

1Tuairisc/Reporting Template for Galway City Community Network Representatives

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1. Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Transport SPC Tuesday 8th November 2022
2. Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Shane Foran
3. Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	Tuesday 8th November 2022 Zoom and council chamber
4. I láthair / Attendance	<p>Present</p> <p>Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Frank Fahy (Chair) • Mayor Clodagh Higgins • Cllr Mike Cubbard • Cllr Alan Cheevers • Cllr Clodagh Higgins • Cllr Niall Murphy • Cllr Peter Keane • Cllr Noel Larkin <p>Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul O'Donnell GCCN • Shane Foran GCCN • Pat Hardiman <p>In Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Greene • Uinsinn Finn • Michael Lally
5. Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
<p>Minutes and matters arising</p> <p>Shane Foran GCCN: Proposes Cllr Mike Cubbard: Seconds</p> <p>Matters arising</p> <p>Paul O'Donnell GCCN: Flyover reports Cllr Mike Cubbard Terryland pedestrian crossing Cllr Mike Cubbard staff have been in touch re Siobhan McKenna Traffic Calming Browne roundabout Action plan for Letteragh Road and Circular road?</p> <p>Shane Foran GCCN: Confirms that non SPC members may now attend Cllr Frank Fahy: Open to public to attend</p>	

Shane Foran GCCN: Expresses thanks - confirms only attend in person

Pat Hardiman ICTU: Joins meeting in person

Access control points (report already circulated)

Presentation by Michael Lally - Council Executive:

- Circular in relation to active travel schemes
- Circular distributed in relation to Greenways
- Access controls only to be provided where necessary
- City council had no existing audit - used map put together by volunteers in open street map.
- 110 Items on map 95 deemed to be within the control of the city council

ClIr Clodagh Higgins: joins on line

- Circular does not extend to non-active travel schemes
- Discussion with cycling interest groups - paths need to be 3m wide - passive surveillance should be considered - consider widening to 3m.

Shane Foran GCCN:

- Report very welcome
- Accepts that at some locations Access Barriers may have merit – small children etc
- Removing access controls could be an Active Travel project in itself
- In many cases two workers with a large spanner could remove the barrier

ClIr Niall Murphy: joins on zoom:

- Not suggesting remove all of them - was the option of removing all them.
- Last environment SPC South Park and Terryland can be removed immediately.
- Possibly active travel scheme funding could be available.
- New kissing gate put in in Ballybane - looks non compliant -
- lot of volunteers put a lot of time into that map.
- Dave Corless etc need vote of thanks

ClIr Noel Larkin: Questions with Uinsinn -

- Is the problem with cargo bikes?
- initially installed to prevent motorbikes is there a replacement for the kissing gates.
- Lobbied for quite a while to get kissing gate into Ard Awleen racing through Ard Awleen when Guards are called. (Anti social behaviour)
- Serves its purpose

ClIr Colette Connolly: Joins meeting on zoom

- Did agree at environment SPC to remove kissing gates at two locations.
- Footpath reduces at Lough Atalia for parking - are footpaths to be increased to 3m (Shane Foran GCCN: roadside from context)

ClIr Frank Fahy: Confirms kissing gates South Park, Terryland

Michael Lally - Council Executive: Responds

Alternatives - facilitate access by cargo bikes - wheelchairs other mobility aids

Notes request for footpath upgrades.

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- When deliver active travel schemes don't do kissing gates - between public road and a park etc.

- Will be complying with Dept of Transport guidance
- Does not want to overstep his own role.

Cllr Alan Cheevers: Joins meeting in person

Michael Lally - Council Executive:

- Funding submitted initial funding application to NTA have submitted indicative costs.

Shane Foran GCCN: Proposes Transport SPC adopt as a policy that access controls should be removed with agreement of local residents.

Cllr Frank Fahy: What do you want to do? - Shane Foran GCCN:D defer to Cllr Frank Fahy guidance

Paul O'Donnell GCCN: If there is agreement on different type - could this be put on Active travel?

Shane Foran GCCN: Safe routes to school - kids lifting bikes over walls -

Michael Lally - Council Executive: - Safe Routes to School - Green schools - Cycle buses - secured funding to undertake an audit of the cycle bus routes.

Shane Foran GCCN:

- Send Access Controls document to green schools and ask for feedback?

Cllr Niall Murphy:

- Next step apply for funding??

Cllr Colette Connolly:

- Terry land come in through shopping Centre - have to carry bike over barrier - on corner.
- Wood quay coming from plots. people need to come out safely especially with cargo bikes.

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

Wrap up

- Discusses issues to be considered - will put them into a work program.
- Email roads@galwaycity.ie - Wood quay work is done may have improved lighting

Paul O'Donnell GCCN:

• Clarification - if Safe Routes to Schools - is Active Travel - is there a responsibility to remove kissing gates on a Safe Routes to School?

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive: :

- Schemes Galway City not putting in kissing gates - not transport -

Item 3 ESB - ESB pilot mobility programme – car club for electric cars

Presentation Lorraine Darren

- Car club
- One stand two chargers
- Shared e-car usage
- Reducing cost of access to EVs for public
- Doing research with Trinity
- Partnered with Enterprise rent a car
- Have to be over 21
- Monthly subscription 40 euros - 7 hours of driving
- Must bring car back to starting location

Locations

- Dyke road across from Lidl - already a charger there

Cllr Frank Fahy: Thanks for presentation

Clr Alan Cheevers: What kind of cost? Involved? What about Parkmore? Work with employers - have a serious traffic problem?

Darren? ESB:

- At the moment it's just a pilot but might be interesting to get feedback designing a platform that links multiple mobility hubs.

Waterford proposing to do a hub every mile? Part of plan is to partner with multinationals like Microsoft.

- Thinking of doing pilot city - to show department of transport - Galway might be a suitable pilot.

Clr Frank Fahy:

- Cost EU49 per month 7 ours for free - 7 euros an hour after that??

Clr Mike Cubbard:

- Target people who only need car on a once off basis may be elderly people - how would they access the system would it be user friendly for elderly people

Lorraine ESB: App - many people in 60 or 70s are mobile literate. Could look at learnings from Darren's pilot.

Could do tutorials on a YouTube video.

Will be work done with local communities like Darren is doing - putting promotional material in Post office.

Paul O'Donnell GCCN: Two locations good for city centre - what about people who live in Knockacarra - uses example of bike share

Lorraine ESB: just locations they could see driving around if there is more local knowledge will consider.

Pat Hardiman: Cost of insurance

Lorraine ESB: Enterprise will look after that?

Darren ESB: Young people not buying cars. There is a shift happening

Clr Frank Fahy: How long will it take?

Round up of current council projects/activities

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive: Rounds up

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- Bus Connects Cross city link with An Bord Pleanala ABP
- Expects to get correspondence from ABP
- Have met with affected landowners
- New bridge is progressing - main spans have been delivered
- Martin roundabout is progressing

Michael Lally - Council Executive:

- Doughiska road cycle scheme due to start in December
- Public consultation in relation to Cycle connects. Did not get prior notice of consultation
- Proposals based on GTS open until Friday
- Millars lane - permeability - project progressing
- Cnoic an Oir - permeability - project
- Parkmore - consultants engaged on detailed design
- NTA have started review of bus service for Galway - consultation with executive - there will be public consultation later January

Clr Alan Cheevers:

- Martyn roundabout - has become an obstacle - need to look at health and safety issues needs better lighting - traffic flow not adequate - need to be honest with public that it wont be finished in December.
- Need to tell public that it will go into the new year.
- Time frame for Doughiska road?

- Update on Ballyloughane scheme since meeting with local councillors
- Park and Ride is there any way to bring pressure to make it happen more quickly?

ClIr Mike Cubbard:

- Has Colm Shaughnessy left is he being replaced?
- Traffic calming why can't we have ramps? Want to know what the policy is around ramps? Can someone come out and look at it?
- Mentioned Bothermore
- Cnoic An Oir well done but lighting issues

ClIr Peter Keane: -

- Congratulations on permeability within estates -
- Continued success on that kids going to school.
- What is the budget on Martin Roundabout - are we under or over and are there penalty clauses?

ClIr Colette Connolly: Rollout of 30km/h is that still on the table?

ClIr Frank Fahy: Can we have responses?

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- Health and Safety on Martyn - take any allegations of health and safety seriously.
- HSA have visited the site - could ask the HSA to visit again
- Traffic plan drafted by a qualified person
- Resource issues on site
- Keeping a close focus in the site.

Michael Lally - Council Executive:

- Doughiska estimates 9 months - in standstill

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- Ballyloughane still on the agenda
- LED position is vacant - individual deserved a promotion moved to county council
- Conan oir take anote on lighting

- Traffic calming policy - should try and get back to that

Permeability -

Michael Lally - Council Executive:

Clybaun road scheme side proposal to look at permeability - makes proposals to look at permeability routes will need to come back from NTA

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- From memory EU5million fixed price project - bitumen product significant inflation - have a claim from NTA - on budget from GCC perspective - claims from contractor will go to a claim.
- Penalty clauses - last thing want is for the contractor to go bust - then be tendering for a new contractor.
- Speed limits - county (city?) wide review limits - 30km limit in city centre - not had a chance to discuss since last night.

ClIr Niall Murphy:

- Was suggested that councillors could be consulted in advance before public consultation. Avoid controversial 80 km limits outside schools

Pat Greene - Director of Services:

Park and ride will send a letter to the Park and rid program

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive: Intention is to bring that back in December - have a workshop before

publishing by laws. By laws now done at local level.

Agenda for next meeting

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- Proposal for underpasses
- Speed ramps would not like to commit to that.

Agree dates for next year

- Path finder proposals - be worth putting on agenda at next meeting - Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive: going to meeting on that

ClIr Mike Cubbard: Asking for speed ramps at second meeting next year

ClIr Frank Fahy; March?

ClIr Colette Connolly: Will footpaths be on the program for early next year -

ClIr Frank Fahy: Can we suggest footpaths?

Pat Pat Greene - Director of Services:

1. Existing maintenance footpaths
2. New developments
3. -

ClIr Alan Cheevers: Old Ballybane road increasingly damaged - potholes - ask for it to be filled in for safety reasons

ClIr Colette Connolly: Thinks we need an audit - major issue for people with disabilities

Date of next meeting

Proposed dates for 2023 (all Tuesdays)

Feb 7th

May 9th

Sep 12th

Nov 7th

ClIr Colette Connolly: Proposing not have SPC following council meetings

ClIr Frank Fahy; Will try not to have it clash?

ClIr Frank Fahy: Three SPCS today

ClIr Alan Cheevers: On behalf of ClIr John Connolly looking for update on school wardens on Clybaun road - four out sick

Pat Hardiman ICTU: - Decided at the last meeting to write to guards - re parking in bus lanes

ClIr Frank Fahy: And buses

6. Socruithe déanta / Key Decisions Made:

7. Gníomhaíochtaí / Action(s) required from GCCN:

8. Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting :	TBA
9. Moltaí breise / Any Other Comments:	