

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY THE
21ST JULY, 2008.**

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cllr. P. Feeney

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Cllrs. W. Burke, S Canney, J. Conneely,
S Connaughton, D. Connolly, M.
Connolly, Comh. O’Cuaig, Cllrs. J.
Cuddy, M Fahy, M. Finnerty, M Carey,
M Hoade, P Hynes, J. Joyce, C
Keaveney, S Kyne, M. Maher, T
Mannion, J McDonagh, T McHugh, M.
Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, Comh
O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S
Walsh, T Walsh, T Welby, B. Willers.

Oifigigh:

Ms. M. Moloney, County Manager;
Messrs. J. Cullen, P. Ridge, K. Kelly, J.
Morgan, F Gilmore Directors of Service;
M. Lavelle, M Dolly Senior Engineers;
G, Mullarkey, Head of Finance, B.
McDermott, County Secretary; A.
Comer, Senior Executive Officer, E
Moloney, Administrative Officer, Anton
Martens Executive Planner, J. Keane,
Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

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The Mayor, Members & County Manager extended sympathy to Cllr. Jarlath Mc Donagh on the death of his mother Mrs. Nora Mc Donagh, and also to the Family of the late Seamus Brennan who was a member of Dáil Éireann.

The meeting was adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect.

A Resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mr. John Dillaney & Family, Minna, Indreabhan, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Mr. John Guinan & Family, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Ignatius Landers, Ashfield, Gort, Co. Galway.

Carmel Brennan-Forde, Newcastle, Galway.

Michael & Florence Glennon, Woodlands, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Beartla & Clann Ui Chadhain, Cadrán, Baile na hAbhann, Conamara, Co. na Gaillimhe.

Mr & Mrs Mc Grann, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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The Minutes of Annual Meeting held on the 16th June 2008 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy and seconded by Cllr. Regan.

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 23rd June 2008 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Kyne and seconded by Cllr. Conneely.

Arising from the minutes, the following issues were raised:

Cllr McDonagh said that he wished to put the Council on notice regarding a serious public health issue in the Carrick More Housing estate in Lackagh arising from raw sewage leaking from the percolation area of the estate. He said that the Council had a €57,000 bond from the builder and that this should be used to remedy the situation.

Mr. Ridge said that the Council was aware of this issue and in view of the implications of enforcement proceedings could not make any comment in this regard.

Cllr Kyne requested an update regarding the abandoning of a section of the N59 Galway Maigh Cuilinn road.

Mr. Gilmore said that the process of abandoning the road was ongoing. He confirmed that he had met with Galway City Council officials who informed him that all the travellers on the site were applicants for housing with Galway City Council. In response to Cllr. Kyne he further confirmed that the hardstand at Carrowbrowne is to be re-evaluated by Galway City Council.

Comh O’Cuaig stated that in relation to the resurfacing in Spiddal village, the Wallace family in the village had no parking space and there was water leaking into their house as a result of the works in the village. He said that they had employed their own engineer who had come up with a report on possible solutions.

Mr. Morgan said that that this was an ongoing issue and he requested that the Wallace’s engineer liaise with the Council engineers in this regard.

In response to an enquiry by Cllr. O’Cuaig with regard to Carna/Cill Chiaráin Regional Water Supply Scheme and whether an additional lake could be added to supplement the existing source, Mr. Cullen said that a report had been received from the consulting engineers and clarification on that report was being sought. Cllr. O’Cuaig asked if priority would be given to it. Mr. Cullen said that once the feasibility of the proposal was established, it would be forwarded to the Department for consideration.

Cllr Cuddy said that as there was no funding available for the review of speed limits could the Council make an application to the NRA and to the Dept for same.

Mr. Morgan said that funds had been set aside from the Councils own resources but that there was still a shortfall of €1.5m which would have to come from the Roads Programme. He suggested that the Towns and Villages speed limits reviews be done first as they were a priority. He asked that the speed limit reviews done to date should now be sent to the Gardai without delay. This was proposed by Cllr Regan seconded by Cllr S Walsh and agreed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION **1772**

The Report of the Planning & Sustainable Development SPC Meeting held on 10th April 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. Hoade.

The Report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 21st May 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. Reilly.

Arising from the Report, Cllr. T Walsh said that he was concerned that there was a shortage of funding for the Disabled Persons and Essential Repairs Grants. He proposed that the Council look for an allocation for extra funding from the Department as, if there was no money available he could not see the point in approving applications. The Members expressed their concerns in relation to this matter. Cllr. Mullins proposed that the crisis in funding for the Disabled Persons and Essential Repairs Grants be placed as an item for discussion at the September 2008 meeting, this was seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh and agreed.

In response to Comh. O’Cuaig, Mr. Gilmore confirmed that applications were still being accepted by the HSE in relation to the Housing Aid for the Elderly Scheme.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 7th July 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Burke and seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

Arising from the report Cllr. Burke said that he had put forward a proposal at that meeting which was seconded by Cllr. Regan but was not recorded in the report that negotiations should commence to purchase the site from the parish priest for car parking in Portumna.

The Report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 28th April 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. D Connolly and seconded by Cllr. T Walshe.

Cllr. Joyce asked whether Ballinasloe Town Council had the right to introduce parking meters on roads in the town that were the responsibility of the County Council. He proposed that this matter would not be progressed until it came before a full meeting of the County Council. This was seconded by Cllr. Finnerty.

Cllr Mullins said that this matter should be brought before the Ballinasloe Electoral Area Committee meeting before a full Council meeting.

Mr. Kelly in response said that any legislative requirements would be met by the Council.

The Report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 12th May 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. T Walshe and seconded by Cllr. D Connolly.

Cllr D Connolly said that there were fears being expressed about some issues on the N6 Galway to Ballinasloe construction project.

Mr. Morgan said that this matter was outside the control of the Council however, the Council would be meeting with the NRA in relation to the N6 Galway to Ballinasloe project to express reservations about some aspects of the construction project.

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF
ROADS ACT 1993** **1773**

On the proposal of Cllr. Conneely, seconded by Comh O Tuairisg, the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedure having been complied with:-

Road commencing at end of L11013 extending for a length of 950 metres westward ending at Paddy Mc Donagh's field gate, all in the townland at Derryherbert, Tullycross, Letterfrack.

Electoral Area: Conamara

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF
ROADS ACT 1993** **1774**

On the proposal of Comh O Tuairisg, seconded by Comh O'Cuaig, the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedure having been complied with:-

A section of road in the townland of Cill Éinne on Inis Mór, Oileáin Árann extending from the road L52007 at Cill Rónáin Harbour towards and along Tra an Fhrancaigh for a length of 800metres in a northeast direction from Cill Ronain Harbour.

A section of road in the townland of Cill Muirbhí on Inis Mor, Oileáin Árann, extending from the road L52006 westwards and northwards for a length of 990 metres to a junction with the road L5200.

A section of the road known as Bóthar na Leachta in the townland of Cill Éinne on Inis Mór, Oileáin Árainn, extending from the end of the road L 52003 at the National School eastwards to the junction with the Tran a Fhrancaigh Road for a length of 260 metres.

A section of road in the townland of Cill Éinne on Inis Mor, Oileáin Árainn extending westwards from its junction with the road L52002 known as the Back Road for a length of 45 metres towards Mulkerrin's house.

Electoral Area: Conamara

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF
ROADS ACT 1993** **1775**

On the proposal of Cllr Canney, seconded by Cllr McHugh, the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedure having been complied with:-

The road commences with the junction of Tullinadaly Road (road number unknown) in the townland of Townparks (1st Division) and extends west for a distance of 144 metres in the townland of Townsparks (1st Division) and terminates at its pedestrian access with public national road with number N17 in the townland of Townparks (1st Division).

Electoral Area: Tuam.

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF
ROADS ACT 1993** **1776**

On the proposal of Cllr McHugh, seconded by Cllr Canney, the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedure having been complied with:-

The road commences with the junction of the National Road with road number N17 in the townland of Killaloonty and extends North West for a distance of 163 metres in the townland of Killaloonty and terminates at the end of the said road in the townland of Killaloonty.

Electoral Area: Tuam.

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF
ROADS ACT 1993** **1777**

On the proposal of Cllr Canney seconded by Cllr Hugh, the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedure having been complied with:-

The road commences with the junction of the National Road with road number N17 in the townland of Townpark (1st Division) and extends west for a distance of 209

metres in the townland of Townparks (1st Division) and terminates at the entrance of Cois Na hAbhainn Estate in the townland of Townparks (1st Division)

Electoral Area: Tuam.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM WEST **1778**

Report dated 14th July, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member

Cllr. D Connolly proposed that the Casual Vacancy on the Regional Health Forum be filled by Cllr. Hynes and this was seconded by Cllr Willers and agreed.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE FORUM (LETTEFRACK) **1779**

The County Secretary informed the members that Cllr. S. Walsh had resigned his position on Forum Letterfrack. Cllr. Regan proposed that the Casual Vacancy on the Forum (Letterfrack) be filled by Cllr. Conneely and this was seconded by Cllr. Joyce and agreed. It was further agreed that when Cllr. Welby resigns from the Forum Letterfrack that Cllr. S. Walsh will take up the vacant position.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – MOUNTCROSS (KINVARA) BURIAL GROUND **1780**

Report dated the 14th July, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. Regan, the proposed Mount Cross (Kinvara) Burial Ground was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – BACKLAWN CARPARK, ATHENRY **1781**

Report dated the 15th July, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of the Mayor, seconded by Cllr. Hynes, the proposed Backlawn, Car Park, Athenry was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – MILLTOWN SEWERAGE SCHEME **1782**

Report dated the 15th July, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr McHugh, seconded by Cllr. Regan, the proposed Milltown Sewerage Scheme was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – N59 LEENAUN BRIDGE

1783

Report dated the 15th July, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr Conneely, seconded by Comh O Tuairisg, the proposed N59 Leenaun Bridge was approved.

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2007

1784

Report was already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr Burke, seconded by Cllr S Walsh, the proposed Draft Annual Report 2007 was approved.

Mr. Kelly said that the Annual Report gives details on the activities of the Council for the year. He said that an information leaflet in a shorter format would be produced for distribution to the wider community.

In response to Cllr. Connaughton, Mr. Kelly said that the existence of the Western Regional Tourism Organisation and the County Tourism Committee would be checked out.

Cllr. Burke, while complimenting the Annual Report referred to the issue of derelict sites and the negative impact they were having in many places around the County. He said that there was a need for a greater level of enforcement to deal with derelict sites. Cllr. Regan supported Cllr. Burke and referred to the Town Hall in Loughrea as an example.

Mr. Cullen acknowledged that there were many derelict sites around the county and despite the efforts of the Council to work positively with communities through Tidy Towns and Community Grants Schemes, the derelict sites remained a problem. He said the Council would do whatever it could to address the situation within available resources.

Cllr. Burke referred to the water supply in Portumna and in particular the cryptosporidium risk assessment scores that had been circulated to the Councillors. In the same context Cllr. Joyce referred to the water supplies in Ballinasloe and Gort.

Mr. Cullen replied that the cryptosporidium risk scores formed part of an iterative process whereby the risk is reassessed after works have been carried out and the process repeated until the lowest possible score was achieved. He said works had already been carried out in Ballinasloe and that all schemes were included in the Remedial Action Programme that was approved by the Council at the monthly meeting in May.

Comh O’Cuaig said that all Clár money allocated to LIS was not spent last year as the notification was received very late in the year and thus could not be spent. He asked if the same situation would arise this year.

Comh O'Tuairisg said he thought that the unspent Clár funding could be carried forward to the following year.

Mr. Morgan said that the notification for 2007 was received in Sept 2007 and works had to be completed by Nov 2007. He said that works completed in 2007 could be paid in 2008 but that any unspent expenditure in 2007 could not be carried over to 2008.

Comh O'Cuaig proposed that the Council ask Minister O'Cuiv when he proposes to allocate 2008 Clár Funding for LIS. The request for a specific date is made in the light of the under spend on the monies in 2007 due to the late allocation date for that year. This was seconded by Cllr. Welby and agreed.

The Manager said that the Council would be in contact with Minister O'Cuiv's office regarding Clár funding for LIS.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT SCHEME 2008/09

1785

The Manager referred to the Higher Education Grant Scheme for 2008/09 details of which were circulated to the members and had only been received by Galway County Council last Friday 18th July. It was agreed that this item would be dealt with due to the deadline of the end of August for receipt of grant applications.

In response the Cllr. Mc Donagh, the Manager stated that while the administration of the scheme is to be transferred to the VEC this will not happen for the 2008/2009 scheme.

Cllr Kyne referred to page 3 of the scheme regarding Disability Allowance and asked if an anomaly in relation to Disability allowance that is paid to parents being deemed to be reckonable income could be referred to the Department. The Manager confirmed that his issue would be raised with the Department of Education.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins and seconded by Cllr. Canney the Higher Education Grants Scheme 2008/2009 was approved.

FINANCIAL UPDATE TO 30TH JUNE 2008.

1786

Report dated the 15th July, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member.

In relation to the Revenue Account Mr. Mullarkey confirmed that figures were broadly in line with expectations with the exception of Water – 61% of the budget has been spent on operation and maintenance. However, this is not the case on the Capital side and there is an urgent need to recoup outstanding monies due from Government Departments e.g. €17.5million had been expended on the Water Programme in the first 6 months and only €6million had been recouped. The members expressed concern at the impact on the Councils overdraft which was recently approved at €20million. Mr. Mullarkey advised that it may be necessary to come back to the Members to further increase the overdraft. Mr. Cullen pointed out

that recoupment on the Rural Water Programme works very efficiently. However, he said that recoupment on the Capital Water and Sewerage schemes are different. He said that these schemes also tend to have a high capital value. Once 95% is recouped for a project the remaining 5% is only payable when final accounts are completed. This amount must then be carried by the Council until the final accounts are cleared and this can take some time.

**WESTERN RIVER BASIN DISTRICT – TIMEFRAME FOR MAKING
RIVER BASIN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT PLANS** **1787**

Report dated the 14th July, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member.

Mr. Cullen referred to the report circulated to the members which set out the timelines for the River Basin District Management process including the publication of the Draft River Basin Management Plans by 22nd December 2008 leading to the making of the River Basin Management Plan by 16th October following a period of public consultation.

**TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2009-2015
AS PER SECTION 11 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000
AS AMENDED** **1788**

Mr. Ridge referred to the documentation circulated to the members and in particular drew their attention to the relationship between the County Development Plan Process and the Strategic Environmental Assessment. He informed the members that at each step in the process of the review of the County Development plan each objective and policy and any amendment the members wish to make will have to environmentally proofed and if this is not done properly then there is a real risk that the plan will be sent back by the Minister. He stated that one of the main effects of this Strategic Environmental Assessment is that last minute changes before adopting the plan will not be possible as each change has to go through this process. He informed the members that the results of the Strategic Environment Assessment to date are contained in the Environmental Report that had been circulated and that he would go through this report with the members later in the meeting.

Mr. Ridge then informed the members that the Draft Plan had already been presented at each electoral area meeting and that the issues raised at the meetings were set out in a document which was now being circulated entitled Galway County Development Plan Review – Response to Issues Arising at Electoral Area Committee Meetings. He proposed the use this document to go through the plan but invited members to refer to the draft plan itself also.

Section 2 **Spatial Planning and Settlement Strategy.**

Page 11 **Include new objective**

Objective SP6 Investigate the potential for the development of integrated transportation hubs at Tuam and at Garraun to maximise the strategic integration of transport and rational land uses.

A number of members raised concern with this objective. They felt that too much emphasis was being given to facilitating development close to the city to the detriment of the existing towns in the county. They felt the Council was not investing in these county towns and that if Garraun and Ardaun were to develop it would deprive other areas of the county of funds to improve their infrastructure.

Mr. Ridge in response felt that the plan was well balanced and that ample opportunity was provided for in the plan to facilitate development in the whole county. He stated that there were huge interdependencies between City and County benefiting both areas and that it would be ill-advised not to plan for these eventualities. He stated that development at Garraun and Ardaun would be funded by the private sector and that it should not prevent investment in infrastructure in the county towns.

The County Manager informed the meeting that the Council was equally as committed to a transportation hub in Tuam as the one in Garraun. Mr. Morgan then informed the members of the background as to why Garraun was recommended and explained the advantages for that location.

It was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Joyce and agreed that this objective be included. It was further suggested by Cllr. Mannion that this objective should be included under Section 6 of the plan Roads and Transportation and this was agreed.

Amend Objective SP2

“...in particular, the advancement of the East Galway Waste Water Treatment Plant, the re-opening of the Western Rail Corridor.

This amendment was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy and agreed. It was further proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy and agreed that this objective be made into two separate objectives.

A number of members raised concern in relation to the disposal of sludge from any new waste water treatment plant. Mr. Cullen confirmed that a Sludge Management Plan which will consider this matter will be placed before the members in due course and that these concerns could be better dealt with in that context. He confirm that any current practices in relation to the disposal of sludge and in particular in relation to the land spread of same was in line with current regulations.

Section 3 **Settlement Strategy.**

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Section 3.3.4.

Include Garraun as a potential site for new integrated settlement and development node.

This was proposed by Cllr. Willers, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed subject to the wording being amended to state that the inclusion of Garraun was not to negatively impact on the balance of the county and that the infrastructure to service Garraun would be funded through development contributions.

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Section 3.3.11.

Include Briarhill and Carnmore as settlements in the Galway Gateway Metropolitan Area.

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh, it was agreed to suspend standing orders in order for the meeting to continue after 6.00pm.

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Section 3.4 (Typo error) 20015 to change to 2015.

Section 3.4. Include “When the allocated household numbers in any single settlement are constructed/built out, consideration will be given to increasing the allocation to that particular settlement, based on evident demand. The allocation to the overall tier shall, in general, be maintained.”

Carnmore to be included in the Gateway Metropolitan area tier (figures for the overall tier to remain at 2800)

This was proposed by Cllr. M.Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed subject to a similar provision to that included in the current plan in relation to variation of the allocations by be included.

The meeting was then adjourned for a short period.

On the resumption of the meeting Mr. Ridge referred the members to the Environmental Report of the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Draft Plan and also to his earlier comments. He explained the background to the document and it’s purpose and how the objectives and policies within the plan must be considered vis a vis their effects on the environment. Having been considered then each must also be assigned mitigation measures where appropriate. He explained that in certain areas the baseline environmental data was not extensive but that over time it would become available and the effects of the plans objectives and policies would in the future be evaluated against such data.

Mr. Ridge then resumed the consideration of the Galway County Development Plan Review – Response to Issues Arising at Electoral Area Committee Meetings document.

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Section 3.4.5. “Small Settlements / Rural Areas”

Include the settlements of Abbeyknockmoy, Belclare, Carlistrane, Laragh More, Fohenagh, Killoran and Derrydonnell Beg.

This was proposed by Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. Regan and agreed.

A number of members queried why settlements included in the last plan were not listed in the current draft. Mr. Ridge stated there was no planning activity in many of the cases and recent appeals to An Bord Pleanala where refusals were issued

influenced what should be included. He further stated he would raise no objection to the inclusion of others but cautioned that the members could be raising unrealistic development expectations in a lot of these areas.

The following were then included

Cahergal	Proposed Cllr. Canney	Seconded Cllr. M. Connolly
An Aird Mhóir	Proposed Comh. Ó Cuaig	Seconded Cllr. Welby
Brownesgrove	Proposed Cllr. Reilly	Seconded Cllr. M. Connolly
Sylane	Proposed Cllr. Canney	Seconded Cllr. M. Connolly
Ballymana	Proposed Cllr. Willers	Seconded Cllr. Feeney
Esker	Proposed Cllr. Willers	Seconded Cllr. Feeney
Ballinakill	Proposed Cllr. Regan	Seconded Cllr. Maher
Moyglass	Proposed Cllr. Regan	Seconded Cllr. Maher
Drim	Proposed Cllr. Regan	Seconded Cllr. Maher
Kilconieron	Proposed Cllr. Regan	Seconded Cllr. Maher
Castledaly	Proposed Cllr. Regan	Seconded Cllr. Maher
Coose	Proposed Cllr. Regan	Seconded Cllr. Maher
Newcastle	Proposed Cllr. Feeney	Seconded Cllr. M. Connolly
Cooloo	Proposed Cllr. M. Connolly	Seconded Cllr. Fahy
Roveagh	Proposed Cllr. Fahy	Seconded Cllr. M. Connolly
Cappataggle	Proposed Cllr. D. Connolly	Seconded Cllr. M. Connolly
Lavally	Proposed Cllr. M. Connolly	Seconded Cllr. Reilly
Foxhall	Proposed Cllr. M. Connolly	Seconded Cllr. Reilly
Newbridge	Proposed Cllr. M. Connolly	Seconded Cllr. Reilly
Tully (Renvyle)	Proposed Comh. Ó'Tuairisg	Seconded Cllr. Conneely
Tullokyne	Proposed Comh. Ó'Tuairisg	Seconded Cllr. Kyne
Cartymore	Proposed Cllr. McDonagh	Seconded Cllr. Hoade

All were agreed.

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**Section 3.5
Policy SS6**

New Strategic Settlement Policy

In the case of smaller settlements for which no specific plans are available, development shall be considered on the basis of its connectivity, capacity (social, cultural and economic) and compliance with the settlement strategy, good design and proper planning and sustainable development.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed subject to the inclusion of community gain and that it would not apply to single house developments.

New Strategic Settlement Objectives

Obj SS1. Masterplans and / or Local Area Plans for Briarhill and Garraun will be developed and brought forward for adoption by the Council within the lifetime of the Plan.

Obj SS2 Local Area Plans or Development Boundaries will be prepared for all Settlements designated as Local Service Centres.

These new objectives were proposed by Comh. Ó’Cuaig, seconded by Comh. Ó’Tuairisg and agreed. It was further proposed by Comh Ó’Cuaig, seconded by Comh. Ó’Tuairisg that a Local Area Plan for North Connemara be prepared.

Section 4. Economic Development and Tourism

Page 27 Section 4.2. Omit last paragraph.

This was proposed by Cllr. Kyne, seconded by Comh. Ó’Tuairisg and agreed.

Page 28 Section 4.3 Omit last sentence “Examples.....”

This was proposed by Cllr. Kyne, seconded by Comh. Ó’Tuairisg and agreed.

Policy ED1 Amend – omit “... where the applicant can demonstrate that the development...”.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney, seconded by Cllr. Burke and agreed.

Page 28 Policy ED8 Amend – In general, existing commercial or industrial activities in towns or villages will not be permitted to re-locate to unserviced rural areas. However, certain resource industries and other industries more suitable to rural locations will be considered. These industries, along with their associated service industries will be considered in rural areas.

This was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Carey and agreed.

Policy ED9 Amend – Add at end... “In principle, existing unauthorised rural enterprises which are in existence for in excess of 7 years prior to the adoption of the plan, and which seek to regularise their unauthorised status, will be considered, subject to the normal planning considerations.”

This was proposed by Cllr. S Walsh, seconded by Comh. Ó’Tuairisg and agreed.

New Objective ED
Consider the preparation of Area Action Plan for Carrowbrowne.

This was proposed by Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh and agreed.

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New Policy ED 13

The Planning Authority will consider the possibility of a Regional Retail facility within the Galway Gateway Metropolitan area, subject to the Retail Planning Guidelines and the locational requirements of such a facility.

Amend subsequent policy numbers accordingly.

This was proposed by Cllr. S. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

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Provide greater guidance and clarity on quarries.

Section 4.6 Extractive Development

Policy ED15 (was ED 14):

Control all new operations and carefully evaluate all proposed developments to ensure that the visual or other environmental impacts of such works will not materially injure the amenities of the area.

This was proposed by Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Willers and agreed

Extractive Development Objectives

New Objective ED10:

The Planning Authority shall have regard to the Quarries and Ancillary Facilities Guidelines published by the DoEHLG in 2004 and to DM Standard 36 of this Plan in the assessment of any applications for extractive developments.

This was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Comh. Ní Fhatharta and agreed.

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Section 4.8.2 (typographic error) – omit last sentence. Include “The tourism potential of the lake on the Galway shores is under-developed. The completion of a joint Marina and Sustainable Recreation Study for Lough Derg with Clare County Council and Tipperary North County Council will form a guidance document towards the realisation of the potential of the lake for tourism in south east Galway”.

This was proposed by Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Willers and agreed.

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Insert a Policy to mirror the policy in the current Development Plan in relation to developments at Bearna Golf Club.

This was proposed by Cllr. Kyne, seconded by Cllr. Canney and agreed.

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Amend **Policy ED35** (will become ED 37) – “Restrict development, including agricultural or forestry practices which would significantly diminish the amenity, landscape value, *environmental quality* and/or economic value of lakes and beaches or any of their assets or amenities.”

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed that this policy be omitted.

New Policy ED40 – “Seek to identify new beaches and coastline which could be suitable for Blue Flag or Green Coast status”.

This was proposed by Comh. O’Tuairisg, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

Section 5 Housing Provision

A number of members raised concerns in this area including the following :

- Inclusion of nieces, nephews, sisters and brothers of the landowner as part of close family ties in an area
- Removal of the 8 km requirement
- Removal of the urban generated housing classification for those moving out of Clifden and Oughterard to family lands

Mr. Ridge informed the members that if they made any amendments to the current policies that they would not be implemented and that he would implement the Ministerial guidelines on Sustainable Rural Housing. He offered to discuss the matter with the members to look at what difficulties they may see but that he would not accept any significant changes to current policy.

The members accepted Mr. Ridge’s offer.

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Amend HP14. insert after sub para (2) – Where applicants can supply land registry or folio details that demonstrate that lands on which they are seeking to build their first home in the area have been in family ownership for a period of 20 years, their eligibility will be considered. Where this has been established to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, additional intrinsic links will not have to be demonstrated.

This amendment was not agreed.

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Include additional guidance on housing in urban areas and design of new residential developments in towns, villages and settlement centres.

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed.

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Section 5.3.2 Rural Housing Objectives

Insert additional objective as follows:

Objective HP6:

The Planning Authority will have regard to the Sustainable Residential Guidelines for Urban Areas Guidelines and the Urban Design Manual issued by the DoEHLG in 2008 and the Galway Clustered Housing Guidelines in the assessment of any proposals for multiple unit housing developments in settlement centres and rural areas.

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Regan and agreed.

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Section 5.4 Residential Development in Urban Areas, Towns and Villages

The NSS and Regional Guidelines emphasise the key role of the larger and smaller town and village structure in achieving balanced regional development. The Galway Settlement Strategy recognises and supports the key role of urban areas, towns and villages in providing attractive living environments with convenient access to a higher level of services, facilities and amenities, in building critical mass to support the efficient provision of services, facilities and employment opportunities and in supporting and providing services for the surrounding rural areas. Public and private investment will be required to realise the potential role of urban areas, towns and villages, in both physical and social infrastructure, including water services, roads connectivity, telecommunications, energy, development lands, business support infrastructure, social and recreational facilities. Appropriate guidance will also be necessary to ensure that new developments are in keeping with and contribute to the character and amenity of urban areas, towns and villages.

This was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg and agreed.

5.4.1 Residential Development Policies

Policy HP21:

Support the consolidation and appropriate development of the urban areas, towns and villages of the County as attractive living environments with a range of services, facilities, amenities and employment opportunities appropriate to its size, role and potential.

This was proposed by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg, seconded by Cllr. Burke and agreed.

Policy HP16

Amend to remove reference to letters (b) and (a) – (f) and refer to sub paragraphs in Policy HP14.

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Carey and agreed.

Policy HP22:

Promote high standards of design and quality environments for living, working and recreating in urban areas, towns and villages.

This was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly and agreed.

Policy HP23:

Support the development of infill sites in towns and villages and encourage the use of upper floors of retail premises as residential accommodation as a means of providing additional housing and revitalising settlements.

This was proposed by Cllr. Regan, seconded by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg and agreed.

5.4.2 Residential Development Objectives

Objective HP7:

The Planning Authority will have regard to the Sustainable Residential Guidelines for Urban Areas Guidelines and the Urban Design Manual issued by the DoEHLG in 2008 and the Galway Clustered Housing Guidelines, where appropriate, in the assessment of any proposals for multiple unit housing developments in urban areas, towns and villages.

This is already included.

Objective HP8:

Support the implementation of the residential development and design guidelines in any applicable Local Area Plans and seek to provide appropriate guidance in future plans prepared for urban areas, towns and villages in the County.

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed.

Section 6 Infrastructure: Roads and Transportation

Page 40 **Section 6.1.1.** – include N60 and N66 in list of existing national routes.

This was proposed by Cllr. Regan, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

Page 42 **Policy RT1** – Include M17 in list of Routes for completion.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

Page 43 Objective RT3 – Amend to read “Facilitate the development of the N17 / M17 scheme from Galway to Claremorris”.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

Page 44 Omit RT 5

This was not accepted. It was proposed by Cllr. Canney, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed that Objective RT 5 should be amended by the exclusion of all words after the word bypass.

Objective RT6 – Amend to read “Retain the existing National Routes N6, N18 and N17 as Class II controlled roads upon commissioning and opening of the new National Routes through the county”.

A number of members were concerned with this objective and hoped that more development would be allowed on these roads. Mr. Morgan outlined the residual importance of these routes even after the new motorways were opened and supported this objective. Mr. Ridge said the objective would be the subject of further discussion.

Objective RT8 – Amend to include Portumna and “all subject to funding”

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney, seconded by Cllr. Regan and agreed.

Objective RT9 and 10 – combine.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney, seconded by Cllr. Kyne and agreed.

Objective RT15 – replace “necessity” with “pressure”.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

Objective RT18 – Amend to include Kinvara, Gort, Athenry and Bearna. (Typo in spelling of Portumna)

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

New Policy

Include a supportive policy in relation to the expansion and operation of Galway Regional Airport

This was proposed by Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

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Section 6.3 Public Transportation

Insert following after the main paragraph in this section:

Galway County Council also has an important role in promoting and encouraging development patterns and densities that support the provision and improvement of public transport services.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed.

6.3.1 Public Transport Policies

Public Transport Policies

Policy RT15:

Promote and encourage appropriate development patterns and densities that will support the provision and improvement of public transport services. In this regard, it is the policy of the Council to promote development on serviced land in towns and villages, particularly those located along public transport corridors, in accordance with the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas Guidelines, having regard to existing settlement patterns and form, adequacy of existing/planned facilities and services to facilitate the development of viable and effective public transport networks.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

Policy RT16:

Encourage the high quality design and layout of residential development that reduces reliance on the motor car, supports movement by pedestrians and cyclists, provides adequate and convenient access to public transport and connects well with the wider locality.

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

6.3.2 Public Transport Objectives

New Objective RT30:

Facilitate the development of appropriate settlement patterns and densities that support the existing and proposed rail corridors, including intensification of development around rail stations where appropriate in accordance with the DoEHLG Sustainable Residential Guidelines for Urban Areas, subject to the necessary services and facilities being provided and potential impacts fully assessed.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

New Objective RT31:

Promote the development of safe and convenient pedestrian and cycling facilities in towns and villages to minimise the dependence on private motor vehicles and to encourage an active and healthy lifestyle.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Burke and agreed.

New Objective RT 32

The Planning Authority will support the provision of new bus shelters at appropriate locations in settlement centres and at key rural locations to facilitate and complement the rural transport initiative and private operators of public transportation.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

New Objective RT 33

The Planning Authority will examine the potential of Tuam town and Garraun as locations for integrated transportation hubs.

This was proposed by Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

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Mapping

Include a new map showing existing and proposed roads and rail routes at the end of Section 6.3.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed.

Section 7 Infrastructure: Water, Waste, Energy and Telecommunications Services

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Policy IS 3 and IS 9 to be combined.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

Policy IS 12 to be omitted.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed.

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Policy IS 19 – amend to include “broadband network and broadcasting”.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Comh. Ó’Tuairisg and agreed.

New Policy IS 24

It shall be the policy of Galway County Council to promote the co-location of telecommunications masts and facilities where practicable and technically feasible. It shall be the responsibility of the developer of such facilities to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority why co-location is not possible.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

New Policy IS25

Galway County Council shall strive to provide high quality Information and communications systems to all the Area Offices throughout the county.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

New Policy IS26

Galway County Council shall discourage the development of individual telecommunications support structures and antennae for private use.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

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Section 7.6.2 Energy Objectives

Insert additional Energy Objectives as follows:

Objective IS13 – amend to read:

The Planning Authority will have regard for DoEHLG Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Wind Energy Development, 2006 in the assessment of any proposals for wind energy production.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

Objective IS18:

The Planning Authority will have regard to the DoEHLG Guidelines on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas, 2008 in the assessment of any proposals for residential development, including *inter alia* those in respect of energy efficiency, passive solar design and renewable energy sources.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh and agreed.

New Objective IS19:

Give favourable consideration to small scale commercial renewable energy schemes, such as wind, hydro and biomass, of less than 5MW where grid connection is possible without large scale infrastructural investment in line with national guidelines for sustainable development.

This was proposed by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

Section 8 Cultural, Social and Community Development

Page 56 **Policy CS8** – amend to include the location of an Ambulance Base in Tuam.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Canney and agreed.

Page 57 **Objective CS4** – amend to include “...based on the recommendations of the Recreational Needs study being undertaken by Galway County Council.”

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

New Objective CS6

To consider and pursue the provision of a municipal golf course in proximity to the metropolitan area to cater for demand arising from the city and county.

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Canney and agreed.

New Objective CS7

To carry out a feasibility study in relation to the potential of Tonabrocky Hill being developed as a civic amenity site.

This was proposed by Cllr. Welby seconded by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg and agreed.

New Objective CS8.

Galway County Council will have regard to the importance of the Battlefield site in Aughrim and will be cognisant of any new national guidelines on the management of such heritage sites while balancing these against the development needs of local communities and families.

This was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed.

New Section. New Objective CS9

The Planning Authority shall ensure that all new placenames and estate names shall be agreed with the Placenames Committee of Galway County Council to ensure appropriate placenames that reflect the social, cultural and physical characteristics of the area.

This was proposed by Cllr. Maher seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

8.6.1 Social Inclusion and Universal Access Policies

Policy CS 20:

Support the principles of social inclusion and universal access to ensure that all individuals have access to goods and services and to assist them to participate in and contribute to social and cultural life.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney seconded by Cllr. Welby and agreed.

8.6.2 Social Inclusion and Universal Access Objectives

Objective CS10:

Support the implementation of the requirements and provisions of the Disability Act 2005 and the Council's *Disability Action Plan 2007-2015*.

This was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

Objective CS11:

Support the implementation of the provisions of the County Galway Local Authorities *Social Inclusion Strategy 2006-2009* and any subsequent strategy adopted by the Council during the lifetime of the Plan.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

Objective CS12:

Consideration should be given to the needs of disabled people in the location, layout and design of housing developments, communal facilities, public spaces and transport services.

This was proposed by Cllr. Welby seconded by Cllr. Canney and agreed.

Section 9

Heritage, Landscape and Environmental Management

Page 65 **Re-assess the policies and objectives for environmental heritage and protection in the context of ability to comply with DoEHLG recommendations.**

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney seconded by Cllr. Connaughton and agreed.

Page 65 **Section 9.3.1 Natural Heritage and Biodiversity**
Amend the text in the main paragraph to read as follows:

The various habitats in the County form part of an “ecological network” that facilitates the movement of species between

areas and ensures the effective functioning and survival of the diverse range of habitats and species in the County. Ecological networks provide a spatial, network-based approach to the conservation of biodiversity, which differs from the site-based approach of environmental designations, by using ‘corridors’ or ‘stepping stones’ that support species migration, dispersal and daily movements between the ‘core areas’ and thereby contribute to a more integrated and functional ecological system.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed.

Page 65 Policy HL28 – Omit

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh seconded by Cllr. Willers and agreed.

Policy HL30 – amend to read “ Seek to maintain and enhance, as far as it practicable and prudent, the natural heritage and amenity of the county by seeking to encourage the preservation and retention of woodlands, hedgerows, stonewalls and wetlands. Where their removal or interference with same cannot be avoided, appropriate measures to replace like with like should be considered, subject to considerations of safety and practicality”.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

Objective HL 19 – Omit (Biodiversity Plan has been adopted).

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed.

Page 66 Objective HL20 – amend to include “...County Development Plan

without *appropriate and reasonable* remediation and/or compensatory measures”.

This was proposed by Cllr. Willers seconded by Cllr. McDonagh and agreed.

Page 66 Policy HL34 – Omit

This was proposed by Cllr. Willers and seconded by Cllr. McDonagh and agreed.

Policy HL35:
Have regard to any impacts developments may have on existing and proposed, Natural Heritage Areas, Special Protection Areas and Special Areas of Conservation. Nature reserves, Ramsar Sites, Conamara National Park and any other designated sites.

This was proposed by Cllr. Willers seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

Policy HL37 - amend to “Seek to have protected...”

This was proposed by Cllr. Willers seconded by Comh. Ó’Tuairisg and agreed.

Objective HL 22 and 23 – Omit

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta seconded by Cllr. Willers and agreed.

Page 67 **Section 9.3.3**

Policy HL38 – 44 inclusive – Amend to “Seek to have protected...”

This was proposed by Cllr. Willers seconded by Cllr. McDonagh and agreed.

Page 69 **Policy HL56 and HL62** to be combined.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

New Policy HL 71

The Planning Authority shall consider the use of temporary proprietary effluent treatment units to service new developments as an interim measure until such time as the planned infrastructural investment as set out in the Water Services Investment programme is delivered and commissioned.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

Page 77 **Mapping**

Insert a Map showing the Preliminary Ecological Network identified for the County based on research carried out into a National Ecological Network for Ireland as part of the preparation of the National Spatial Strategy 2002-2020 in a report entitled the Preliminary Study of the Needs Associated with a National Ecological Network 2001. This Map will highlight areas where applicants must consider any potential wildlife corridors or areas of high biodiversity on their development site, as set out under DM Standard 39:

Map HL5 Preliminary Ecological Network

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta seconded by Comh. Ó’Tuairisg and agreed.

Section 10 Agriculture, Mariculture and Forestry.

Page 79 **New Policy AM8**

Galway County Council will seek to identify areas of forestry that could be developed or protected as amenity areas.

This was proposed by Cllr. Willers seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed.

Page 80 Policy AM8 – Amend to omit “fishing”

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed.

Policy AM11 – Amend to include “seaweed”

This was proposed by Cllr. Hoade seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

Section 11 Development Management Standards and Guidelines

Page 94 Include standards for disabled parking to facilitate universal access.

This was proposed by Cllr. Regan seconded by Comh. Ó’Tuairisg and agreed.

Page 94 Section 11.5 Standards for Transportation, Roads, Parking, Loading and Storage

DM Standard 20: Parking Standards

5. Disabled Parking Requirements

Parking spaces for the disabled should be provided in developments relative to the above table as follows:

- 1 space per 5 – 25 spaces
- 3 spaces per 25 – 50 spaces
- 4 spaces per 50 – 75 spaces
- 5 spaces per 75 – 100 spaces
- 3 spaces per 100 spaces thereafter

Parking bays for disabled persons shall be 3m wide and 4.75m long, clearly signed and marked with the relevant symbol and placed nearest to the entrance to the facility for which the parking space is being provided.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta seconded by Cllr. D Connolly and agreed.

Page 94 Include standards for bicycle parking to promote cycling.

Page 94 Section 11.5 Standards for Transportation, Roads, Parking, Loading and Storage

DM Standard 20: Parking Standards

6. Bicycle Parking Standards

The bicycle parking shall be located in a prominent position within 30m of the facility served. A Bicycle Parking Bay shall be 0.8m wide and 1.8m long. The bicycle park should have a shelter and be signposted. Provision must be made in the development for bicycle parking spaces in accordance with the following categories.

- 0.25 spaces/unit for Residential Apartments
- 1 space/unit for Dwellings
- 0.1 space/bedroom for Hotels/Motels
- 1 space/250m² for Industrial Manufacturing
- 1 space/300m² for Warehouses
- 1 space/10m² for Transport Rail/Bus Stations
- 1 space/100m² for Commercial Shops
- 1 space/100m² for Offices
- 1 space/50m² for Community Churches
- 1 space/100m² for Museums
- 1 space/10seats for Cinemas/Theatres
- 1 space/consulting room for Health Surgeries
- 1 space/1500m² for Hospitals
- 0.2 spaces/pupil for Education Primary
- 0.3 spaces/pupil for Second & Third Level
- 1 space/250m² for Sport All

In the case of any use not specified, the Council will determine the bicycle parking requirements.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta seconded by Cllr. D Connolly and agreed.

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Provide greater guidance and clarity on quarries.

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DM Standard 36: Extractive Development

Insert following additional information under this standard:

2. Land Ownership

The extent of land ownership. Details should be submitted showing the proposed site in relation to all lands in the vicinity in which the applicant has an interest.

3. Deposits

The nature of all deposits. Details to be submitted to include: depths of topsoil, subsoil, over-burden and material, at various points on the site; an indication of the type of minerals, which it is intended to extract; a statement as to whether the parent rock from which the mineral is extracted is suitable for other uses; and the estimated total quantity of rock and mineral, which can be extracted commercially on the site.

4. Methods

The methods of excavation and machinery to be used. Details to be submitted to include all proposed site development works, including: the proposed method of working; any existing or proposed areas of excavation; stages of work proposed; locations of any settling ponds, waste material and/or stockpiling of materials; methods for removing and storing topsoil, subsoil and overburden; etc.

5. Production

The quantification of production in a given time. Details to be submitted to include the proposed production process to be employed, all requirements for water, electricity and/or other inputs to the production process and any proposals for chemical or other treatments.

6. Mitigation

Methods to reduce environmental impact. Details to be submitted to include an assessment of potential impacts on water resources, residential and visual amenity (including noise, dust and vibration impacts), biodiversity and any other relevant considerations together with appropriate proposals for their mitigation.

7. Access

Vehicle routes from site to major traffic routes and the impact on the adjoining road networks. Details should be included on the mode, number and weight of trucks or other vehicles being used to transport materials and any truck sheeting or washing proposals.

8. Rehabilitation

A scheme of rehabilitation and after care. Details to be submitted should include a report with plans and sections detailing: the anticipated finished landform and surface/landscape treatments, both of each phase and the whole excavation; quality and condition of topsoil and overburden; rehabilitation works proposed; the type and location of any vegetation proposed; proposed method of funding and delivery of restoration/reinstatement works; etc.

10. Proximity

Proximity to other developments. Details to be submitted to include location of all existing developments in the vicinity of the site that might be affected by site development works, extractive operations and/or traffic movements generated.

11. Landscaping and Screening

Landscaping and screening proposals. Details to be submitted to include an indication of existing trees or other screening to be retained or removed and any proposed screening, grassing or

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 20 – CLLR. B. WILLERS **1792**

The following reply was given:-

“The total number of Essential Repairs and Disabled Persons Grants unapproved at end of December 2007 is 473. The number of approved applications awaiting payment under the old grant schemes is 495. Under the new Housing Grant Schemes there are currently 390 applications on hand. The time frame at present for assessment, inspection and payment of housing grants is dependent on additional monies being made available as the current funding allocation is inadequate to deal with the level of applications on hand.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21– CLLR. B. WILLERS **1793**

The following reply was given:-

“The level of funding for housing grants is inadequate and Galway County Council has written to the Department in this regard.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 22 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA **1794**

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl nach bhfuil formhór na bóithre áise seo faoi chúram Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe agus dá bhrí sin, ní bheidh oibreacha á dhéanamh ar na bóithre seo.

Déanfar obair ar bóithre áise faoi chúram Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe faoin Clár Cothabháil Bóithre Áise, de réir maoiniú a bhéas ar fáil.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 23 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA **1795**

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl gur déanadh oibreacha athchóiriú ar an mbóthar seo de réir deontas faoi Clár na mBóithre 2008.

Níl aon moltaí ann faoi láthair tuille oibreacha a dhéanamh taobh amuigh dena oibreacha cothabháil gnáthiúl faoin Clár Cothabháil Bóithre Áise, de réir maoiniú a bhéas ar fáil.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 24 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1796

The following reply was given:-

“Tá an Comhairle i dteagmháil leis an tógálaí maidir leis na plásóga a chríochnú ag an teach seo agus táthar ag súil go gcuirfear na hoibreacha seo i gcrích go gairid.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 25 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 1797

The following reply was given:-

“Stopping places and stands are designated by An Garda Síochána following application by service providers.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 26 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 1798

The following reply was given:-

“Funding has been requested from the National Roads Authority to facilitate landscaping at this location, to date no such funding has been provided and in the absence of same it is not intended to undertake such works.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 27 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 1799

The following reply was given:-

“The Council has addressed all maintenance issues logged on the Repairs System to date, however, if further issues are reported by the tenant to the Housing Unit on 091 509300, these issues will be assessed in due course by the Housing Engineer.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 28 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1800

The following reply was given:-

“This matter has been referred for legal advice to the Council’s Law Agent including the matter of encashing the bond. The points raised by the Law Agent in relation to the bond refer to the relevant condition of the planning permission and as to whether the wording of the condition will allow for the Council to encash the bond. These advices are currently being considered in detail.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 29 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1801

The following reply was given:-

“The provision of a sewerage plant at Lackagh Village has been included in the Council’s ‘Water Services Assessment of Needs programme 2005-2014’. However, it was not included in the Department of the Environment’s ‘Water Services Investment Programme 2007 – 2009’.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 30 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1802

The following reply was given:-

“This location shall be inspected and a full report shall issue in the near future.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 31 – CLLR. M. FAHY 1803

The following reply was given:-

“A change in priorities of the nature suggested in the absence of a major realignment/differentiation may present a hazard for road users. The location shall be examined in the context of the Low Cost Safety Improvement Grant Scheme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 32 – CLLR. M. FAHY 1804

The following reply was given:-

“The N18 Oranmore to Gort scheme is currently out to tender and tenders are to be returned by the five shortlisted tenderers by September 1st 2008.

Tenders will be assessed and it is the NRA’s intention that a contractor will be appointed in the near future.

The provision of a second junction serving Gort was not included in the current Compulsory Purchase Order or the Environmental Impact Assessment of the scheme, and is not included in the contract documents which are currently being tendered. It is considered that the provision of one junction at Gort as provided for in the scheme at present is adequate to serve Gort for the foreseeable future.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 33 – CLLR. M. FAHY 1805

The following reply was given:-

“The bridge has recently been inspected by the National Roads Authority and Galway County Council is currently awaiting receipt of the report. Future works at this location shall be considered in the context of this report.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 34 – CLLR. M. MAHER 1806

The following reply was given:-

“The matter of the finishing of this estate has been the subject of a number of inspections and notices by the Council to date. It is only in the last three weeks that the Council has received a written reply from the developer, on foot of a Warning Notice, who proposes to undertake an audit of the foul sewerage drains. The result of this audit will be helpful in determining the proposed course of action.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 35 – CLLR. M. MAHER

1807

The following reply was given:-

“The Loughrea Main Street reconstruction and enhancement project is currently nearing completion with only a small number of maintenance items outstanding. The Bus Bay and Taxi Rank on Station Road shall be considered on completion of the adjoining developments presently under construction.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 36 – CLLR. M. MAHER

1808

The following reply was given:-

“The Council plans to provide water from Loughrea Craughwell mains to Cloonoo within the next month.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 37 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1809

The following reply was given:-

“The Council has been in contact with the Builder of the above estate, and the ESB, in order to resolve issues regarding public lighting in this estate.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 38 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1810

The following reply was given:-

“This location shall be inspected and a full report shall issue in the near future.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 39 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1811

The following reply was given:-

“It is proposed to undertake road improvement works in Tynagh Village with funding allocated under the Specific Improvement Grant Scheme. These works shall commence between the Church and the Village and progress in a westerly direction through the Village.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 40 – CLLR. S. CANNEY

1812

The following reply was given:-

“A joint venture was recently undertaken by Galway County Council and the local Anglers group with the assistance of the Office of Public Works and Fisheries Board to clean up a section of the River Nanny. The work that has been done to date has enhanced this area of the town substantially. However, one section of river adjacent to Garvey’s Mills, located off Bridge Street, still needs to be cleaned. The Council’s Environment section will be providing funding to the Tuam West Area Office to assist in carrying out the necessary works”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 41 – COMH. S. O’TUAIRISG

1813

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl go ndéanfar an trasna coisithe i sráid bhaile an Spidéil i Mí Meán Fómhair/Deireadh Fómhair 2008.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 42 – COMH. S. O’TUAIRISG

1814

The following reply was given:-

“Is main liom a chur in iúl go bhfuil Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ag fanacht ar tuille airgeadú agus ní féidir é a dháileadh nó go críochar an cosán poblí ón Scanchéibh go dtí an Céibh Nua.

Mar sin, ní dóidh go dtosnóidh obair ar an cosán coisithe agus soilsí poiblí ar bhóthar Bhaile Ard go dtí 2009 nuair a bhéas tuille airgeadú ar fáil.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 43 – COMH. S. O’TUAIRISG

1815

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl gur déanadh oibreacha deisiúcháin ar an droichead seo. Ní dhéanfar an mór-obair ar droichead nua de bharr oibreacha éigeandáil a déanadh i gceantair eile sa Chontae. Déanadh oibreacha leathnúcháin agus ardaíodh acmhainn an droichead.

Déanfar machnamh ar an droichead seo a chur sa gClár i 2009.”

Criochnaigh an Cruinniu Ansin