

**Transportation
Strategic Policy Committee**

**Minutes of Meeting held at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 23rd April, 2019, at 2pm
in Council Chamber, City Hall, Galway**

Present: *Cllr. John Walsh, Chairman*
 Cllr. Pearce Flannery
 Cllr. Colette Connolly
 Cllr. Noel Larkin
 Cllr. Mark Lohan
 Cllr. Mike Cubbard
 Cllr. Peter Keane
 Ms. Elaine Brick, Galway Chamber of Commerce
 Mr. Pat Hardiman, Irish Congress of Trade Unions
 Mr. Niall O'Brolcháin, Community/Voluntary Seat

In attendance: *Ms. Ruth McNally, Director of Services, GCC*
 Mr. Uinsinn Finn, Senior Engineer, GCC
 Ms. Anne Ruane, Administrative Officer, GCC
 Ms. Martina Golding, Clerical Officer, GCC

Apologies: *Mr. Derrick Hambleton, Environment Seat*

No.	Item
	<p>It was noted that a Book of Condolences was opened for Ms. Lyra McKee who was a journalist from Northern Ireland who wrote for several publications about the consequences of the Troubles. On 18 April, 2019, McKee was fatally shot during rioting in the Creggan area of Derry. The Chairman, Cllr. John Walsh, asked that the members of the Transportation SPC sign this Book of Condolences.</p>
1.	<p><u>Minutes of Transportation SPC Meeting:-</u></p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. N. Larkin and seconded by Cllr. M. Lohan, minutes of the Transportation SPC meeting held on 25th February, 2019, were taken as read, adopted and signed.</p>
2.	<p><u>Matters arising from the Minutes:-</u></p> <p>Mr. U. Finn provided clarification in response to queries raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clonmel Enterprise commenced trial section on the 19th March, 2019. Further regular update would be made at City Council meetings going forward.• No further expansion of the Coke Bike Scheme is planned for 2019. The scheme continues to be sponsored by the National Transport Authority.• N6 City Bypass: A total of 300 objections and submissions were received, approximately 200 objections and 100 submissions. The project team are preparing responses on the objections and submissions <p><i>The meeting was suspended for 5 minutes to allow members to sign the Book of Condolences for Lyra McKee.</i></p>

3.	<p><u>LED – Lighting Upgrade:-</u></p> <p>A copy of the Local Authority Public Lighting scheme was circulated prior to the meeting and Mr. U. Finn made a presentation to the meeting on this scheme. It was noted that the estimated cost of the scheme is €4.1m.</p>
4.	<p><u>Traffic Counts:-</u></p> <p>It was agreed that this item (4) would be deferred.</p>
5.	<p><u>Projects Update: – Bus Connects Galway – Ardaun Access Improvements:-</u></p> <p>A report on the Bus Connects Galway, Transforming City Bus Services was circulated prior to the meeting and presented by Uinsinn Finn .</p> <p>The following comments were noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of bus services for the Circular Road and Menlo areas. • Lack of pedestrian facilities at Browne Roundabout . • Relocation of pedestrian crossing from outside Fallers Jewellers on Williamsgate Street. • Need for pedestrian crossing at Ravens Terrace. • Enforcement of illegal parking in loading bays on Eglinton Street and Forster Street and whether it was intended to keep parking bays at these locations under the City Centre Traffic Management Plan. • Consider partnership with NUIG and businesses in the Parkmore area to provide Park & Ride Schemes. • Junction improvements at Raven's Terrace. • Need for no right turn for vehicles exiting the Ardilaun Hotel. <p>The following proposals were made:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>It was proposed by Cllr. P. Flannery and seconded by Cllr. C. Connolly that a direct bus service be provided from Knocknacarra to Parkmore.</i> • <i>It was proposed by Cllr. P. Flannery and seconded by Cllr. C. Connolly that the Bike Scheme be extended to Salthill/Knocknacarra area.</i> • <i>Cllr. Flannery proposed a motion that the Transportation SPC recommends to Council that Bus Éireann provide bus service from Knocknacarra to Parkmore. This was seconded by Cllr. C. Connolly and following a show of hands all members were in favour with the exception of Ms. E. Brick, who abstained.</i> <p>Mr. U. Finn provided clarification on a number of matter raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junctions are currently operating at or over capacity limiting the potential to provide bus priority. • Traffic counts will be available for next SPC meeting. • Bus licencing is the responsibility of the NTA. • Browne Roundabout is on a National route and requires consent/funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland to upgrade. Works will not commence, however, until Kirwan Junction is commenced. • Kirwan Roundabout – CPO has been confirmed and works will commence later this year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salmon Weir Bridge – currently being designed and will require a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. • Park & Ride – National Transport Authority currently undertaking an assessment that includes options for Park & Ride for Parkmore. • Ardilaun Hotel – restrictions imposed by An Bord Pleanála as part of planning conditions . • A licence issued by the NTA to Healy Buses 18 months ago to provide a service on the Knocknacarra to Parkmore route and any bus operator can apply to the NTA to get a licence. • Provision of pedestrian crossing at junctions requires a safety audit to be undertaken in the first instance. • Community Wardens actively monitor illegal parking in loading bays throughout all areas of the City.
6.	<p><u>Parking Permits:-</u></p> <p>A report on the administration of parking permits in the context of the City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws was circulated to members. Also circulated was extract from 2009 Parking Bye-Laws.</p> <p>The report was discussed and Ms. Anne Ruane outlined the current procedure for the issuing of Parking Permits.</p> <p>A general discussion took place and members raised various issues.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Keane proposed that a review of the Parking Bye-Laws be carried out, but in the interim the existing position in relation to granting permits to remain in place.</p>
7.	<p><u>Any Other Business:-</u></p> <p>As this was the last Transportation SPC meeting before the local elections, Cllr. P. Flannery thanked Cllr. John Walsh on an excellent job in Chairing the Transportation SPC. Cllr. Walsh thanked the members and administration staff for their support. He also thanked the previous Director of Services, Joe O'Neill and Tom Connell and present Director Ruth McNally. Wished all contestants well in the upcoming local elections.</p> <p><i>Next meeting of the SPC to be decided on at later date.</i></p>