

Following discussion the Development Programme was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Finnegan, seconded by Cllr. Tully.

3. Library Association of Ireland Annual Conference

The Conference is being held in Wexford from 28th April - 1st May, 1998.

There were three nominations

**Cllr. Tiarnan Walsh**, proposed by Mr. F. Donohue, seconded by Mr. P. Geraghty

**Cllr. Michael Fahy**, proposed by Cllr. K. Quinn, seconded by Mr. P. Geraghty

**Mr. Frank Donohue**, proposed by Mrs. M. Counihan, seconded by Mr. S. Tully.

Cllr. Fahy proposed that Cllr. Matt Loughnane be nominated as a substitute delegate.

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Cllr. K. Quinn welcomed Mrs. Bernadette Ganly who has been appointed Branch Librarian in the new Glenamaddy Library. She also paid tribute to Mrs. Kathleen Geraghty who retired from the post. The Chairman invited all the members to attend the official opening of the Glenamaddy Library at 6.30p.m.

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3rd November, 1998.

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A meeting of the Galway County Libraries Committee will be held at the Branch Library Tuam, on Tuesday, 17th November, 1998, at 4.00 p.m.

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1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. Progress Report on Library Service.
3. Estimate of Expenditure for County Library Service, 1999.
4. Any other business.

To each member of the Committee.  
To the County Manager.  
To the Assistant County Managers.  
To the County Secretary.  
To the City Manager.  
To the editors of local newspapers.

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Report of the meeting of Galway County Libraries Committee held in Tuam Branch Library on Tuesday, 17th November, 1998, at 4.00 p.m.

IN CHAIR:- Cllr. Tiarnan Walsh.PRESENT:- Cllrs. Michael Fahy, Patrick Finnegan, Kathleen Quinn, Evelyn Varley, Tiarnan Walsh; Messrs. Frank Donoghue, Patsy Geraghty, Paddy Grealish, Justin Mitchell, Patrick Pettit; Mrs. Margaret Counihan; Mrs. Maureen Egan and Revd. Dr. Robert B. McCarthy.IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. Donal O'Donoghue, County Manager; Mr. John Tierney, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Pat McMahon, County Librarian; Ms. Maureen Moran and Mrs. Bernie Kelly, Executive Librarians; Messrs. Peter Rabbitt, Martin Keating and John Fitzgibbon, Assistant Librarians.

The Chairman welcomed the members to Tuam Branch Library.

The County Librarian gave a brief introduction to Tuam Library. In 1991 the Library moved from the Town Hall to this refurbished Bank of Ireland Building. There are three staff:- Ms. Petrina Mee, Ms. Sheila Roche and Mrs. Frances Murphy who run a very efficient Library Service. Nine hundred adults and one thousand, nine hundred children are registered members of the Library. The Exhibition Room where you can see a wonderful exhibition of childrens art is used extensively by local and national artists.

The County Librarian welcomed Steffi and Sonya, two Library students from Stuttgart who are on work experience with Galway County Libraries.

1. Minutes of previous meeting:-

The minutes were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Kathleen Quinn and seconded by Mr. P. Geraghty.

2. Progress Report:-

The County Librarian gave a presentation on the social impact of Libraries and the potential for Libraries to serve as the local, creative, learning and information space.

The Executive Librarian presented the Progress Report outlining the developments and activities that took place throughout the Library Service from May to October 1999.

The Chairman thanked the Staff of Galway County Libraries for their efforts and hard work in promoting and developing the Library Service throughout the County.

### 3. Estimates:-

The County Librarian highlighted a number of developments provided for in the estimates. The projects in Oranmore, Loughrea and Carraroe will commence in 1999.

The bookfund will be increased by £20,000.

Cllr. Kathleen Quinn asked about a new branch for Mountbellew. The Assistant Manager replied that Westside and Mountbellew were next on the agenda of the Development Plan. It is envisaged that the national allocation for Capital Projects will increase and Galway will be in a position to avail of this.

The Galway City Library and Headquarters are leased at expensive rents. Space has been allocated at the new County Council building for a major Library development.

The Estimates were proposed by Mr. Frank Donoghue and seconded by Cllr. Michael Fahey.

### Any other business:-

The Chairman said that this may be the last meeting of the Galway County Libraries Committee. The new County Council structures that are being put in place will replace existing committees. A discussion took place on whether the Library Committee should be retained. The Chairman said he had discussed the issue with the Manager and thanked him for his interest. The Assistant Manager suggested that it could be recommended to the SPC's that the Library Advisory Committee be retained. The Manager said that Industrial Relations regarding staffing structures were taking longer than expected and that another meeting of the Committee would probably take place in March.

The Chairman thanked the Manager, Assistant Manager and the members. He also thanked the County Librarian and staff and said it was a privilege and honour to serve as Chairman of the Libraries Committee. A number of members reiterated the Chairman's remarks.

The County Manager thanked the Chairman and members for their contribution and advice to Library Staff.