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**Galway City Community Network**  
Lionra Pobail Chathair Na Gaillimhe

<b>Cruinniú /Name of Meeting</b>	Transport SPC
<b>IonadaíFPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) Name of GCCF Rep (note-taker)</b>	Richard Manton, Derrick Hambleton
<b>Dáta&amp; Suite Date &amp; Location of Meeting:</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2017, Galway City Council
<b>I láthair/ Attendance</b>	<b>Councillors:</b> John Walsh (chair), Collette Connolly, Frank Fahy, Pearse Flannery, Noel Larkin <b>External reps:</b> Chris Coughlan (business), Derrick Hambleton (environment), Pat Hardiman (trade union), Richard Manton (community/voluntary) <b>In Attendance:</b> Tom Connell, Uinseann Finn, Martina Golding, Jim Molloy, Anne Ruane

**Príomhphointípléite / Key Issues Discussed:**

**1. Matters Arising**

- Tom Connell was welcomed as the new Director of Services, replacing Joe O'Neill.
- Frank Fahy suggested that GCC write to GUFC and the GAA regarding parking on footpaths at stadiums
- Derrick Hambleton called for Bus Éireann and CIÉ to present to the SPC

**2. Work Programme 2017**

A draft work programme for 2017 was presented to members:

1. Galway Transportation Strategy
2. Review of Parking Control Bye-laws – Sunday Parking & e-Parking
3. Special Speed Limit Bye-laws
4. National Planning Framework
5. Road Safety

On foot of a request from Richard Manton, the N6 Ring Road (N6RR) and the Green Leaf were added to the work programme.

The following meeting dates were agreed for 2017:

- Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April
- Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July
- Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October

Each meeting will take place at 2pm in City Hall.

**3. Galway Transportation Unit (GTU) Projects**

Jim Molloy outlined several projects currently being progressed by the GTU. The tender for the City Centre Access Network (including a bus priority route) was won by ARUP. This will include designs for the Browne Roundabout, Eglinton St, Eyre Square, Forster St and Cemetary Cross. A trial closure of Eglinton St, Eyre Square and Forster St to private car traffic will take place during Mobility Week in September. Frank Fahy called for additional Variable Messaging Signage on Bohermore and at Cemetary Cross as the information during last year's Mobility Week closure was insufficient.

Uinseann Finn said that GTU are looking at 'quick wins' for Parkmore by Q2 of this year, however, medium term solutions will require land acquisition. In the long term, he added, the N6RR will be required. This EIS is due to be completed in May or June and will need alterations to the City Development Plan. Following this, an Oral Hearing will be held by An Bord Pleanála before the Council can issue CPOs. It is expected that construction would begin in 2022 at the earliest and would be completed in 2024. Collette Connolly pointed out that the estimated cost of the N6RR is €600 million and asked for the value of residential zoned land which will be lost due to the proposed road.

Chris Coughlan said that there is an 'emergency situation' in Parkmore, adding that Galway Chamber are investigating

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the potential for car sharing. Frank Fahy called for better connectivity between Parkmore and Knocknacarra and that more jobs should be brought west of the river to Knocknacarra. Collete Connolly called on the Executive to organise a meeting on Parkmore and to extend the invite to SPC members. Derrick Hambleton said that bus services from rural areas of East Galway should be improved and that buses should access further into the IDA estates. Both he and Chris Coughlan raised the importance of providing a Park & Ride at Galway Airport. Uinseann Finn replied that the Council could provide the infrastructure for Park & Ride, but would not operate the facility.

Non-statutory consultation on the Kirwan Roundabout took place last week and the Council are currently reviewing responses. Uinseann Finn said that there should be an emerging preferred option for the April Council meeting. Frank Fahy called on the GTU to circulate the full list of 12 original options for the junction.

Uinseann Finn mentioned that new stations have been installed for the Coke Zero bike scheme. Jim Molloy added that a bus corridor running both directions on the Dublin Road is still under investigation.

#### **4. Housing Estate Slow Zones**

Uinseann Finn introduced the draft bye-laws developed for housing estate slow zones. These draft bye-laws have been prepared in accordance with national guidelines and would see 30 km/h speed limits introduced in 98 housing estates in Galway City. It should be noted that only estates which are taken-in-charge are included.

Derrick Hambleton objected to the fact that the list of estates was presented on the day of the SPC meeting and was not circulated in advance, he was supported by Richard Manton and Collette Connolly. Members also highlighted specific estates which should be added to the list. Furthermore, there were many misspellings in housing estate names. Uinseann Finn responded that members can feed back suggestions in the next two weeks and that the draft bye-laws will be discussed at the next full council meeting and will go out for public consultation.

## 5. Christmas Park & Ride

A report was circulated on last year's Christmas Park & Ride, which was operated by Bus Éireann. Services were reduced based on 2015, resulting in a €15,000 reduction in cost. The total cost was €92,000 and the income (€3 each) was €15,609 [subsidy of €76,391]. There were 26,114 passenger trips, up 7,654 on 2015. It should be noted that the weather was markedly better in 2016, compared to the previous year. Bus Éireann and Iarnród Éireann also ran cheaper services into Galway City during this period. Frank Fahy called on the Council to examine providing a Park & Ride from Knocknacarra for next Christmas.

## 6. AOB

Derrick Hambleton called for improvements to Ballymoneen Road, Cappagh Road and Clybaun Road saying that they are too narrow and that the Council should be planning wider roads complete with bus and cycle lanes. However, Tom Connell noted that this is an issue for the Planning SPC.

Collette Connolly raised the issue of bus shelters across the city, noting the need for new shelters and revamps of existing shelters. Jim Molloy said that the Council are awaiting the 2017 funding allocation.

Other issues raised included driver feedback signs which are currently out of operation, the lack of a pedestrian crossing a Cartúr Mór, and the need for a yellow box at Tirellan.

### **Socrúthédéanta/ Key Decisions Made:**

2017 Work Programme and meeting dates

### **Gníomhaíochtaí**

#### **Action(s) required from GCCN:**

n/a

#### **Dáta don chéadchruinniúeile**

#### **Date of next meeting :**

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April

### **Moltaíbreise /Any Other Comments:**

n/a