



**Steering Committee Minutes –  
Comhpháirtocht Spóirt na Gaillimhe / Galway Sports Partnership**

10am Meán Fómhair 2023 – Online

**Attendance / i láthair –**

Cllr Gabe Cronnelly, *Galway County Council*  
Kathy Hynes, *University of Galway*  
John O'Donnell, *Galway City Partnership*  
Chris Hickey *GCCN*  
David Kennedy, *GCCN*  
Paul Gillen, *HSE*  
Cllr Tom Welby *Galway County Council*  
Zoe Langsdale, *Galway County PPN*  
Joe O'Curraoin, *Comhar na nOileán CTR*  
Kieran Coyne, *Galway County Council*  
Dermot Mahon, *Galway City Council*  
Joby Kelly, *Galway County PPN*  
Jason Craughwell, *GSP Programme Manager*  
Rachel Dervan, *GSP Admin*

**Apologies / Leithscéil**

Tom Waters, *An Garda Síochána*

**Absent / as Láthair**

Aisling Ni Dhochartaigh, *Údarás na Gaeltachta*  
Cllr Mike Cubbard, *Galway City*  
David Lee, *ATU*  
Brian Killian, *GRD*

Cllr Gabe Cronnelly welcomes everyone to the meeting.

**Item 1 – Minutes of Meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023, proposed by John O'Donnell and seconded by Tom Welby.

**Item 2 – Activity Report**

- Contents of the Activity Report discussed.
- GSP Grants highlighted, ie Club Development Grant 2023, Bike Week 2023 and Africa Day grants.
- Paul Gillen asks Jason if road safety falls under the Bike Week brief as there are a number of issues regarding cyclists he would like to highlight. This is an issue for the Road Safety officer in the Council.
- Olympic Handball training session arranged for Sept for training Primary School teachers on how to play handball.

- National Play Day – many events set up around the city and county. Dancing, swimming, tennis, stand up paddleboarding with children with autism, activator poles and Horses Connect programmes were among these.
- HER Outdoors Events – Paddleboarding in Loughrea & Rusheen Bay, Buggy Buddies in Ballinasloe and Portumna, Outdoor Fitness and disco classes Loughrea and Renvyle and Cycling in Gort
- Beach Wheelchair Initiative – Ability West have donated a beach wheelchair to Galway City Council, this will be store in Leisureland.
- David Kennedy asks Jason if this could be stored in a more user friendly location such as the beachguard huts and if more could be available. Unfortunately, the chair won't fit into these huts so they will be stored in Leisureland.
- Paul suggested that the work to get this resolved could be started now in time for the next summer season.
- Marathon Kids have started again for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year – 1078 packs have been received and are being delivered to over 27 schools.
- Galway City Council Grants – closing date 17<sup>th</sup> September. Jason hosted an information workshop with 19 attending. Maximum grant available to clubs is €3500.

### **Item 3 – Staffing**

Jason informs the committee of James' departure from Galway Sports Partnership. Gabe thanked James for all his work with GSP and wished him all the best in his new venture. This was seconded by all the committee members.

Gabe asked Kieran or Dermot for an update on the staffing situation.

- Kieran informed the committee that an offer of employment has been sent out to the successful candidate from the recent Acting Coordinator interviews and hopes to have the acting coordinator start within the next few weeks.
- In relation to the second CSDO position, which is vacant due to maternity leave, Kieran explains that short term contracts of 6 months or less aren't usually filled as per the HR Dept. This position will be filled by the returning CDSO when they return from maternity leave.

A staffing request has been sent to HR to fill James' position.

- Gabe asked Kieran if there are any short-term solutions to the staffing problem. Contract for services can be offered to tutors to carry out specific programmes/events to help elevate the workload on a short-term basis.
- The Active Cities coordinator position have 12 applicants which are being shortlisted at the moment and will then go for interview with the hope of appointment in October.

### **Item 4 – Sport Ireland Application 2024**

- Jason informs that the application for Sport Ireland funding is due to be sent to Sport Ireland on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. He asked if any committee member has or knows of a

programme or event that Galway Sports Partnership could host or run to let him know before 28<sup>th</sup> Sept so he can add it to the application.

**Item 5 – A.O.B.**

Tom Welby tells the committee about the recent passing of a local popular athlete, Mike Molloy who achieved world records among other accolades during his sporting life. The committee suggested events that could be run in his honour.

Kieran wanted to clarify a point from the previous agenda topic for Staffing. Correspondence has been received from Sport Ireland in relation to the position of European Social Fund Officer and he has sought clarification from Sport Ireland about this post.

Joby asked if there was an update to the Community Sports Hub in Ballinasloe. Jason will arrange a meeting with Kathy and Joby to discuss both hubs.

**Item 6 – Date of Next Meeting**

The next date that was agreed by the Steering Committee is Wed 6<sup>th</sup> December at 11am with venue to be confirmed.

**Meeting Ends.**

**Chairperson:**

**Date:**