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Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

- **DRCD** – Department of Rural and Community Development
- **GCCN** – Galway City Community Network
- **GCC** – Galway City Council
- **GCP** – Galway City Partnership
- **LCDC** – Local Community Development Committee
- **LECP** – Local Economic and Community Plan
- **LG** – Linkage Group
- **LGBT+** – Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans+ and intersex people
- **PPN** – Public Participation Network
- **SDG** – Sustainable Development Goals
- **SPC** – Strategic Policing Committee
- **UNRCPD** – UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

SPC1: Housing and Social Inclusion

Report to follow.

SPC2: Planning

Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Planning SPC
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Brendan Mulligan
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	16th April 2024 (a hybrid meeting)
I láthair / Attendance	<p>Present: Cllr Peter Keane (Chair), Cllr Michael J. Crowe, Cllr Frank Fahy, Cllr Niall McNelis, Derrick Hambleton (GCCN), Brendan Mulligan (GCCN)</p> <p>Online: Cllr Clodagh Higgins, Cllr Noel Larkin</p> <p>In attendance: Eoghan Lynch, Acting Director of Services – Infrastructure Development & Planning, James Russell, Senior Planner (Development Management & Enforcement), Helen Coleman, Senior Executive Planner, Kevin Walsh, Executive Planner, Fiona Glynn, Jim Higgins, Heritage Officer</p> <p>Online: Lorraine Russell, Leane Casburn</p>
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
<p>Minutes of Meeting of 18th December 2023 Adopted.</p> <p>Ardaun LAP – Update on Merlin Park Storage Tank and Local Transport Plan Eoghan Lynch gave a verbal update. Galway City Council is looking at the “price” of infrastructure provision and how it can build on the €7m Martin Junction. There have been no pre-planning meetings about development to date. Galway City Council needs to get someone living there within the lifetime of the development plan [GCDP 2023-2029]. The storage tank at Merlin Park Pump Station is a key item on the critical path. Eoghan Lynch said that Uisce Éireann has confirmed a planning application will be lodged by May. Due diligence is underway in that Uisce Éireann’s ecologist is reviewing the consultant ecologist’s report. As regards the Local Transport Plan, consultants have been appointed but Galway City Council has not met the consultants yet.</p> <p>Cllr Crowe asked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When will the application for the storage tank be lodged? • What is the timeline for Phase 1? 	

- Why isn't there a representative of Irish Water [Uisce Éireann] here? Cllr Crowe expressed his disappointment that there is no Local Area Transport Plan. [At the Planning SPC meeting in December the members were told that they would be given a presentation on it today.]

Cllr Frank Fahy asked what was happening about the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Oranmore to treat wastewater from developments on the east side of the city?

Cllr Peter Keane expressed the view that there has been an inordinate delay in advancing Ardaun. He asked will it be kept on the service delivery plan. He also asked when can we expect an update on the Ardaun LAP. Any development application [prior to the provision of wastewater infrastructure] will have to be refused.

Eoghan Lynch responded as follows:

- No invitation was issued to Uisce Éireann to send a representative to this meeting. An invitation will be issued for a representative to attend the next Planning SPC meeting.

- Galway City doesn't have timelines for the development of Ardaun Phase 1.

- The Local Area Plan is under review – it is bound up with timelines that the City Council doesn't have.

- In-house resources, the Urbanism and Placemaking Team, have been committed who will work with the planners to develop an Infrastructure Plan.

- Galway City Council had to go to the market.

- A Request for Tender [for consultants] has been drafted which is being reviewed.

- It is really about sequencing.

- Not having a LAP is not a hindrance [The Ardaun LAP will expire in July 2024].

- He is happy that any application can be dealt with under the GCDP 2023-2029.

- There won't be another Ardaun LAP – there will be a variation rather than a new LAP.

- The application for the storage tank at the Merlin Park Pump Station will be to Galway City Council.

- There is capacity in the Mutton Island Wastewater Treatment Plant. There won't be an additional Wastewater Treatment Plant for the east side of the city.

- Irish Water is preparing a Galway Strategic Drainage Plan which will look at all the options. Galway City Council have to supply growth targets.

Brendan Mulligan asked what the Request for Tenders is for. He had understood there was going to be a new Ardaun LAP. A "variation" was mentioned – what will that variation be made to? There may be capacity in the Mutton Island WWTP but there is no capacity in the wastewater drainage network.

Cllr Crowe observed that Galway City Council has been instrumental in developing housing. He didn't recall being told there would be a new Ardaun LAP. He did recall being told the LAP would be reviewed. He hadn't heard about the Infrastructure Plan until this morning. Any application for development at Ardaun would face challenges. He asked the Acting Director of Services, realistically, as

of today, when would you expect to see diggers on the site? He thought it would be 3/5 years on the hospital [Galway Clinic] side of the motorway.

Cllr Fahy observed that planning applications had been refused in the area. Cllr Keane confirmed an application had been refused in Roscam based on inadequate wastewater infrastructure.

Cllr Peter Keane said he wants a Senior Executive from Irish Water to be invited to the next Planning SPC meeting.

Cllr McNelis observed that we are in the middle of a housing crisis. We need clarity on timelines.

Eoghan Lynch responded that the purpose of the Infrastructure Plan is to give clarity and to put a price and timeframe on it. The plan will include roads, drainage, open spaces, parks, biodiversity, etc.

Eoghan Lynch hoped to see someone living in Ardaun with the life of this plan. [The GCDP 2023-2029]

Brendan Mulligan expressed the view that there is no chance that there will be a single house built in Ardaun during the life of this plan. He expressed concern about the lack of a sense of urgency and ambition on the part of Galway City Council.

Draft Heritage Plan Consideration

The Draft Heritage Plan 2024-2029 was circulated to members of the SPC on the 10th of April.

Jim Higgins reported that there had been 5 meetings of the Heritage Forum. He named the members of the forum. Climate Change and biodiversity have been taken into account.

The draft plan will go to public consultation. The Council will then consider the plan and approve it.

Derrick Hambleton referred to the failure to include the replacement of the lock gates on the canal at Parkavera for which planning permission had been granted in 2015. He referred to the Galway City Integrated Action Plan from 30 years ago which had included restoration of the waterways as a tourism resource. There is no vision in the draft plan for the waterways. There is no vision for Menlo Castle either. No future purpose has been identified for it.

Cllr Fahy [Chair, Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees] said it would cost between €700,000 and €1m to supply and install new lock gates. The OPW don't want to know about it. New gates would never be used. The old lock gates were 30/40 years beyond their life and were in danger of collapse. They were removed for reasons of safety. They had only caused the silting up of the canal.

Cllr Peter Keane encouraged the Corrib Navigation Trustees to support the inclusion of new lock gates in the Heritage Plan.

Cllr McNelis mentioned St. Nicholas's Church and the sorry state of the cannons outside City Hall.

Brendan Mulligan expressed concern that none of the proposals he had submitted, having consulted with others, had been included in the draft plan. He particularly referred to the 11 Architectural Conservation Areas in the city and the objective, that had been included in 3 consecutive Development Plans, to prepare a conservation management plan for each. Not one Conservation Management Plan has been prepared in over 20 years. He said that if a Conservation

Management Plan for at least one of the 11 Architectural Conservation Areas was not included in the draft plan he wanted his name removed from the draft plan.

Jim Higgins responded that:

The Army had asked for the cannons to be relocated to the Army Barracks in Renmore as the Connacht Rangers had a connection. Jim agreed that the cannons should have been put back into Eyre Square after its redevelopment. He is willing to prepare another report, but a final

- Barracks.
- The City Council is entitled to put forward 3 applications to the Community Monuments Fund. Huge funds will be needed for conservation works at St Nicholas's Church. He had assisted St. Nicholas's with a funding application – it needs much more funds than the Heritage Office can provide.
- He has no problem in putting a Conservation Management Plan for one Architectural Conservation Area in the draft Heritage Plan.
- Galway City Council previously decided to conserve Menlo Castel as a ruin. The state owns Menlo Castle and the lands within 10m around it.
- Conservation works are being done on the other two castles as well.
- Merlin Castle is in such good condition it is proposed to put forward an application for funding to roof it.
- The Draft Plan will be put out for public consultation for 6 weeks.

Cllr Noel Larkin mentioned the Community Monuments Fund. Jim Higgins confirmed that Galway City Council had enjoyed success with its applications for funding since 2021.

Cllr Fahy and Cllr McNelis referred to several motions being proposed at Council about the relocation of the cannons. Cllr Peter Keane suggested that a motion be re-tabled.

Eoghan Lynch reported that a Conservation Officer will be commencing employment with City Council next week. He confirmed that the prow of the Naomh Éanna had been purchased by the Harbour Company and would be put on display.

B. Mulligan observed that the City Council should be able to fund the preparation of Conservation Management Plans for the Architectural Conservation Areas from the rates it gets from tourism businesses in the city.

Eoghan Lynch said that a Strategic Environmental Assessment and an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report have to be prepared before the Draft Heritage Plan goes to public consultation.

Census Update

Kevin Walsh, Executive Planner, presented on a review of the Census which looked at the population in each of the three Local Electoral Areas in the city. See the presentation circulated to members on the 11th of April. He highlighted that 9,520 people are between the ages of 20-24, probably reflecting the high student population.

Cllr McNelis observed that approximately 40% are in rented accommodation. There are only 7 houses for rent in Knocnacarra. Can we take out the students and see how many workers are in rented accommodation? Is the high number of people born outside Galway due to students in the universities?

He noted that there are more females than males in the city and asked if that is the case throughout the country.

He asked how many are actually in the city during the daytime including commuters.

B. Mulligan asked if the planners in Forward Planning had looked forward to see what the population would be if this rate of growth was maintained.

- Helen Coleman responded that:
- The Housing Need Assessment had indicated approximately 30% of the population is in rented accommodation.;
- The planners hope to drill down further into the Small Area Population statistics (SAPs).
- The City Council has always promoted 20% residential in new city centre developments.
- It is expected that the population in the city centre will increase with the development of the lands at Ceannt Station, the Dyke Road and the Harbour.
- The City Council is awaiting revised population targets from the Review of the National Planning Framework (NPF).

B. Mulligan noted that at the growth rate achieved between Census 2006 and Census 2022, a Compound Annual Growth Rate of 1.18%, the population of Galway City would be 104,000 in 2040, well short of the current NPF target of 120,000+. To achieve the NPF target the growth rate from 2022 to 2040 would have to be double that between 2006 and 2022. It would still be a lower rate of growth than achieved between 1956 and 2006, which was 2.49%.

Tables and Chairs Operations review and proposed amendments.

Eoghan Lynch said that he was supportive of outdoor dining as it reinvigorated the city and encouraged walking. He had asked Fiona Glynn in Development Management, who has been managing the applications under Section 254, to review the current policy. A presentation was circulated to members of the SPC on the 12th of April.

A new policy is not needed as the current policy had served us well during Covid. There had been a good level of compliance with the policy.

Fiona Glynn distributed a one-page document to those present which summarised the proposed amendments to the Tables and Chairs Operations Policy – see attached. One of the most apparent changes is the requirement for drawings to scale, preferably, 1:50 or 1:150, by a qualified agent.

Cllr McNelis described the outdoor dining as being one of the best things to have happened in the city. He had a few concerns:

- The cost of having an agent prepare drawings to scale and
- Issues with wind-breaks/screens.

Cllr McNelis asked if a decision had been made about street closure in Woodquay yet.

Cllr Crowe echoed what Cllr McNelis had said about outdoor dining. He acknowledged that having plans prepared would be a one-off cost, but many businesses are struggling. He didn't understand the issue with alcohol advertising that meant the policy would "strictly limit advertising of alcohol." Bigger businesses can afford to comply, but smaller businesses can't.

B. Mulligan asked if there had been any consultation with GCCN or Access for All. If there hasn't been, he recommended that they would be consulted.

Cllr Frank Fahy asked if there is a plan to put in place a concrete base for tables & chairs, etc. He was also concerned about the cost of having an agent prepare drawings. He noted that on the continent outdoor spaces for dining are clearly delineated. Some Local Authorities provide tables and chairs. Protection from both rain and wind is required. He would prefer to see young people coming together under canopies in demarcated spaces than hanging around Spanish Arch and the Claddagh throwing cans into the river.

Eoghan Lynch responded that:

- As regards protection from wind and rain, we are not trying to bring the inside to the outside. We are just allowing businesses to use public spaces.
- We are trying to bring a positive use into a public space in a sensitive way.
- The proposed amendments haven't been subject to wide consultation. A public consultation would mean they couldn't be implemented until 2025.
- The prohibition on advertising of alcohol is being reaffirmed.
- We don't want corporate colours dominating the city.
- The Bus Connects Cross-City Route is with An Bord Pleanála and the closure of streets in Wood Quay is part of that.
- The Capital Public Realm Team will bring forward proposals under URDF funding.
- As regards the requirement for drawings to scale, no particular qualification is required of the person preparing the drawings. All that will be required is an accurate drawing. Businesses on a street could collaborate in preparing a drawing for the entire street to keep the cost to individual businesses down.
- Most outdoor dining locations are within Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) and have to be consistent with their designation as ACAs.

Cllr McNelis observed that many businesses have tables and chairs out in public spaces but don't have Section 254 licences. Is there going to be enforcement? He also observed that Protected Structures can't have canopies attached to them. Cllr Crowe proposed that the word "strictly" in relation to the advertising of alcohol be dropped.

Eoghan Lynch responded that we don't want the Diageo's of the world to dominate the streetscape, but some modest signage would not be objectionable. Fiona Glynn pointed out that Condition No 3 under the current policy prohibits the use of barriers/windbreaks for advertising of products. There will be no problem with small logos on them. There is too much product advertising on Quay Street already.

Helen Coleman said that the City Council had already accepted the Guinness Harp logo and Heineken's Star logo.

B. Mulligan said he would be prepared to support the proposed amendments subject to consultation with Access for All and/or GCCN.

The Planning SPC approved the proposed amendments on the proposal of Cllr Crowe, seconded by Cllr Fahy.

Residential Zoned Land Tax update

The map was published on the 1st of February 2024 and submissions will be accepted up to the 1st of May. Seven submissions have been received to date

asking for lands to be exempted. No submissions have been received to date asking for a change in zoning.

Determinations must be made by the 1st of July.

The tax has been deferred until 2025.

Joint Retail Strategy for Galway City and Metropolitan Area

A Request for Tender has been issued with a closing date of 25th of April.

The objective is to keep vitality and viability in the city centre. Building vacancies and online shopping are challenges.

A.O.B.

Dyke Road Masterplan

Cllr Frank Fahy asked about the Masterplan for the Dyke Road site. He was referred to the LDA's vision for the proposed development at

www.corribcauseway.ie

Academy of Urbanism Conference in May

B. Mulligan asked if it was intended to invite members of the Planning SPC to the conference. Eoghan Lynch will check if there is a budget to invite GCCN Representatives. There is a budget for Councillors to attend conferences.

The Status of the GCDP 2023-2029

B. Mulligan asked about the current status of the Development Plan. Helen Coleman said the legal challenge only relates to the zoning of one site in Coolagh and doesn't affect the rest of the plan. There was a court hearing in January, but she hasn't heard anything since.

Joint Meeting of City and County Planning SPCs

B. Mulligan asked if a date had been set for the next joint meeting. Eoghan Lynch asked the Chair if he wished to have a joint meeting before the Local elections and the Chair said yes. Eoghan Lynch will liaise with the Director of Services in Galway County Council and the Director of the NWRA to set a date for the next meeting.

**Dáta don chéad
chruinniú eile /
Date of next
meeting :**

This is the last meeting of the current Planning SPC.

SPC3: Economic, Community and Cultural Development

Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	SPC for Community, Culture and Economic Development
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Dominick Whelan
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	12th April 2024 Galway City Hall & MS Teams
I láthair / Attendance	
Present -----	
Councillors	
Neil Mc Nelis - Chair & CLLR	
Donal Lyons - CLLR	
Eddie Hoare - CLLR	
Noel Larkin - CLLR	
Dermot Mahon, Acting Director of Services, Galway City Council	
Caitriona Morgan, Administrative Officer, Galway City Council	
Theresa Donohue, Acting Administrative Officer	
Ruairi Lehmann, Tourism Officer, Galway City Council	
Kate Howard, Night Time Economy Officer, Galway City Council	
Adam Stoneman, Creative Communities Engagement Officer, Galway City Council	
Nicola Gilcreest, Arts Development Officer, Galway City Council	
Ruth Mulhern, Arts Officer, Galway City Council	
Thomas Melly, Staff Officer, Galway City Council	
Paul Fallon, Integration Support Co-Ordinator, Galway City Council	
Sectoral:	
Dominick Whelan - GCCN	
Dave Hickey - Galway Chamber of Commerce	
Apologies:	
Brian Barret, Acting Director of Services, Galway City Council	
Elizabeth Fanning, Acting Director of Services, Galway City Council	
Gary McMahan, Senior Executive Officer, Galway City Council	
Megs Morley - GCCN	
Geri Slevin - Galway Trade Council	
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
Agenda	

1. Confirmation of minutes of the Economic, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2024 – (Attached)
2. Matters Arising
3. Update on Ireland West Airport Knock IWAK - To hear an update from Caitriona Morgan, Economic Development
4. Local Authority Integration Team - To receive a presentation from Paul Fallon, Integration Support Co-ordinator
5. Community Recognition Fund 2024 - Dermot Mahon
6. A.O.B

1. Minutes

- adopted Donal Lyons
- Seconded David Hickey

2. Matters Arising

Galway Culture Company

- Galway Culture Company has been requested by previous SPCs to come for a spc meeting

Salthill Tourist Office update

- Is there an update Tourist Office in Salthill any update on EV Charging point
- The NTA has considered it for a cycling parking point

Thrive Programme

- Is there any update on the Thrive Programme for the selection of sites in Galway City.
- Galway City Council are working on two applications. First for the west side of the city in Fr Burke Park to be ready for assessment. The second is for The Manse House for the redevelopment on the Nuns Island Site.

3. Update on Ireland West Airport Knock IWAK - To hear an update from Caitriona Morgan, Economic Development

- Presentation by Caitriona Morgan
- Failte Ireland assets at the Airport
- Galway City Council has a 12.5% share as a stakeholder.
- The annual contribution is €50,000 per year for a thirty year period. Totalling to €1.5million.
- A request for clarification on when this decision was made at Council.
- According to the companies house Connaught Development Agency is 2.1%

4. Local Authority Integration Team - To receive a presentation from Paul Fallon, Integration Support Co-ordinator {ipc=International Pr}

- Presentation by Paul Fallon
- This team is to assist with fostering integration for those seeking asylum
- Deal with Issues in relation to access and to support participation, despite only having access to suppliers of IPC, beneficiaries of temporary EU directive, for those from Ukraine
- With the objective of setting up clinics in IPCs and online

- An integration forum will be held next month
- End of the month there will be a session with other districts on developing the integration team
- Questions and discussion
- The role of provision centres and identification of accommodation are notified to Galway City Council for inputs on choice of site but have no role in the decision process of the site.
- New Centres will be sent via local briefs. Smaller centers are being consolidated
- Currently there are about 25 centers in the city.
- Movement and transfers to other centers in the last few weeks are relocated by the Department.
- The number of IPC have doubled in the last 12 months.
- Ballybane meeting with all local agencies partnership with the welcome committee
- Is there a date set for the meeting of the forum with GCP and GCCN?
- Once we have the terms of reference in relation to the brief, the forum meeting will be set in partnership with GCCN and GCP.
- In relation to an intercultural and anti racism strategy, the city had adopted an equal city programme as the local development board. With the Bridge project being now closed will the city and team be adopting a new intercultural and anti racism strategy with the Dr Lucy Michel report and its recommendations?
- It will be coordinated with GCP in relationship to the report.
- There are 25 locations with a focus on the 4 pillars of services
- Regarding communications in relation to ensuring the right supports. Would a suitable notice or approach to city and out of the city?
- Can applications be made to the department to seek our venues on the location?
- It's very informal, It's just received, for example we'd be notified if a guesthouse or site will be proposed. The opening of venues will be checked for disability access. The brief is given in advance of 7 to 10 days before arrival. Numbers have doubled every year for IPC. The process does not factor in services.
- Mental Health in relation to residents who've been in IPC's for 10 years. in relation to businesses to support language schools at IPAS, as residents aren't aware sometimes that they can apply for work after 6 months. Once leave to remain is available the challenge is sourcing housing for those who have the right to stay.
- Around 65% of volunteers are non Irish in Galway City.
- The migrant network meetings doing regarding 15 people to 85 people in relation to supports.
- VdeP have two staff that are allocated to assist with accommodation and for social support applications.
- For example there are IPAC of excellence like the Eglington hotel in which services and supports provided. This is separate to emergency centres that provide accommodation.

5. Community Recognition Fund 2024 - Dermot Mahon

- Presentation of report by Dermot Mahon

- This targeting fund into those areas in Galway in proximity to OTP and IPC centres.
- For applications for funds and programmes in 2024 close to centres
- In the fund for programmes within radius of the city centre.
- 3rd May closing date
- Submit allocation from community groups % of total fund.
- The radius is from centres, the department will allocation to centre but priority is for programmes closer to centres.
- Support in relation to the community hubs.
- Families and communities for example like leader projects.
- The funding is not for apps and websites.

6. AOB

- The business recognition support fund is open for applications.
- Galway executive skillset is holding training sessions with speakers

Galway Mayors Awards

- Just to acknowledge the team for the mayors awards in the first of may and ambassadors visits for this term.
- Acknowledgement for the executive team and to remind that GCCN will be holding elections for the next term of office.
- Just to note that youth and community hubs have been on the agenda since 2004.
- is there any update on Salthill Park and leisureland? as well as Cappagh park?
- An update can be shared next week as Ruairi is currently not online.
- There is currently no update for this spc on Cappagh Park.
- Acknowledgement of Gary Mc Mahon in the Chamber room.

Socruithe déanta / Key Decisions Made:

Review of decision on funds for Knock Airport

Gníomhaíochtaí / Action(s) required from GCCN:

Next SPC is predicted schedule for September 2024
 Ensuring development, meetings/forum and adequate supports for the Integration Team are in place for communities.
 Thrive programme is as per brief paper by NWRA is a European Union programme based on Bauhaus model in which community participation and consultation are achieved. The recommended report is supported by the LECP pilot programme outcomes and final report on consultation, "A guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making." Second Edition October 2023.

Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting :

September 2024

SPC4: Transportation

Report to follow

Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	
I láthair / Attendance	
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
Socruithe déanta / Key Decisions Made:	
Gníomhaíochtaí / Action(s) required from GCCN:	
Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting :	
Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments:	

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SPC5: Climate Action, Environment, Recreation and Amenity

Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Climate Action, Environment, Recreation and Amenity Strategic Policy Committee
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Caroline Stanley
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	City Hall 22nd May 2024
I láthair / Attendance	<p>Caroline Stanley Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. T O'Flaherty, Cllr. N Murphy acting chair, Cllr. Declan Mc Donnell , Cllr. A. Curran, Ms.</p> <p>E. Hough, Cllr C.Connolly Mr. B. Smyth, Mr. P.Greene, Director of Service, Mr. B.Barrett,</p> <p>Director of Service, Cllr. C. Connolly, S. Connolly, Senior Engineer, ,Lisa Smyth Assistant Parks manager, Paula Kearney Biodiversity officer</p> <p>Mr. D. Redington Climate Action Coordinator, Tiarnan Mc Cusker Climate Officer</p> <p>Senior Executive Officer, Ms. M. Collins, A/ Administrative Staff Officer, Ms. P. Fahy,</p> <p>Assistant Staff Officer.</p>
<p>Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:</p> <p>Minutes of Meeting held on the 21st February, 2024</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 kissing gates pilot scheme grattan road • Increased actions hope to remove more but overcome other challenges • Tree officer advertised again • Weekend library Donal Lyons • Master Plans to go out to the public for non statutory consultations <p>Climate Action Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of more staff for Energy Matters , • Retrofits struggling to be fulfilled • Climate action implementing phase • East United Dressing rooms , Dog Pound from Solid fuel to full electric and solar panels 	

- Community centre Bowling green
- 8.5 tons of carbon savings
- Ballinwoyle, Knocknacarra and Leisureland 50% grant funded through SEAI
- Hydro veg oil usage in vehicles road sweeper eliminating diesel fuel
- Climate action fund 15 projects put forward for funding
- 2 shared island projects for fund awaiting news of projects granted funding
- Climate Action festival for September 13-15th Sept
- Reviewing other funding options

Nature Based Solutions

- Nature based solutions successful and ongoing projects Grattan beach and ponds projects
- Ballyloughane - Dexter cows

Up-date on Green Spaces Strategy

- A presentation on findings of Green Spaces Strategy from Lisa Smyth
- Disparity of sports areas between West and East, high quality in the West but less space utilised
- Large amount of areas but less availability in some areas of East of high quality amenities
- Importance of maintaining wildlife connections and creating those connections as some areas not connected at all

AOB

Last SPC before elections, outgoing councillors and community reps thanks for work on the SPC

Socrúithe déanta / Key Decisions Made:

- Kissing gates project continues
- Climate Action Implementation
- Results based action on nature-based solutions

Gníomhaíochtaí / Action(s) required from GCCN:

- **Climate Action Plan**
- **Agendas should be more than one item for best use of time**
- **Housing Reps need to raise awareness to environment SPC on infill on green spaces on existing estates where possible**

Local Community Development Committee

Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	LCDC
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Lorraine Lally
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	24th April 2024
I láthair / Attendance	
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We discussed the Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan Pilots – With a Presentation by Morgan Mee, CYPSC Co-ordinator with the intention is for Galway City and partners to apply for funding to deal with child poverty in the city. The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) and the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) announced the commencement of the application process for the joint CYPSC/LCDC Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan pilot scheme (part of Ireland’s National Action Plan under the EU Child Guarantee). The deadline for receipt of the applications is Friday, 7th June at 5 pm. We are awaiting the outcome of the funding application. Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) We had the SICAP Annual Plan 2024 that was being implemented with a report at the next meeting. We also review the 2022 SICAP Internal Audit for the purpose of good governance and oversight. The group AMACH LGBT+ provided an Update on Community Development Programme with a Presentation by Fiona McDonagh. The Community Recognition Fund 2024 provided funding to community groups in Galway. 	

Joint Policing Committee

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Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Cameron Keighron
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	April 22nd 2024, Galway City Council Chamber & Microsoft Teams
I láthair / Attendance	<p>Present:</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Council:</p> <p>Cllrs: Mike Cubbard, Terry O’Flaherty, Alan Curran, Eddie Hoare, Niall McNelis, Niall Murphy, Frank Fahy, Donal Lyons, Alan Cheavers</p> <p>Seantor: Sean Kyne</p> <p>TD: Mairead Farrell</p> <p>Gardaí: Chief Superintendent G. Roche, Superintendent D. Flanagan,</p> <p>Superintendent P. O’Shea, Sergeant S. Heaney, Sergent M. Walsh, Detective Superintendent S. Cummins, Ms. O. Maher</p> <p>City Council: Dermot Mahon, Brian Barrett, Anita Kenny</p> <p>Community:</p> <p>Cameron Keighron, Tommy Flaherty</p> <p>In Attendance:</p> <p>Ben Ryan, Laura Nagle, Anita Kenny, Gerry O’Brien, Molly McCarthy, Thomas Melly,</p>
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Eye cameras: • Have been rolled out in Dublin and enquired about further rollout in Galway • Driver Feedback Signs: 	

Discussions around data collection, data sharing, signage locations, infrastructure changes/deterrents in response to speeding and the caps of speed number displayed on signs. The cap displayed does not affect the actual speed recorded that informs data to date. To note, 1 sign costs 2000e to purchase & older models cannot collect data.

Garda Report:

The RSA has released a new set of research in relation to driver behaviours which was noted. There is a caveat to the data presented that it is only 3 months. There is a trend of reduction in mobile phone use while driving, lack of seat belt use (15/24 FCPNs in first quarter related directed to the driver themselves) and intoxicated driving.

To date, this quarter, close to 370,000 euro worth of drugs seized.

New technology that has been rolled out has increased the gardaí's visibility of lack of insurance from drivers.

Summer resources – the gardaí will maintain their current visibility in the city during the summer months.

Presentation by the Department of Justice on the Future of JPCs (Presentation attached to email):

Partnership coordinator and administrator will be funded by the Dept. of Justice but reside in local authorities. Partnerships must meet at least 4 times a year with the caveat that one meeting include all public representatives. First partnership meetings to take place in September. 20 members will be specified, 10 members are not and can be appointed to the bespoke needs of the local partnership. PPN should be open to partnership if the local needs suit that. There will be a small budget assigned to each partnership but that other funding should come from the partners around the table. Training budgets may be provided to close gaps in the knowledge that the partnership identifies.

Chair will be appointed by expression of interest – EOIs are open to all including Cllrs and others outside of the current committee.

Any Other Business:

Stone throwing in Ballybane was discussed.

Socruithe déanta / Key Decisions Made:

- Letter to be sent to follow up again with transport department about Red eye camera roll out in Galway City.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver Feedback sign at crown plaza to potentially be relocated to more prominent location. • 19/60 Driver feedback signs currently collect data, these may be moved around “hotspot” locations in the city to collect more detailed data. 	
Gníomhaíochtaí / Action(s) required from GCCN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on red eye camera letter • Information dissemination of new RSA research • Discuss impact of new direction of JPCs 	
Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting :	To be determined after local elections/New partnership structure.

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