ahead of budget.

Mr. Mullarkey noted that in relation to service D0603 Social Inclusion that the expenditure associated with the (SICAP) programme was now reflected in the revenue account on the recommendation of the Local Government Auditor. In previous years, this expenditure has been reflected in the Capital account. As a result, both expenditure and income in this service were ahead of budget. The underspend in service A0702 Long Term Leasing reflected the difficulty in sourcing units in this area. He also noted that the overspend in service B1101 Agency and Recoupable reflected works carried out on behalf of third parties and that these works were 100% funded. In relation to roads expenditure being ahead of budget, he noted that this reflected the fact that the actual roads grants allocated for 2019 exceeded the amounts budgeted for.

Mr. Cullen stated that that the roads expenditure is not uniform throughout the year. He advised that the Roads Programme is almost complete and is not anticipating a shortfall, however, it is weather dependent. Inis Óirr Pier is a major capital project which is currently at the planning stage and does not have a specific funding allocation for construction at this stage. He confirmed that all IBRC Bonds are being pursued and that substantial sums of money have already been received.

Mr. Owens stated that the underspend of the Long Term Leasing programme reflects the ability to lease and the number of properties available. He confirmed that 12 properties are currently being progressed for long term leasing in 2019, subject to contract, against a target of 28. In relation to Voluntary Housing, claims have been made and are recouped.

Cllr. Killilea requested a breakdown of monies received from IBRC Bonds to be given at the next Plenary Meeting.

Cllr. Curley enquired about the spend on Climate Change and flooding.

Mr. Cullen stated that this provision is in place for Climate Change and there is a separate grant for maintenance of storm damage.

**ITEM NO. 4 - TO CONSIDER OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR THE 12 MONTHS 1 JANUARY 2020 TO THE 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**3506**

Mr. Mullarkey informed Members that it is a requirement to apply each year to retain the Local Authority's overdraft facility with the bank.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. M. Connolly, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Carroll, the Overdraft Accommodation for the 12 months, 1 January 2020 to the 31 December 2020 was **AGREED**.

**ITEM NO. 5 - TO FIX A DATE & TIME FOR THE BUDGET MEETING OF PLENARY COUNCIL**

**3507**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Hoade, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Maher, it was **AGREED** that the Budget meeting be held at 2.00pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019. In order to accommodate the Budget Meeting, it was **AGREED** that the November Plenary meeting to commence at 10.00am.

**ITEM NO. 6 - FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON COMHAR NA NOILEÁN C.R.T**

**3508**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Comh. Mac Iomaire, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Mannion, it was **AGREED** that Comh. Mac Iomaire fill the casual vacancy on Comhar na nOileán C.R.T.

**ITEM NO. 7 - FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON FORUM CONNEMARA CLG**

**3509**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Hoade, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Finnerty, it was **AGREED** that Cllr. Walsh fill the casual vacancy on Forum Connemara CLG.

**ITEM NO. 8 - TO CONSIDER AND IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO AUTHORISE THE ATTENDANCE AT TRAINING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 142(5A) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 (AS AMENDED)**

3510

(a) On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Maher, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Hoade, the Members **AGREED** to authorise the attendance of the following Members at the AILG Module 5 Training – Climate Change and the Regional Climate Change Offices in the assigned location of the Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, on the 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2019.

Cllrs. Maher and King.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Maher, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Hoade, the Members **AGREED** to authorise the attendance of the following Member at the AILG Module 5 Training – Climate Change and the Regional Climate Change Offices in the alternative location of Roches Park Hotel, Cork on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2019.

Cllr. Mc Clearn

(b) On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Killilea, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Maher, the Members **AGREED** to authorise the attendance of the following Member at the LAMA Autumn Training Seminar in The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 (Retrospective Approval).

Cllr. Cuddy

(c) On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Curley, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Murphy, the Members **AGREED** to authorise the attendance of the following Members at the AILG Module 4 Training – The Office of the Planning Regulator and the Elected Member in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 (Retrospective Approval).

Cllrs. Murphy, Kinane, Mc Clearn, Hoade and Curley

**ITEM NO. 10 – CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE: 3511**

No discussion took place.

**ITEM NO. 11 - CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS** **3512**

Cllr. Thomas again referred to the item raised under Matters Arising from Item No. 1 of the September Plenary Minutes. He enquired about the procedure at Municipal District level to put Motions forward.

Cllr. Murphy asked if the Council are acquiring 138 Units in a housing Development on the Tubber Road, Gort.

Cllr. Killilea requested the Law Agents to send another Lease for Brown’s field to the Galway County Board.

In response to Members queries, Mr. Owens stated that the social housing build programme generally operates on the basis of a 4-stage approval process. On issuing each stage approval, the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government commits to funding the costs incurred in completing the works the subject of the stage approval. On conclusion of the stage, the costs incurred are eligible for recoupment, irrespective of the outcome. In the event that the Members decide to suspend works, independently of the Department, and not conclude an approved stage, this matter falls back to the Local Authority, resulting in costs being incurred.

He stated that he confirmed at a recent meeting of the Municipal District of Conamara that it was the intention of the Executive to progress the proposal for the construction of social housing in Moycullen to the statutory public consultation process in accordance with Part 8 and thereafter in due course and following the statutory public consultation process it would be a matter for the Members to consider and make a determination on the proposal.

He clarified that the Part 8 for the proposed development in Moycullen was not before the recent meeting of the Municipal District and as such it was not open to the Members to make a decision on the Part 8. He stated that he had advised the Members at the Municipal District meeting that the decision to proceed with the Part 8 was a decision of the Executive.

The details of social housing developments for the Conamara area were outlined at the Municipal District meeting and he detailed the current proposals indicating that the programme responds to social housing need and reflects a geographical spread.

He outlined the process for turnkeys, noting the information available on the website, including the assessment criteria and marking scheme, the requirement for a comprehensive capital appraisal and an assessment by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. He outlined that the assessment itself was confidential given that it was a commercial transaction based on costings and data that were confidential and commercially sensitive. He confirmed that in the event of a successful outcome the detail of the proposal and commitment of public funds was provided.

He outlined the requirement for Galway County Council to deliver an additional 926 housing units under Rebuilding Ireland by 2021 by means of acquisition, build and leasing. He referenced the onus on the Council to respond to the social housing need that exists in the County with over 3,000 on the housing waiting list and the need to provide families and individuals with the security of tenure and the stability that a social home offers.

Mr. Owens confirmed that the housing stock survey that is currently being progressed was solely for the purpose of assessing the condition of the properties to inform the planned maintenance programme. He confirmed that notification is issued to all tenants to advise them of the survey.

Regarding derelict properties, Mr. Owens confirmed that there is a dedicated Vacant Homes Officer appointed.

Currently, there is no Affordable Housing Scheme in place, and the only means currently available to support the delivery of affordable housing is via the Serviced Sites Fund and a subsidy toward the development of sites for affordable housing. He advised that the Tenant Purchase Scheme remains available.

With regard to Part V, he confirmed that 10% is the minimum to be provided, however, it does not preclude local authorities from acquiring additional properties.

Cllr. Kinane referred to Electric Car Charging Points in carparks and stressed the emphasis on moving towards the use of electric cars. She referred to the need for a policy to be put in place for charging points in our carparks and requested an update. She stated that she is aware the Electric Ireland deal with this, however, queried if Galway County Council have any control of providing more.

Cllr. Byrne referred to the matter of Group Schemes and the impact of road damage that may be caused when works are being done and that these group schemes cannot afford this cost.

Cllr. Reddington raised concerns of waste collectors operating collection service at 5.00am/6.00am in the morning.

Cllr. D. Connolly enquired if there was any update on the roll out of 5G in the county. He also suggested that the Council need to show solidarity with the citizens of Catalonia, Spain.

Comh. Ó Curraoin referred to Cllr. Thomas comments and agreed that there needs to be a wider spread of social housing throughout the county and that this process needs to be re-examined. He referred to the option that was previously available of building a council house on family owned lands.

Cllr. McHugh Farag referred to the "Make Way Day" Motion. She wished to raise awareness of "Sunflower Lanyard" campaign, she asked can this be incorporated into any Social Inclusion initiatives the council may be rolling out.

Cllr. Cronnelly raised the importance of providing affordable housing and this will take people out of the rental sector.

Cllr. Sheridan informed Members that the Galway 2020 team have provided pendants and that Galway County Council should be promoting all up-coming events. With regard to the electric car charging points, he advised that he has been approached by local businesses in relation to this issue. He asked can the Council assist or give permission for these electric car charging points, maybe look into some sort of licensing system.

Cllr. Roche referred to the Local Election boundary changes and asked if the Engineering areas reflect the changes and where possible inform the people affected. He referred to Housing Inspections that are currently being carried out by the Housing Department.

Cllr. Canning said he welcomed all types of housing. He stated that his preference for the provision of housing would be for the Local Authority to build or purchase houses instead of using the Agencies as housing providers.

Cllr. Hynes referred to the number of people currently on the Social Housing list, and stressed the importance of money being made available from central government for the provision of housing by Local Authorities.

Cllr. Cuddy raised concerns regarding the 10% minimum requirement for social housing. He remarked on the trend that Local Authorities purchase whole estates and by doing this, do not allow people who already live in these areas the opportunity to buy in areas in which they wish to live.

Cllr. Collins made reference to his Motion outlining that the new County Development Plan support the provision of Retirement Villages to facilitate independent living for our ageing population.

As people are living longer and the population has increased in the over 65 category, he suggested that Galway County Council should consider more appropriate options for this older age profile instead of Nursing Homes.

Mr. Cullen responded to the queries raised by the members. Regarding electric car charging points, he advised that the Department has recently announced the roll out of 1000 on-street/public carpark electric charging points country wide over a five year period. The funding base for same is 75% Government grant funding with the remaining 25% balance to be funded by Local Authorities. With road reinstatement costs and Group Water Schemes he said the charges were based on nationally agreed standards for road reinstatement. In relation to some concerns being expressed about 5G, he said there were new planning regulations in place and the Department of Communications would be addressing other concerns. In respect of the Engineering areas being changed on foot of the Local Election Boundary Changes, he confirmed that that Roads Programme is developed on the basis of the existing Municipal Districts, however, Galway County Council will be moving to the new Engineering areas in 2020.

Mr. Farrell advised Cllr. McHugh Farag that her motion in relation to "Sunflower Lanyard", will be included in Social Inclusion initiatives.

Mr. Cullen referred to the issue raised regarding Waste Collectors. He confirmed that permits for Waster Collectors are issued by the Waste Permit Collection office and the hours for collection are specified on the permit.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. M. Connolly, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Aisling Dolan, the Members **AGREED** to transfer an amount of €1,000.00 from Cllr. M. Connolly's Training and Conference Fund to the Board of Management at Colaiste An Chregain, Newtown, Mountbellew.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Aisling Dolan, **SECONDED** by Cllr. M. Connolly, the Members **AGREED** to transfer an amount of €1,000.00 from Cllr. Aisling Dolan's

Training and Conference Fund to the Board of Management at Colaiste An Chregain, Newtown, Mountbellew.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keaveney, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Hynes, the Members **AGREED** to transfer an amount of €500.00 from Cllr. Keaveney's Conference and Training Fund to Glenamaddy Musical Society for their upcoming production and an amount of €750.00 to Glenamaddy Traders for Christmas Lights.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Thomas, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Killilea, the Members **AGREED** to transfer an amount of €1,500.00 from Cllr. Thomas's Conference and Training Fund to the Men's Shed, Moycullen.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 13 – Cllr. Alastair McKinstry**

**3513**

Cllr. Mc Kinstry made the following proposal; "that Galway County Council add the cycle lanes and paths in the County towns and villages and add them to the priority list for gritting in Winter time, and to add the cycle lanes and paths to a rota for cleaning at least once a year of wet leaves and debris, subject to funding later agreed. If the public are to have trust in our cycling infrastructure and investment, the paths must be safe. This motion commits the council to ensure it will be so. The council will draw up the list of obstructions and works needed to make this possible (eg. Moving any obstructing signposts, equipment purchases, etc) for inclusion in future work programs and budgets".

**The following written reply was issued to Cllr. McKinstry;**

*"The winter service plan sets out how the winter service for ice and snow conditions will be provided for in County Galway. The Council's policy is to provide an effective and efficient winter maintenance service within the resources available.*

*Winter service is not an emergency service in the traditional sense in that low temperatures, ice and snow are regular, frequent and reasonably predictable occurrences.*

*Given the scale of the resources involved in delivering the winter maintenance service it is not possible to provide the service to all parts of the network.*

*During the winter season the council normally treats around 623Km of roadway comprising all national routes and 20% of regional routes. The resources currently available would not enable the treatment of paths and cycle lanes as part of the winter maintenance programme.”*

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 14 – Cllr. Jim Cuddy**

**3514**

Cllr. Cuddy made the following proposal; “that Galway County Council give a full update on the present status of the Old Galway Airport Site at Carnmore. It is a number of years since consultants were engaged to draw up proposal for the airport site and to date I have failed to get any information. In the Budget 2020 announced on October 8<sup>th</sup> reference was made to support for Regional Airports and I would like to know what efforts have both the County and City CEO’s made to get support for the Carnmore Airport Site”.

**The following written reply was issued to Cllr. Cuddy;**

*“Galway County Council and Galway City Council purchased the former Galway Airport site for the purpose of economic development in 2014. Both authorities entered into a management arrangement for an initial number of years and a feasibility report was carried out and approved by the Elected Members. The Feasibility Study considered the potential of the site and how its strategic location can be utilised and be of most benefit on a regional basis. The study involved a comprehensive consultation process and an examination of potential future uses. Given the extensive nature of the property in question it is possible that allowance could be made for a number of activities since no single use may require the large area currently available at this location. The study had a number of findings and recommended that expressions of interest should be sought from parties interested in the establishment of a campus centred on the promotion/enhancement of the film industry. A process to*

*pursue such a use of the existing hangers has involved a number of stages and the final element of the procurement process is ongoing and it is considered that this will be concluded in the next couple of months.*

*Galway City Council and Galway County Council have facilitated some miscellaneous events such as Fever Pitch Music Festival over the last 2 years and have agreed in principle to facilitate this event next year as part of Galway 2020 European Capital of Culture Programme. The Councils facilitated a request, from the Galway International Arts Festival, by allowing the temporary use of the Terminal Building at the Galway Airport Site for a play which was included in the Galway Arts Festival programme 2019. It has also been agreed in principle and staff are in the process of facilitating Galway Arts Festival/Galway 2020, by allowing the temporary use of the Terminal Building to facilitate an event included in the Galway 2020 European Capital of Culture Programme.*

*As the members will be aware the site was specifically referenced in the National Development Plan and is also referenced in the Draft Regional, Social and Economic Strategy. The Council made an application under the last round of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund but this was unsuccessful. In the period since then, a number of meetings have been held with statutory agencies and the development of a masterplan for the site is a priority of the council and will be advanced over the coming months”.*

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 15– Cllr. David Collins**

**3515**

Cllr. Collins made the following proposal; “that the new County Development Plan supports the provision of Retirement Villages to facilitate independent living for our ageing population by means of the inclusion of appropriate policies and objectives in the County Development Plan.

That the County support independent living for the elderly by means of its build programme and through supporting Approved Housing Bodies in delivering appropriate housing options for our ageing population to include appropriate support services on an inter-agency basis.

These retirement villages would cover the full spectrum of needs for Independent Living.

This motion would allow for both the private and public sector, or both, and approved housing bodies to facilitate the effective delivery of bespoke housing options for the elderly so that they can find safe secure independent living option within their own community”.

**The following written reply was issued to Cllr. Collins;**

*“The Forward Planning Section are currently engaging in preparatory work for the New County Development Plan 2021-2027. As part of the development Plan preparatory process a housing need demand assessment is required to be undertaken which will include a study to identify the demand for housing as well as the particular type of housing units required for the period of the lifetime of the plan. All sections of society will be included within this assessment and will identify the specific housing needs of our ageing population. The Galway County Development Plan 2021-2027 will contain specific policies and objectives that will enable this type of development to be carried out in a planned and co-ordinated manner in our towns and villages around the county.*

*The Council is committed under the Rebuilding Ireland – Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness to deliver housing directly and in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies in accordance with the policy objectives and six principles of ‘Housing Options for Our Ageing Population - Policy Statement’. A number of schemes currently under construction and in the design/planning stages under the Galway County Council direct build programme will provide housing to meet the specific needs of our ageing population. In addition, the Council is supporting Approved Housing Bodies in delivery housing specific to the needs of the elderly as follows:*

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| <i>Indreabhán</i>                     | <i>2</i>  |
| <i>Ros an Mhíl</i>                    | <i>4</i>  |
| <i>Mountbellew</i>                    | <i>5</i>  |
| <i>Ballinasloe</i>                    | <i>18</i> |
| <i>Bhaile an Chláir / Claregalway</i> | <i>14</i> |

*The Council is committed to supporting the effective delivery of bespoke social and voluntary housing options for the elderly so that they can find safe secure independent living option within their own community.”*

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 16 - Cllr. Herterich Quinn**

**3516**

Cllr. Herterich Quinn made the following proposal; as a member of the steering group for the delivery of a New 'one-stop' Oncology Day Care Treatment Centre for Galway City and County, I would like to propose that the 39 chamber members of Galway County Council, in collaboration with our colleagues in Galway City Council, write to the HSE outlining our support for the badly needed Cancer Treatment Centre. I would further propose we inform our regional Local Authority colleagues of our intentions and look for their support. The effects of not having adequate and wholistic Oncological services are having a broader impact regionally and as a community we need to act now.

Cllr. Herterich Quinn requested support of Members on her Motion presented for the delivery of a new “one-stop” Oncology Day Care Treatment Centre for Galway City and County. Cllr. Killilea supported Cllr. Herterich Quinn’s Motion.

This was **SECONDED** by Cllr. Kinane and **AGREED**.

Cllr. Curley made the following proposal; That Galway County Council request a consultation report from Coillte, that signage be erected at the entrance to woodland areas and forest recreational walks to advise the public of the dangers of contracting Lyme Disease from ticks and how to protect oneself when visiting the outdoors.

This was **SECONDED** by Cllr. Welby and **AGREED**.

Response to motion in correspondence section of the extranet.

**ITEM NO. 9 - TO CONSIDER THE MANAGEMENT REPORT – OCTOBER 2019 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 136(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 (AS AMENDED)** **3517**

Cllrs. Killilea and Mc Hugh Farag thanked Mr. Owens and the Housing Department for the great work in relation to the re-development of housing units in Gilmartin Road, Tuam, despite opposition to this at the initial stages. They also complimented the Housing Unit for the construction of bungalows in Tír an Bhuí, Tuam.

Cllr. D. Connolly referred to the Corporate Plan workshop arranged for Members on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, in the Claregalway Hotel. He stressed to need to focus on housing. He asked if planning permission is required for afforestation.

Cllr. McClearn responded to Cllr. D. Connolly and advised that ownership of private lands is outside the remit of the Local Authority. A submission can be made to the Draft County Development Plan but not through the Draft Corporate Plan.

Cllr. Mc Clearn advised Members that the Mayor of Galway City Council and himself have agreed that the Corporate Policy Groups (CPG's) of both Local Authorities should meet and consult if there are mutually concerned issues. He wanted to make Members aware that this collaboration is not for the discussion of a Merger of the two Local Authorities.

**ITEM NO. 12 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS** **3518**

**Resolutions of Sympathy**

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

Anne Murphy, Carrowgarriff, Kinvara

Ronald Ryan, Cahercon, Kinvara

Mary Moloney, Northampton, Kinvara

Leona McCormack, Parkroe, Kinvara

Nora Glynn, Geata Bán, Montscribe, Kinvara

Ernie Lusby, Maree Road, Oranmore

**Resolutions of Congratulations**

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

Aisling Collins and Sharon Connolly, Gort Community School, Gort, on winning the TESLA Entrepreneurial Schools Award.

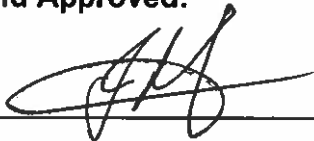
Oughterard GAA, Oughterard, on winning the Intermediate County Football Championship.

Shauna Healy, Ardrahan Camogie Club, on winning a Camogie All Star Award.

**Chriochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin.**

**Submitted Signed and Approved:**

**Cathaoirleach:**

  
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**Date:**

25/11/2019

