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**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLMHE**

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY  
COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON  
MONDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2008**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:**

Cllr. P. Feeney

**ILATHAIR FRESIN:-**

**Baill:-**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S Canney, J. Conneely,  
D. Connolly, M. Connolly, Comh.  
O’Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M Fahy, M.  
Finnerty, M Carey, M Hoade, P Hynes,  
C Keaveney, S Kyne, M. Maher, T  
Mannion, J McDonagh, T McHugh, M.  
Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, Comh O  
Tuairisg, 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  
Services, M. Lavelle, M. Dolly, L. Gavin,  
Senior Engineers, G. Mullarkey, Head of  
Finance, B. Mc Dermott, County  
Secretary. A.Comer, Senior Executive  
Officer, M. O’Donnell, Admin. Officer,  
Mr. P. O’Neachtain, Oifigeach Gaeilge  
and R. O’Boyle, Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

**1933**

Liam Felton, Cloosh, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

John Keane, St. Joseph’s Road, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Denis Hackett, Woodpark, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Cllr. Harry Walsh, Kilmaine, Co. Mayo.

Judy Timmins & Family, 1 Fairgreen Heights, Tuam, Co. Galway

Muintir Uí Ghriofu, Caoran Mór , An Cheathrú Rua.

Kathleen Lowry & Family, O’Keefes Terrace, Old Road, Tuam, Co. Galway

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Ann Hussey & Family, Mc Hale Terrace, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

1934

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, and seconded by Cllr. Cuddy.

Arising from the Minutes, the following issues were raised:

In response to Comh. Ó Cuaigs enquiry regarding the delay with the Costelloe Regional Water Supply Scheme, Mr. Cullen replied stating that An Bord Pleanala had approved the Environmental Impact Statement submitted subject to conditions. The Council had sought a review of these conditions and a fee of €100,000 was requested by An Bord Pleanala. He further informed the Members that the Department had been formally written to regarding this fee and asked if it could be included as a legitimate cost of the Scheme.

In response to a query raised by Cllr. Regan in relation to the Turoe Stone, Cllr. D. Connolly confirmed that the Corporate & Cultural SPC had visited the site and indicated their support to retain the stone at its existing location which will be reflected in the respective minutes of the meeting.

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

1935

The Report of the Housing SPC Meeting held on the 16th October, 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. McHugh, and seconded by Cllr. Regan.

Arising from the Minutes.

Mr. Gilmore, in reply to a query raised by Cllr. Welby, confirmed that a Scheme of Priorities for Housing Grants and Older People Grants is to be considered by the Housing SPC at their meeting next week, before being brought to the full Council.

The Report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr D. Connolly, seconded by Mayor Feeney.

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Cllr. D. Connolly raised the issue of NOM money which he wished to use in the Ballinasloe Town Council Area.

On the proposal of Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Kyne, it was agreed to allow Cllr. Connolly use his Notice of Motion money in the Ballinasloe Town Council Area.

The Report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Canney, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly

### **DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF ROADS ACT 1993** **1936**

A report was already circulated to each Member

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

Road commencing at junction with National Road N6 in the townland of Oatfield and extending south for a distance of 415 metres in the townland of Pollatlugga and finishing at Sheila Treacy's house in the townland of Tooreenard.

**Electoral Area: Ballinasloe.**

### **DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF ROADS ACT 1993** **1937**

A report was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. Welby, seconded by Cllr. Kyne, the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedure having being complied with:-

Road commencing at junction with Regional Road R336 in the townland of Culliagh Beg and extending south for a distance of 180metres in the townland of Culliagh Beg and finishing at M. Keane's house in the townland of Culliagh Beg, Oughterard.

**Electoral Area: Conamara.**

### **DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF ROADS ACT 1993** **1938**

A report was already circulated to each Member

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

Road commencing at junction with Local Road L5324 in the townland of An Chorr and extending north for a distance of 120 metres in the townland of An Chorr and finishing at P.J. Leavy's house in the townland of An Chorr.

**Electoral Area: Conamara.**

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11  
OF ROADS ACT 1993** **1939**

A report was already circulated to each Member

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

Road commencing at junction with Local Road LS5381 in the townland of Leam West and extending north for a distance of 250 metres in the townland of Leam West and finishing at Tommy Little's house in the townland of Leam West.

**Electoral Area: Conamara.**

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – GALWAY DRINKING  
WATER REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAMME KILCONNELL WATER  
WORKS LA17/08** **1940**

Report dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2008 was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Finnerty, and agreed, that improvements works be carried out on the existing water treatment plant for the Kilconnell Water Supply Scheme under the Galway Drinking Water Remedial Action Programme

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – GALWAY DRINKING  
WATER REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAMME CARRAROE WATER  
WORKS LA18/08** **1941**

Report dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2008 was already circulated to each Member.

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It was proposed by Comh. O’Cuaig, seconded by Cllr. Welby, and agreed that the Galway Drinking Water Remedial Action Programme for Carraroe Water Works be approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – GALWAY DRINKING WATER REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAMME ROSMUC WATER WORKS LA19/08** 1942

Report dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2008 was already circulated to each Member

It was proposed by Cllr. O’Cuaig, seconded by Cllr. Welby, and agreed that the Galway Drinking Water Remedial Action Programme for Rosmuc Water Works be approved

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – GALWAY DRINKING WATER REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAMME PORTUMNA WATER WORKS LA20/08** 1943

Report dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2008 was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Regan, and agreed that the Galway Drinking Water Remedial Action Programme for Portumna Water Works be approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – GALWAY DRINKING WATER REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAMME INISHBOFFIN WATER WORKS LA21/08** 1944

Report dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2008 was already circulated to each Member

It was proposed by Cllr Kyne, seconded by Cllr. Canney, and agreed that the Galway Drinking Water Remedial Action Programme for Inishboffin Water Works be approved.

**APPROVAL TO BORROW €1,370,000 FROM THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY PLC TO FUND LAND PURCHASE FOR HOUSING CONSTRUCTION** 1945

Report dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2008 was already circulated to each Member.

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In response to queries raised by the Members Mr. Gilmore gave details of the amounts and the areas for funding.

Cllr Regan requested that in future where approval is requested for the borrowing of funding, a detailed report setting out the areas, and amounts of funding for each area, be furnished to the Members.

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh, approval was given to the borrowing of €1,370,000 from the Housing Finance Agency to fund Land Purchase for Housing Construction.

### **ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY** 1946

Report dated the 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. Keaveney that Cllr. Burke be nominated.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Reilly that Cllr. Joyce be nominated.

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

#### **For Cllr. Burke**

Cllrs W. Burke, S. Canney, M. Carey, P. Feeney, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, S. O Cuaig, M. Finnerty, T. Walsh, B. Willers. (14)

#### **For Cllr. Joyce**

Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, M. Meagher, T. Mannion, M Regan, S. Ó, T. Reilly, (7)

#### **Abstained**

D. Connolly (1)

The Mayor declared Cllr. Burke nominated for appointment to the Governing Authority of the National University of Ireland, Galway

### **TO CONSIDER DRAFT POLICY ON THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS TO FACILITATE MOTOR SPORT EVENTS** 1947

Cllr. Canney, Chairperson of the Strategic Policy Group presented the Policy as per report dated the 15th December, 2008.

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A discussion took place in relation to litter, damage and repair of roads, bonds and alternative routes

Cllr. Canney thanked the Members who contributed to the policy and also for debating the issues raised.

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Finnerty it was agreed to adopt the Policy on the Temporary Closing of Public Roads to facilitate Motor Sport Events.

### **MANAGERS BUSINESS**

**1948**

The Manager referred to the Bord Pleanala decision regarding Galway City Outer By-Pass. She informed the Members that the Council have sought a meeting with the NRA to discuss the progression of the portion of scheme that permission has been granted for, and also the proposal regarding the section not approved.

The Members expressed their concerns regarding the decision of An Bord Pleanala and debated the issue.

The Manager said the Council will not be in a position to answer any questions raised until after the Meeting with the NRA.

In regard to the N18 Oranmore to Gort proposal, Mr. Morgan informed the Members that official notification had been received from the NRA regarding the abandonment of this proposal.

Cllr. Keaveney enquired what the implications for the Tuam By-pass were.

Mr. Morgan said the NRA are looking at options and have not informed the Council in relation to this matter.

Cllr. Cuddy said he again wanted to highlight the deplorable state of the roads in the Lisheenkyne and Castleambert areas as a result of construction work on the M6. Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh, and agreed that Galway County Council would forward the following proposal to the NRA:-

“That Galway County demand that the NRA provide a Plan, a Timescale and a Budget for the restoration of the roads in our County that are being damaged severely by the construction of the New M6.

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That the New M6 not be opened until such time as these roads have been restored to an acceptable level.

Also, that the Director of Services addresses the serious safety issues raised at the Council meeting before a life is lost.”

Following discussions on the Status of the Tuam Inner Relief Road, the following was agreed.

On the proposal of Cllr. Canney seconded by Cllr. Reilly, it was agreed that Galway County Council write to the Minister for Transport as follow:-

“In view of Tuam’s Status as a Hub Town under the National Spatial Strategy, Galway County Council supports this status and request that the Department of Transport give priority consideration to providing the necessary funding to allow the construction of the Inner Relief Road which is a vital infrastructural component in the development of the Hub Town”

Following discussions on the safety of the N18 National Road from Kilcolgan to Ardrahan, the following was agreed:-

On the proposal of Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Regan, it was agreed that Galway County Council contact the NRA and “seek emergency funding to provide Hard Shoulders from Kilcolgan to Ardrahan on the N.18 National Primary Road. This matter is of great urgency for the safety of the people using this busy road.”

### **MAYORS BUSINESS**

**1949**

It was agreed to hold a Special Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 at 3.30 p.m. to discuss the County Manager’s Report on the submissions received on the County Development Plan and the accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment.

### **CONFERENCE**

**1950**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Mc Donagh, seconded by Cllr. Mannion, it was agreed that the attendance of the following members at the Conferences set out hereunder, the cost of each Conference having been circulated to each member:-

**“Effective Communication for Councillors – 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> December, 2008, Sligo.**

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Cllr. S. Canney, M. Maher, W. Burke,

**“Homeless in Ireland” – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2008, City West Hotel, Dublin.**

Cllr. P. Feeney, S. Kyne,

**“Clare Tourism Conference, 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November, Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare.**

Cllr. J. Joyce, J. Cuddy, M. Maher,

**LAMA Annual Winter Seminar – 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2008. TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar.**

Cllr. J. Cuddy, T. Mc Hugh, M. Maher, Comh. Ni Fhatharta, Cllr. T. Mannion, J. Mc Donagh, M. Mullins, W. Burke, C. Keaveney, S. Canney, B. Willers, M. Finnerty, S. Connaughton, M. Hoade.

**Ultimate Communications - All Island Public Consultation Conference, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2008, Croke Park.**

Cllr. W. Burke

**Business Improvement Districts Conference – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2008, Tullow, Co. Carlow.**

Cllr. W. Burke, S. Kyne,

**Fingal County Council, Green Infrastructure Conference – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> November, Malahide Co. Dublin.**

Cllr. W. Burke.

### NOTICE OF MOTIONS

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 17 – CLLR. B. WILLERS**

**1951**

*The following reply was given:-*

“A revised date for the launch of the road safety high visibility vests campaign shall be considered in the context of agreeing the 2009 work programme for the

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Road Safety Together Committee with a view to maximising the effectiveness of the campaign.”

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 18 – CLLR. B. WILLERS 1952**

*The following reply was given:-*

“The only funding available in the 2009 budget is for the maintenance of the existing public toilet in Gort.”

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 19 – CLLR. B. WILLERS 1953**

*The following reply was given:-*

“Galway County Council will apply for funding under the National Disability Strategy in 2009 and requests for funding are sought from the Engineering Areas. This location has previously been identified under disability audit as a location for the provision of a pedestrian crossing.”

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 20 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1954**

*The following reply was given:-*

“Tá na doiciméid conartha do Scéim Soláthar Uisce Réigiúnach Chasla curtha chuig an Roinn Comhshaoil. Nuair a fhaightear soiléiriú ar ábhair a bhaineann le pleanáil ón mBord Pleanála déanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe iarratas ar cheadú na ndoiciméid conartha mar a cuireadh chuig an RCORA.”

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1955**

*The following reply was given:-*

“Tá an mhéid iarrthóirí seo leanas ar Liosta Feithimh Tithíochta na Comhairle a léirigh gur i gceantair Chonamara atá a gcéad rogha ar thithíocht, de réir an tábla atá leis seo

#### Areas of Preference

##### Social Housing

Aran	13	Lettermullen	18
Carna	30	Moycullen	113
Carraroe	67	Oughterard	100
Clifden	70	Recess	0
Clonbur	9	Rosmuc	12
Inverin	22	Rossaveal	25

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Leenane	1	Roundstone	12
Letterfrack	51	Spiddal	33
Lettermore	26	Tully	9

**Total 611**

### **Rural:**

Bealadangan	1	Lettermore	6
Carna	5	Oughterard	1
Claddaghduff	2	Recess	1
Cleggan	1	Renvyle	1
Moycullen	1	Spiddal	1
Letterfrack	1		

**Total 21.”**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 22 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1956**

*The following reply was given:-*

“Tá Réamhthuirisc maidir le Scéim Séarachais An Spidéil curtha ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe chuig an Roinn Comhshaoil agus táimid ag fanacht lena gceadú a dhul ar aghaidh le réiteach doiciméid conartha.”

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 23 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 1957**

*The following reply was given:-*

“The resolution passed at the Council Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 in this regard has been forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture.”

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 24 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 1958**

*The following reply was given:-*

“The Council currently has a staff complement of 3 Housing Liaison Officers throughout the County, and there are no proposals within existing staffing limits to provide an additional Housing Liaison Officer for the Ballinasloe Electoral Area.”

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 25 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1959**

*The following reply was given:-*

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“Galway County Council will place chevrons on the ends of the parapet walls in question. They will be located on the Lackagh side of the Bridge only as there is no necessity on the Turloughmore approach to the Bridge. These works will be carried out in 2009 subject to available resources.”

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 26 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1960**

*The following reply was given:-*

“That Galway County Council have grass removed on edges of road and sprayed from Lackagh village to Turloughmore community centre.”

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 27 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1961**

*The following reply was given:-*

“The inspection of all signs throughout the County each Monday is not feasible having regard to available resources. However, vulnerable areas will be checked frequently in the course of routine maintenance.”

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 28 – CLLR. M. MULLINS 1962**

*The following reply was given:-*

“The resolution passed at the Council Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 in this regard has been forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture.”

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 29 – CLLR. M. MULLINS 1963**

*The following reply was given:-*

“The resolution passed at the Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008 in this regard has been forwarded to the Taoiseach and the Minister of Finance.”

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 30 – CLLR. M. MULLINS 1964**

*The following reply was given:-*

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“The Council cannot give a definite timescale for payment of grants to approved applicants for Disabled Persons Grants and Essential Repairs Grants. Once works are approved and completed, the Housing Department must confirm that the Contractor is appropriately certified, the Housing Engineer must inspect and approve the works for payment and the grant payment may then be processed subject to sufficient funding.”

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 31 – CLLR. P. HYNES**

**1965**

*The following reply was given:-*

“The Housing Unit will assess the requirement for public lighting at this location and following full assessment, will refer the matter to the ESB if applicable.”

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 32 – CLLR. P. HYNES**

**1966**

*The following reply was given:-*

“The Housing Unit will refer the issue of public lighting in Carraig Alainn to the ESB for repair.”

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 33 – CLLR. P. HYNES**

**1967**

*The following reply was given:-*

“It is not possible for the Council to install a footpath at this location at the current time as there is insufficient road width. When the adjoining site is being developed the road can be widened and the section of footpath infilled by the developer.”

### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO 34 – COMH S. O’TUAIRISG**

**1968**

*The following reply was given:-*

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl gur déanadh obair athchóirithe ar an mbóthar seo taréis na píopaí uisce á chur isteach. Chabhraigh an Deontas Bóithre do 2008 chun oibreacha uasghrádú a dhéanamh ar go leor píosaí den bóthar seo agus níl aon airgead fágtha i 2008. Níl an bóthar san áireamh sa gClár Oibreacha Athchóirithe Bóithre 2008 – 2010 do 2009. Tá fadhb mór draenáil le socrú ar píosa don bhóthar nach déanadh uasghrádú air.”

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**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 35 – COMH S. O’TUAIRISG**

**1969**

*The following reply was given:-*

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl gur déanadh obair athchóirithe ar an mbóthar seo taréis na píopaí uisce á chur isteach. Tá an bóthar se ar liosta sa gClár Oibreacha Athchóirithe Bóithre 2008-2010 do 2009.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 36 – COMH S. O’TUAIRISG**

**1970**

*The following reply was given:-*

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl go ndéanfar machnaigh ar an bóthar seo i gClár na Bóithre 2009 and ndéanfar é a mheas nuair a bhéas eolas againn ar an léibhéal airgeadú do 2009.”

**Criochnaigh an Cruinniu Ansin**