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Mayor of Galway 2004 to 2005

Facilities/Issues successfully campaigned for:

- Community Centre at the Cappagh Park - the challenge remains to have it run by the City Council/Community for the Community with maximum open hours.
- Retention of play and sporting facilities at Millar's lane in the face of proposals to allow housing development there.
- Designation of South Park as a 'Special Amenity Area'. The challenge remains to have the situation re the contaminated soil resolved and the master plan published.
- Provision of play facilities as an objective within the City Development Plan and ensuring the ongoing maintenance of and the rolling out of new facilities.
- Cecilia Griffin Memorial Park designated as a City Centre Park in the City Development Plan.
- Provision of gate at Fána Búrca with erection of appropriate signage to stop through school traffic
- An end (almost!) to the discharge of raw sewage into the Eglinton Canal and other waterways in the City with a small number of remaining discharges to be resolved.
- The provision of allotments
- New Bridge into Fisheries Tower facilitating the reopening of this wonderful building to the public.
- Provision of Sexual Assault Unit.
- Increased protection of Eglinton Canal within the City Development Plan.
- Quarterly reports on Housing, Transport, Environment, Parks and Recreation and the Taking in Charge of Estates.
- Annual monitoring of the Walking and Cycling Strategy

Personal Details

Originally from Shantalla, Catherine has lived in the Claddagh since 1988. She is married with two children.

A practising Barrister, Catherine previously worked as a Clinical Psychologist with the Western Health Board in Ballinasloe, Galway City and Conamara.

Her experience as a Psychologist with the Health Board has led to a life-long and passionate interest in public health issues and she has been a very active member of the Regional Health Forum since her appointment to this Committee in 2006.

Maidir le formhór na ndaoine i nGaillimh, tá an omós ag Catherine don Ghaeilge agus déanann sí a dicheall í a chur chun cinn.

An ndóigh le cúpla bliain anuas is ball de Club Leabhair í a thagann le chéile chuile sé seachtainí in Ostán sa Chathair.

Catherine is a member of various committees including:

- Regional Health Forum Committee and former vice chairwoman.
- Vice Chairwoman of the Corrib Navigation Trustees
- Culture, Parks and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee
- Environment Strategic Policy Committee.
- Arts Funding Sub-Committee
- Civic Trust

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Councillor Catherine Connolly

Local Elections - Friday the 23rd May

For the People

A Chara

Since I was first elected to Galway City Council in June 1999, I have consistently worked on behalf of the people of Galway. I believe that the City Council is there first and foremost to serve the people and that an efficient and accountable Council is an integral part of local democracy. Moreover the protection and promotion of community life is at the core of my vision as a local politician and to this end I have consistently campaigned for development which is sustainable and based on the needs of living communities rather than development that is driven primarily by profit. In this regard I have always worked closely with residents associations who have had legitimate concerns re proposed large scale developments affecting their communities and also in supporting their ongoing work to enhance their communities.

I am asking for your support and your Number 1 Vote on the 23rd May so that I can continue to serve you as a City Councillor.

Beidh mé ag brath ar do thacaíocht chun leanúint ar aghaidh mar Chomhairleoir agus an Fhís seo a chur chun cinn.

Mar sin agus más féidir beidh do 'Uimhir a hAon' ag teastáil uaim lá an toghcháin.

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Guth na nDaoine

Tábhacht na Gaeilge

Creidim go láidir go bhfuil an Ghaeilge ina cuid lárnach dár bhféiniúlacht agus go bhfuil sé de dhualgas orainn go léir í a úsáid agus a chur chun cinn.

Ó toghadh mé don chéad uair i 1999, rinne me iarracht speisialta feabhas a chur ar mo chuid Gaeilge féin agus ar ndóigh bhain mé amach Dioplóma san Ollscoil i nGaillimh i 2013.

Ceann de na spriocanna atá agam go nglacfaí go hoifigiúil le Gaillimh mar Chathair Dhátheangach.

Ina dteannta sin i measc na bhfeachtas ar leith a raibh baint agam leo bhí:

- Cead pleanála do scoil nua do Cholaiste na Coiribe.
- Forbairt ar an 'Taibhdhearc' san áit a bhfuil an amharclann sin i gcoirílár na cathrach.
- Tacaíocht leanúnach don eagraíocht 'Gaillimh le Gaeilge'
- Brú a choinneáil chun 'Oifigeach Gaeilge' a earcú sa gComhairle Chathrach
- A chinntiú go mbeidh an Ghaeilge agus tograí Gaeilge ina gcuid lárnach den iarratas ó Chathair na Gaillimhe chun stádas mar 'Phríomhchathair Chultuir na hEorpa 2020' a bhaint amach.

Brief Council Updates

- Contaminated soil in South Park subject to reassessment.
- Responsible Dog Ownership campaign to begin in May.
- Refurbishment works to commence on empty houses in the Claddagh and Community House in Fána Burca.
- Drainage remedial works for Fr Griffin Rd planned for later this year.
- Imminent imposition of 26 tonne weight restriction on Wolfe Tone Bridge.
- 22nd April is the closing date for 'Expressions of Interest' for the operation of Community Centre at Cappagh Park.



For the Common Good

Since my initial election as a City Councillor in 1999, my motivation as a local politician has always been to act in the interests of the common good.

In this regard, I have consistently voted against rezoning of land in the City which was not in the interests of the common good nor recommended by the planning department.

In relation to waste management I am extremely proud that Galway City achieved the highest recycling rates in the Country and showed what was possible and also the roll out of the 'Cash for Cans' initiative.

I believe the government policy of relying on the market to provide for our housing need is detrimental to the common good and clearly indicates that nothing has been learned from the recent financial scandals.

Indeed currently in Galway City we have approximately 10,000 people waiting between 5 and 12 years for a home on the East and West side of the City respectively.

Yet all City Council building construction programmes have been suspended!

This situation along with rising rent prices in Galway City in the private sector is not sustainable.

In any civilized society there has to be a role for the Local Authority in the provision of homes in addition to the private but regulated market.

Priority Works in Progress/Completed

- Flood Defence Works for Toft Park.
- Pedestrian/Road and Path improvement works for Threadneedle Road and also at a number of other areas including the Claddagh, Bothar Stiofan, Whiteoaks, Cartur Mor, Liosmore, Ballymoneen Rd, Salthill-Rockbarton, Gort Gréine, San Antonio Tce and Maunsells Rd.
- Foreshore Licence application for commencement of conservation works at Silver Strand and extension of coastal walkway.
- Official opening of the Fisheries Tower Bridge.
- Work on green areas in a number of estates which are subject to ongoing water-logging
- Ongoing implementation of the Barcelona Declaration to ensure our City is universally accessible to all
- More rapid turn - over of vacant Council houses.
- Appropriate Dog Control Signage in Parks and Open Spaces.
- Planned Roll out of Bus Shelters and an integrated public transport system.
- Improvement works on Millar's Lane.
- Gleann Dara Taken in Charge.
- Roll out of the Rental Bike Scheme.



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