

CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY 23rd
JUNE, 2008.**

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cllr. P. Feeney

LLATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, M Carey, J. Conneely, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, Comh. O’Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M Fahy, M. Finnerty, M Hoade, P Hynes, J. Joyce, C. Keaveney, S Kyne, M. Maher, T Mannion, J. Mc Donagh, T McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, Comh. S. 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, F. Gilmore, F. Dawson, Directors of Service; G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance; M. Dolly, M. Lavelle, Senior Engineers; B. McDermott, County Secretary; A. Comer, C. Wallace, Senior Executive Officers; M. McGrath, Senior Staff Officer; P. O’Neachtain, Oifigeach Gaeilge; G. Healy, Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

1748

A resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:

Mary Heneghan, Rusheens, Cumber, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Tom Walsh, Cregg, Oughterard, Co. Galway.
Rita Meehan & Family, Kiltiernean, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

1749

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 26th May, 2008.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 26th May, 2008 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

Arising from the Minutes, the following issues were raised:

In response to a query by Cllr. Burke, Mr. Cullen confirmed that a schedule of the cryptosporidium risks scores which had recently been reviewed would be circulated to the Members and that this would be done as soon as possible. He advised the Members that it was important that the information was not misinterpreted as the scores themselves were merely intended to assist in prioritising the schemes where either catchment management measures or water treatment measures should be taken to reduce the risks.

Cllr. Cuddy asked if there was any progress on the Part 8 Planning Process regarding the Claregalway, Milltown and Craughwell Sewerage Schemes and the Manager stated that progress had been made and that an official from the National Parks & Wildlife Service is to come to Galway to meet with Council Officials next week in order to finalise discussions regarding the ecological issues which they had raised regarding the proposals.

Cllr. O’Cuaig asked for an update on the following:

Caisla Regional Water Supply Scheme,

Carna/Kilkieran Water Supply Scheme

Appointment of Consultants to the R336 - Bearna to Screeb Road via Ros a Mhil.

In relation to Caisla R.W.S.S, Mr. Cullen stated that An Bord Pleanála had approved the Environmental Impact Statement and it was expected that the Contract Documents would be submitted to the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government. by August, for approval.

In relation to Carna/Kilkieran Water Supply Scheme, Mr. Cullen stated that a Feasibility Study would be undertaken to examine further source options in relation to the supply of water for the Carna/Kilkieran Scheme.

He also stated that the Preliminary Report for Roundstone Water Supply Scheme had been approved and it was hoped that the contract for the pipework would commence shortly.

The Manager stated that with regard to the R336, the Bearna to Screeb Road, it was hoped that Consultants would be appointed within a few weeks to design this project.

In reply to Cllr. Mullins, Mr. Lavelle confirmed that no response had been received from the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government to the Council’s request for additional funding to complete works on the Kilconnell to Cappataggle Road.

In reply to Cllr. S. Walsh, Mr. Cullen stated that the site acquisition process for the Oughterard Sewerage Scheme had not yet been completed. He also stated that the

Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government had asked the Council to make certain amendments to the Brief for the Appointment of Consultants for the scheme and that it was hoped that the revised Brief would be submitted to the Department for approval by August.

In reply to Cllr. Canney, Mr. Cullen stated that the recommended tender regarding the Tuam Town Water Supply Scheme would be forwarded to the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government shortly for approval.

Cllr. Reilly thanked the Council officials involved in arranging the taxi rank at Tuam, on behalf of the taxi drivers.

In reply to Cllr. T. Walsh, Mr. Cullen stated that Consultants had been appointed to prepare Contract Documents for the Glenamaddy Sewerage Scheme and these would be forwarded to the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government as soon as possible for approval.

Cllr. Finnerty stated that he wished to correct the Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 26th May, 2008 where he said that the Esker Riada was being destroyed not eroded.

Cllr. McDonagh stated that he wished to remind the Members that applications for the LAMA Awards should be completed and sent to LAMA. as soon as possible.

Cllr. D. Connolly stated that he wished to correct the Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 26th May, 2008 which recorded him as being present. However, he stated that he was absent from that Meeting.

Cllr. Willers stated that at that Meeting also, she had said that the Housing Section lady officials should be consulted regarding the design of Council houses and she asked that this suggestion be taken on board by the Council.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION 1750

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 29th April 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Regan and seconded by Cllr. Maher.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee & Loughrea Town Council Meeting held on 29th April 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Maher and seconded by Cllr. Regan.

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF ROADS ACT 1993 **1751**

On the proposal of Cllr. Conneely, seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh, 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 Regional Road R341 in the townland of Toombeola and extending south as appropriate for a distance of 340 metres in the townland of Toombeola and finishing at the gate entrance to Toombeola graveyard in the townland of Toombeola.

Electoral Area: Conamara

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Tuairisg, seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh, 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 County Road L-5321 in the townland of Baile Dhúlocha and extending east as appropriate for a distance of 280 metres in the townland of Baile Dhúlocha and finishing at Sean Casey's house in the townland of Baile Dhúlocha.

Electoral Area: Conamara

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ABANDON PUBLIC ROAD – SECTION 12 OF
ROADS ACT 1993** **1752**

Report dated 16th June, 2008 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Kyne, seconded by Cllr. Welby, it was agreed that the following public road be abandoned by the Council:

A 435 metre long section of the original route of the N59 Galway Maigh Cuilinn road in the townland of An tÁth Buí (T. Bearna) and An tÁth Buí (T. Maigh Cuilinn)

Cllr. Kyne stated that there was an illegal encampment at this location which posed a health and safety risk. He also stated that some horses belonging to the people encamped there were being tied to poles and complaints had been received from passers by who had concerns regarding the welfare of these animals. He stated that the families concerned had moved out from Galway City and that the City Council should make efforts to sort out this problem. He asked Mr. Gilmore, Director of Housing Services, for his comments on the situation and Mr. Gilmore stated that once the procedure for the Abandonment of the Road had been completed, action could be taken by the Council with the assistance of the Gardaí under the Housing Acts in order to remove the encampment off this road. He also stated that he was meeting with officials of the City Council the following week and he agreed to inform the Conamara Area Members of the outcome of his discussions with them regarding this matter.

**NOMINATION OF CHAIR OF THE ROADS & TRANSPORTATION
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE** **1753**

Report dated 17th June, 2008 was already circulated to each Member.

Cllr. McDonagh proposed Cllr. Canney as Chairperson of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee, and this was seconded by Cllr. Mullins, and agreed.

DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2008

1754

The Mayor invited Mr Ridge to present the Draft Development Contribution Scheme. Mr Ridge referred to three documents circulated to the Members:

- An introductory letter,
- An explanatory memorandum which sets out the background calculations to the scheme and includes information on the procedure for preparing a contribution and details of the various projects that have been taken into account in the preparation of the background data for the scheme.
- Draft Development Contribution Scheme which updates the existing 2004 scheme.

He stated that he was seeking the approval of the Members to put the Draft Development Contribution Scheme on public display for 6 weeks to give the public an opportunity to make submissions. He explained that when the public consultation period was completed, the Manager's Report on the submissions/observation received would be prepared and submitted to the Members for their consideration and to make any changes they considered necessary.

He explained that the changes to the scheme were not substantial, the contributions included in the 2004 scheme for Sewerage, Water and Recreation & Amenity facilities were adjusted upwards in accordance with the rate of inflation over the past four years. He added that the scheme has been expanded to include provision for the payment of a roads and transportation charge, which will allow the Council to draw down national funds for important projects in the county.

Included in this is a € 2,000 per car space equivalent per house, a car space equivalent being the number of cars that a development would generate.

He also added that the development contribution scheme of €100,000 per acre of development land for Recreation and Amenities for the development of five or more houses prepared for the Oranmore Local Area Plan is included into the general county development contribution scheme but still remains applicable to the Oranmore area only. The Oranmore Scheme would no longer exist if adopted in the new County Development Contribution Scheme.

He also added that the roads, footpaths and transportation charge had been included in the industrial commercial and other developments at a rate of €30 per m² on Sub area 1 and €25 per m² in Sub area 2 and €20 per m² in Sub area 3. He stated that this was equivalent to the charge that was being levied in Athenry and Bearna.

Cllr McHugh queried if it was the case that if Local authorities did not have a certain amount of funding available that National funding would not be forthcoming for projects

He also referred to sub-area 2 and stated that the total development contribution charge for a single house was now €10,200.

He acknowledged that the Local Authority was struggling financially but added that the new charges in this scheme was not the way to acquire funding,

He proposed that the scheme be rejected as it was imposing taxes on young people in the 20-30 year old age bracket.

Mr Ridge stated that none of monies collected through the development contribution schemes were used to fund the running of the organisation; he added that it was specifically used for capital projects, the details of which were in the Explanatory Memorandum Draft Scheme Document.

He also stated that the benefit to each individual was estimated at €30,914

Cllr Cuddy stated that he understood that funding was required for roads projects but added that the proposed development contribution scheme was not acceptable.

He queried as to why the water and sewerage charges were not standard across the county and added that he did not agree with the roads, footpaths and transportation charge being referred to as 'car park space equivalent'

Cllr Cuddy also inquired as to the amount collected under the Development Contribution Scheme for Oranmore.

Mr Ridge explained that the charges are based on the benefits people are getting. Charges in the weaker parts of the county have been reduced so as to make these areas more attractive for people to develop projects.

Mr Ridge explained that in relation to monies collected from the Oranmore Scheme a significant benefit would be seen over time.

Cllr Kyne referred to 'Distribution of Development' page 6 of the Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2008. He added that Moycullen had not received anything from Development Contributions monies and made particular reference to the lack of basketball facilities in Moycullen.

Mr Ridge explained that the weaker parts of the county were benefiting from the charges collected from other parts of the county and added that Moycullen had secured some benefits such as a waste water treatment plant and a children's playground.

Cllr Finnerty stated that there had been a 20% reduction in planning applications, twice the national average and queried if this reduction had been accounted for in the calculations of Draft Development Contribution Scheme.

Mr Ridge stated that the projected number of houses to be built over the period of the scheme was used and this projection was based on the housing strategy.

Cllr Canney asked if agreement was not reached on the Contribution Scheme where does the Council stand as regards drawing down National Funding. Mr Ridge stated that he did not know what the situation for the Council would be if local funding was not available to match that from Central Government but added that it would greatly enhance the Council position if local funding was available.

Cllr S. Walsh stated that he did not agree with Roads, Footpaths and Transportation Charge/€2,000 per car space equivalent for the one off rural house. He understood that the development contributions were for the provision of services but added that the charge of € 5700 in Sub area 3 was too much

Mr Ridge stated that there was no charge for services that were not available.

Cllr. Burke asked if there was a formal instruction from the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government to all Local authorities on the amount of Development Contributions to be collected and added that Galway and the West of Ireland would be at a disadvantage due to the higher amount of development taking place in the east of the country.

Comh O'Cuaig stated that it was unfair loading all of the development contributions on young couples.

Cllr Joyce stated that he was not in favour of introducing a charge for roads, he added that a small percent of the population of the county would be funding a very important aspect of the Council's expenditure, roads and footpaths a service that would benefit everyone and added that these were people struggling economically and financially.

Cllr Carey stated that it was not a good time to introduce a charge for roads footpaths and transportation and added that it should have been introduced during the economic boom. He added that it was a tax on young people.

Cllr Keaveney also enquired as to what the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government are specifically requesting in relation to Development Contribution Scheme and how it affects drawing down of National Funds for important projects for the county.

Cllr Hoade asked if Development Contributions from other neighbouring local authorities were examined.

She also stated that the carparking in sub-area 1 of € 2,000 per car space equivalent was too high for the one-off house.

She also stated that the € 100,000 per 0.404 hectares (1 acre) of development site for "Oranmore Area only" should read "Oranmore Plan Area only"

Cllr Mannion stated that if the one off rural house is providing car-parking spaces then carparking charges should not therefore apply. He also added that the cost of infrastructure was being placed on those that can least afford it and stated that it was not related to the ability of people to pay. He also stated that development contributions should vary in relation to the size of the dwellinghouse.

Cllr Regan referred to the availability of funding to maintain existing infrastructure. He also referred to the possibility of placing a smaller charge on all dwellings in the County annually.

Cllr Welby suggested changing the term "car space equivalent". He added also that paying development contributions per square metre of dwelling would be more equitable.

He also added that development such as wind turbines should not be subjected to the same charges as mobile masts.

Mr Ridge stated that the Council can only charge for the service that it provides.

Mr Ridge explained that there were no guarantees as regards Government funding but added that if funding could be matched locally it would leave the Council in a better position for drawing down funds from Central Government.

Mr Ridge agreed to examine the term, car space equivalent and explained that it is based on the number of cars a particular development will put on the road.

He also emphasised that the development contribution paid by an applicant is only a proportion of the benefit that they will get from the service provided.

He also stressed that all the monies collected through the Development Contributions Scheme would be used to fund Capital Works. The maintenance of existing roads was not funded from Capital monies.

He stated that it would be difficult to get full agreement on this scheme but suggested putting it on public display and to consider the scheme after the public display period together with the submissions/observations received.

He added that he would examine the possibility of charging per metre square of dwelling house.

Mr Ridge also outlined the development charges set by other Local Authorities for example; Kerry County Council was charging €13,000 per dwelling.

Cllr Hynes stated that he did not support the draft Development Contribution Scheme being put forward.

Cllr S Walsh stated that the scheme was unfair as it was placing charges on such a small base of people at the most demanding time of their lives, for the benefit of everyone.

Mr Ridge explained that the scheme only charged new development for the portion of any service that they used, so new development did not subsidise existing development.

Cllr M. Connolly stated that he was opposed to the charge for roads, footpaths and transportation and added that the development contribution charges should vary in accordance with different types developments.

The Manager stated that the Roads, Footpaths and Transportation Charge was introduced in an effort to pay for major capital works. She added that it was the only option available to the Council, otherwise funding would be from the Revenue Budget and based on what the commercial sector can be charged.

Mr Ridge stated that the 2004 Development Contribution Scheme, adjusted to allow for inflation plus the addition of a Roads Footpaths and Transportation charge was not unreasonable for the 2008 Development Contribution Scheme.

Cllr S Walsh proposed that there would not be a Roads Footpaths and Transportation Charge outside the villages in Sub Area 3. This was seconded by Cllr .Reilly.

On the proposal of Cllr Welby and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to amend the Draft Development Contribution Scheme as follows:

In Sub Area 1 the Roads, Footpaths and Transportation charge is proposed as €10 per m² for houses up to 200m² or €15 per m² for houses over 200m², in Sub Area 2 the Roads, Footpaths and Transportation charge is proposed as €7.50 per m² for houses up to 200m² or €15 per m² for houses over 200m² and in Sub Area 3 the Roads, Footpaths and Transportation charge is proposed as €5.10 per m² for houses up to 200m² or €15 per m² for houses over 200m²

It was proposed by Cllr Canney and seconded by Cllr Finnerty to put the Draft Development Contribution Scheme as amended by Cllr Welby on public display.

Cllr McHugh rejected Cllr Canney's proposal to put the amended Development Contribution Scheme on public display.

A vote was taken on Cllr. Canney's proposal and the result of the vote was as follows:

AR SON: Cllr Burke, Cllr Canney, Cllr. Carey, Cllr. Conneely Cllr D Connolly, Cllr Cuddy, Cllr Feeney, Cllr Hoade, Cllr Hynes, Cllr Maher, Cllr.Finnerty, Cllr Welby, Cllr. Willers (13)

IN AGHAIDH: Cllr. M.Connolly, Cllr Joyce, Cllr Mannion Cllr McHugh Comh. Ní Fhatharta, Comh O'Cuaig, Comh O'Tuairisg. Cllr Regan Cllr Reilly, Cllr S. Walsh, Cllr T.Walsh (11)

Gan Votáil: (0)

The Mayor declared Cllr Canney's proposal carried.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

1755

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Mannion, it was agreed that the Standing Orders of the Council be suspended so that the Meeting could continue after 6 p.m.

MANAGERS BUSINESS

1756

The County Secretary reminded the Members that there were still some places available for the Seminar to be held on 7th July, 2008 in Limerick regarding the Green Paper on Local Government Reform.

Mr. Ridge confirmed that the Draft County Development Plan would be on the Agenda for the July Meeting and he informed the Members that a Workshop had been arranged for the Members at the Claregalway Hotel on Wednesday 2nd July 2008, to open the debate on the Draft County Development Plan 2009-2015. He stated that among the items to be discussed are the Strategic Environment Assessment and its implications, the County Spatial Strategy and County Settlement Strategy and Ardaun Strategic Development Concepts.

MAYORS BUSINESS

1757

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Mannion, it was agreed that the July Monthly Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 21st July, 2008 at 2.30 p.m.

It was pointed out that an item regarding the Bridge at Leenane which needs to be put before the Council in July may not be ready for the Meeting of the 21st July and that a further Special Meeting may be required for this item the following week. This will be decided at the meeting on July 21st.

Cllr. Hoade asked if the Draft Byelaws for Beaches and Personal Watercraft would be on the Agenda for the July Meeting and the County Secretary stated that they would not be on the Agenda for the July Meeting. Cllr. Hoade also stated that concern had been expressed regarding the practice of some people of bringing their horses down to piers in the Oranmore Electoral Area and washing the animals there. She asked if the Council would make provision in the Draft Bye-Laws to prohibit same. The Manager stated that this issue would be checked out and the Members informed.

Cllr. Carey asked if the Council could confirm which piers in the County were private and which public and the Manager stated that the Members would be given this information as soon as possible.

Cllr. Joyce proposed the following Motion be passed by the Council and be forwarded to Minister Éamon Ó Cuiv and Táiniste Mary Coughlan.

“In view of the increasing numbers coming on the Live Register of Unemployed, particularly from the construction sector, Galway County Council calls on the Government to make the following decision:

- (a) People over 60 years who are on the C.E. or R.S.S. Schemes should be allowed to remain on the schemes until they reach their 66th birthday.
- (b) That the number of places on both schemes be increased to a realistic figure to take account of the increased numbers of unemployed people in the country.”

This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Mannion, and agreed.

In reply to Cllr. Cuddy’s query regarding the speed limit revision, Mr. Dolly stated that recommendations had been received from the Areas and the matter was being processed. He said that the proposed speed limits for National Roads would have to be sent to the National Roads Authority and that all of the proposed speed limits would have to be forwarded to the Gardaí for examination. He also stated that he would report back to the Members within two months regarding progress on same.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 10 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1758

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl gur cuireadh airgead ar fáil ón Fógra Rúnda níos tuisce sa mbliain don suíomh seo agus beidh bacainn á chur isteach ag bealach isteach go dtí na scoile, marcanna bóthair pictiúr á inseallbhú agus líneáil ar an dá thaobh den bóthair. Tá súil go mbeidh na hoibreacha críochnaithe faoi cheann cúpla seachtain.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 11– COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1759

The following reply was given:-

“Tá na h-innealtóirí comhairleacha ag cuir tuarascáil le chéile faoi láthair a thaispeánfaidh an tionchar a bheidh ag an ráiteas tionchar timpeallachta ar an scéim uisce thuasluaite ar fhaitíos go mbeadh costais breise i gceist agus tá muid ag súil le freagra roimh 31 Iúil 2008.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 12 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1760

The following reply was given:-

“Scrúdaigh Innealtóir Tithíochta an áitreabh seo ar an 23 Meitheamh 2008, agus ag leanacht don scrúdú seo cuirfear deisiúcháin riachtanacha i gcrích ar tíle dín agus déanfaidh Criú Cothabhála tuilleadh scrúdaithe ar thaise agus an fáth leis.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 13– CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

1761

The following reply was given:-

“This road was recently surface dressed following the laying of a watermain, however, as the road is not included in the Council’s 2008 – 2010 Multi Annual Road Works Restoration Programme as approved by Council in 2007, it is not intended to undertake additional works on the road in the absence of an alternative source of funding. Routine maintenance will continue to be undertaken as necessary within the limits of available resources.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 14– CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

1762

The following reply was given:-

“The road has been included in the work schedule and accordingly any necessary maintenance works will be undertaken in the near future.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 15 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

1763

The following reply was given:-

“It is intended to undertake works on the Bullaun Road during 2008. It is currently envisaged, taking into consideration the current work programme, that the necessary works will be completed during September.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 16 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1764

The following reply was given:-

“Keighrey’s Lough is part of the Dunkellin-Agard Drainage District. The overall responsibility of the District and river systems within, lies with the OPW (Office of Public Works). Galway County Council will seek clarification from the OPW of its intention to undertake works at Keighrey Lough and indicate the urgency of same. Galway County Council undertakes maintenance work of drains with a limited annual allocation from the OPW of 2000 euros for the Dunkellin-Agard Drainage District. The proposal presented would not be suitable under this maintenance budget.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 17 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1765

The following reply was given:-

“It is not proposed to change the relevant period for the Enurement Clauses below that currently in place in the County Development Plan which is also in compliance with

the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines 2005.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 18 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1766

The following reply was given:-

“It is necessary to prioritise available funding for footpaths to address in the first instance defects in existing footpaths and thereafter consider the provision of new footpaths. Works are determined on a priority basis taking into consideration the findings of the Roads and Streets Access Audit undertaken for County Galway Local Authorities under the Disability Act 2005 in 2006. Accordingly, taking into consideration the current competing demands for available funding there are no plans at present to provide a footpath at this location.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 19 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1767

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council has not received a written application from either the developer or the residents to have this estate taken in charge. On receipt of a valid written application the matter will be processed in the normal manner. The relevant application form can be downloaded from the Council’s website or sent out as appropriate.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 20 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1768

The following reply was given:-

“An estimate has been sought from the ESB for the provision of additional public lighting at this location and a full report will issue on the matter following receipt of the relevant estimate.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1769

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council has repaired the range at No. 34 St. Laurences Fields for Mr. Michael Broderick and the range is now in proper working order.”

Criochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin.