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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL,
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY,
29TH APRIL, 1968

In the Chair: Senator Mark Killilea.

Also Present:

Members: Cllrs. Burke, Byrne, Callanan, Clarke, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cllrs. Croffy, Cunningham, John Donnellan (Moycullen), Deputy John Donnellan (Dunmore), Cllrs. Pat Donnellan, Fahy, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Cllrs. Glynn, Haverty, Holland, Hussey, Joyce, King, Deputy Kitt, Cllrs. Lambert, Mannion, Melvin, Deputy Molloy, Cllrs. Raftery, Ridge and Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, M. J. Dunne, Acting County Engineer and M. S. O'Maolruanaidhe, Acting County Secretary.

533 - MINUTES: The Minutes of previous meeting to 532 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

534 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: It was noted that Malicious Damage Claims as listed at (2) (a) to (f) on the Agenda had been received.

535 - CREATION OF OFFICE OF ASSISTANT MATRON, ST. BRENDAN'S HOME, LOUGHREA:

The Assistant County Manager's report regarding the creation of this office, dated the 29th March, 1968, having been circulated to the members, was submitted.

On the proposition of Cllr. Melvin and seconded by Cllr. Hussey, the Council approved the creation of the office of Assistant Matron, St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, Co. Galway, with salary at the rate of £930 x £36 - £1110 per annum, plus 10th round increase but with a deduction for emoluments provided.

The County Manager advised Cllr. Croffy that the post would be open to religious and lay personnel.

The County Manager promised Cllr. Callanan that he would forward him a list of the duties of Matron.

536 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICES OF CLERK/TYPISTS:

On the proposition of Cllr. Croffy and seconded by Cllr. Collins, the Council approved the creation of three additional offices of Clerk/Typists.

The County Manager stated that there were two vacancies in the Planning Section and one attached to the County Development Team.

537 - REVISION OF WAGES OF SEMI-SKILLED WORKERS:

On the proposition of Deputy Coogan and seconded by Cllr. Burke, the Council approved the terms of the phased agreement of the Construction Industry Joint Industrial Council operative from the 7th November, 1967, for building workers employed by the Council.

538 - REMUNERATION OF RATE COLLECTORS: On the proposition of Cllr. Melvin and seconded by Deputy Molloy, the Council approved as from 1st April, 1967, payment of personal salaries

as follows:-

- (a) to the Rate Collectors for Districts Nos. 5, 6, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 22, 25, 32, 33, 34 equal to the amount of poundage paid to them in respect of the financial year ended 31st March, 1967,
- (b) to the Rate Collector for District No. 31 equal to the annual average amount of poundage paid to him in respect of the three financial years ended 31st March, 1967.

539 - REVISION OF SALARIES OF STAFF OFFICERS AND ANALOGOUS GRADES:

On the proposition of Deputy Molloy and seconded by Deputy Kitt, the Council approved payment of the following salaries to Staff Officers and analogous grades from the 1st April, 1967, viz:-

£1,200 x £50 - £1,300 x £102 - £1,402 x £50 - £1,652 per annum

540 - NON-NURSING PERSONNEL - DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS: On the proposition of Deputy Molloy and seconded by Deputy Kitt, the Council approved the following revised wages:-

(a) Female Attendants in District Institutions, viz:-

- £7. 15. 0. per week from the 1st December, 1967.
- £8. 0. 0. per week from the 1st April, 1968.
- £8. 5. 0. per week from the 1st April, 1969.
- £8. 11. 3. per week from the 1st April, 1970.

(b) GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL STAFF:-

- (1) Porters - £10. 12. 0. per week from 1/12/67
£10. 16. 0. " " " 1/4/68.
- (2) Boilerman - £12. 6. 0. " " " 1/12/67
- (3) Boilermen/
Groundsmen - £10. 14. 9. " " " 1/12/67
£10. 16. 0. " " " 1/4/68
- (4) Groundsman - £10. 12. 0. " " " 1/12/67
£10. 16. 0. " " " 1/4/68
- (5) Seamstress - £8. 6. 3. " " " 1/12/67
£8. 11. 3. " " " 1/4/68
- (6) Gardener - £11. 14. 3. " " " 1/12/67
- (7) Grounds and
Premises - £12. 6. 6. " " " 1/12/67
Supervisor
- (8) Male Cleaners - £10. 12. 0. " " " 1/12/67
£10. 16. 0. " " " 1/4/68

541 - NURSING STAFF - PAYMENT FOR NIGHT DUTY: On the proposition of Deputy Coogan and seconded by Clr. Burke, the Council approved payment to Nursing Staff employed in District Institutions, of 35/- per week for 42½ hour week in respect of night duty in addition to their normal salaries.

542 - ROAD WORKERS' WAGES: The County Manager advised Clr. Burke that Road Workers' wages were the subject of negotiations at present.

543 - LOAN £4,200 - OUGHTERARD WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION TO PORTACARRON AREA:

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Mannion and

resolved:-

"That the Galway County Council hereby approves the raising of a loan of £4,200 from the National Bank of Ireland Limited, or such other source and over such a period of years as the Minister for Local Government may approve with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council, to finance an extension of the Oughterard Water Supply Scheme to the Portacarron area.

544 - GALWAY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS - LOAN £70,000 - GALWAY HARBOUR:

Letter dated 3rd April, 1968, from the Chief State Solicitor, Dublin Castle, Dublin, reference A/W/OPW, was submitted, together with an engrossed Deed of Mortgage for execution by the County Council.

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy and seconded by Clr. Holland and resolved:-

"That our corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £70,000 proposed to be advanced by them to the Galway Harbour Commissioners under the Harbours' Acts, 1946-47."

The Deed of Mortgage was then sealed with the Seal of the Council.

545 - MERLIN PARK BRIDGE: Letter dated 29th March, 1968, reference R.7/6/24, from the Department of Local Government, was submitted. It stated that the revised estimated cost of the bridge and the road works, including cost of providing a vertical sight distance of 800 feet throughout was £64,000 and that a revised special road fund grant of £48,000, i.e. 75% thereof was accordingly allocated, subject to the usual conditions.

On the proposition of Clr. Melvin and seconded by Deputy Molloy, the Council decided to proceed with the provision of the new Merlin Park bridge and approach roads, the Council's contribution of £16,000 to be raised out of revenue over a three year period.

546 - BRIDGES - MISCELLANEOUS:

Deputy Geoghegan proposed and Deputy Coogan seconded that all bridge works in the county in future be financed in a similar manner and the Chairman said that each case would have to be dealt with separately, and on its merits.

547 - CURRAGH-LINE BRIDGE: The County Manager advised Deputy Molloy that he would submit a report to the next meeting of the Council concerning the Curragh-Line Bridge.

548 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS: On the proposition of Clr. Melvin and seconded by Clr. Burke, the Council declared the following roads to be public roads:-

AREA	FROM	TO	LENGTH L. YDS.	
Oughterard	Co. Rd. 68	Ballinahown	Bantrach Burial Ground	1936
Athenry	Main Rd. 410	Gorteen	Towards Connor's	800
Mountbellew	Co. Rd. 277		J. Hegarty's	250
Tuam	Co. Road 132		J. Naughton's,	1800
			Ballycasey	
Portumna	Co. Road 565		Co. Road 563	440
Galway	Co. Road 137		Drumgriffin	400

- 549 - AUDITOR'S REPORT - TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS: The Auditor's Report for the two years ended 31st March, 1967, was submitted and noted.
- 550 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: Letter dated 29th March, 1968, from the County Councils' General Council was submitted, stating that Galway Council's resolution, requesting to have portion of the money now being spent on main roads diverted to County Roads had been passed unanimously by the General Council and forwarded to the Department of Local Government for the Minister's consideration.
- 551 - CASTLEBLAKENEY GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: Deputy Kitt proposed and Clr. Collins seconded that in connection with the Group Water Supply Scheme for Castleblakeney area, which is at present being planned, that the Council would lay that portion of the Scheme which would be ultimately part of the Castleblakeney Regional Scheme and this was agreed to.
- 552 - CALTRA/CASTLEBLAKENEY REFUSE COLLECTION: Deputy Kitt proposed that the villages of Caltra and Castleblakeney be put on the list for refuse collection and disposal.

The County Manager stated that when the proposed new refuse collecting vehicles were purchased later in the year, it was intended that Caltra and Castleblakeney would be included in the itinerary for refuse collection.

- 553 - WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION TO ORANBEG AND GLENASCAUL:
- The County Manager informed Clr. Fahy that these were both Group Water Supply Schemes and the question was primarily one between the Department of Local Government and the promoters.
- 554 - ORANMORE TOWN LIGHTING: The County Manager told Clr. Fahy that consideration was being given to the provision of two additional lights on the Galway Road at Oranmore in the next financial year.
- 555 - DUBLIN ROAD, ORANMORE - FOOTPATHS: The County Manager in reply to Clr. Fahy said that the footpath had been extended to the Dispensary and further extensions were not contemplated at present.
- 556 - IRISH LAND COMMISSION - BUILDING MATERIALS: Clr. Burke proposed that the Galway County Council request the Irish Land Commission to secure all materials for buildings within the province and this was agreed to.
- 557 - WATER RENTS: Clr. Ryan asked the County Manager the reason for issuing circulars to farmers stating that the water rent is 10/- per cow instead of stating that a £1 per byre was originally fixed.

The County Manager confirmed that the maximum charge for any one byre was £1.

- 558 - DANGEROUS BEND NEAR JOHN MADDEN'S SHOP, LERHIN, CLONBERNE:
- Clr. Ryan asked the County Engineer what he could do to make safe a dangerous bend near Mr. John Madden's shop, Lerhin, Clonberne, where a number of accidents have occurred.
- The County Manager stated that these bends would be attended to in order of urgency and that the worst one would be done this year.
- 559 - ROAD AT MOYLOUGHBEG: Clr. Ryan asked the County Manager to have County Road at Moyloughbeg leading from Moylough to Horseleap, main road to Horseleap/Kilkerrin main road, black topped in the coming year.

The County Manager stated that a proposal for surfacing this stretch was included under County Road Grant for the

- present year - Scheme G.C.G.2.
- 560 - REPUBLICAN MEMORIAL SITE- ST. MARY'S HOME, TUAM: Clr. Glynn proposed that provision be made in any development plans for St. Mary's Home, Tuam, to protect and leave accessible the Republican Memorial Site.
- The County Manager stated that this had already been taken care of in regard to a temporary letting proposal being considered, and that in any permanent plans for the site, special provision will be made for the protection and preservation of the site in question.
- 561 - NON-METRED WATER SUPPLIES TO BUSINESS PREMISES: Clr. Raftery proposed that the water charge in respect of non-metred supplies to business premises, other than public houses with private apartments attached, be reduced to 35/- per annum, except where water was laid on in the business portion of the said premises.
- The County Manager stated that if Clr. Raftery supplied him with a list of the premises he is interested in, his representations would be examined.
- 562 - BALLYGAR DISPENSARY FOOTPATH: Clr. Raftery proposed that a suitable concrete footpath be provided round the Dispensary at Ballygar to enable patients to get to outdoor toilet on the Dispensary grounds at the rear.
- The County Manager stated that this question was being examined and an estimate prepared.
- 563 - ARDRAHAN PUBLIC LIGHTING: Clr. Melvin proposed that the County Council provide public lighting on fair days in Ardrahan.
- The County Manager asked Clr. Melvin if his proposal was the provision of lighting on the night previous to fairs in Ardrahan.
- Clr. Melvin said that this was what he had in mind and the County Manager promised to consider the request.
- 564 - CLARENBRIDGE WATER SCHEME: Clr. Byrne asked the County Manager when the proposed Clarenbridge Water Scheme would commence.
- The County Manager stated that contract documents were forwarded to the Department of Local Government for approval on the 13th September, 1965; that a specification for the pumping and filtration plant together with necessary drawings was forwarded to the Department on the 16th November, 1967, and that the approval to the documents was awaited.
- 565 - ATHENRY HOUSING: Clr. Byrne asked when it was proposed to build Council houses in Athenry to relieve the housing problem in the town.
- The County Manager stated that the Council's Engineer was at present negotiating with an owner for the purchase of land and that when this was acquired, an architect would be appointed to design a housing scheme for Athenry.
- 566 - KINVARA DISPENSARY DISTRICT - PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE: Clr. Byrne asked when a Public Health Nurse would be appointed to the Kinvara Dispensary District.
- The County Manager stated that he had submitted proposals regarding this post to the Department of Health but that they had not yet been approved.

567 - WATER MAIN EXTENSION FROM LETTERMORE TO SLATE: Clr. Clarke proposed and Deputy Geoghegan seconded that the water main be extended from Lettermore to the townland of Slate and that the Government be requested to give a grant to cover same.

The County Manager stated that it would be possible to extend the extension at present under construction to supply the townland of Slate; that the present extension connects Tiernea and Lettermore. He suggested that the matter be left over until the present work was completed.

568 - SHRUFFANE WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO COSTELLO: Clr. Clarke proposed and Deputy Geoghegan seconded that the water main be extended from Shruffane to Costello and that the Government be asked for a grant to cover same.

The County Manager stated that this was an extension of the mains proposed in the Carraroe Regional Scheme; that this Regional Scheme was expected to be advertised for contract in May and he suggested that extensions to the main scheme be deferred until the main scheme was well advanced.

569 - MOUNTBELLEW AND BALLYGAR DISPENSARY DISTRICT - PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES:

Clr. Cunningham proposed that Public Health Nurses be appointed in the Mountbellew and Ballygar Dispensary Districts as soon as possible.

The County Manager stated that proposals regarding these vacant posts had been submitted to the Department of Health and he was awaiting approval thereto.

570 - MOUNTBELLEW FIRE BRIGADE:

Clr. Cunningham proposed and Clr. Raftery seconded that a more up-to-date Fire Engine be provided for the Brigade in Mountbellew.

The County Manager stated that proposals had been made for the provision of a new Fire Station in Mountbellew and a new Fire Engine would be provided when the new Fire Station was available.

571 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME: Clr. Cunningham asked that all particulars regarding the Local Improvements Scheme be made known to the members of the Council.

Deputy John Donnellan (Dunmore) asked the County Manager what had happened to the £49,000 that was promised by the Department of Local Government, to take the place of schemes formerly administered by the Board of Works, Minor Employment, Rural Improvement and Bog Development and when this £49,000 promised would be received and how exactly it is going to be spent.

The County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government was prepared to sanction the following staff for the implementation of these schemes:-

- Two Assistant County Engineers
- One Clerical Officer
- One Clerk/Typist

which was only 50% of the staff proposed by him and approved by the Council. He said that he would submit his proposal for the implementation of these schemes to the next meeting of the Council.

Clr. King proposed and Clr. Galvin seconded that a special meeting of the Council be held to consider the operation of these schemes and examine in detail how they were going to be implemented.

A lengthy discussion then ensued in which all members present participated.

Eventually it was agreed to await the County Manager's report to the next meeting of the Council.

572 - BALLINTAVA CROSS, DUNMORE: Deputy John Donnellan (Dunmore) proposed that the County Engineer would consider widening or doing something about the dangerous junction at Ballintava Cross, Dunmore, where there had been quite a few serious accidents. He added that it would be a great help to motorists and those people who live near that crossroads if something were done about it.

The County Manager stated that the work could not be undertaken at present.

573 - GLENAMADDY OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE: On the proposition of Deputy John Donnellan (Dunmore) and seconded by Clr. Collins, Mr. Michael John Keaveney, Clooncun, Glenamaddy, was appointed to the Glenamaddy Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

574 - WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO BALLINFCYLE:

Clr. King proposed that the Council extend the water main at Ballinfcyle to the group of cottages outside the Corporation boundary.

The County Manager stated that Galway Corporation had taken a definite decision not to extend the borough water supply outside its own area as it was already over-taxed.

575 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were adopted with the following:-

Mrs. Marie Faherty, Dalysfort Road, Salthill, on the death of her husband, Mr. Bart Faherty, late Borough Surveyor.

Mrs. Gaynor, Leenane, Co. Galway, on the death of her husband.

Mrs. Little, Truska, Ballyconneely, Co. Galway, on the death of her husband, Mr. Michael Little.

Mr. John Walsh, Ardnagreevagh, Renvyle, Co. Galway, on the death of his wife.

Mr. Michael Walsh, H.A.C, Glencaugh, Rosmack, on the death of his brother.

The Meeting then terminated

Certified Correct. J. Doyle. Acting Co-Secretary

SUBMITTED, APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

24/5/68.

M. Keaveney

CHAIRMAN.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar M6f,
GAILLIMH

17adh Bealtaine, 1968.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 27adh Bealtaine, 1968, ag tosú ar 3.30 p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE

Runai Sealadach

A G E N D A

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims:-
 - (a) Michael Cloonan, Garraun Lower, Oranmore
- Damage to stone wall and dwellinghouse,
19th/20th April, 1968 ... £240.
 - (b) John Greally, Garraun, Oranmore
- Damage to walls and gate,
19th/20th April, 1968 ... £122.
 - (c) Thomas J. McGrath, Society Street, Ballinasloe
- Plate Glass window broken,
1/5/68 ... £60.
 - (d) Cashel Bay Fishery Estates Limited
1/2 South Frederick Street, Dublin
- Damage to door, wall, glass and paintwork in
Doonreaghaun House, Cashel,
2nd/3rd May, 1968 ... £10.
 - (e) T. McGrath, Society Street, Ballinasloe
- Damage to Plate Glass window,
1/5/68 ... £100.
 - (f) Seaweed Limited, Knockmacarra, Galway
- Damage to door and conveyor and destruction
of 15 tons of briquettes, 6/5/68 ... £225.
 - (g) McDonogh Milling and Trading Co. Ltd.,
Nun's Island, Galway
- Damage to buildings and fixtures,
corn scattered and thrown into river,
wheat and barley mixed, meal destroyed,
9/5/68 ... £43. 6. 0.

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3. Grants for Higher Education. (Explanatory memorandum herewith)
4. Relief of Rates on Agricultural land.
5. Local Improvement Schemes.
6. Contribution to Western Regional Tourism Organisation.
7. Raising of loans for Itinerant Encampment sites at:-
 - (a) Loughrea
 - (b) Doughiska, Brierhill.
8. Disposal of land at Portumna Demesne
(Notice dated 1st May, 1968)
9. Creation of additional posts of Clerical Officer.
10. Minutes of meeting of Joint Committee on Itinerancy, held on
13th May, 1968. (Copy herewith)
11. Car Park at Pearse's Cottage, Rosmuck.
12. Curragh Line Bridge - minute No. 547 of meeting held on 29th April, 1968.
13. Report on Rate Collection 1967/68.
14. Site for Fire Station at Mountbellew.
15. Naming of Loughrea Fire Station.
16. Declaration of roads to be public roads (schedule attached).
17. Business submitted by County Manager.
18. Members' Notices of Motion:-
 - (a) Deputy John Donnellan:
"At the next meeting of the Council, I will ask that the Ballymoe water scheme be extended to Ballincurry and Glynsk".
 - (b) Clr. Frank Glynn:
"I will propose at the next meeting of Galway County Council that a public lighting system be provided at the village of Kilconly".
 - (c) Deputy Robert Molloy:
"That laybys be created in suitable locations on the Galway/Spiddal Road."
 - (d) Deputy Michael Carty:
"At the next meeting of the County Council I or some other member acting on my behalf shall move that this Council consider favourably the naming of the new housing estate at Coughlan's Field, Athenry Road, Loughrea, as Donnellan Drive in memory of the late Brendan Donnellan, who died in 1916."
 - (e) Clr. Toddie Byrne:
"At the next meeting of Galway County Council, I will propose -
 - (i) (a) that a proper sewerage system be provided at Clarenbridge,
 - (b) that the footpath on road leading to Parish Church, Kinvara,

be improved and replaced where necessary (owing to recent road improvements.)

- (ii) "At the next meeting of Galway County Council, I will ask the County Manager when the promised electric pump to replace the old diesel pump will be provided at Kinvara."
- (f) Clr. Pat Donnellan:
- (i) "That the pump at Ballinasheog, Turloughmore, be repaired as soon as possible."
- (ii) "That the Coolarne/Cregmore road leading to Cullinane's house be black topped."
- (iii) "That a new bridge be constructed at Cregmore/Turloughmore, as the old one is very dangerous."
- (g) Clr. John M. Mannion:
- (i) "I will propose at the next Council meeting to extend the watermain at Cleggan to cater for the Coastguard Station and that we immediately approve raising a loan of £550. to cover same."
- (ii) "I will propose at the next meeting of Galway County Council that the car space at Cleggan Pier be blacktopped immediately."
- (iii) "I will ask the County Manager at the next meeting of this Council what is the present position in regard to the provision of public toilets at Clifden, Roundstone and Leenane."
- (h) Deputy John Geoghegan:
- "I will propose that the pathway leading to the Waterfall and the bridge across the river at Oughterard, be taken over by the Council and maintained. That a grant be sought from Bórd Fáilte for same."
- (i) Clr. P. Cunningham:
- (i) "I will propose that the footpaths in Creggs be surfaced and road raised nearer to the level of path on left hand side as you enter Creggs from Roscommon."
- (ii) "I will propose that a dumping place be provided in Creggs or a refuse collection be extended to service the town."
- (iii) "I will propose that the Council allow the water for proposed group scheme in Glynsk to be taken from existing supply."
- (j) Clr. Thomas V. Clarke:
- "I will propose at the next meeting of the County Council -
- (a) that an additional street light be provided in Carraroe at bus garage.
- (b) that the County Council provide public lighting in Costello village."

- (k) Clr. Thomas Hussey:
- "At the next Council meeting, I will move the following motion -
- (i) that street lights be provided at Kilconly
- (ii) that the dangerous 'hump' on road at John Dempsey's, Ballinastack, Moylough, be removed and so eliminate the risk of a traffic accident at this spot,
- (iii) that the footpaths at Glenamaddy be extended to the Cemetery."
- (l) Clr. Joseph Lambert:
- "At the next meeting of the County Council, I will request -
- (i) that a pedestrian controlled crossing be provided at Gort Town,
- (ii) what is the present position of the Ardrahan pump problem,
- (iii) I will ask under what means test may people qualify for the allowance known as the dole."
- (m) Clr. W. Burke:
- "That the dangerous bend between James Feerick's cottage and Kilgevrin Crossroads be removed."
19. Other business.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY BUILDINGS
GALWAY

24th May, 1968

County Council Meeting -- 27/5/1968 -- Item 9

CREATION OF OFFICES OF CLERICAL OFFICER -- MOTOR TAX DEPARTMENT


It is recommended that the Council consent to the creation of the 3 additional offices of Clerical Officer.

Two of these Clerical Officers are needed in the Motor Tax Department. For some time now, it has been apparent that additional staff would be necessary in the motor tax office. A temporary Clerical Officer was employed for the past twelve months while the position was being reviewed. I am satisfied that two additional Clerical Officers are necessary, and I request the consent of the Council to the creation of these offices. No charge would fall on the rates in respect of these two officers.

The approval of the Minister for Local Government to their appointment will be necessary.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

At their last meeting the Council consented to the creation of two additional offices of Clerk-Typist for the Town Planning Section. The position has been further reviewed and I am satisfied that an additional Clerical Officer is necessary to keep the work of the section up-to-date. Planning applications must be dealt with within a specified time and it is, therefore, important that adequate staff is provided to ensure that applicants will not obtain permission by default. The appointment of a Clerical Officer to the section would be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.


A. A. Sharkey
County Manager

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Galway

24th May, 1968

County Council Meeting -- 27/5/1968 -- Item 17

TENTH ROUND INCREASE FOR JUNIOR MEDICAL STAFFS - (INTERNS, HOUSE-SURGEONS AND REGISTRARS)

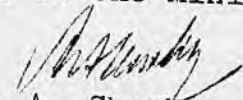
In letter (S.100/113) dated the 10th May, 1968, the Department of Health have indicated that the Minister's sanction may be presumed to the payment of the tenth round increase - viz., £1. per week to the junior medical staff of the Council's Institutions with effect as from 1st May, 1966. The sanction is conditional on the agreement of the health authority to provide the necessary funds. The estimated cost of paying the tenth round to these officers from 1/5/1966 is £5,455. and the consent of the Council to the incurring of the additional expenditure involved is requested.

Annual cost of the increase is £1,925.

SALARY OF SECOND FIRE OFFICER

Application was received some time ago for a revision of the salary scale of Second Fire Officers. The application was dealt with under the Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme. It has been agreed that a revised salary of £1,210 x £40 to £1,450 a year plus a £1. a week and a revised uniform allowance of £45. a year be paid to second fire officers with effect as from the 1st April, 1968.

The annual cost of the revised salary and uniform allowance works out at £334. I recommend that the Council consent to the adoption of the new salary scale, subject to the sanction of the Minister.


A. A. Sharkey
County Manager

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY HELD
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 13TH MAY, 1968.

CHAIRMAN: Clr. T. King.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:-

Galway County Council: Deputies J. Geoghegan and M. Kitt.
Councillors P. Fahy, J. Lambert, T. Hussey, H. Melvin.

Galway Corporation: Councillors Mary Byrne and Michael O'Higgins.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, K. Doyle, Acting Secretary,
J. Silke, C.A.C.E., T. Kavanagh, Staff Officer.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 27/10/67 were submitted,
approved and signed by the Chairman.

County Manager's report: Mr. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, submitted the
following report on the up-to-date position in regard to the action being taken
by the Council in relation to the integration of itinerants into the community.

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(a) Housing of Itinerants:

One itinerant family has been offered the tenancy of a house in Lissybroder,
Dummore, and it is understood that they will be moving into it in the
near future.

Agreement has been reached, subject to the approval of the Council for
the purchase of a house at Cloontua Road for the accommodation of another
itinerant family. This house will cost £750, and repairs which will be
necessary to it when it is taken over are estimated to cost a further £350.
It is recommended that the Council approve of the expenditure of £1,100
on the acquisition of this house for the accommodation of an itinerant
family near Tuam.

The President of St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, has offered, subject to
agreement as to price, a site on which the Council can build two houses for
two itinerant families, and it is proposed to proceed in the usual way with
the erection of these two houses.

A further proposal for the acquisition of a railway cottage and plot
at Kilbannon, Tuam, is under consideration and it is proposed to purchase
this for £250.

No itinerant families have been given any houses in Galway City, since
the date of the last report - October, 1967. But when the last two houses
were given it was agreed that no further houses should be allocated to
Itinerant families for a period of 6 to 8 months. The matter is however,
being kept under review.

(b) Site at Loughrea.

The layout submitted to the Department in connection with the camping site
in the Loughrea Area has now been approved, and proposals for the raising
of the necessary loan to enable the work to be undertaken will be submitted
at the next meeting of the Council.

(c) Merlin Park Site

The Department of Local Government in view of the difficulties which have
been met with in trying to get a site for an encampment near Galway City
have agreed to the purchase of a site at Brierhill from Lord Mayo for the
sum of £5,000. The plan for the utilisation of this site on which it is
proposed to provide 20 to 25 hard-stands has yet to be prepared, together
with an estimate of the cost. It is hoped to be in a position to submit

proposals for the raising of the necessary finance for the purchase
and development of this site at the next meeting of the Council.

It is proposed to provide a stopping place in Galway City at
Rahoon. The proposal has been approved by the Department of Local
Government, and the necessary finance to enable work to commence is
now being sought. It is hoped that work will commence on this site
in the very near future.

(d) Ballinasloe Site.

A C.P.O. for the acquisition of land in Ballinasloe was made on the
2nd April. Objections may be lodged with the Minister to the proposal
up to the 14th May, 1968.

(e) Tuam and Athenry Areas:

No further progress has been made with the selection of sites in the
Tuam and Athenry areas.

It is felt that the Council should not make any further attempts
to acquire sites, until the sites at present on hands are developed and
some experience is gained as to the suitability of the plans which are
being formulated. It may be necessary in the light of experience to
revise the plans, or to make different arrangements as to the numbers
of people to be accommodated on sites, etc.,

(f) Enforcement of Temporary Dwellings Regulations:

It has been necessary, particularly during recent months to take
proceedings against a number of itinerants who have been camped in
prohibited areas. These prosecutions have been initiated as a result
of complaints from the settled members of the community. Where on
investigation it was found that these complaints were justified, it was
felt that the Council had no option but to proceed to enforce the
regulations. In all, eleven itinerant families have been prosecuted
and fined since the date of the last report. Some other cases are
pending. In some of the cases, the District Justice, having heard
the merits of the matter granted a 'stay of execution' on the fines
imposed.

The position of the Council in this matter is very difficult - failure to
enforce the law could have more serious consequences for the itinerants, and would
be unfair to the settled population when it is found that in fact the presence of
itinerants in the area is causing a nuisance to them.

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The Chairman referred to the proceedings which had been taken against the
Itinerants and said that he was not in favour of such proceedings, particularly in
cases where the caravans had been provided by a voluntary organisation at much
expense. He admitted that nobody wants the itinerants near them, but something
will have to be done if the problem is to be solved and suggested that the Council
might try and get sites for the caravans provided by the voluntary bodies. On the
question of Lord Mayo's site at Brierhill, the Chairman felt that the price was
a bit high, especially if there was only a subsidy of two-thirds from the Government
and suggested that a resolution should be submitted to the Department calling for
a 100% subsidy.

Deputy Geoghegan said that while he had sympathy for the Itinerants, yet he
felt the Council could not be too lenient in cases where itinerants camp in prohibited
places.

The County Manager stated that he felt there was no alternative to enforcing
the law in relation to Temporary Dwellings. The recent prosecutions were initiated
as a result of complaints and deputations which he received from the residents of
the various areas where the itinerants park, and where on investigation the
complaints were justified the Council had no option but to take proceedings.
The proceedings were taken in the best interests of all and perhaps in order to
avoid the situation getting out of hand. In relation to the proposal to seek a
100% contribution from the Department for camping sites the County Manager stated
that this had been turned down already.

With regard to Lord Mayo's site the County Manager agreed that the price seemed

high but nevertheless he considered it was worthwhile in the circumstances and when camping sites have proved so difficult to get.

Mr. Silke, C.A.C.E. stated that he too felt that the Council should purchase the site from Lord Mayo, particularly because the itinerants already frequented this area and therefore the site should be very suitable.

Mr. Silke also referred to a family of itinerants in the Glenamaddy area. The local Itinerant Council had provided this family with a caravan which was being kept excellently. Another family of itinerants had also moved into the Glenamaddy area and serious consideration should now be given to rehousing both families.

Clr. Melvin stated that there were two itinerant families in the Loughrea area who wanted to be rehoused and were willing to pay whatever rent would be charged. He also said that any objections to the Council's proposals to acquire camping sites for itinerants should be strongly resisted.

Deputy Geoghegan asked if the provision of houses for itinerants would in any way effect the rehousing of those people approved for rehousing in the normal way and was assured by the County Manager that any houses provided for itinerants would be in addition to the normal housing programme.

Deputy Kitt said that there were a number of vacant vested cottages in the county which should be offered to itinerants.

The County Manager explained that there were many legal difficulties in recovering possession of such cottages and said that the recovery of some vacant cottages was in the hands of the Council's Solicitor at present.

The adoption of the County Manager's report incorporating the proposals for the purchase of the camping site at Brierhill, the two houses in Tuam and a site for a further two houses in Tuam from St. Jarlath's College was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. Melvin and resolved unanimously.

The meeting then terminated.

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SANCTION

SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES OFFICE ROADS

May, 1968

SANCTION NO.	FROM	TO	LOCATION	LENGTH PERCHES
4271	The Co. Rd. 5 perches north of Tom Kelly's house, west	Patk. Joyce's house, Barnagortheeny & continuing for a further 26 perches southwards from this point.	Oughterard (Barnagortheeny)	195
4472	The Co. Rd. near Martin Mulroe's house by the houses of P. Halloran and Martin Halloran	Stephen Canny's house	Oughterard (Carrowkeel)	60
G.158	The Co. Rd. Cornarone opposite the new P.O. south by M1. Concannon's house & others	The shore	Oughterard (Cornarona)	140
G.163	The Co. Rd. near J. Flaherty's house northwest	Rusheen pier & to a point 23 perches from John Reaney's house	Oughterard (Maureen)	320
4263	Off the Loughteorge to Headford Co. Rd. southwest of the houses of Thos. Bodkin & Patk. Hession	The Gortadoeey Road	Galway (Gortadoeey)	96
G.133	The end of the Co. Rd. near Patk. Barrett's house westwards by J. Carr's house & others	The houses of Dan Moran & Pat Curran	Galway (Slieveaneena)	710
3869	The Cloughanover/Keekill Co. Rd. near Wm. Thornton's house south	Ed. Murphy's house	Tuam (Muckcoort)	340
4067	The Co. Rd. at Shanbally Jct. on the Williamstown circle road north of Egan's Mills past O'Connor's house	Bernard Boyle's gate opposite his new house.	Milltown (Pollaneyster)	115
4426	Joyce's house in Ballymoe Village southwards past Fergus Cuffe's house	M1. Mitchell's gate.	Milltown (Balleaghymurry)	106
4418	Off the Galway to Monivea Co. Rd. south east by John Hynes' house	Gateway to M1. Cummins' house	Athenny (Carnmore West)	109

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY,
27TH MAY, 1968.

IN THE CHAIR: Senator Mark Killilea.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

Clrs. Burke, Byrne, Callanan, Deputy Carty, Clrs. Clarke, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Cunningham, John Donnellan (Moycullen), Fahey, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Haverty, Holland, Hussey, Joyce, Lambert, Mannion, Melvin, Deputy Molloy, Clrs. Raftery, Ruane, Ridge and Ryan.

Officials:

Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, L. O'Lunaigh, Assistant County Manager, C. A. Warner, County Engineer, J. Silke, C.A.C.E.(H), and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

576 - MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting to 575 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

577 - DEVELOPMENT OF LAND ADJOINING PIER ROAD, SPIDDAL:

The County Manager reported that the Council had some time ago carried out work on land adjoining Spiddal Pier for the purpose of developing it as an Open Space and that this has been the subject of recent Court proceedings. He asked the approval of the Council to acquire the land compulsorily, since it cannot be acquired by agreement.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. Melvin and unanimously resolved that a Compulsory Purchase Order be made in respect of the land in question.

578 - HOUSING, WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR TYNAGH:

The Chairman stated that he had received a request from Deputy Carty, that the Council receive a deputation from Tynagh in connection with the provision of a housing scheme, water supply and sewerage scheme for the village. He pointed out that under Standing Orders, a request for reception of a deputation should be made at a meeting prior to that at which the deputation wish to be heard but notwithstanding that the procedure was not complied with in this case, he would hear the deputation. Deputy Carty outlined the national and local importance of the deputation and stated that while the mining operations had developed rapidly, the development of amenities for the village of Tynagh had not kept pace with the mining development; he said that many people from the area are employed in the mine and he stressed the necessity of providing a housing scheme in the village as well as a piped water supply and sewerage scheme. Two members of the deputation, Messrs. Michael Flaherty and Timothy Kidney, addressed the Council on the need for houses, water supply and a sewerage scheme.

Clrs. Haverty, Lambert, Callanan, Fahey and Collins also advocated the provision of the schemes sought.

Deputy Carty thanked the Council for hearing the deputation and said that while it was suggested that Irish Base Metals Limited, should provide houses for its workers, he wished to point out that through the National Building Agency, the company had already built a total of 70 houses in Loughrea.

The County Manager stated that the proposals would be examined.

SANCTION NO.	FROM	TO	LOCATION	LENGTH PERCHES
4457	County Rd. Kiltullagh northwest	Burial Ground Gate	Athlery (Kiltullagh N)	88
3709	Co. Rd. 15 porches southeast of Wm. Madden's house (Dunally)	Kerin's House	Gort (Dunally)	37
1111	South off the Co. Rd. opposite John Green's house by Ml. Moylan's house, thence turning east	J. Moylan's House	Loughrea (Rathcoosgry)	130
1518	Road starting at Mrs. M. Flannery's house at Ballykeeran, Sullann & leading through townland of Turaoe	Ml. Brophy's house	Loughrea (Turaoe)	110
4467	The Athlery/Loughrea Co. Rd. 200 yds. north of Dempsey's bridge	Gate leading to J. Shaughnessy's land 32 perches past Martin Raftery's house.	Loughrea (Rathruddy W)	132
4432	Killnadeema/Derrybrann Co. Rd. east by Phillip Burnet's house	Join road east of John Scully's house	Loughrea (Coorhoor)	121
2263	Co. Rd. opposite Ml. Coleman's house by the houses of J. Mannion, J. Flaherty, J. Whelan, P. Shiel	A point 6 perches past J. Flaherty's house	Loughrea (Kylbrack)	173
1383	Accommodation road into Ardnadocoman Loughrea, which leads off the Loughrea/Athlery road	Village and serves 3 houses - Duane, Donohue & Shaughnessys.	Loughrea (Ardnadocoman)	128
4285	The Shangarry Co. Road northeast	Annie Robinson's field gate	Loughrea (Shangarry)	166
4429	Co. Rd. north of M. Roan's hse. west by Mrs. Blighe's house	Ml. Scanlon's house	Mountbellew (Fairfield)	113
4238	Ballinamore Burke - Ballyforan Co. Rd. near Daniel Gaffey's house, southwards	Jos. Carty's house	Mountbellew (Gortacossam)	62

579 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: It was noted that malicious damage claims as listed at 2 (a) to (g) on the Agenda had been received.

580 - GRANTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION: The County Manager referred to the explanatory booklet published by the Department of Education, a copy of which had been circulated to members, and stated that the University Scholarships Scheme adopted by the Council this year is no longer in operation and was being replaced by a scheme of grants for higher education. The terms of the new scheme had been advertised by the Council, applicants for University Scholarships this year had been notified by letter, and a copy of the explanatory booklet had been sent by the Department of Education to all schools and colleges concerned. The County Manager also stated that it is intended that a meeting of the Scholarships Committee will be called later to deal with the award of grants and in reply to a query by Deputy Coogan, he said that a means test will apply to all awards of grants, unlike the scholarships scheme where no means test applied to the award of a limited number of scholarships.

Clr. Holland asked if the full cost of the grants will have to be met from rates and the County Manager replied that the charge on rates will not exceed the amount of the charge under the Scholarships Scheme.

Clrs. Donnellan and Callanan expressed approval of the scheme, since they stated it would help people of limited means, especially families to avail of higher education which they could not avail of otherwise.

Clr. Byrne proposed that:-

- (a) the latest date for receipt of completed applications be extended after 31st May, 1968,
- (b) the Minister for Education be requested to amend the scheme to enable students with honours in three University Matriculation subjects instead of four, to qualify for grants and that students at present availing of scholarships be permitted to avail of the grants.

Deputy Coogan seconded this proposal and it was adopted unanimously.

581 - RELIEF OF RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND:

The County Manager informed the Council that an occupier of land with a valuation of over £20 may now qualify for the Employment Allowance in respect of a workman in occupation of land with a valuation of up to £15 in lieu of the limit of £5 which applied up to 31st March, 1968.

582 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES: The Chairman proposed, Clr. Melvin seconded and it was unanimously resolved that a special meeting to consider Local Improvement Schemes be held at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, 7th June, 1968.

583 - CONTRIBUTION TO WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION:

The County Manager read a letter from the Western Regional Tourism Organisation, dated 10th April, 1968, asking that the Council request the Minister for Local Government to introduce amending legislation to enable local authorities to pay a contribution in excess of the present statutory limit of 1d. in the £.

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan and seconded by Clr. Burke and resolved:-

"that the Minister for Local Government be requested to amend the law limiting the amount of the contribution to 1d. in the £."

584 - RAISING OF LOANS FOR ITINERANT ENCAMPMENT SITES: It was proposed by Clr. Melvin, seconded by Clr. Hussey, and resolved:-

"that the Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £33,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, or such other source and over such period of years as the Minister for Local Government may approve, with interest at the rate prevailing at the time of issue of the loan or in force from time to time as may be appropriate, to defray the costs of purchase and development of itinerant encampment sites at Loughrea and Doughiska."

585 - DISPOSAL OF LAND AT PORTUMNA DEMESNE: The notice dated 1st May, 1968, sent to each member of the Council, was submitted.

It was proposed by Clr. Melvin, seconded by Clr. Byrne and resolved:-

"that the disposal be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in notice dated 1st May, 1968."

586 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICES OF CLERICAL OFFICER: On the proposition of Clr. Melvin, seconded by Clr. Hussey, the Council approved the creation of three additional offices of Clerical Officer. The County Manager stated that two additional clerical officers were required in the Motor Tax Department and one in the Planning Department. He also stated that the appointment of two clerical officers in the Motor Tax Department would not be a charge on the rates.

587 - PLANNING: Clr. Callanan referred to the lists of applicants for planning permission which are circulated to members, stating that he considered that they did not fulfil the purpose intended, since they did not give the decision on each application. He felt that where applications are refused, the fact should be shown on the lists and the reason for refusal also shown. The County Manager explained that he had made it clear that only lists of applications would be circulated to Councillors, that it was never intended that members be notified of every intended decision, and that the arrangement made was that Councillors would write for information on those cases in which they were interested.

Clr. Callanan asked if in cases where refusal of permission is intended, the Council's Engineers would give the applicant some information on how the applicant in question could comply with the Council's requirements.

Deputy Molloy complimented the officials in the Planning Section and stated that in his view the arrangements made for giving information to the Council are completely satisfactory.

Deputy Coogan stated that he objected to the issue of the lists.

588 - MINUTES OF MEETING OF ITINERANCY COMMITTEE: On the proposition of Clr. Cunningham and seconded by Clr. Ryan, the Council unanimously adopted the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee on Itinerancy held on the 13th May, 1968.- copy of the minutes having already been circulated to the members.

- 589 - CAR PARK AT PEARSE'S COTTAGE, ROSMUCK: The County Manager stated that Bord Fáilte had suggested that car parking facilities should be provided on the county road near the access point of the road leading to Pearse's Cottage rather than having the access road widened and parking facilities provided near the cottage and the County Engineer had agreed with this suggestion. The Council unanimously approved this proposal.
- 590 - CURRAGH LINE (CURRAGHMORE) BRIDGE: The County Manager stated that a tender had been accepted for the piling work involved and that when this was complete the remainder of the work would probably be carried out by direct labour.
- 591 - RATE COLLECTION 1967/68: The County Manager submitted the following particulars on the state of Rate Collection for 1966/67 and 1967/68:

	1966/1967		1967/1968	
Warrant:	£933,735. 10. 8d.		£803,380. 17. 8d.	
Lodged:	£874,318. 3. 9d.	93.637%	£753,649. 9. 1d.	93.810%
Discount:	845. 9. 4d.	.090%	785. 7. 7d.	.098%
Struck Off:	24,218. 18. 3d.	2.594%	21,632. 17. 3d.	2.692%
Carried Forward:	34,352. 19. 4d.	3.679%	27,313. 3. 9d.	3.400%
	<u>£933,735. 10. 8d.</u>	<u>100.000%</u>	<u>£803,380. 17. 8d.</u>	<u>100.000%</u>

- 592 - SITE FOR FIRE STATION AT MOUNTBELLEW: The County Manager informed the Council that two sites were available in Mountbellew - one site was acquired for a new courthouse but it was not large enough to accommodate both the Courthouse and the Fire Station. The other site was acquired as a derelict site and would be suitable for a fire station.

Clr. Cunningham proposed and Clr. Raftery seconded and it was unanimously resolved:-

"that a Fire Station be built on the site acquired under the Derelict Sites Act, 1961."

- 593 - NAMING OF LOUGHREA FIRE STATION: The County Manager stated that a request had been received from the members of the Loughrea Fire Brigade, that the Fire Station in Loughrea be named "Thomas Slattery Fire Station" in memory of the late Thomas Slattery, a native of Derrybrien, who as a member of the Boston Fire Department, lost his life in a fire while attempting to rescue a colleague.

On the proposition of Clr. Lambert, seconded by Clr. Haverty, the Council approved naming the Fire Station at Loughrea, "Thomas Slattery Fire Station".

- 594 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS: A list of roads improved by the Special Employment Schemes Office, as already circulated to the members, was submitted and on the proposition of Clr. Collins, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved proceeding with the formalities for declaration of these roads to be public roads.

- 595 - REMUNERATION INCREASES:

(a) Junior Medical Staff:

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Mannion and resolved:-

"that the Council hereby approve payment of the 10th round increase, viz. £1 per week to the Junior Medical Staff of the Council's Institutions, as from the 1st May, 1966, and also approve the additional expenditure of £5,455. to give effect to this proposal in the current financial year."

(b) Second Fire Officer:

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Mannion and resolved:-

"that the Council hereby approve a revised salary scale of £1,210 x £40 - £1,450 a year plus £1 a week and a revised uniform allowance of £45 a year for the Second Fire Officer, as from the 1st April, 1968, and also approve the additional expenditure of £334. to give effect to this proposal in the current financial year."

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TUAM SWIMMING POOL: The County Manager informed the Council that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government regarding the amount of the local contribution to be made towards the cost of the pool - the relevant part of the letter being as follows:-

"The Minister has given further consideration to this matter and as an exceptional measure and in view of the past history of the project, he would be prepared to consider approving of the tender, provided that Galway County Council come to an arrangement with the Tuam Swimming Club, that an immediate contribution of £1,000 including that already made, be lodged with the Council and that a firm undertaking be given by the Swimming Club to collect a further substantial sum, say £3,000, within the next three years."

The County Manager also stated that he is arranging to meet representatives of Tuam Swimming Club to discuss the matter with them.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Clr. Glynn and resolved:-

"that the proposal contained in the Department's letter be approved, provided satisfactory arrangements are made by the Tuam Swimming Club for payment of the contribution immediately required and that undertakings, satisfactory to the County Manager, are given by the Tuam Swimming Club or other local interests, for the payment of a further sum of £3,000 within the next three years."

- 597 - NOTICES OF MOTION: Clr. Fahey complained that Notices of Motion submitted by him were not on the Agenda for that meeting. The County Manager stated that approval of the Council would be requested to have six notices of motion in Clr. Fahey's name, for consideration at the next Ordinary meeting of the Council.

- 598 - KILCONLY PUBLIC LIGHTING: Clr. Glynn proposed that a public lighting system be provided for the village of Kilconly. The County Manager stated that provision for the cost of public lighting in Kilconly has not been made in the Estimate for the current year, but that it would be considered for next year.

At Clr. Hussey's request, his notice of motion No. 18 (k) (i) was taken in conjunction with Clr. Glynn's and he also supported Clr. Glynn in his application for public lighting for Kilconly.

Clr. Burke also stressed the need for public lighting in this village.

599 - LAYBYES - GALWAY/SPIDDAL ROAD: Deputy Molloy proposed that laybyes be created in suitable locations on the Galway/Spiddal Road. The County Manager stated that this proposal would need careful examination, particularly in view of the fact that a Prohibition Order in relation to parking of temporary dwellings along this road is in operation. He stated that the matter would be examined further and at Deputy Molloy's request it was agreed that it would be put on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

600 - NAMING OF HOUSING ESTATE - ATHENRY ROAD, LOUGHREA:

On behalf of Deputy Carty, Clr. Melvin proposed, Clr. Hussey seconded and it was resolved:-

"that the new housing estate at Coughlan's Field, Athenry Road, Loughrea, be named 'Donnellan Drive' in memory of the late Brendan Donnellan, who died in 1916."

601 - DRAINAGE SYSTEM - CLARENBRIDGE: Clr. Byrne referred to the unsatisfactory drainage system in Clarenbridge which he stated was provided a very long time ago and he asked that something would be done by the Council to improve the position. The County Manager stated that the matter will be examined and a report will be submitted later.

602 - FOOTPATH ON ROAD LEADING TO PARISH CHURCH, KINVARA: Clr. Byrne proposed that the footpath on road leading to the Parish Church, Kinvara, be improved and replaced where necessary. He stated that the footpath had disappeared since road improvements were carried out and under present circumstances constitutes a danger to children crossing the road. The County Manager stated that the length of footpath required here would be approximately 700 lin. yds. and that he understood that the Parish Church is now used on Sundays only and that in fact it had been stated that it is likely that the Parish Church will be closed entirely, and as there is a path for some part of a distance from Kinvara to the Church and it is not recommended that the work be carried out.

Clr. Byrne stated that he understood that there was no substance to the rumour that the Parish Church is about to be closed and he again referred to the danger to children in crossing the road from the school nearby. The County Manager stated that the matter would be re-examined.

603 - TEMPORARY MEDICAL OFFICER - KINVARA DISPENSARY DISTRICT: In lieu of his notice of motion regarding electric pump for Kinvara water supply, Clr. Byrne proposed that the Council recommend the appointment of a Temporary Relief Medical Officer for the Kinvara Dispensary District immediately. The County Manager stated that it was very difficult to get a doctor to do temporary relief duty for short terms and that the most satisfactory arrangement which could be made was to have the Medical Officer from an adjoining district act in the Kinvara district during sick leave of the doctor in Kinvara.

Deputy Geoghegan referred to a motion proposed by him, seconded by Clr. Joyce and adopted by the Council at a meeting held on the 26th February, 1968, (minute No. 475) regarding the remuneration and recruitment of Dispensary Medical Officers and stated if a reply was not received soon from the Department of Health, that he will propose an alternative resolution. The County Manager stated that no reply

to that resolution has yet been received from the Department of Health.

604 - CLEGGAN WATER SUPPLY: Clr. Mannion proposed that the water main at Cleggan be extended to cater for the Coastguard Station and that the Council immediately approve raising a loan of £550 to cover the cost of same. Clr. Joyce supported Clr. Mannion with regard to the need for the extension in question and stated he was given to understand some time ago that this work would be carried out during the coming financial year. The County Manager stated that this work had already been approved by the Council at its Estimates Meeting and would be carried out by the Council during the present year.

605 - CLEGGAN PIER: Clr. Mannion proposed that the car space at Cleggan Pier be blacktopped immediately. The County Manager stated that this work would be done during the present year.

606 - PUBLIC TOILETS AT CLIFDEN, ROUNDSTONE AND LEENANE:

Clr. Mannion asked what ^{is} the present position in regard to the provision of public toilets at Clifden, Roundstone and Leenane. The County Manager stated that sites have been acquired for public convenience at Clifden, and Leenane and that difficulty has arisen in connection with the site for the convenience at Roundstone. He added that the main difficulty in erection of public conveniences is the provision of capital money to defray cost of the work.

Clr. Joyce asked that in view of the fact that the new public toilet will not be erected for the present tourist season in Clifden, repairs be carried out to the existing one.

607 - PATHWAY LEADING TO WATERFALL AT OUGHTERARD: Deputy Geoghegan proposed that a pathway leading to the Waterfall and the bridge across the river at Oughterard be taken over by the Council and maintained and also that a grant be sought from Bórd Fáilte for this work. The County Manager stated that this proposal will be examined in relation to the relevant provisions of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963.

608 - FOOTPATHS AT CREGGS: Clr. Cunningham proposed that the footpaths at Creggs be surfaced and that the road be raised nearer to the level of the path on left hand side as one enters Creggs from Roscommon. The County Manager stated that this work will be carried out soon.

609 - DUMPING GROUND FOR CREGGS: Clr. Cunningham proposed that a dumping place be provided in Creggs or a refuse collection be extended to service the town.

The County Manager stated that the village of Creggs, having a population of only 95 would not merit the provision of a dumping ground. He stated that the extension of the refuse collection service to this village can only be undertaken if it is on the route of one of the proposed new refuse collecting vehicles which it is proposed to purchase but that a decision on the route to be taken by those vehicles had not so far been taken.

610 - GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME FOR GLYNSK: Clr. Cunningham proposed that the Council allow the water for the proposed group scheme at Glynsk to be taken from the existing supply.

The County Manager stated that the pumping plant on the Ballymoe Scheme operates for 18 hours per day and that in view of the fact that the reserve pumping hours available are required for the existing houses in the area served by the scheme, he regretted that it would not be possible to allow water from this scheme be taken for the proposed group scheme at Glynsk.

611 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - CARRAROE: Clr. Clarke proposed that an additional street light be provided in Carraroe at the bus garage.

The County Manager stated that this matter is being examined and a report will be submitted later.

612 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - COSTELLO & DERRYNEA:

Clr. Clarke proposed that the County Council provide public lighting in Costello village. Following a discussion, it was agreed that where the public lights were required, is in the village of Derrynea.

The County Manager stated that this proposal will be examined.

613 - ROAD AT JOHN DEMPSEY'S, BALLINASTACK, MOYLOUGH:

Clr. Hussey proposed that the dangerous 'hump' on road at John Dempsey's, Ballinastack, Moylough, be removed and so eliminate the risk of a traffic accident at this spot. Clr. Ryan seconded this proposal and stated that there are some other dangerous 'humps' further on.

The County Manager stated that there is no money available at present to do this work but it will be considered later.

614 - FOOTPATHS AT GLENAMADDY: Clr. Hussey proposed that the footpaths at Glenamaddy be extended to the Cemetery.

The County Manager stated that consideration will be given to having this work carried out in the next financial year.

615 - DANGEROUS BEND NEAR KILGEVRIN CROSSROADS: Clr. Burke proposed that the dangerous bend between James Feerick's cottage and Kilgevrin Crossroads be removed.

The County Manager asked if a warning sign would be sufficient in this place and Clr. Burke agreed that it would be an improvement. It was agreed that a Warning sign be erected.

616 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - CLIFDEN: Clr. Joyce inquired why the new type brackets had not yet been provided on the public lighting system at Clifden.

Mr. Silke stated that the order had been given to the Electricity Supply Board about two months ago, to have this work done and he expected that it would be carried out in the near future.

617 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were adopted with the following:-

Miss M. Conroy, County Buildings, on the death of her father.

The Burke Family, Tuan, on the death of Mr. Brendan Burke.

Mr. Luke Turley, Creeverue, Newbridge, Ballinasloe, on the death of his brother.

Mrs. J. Featherston, Creggs, Roscommon, on the death of her husband.

Mr. John McCormack, Mountbellew, on the death of his father.

Mrs. Kavanagh, Old Church Street, Athenry, on the death of her husband.

Mrs. Taylor, Town House, Athenry, on the death of her brother.

Mr. Tony Murphy, Willmount, Athenry, on the death of his father.

Mrs. Devine, Ballygar, on the death of her husband.

Mrs. T. Duane, Straheen, Kiltulla, Athenry, on the death of her husband.

Mrs. Clarke, Kinvara, on the death of her husband.

Mr. Bernard Cosgrove, County Buildings, on the death of his brother.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

Certified Correct.

W. Doyle, Acting Co. Secretary

SUBMITTED APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

CHAIRMAN.

M. Keenan
1/27/68.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

County Buildings,

GALWAY.

1st May, 1968.

To: Each Member Galway County Council.

Re: Proposed disposal of land at Portumna Demesne,
District Electoral Division of Portumna, County Galway

A Chara:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966, I have been requested by the Assistant County Manager to give you notice that it is proposed disposing of the plot of land, particulars of which are given hereunder in the manner stated.

- (a) Land to be sold outright: Land at Portumna Demesne - Area 31berches 8 sq. yards - near the entrance to County Council Housing Scheme
- (b) Right of Way to be granted:- Over area approximately 126 feet long, 40 feet wide from proposed housing scheme service road to G.A.A. grounds adjoining the Housing Scheme.

From Whom Acquired:

The Minister for Lands.

Person To Whom Land Is Proposed To Be Sold and Right-of-Way Granted:

The Gaelic Athletic Association, Croke Park, Dublin.

Consideration In Respect of Disposal:

£30 plus all costs of transfer including the Council's costs.

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

The right-of-way to be used by pedestrians only and not for vehicles of any kind.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda for consideration at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council which will be held after the expiration of ten days from the date of this Notice.

Mise, le meas,

M. S. O Maolruanaidhe,

RUNAI SEAL.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mór,
GAILLIMH

30adh Bealtaine, 1968.

Chuir Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De h-Aoine, 7adh Meitheamh, 1968, ag tosú ar 3.30 p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

C. Ó DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach

A G E N D A

TO CONSIDER:

Local Improvement Schemes - adjourned from meeting held on 27th May, 1968.

Memorandum thereon already circulated to members.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY

4th June, 1968.

To each member of the Galway County Council/

A Chara,

Following consultation with members of the Council at a meeting of the Visiting Committee of the Regional Hospital on the 31st May, 1968, the Chairman decided to adjourn the special meeting arranged for Friday next the 7th instant, to consider Local Improvement Schemes, to Monday, 8th July, 1968.

It was also agreed to hold a meeting of the Visiting Committee of St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, on Friday, 14th June, 1968 - formal notice of this will be sent to members of the committee later.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE
Runaí Sealadach

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY

11th June, 1968.

To each Member of the Galway County Council/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Galway County Council at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 17th June, 1968, at 4 p.m. for the purpose of considering objections and representations received to the Draft County Development Plan and also to adopt a County Development Plan.

Copies of representations/objections received and of minutes of Oral submissions are attached.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE
Runaí Sealadach

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY

14th June, 1968.

To each Member of the Galway County Council/

A Chara,

I enclose herewith copy of a letter dated 11th June, 1968, received from the Department of Local Government in connection with the Draft County Development Plan which will be considered by the Council at meeting to be held on Monday next the 17th instant at 4 p.m.

For the information of members of the Council, I append hereunder a copy of Section 22 (3) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE
Runaí Sealadach

C O P Y

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1963

- 22.—(3) The Minister may require a planning authority to vary the development plan in respect of matters and in a manner specified by him and thereupon it shall be the duty of the authority to comply with the requisition.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CUSTOM HOUSE,
DUBLIN

11 Meitheamh, 1968.

Secretary,
Galway County Council,
County Buildings,
GALWAY

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the second draft development plan for the county and for the scheduled towns. It was pointed out in the Department's letter of 22nd October last that certain provisions of the development control policy set out in paragraphs 2.18 and 2.21 of the first draft were inconsistent with declared objectives of the plan (e.g. paragraphs 2.1, 2.5(3) and 2.6) and were inadequate to secure attainment of those objectives. In the amended draft plan the relevant provisions have been further weakened in important ways by substantial reductions in a certain road frontage requirements for housing development in areas of special development control (paragraph 2.18). The probable effect of the serious shortcomings of paragraphs 2.18 and 2.21 of the amended draft plan over a period on the important amenity areas gives ground for serious concern. Having regard to the economic importance to the county of conserving its major scenic and tourist amenities, and to the considerations of basic road safety which are involved the Minister must, therefore, reserve his position in these matters having regard to his functions in relation to development plans generally under section 22(3) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

Attention is drawn to the comments in the Department's letters of 13th September and 22nd October, 1967.

Paragraph 2.13(4) and corresponding paragraphs in the town plans.

Adequate public open space should be provided for where extensive housing development is envisaged.

Paragraph 2.17(1) and corresponding paragraphs in the town plans.

A more flexible minimum site requirement for detached and semi-detached houses would be preferable.

The traffic needs of the small towns generally, including villages, - improved traffic circulation and provision of parking facilities will need more detailed examination and provision as soon as circumstances allow.

Mise, le meas,

T. McGRATH

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 17TH JUNE, 1968.

IN THE CHAIR: (a) Senator M. Killilea (b) Deputy J. Geoghegan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Cllrs. Burke, Byrne, Callanan, Clarke, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cllrs. Croffy, Cunningham, John Donnellan (Moycullen), Deputy John Donnellan (Dunmore), Cllrs. Fahey, Galvin, Glynn, Haverty, Holland, Hussey, King, Deputy Kitt, Cllrs. Lambert, Mannion, Melvin, Deputy Molloy, Cllrs. Raftery, Ruane, Ridge and Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager; C. A. Warner, M.E., County Engineer; R. Lee, Chief Assistant County Engineer (Planning); T. A. Smyth, Staff Officer (Planning); M. Browne, B.E., Assistant County Engineer (Planning) and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The County Manager gave a brief outline of the objections and representations received which had been circulated to the members, stating that a total of twelve representations and objections had been made. He pointed out that Nos. 1, 7 and 10 related to the Knocknacarra area and suggested that they might be dealt with in that order by the County Council. He stated that Nos. 2, 4, 9 and 11 related to the Tuam Plan; that No. 12 related to the Loughrea Plan; No. 3 to Advertising; No. 5 to Barna Area, and that Nos. 6 and 8 were general Objections and Representations. He also stated that letter dated 11th June, 1968, from the Department of Local Government, wherein references were made to various aspects of the Plan would have to be considered by the Council.

The County Manager then read the following observations of the Planning Officer on the Objections and Representations received, as follows:-

Observations of the Planning Officer

(a) on Department's letter of 11th June, 1968 re. Draft Development Plans:

The comments in this paragraph endorse the recommendations already made to the Council on the inadequacy of the control provisions of the Draft County Plan and have been previously exhaustively dealt with and do not require further comment.

Paragraph 2.13 (4) and corresponding paragraph in Draft Town Plans:

It is regarded that provision for adequate open space is embodied in this section because of the requirement that 'housing estate development should be in accordance with co-ordinated estate layout'. It is not recommended that this paragraph of the Draft Plan be amended.

Paragraph 2.17 (1) and corresponding paragraph in Town Plans:

It is recognised that, apart from the stated exceptions, there may be cases where the requirements of this paragraph of the Plan may have to be too inflexible and it is recommended that:-

(a) In the Draft County Plan, paragraph 2.17 the words 'the minimum site requirements shall, normally be' should be deleted and replaced by 'the following shall be considered to be the desirable minimum frontage requirements'.

- (b) In the Draft Plans for Athenry, Gort, Clifden, Loughrea and Tuam, paragraph 2.3. (1) of each plan, the words 'In general the following requirements shall normally apply' should be deleted and replaced by 'The following shall be considered to be the desirable minimum frontage requirements.'

(b) on Representations by Galway Golf Club:

The Draft Development Plan provides that pending the decision of the Council resulting from consultations with the City Planning Authority, housing development in this area will be restricted to lands having frontages along public roads and adjacent to the pipe-lines of the proposed sewerage scheme. To this extent, the proposals in the draft Plan go some way towards meeting the requirements of the Golf Club.

The provisions in the Draft Plan are of a temporary nature and are intended to prevent developments occurring which would prejudice the Council's decisions which will be made as a result of the consultations with the Galway Corporation.

It may well be that following these consultations a partial Development Plan will be prepared for all of this area - in which case, a draft will have to be prepared, published, laid open for inspection and objections by the public, before final adoption.

(c) on Representations by Mr. Luke Murphy, Shop Street, Tuam, per Concanon & Meagher, Solicitors.

The objective (T4) in the Draft Plan provides for Study & investigations of the building of a new N/S arterial route - control of development along the route pending completion of the studies and investigations.

Applicant was informed by letter dated 7th November, 1966 of the proposals regarding this new route prior to the reconstruction by him of the premises now in use as a showroom and shop. Despite the Council's advice, he proceeded with the work.

The provision of the Draft Plan as regards Chapel Lane are that development shall conform to the building line shown on Map 4 of the Draft Plan - this does not preclude developments which conform to the building line and other provisions of the plan.

(d) on Representations by David Allen & Sons, 24 Adelaide St., Belfast:

In view of the definition of advertisement Hoarding in Section 2.20 (1) it is not agreed that paragraph 2.20 (3) (2) would come under the definition of 'advertisement sign' in (1). The deletion of 3 (11) is not therefore recommended.

Paragraph 5 (c) The preferences embodied in this paragraph do not inhibit the Planning Authority from giving proper individual consideration to each case as the Planning Authority is thereby enabled to consider each case on its merits. It is not recommended that this paragraph is deleted.

(e) on Representations by Messrs. Garvey Limited, Shop Street, Tuam, per Concanon & Meagher, Solicitors, Tuam:

Objective T.4.

The objective (no. T.4) in the Draft Development Plan provides for the Investigation & Study of the building of a new North/South arterial route and control of development along the route pending completion of the studies and investigations.

(f) on Representations by S. J. Kelly, Corrib Castle, Galway:

Please see agreed minutes of Oral Hearing and observations attached thereto - Page 3.

Mr. Kelly's representations refer to the preparation of non-statutory village Development Plans recommended in appendix D (Page 43) of the Draft County Development Plan. His representations do not therefore affect the contents of the present Draft Development Plan.

(g) on Representations by Galway Chamber of Commerce:

1. The different roles of Economic Planning and of Physical Planning appear to be confused in the paragraph of this submission. The County Development Plan is a physical plan and concerns itself with the aims of physical planning in regard to the encouragement and restriction of development, preservation of amenities, provision and improvement of roads and services, etc.

'Controlled growth' as suggested must embody both restrictions and encouragement.

2. The Draft County Plan more than fulfils the requirements of Section 19 (2) (6) of the Act, which is the relevant section dealing with objectives to be incorporated in a County Plan.
3. This simple statement does not have regard as to how the planned growth of Galway City and the planned growth of the nominated villages surrounding the city can be effected, if the policy proposed in the Draft Plan is not undertaken for the intervening areas. No realistic alternative is advanced.

4. Having regard to the period of the Plan and the existing populations of these villages, the tentative village boundaries contain a more than adequate land area to provide for anticipated growth in the five year period. It is not understood how the enlargement of the village development areas, as suggested, could lead to more economic servicing of land and to greater use of land.
5. 6. 7. 8. Capital is provided from Central Funds and is limited, it is not within the control of the Planning Authority; thus it is not possible to time table exactly the progress that can be made on the various schemes nor the order of priority.
9. It is regarded that control of 'development' is being confused with control of 'design'. Design control is set out in paragraphs 2.9 and 2.13 (3) of the Draft Plan is a flexible control.
10. The Planning Authority can only encourage the growth of these villages. Initially some degree of ribbon development must be permitted in a planned manner, pending the acquisition and development of lands - where it is evident that such acquisition is necessary to serve the demand for greater housing accommodation.
11. It is regarded that the Plan is generally flexible and stringent only in areas where there is a rapid growth rate and where the interests of the individual are subordinate to the overall public good.

(h) on Representations by M. Hession Limited, Galway (T. F. O'Connor).

The Representations made by both these objectors are in direct conflict with the representations made by the Representative of the Galway Golf Club. Whereas Messrs. Hession & O'Connor seek to have the Development Plan so amended as to permit them to undertake intensive housing development in this area, the Golf Club seek to have the 'holding' provisions of the Plan amended so as to prohibit all housing and other developments in the area immediately adjoining the Golf Course.

It is considered that at this stage, neither the 'requirements' of the Golf Club nor of Messrs. Hession can be acceded to - decision must await the results of the consultation with the Galway Corporation.

The concluding paragraph of 2.18 is a revision of the concluding paragraph of the June, 1967 Draft Plan. The revision was adopted by the Council in the light of recommendations of the Minister for Local Government.

Appendix B (page 42) elaborates on the reasons for operation of interim control until the decision is taken as to whether or not the area should be declared to be a development area and a proper plan prepared for its development.

(i) on Representations by Bowman & Quaid, 22 Eyre Square, Galway:

- (a) The Plan is the initial Plan and it will be possible in subsequent plans to engage in:-
 - (i) analysis of population trends, movement and growth.
 - (ii) more detailed land and use zoning (where required).
 - (iii) acquisition of lands in accordance with the policy of the Planning Authority, as set out in paragraph 2.6. of the Draft Plan.

The 2nd paragraph, 2.6. of the Plan sets out the policy of the Planning Authority for the acquisition of land.

Temporary means of servicing lands, will be accepted where such means are medically acceptable.

- (b) The preparation of a Regional Plan for the Galway/ Mayo region is in the hands of a group of consultant Planners and the studies for the Region will incorporate the expert views of the various specialists referred to. The County Plan will be reviewed and/or modified in the light of these Regional studies.
- (c) It is the general experience that delays in processing Planning applications are most often caused by applicants. In all cases where a useful purpose would be served by consultation, such consultations are arranged by way of requests for further information.

(j) on Representations by Martin J. Byrne, Vicar Street, Tuam:

Paragraph 3.4. of the April Draft provided for the survey of these lands for Housing and Educational needs. Because of the greater land requirements to serve the Educational need, all lands with the exception of Mr. Byrne's land will now be devoted to these Educational needs; Mr. Byrne's lands, in the current draft, are included in the 'Residential' zoning.

(k) on Representations by T. F. O'Connor & Co., 16 Laburnum Road, Clonskeagh, Dublin 14.

The Act provides for consultation between Planning Authorities for the planning and development of contiguous areas. It is obvious that there should be co-relation between the scale, nature, layout and servicing of lands, road systems, etc., in the planning of contiguous areas. One instance of such need is the present position in regard to services in this area - the proposed new sewer will service lands in the city and county areas and the water supply for the County area is extracted from the City Water Supply system.

The City Plan has not yet been prepared and the present County Plan in recognition of the need for co-ordination of Planning in this area, merely seeks to use interim control of development until a decision as to the future development of the area is made. The area is a relatively

large and important one and the urgency for the development of a number of acres of land should not be a determining factor for relaxation of the degree of development control recommended.

(l) on Representations by Myra Walsh, Circular Road, Tuam:

The objective in the Draft Plan for Tuam (page 14, paragraph 3.3./T.1.) to which this representation relates is 'investigate and study the provision of a new car park at the Mall'.

Pending the decision of the Planning Authority as a result of this study and investigation, developments which would prejudice the Council's decision in regard to the provision of a car park, would be premature and would not be permitted.

(m) on Representations by Norman Morgan, Bride Street, Loughrea:

The objective in the Draft Plan merely requires 'investigation and study' of the necessity for and feasibility of a new route, and the operation of interim control of developments which would prejudice the creation of the new route, pending the Council's decision as a result of these studies and investigations.

Copies of Objections and Representations to the Plan and minutes of the Oral submissions, having already been circulated to members of the Council, were submitted.

The Council decided to deal with the Representations which related to the provisions of the Plan in relation to the Knocknacarra area, Nos. 1, 7 and 10 and decided to deal with them in that order.

Ref. No. 1 - REPRESENTATIONS BY GALWAY GOLF CLUB:

At the request of the members, the County Manager read the following final paragraph of Section 2 (18) of the Draft Development Plan:-

"Pending the completion of the Galway City Development Plan, the necessary ensuing consultation with the Galway City Borough Planning Authority and the resultant decisions of the Galway County Planning Authority, permission for housing development, to approved densities will, within the framework of development policy, be restricted to lands having frontages along the public road and adjacent to the pipe-lines of the proposed Knocknacarra Sewerage Scheme in the area outside the borough boundary of Knocknacarra, as

delineated on Map No. 3."

He stated that the purpose of this provision was to maintain the present position until the Galway Borough Council Plan is available, at which time consultations regarding this area would take place between both Planning Authorities.

In reply to an inquiry by Clr. Holland, he stated that he could not give a definite date on which the Corporation Plan would be available, that the Corporation officials were now preparing their own plan, due to the delay in the plan commissioned by the United Nations and that it is now proposed that the Corporation will go ahead in preparing its own plan as quickly as possible.

In reply to further inquiries by members, he pointed out that the Act places an obligation on Planning Authorities for adjoining areas to consult with each other regarding the development plans for the contiguous areas.

Deputy Molloy considered that the Council should make a decision now rather than wait for the preparation of the Corporation Development Plan.

Following further discussion on representations made by the Galway Golf Club, Clr. King proposed, and Clr. Holland seconded:-

"that having considered the Objection of Galway Golf Club to the Draft County Development Plan, the Council hereby decides that no change be made in the Draft Development Plan as a result of this objection."

This proposal was put to the meeting and on a show of hands, the Chairman declared Clr. King's motion carried, unanimously.

Deputy Molloy objected to this decision and stated that he (Deputy Molloy) had not voted for this and he asked that the voting on the motion be recorded. The Chairman directed that a vote be taken and this resulted as follows:-

For Clr. King's motion:

Clrs. Byrne, Sallanan, Collins, Croffy, Cunningham, John Donnellan (Moycullen), Deputy J. Donnellan (Dunmore), Clrs. Galvin, Holland, Senator Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion, Melvin, Raftery, Ryan. (17)

Against: Clr. Ridge (1).

Clrs. Burke, Clarke, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Fahey, Haverty and Deputy Molloy did not vote.

The Chairman declared Clr. King's proposal carried.

Representations by Messrs. M. Hession Ltd.,
Galway and Messrs. T. F. O'Connor & Co.,
16, Laburnum Road, Clonskeagh, Dublin 14.

Ref. No.
7 & 10

The County Manager read for the members letter dated 23rd May, 1968, from Messrs. Martin Hession Limited and letter dated 28th May, 1968, from Messrs. T. F. O'Connor & Co. and also the minute of the Oral Hearing in relation to both of those Objections.

The Chief Assistant County Engineer (Planning) pointed out on a map for the information of members, the area in question, referred to as the triangular area, he also pointed out the alteration which had taken place in the boundaries of Knocknacarra Village as a result of the decision of the Council at its meeting held on the 29th January, 1968.

The County Manager then read for the members the following paragraph relating to this decision - from the minutes of the meeting of 29th January, 1968:-

"Deputy Molloy proposed that the existing boundaries of the Knocknacarra Village, on Map 3, be extended to include the central area at present excluded and also the two fields to the east of the existing boundary to the borough boundary.

This proposal was seconded by Clr. Fahey.

The County Engineer stated that he considered it unwise to do this at present and that it was obvious for a long time that there should be unified approach by the Galway County Council and the Galway Corporation to the planning of this area, which is a vital one. He suggested that this matter be deferred until there are consultations with the Galway Corporation.

Deputy Molloy's proposal was approved by the Council on a show of hands."

The County Manager also stated that this minute was confirmed by the Council at its meeting on the 26th February, 1968. Deputy Molloy agreed that this minute was an accurate record of the proposal which he made at that meeting and which was passed by the Council, but he claimed that the intention of this resolution was, to allow housing to a density of 4 per acre in this area and this was not implemented by officials of the Council involved in planning.

The County Manager stated that the proposal made by Deputy Molloy and passed by the Council at meeting of the 29th January, 1968, was confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the County Council and that allegations against officials are incorrect and that no undertaking was given to the Council regarding anything other than what was in the motion which was passed. Effect was given to the terms of the motion in the draft dated February, 1968.

Deputy Molloy then proposed that development of land in this area be permitted to a density of four houses per acre, as soon as adequate sewerage services

are available and that no other considerations be taken into account in dealing with applications for Planning permission.

Clr. Fahey seconded this proposal.

The County Manager then stated that the Corporation had employed a special consultant to plan certain areas of the City and he suggested that the Galway County Council approve the employment of a consultant to prepare a Draft Development Scheme for Knocknacarra area and he gave an undertaking to the Council that the report of this consultant would be brought before the Council before the sewer would be completed. He suggested that an addendum to this effect be inserted in the Draft Development Plan at the end of Section 2.18.

Deputy Molloy indicated that he would accept the suggestion of the County Manager and not press his motion and the Council then approved of the Manager's proposal.

OBJECTIONS RELATING TO TUAM

Mr. Luke Murphy, Shop Street, Tuam:

Messrs. Garvey Limited, Shop Street, Tuam:

Mr. Martin J. Byrne, Vicar Street, Tuam:

Myra Walsh, Circular Road, Tuam:

The County Manager stated that three of those objections related to the line of the proposed new road and car park and that all that was in the Draft Development Plan is that the Council investigate and study the question of a new road and car park and that the Council was not committed in any way to constructing the road and car park at this stage.

He stated that no change was necessary in the Draft Development Plan as a result of those representations and that any plan relating to a new road would have to come before the County Council for approval before carrying out the work. On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was unanimously agreed that no change be made in the Draft Development Plan as a result of these objections.

The County Manager stated that with regard to the fourth objection, (Mr. M. J. Byrne) that this was more a question of clarification of zoning than an objection to the Draft Development Plan and that this did not necessitate any amendment or alteration to the Draft Development Plan.

The Council unanimously agreed that no change be made in the Tuam Draft Development Plan as a result of these representations.

Representations by Mr. Norman Morgan, Bride Street, Loughrea:

The County Manager stated that the representations made in this case arose from the objective in the Loughrea Plan to study and investigate the question of a proposed new road and that as the proposal in the plan related only to study and an investigation, no amendment or alteration in the plan was necessary.

The Council unanimously agreed that no alteration be made in the Loughrea Draft Plan as a result of those representations.

Representations by Messrs. David Allen & Sons, 24 Adelaide Street, Belfast:

The County Manager stated that this objection relates to advertising and that as a result of representations already made by Messrs. David Allen & Sons to the June, 1967, Draft Plan, amendments were made in that plan and embodied in the February, 1968 Draft Plan. He suggested that no change be made in the February 1968 Draft Plan as a result of those representations.

The Council unanimously agreed to this.

Representations by Mr. Simon J. Kelly, Architect, Galway:

The County Manager read the minute of the Oral Hearing in this case, which is as follows:-

"Following a discussion, it was noted that it is recommended in the Draft County Development Plan that a non-statutory development plan be prepared for the village of Barna and when this is being prepared, Mr. Kelly recommends that the control line be moved to the east to take in his entire property and also take in other property to the east and north of that line. Mr. Kelly also recommends that in preparation of the plans for the sewerage scheme the services be sized to take in land to the north of the control line for future stages of the development plan for the village."

and stated that Mr. Kelly's representations relating to the preparation of the non-statutory plan for Barna as proposed in Appendix D of the Draft Development Plan and as such it did not affect the present Draft Plan.

The Council unanimously agreed that no change be made in the Draft Development Plan as a result of this representation.

Representations by Galway Chamber of Commerce:

The County Manager stated that representations made in this case were of a general nature and that no alteration in the plan was necessary as a result of them.

The Council unanimously agreed that no change be made in the Draft Development Plan as a result of those representations.

Representations by Messrs. Bowman & Quaid, 22 Eyre Square, Galway:

The County Manager stated that those representations were also of a general nature and that it was not necessary to make any change in the plan as a result of them.

The Council unanimously agreed that no alterations be made in the Draft Development Plan as a result of those representations.

Deputy Geoghegan now took the Chair:

Letter dated 11th June, 1968, from the Department of Local Government.

The County Manager referred to this letter, copy of which had already been circulated to members of the Council and read the observations of the Planning Officer on this letter.

Deputy Molloy proposed that this letter be marked 'read' and Cllr. Clarke seconded this proposal.

Deputy Coogan proposed that the letter be discussed before being marked 'read' and Cllr. Holland seconded Deputy Coogan's proposal.

Senator Killilea now resumed the Chair:

In reply to queries from members, the County Manager stated that the Council has power to make the Development Plan but that the Minister has power to require the Council to amend the plan afterwards, if he considers, under Section 22 (3) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963, copy of which has had already been circulated to members of the Council, that any amendments are necessary in order to make the plan effective.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Planning Officer, the Council decided unanimously not to make any alteration in Paragraph 2.13 (4) of the County Development Plan and in the corresponding paragraph in the Draft Town Plan.

With regard to Paragraph 2.17 (1) of the Draft County Development Plan and the correspondings paragraphs in the Town Plans the Council decided to make the following alterations:-

- (A) In the Draft County Plan, paragraph 2.17, the words "the minimum site requirement shall normally be" shall be deleted and replaced by "the following shall be considered to be the desirable minimum frontage

requirements".

- (B) In the Draft Plans for Athenry, Gort, Clifden, Loughrea and Tuam, paragraph 2.3 (1) of each plan, the words "in general the following requirements shall normally apply" shall be deleted and replaced by "the following shall be considered to be the desirable minimum frontage requirements."

Clr. Hussey proposed and Clr. Ryan seconded:-

"That Galway County Council, having ^{PREPARED} ~~proposed~~ a draft of a proposed Development Plan, including proposed Development Plans for the scheduled towns of Athenry, Clifden, Gort, Loughrea and Tuam; having sent copies of the prescribed documents to the prescribed authorities; having published the required notices; having considered the objections and representations made to the draft plan and having in all other respects complied with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963, hereby resolve that a Development Plan including development plans for the scheduled towns listed herein, be and is hereby made in accordance with the published Draft Plan as amended at this meeting and that the official seal of the Council be affixed to the said Plan and to the maps forming part thereof."

Deputy Molloy proposed a direct negative but his proposal was not seconded.

The Chairman put Clr. Hussey's proposal to the meeting and declared it carried on a show of hands.

The seal of the Council was then affixed to the Development Plan and to the maps.

The Meeting then concluded

Certified Correct. *V. Doyle, Acting Secy*

SUBMITTED, APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

CHAIRMAN

M. Hussey
1/7/68

Galway Golf Club,
Salthill,

30th March, 1968.

Dear Sir,

I have examined your Council's Draft Development Plan for the Knocknacarra area, and I refer in particular to the land adjoining the North West boundary at Galway Golf Club's property at Pollnaroona West owned by Mr. Thomas McDonagh, where your Council proposes to allow the erection of 40 dwelling houses.

I wish on behalf of Galway Golf Club, to object to the use of this property for the above purpose on the grounds that:-

1. It inhibits future development of the Club. Membership is already closed at over 1,000 members.
2. Galway Golf Club proposes to acquire this property for future development and extension of golfing facilities both for members and visitors.
3. The existing facilities are inadequate to cater for both present and future demands of golfing visitors to the Galway/Salthill Tourist Resort.

Galway Golf Club has been requested by Bord Failte to provide improved facilities for visitors on its property, which will involve the acquisition of further land including the property referred to above.

Consequently, I request that an oral hearing be granted to the Golf Club to outline further its objections.

Yours sincerely,

Dermot Nevin
Acting Secretary.

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MINUTE OF ORAL SUBMISSION MADE BY GALWAY GOLF CLUB TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN REGARD TO THE AREA OF LAND IMMEDIATELY TO THE WEST OF AND ADJOINING THE BOUNDARY OF THE GOLF CLUB PROPERTY IN THE TOWNLAND OF POLLNARCCMA WEST.

Present on behalf of Galway Golf Club:-

Mr. W. J. Rooney	President
Mr. Stephen Stewart	Captain
Mr. Thomas Nevin	Committee Member
Mr. G. J. Colgan	Sub-Committee Member.

For the County Council:-

Mr. R. Lee	Planning Officer.
Mr. T.A. Smyth	Staff Officer, Planning Section.
Mr. K. Doyle	Acting County Secretary.

The following submissions were made:-

1. Tourism is the most important industry for Galway and its immediate surroundings; and for the development of Tourism, it is important that amenities be retained and developed.
2. Golf is one of the major attractions provided for tourists coming to Galway. It can be played the whole year round, and as evidence of its attraction to tourists, upwards of 4,000 people visiting Galway play Golf each year on this course.
3. It is the view of Bord Failte that Golf is one of the top priorities in the development of the tourist industry, and they have in fact already invested a considerable amount of money in the Galway Golf Club with a view to its development. Furthermore Bord Failte are anxious that this tourist amenity be extended and are prepared to invest even more extensively towards its development.
4. Galway is the one centre outside Dublin which can claim the largest influx of tourists, and exceeds even Killarney in this respect. Yet it has only the one golf course as opposed to other towns and cities with less tourist activities but with more than one Course.
5. Any building scheme in the above-mentioned area (the subject of this objection) would seriously militate against its future development potential.
6. If housing development is permitted in the two fields to the west of the borough boundary north of the main road, residents of those houses would have access to property immediately adjoining the Golf Club, an area in which there would be considerable danger to life and danger of personal injury. The seventh fairway runs so closely parallel with those two fields that residents run a grave risk of being struck by stray golf balls. This would apply especially to children.
7. If the general policy is to make adequate provision for recreational amenities for tourists, then land-space would be a primary objective to meet that demand; and therefore any form of building encroachment on these boundaries would be disastrous and, in our opinion, irretrievable.

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CONCANON & MEAGHER

Solicitors

TUAM,

Co. Galway.

27th May, 1963.

The Secretary,
Galway County Council,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Dear Sir,

We have been instructed by Mr. Luke Murphy of Shop Street Tuam, to object on his behalf to the proposed route of the new road which is contemplated might cross at the end of Shop Street and pass right through the premises consisting of a furniture store room, owned by him and situated at Shop Street aforesaid.

Our client recently purchased these premises which were essential for the purpose of his business. He has done extensive renovation and reconstruction on them. This work has resulted in the premises being transformed from what was, to all intents and purposes, a derelict structure, into a modern showroom and shop. These premises are run in conjunction with our client's Furniture Factory and they are an essential adjunct to it. He gives quite considerable employment which is so badly needed in this town.

On the broader issue, our client fails to see the necessity for a road such as that is contemplated. However, the doubtful benefit, if any, to be derived therefrom by the town of Tuam is possibly a matter for other persons to bring forward.

We will be obliged if you will take a note of our client's objection.

Yours faithfully,

CONCANON & MEAGHER

Dear Sir,

We have been instructed by Mr. Luke Murphy of Shop Street to make a further objection to the Plan proposed for the town of Tuam in so far as it affects a garden recently purchased by him and situate at Chapel Lane.

As we pointed out in the objection we filed on behalf of Mr. Murphy in connection with the proposed road, he is the Proprietor of a Furniture Manufacturing Company. The actual Factory is situate at Chapel Lane and the garden referred to adjoins the Factory premises. He purchased this garden for the sole purpose of extending the Factory and Foras Tionscail have in fact, investigated our client's application for a Grant and approved it. He understands, however, that the Plan provides for link roads, to the proposed through road which may affect the plot. We understand that our client has, in fact, applied for building permission and plans have been submitted. The completion of this work would raise the employment potential to

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40, which is a matter which would be of considerable interest to the local economy. We think the advantages to be derived from this employment increase would considerably out-weigh any advantages which might be derived from the proposed link road.

You might please take a formal note of our client's objection.

Yours faithfully,

CONCANON & MEAGHER

DAVID ALLEN & SONS LTD

24, Adelaide Street,
BELFAST.

28th March, 1968.

The Secretary,
Galway County Council,
GALWAY.

Dear Sir,

Galway County Council Draft Development Plan

We have inspected the revised Plan and Policy Statement.

We object to the following statements and for the reasons stated:-

Paragraph 3 (2) "Advertisement Hoardings may be permitted at the approaches to towns or villages where the advertisements to be displayed relate to goods or services offered in shops or firms in the town or village and the name of the shop or firm is mentioned in the advertisement."

Advertisement sites of this nature obviously come under your definition of "Advertisement Signs", so we suggest that this paragraph is deleted. We see no objection to advertisement hoardings being permissible at the approaches to towns or villages within the built up areas or reasonable limits outside it.

"5(c) Advertisement structures erected parallel to a road or street are preferable to those erected at right angles to the road or street".

This might be so in one set of circumstances and not be so in another set of circumstances. We suggest the deletion of this paragraph, as otherwise such a condition could inhibit the Local Planning Authority in giving proper individual consideration to each case on its own merits.

We suggest that our objections are dealt with by correspondence, because we have already had an Oral hearing in regard to the original Draft Plan.

Yours faithfully,

John A. Rogers.
Director.

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CONCANON & MEAGHER

Solicitors

TUAM,
Co. Galway.

27th May, 1968.

The Secretary,
Galway County Council,
Planning Section,
County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Dear Sir,

We have been instructed by Messrs. Garvey Limited, the owners of the Mill premises situated off Shop Street, Tuam, to object to the route of the proposed new road, which will cut right through their property.

Our clients instruct us that this would constitute a complete interference with their business as presently conducted.

We would be obliged if you would note our clients objection.

Yours faithfully,

Concanon & Meagher

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SIMON J. KELLY & ASSOCIATES

ARCHITECTS

CORRIB CASTLE

GALWAY.

22nd May, 1968.

Secretary,
Galway County Council,
County Buildings,
Galway.

A Chara,

Re: Draft County Development Plan

Having examined the Draft Development Plan, I wish to make objection to the control lines set out for the village of Barna.

Firstly, I feel that the control line to the north of the village is too close to the public road.

Secondly, I object to the line on the eastern side, which cuts in the centre of my property at 'Eagle Lodge'.

As provided for in the Planning Act, I wish to have an oral hearing to this objection.

Yours faithfully,

Simon J. Kelly
Simon J. Kelly & Associates

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ORAL SUBMISSIONS MADE BY MR. SIMON J. KELLY, ARCHITECT, EAGLE LODGE, BARNA, IN ELABORATION OF HIS OBJECTION TO THE CONTROL LINE SET OUT FOR THE VILLAGE OF BARNA IN THE DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

PRESENT:-

Mr. Simon J. Kelly,
Mr. Redmond Lee, Planning Officer,
Mr. T. A. Smith, Staff Officer, Planning Section, and
Mr. K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

Following a discussion, it was noted that it is recommended in the Draft County Development Plan that a non-statutory development plan be prepared for the village of Barna and when this is being prepared, Mr. Kelly recommends that the control line be moved to the east to take in his entire property and also take in other property to the east and north of that line. Mr. Kelly also recommends that in preparation of the plans for the sewerage scheme the services be sized to take in land to the north of the control line for future stages of the development plan for the village.

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Representations and Objections of Galway Chamber of Commerce & Industry on Draft County Development Plan

It is the implied duty of all the interested parties to study the plan, as it will effect the development of the area and influence the livelihood and prospects of all the citizens in the years to come. As the County Development Plan will have a major bearing on the development of Galway City we felt it necessary to study the Draft County Plan and we are not submitting the following for your consideration:

There is a very strong connection between the City and County, in particular that Galway City has been designated a growth centre. Forces of growth will change the pattern of population and agricultural production of the rural areas.

It is regretted that the City Development Plan has not been prepared up to the present. It is important that both plans should be carried out concurrently.

1. Planning is for people. Above all it must create the climate for maximum growth within the County. It must enable people to live and work in the most favourable conditions and within the most favourable framework which the Local Authority, acting on behalf of all the people, can provide. The draft Plan seems far more a series of restrictive covenants than a blue-print for progress over the next five years. The Galway Chamber of Commerce and Industry feel there should be far more emphasis on controlled growth rather than restriction.
2. It would seem that the Plan does not comply fully with Section 19 (1) of the Planning & Development Act, 1963 which clearly requires the stating of specific planning objectives and in no case does it set out a time-table for the achievement of objectives. Without such a time-table it is impossible for the public to know in what sequence the five year development plan is to be implemented so that any private person who wishes to plan development is prevented from doing so by lack of knowledge as to when and how and in what sequence development objectives are to be pursued and implemented. This lack could have a disastrous effect on any private development and the draft Plan must be amended accordingly.
3. We object to the declared policy of reducing the rate of development of the area immediately surrounding Galway City. Rather it should be encouraged and controlled.
4. The development of the selected villages should be planned to include substantially larger areas than shown by the control lines, so that greater use of land can be had for substantially the same expenditure on services.
5. The objective to progress with services in the county is not an objective. Targets within the financial resources must be set out. Clause 2 - 12 says that proposals are subject to availability of finance.
6. We feel that realistic targets for proposed development of new services in the villages and town must be set out and the order of priorities and dates should be decided upon. In particular the services proposed for the villages named on Page 22 should be clearly set out as to when it is proposed to start each scheme.

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7. The Plan states that no expenditure is proposed which might not have occurred in the ordinary way. This is all the more reason that the details in No: 6 above should be set out, as the objectives must now be known.
8. The Plan provides for development at the existing rate of progress, but in more constricted areas. It should, in our opinion provide for a gradual increase in capital expenditure to develop growth.
9. In general, it is felt that control of development should be as flexible as possible so that design of layouts and buildings are not restricted which would produce stereotyped and monotonous developments.
10. The layout of the control lines in some of the villages, in particular Barna, Knocknacarra and Moycullen, are unimaginative and will produce ribbon development, which is one of the objects the draft is hoping to control.
11. The Plan will have a major effect on a large percentage of the population and any restrictions should be flexible, rather than stringent control. People should be accommodated and control 'bent' where necessary, at least for the first 5 year period.

We would like to record our appreciation of the work and diligence that went into the preparation of the Draft Plan and trust that our contribution as set out above will be treated as an effort of constructive observations and proposals.

Signed on behalf of the Galway Chamber of Commerce & Industry:

Joe Herbert

Joe Herbert, President

MARTIN HESSION LTD.

Greenfields Road,
Newcastle,
Galway.

23rd May, 1968.

Planning Section,
Galway County Council,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Land at Knocknacarra

We have examined the Provisional County Development Plan and we wish to object to the proposal to postpone making a decision regarding the above land.

We feel that if the plan goes through as it now stands there will be no compunction on the County Council to provide a plan for this area as there is no time limit fixed. Furthermore, it has been stated that the proposed sewer might not be adequate to deal with the development which we propose and there is a possibility that this inadequate sewer could be laid before the County Council provide the Development Plan for the area, which would mean that these lands could not then be developed.

We would also like to point out that we were informed by Councillor Molloy, T.D., that at a meeting of the County Council he proposed that housing be allowed on this area in question when the sewer was laid and that this proposal was adapted by the County Council and he was not aware that any rider had been fixed to it.

As regards having a discussion with the Corporation, we feel that whatever discussions are to take place, should take place right away even if the Corporation have not finalised their own plan. I feel sure that they would be in a position to discuss whatever points the County Council wish to bring up and that it would be better to do this before the Corporation finalise their own plan so that the two plans, i.e., the County and Corporation plans, are in agreement regarding the development of the area.

Yours faithfully,

for MARTIN HESSION LTD.

J.F. Dooley

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MINUTE OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS MADE IN ELABORATION OF OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSALS IN THE DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN RELATION TO THE KNOCKNACARRA AREA, ON BEHALF OF:-

Messrs. Martin Hession Ltd., Building & Civil Engineering Contractors, Greenfields Road, Newcastle, Galway, and

Messrs. T. F. O'Connor & Co., Building & Civil Engineering Contractors, 16, Laburnum Road, Clonskeagh, Dublin, 14.

PRESENT:

On behalf of the above Contractors:-

Mr. J. F. Dooley, B.E.,
Mr. T. F. O'Connor, B.E., B.Sc.,

On behalf of the Galway County Council:-

Mr. R. Lee, B.E., Chief Assistant County Engineer, Planning
Mr. T. A. Smythe, Staff Officer, Planning Section
Mr. K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

1. It was agreed by Messrs. Dooley and O'Connor that the objections and submissions made in the letter dated 28th May, 1968, from Messrs. T. F. O'Connor & Co. be included with the objections and submissions made by Messrs. Martin Hession Ltd., The objections and submissions made in the letter dated 28th May, 1968, by Messrs. T. F. O'Connor & Co.; are therefore being made by Messrs. Martin Hession Ltd., also.
2. Both Contractors wish to add the following:-
"If the new sewer, when laid, is adequate, is it not reasonable that it be utilised to its full capacity, and have more intensive development in the area?"
3. Both Contractors feel that the last paragraph in Section 2.18 of the Draft County Development Plan is in conflict with the decision of the County Council as set out in the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th January, 1968, and they (the Contractors) are not aware that the contents of this paragraph have been approved by the County Council at any other meeting.

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BOWMAN AND QUAID
Architects:: Civil Engineers

24 Eyre Square,
Galway.

29th May, 1968.

The Secretary,
Galway County Council,
County Buildings,
Galway.

Dear Sir,

Re: The Draft Development Plan for County Galway.

Further to our earlier letter we have read the revised Development Plan and would like to make a few comments on same which we hope may be helpful.

Few could dispute the value of the general objectives of the plan as stated and while planners may competently question some of the principle directives such as proposed densities, plot ratios, amenity, etc., we believe, as Architects that the ultimate success of the plan will depend on the following points:

- (a) The immediate and long term provision of serviced land for all forms of development.
Galway in many ways appears to be unfortunate in that the provision of serviced land has not been able to keep pace with the development. We would suggest that temporary means of such servicing be accepted as sufficient for approving development, i.e. means which are medically acceptable on a temporary basis only and to serve until permanent servicing can be carried out.
- (b) The "selling" of the plan convincingly to the various groups and people of the County as a desirable necessity.

Planning is the result of group expertise and includes Sociologists, Economists, Geologists, Architects, Engineers, Public Health Officers, etc. Galway is lucky to have these resources available here between the Local Authorities, the University and the Private Practitioners.

We would suggest that the Galway County Council appoint and employ such a consultative group for the "selling" and implementation of the plan.

- (d) The implementation of the plan in practice in accordance with the spirit of the 1963 Act.
Development is essential to progress, it must be planned, but it must not be held up by indecision. Entrepreneurs must be given quick decisions, either affirmative or negative, to their proposals so that development can proceed or positive alterations decided.

To achieve this we would suggest that either the consultative group mentioned above should be employed or immediate consultation between the developer, his professional advisors, usually a competent Architect or Engineer, and all the relevant Local Authority Offices be arranged so that decisions in principle could be made.

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You are to be congratulated on your thoroughness of the preparation of the Draft Development Plan, and we offer the above comments for your possible consideration in the hope that they may be useful.

We remain,

Yours faithfully,

Cyril Bowman

M.R. Quaid

CONWAY & QUINN

Solicitors

TUAM,
Co. Galway.

29th May, 1968.

The Planning Officer,
Galway County Council,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

Dear Sir,

Re: Tuam Town Plan

Mr. Martin J. Byrne of Vicar Street, Tuam, is owner of land at the back of his dwellinghouse known as "St. John's", Circular Road, Tuam. The land is in Townparks 3rd Division and immediately adjoins the Glebe lands or Deanery, now owned by the Mercy Nuns.

On the original Draft Plan, all these lands, both the Glebe and the land at the back of Mr. Byrne's house, were stated to be reserved for housing. At the recent meeting in the Imperial Hotel, Tuam, you explained that the Glebe lands were now reserved for Educational purposes and Mr. Byrne is therefore doubtful for what purpose his land is being reserved. The only plan which he had before him was that of February 1968 no. 2-1.

In view of this, and to enable him consider the matter, Mr. Byrne wishes to reserve his right to object.

Meantime, to preserve this right, would you please treat this letter as in fact an objection.

An early reply will much oblige.

Yours faithfully,

Conway & Quinn.

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T.F. O'CONNOR & CO.

Building & Civil Engineering Contractors

16 Laburnum Road, Clonskeagh,

DUBLIN 14.

29th May, 1968

Planning & Development Section,
Galway Co. Co.
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Draft County Development Plan

Having inspected the Draft Development Plan and the Written Statement dated February, 1968, I wish to object in so far as they apply to the Knocknacarra area.

(A) I consider that the paragraph referring to the Knocknacarra area is to be deplored:-

1. Because it fails to make a decision regarding the area.
2. Because it fails to give any indication whatever of any time limit within which a decision will be made.
3. Because it passes to Galway Corporation the initiative and responsibility for making a decision.
4. Because it fails to give any good reasons (or for that matter any reasons at all) why decisions regarding this particular area should be dependant on the Corporation.
5. Because it fails to give any indication at all as to why "ensuing consultations" with the Corporation regarding this particular area are necessary at all.
6. Because it fails to specify precisely what it means by the term "approved densities" regarding the development which you will allow at the moment. What exactly are these densities.
7. Because it does not define precisely what the term "adjacent to the pipelines of the proposed Knocknacarra sewerage scheme" means. Just how near or how far.

(B) The total possible development within the area with which I am concerned is predictable and limited because of the three roads which enclose it - roads which each have a watermain and will shortly have a sewer. This makes the area ideal for high class residential development in keeping with that at present being carried out. It is so obviously an area for residential development adjacent to such scenic amenities and remote from industrial or business areas that one would expect that, instead of the Co. Co. having to consult the Corporation, it should be the Corporation who should have to see to it that their adjacent development harmonised with the high class residential nature of the area. However, if consultation is necessary surely it should be now before the Corporation plan is "fait accompli". Surely the essence of proper planning is that mutual needs and problems are discussed before any binding decision is arrived at on either side. Any other course would leave one party at the mercy of the other and could lead to stunted development. After working for so long on the various plans the Corporation and the Co. Co. must by now have a fair idea of what they have in mind for these adjacent areas.

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- (C) I understand that at a recent meeting of the County Council this matter of the Knocknacarra area came up and, after a very full and thorough discussion of all the factors, a proposal by Councillor Molloy resulted in a Council decision to designate the entire Knocknacarra "triangle" as an area for housing at a density of four houses to the acre, when the sewer had been laid. If this is so, and I have no reason to doubt it, I am at a loss to understand how the paragraph in your written statement can be taken as interpreting the decision of the Council.
- (D) My application to develop 7½ acres and M/s Hessions to develop 3 acres in the area in question were processed by yourselves and the Minister. In the course of this a meeting was called by you on the 8th August, 1967. In explaining the reason for it your Mr. Lee quoted from a letter from the Minister requesting that a co-ordinated overall development plan for the area be produced with the mutual co-operation of yourselves, M/s Hession and myself. After proceeding a considerable distance with this and after receiving one revised drawing from me, you mysteriously dropped the matter. Here again your present proposals do not seem to agree with the request of the Minister.
- (E) It has been suggested that the proposed Knocknacarra sewer might not be adequate for overall development and might be able to take existing and limited future houses only. Surely to put in a sewer that is obsolete before it even gets under the ground is odd. I understood that sewers should be tailored to suit existing and future needs rather than having to curtail housing to suit proposed inadequate sewers. As things stand with your proposed indecision and the indefinite nature of your postponement an inadequate sewer could possibly be laid while awaiting your plan for the area. It could then be argued that development was not possible because the sewer was not adequate.

I await hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

T.F. O'Connor.

CIRCULAR ROAD,
TUAM,
CO. GALWAY.

The County Planning Officer,
County Buildings,
Galway.

Dear Sir,

I herewith object to any proposals under the Tuam Development Plan to the acquisition of certain land of mine for use as a car park, road or any other purpose as I am negotiating with Corrib Crafts for the sale of this land to enable the said Firm to extend its business. The land in question extends from the Mall, Tuam, to the boundary of the lands of St. Mary's Cathedral, (Church of Ireland) and is at present in use as a garden part of which has been rented for some time by me to Corrib Crafts.

Yours faithfully,

Myra Walsh.

c.c. to A.A. Sharkey, Esq.,
County Manager,
Galway.

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OBJECTION TO PROPOSED NEW ROAD AT LOUGHREA

I, Norman Morgan, of Bride Street, Loughrea, County of Galway, object to the opening of the new road, at Loughrea, Co. Galway on the following grounds:-

1. At the moment, the fair green is an amenity to the town it is a sportsfield for pupils attending the De La Salle School, and it is a recreation centre for children and also for old people. It is sited away from heavy traffic, with a new road, it would mean that the fair green would no longer be safe. It will ruin the amenity and there is no alternative.
2. The new road is the main route for the children, going to the new schools complex, situate at Mountpleasant. The heavy traffic being diverted on that road will make this road hazardous for the children.

Signed Norman Morgan

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
Gaillimh.

21 adh Mheitheamh, 1968.

Chuig gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae Gaillimh, de Luain 1 adh Iuil, 1968, ag tosnu ar 3.30 p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'Dubhghaill.
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Making of Rates and Sealing of Rate Books for the year ending 31st March, 1969.
2. Making and Sealing the Demands on Galway Borough Council and on Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the year ending 31st March, 1969.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
Gaillimh.

21 adh Mheitheamh, 1968.

Guthan:
Gaillimh 2055

Chuig gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu bliantuil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, de Luain, 1 adh la de Iuil, 1968 ag tosnu nuair a bheas críoch leis an cruinniu speisialta.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'Dubhghaill.
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Election of Chairman for year 1968/69.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman for year 1968/69.
3. Appointment of representatives on:-
 - (a) Galway/Roscommon Mental Health Board. (17)
 - (b) Western Health Institutions Board. (2)
 - (c) County Councils' General Council. (3)
 - (d) Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. (1)
4. Appointment of Committees:-
 - (a) Visiting Committee for District Institutions.
 - (b) County Libraries Committee.
 - (c) National Monuments Advisory Committee.
 - (d) Education (Grants) Committee.
 - (e) Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

21 adh Meitheamh, 1968.

Chuig gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle:

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, de Luain, an 1 adh la Iúil 1968, ag tosnu nuair a bheas críoch leis an cruinniú bliantúil.

Mise, le meas,

C. C'Dubhghaill
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes
2. Notices of Motion for Annual Meeting of the County Council's General Council to be held in August, 1968. (Latest date for receipt of Motions for Agenda - 26th July, 1968).
3. Overdraft for Quarter ending 30th September, 1968.
4. Raising of loan for Carraroe Regional Water Supply Scheme.
5. Notice of Motion Roads for 1967/68.
6. Disposal of housing sites at Cosmona Loughrea - Notice dated 11th June, 1968.
7. Laybys - Galway/Spiddal Road - Minute No. 599 of meeting held on 27th May, 1968.
8. Business submitted by Co. Manager.
9. Members' Notices of Motion:
 - (a) Clr. Patrick Fahey -
 - (1) That Galway County Council erect a public light at the entrance to Shanaglish Church and thereby come into line with Clare County Council who have a public light erected at nearby Killerana Church.

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- (ii) That in view of the fact that neither C.I.E. nor Galway County Council will accept responsibility for the complete safety of users of C.I.E. - County Council railway crossings, I propose that the County Council take a test case to court against C.I.E. on behalf of the widow who lost her husband at Gurrane, Cranmore, so as to establish responsibility for complete safety devices at all C.I.E. - Council crossings.
 - (iii) That the County Manager inform the Council of inspections carried out by Council Engineers on Glenascaul, Cranmore Group Water Scheme and give a written report on such inspections.
- (b) Clr. Toddie Byrne -
- (i) I will propose that a dumping place be provided in Clarenbridge or a refuse collection be extended to service the town.
 - (ii) That semi-skilled labourers, working for Council in repair of Council cottages get a uniform rate of pay throughout the county.
- (c) Deputy Robert Molloy -
- (i) That Knocknacarra Refuse Collection be now extended to include Barna area.
 - (ii) That all roads in Carrowbrowne Electoral Area be declared public roads and henceforth maintained by the Council.
 - (iii) That a qualified social worker be employed to work in the City of Galway.
- (d) Clr. Michael Ryan -
- (i) I will ask the County Manager to have "danger" signs erected at a crossing and byroads at Dereen, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe.
 - (ii) I will ask the Council to take over and maintain the road through the village of Cloonboo, leading to main road at Cloonascragh, Lavally, Tuam. It has been repaired, some time ago by the Board of Works, and now the local people have brought it up to the required standard for the Council to take over.
 - (iii) At our next meeting I will ask for the approval of the Council to spend my notice of motion money on repairing two byroads, one a continuation road at Ballinlass, Glenamaddy, the other at Stonetown, Glenamaddy.
- (e) Clr. Peter Raftery -
- (i) That proper sewerage system be provided for Kellyan N.S.
 - (ii) That street lighting be extended in Moylough.
 - (iii) That link road between upper and lower Lissavruggy be black topped.

- (f) Deputy John Donnellan -
 - (i) At the next meeting of the Council, I will ask that the Ballymoe water scheme be extended to Ballincurry and Glynsk.
 - (ii) That a car park be provided at Glynsk Church.
 - (iii) To ask the Co. Manager if he would consider widening the road and building a high wall from the "Green" or "Convent Gate" to the "Tannery" to facilitate the Dunmore McHales G.A.A. Club. The road in question is also known as the Dublin Road.
- (g) Clr. John M. Mannion -
 - (i) I will ask the Co. Manager to outline the present position regarding the Letterfrack Water Supply
 - (ii) I will propose at the next meeting of this Council that a 30 m.p.h. speed limit be introduced for the village of Tully immediately.
 - (iii) I will ask the Co. Manager the present position re improvements to Clifden Water Supply.
- (h) Clr. Tom Clarke -
 - (i) I will propose at the next meeting of the County Council that Traffic lights be erected at the approaches to Carraroe.
 - (ii) That the footpath be extended from the parish hall to a point opposite the Church gate at Carraroe.
 - (iii) I will propose that steps be taken to provide a Graveyard for Carraroe.
- (i) Clr. William Burke -
 - (i) That well in lower Knocknagur Village be reconstructed.
 - (ii) That Testing centre be established in Tuam rather than have the people from Tuam area travel to Galway, Loughrea or Roscommon.
 - (iii) That new dumping site be provided for Tuam.
- (j) Clr. Pat Donnellan -
 - (i) To ask the Co. Manager if he would consider improving a main road between Galway and Athlone to facilitate the Tuam Beet & Potato Factories.
- (k) Clr. John Donnellan (Moycullen) -
 - (i) That the Co. Council provide a footpath on the west side of Moycullen leading to Village.
- (l) Resolutions for other Local Authorities.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 1ST JULY, 1968.

IN THE CHAIR: Senator M. Killilea.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Clrs. Burke, Byrne, Callanan, Deputy Carty, Clrs. Clarke, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Croffy, Cunningham, John Donnellan, (Moycullen) Deputy John Donnellan (Dunmore), Clrs. Fahey, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Haverty, Holland, Hussey, Joyce, King, Deputy Kitt, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion, Melvin, Raftery, Ridge and Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, C. A. Warner, County Engineer, J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

618 - RATES:

It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy M. F. Kitt and resolved:-

"that the Galway County Council hereby allows and makes the rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1969, as assessed in the Rate Books and that the Rate Books be sealed with the seal of the Council."

The Rate Books were then sealed.

619 - DEMAND ON URBAN AUTHORITIES:

It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy M. F. Kitt and resolved:-

"that Demands on the Galway Borough Council and on the Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the year ending 31st March, 1969, be signed by the Chairman and Secretary and sealed with the seal of the Galway County Council."

The Demands were then signed and sealed.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

certified correct - K. Doyle, Acting Co Secretary.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

Mark P. O'Sullivan
CHAIRMAN.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL,
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY,
1ST JULY, 1968

IN THE CHAIR: Senator M. Killilea.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Clrs. Burke, Byrne, Callanan, Deputy Carty, Clrs. Clarke, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Croffy, Cunningham, John Donnellan (Moycullen), Deputy John Donnellan (Dunmore), Clrs. Fahey, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Haverty, Holland, Hussey, Joyce, King, Deputy Kitt, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion, Melvin, Deputy Molloy, Clrs. Raftery, Ridge and Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, C. A. Warner, County Engineer, J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

620 - CHAIRMAN: Do mhol an Teachta Mac Eochagain go dtoghfar an Seanadoir Mark Killilea mar Chathaoirleach Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe do'n bhliain 1968/69. Do chuidigh an Teachta Mac Carthaigh leis an mholadh seo, agus ghlac an Comhairle Chontae leis, d'aonghuth.

Senator Killilea thanked the Council for electing him Chairman unanimously for the coming year and for the co-operation which they had given him in the past.

621 - VICE-CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Deputy Carty and seconded by Clr. Clarke:-

"that Clr. Thomas King be elected Vice-Chairman of the Galway County Council for the year 1968/69."

It was proposed by Clr. Lambert, seconded by Clr. Ryan:-

"that Clr. Paddy Collins be elected Vice-Chairman of the Galway County Council for the year 1968/69."

It was proposed by Clr. Glynn and seconded by Clr. Ridge:-

"that Clr. Brendan Holland be elected Vice-Chairman of the Galway County Council for the year 1968/69."

A vote taken resulted as follows:-

For Clr. King. Clr. Callanan, Deputy Carty, Clrs. Clarke, Croffy, John Donnellan (Moycullen), Fahey, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Haverty, Hussey, Joyce, Senator Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Clr. Melvin, Deputy Molloy, Clr. Raftery (16).

For Clr. Collins:

Clrs. Burke, Byrne, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clr. Cunningham, Deputy John Donnellan (Dunmore), Clrs. Lambert, Mannion, Ryan (9).

For Clr. Holland:

Clrs. Glynn, Holland, Ridge (3).

The Chairman declared Clr. Thomas King elected Vice-Chairman of the Galway County Council for the year 1968/69.

622 - GALWAY/ROSCOMMON MENTAL HEALTH BOARD: The Chairman explained that the total number of members on this Board was 24 of whom 17 would be elected by the Galway County Council for the year 1968/69. The appointment of the following members was approved on the proposal of Clr. Hussey, seconded by Clr. Raftery:-

Senator M. Killilea
Clr. T. King
Deputy J. Geoghegan
Clr. Thomas Hussey
Clr. Mrs. M. Croffy
Clr. Thomas Clarke
Clr. Padraic Joyce
Deputy M. F. Kitt
Clr. Peter Raftery
Clr. Hugh Melvin
Clr. Edward Haverty
Deputy Robert Molloy
Clr. John Callanan
Clr. John Donnellan (Moycullen)

On the proposition of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Deputy Donnellan, the Council approved the appointment of the following additional members:-

Clr. Patrick Galvin
Clr. Patrick Ruane
Clr. Paddy Collins

623 - WESTERN HEALTH INSTITUTIONS BOARD: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Melvin, the Council approved the appointment of Senator Mark Killilea and Clr. Thomas King as the Council's representatives on the Western Health Institutions Board for the year 1968/69.

624 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Melvin, the Council approved the appointment of Clrs. Thomas King, Thomas Hussey and Padraic Joyce, as its representatives on the County Councils' General Council for the year 1968/69.

625 - WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LIMITED: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Melvin, the Council approved the appointment of Clr. Padraic D. Joyce as its representative on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Limited for the year 1968/69.

626 - VISITING COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS: Deputy Geoghegan proposed and Clr. Hussey seconded, that all the existing members on this Committee be re-appointed, viz:-

Ballinasloe Electoral Area:

Clr. Mrs. Croffy
" Callanan
Deputy M. F. Kitt
Clr. P. Collins

Galway Electoral Area:

Deputy R. Molloy
Clr. John Donnellan (Moycullen)
Clr. T. King
Deputy F. Coogan

Tuam Electoral Area:

Senator M. Killilea
Clr. P. Raftery
Clr. T. Hussey
" P. Cunningham

Loughrea Electoral Area:

Clr. H. Melvin
Clr. E. Haverty
" Patrick Fahey
" Joseph Lambert

Oughterard Electoral Area:

Deputy J. Geoghegan
Clr. T. Clarke
" P. D. Joyce
" John M. Mannion

This proposal was approved by the Council.

627. - COUNTY LIBRARIES' COMMITTEE: Deputy Carty proposed and Deputy Geoghegan seconded, that all existing members of the County Libraries' Committee be re-elected. Clr. Glynn stated that he wished to withdraw his name from membership of this committee. Deputy Coogan then proposed and Deputy Geoghegan seconded that Clr. Brendan Holland be appointed in lieu of Clr. Glynn.

Deputy Carty's proposal (excluding Clr. Glynn) and Deputy Coogan's proposal were approved by the Council and accordingly the following were appointed to the County Libraries' Committee for the year 1968/69:-

Ven. Archdeacon Glynn, St. Joseph's, Galway.
Very Rev. M. Canon McDonagh, P.P., Craughwell.
Mr. C. Townley, University College, Galway.
Mrs. T. O'Brien, Windfield, Newbridge.
Mr. Frank Mullins, N.T., Woodford.
Mr. Sean Fahy, N.T., Killimor.
Mr. Luke O'Brien, Bishop Street, Tuam.
Mr. T. O'Shea, N.T., Rossaveal.
Mr. Thomas Murphy, Corgarry, Menlough, Ballinasloe.
Clr. T. Clarke.
Clr. M. Croffy.
Clr. John Donnellan (Moycullen).
Clr. Patrick Fahey.
Deputy J. Geoghegan.
Clr. P. D. Joyce.
Deputy M. F. Kitt.
Clr. P. Raftery.
Clr. Toddie Byrne.
Clr. John M. Mannion.
Clr. Pat Donnellan.
Clr. Brendan Holland.
Clr. P. T. Galvin.

Clr. Burke protested that no representation was given to the Milltown area in the Committees appointed by the Council.

628. - NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The five existing members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee Proper, were re-appointed on the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Melvin, viz:-

Lord Killanin, Spiddal.
Dr. G. A. Hayes-McCoy, University College, Galway.
Professor M. Duignan, Caoran, Taylor's Hill, Galway.
An t-Athair E. MacPhinn, Coláiste na h-Iolscoile, Gaillimh.
Very Rev. P. K. Egan, P.P., Lusmagh, Banagher.

The following Honorary Members were also re-appointed, on the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Melvin, viz:-

Mr. D. J. Murphy, Tuam.
Clr. P. Fahey.
An Seanadóir Liam O'Buachalla, An Bothair Ard, Gaillimh.
Deputy R. Molloy.
Mr. Martin Joyce, N.T., Aughrim, Ballinasloe.
Clr. John Donnellan (Moycullen).
Mr. P. J. Kennedy, c/o Messrs. Joyce, Mackie & Loughed, 34 Eyre Square, Galway.
Mr. Maurice Semple, Solicitor, Eglinton Street, Galway.
Mr. M. J. Molloy, Playwright, Milltown.

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. Holland, it was agreed that in view of the important work being done by this Committee, the Office of Public Works should be asked to seek a special vote in Dail Eireann, in order to pay travelling and other expenses to all members of this Committee.

629. - EDUCATION (GRANTS) COMMITTEE: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. Fahey, the Council unanimously agreed that all members of the former Education (Scholarships) Committee be appointed to the Education (Grants) Committee of the Council for the year 1968/69, viz:-

Clr. R. Molloy, T.D.
Clr. M. Kitt, T.D.
F. Mullins, N.T., Woodford
Clr. John Donnellan, N.T., Moycullen
Clr. T. King
Clr. P. D. Joyce
Clr. P. Fahey
Prof. Larkin, University College, Galway
Rev. President, St. Joseph's College, Garbally, Ballinasloe
Rev. President, St. Jarlath's College, Tuam
Rev. President, St. Mary's College, Galway
The Rector, St. Ignatius' College, Galway
Rev. Bro. Superior, St. Joseph's College, Galway
The Headmaster, De La Salle School, Loughrea
The Headmaster, Secondary School, Ballygar
The Headmaster, St. Francis Secondary School, Clifden
The Rev. President, Diocesan School, Gort
Mr. M. Hogan, N.T., Caltra
Mr. Peter Fitzgerald, N.T., Castlefrench
Mr. M. Lohan, N.T., Mountbellew
Mr. W. J. Hans, Moylough
Mr. M. O'Hehir, N.T., Inishmore, Aran
Mrs. J. Burke, Ard-na-Mara, Salthill, Galway
Clr. Pat Donnellan
Clr. F. Coogan, T.D.

630. - OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE: On the proposition of the Chairman and seconded by Clr. Melvin, the Council unanimously approved the appointment of all members of the existing Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee who are eligible for re-election to the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees for the year 1968/69.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

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J.D.

SUBMITTED APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

M. J. Molloy

22/7/68 CHAIRMAN

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY,
1ST JULY, 1968

IN THE CHAIR: Senator Mark Killilea.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Cllrs. Burke, Byrne, Callanan, Deputy Carty, Cllrs. Clarke, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cllrs. Croffy, Cunningham, John Donnellan (Moycullen), Deputy John Donnellan (Dunmore), Cllrs. Fahey, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Cllrs. Glynn, Haverty, Holland, Hussey, Joyce, King, Deputy Kitt, Cllrs. Lambert, Mannion, Melvin, Deputy Molloy, Cllrs. Raftery, Ridge, Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, C. A. Warner, County Engineer, J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

631. - SYMPATHY: On the proposition of the Chairman, the Council expressed sympathy with Mr. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, on the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. K. O'Flynn and also to the other relatives of the late Mrs. O'Flynn. Mr. Sharkey thanked the members for the expression of sympathy.
Votes of sympathy were also adopted with the following:-
The relatives of the late Thomas Donnellan, Brierhill, Galway, a former member of the Council.
Mrs. Michael O'Donnell, Carraroe, on the death of her sister.
Mr. Michael Fahy, Gunnode, Toomard, Ballinasloe, on the death of his brother.
Doctor Marlborough, Gort, on the death of his brother.
Mr. Patrick Mannion, Emlaghmore, Ballinacorney, on the death of his mother.
Mrs. M. Brannelly, Cartron, Drinane, Ballygar, on the death of her husband.
Mrs. E. Corban, Shragh, Clostoken, Loughrea, on the death of her husband.
Rev. M. Tarpey, C.C., Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe, on the death of his brother.
632. - MINUTES: Minutes of meetings held on the 27th May, 1968, and 17th June, 1968, were submitted.

Deputy Molloy referred to the proposal made by him at the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 17th June, 1968, as entered at the end of page 8 and the beginning of page 9 of the minutes of that meeting and asked that it be recorded that the Council were in agreement with his proposal (which he subsequently withdrew on the Council's agreement to accept the proposal of the County Manager, "that a consultant be employed to prepare a plan for the Knocknacarra area").

The Council agreed that the minute be amended accordingly.

Subject to this amendment, the minutes of the meetings held on the 27th May, 1968, and 17th June, 1968, were approved and signed.

633. - ANNUAL MEETING - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: Letter dated 4th June, 1968, from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, was submitted, stating that the Annual Meeting of the Council will take place in August and that notices of any matters which the Galway County Council wished

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to have placed on the Agenda should reach the office on or before Friday, 26th July, 1968.

634. - OVERDRAFT: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:-
"that the Galway County Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation on the Council's General Account, not exceeding £750,000 for the quarter ending 30th September, 1968."
635. - LOAN FOR CARRAROE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: It was proposed by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Mannion and resolved:-
"that the Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £148,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of financing the Carraroe Regional Water Supply Scheme; the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 35 years, with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."
636. - NOTICE OF MOTION ROADS 1967/68: The County Manager stated that the amount allocated for those roads in the year 1967/68 had not in some cases been fully expended and that in order to have the work done during the present financial year, the approval of the Council would be required.
It was proposed by Deputy Coogan and seconded by the Chairman and resolved:-
"that work on Notice of Motion Roads for which money was allocated in the year 1967/68 be continued in the current financial year and that expenditure on such roads be approved during the year 1968/69 up to the amounts of the balances unexpended at 31st March, 1968."
The County Manager asked members of the Council to submit their proposals as early as possible, so that the money allocated may be expended during the current financial year.
637. - PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND AT COSMONA, LOUGHREA: The Notice dated 11th June, 1968, sent to each member of the Council, was submitted.
It was proposed by Cllr. Melvin and seconded by Deputy Carty and resolved:-
"that the disposal shall be carried out in accordance with terms specified in the Notice dated 11th June, 1968."
638. - LAY-BYES - GALWAY/SPIDDAL ROAD - MINUTE NO. 599 OF MEETING HELD ON 27TH MAY, 1968:
The County Manager informed the Council that this proposal had been examined further and that it is not considered desirable that lay-byes on this road should be provided. He stated that it is considered that there would be a propensity to use these as caravan parks and that there is prohibition on the parking of temporary dwellings along this road; he further stated that lay-byes are normally provided to enable both freight and private vehicles to pull in for rests on long journeys or in some cases to enjoy scenic views and that it is considered that those conditions did not apply on the relevant short stretch between Galway and Spiddal.
Deputy Molloy stated that there is very heavy traffic along this road especially during the summer-time and that up to 6,000 cars per day travel the road. He also stated that there were many convenient places for parking some time ago but those were filled in by the Council with the object of preventing caravans parking there; he stated that the provision of lay-byes would make the road safer for traffic and again requested that the lay-byes be provided. The County Manager stated that the matter

would be further reviewed in the light of what Deputy Molloy had said but he pointed out that the provision of lay-byes creates difficult problems; he stated that he would let Deputy Molloy know what is proposed when the matter is considered further.

Clr. Joyce stated that similar considerations would apply to the Cashel/Toombeola Road where he recommended that lay-byes be provided also in order to facilitate traffic overtaking and passing on this narrow road.

639. - BEALADANGAN BRIDGE: The County Manager stated that the present estimated all in cost of the bridge was £30,800 and that a grant of £25,000 had been sanctioned from Roinn na Gaeltachta leaving a balance of £5,800 to be provided.

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan and seconded by Clr. Clarke and resolved:-

"that the Council hereby approve the additional expenditure of £5,800 on Bealadangan Bridge and that an application be made to Roinn na Gaeltachta for an additional grant of £5,800 to finance the additional expenditure on the bridge."

640. - LADY DUDLEY NURSING SCHEME: The County Manager informed the Council that the Department of Health had written to state that the amount due by the Council in respect of the Lady Dudley Nursing Scheme for the year 1968 is £16,875; that the provision made in the estimates in respect of this contribution was £12,570 and that it would therefore be necessary to incur over-expenditure of £4,305 to meet the amount required for the current year.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Donnellan (Moycullen), seconded by Clr. Mrs. Croffy and resolved:-

"that the Council hereby approve additional expenditure of £4,305 on the Lady Dudley Nursing Scheme for the year 1968/69."

641. - SALARY REVISION - COUNTY ACCOUNTANT: The County Manager stated that following Conciliation and Arbitration, a salary of £1,770 increasing by six annual increments of £75 to a maximum of £2,220 (inclusive of the 10th round increase) had been recommended for County Accountant, operable from the 1st April, 1968, and that this increase will cost an extra £283 per year. It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved:-

"that the Council hereby approve a salary of £1,770 x £75 - £2,220 inclusive of the 10th round increase for the office of County Accountant as from 1st April, 1968, and also approves the additional expenditure of £283 for the year 1968/69."

642. - SUPPLY OF DRUGS/MEDICINES: The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council on the supply of Drugs and Medicines to holders of Medical Cards and to hardship cases which during the past seven months had been arranged with chemists on a replacement basis.

"On the 24th June, 1968, representatives of Galway City and County Chemists Associations were received and the scheme which was then being operated for the supply of medicines to hardship cases and to medical card holders attending private doctors was discussed.

The chemists stated that the scheme as operated was not satisfactory as it involved them in financial loss, additional clerical work and the accumulation of stocks which they could not readily dispose of. They gave notice that they propose to discontinue operating the scheme as from the 30th June, 1968.

They would be prepared to operate a scheme similar to the scheme in operation in County Donegal and they asked that consideration be given to the introduction of the Donegal Scheme in County Galway as from the 1st July, 1968."

The Donegal Scheme involves the payment of 3/6d. prescription fee per item per prescription to a chemist on a fortnightly basis. The retail price of the medicines are reduced by 15% if the items cost up to £2 and by 20% if the items cost over £2.

It is estimated that to operate the Donegal Scheme in County Galway would involve additional expenditure of approximately £10,000 per annum.

Following consideration of the matter it was decided that the Council could not at this stage agree to the introduction of the Donegal scheme in the County and the following alternative arrangements have now been made:-

- (a) Tuam Area: The drugs/medicines prescribed by the doctor on the special prescription form will be dispensed by the Pharmacist at the Tuam Clinic. The private doctors in the Tuam Area should advise their patients to take the prescriptions to the Pharmacist at the clinic between the hours of 10.0 a.m. and 1.0 p.m. Monday to Friday for their medicines. Any patient who does not wish to attend at the clinic for the medicines may make application through his doctor in the same manner as patients throughout the county to have his medicines supplied to his doctor from the clinic at Shantalla.
- (b) The remainder of the County: Private doctors in the remainder of the county (and those who are operating the scheme from adjoining counties) will submit the prescriptions to the Pharmacist, County Clinic, Shantalla, Galway, who will post the required medicines to the doctor for his patients. Where the necessary drugs are available in tablet form it would be appreciated if they were prescribed in this form, where possible, to facilitate the Pharmacist in packing them. In cases where a patient requires such a quantity a month's supply of drugs/medicines should be prescribed at a time.

Deputy Molloy stated that the new arrangement was not an improvement on the old one in so far as patients were concerned and he asked that the Donegal Scheme be implemented in County Galway.

The County Manager stated that money was not provided in the current year's estimates to enable this to be done. Deputies Kitt and Coogan complimented the Manager on the arrangements which he had made at very short notice. Deputy Geoghegan stated that while the arrangement may be suitable for patients in the eastern part of the county, it was not very suitable for those in the western areas and he suggested that some arrangement be made whereby drugs would be supplied to such patients by chemists in the western part of the county.

The arrangements made for the supply of drugs to medical card holders and hardship cases, as outlined in the Manager's report, were approved by the Council.

643. - LIGHT NEAR ENTRANCE TO SHANAGLISH CHURCH: In reply to Clr. Fahey's proposal, the County Manager stated that the village of Shanaglish was small and scattered and hardly merited consideration by the County Council for any public lighting system; he stated that the main need for a light would be outside the Church and that in similar conditions in other parts of the county such lights were provided by the Church authorities themselves.

Clr. Fahey stated that the Parish Priest would be prepared to supply the light at his own expense but that the Church gate is about 50 yds. from the Church itself and this presented a difficulty in getting the light installed. Clr. Collins stated that the Council should go half way to meet the cost of lighting in such cases. The County Manager stated that this matter will be discussed with the Parish Priest.

644. - LEVEL CROSSING - GURRANE ROAD, ORANMORE: In reply to Clr. Fahey's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that this matter had been considered by the Council at meeting held on the 29th December, 1967, at which

meeting he had informed the Council that official warning signs were already provided at the crossing, that it was felt that they were adequate and at this meeting it was also stated that there was a special C.I.E. and Department of Local Government Committee studying the problem of unattended crossings. The County Manager stated that he did not think that the County Council could take the steps suggested in the notice of motion. Clr. Fahey stated that this was a death trap on a public road maintained by the County Council and that as such, the Council has a responsibility to do something about it; he pointed out that a widow who lost her husband in the accident was not in a financial position to take legal proceedings and he pressed that the County Council institute proceedings on her behalf.

The County Manager stated the decision to take legal proceedings is not a reserved function and that the resolution, if passed, would be no more than a recommendation to him; he pointed out that the Council, if they are dissatisfied can have a resolution passed under the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, but that if such a resolution is passed and if the legal proceedings taken as a result of it, result in a loss to the Council's funds, the members voting in favour of the resolution, would be liable to surcharge by the Local Government Auditor.

Clr. Fahey proposed and Clr. Lambert seconded:-

"that in view of the fact that neither C.I.E. nor Galway County Council will accept responsibility for the complete safety of users of C.I.E - County Council Railway Crossings, I propose that the County Council take a test case to court against C.I.E. on behalf of the widow who lost her husband at Gurrane, Oranmore, so as to establish responsibility for complete safety devices at all C.I.E. - County Council Crossings."

This resolution was agreed to by the Council.

645. - GLENASCAUL GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: In reply to Clr. Fahey's notice of motion, the County Manager submitted the following report:-

Glenascaul Group Water Supply Scheme was started in April, 1965; a plan of the proposed extension having been approved in November, 1964.

The Scheme was done by direct labour under the direction of an organiser, Mr. J. Shaughnessy, Glenascaul.

Complaints regarding the condition of the roadway and footpath due to the excavation, were investigated on the 22nd June, 1965, and 23rd June, 1965, and the matter discussed with the Group organiser.

Hydraulic tests were made on the first section of the main (south of the railway line) on the 20th July and 22nd July, 1965, both tests gave unsatisfactory results.

Repairs to this section were executed and a further test was carried out on the 17th September, 1965, which also proved unsatisfactory.

Further complaints were received about the condition of the roadway in October, 1965, and these were inspected on the 26th October, 1965 on ten days notice to have all trenches and holes filled in, etc. was given to the Group organiser, otherwise the Council would do the same at the expense of the Group.

A further inspection on the 15th December, 1965 (after dark) and the 16th December, 1965 (daylight) revealed incomplete restoration and the Council undertook to complete the work of restoration. Up to this time, the Council had spent £85 on restoration.

Correspondence took place between the Group and the Council regarding the Scheme but no progress to complete the Scheme satisfactorily was made.

A further hydraulic test was made on the section north of the railway line on the 9th March, 1967, which also proved unsatisfactory."

Clr. Callanan stated that he previously asked the Council to appoint an Engineer, whose duty it would be to supervise the construction of Group Schemes and he again asked that an Engineer be appointed for this purpose.

Clr. Fahey stated that the people in this case had paid out money and had got no water and he inquired what the Council's Engineers thought about the Scheme and why no water is made available to them.

The County Engineer explained that while the County Council examines and approves plans for Group Water Supply Schemes and even as in this case carries out tests to see if it is satisfactory, the Council itself has no responsibility for ensuring that the work is carried out to a satisfactory standard.

The Chairman and Clr. King stated that in their opinion the Council's position in the matter of Group Water Supplies was similar to their position in relation to reconstruction grants where supplementary grants are paid by the County Council on receipt of notification from the Department of Local Government that the Department's grant is paid.

Clr. Fahey and Deputy Coogan requested that a written report on the matter be sent to each of them and this was agreed.

646. REFUSE COLLECTION - CLARENBRIDGE: In reply to Clr. Byrne's notice of motion the County Manager stated that the size of the village of Clarenbridge did not merit the provision of a dumping ground but that the question of providing a refuse collection service would be considered when the new refuse collection vehicles are in operation. In reply to a further enquiry, Mr. Silke stated that it was proposed advertising for two refuse collection vehicles before the end of this year.

647. RATE OF WAGES - SEMI-SKILLED LABOURERS:

In connection with Clr. Byrne's notice of motion, the Chairman stated that he would have to rule this out of order as the Council is not empowered by law to give a direction on matters relating to payment of rates of wages.

648. REFUSE COLLECTION - BARNNA: In reply to Deputy Molloy's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that proposals for extension of the Knocknacarra Refuse Collecting service will be considered in the month of August, 1968.

649. ROADS IN CARROWBROWNE AREA: In connection with Deputy Molloy's notice of motion, the Chairman stated that the recommendations made will be considered but that consideration of the matter must be adjourned to the annual Roads meeting of the Council.

650. EMPLOYMENT OF QUALIFIED SOCIAL WORKER IN GALWAY CITY: The Chairman stated that this was not a reserved function and said it was a matter for the County Manager. The County Manager stated that the employment of social workers generally, is being considered and a report will be made to the Council on the matter later.

651. DANGEROUS SIGNS AT CROSSINGS IN DERREEN, KILKERRIN: In reply to Clr. Ryan's Notice of Motion, the County Manager stated that it was difficult from the information available to state where exactly the signs were required.

It was agreed that Clr. Ryan would submit further information on the matter to the County Engineer who would then adopt the usual procedure of consulting the Garda Síochána in connection with the erection of such signs.

652. TAKING OVER AND MAINTENANCE OF ROAD IN THE VILLAGE OF CLOONBOO: In reply to Clr. Ryan's notice of motion, requesting that the Council take over and maintain section of the roadway through the village of Cloonboo, which Clr. Ryan stated was repaired by the Special Employment Schemes Office up to about four years ago. It was agreed that if the Special Employment Schemes Office sanction as agreed that if the Special Employment Schemes Office sanction number for this road would be supplied by Clr. Ryan, the road in question would be inspected by the County Engineer in order to ascertain if it qualifies for taking over and maintenance by the Council.
653. NOTICE OF MOTION ROADS AT BALLINLASS AND STONETOWN: In reply to Clr. Ryan's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that the balance available from Clr. Ryan's notice of motion Roads for 1967/68 is £200, that the Ballinlass road meets the County Council standard for a distance of 380 lineal yards and that the estimated cost of repairing this portion is £200.
It was agreed that this road be repaired during the present year in accordance with the provisions of minute No. 626 above.
654. SEWERAGE SYSTEM FOR KILLYAN NATIONAL SCHOOL: Clr. Raftery proposed that a proper system be provided for Killyan National School and stated that parents had reported to him that the septic tank is over-flowing and is causing a nuisance adjoining the main road. He asked that the County Medical Officer should have the matter examined. Clr. Cunningham also urged that something be done about this matter. The County Manager stated that the complaint will be investigated.
655. PUBLIC LIGHTING - MOYLOUGH: Clr. Raftery stated that parts of Moylough are very dark and would require additional lights. The County Manager stated that this will be investigated.
656. ROAD BETWEEN UPPER AND LOWER LISSAVRUGGY: In reply to Clr. Raftery's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that consideration will be given to having this road black topped in the next financial year.
Clr. Raftery also requested that a footpath outside the Dispensary at Ballygar be repaired.
657. BALLYMOE WATER SUPPLY - EXTENSION TO BALLINCURRY AND GLYNSK: In reply to Deputy Donnellan's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that the pumping plant on the Ballymoe Water Supply Scheme operates for 18 hours per day and that in view of the fact that the reserve pumping hours available are required for the existing houses, in the area served by the Scheme, he regretted that it would not be possible to allow any further extensions to the Scheme at present.
658. CAR PARK AT GLYNSK CHURCH: In reply to Deputy Donnellan's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that if the land, fencing, excavation and suitable filling are provided free of charge to the County Council, the Council will complete the surfacing and maintain it.
659. WIDENING OF ROAD AT THE "GREEN" OR "CONVENT GATE" DUNMORE: In reply to Deputy Donnellan's notice of motion the County Manager stated that finances did not permit re-alignment of this road within the foreseeable future; he also pointed out that expenditure of public money on a wall in order to facilitate the G.A.A. Club could not be justified.
660. LETTERFRACK WATER SUPPLY: In reply to Clr. Mannion's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that provision had been made in the current year's Estimate for the provision of a new storage tank and chlorinator on this water supply scheme. Arrangements are being made to commence work on the installation of these and an investigation into auxiliary sources are also proceeding. Purchase of a chlorinator was authorised on the 24th June, 1968.
661. SPEED LIMIT FOR THE VILLAGE OF TULLY: In reply to Clr. Mannion's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that this recommendation will be brought to the notice of the Department of Local Government.

- 661^A. CLIFDEN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: In reply to Clr. Mannion's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that plans for this Scheme were sanctioned by the Department of Local Government on the 16th May, 1968, but there is some difficulty with regard to the acquisition of the land for the reservoir site filter station and right-of-way - that this is a question of title which the Council's Solicitor is trying to resolve.
662. TRAFFIC SIGNS - CARRAROE: Clr. Clarke proposed that Traffic Signs be erected at the approaches to Carraroe. The County Manager stated that this proposal will be examined.
663. FOOTPATHS - CARRAROE: In reply to Clr. Clarke's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that the question of extending the footpath from the Parish Hall to a point opposite the Church at Carraroe will be further examined.
664. NEW BURIAL GROUND FOR CARRAROE: In reply to Clr. Clarke's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that for a number of years the Council have been trying to get a site for a burial ground in this area, but without success; he also stated that a number of sites have been offered and on investigation proved to be unsuitable, mainly due to the nature of the ground in the area, which is mainly of rock or bog; he stated that notices have been erected inviting offers of sites and that the Parish Priest in Carraroe had appealed for suitable sites could be made through the County Council, they would be considered.
665. PROTECTION OF WELL AT LOWER KNOCKNAGUR: In reply to Clr. Burke's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that this proposal is being investigated and a report will be available for the next meeting.
666. CENTRE FOR DRIVING TESTS IN TUAM: Clr. Burke referred to the difficulty and expense for applicants in the north Galway area in having to travel to Galway, Loughrea or Roscommon, for driving tests and he asked that the Council recommend to the Minister of Local Government, that a Testing Centre be established in Tuam.
The Council unanimously agreed to this proposal.
667. NEW DUMPING GROUND FOR TUAM: In reply to Clr. Burke's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that this had been examined and that no reason whatsoever could be seen for the provision of a new dumping ground at Tuam; he stated that the present site is ideally situated and has space for dumping which will provide for the needs of Tuam for several years to come.
668. IMPROVEMENT OF GALWAY/ATHLONE ROAD TO FACILITATE TUAM BEET & POTATO FACTORIES:
On behalf of Clr. Pat Donnellan, Deputy John Donnellan, asked the County Manager if he would consider improving a main road between Galway and Athlone to facilitate the Tuam Beet and Potato Factories. He stated that he had been approached by dealers in potatoes and also hauliers of beet who stated the size of trucks which are being used and which are tending to become larger, is creating a problem for the drivers and that the result may be that the business may be taken from Tuam unless the road is improved. The County Engineer stated that he considered that the road is in a reasonable condition to take the traffic which it is required to carry. The Chairman stated that he understood that nine larger type lorries were to be in use next year and stated that the main difficulty along the road appeared to be Grange Bridge.
The County Engineer stated that he considered that the lorries which the law allows to be used on roads in this country, would be capable of travelling along this road in its present condition and that no particular improvement works are necessary. Clr. Glynn supported Deputy Donnellan's submissions with regard to this road.
669. FOOTPATH AT MOYCULLEN: Clr. John Donnellan (Moycullen), asked that the County Council provide a footpath on the west side of Moycullen leading to the village. The County Manager stated in reply to this proposal, that the footpaths could not be provided as this place at present as future road widening in the area is probable and that this would necessitate removal of the footpath; he stated that the matter will be kept in mind when the road widening is being done.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

Certified Correct
W. J. Glynn
County Council Secy

SUBMITTED APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

22/7/68

W. J. Glynn
CHAIRMAN.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mór,
GAILLIMH

ladh lá de Iúil, 1968.

Chuíg Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 8adh lá de Iúil, 1968, ag tosnú ar 3.30 p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

C. Ó DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach

A G E N D A

TO CONSIDER:

Local Improvement Schemes - adjourned from meeting held on 27th May, 1968.

Memorandum thereon already circulated to members.

Further list of applications herewith.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD ON THE 8TH JULY, 1968, TO CONSIDER LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES (adjourned from meeting held on 27th May, 1968)

IN THE CHAIR: Senator M. Killilea.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Cllrs. Burke, Callanan, Deputy Carty, Clr. Fahey, Deputy Geoghegan, Cllrs. Glynn, Hussey, Joyce, Deputy Kitt, Cllrs. King, Melvin, Raftery, Ruane, Byrne, Collins, Croffy, Cunningham, Deputy Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Cllrs. Haverty, Holland, Lambert, Mannion, Ridge and Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, C. A. Warner, County Engineer, J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been convened for the purpose of considering the Manager's report of the 24th May, 1968, in connection with Local Improvements Schemes. In this connection he stated that there had been some developments and asked the Manager to bring the position up to date.

The Manager stated that further inquiries in regard to the Scheme had been received with the result that the estimated value of the Schemes on hands was approximately £200,000. and that the total contributions to be collected in respect of these schemes would be in the region of £35,000.

He stated that efforts to obtain temporary engineering staff had failed - there had been no response to two advertisements and a third advertisement was current. A few inquiries had been received, but to date no application form had been completed. In view of the situation which had arisen in regard to temporary staff, he had obtained the approval of the Minister to ask the Local Appointments Commissioners to fill two permanent posts of Assistant County Engineer for this scheme.

He reiterated his recommendation that the Schemes should be examined in the order of date of receipt of completed applications and carried out in the order of payment of the required contribution.

There was a general discussion in regard to the schemes and eventually a number of proposals emerged as follows:-

Proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Joyce, that:-

"a special allocation of the grant be given to each electoral area in the county".

Proposed by Clr. Mannion, seconded by Mrs. Croffy, that:-

"50% of the amount allocated to the county be utilised to deal with the backlog on the lines proposed by the Manager and that 50% be used to deal with current applications on the same lines".

Proposed by Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Melvin:-

- (1) "that priority be given to the carrying out of the 31 Schemes to which reference was made in the Manager's report of the 24th May, 1968;
- (2) that the Office of Public Works be requested to furnish to the Council particulars of all applications for Rural Improvement Schemes submitted to them and which were not dealt with due to suspension of issue of application forms;

- (3) that members of the Council give particulars of any cases of which they are aware and which are not included in the lists prepared by the County Manager;
- (4) that application forms be issued to all current inquirers;
- (5) that all of the applications covered by 2, 3 and 4 above, together with the applications already received from the Special Employment Schemes Office, be dealt with in the order of receipt for the purpose of determining the estimate of cost and the amount of the contribution and that the work be carried out in the order of payment of contributions."

Deputy Geoghegan indicated, in view of the terms of Deputy Carty's motion that he was prepared to withdraw his proposal.

The Chairman put Deputy Carty's motion to the meeting and voting resulted as follows:-

For the motion: Ctrs. Burke, Callanan, Deputy Carty, Clr. Fahey, Deputy Geoghegan, Ctrs. Glynn, Hussey, Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Ctrs. King, Melvin, Raftery, Ruane (14).

Against the motion: Ctrs. Byrne, Collins, Croffy, Cunningham, Deputy Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Ctrs. Haverty, Holland, Lambert, Mannion, Ridge, Ryan (12).

The Chairman declared Deputy Carty's motion carried.

It was further agreed that before any application forms are issued, an advertisement should be inserted in the local papers giving the date from which the Council is prepared to receive applications for Local Improvement Schemes. After that date, application forms will be issued to the current inquirers as well as to the members of the Council.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

*Beautiful Council
V.D. Kelly Co Sec.*

SUBMITTED APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

Mark Reeves
CHAIRMAN.

22/7/68

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mór,
GAILLIMH

12adh Iúil, 1968.

Chuíg Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 22adh Iúil, 1968, ag tosnú ar 3.30 p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach

A G E N D A

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.

2. Malicious Damage Claims:-

(a) Michael Murphy, Raven Terrace, Galway - Damage to window - 15/5/68	£47. 10. 0.
(b) James Callanan, Grenagh, Craughwell - Damage to tractor - 17/5/68	£70. 0. 0.
(c) Sealove Limited, New Docks, Galway - Damage to window, partition and motor starter, 26th/27th May, 1968	£100. 0. 0.
(d) The Representative Church Body, 52 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin - Damage to two windows in St. Mary's Cathedral, Tuam, on 25/5/68	£30. 0. 0.
(e) John, James and Michael Molloy, Athenry - Poisoning of two sheepdogs at Skeagherreen, Athenry, on 30/5/68	£60. 0. 0.
(f) Galway Itinerants Settlement Council - Damage to trailer caravan at Castlegar - 31/5/68	£20. 0. 0.
(g) Mrs. Rose Silke, William Street West, Galway - Damage to plate glass window - 13/6/68	£10. 0. 0.
(h) Nilands Limited, Merchant's Road, Galway - Damage to skylight and window - 14th/17th June, 1968	£50. 0. 0.
(i) James Barrett, No fixed abode - Burning of camp covers, sacks, wearing apparel and harness at Tubberbracken, Clarinbridge - 13/6/68	£78. 10. 0.

3. Renewal of Guarantee in respect of Overdraft accommodation - £14,500 - for Galway Harbour Commissioners.
4. Declaration of roads to be Public Roads - (schedule attached).
5. Refuse Collection service for Barna.
6. Increase in limit of Housing Loans.
(Copy of Circular dated 28th June, 1968 from the Department of Local Government herewith.)
7. Raising of Loan for Tuam Swimming Pool.
8. Raising of Loan for Child Welfare Clinic at Mervue, Galway.
9. Creation of additional office of:-
 - (a) Clerk Typist and
 - (b) Clerical Officer.
10. Creation of five additional offices of Nurse and four additional places for Student Nurses in the Regional Hospital, Galway.
11. Staffing of Laboratory, Regional Hospital, Galway.
12. Regrading of Assistant Regional Orthopaedic Surgeon.
13. Additional expenditure to finance improved conditions of part-time firemen - Estimated cost: £2,300.
14. Business submitted by County Manager.
15. MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:
 - (a) Clr. Paddy Fahey:
 - (i) That the erection of the proposed Council Building at Crowe Street, Gort, be postponed until the amount of money involved and the usefulness of this expense be fully discussed at a Council meeting.
 - (ii) That a public light be erected at Peterswell Village, and Church.
 - (iii) That the County Manager give a written report to the Council on local authority houses built by the County Council since 1964, showing number built per year, total cost and location, with a forecast of numbers to be built in next five years with a view to wiping out the back-log of houses needed in the county.
 - (b) Clr. H. Melvin:

I will ask at the next meeting of Galway County Council, why the difference in rates of pay between semi-skilled labourers in Urban and Rural areas? In Urban areas the rate of pay is 5/2d and Rural areas 4/5d.
 - (c) Clrs. Thomas Hussey and Peter Raftery:

At the next meeting of Galway County Council we, the undersigned will move the following motion:-

"That in view of the danger to the health of the community caused by the existing sewerage system, we request the Council to include Ballymoe in the priority list of Sewerage Schemes."

(d) Deputy John Geoghegan:

I will propose that Galway County Council send up for sanction to the Department the Kilkerrin/Carna Scheme and that the Minister for the Gaeltacht be asked for a special grant and loan to cover same in order to overcome the present difficulty of the smaller schemes there at present.

(e) Clr. John Callanan:

(i) I will ask the County Manager at the next meeting of Galway County Council to reconsider his decision not to recommend the water supply from the well known as "Steeles Well" which was to supply the proposed Group Water Supply for Eyrecourt. The minimum output from this well over a period of testing was 36,000 gallons per day and the minimum demand for water is 34,000 gallons per day.

(ii) I will ask the County Engineer at the next meeting of Galway County Council to have the drain in Mr. Turley's field at Laurencetown, Ballinasloe, cleaned. This drain takes the water and dirt off the public road and from the Square in the village.

(f) Clr. Frank Glynn:

(i) That the road at Farm, Kilkerrin, leading to Boyles and Diskin's houses, which was repaired some two years ago under Special Employments Scheme Grant, be declared a public road by the County Council.

(ii) That all County Council Overseers be granted a travelling allowance.

(g) Clr. P. Ruane:

That this Council dissociates itself from the statements of Mr. Brian Lenihan as reported in the Daily Telegraph of June 4.

(h) Clrs. P. Ruane and F. Glynn:

(i) That this meeting of Galway County Council calls on the members to protest to the Minister for Justice and to make known to T.D.'s its opposition to those provisions of the Criminal Justice Bill which curtail the rights of public protest and in particular the provisions whereby a Garda Superintendent may at his discretion ban any parade or public demonstration.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Galway

22nd July, 1968

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

The following are particulars of the numbers of local authority houses built by the County Council since 1964:-

Year	No. of Houses	Amount
1964/65	1	£1,784
1965/66	30	£48,663
1966/67	11	£23,542
1967/68	10	£17,105
Total	52	£91,094

*** (Details of the location of these houses are attached)

With regard to the next 5 years the building programme adopted for the 31/3/1971 provides for the erection of 141 houses.

It is anticipated that in the year 1971/72 a further 50 houses will be erected.

In assessing the value of the Council's own housing programme, regard must be had to the extent to which the housing needs of the county are being met by the use of the Supplementary Grants Scheme.

The following are particulars of the amounts paid in respect of Supplementary Grants during the past 4 years.

Year	Amount
1964/65	£111,100
1965/66	£122,700
1966/67	£200,300
1967/68	£155,600

The average number of houses per year for which grants are given is as follows:-

New Houses	225
Reconstruction	320
Water & Sewerage	200

There is no reason to anticipate that the level of activity in respect of Supplementary Grants Scheme will diminish during the next 5 years.

A further consideration which must be taken into account in relation to the estimated housing needs of the county is that a number of dwellings to be replaced are at present occupied by old people and childless couples, and it is hoped that their needs will be met by the provision of demountable houses - two of which are at present being erected in the county to determine their suitability for this purpose.

William King
County Manager

LOCATION OF HOUSES BUILT BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL
SINCE 1964

Year	Location	Amount
1964/64	Gardenblake Commons	£1,783
1965/66	Knockatee	£1,559
	Cloonkeen N.	£2,990
	Russelstown	£1,531
	Clogh South	£1,470
	Rossaveel	--
	Barnaboy	£1,465
	Ballinrocaun	£1,445
	Gorteenlehard	£1,368
	Moher	£1,530
	Spiddle West	--
	Bullaugh	£1,750
	Slievedotia	£1,733
	Templemartin	£1,726
	Burnthouse	£3,708
1966/67	Mincloon	--
	Ballyara N.	£1,450
1967/68	Tuam	£24,934
	Kinvara	£4,108
	Caherhugh	£1,901
	Killuney	£1,625
	Ard East	£6,952
	Springgarden	£1,908
	Esker	£1,650
	Magheramore	£1,797
	Tomarymore	£1,720
	Caherkelly	£1,878
Tullybeg	--	
1967/68	Gortbeg	£1,800
	Curraghlehagh	£1,750
	Carrownafemoge	£1,740
	Liss	£1,480
	Drum	£1,750
	Tawnarevagh	£1,650
	Caherkelly	£1,740
	Clarinbridge	£1,780
	Liss	£1,575
Tisaxor	£1,840	

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22nd JULY, 1968

IN THE CHAIR: Senator M. Killilea

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Cllrs. W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Thomas V. Clarke, P. Collins, Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham, John Donnellan (Moycullen), Deputy John Donnellan (Dunmore), Cllrs. P. Fahey, P. T. Galvin, Deputy J. Geoghegan, Cllrs. P. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, T. Hussey, P. D. Joyce, T. King, Deputy M.F. Kitt, Cllrs. J. Lambert, J. M. Mannion, H. Melvin, Deputy R. Molloy, Cllrs. P. Raftery, P. Ruane, J. Ridge, and M. Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, L. O'Luanaigh, Assistant Co. Manager, C. A. Warner, County Engineer, J. Silke, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer, and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

670 - MINUTES: The minutes of the following meetings having been circulated to the members were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman, viz:-

- (a) special meeting held on the 1st July, 1968.
- (b) annual meeting held on the 1st July, 1968.
- (c) monthly meeting held on the 1st July, 1968. - Minutes Nos. 631 to 660 inclusive.
- (d) special meeting held on the 8th July, 1968.

671 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were adopted with the following:-

Mr. Michael Moroney, on the death of his father-in-law
 Cllr. P. D. Joyce on the death of his sister-in-law
 The relatives of the late Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Carraroe.
 The relatives of the late Miss O'Flaherty, Derrynea, Costello.
 The wife and family of the late Mr. Thomas Kelly-Duggan, ClareGalway.
 Mr. Patsy Geraghty, St. Michael's Square, Ballinasloe, on the death of his nephew.

672 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: It was noted that malicious damage claims as listed at 2(a) to (i) inclusive on the agenda had been received.

673 - RENEWAL OF GUARANTEE IN RESPECT OF OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION - Galway Harbour Commissioners

It was proposed by Cllr. King, seconded by Cllr. Holland and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby acknowledges and confirms its continuing liability on foot of Guarantees given to the National Bank Ltd., on 17th October 1953 and 23rd February 1957 in respect of overdraft accommodation of £14,500 for Galway Harbour Commissioners and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the endorsements on the said guarantees giving effect to this resolution".

The endorsements on the Guarantees were then sealed and signed.

674 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Cllr. Mannion, and unanimously resolved that the following roads be declared public roads.

From	To	Location	Length Perches
The Co. Rd. 5 perches north of Tom Kelly's house, west	Patrick Joyce's house, Barnagorteeny and continuing for a further 26 perches southwards from this point	Oughterard (Barnagorteeny)	195
The Co. Rd. near Martin Mulroe's house by the houses of I. Halloran and Martin Halloran	Stephen Canny's house	Oughterard (Carrowkeel)	60
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675 - REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR BARNÁ The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

"at the last meeting of the Council a proposal for the extension of the refuse collection service to Knocknacarra was considered - it was then indicated that the position would be reviewed at the end of August when the contract is due for renewal.

The amount provided in the estimates for the current year for the Knocknacarra Refuse Collection Service is £600. and it is anticipated that the service will in fact, provided there is no change in the contract price after August, cost in the current year the sum of £400.

Subject to the agreement of the Council, it is proposed to include Barna in the advertisement when it is published next month, and provided the weekly rate quoted does not exceed the amount provided in the estimates, it would be possible to have a refuse collection service at Barna for the balance of the current year. If, however, the weekly rate quoted exceeded the amount provided in the estimates, the introduction of a service for Barna would have to be deferred until the next financial year".

The Manager's proposal was unanimously approved by the Council. Deputy Molloy asked that the advertisement inviting quotations be issued as early as possible.

676 - INCREASE IN LIMIT OF HOUSING LOANS: Circular H.21/49 dated 28th June 1968 from the Department of Local Government a copy of which had already been circulated to the members was submitted, and it was noted that the maximum House Purchase Loan in the County Health District of Galway had been increased to £2,700.

677 - TUAM SWIMMING POOL: It was proposed by Senator M. Killilea, Chairman, seconded by Clr. F. Lynnn, and resolved:-

"that the Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £39,600. from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of financing the proposed new swimming pool for Tuam; the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 25 years, with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council".

678 - LOAN FOR CHILD WELFARE CLINIC AT MERVUE, GALWAY: It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Clr. John Donnellan (Moycullen) and resolved:-

"that the Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £5,800. from the Commissioners of Public Works, or such other source and over such period of years as the Minister for Health may approve, with interest at the rate prevailing at the time of issue of the loan, or in force from time to time as may be appropriate, to defray the cost of building a child welfare clinic at Mervue, Galway".

679 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE OF CLERK-TYPIST: The County Manager informed the Council that due to the increase in the number of Dentists now employed, and to the increased activity in the dental service, it is necessary that an additional Clerk-Typist be appointed for the purpose of providing the secretarial services necessary for the organisation of the clinics etc.

On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Mrs. Croffy, the Council unanimously approved the creation of an additional office of Clerk-Typist.

680 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE OF CLERICAL OFFICER: The County Manager reported that for some time, it has been necessary to employ an additional Clerical Officer in the Accounts Section in order to keep work up-to-date there, and that it was undesirable that a temporary post should be continued indefinitely. He accordingly recommended that the Council consent to the appointment of an additional Clerical Officer in the Accounts Section.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Fahey, and resolved that the Council hereby approve the creation of an additional office of Clerical Officer.

681 - ADDITIONAL NURSES AND STUDENT NURSES FOR GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: The County Manager informed the Council that approval had now been received to the equipment necessary for the provision of an Intensive Care Unit in the Regional Hospital Galway, and that this unit is being provided in accordance with the recommendations of the Consultant Staff of the hospital. He stated that to staff the recovery room, it would be necessary to create five new offices of Nurse, and to take on four additional Student Nurses. It was noted that provision had been made in the current year's estimate for this staff.

It was proposed by Clr. Mrs. Croffy, seconded by Clr. M. Ryan, and resolved that the Galway County Council hereby approve the creation and of five additional offices of Nurse in the Regional Hospital, Galway, also approves taking on four additional Student Nurses in the same hospital.

682 - STAFFING OF LABORATORY, REGIONAL HOSPITAL, GALWAY: The County Manager stated that following negotiations with the Workers' Union of Ireland and the Hospitals' Commission, the Minister for Health had approved the regrading of head technicians in laboratories as Chief Technicians and that a revised salary of £1,402 x £50 - £1,602 per annum had been recommended as from the 1st June, 1966.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Fahey, and resolved that Galway County Council hereby approve regrading of the two head technicians employed in the laboratory, Regional Hospital, Galway, as Chief Technicians, with a salary scale of £1,402 x £50 to £1,602 per annum as from the 1st June, 1966, and also that the Council hereby approve the additional expenditure of £900. for the current financial year in respect of the increased salaries.

683 - REGRADEING OF ASSISTANT REGIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON: The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

"Subject to the sanction of the Minister for Health it is proposed to regrade the office of Assistant Regional Orthopaedic Surgeon as follows:-

1. The title of "Assistant Regional Orthopaedic Surgeon" will be altered to "Orthopaedic Surgeon".
2. The office holder will be given the same annual leave entitlement as the Regional Orthopaedic Surgeon.
3. The office holder will be allowed the same private bed entitlement as the Regional Orthopaedic Surgeon.
4. That a revised salary, which should be the same as that paid to the County Surgeons, viz., £3,077 per annum will be payable from the 1st April, 1968.

The annual cost of this proposal to the Council is £335 per annum. The consent of the Council to the revised arrangements is requested".

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Melvin and resolved that Galway County Council hereby approve regrading the office of Assistant Regional Orthopaedic Surgeon as recommended by the County Manager, with a salary scale of £3,077 per annum payable as from the 1st April, 1968, and also the Council approves the additional expenditure of £335. in the current year to provide for the proposed revision in salary.

684 - IMPROVED CONDITIONS OF PART-TIME FIREMEN: The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

"Agreement has been reached with the Unions concerned for the revision of conditions of employment of part-time Firemen as follows:-

Retirement Gratuities to be paid in certain circumstances to part-time Firemen. The maximum gratuity to be twice the retaining fee payable for the last year of service. Provision is also made for the payment of a gratuity to the Widow of a Fireman who has not less than 12 years service and who dies in circumstances under which his death is not covered by the Local Authority's Insurance Scheme.

It has been agreed to pay the 50% increase on the basic rate for Sundays and Saturdays -- heretofore the 50% increase for the basic rate was payable in respect of Sundays only.

The clothing allowance is to be £10. a year in future.

The estimated total cost of the implementation of these revisions is £2,300. and the approval of the Council to the additional expenditure involved is requested."

It was proposed by Clr. John Donnellan (Moyculbn), seconded by Deputy Molloy, and resolved that the Galway County Council hereby approve the terms of the agreement reached with the Unions for the revision of conditions of employment of part-time firemen, and also approves additional expenditure of £2,300. this being the estimated cost of implementing the terms of the agreement during the current year.

685 - WAGES AND OTHER CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF ROADWORKERS AND ALLIED WORKERS:

The County Manager reported that following discussions with the Unions concerned the following proposals had been made for a two year agreement in respect of wages and conditions of employment of Roadworkers and allied workers, but that those proposals had not so far been finally accepted by the Unions, but that it was considered likely that they would be accepted:

1. An increase of £1. per week as from the 1st April, 1968, plus a further increase of 18/6d. per week as from the 1st April, 1969, bringing the total weekly wages of a Roadworker as from the latter date to £11.
2. Service-pay to operate as from the 1st April, 1968.
 - 5/- per week after 5 years service
 - 10/- per week after 10 years service
 - 15/- per week after 15 years service
 - 20/- per week after 20 years service

He stated that this would apply to pensionable servants only and that in order to qualify, an employee would have to have 200 service days in a year.

Full payment will be made for any five days in a week, and pro rata when less than five days occur. Payment of service pay will be made twice a year in June and December, calculated to the first Tuesday in May and November. When less than 200 service days are recorded, service is not reckoned for that year.

3. Holidays: Two additional holidays in 1968
Two additional holidays in 1969
One additional holiday in 1970

In calculating entitlement for holidays "paid" hours will qualify for payment.

The County Manager stated also that it is estimated that the additional cost in the current financial year of implementing this agreement would be £36,000.

It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Deputy John Donnellan (Unmore) and resolved that Galway County Council hereby approve the terms of the proposed agreement with the Unions as set out in the County Manager's report, and also approve the additional expenditure of £36,000. to provide for the implementation of the agreement in the current financial year.

686 - INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABLED PERSONS MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES:

The County Manager informed the Council that the Minister for Health had made regulations to increase the above allowances as from the 1st August 1968, as follows:-

- (a) 7/6d. per week in the maximum weekly rate of Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowance.
- (b) 7/6d. per week in the maximum weekly rate of Infectious Diseases Maintenance allowance for an adult person, and 15/- per week for such person with an adult dependent, and 2/6d. increase for each dependent child under 16 years.

It was estimated that the cost of the increases in the current financial year is, in respect of

- (a) Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowances - £22,000.
- (b) Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances £1,200.

It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Byrne, and resolved that the Galway County Council hereby approve payment of the increases referred to above in accordance with the Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations 1968 (S.I.No. 154, 1968) and the Disabled Persons (Maintenance) Allowances (Amendment) Regulations 1968 (S.I.No. 155, 1968) and also approve total expenditure of £23,200. to finance those increases in the current financial year.

Clrs. Hussey and Callanan complained that delays occurred in some cases in getting Specialists' reports, and stated that this results in hardship on applicants who will not qualify for allowances in respect of any period prior to the date of certification of illness. The County Manager stated that there is no justification for payment prior to the date of certification of illness or disability, and that in cases of hardship applicants should apply for Home Assistance. He asked members to give him particulars of any undue delays which come to their notice, and Deputy Geoghegan asked if some arrangement could be made with the Hospital to notify the Council immediately patients are discharged. The Assistant County Manager stated that allowances are not now stopped until recipients are more than eight weeks in hospital.

687 - ROUNDSTONE WATER SUPPLY: The County Manager reported that a serious water shortage had occurred in Roundstone, due to failure of the source following a long period of dry weather, and that emergency supplies were being delivered to the town by the Council's Fire Brigade tankers, for which service no charge was being made to the householders. He stated that the Engineer had examined the matter and that it was estimated that a temporary supply could be provided by laying pipes overground within a few weeks at an estimated cost of £1,200. He also stated that following representations from a deputation from the Area, the Army was contacted and they were agreeable to help out in so far as they could. On the proposition of Clr. Mannion, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the provision of a temporary water supply for Roundstone, as suggested by the County Manager and the County Engineer, and also approve the expenditure of £1,200 on provision of this supply. The County Manager stated that this water will not be fit for human consumption.

688 - ESTABLISHMENT OF A SMELTING PLANT IN COUNTY GALWAY: Clr. King referred to a previous proposal of a former member of the Council, Pdraig O' Ceallaigh, requesting that the Government provide a smelting plant in County Galway, and suggested that the Council should now ask the Minister to provide this plant. The Chairman stated that since this matter was previously considered, Standing Orders had been adopted by the Council and under the Standing Orders, matters which did not relate directly to the Council business had to be ruled out of order, and he could not

accordingly accept this proposal.

689 - PROPOSED COUNCIL BUILDING AT CROWE STREET, GORT: Clr. Fahey proposed that the erection of the proposed Council building at Crowe Street, Gort, be postponed until the amount of money involved and the usefulness of this expense be fully discussed at a Council meeting. The County Manager stated that particulars of the scheme and of the cost involved will be brought before the County Council when the plans are prepared and stated that the work would not be commenced until the Council had provided the necessary funds. Mr. Silke stated that the Council had a site at Crowe Street, and on this site it was proposed providing a fire station, a branch library, and an office for the Assistant Co. Engineer, and that it was also proposed erecting houses on the site adjoining those buildings. He also stated that the drawings had ^{now} been received from the Architect and are being examined. The position was noted.

690 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT PETERSWELL: Clr. Fahey proposed that public lights be erected at Peterswell Village and Church.

The County Manager stated that this proposal had been examined, and that it was considered desirable to provide two lights in Peterswell, sited as follows:-

One near the Church entrance, and one on an existing pole opposite Lahiffe's shop. He also stated that quotations from the E.S.B. for these lights had been received amounting to £51. but as the amount allowed in the current year's estimate for new public lighting had already been allocated, it was recommended that provision of those lights be deferred until the financial year ending the 31st March, 1970. This proposal was approved.

691 - HOUSING: Referring to his notice of motion on the question of housing, Clr. Fahey referred to the County Manager's report of the 22nd July, 1968, setting out particulars of the number of houses built during the past four years, and the location and the cost of same, and stated that he was not satisfied with the progress being made in the provision of rural cottages by the County Council, and also referred to the long delay, and what appeared to him to be a very long procedure in getting houses built. He stated that of the 3,000 houses which were estimated to be required in County Galway, he considered that 2,500 of them would have to be provided by the County Council. He also criticised the policy of encouraging people to live in towns, and villages and advocated the building of houses in rural areas. He stated that only four houses had been built in the last four years in the Loughrea Electoral Area, and that at least 500 were needed in the area, and also that houses should be provided in order to keep people at home and not have them sent to St. Brendan's Home. The County Manager stated that 3,000 houses referred to were based on a survey carried out, and that it does not represent 3,000 applicants for houses. He also stated that it was anticipated that during the next four years, private enterprise would provide an additional 900 houses, and that the building programme adopted by the Council provided for the building of 150 houses in the next four years - 80 of which would be in rural areas. He further stated that there was no policy of not building houses in rural area, but that the Council tried if possible to provide houses near water and sewerage services. He referred to the difficulties in getting houses built and pointed out that the programme adopted was the minimum programme only, and that every ^{effort} will be made to increase the number of houses to be built during the period of the programme. Referring to the question of the provision of houses for old people, he stated that two demountable dwellings are now being constructed, and that the Council will be informed when they are built so that they may see them, and he also stated that when those are provided, a decision will be taken as to the type of demountable dwelling which will be provided by the Council in future for elderly persons.

Clr. Collins referred to the number of ~~vested~~ cottages which are

vacant and which are going into disrepair and he recommended that the Council should recover possession of those. The Assistant County Manager stated that a number of those had been referred to the Solicitor to recover possession of them where the owners were absent for a period of more than 18 months. The County Manager stated that while the legal position regarding recovery of possession of those houses are improved since the passing of the 1966 Housing Act, there was still many difficulties to be overcome in recovering possession. Clr. King stated that the General Council of County Councils was not in favour of taking over possession of such cottages.

In reply to Deputy Molloy, the County Manager stated that the number of applicants for provision of houses by the County Council was 70 to 100 families. In reply to Clr. Glynn, the Assistant County Manager stated that there is nothing to prevent the Tuam Town Commissioners providing a scheme of houses, except the large Town Rate which is at present being paid. He also stated that while there were 52 applicants on the waiting list in Tuam practically all of those were not urgent cases. Clr. King advocated caution in the building of houses in rural areas in order to avoid having houses vacant in areas where no tenant could be got, in the event of a vacancy arising. Clr. Collins recommended that the Council confine the building of houses to persons who applied to have houses provided for them, and that in such cases, care should be exercised to ensure that they are in genuine need of housing.

Clr. Fahey then proposed that the Council build 200 houses per year. This proposal was not seconded, and the Chairman declared it lost. Clr. Fahey complained that the Chairman did not give him an opportunity of getting a seconder, and then proposed a vote of 'no confidence' in the Chair. This proposal was not seconded.

692 - RATES OF PAY OF SEMI-SKILLED LABOURERS IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS: Referring to Clr. Melvin's notice of motion, the Chairman stated that he would have to rule this out of order as it was a matter to be dealt with solely by the County Manager.

693 - BALLYMOE SEWERAGE SCHEME: Clr. Hussey proposed, and Clr. Raftery seconded that "in view of the danger to the health of the community caused by the existing sewerage system, we request the Council to include Ballymoe in the priority list of Sewerage Schemes".

Deputy Donnellan supported this proposal. The County Manager stated that there are six water supply schemes and two sewerage schemes for which plans have yet to be prepared, and he suggested that no change be made until later when the schemes on the present priority list are planned to a later stage. He also stated that it is not practicable to consider one area in isolation, and that if the Council is revising a priority list, the claims of all parts of the county should be considered at the same time. He also pointed out that the present priority list had been approved at a meeting of the County Council. Clr. Callanan stated that the County Council had spent a full day considering the priority list previously, and had at that time a reduced the long list before them to the present priority list. He pointed out that Ballymoe is now put on the priority list, other areas could also claim to be put on to it also, and that this would ultimately render the priority list ineffective. The Chairman also suggested that the Council should not alter the present priority list, and that the question of Ballymoe should be deferred until the next list is being prepared. Clr. King asked Clrs. Raftery and Hussey if they would consider withdrawing the motion.

The County Manager stated that the priority list had been prepared on the advice of the Council's professional staff, and that before it is revised or a new list prepared, all schemes on the waiting list should be considered by the County Council so that the degree of urgency of each might be considered in determining the order of priority.

The Chairman put Clr. Hussey's motion to the meeting and the vote taken resulted as follows:-

For: Clrs. Byrne, Clarke, Croffy, Cunningham, John Donnellan (Dunmore) Fahey, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Hussey, Joyce, Deputy Kitt, Deputy Molloy, Clrs. Raftery and Ryan (14)

Against: Clrs. Burke, Callanan, Collins, Galvin, Holland Senator M. Killilea, Clrs. King, Mannion, Melvin, and Ruane. (10)

Clr. Haverty did not vote.

The Chairman declared Clr. Hussey's motion carried.

694 - KILKERRIN/CARNA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: Deputy Geoghegan proposed and Clr. Clarke seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the Council send up for sanction to the Department of Local Government Kilkerrin/Carna Water Supply Scheme and that the Minister for the Gaeltacht be asked for a special grant and loan to cover same in order to overcome the present difficulty of the smaller schemes there at present.

695 - GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME FOR EYRECOURT: Referring to his notice of motion, Clr. Callanan complained that the Council had carried out a test on "Steeles Well" which was proposed as a source for the Eyrecourt Group Water Supply Scheme, and had then assumed that there would be a lesser output than that ascertained over the test period. He stated that the scheme should be based on the quantity of water actually ascertained during the period over which the test was carried out. The County Manager stated that the Engineer's approach to this matter was correct, and that the object of the care being taken was to ensure that pipes would not be laid, and then that a water supply would not be available. He stated that the group had agreed to increase the storage capacity and that the care being taken by the Council's engineering staff was to ensure a satisfactory scheme when completed

696 - CLEANING OF DRAIN IN MR. TURLEY'S FIELD AT LAURENCETOWN: Clr. Callanan proposed that the County Engineer arrange to have the drain in Mr. Turley's field at Laurencetown, Ballinasloe, cleaned. He stated that this drain takes water and dirt off the public road, and from the Square in the village. Clr. Fahey, seconded this proposal. The County Manager stated that this is a drain on privately owned land to which a piped drain from the Square discharges road surface water, and that it is not the responsibility of the County Council to maintain the drain on Mr. Turley's land. Clr. Collins supported Clr. Callanan's proposition, which was passed unanimously by the Council.

The County Manager stated that the Council could not have this drain cleaned as long as the Council is advised that it is not its legal responsibility to do so.

697 - ROAD AT FARM, KILKERRIN: Clr. Glynn proposed that the road at Farm, Kilkerrin, leading to Boyle's and Diskin's houses, which was repaired some two years ago under the Special Employments Scheme Grant, be declared a public road by the Council. Clr. Glynn stated that he had now got particulars of the sanction number in respect of this road, and had given it to the County Engineer.

The County Engineer stated that he would investigate the proposition and would contact Clr. Glynn in connection with it.

698 - TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD OVERSEERS: In connection with Clr. Glynn's notice of motion, the Chairman stated that this was a function of the County Manager, and accordingly he had to rule it out of order.

699 - STATEMENT BY MR. BRIAN LENIHAN, MINISTER FOR EDUCATION: In connection with Clr. Ruane's notice of motion, the Chairman stated that in

accordance with Standing Orders, adopted by the Council, he had to rule this matter out of order as it was not concerned with the affairs of the County Council.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL: Clr. Glynn proposed: - that

this meeting of Galway County Council calls on the members to protest to the Minister for Justice and to make known to T.D.'s its opposition to those provisions of the Criminal Justice Bill, which curtailed the rights of public protest and in particular the provisions whereby a Garda Superintendent may, at his discretion ban any parade or public demonstration.

In reply to a query by Deputy Molloy, the Chairman stated that this proposal was not contrary to Standing Orders.

While Clr. Glynn was speaking to the motion, there was some general conversation between the members in the Council Chamber. The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned and then left the Chair.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

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W. Doyle,
Acting Co Secretary*

SUBMITTED, APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

M. Hynes
CHAIRMAN
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Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 26adh Lunasa, 1968, ag tosnu ar 3.30 p.m.a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach

A G E N D A

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims:-
 - (a) Nilands Limited, Merchant's Road, Galway - Building, fixtures and fittings destroyed, goods damaged and removed from premises, 20/21st July, 1968. £500
 - (b) Galway Itinerants Settlement Council - Caravan burned at Cappa, Barna, 20/7/68 £120
 - (c) Edward Halloran, Dalystown, Loughrea - 22 panes of glass broken, hay and straw destroyed, 21/7/68 £30.
 - (d) Michael Larkin, Kilmacshane, Clonfert - Two cocks of hay burned, 26/7/68 £60.
 - (e) Hubert Kelly, Killoran, Clonfert - Cock of hay burned, 26/7/68 £40.
 - (f) Galway Bay Fisheries Limited, Galway - Lobster Boat destroyed by explosives, 31st July-1st August, 1968 £7500.
 - (g) Patrick W. McDonagh, Minna, Inverin - Trawler "Elsie Mabel" damaged by explosives, 31st July-1st August, 1968 £5000.
 - (h) Patrick McDonagh, Minna, Inverin - Trawler "Elsie Mabel" damaged by explosives, 1/8/68. £3000.
 - (i) Thomas Broderick, Rathville, Kiltulla, Athenry - Injury to pony, 29th July - 1st August, 1968 £50.
 - (j) Thomas Kelly, Cahermore, Kinvara - 40 trams of hay scattered, 8/8/68 £140.

(k) Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Rev. Thomas Waldron and Martin O'Grady -
 Burning of National School at Tully, Renvyle,
 6th/7th August, 1968 £1,300.

3. Sale of Plots of Land forming part of former Ballinasloe Workhouse lands - Notice dated 9th August, 1968.
4. Sale of Plot of Land at Cosmona, Loughrea - Notice dated 9th August, 1968.
5. Raising of Loan for Knocknacarra Sewerage Scheme.
6. Provision of Strongroom in Galway Courthouse - Estimated cost £3,000.
7. Bealadangan Bridge - letter dated 8th August, 1968 from Roinn na Gaeltachta.
8. Adoption of Higher Education (Grants) Scheme.
 (Minutes of Education (Grants) Committee meeting held on 26th July, 1968 and copy of Scheme herewith)

9. National Monuments Advisory Committee - Membership, etc.

10. Remuneration revisions:

(a) Second Fire Officer - revised salary of £1210 x £40 - £1450 from 1/4/68 additional cost £273 per annum.

(b) Ophthalmologist revised salary of £740 from 1/10/63 and £830 from 1/2/64 Additional expenditure - £1475.

(c) Rate Collectors - proposed increase of £52 per annum to Rate Collectors appointed on a salary scale from 1/4/67. Additional cost to 31/3/69 - £1352.

(d) Farm Labourers, St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea. General approval requested to pay rates of wages fixed by the Agricultural Wages Board from time to time - Additional cost for 1968/69 - £100.

(e) Other Non-Nursing staff in St. Brendan's Home, Regional Hospital and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Clifden - Additional cost 1968/69 - £1035.

(f) Library Staff:-

(i) Assistant Librarians - proposed salary scale - £1088 x £45 - £1268 from 1/4/67.

(ii) Library Assistants - proposed salary scale - £452 x £40 - £652 x £76 - £728 x £45 - £1088.

Total additional cost 1968/69 - £975.

11. Business submitted by County Manager.

12. MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

(a) Clr. Toddie Byrne:

(i) I will ask the County Manager to widen at two points the end road leading to Blackweir Pier, Maree, Oranmore, to facilitate vehicles passing out one another.

(ii) I will ask the County Manager for a statement on the present priority list of schemes re provision of village pumps.

(iii) I will ask the County Manager when it is hoped to have the road improvement scheme from Ballindereen to Kinvara completed.

(b) Clr. F. Glynn:

(i) That this meeting of Galway County Council calls on the members to protest to the Minister for Justice and to make known to T.D.'s its opposition to those provisions of the Criminal Justice Bill

which curtail the rights of public protest and in particular the provisions whereby a Garda Superintendent may at his discretion ban any parade or public demonstration.

(c) Clr. W. Burke:

(i) that Milltown be put on the priority list No. 1 for water supply in the coming year,

(ii) that an extra Dentist be employed to speed up the back-log in dentures,

(iii) that clerks employed by this Council be put on the permanent staff after three years.

(d) Clr. P. Cunningham:

(i) I will propose that the County Manager request the Department concerned to have fresh water supply provided at Killyan, N.S. and Windfield N.S. and any other Schools in the area which do not have fresh water.

(ii) I will propose that the following roads be considered for black-topping in next year's estimate - Circular Road through villages Rushestown Upper and Rushestown Lower. Link road from Co. Rd. 370 Lisquill to Co. Rd. 460 at Killyan. Road from Rookhill 458 to Co. Rd. 460 at Killyan.

(e) Clr. P. Ruane:

(i) That the present position regarding the distribution of Drugs and Medicines from the Clinic is not so satisfactory and I ask this Council for an alternative system.

(ii) That the following roads recently improved by the Special Employment Offices be taken over by this Council -

(a) The road leading off the Athenry/Castleampert County Road into Willie Burke's house and Owen Quirks.

(b) Road leading off the Headford Road from Cloughanover, Mountross, to Kilbeg Road near Pier - Mail car travels this road daily.

(c) Road leading into Lakeview opposite Claregalway pump.

(d) Road leading off Athenry/Monivea Co. Road to William Melia's house at Mountpelour - ref. No. Galway 520.

(iii) I will ask at next meeting of County Council to speed up Rural Water Schemes and extensions so as to ease the burden on farmers and rural residents who have to haul and buy water this year and also to encourage group water schemes.

(f) Clr. M. Ryan:

(i) I will ask the Council to repair immediately a pump at Ballina, Ballyglunin, which is out of order for some time.

(ii) I will ask the Council to repair a pump and have the water analysed immediately. This pump is situated near the village of Barnaderg.

(iii) I will ask the Council at our next meeting to have the village of Moylough included in the second priority list for sewerage as it is most essential.

(g) Clr. T. Hussey:

(i) That the Council take over and maintain S.E.S.O. Roads - Sanction Nos. 1527 and 2777 at Boyounagh.

(ii) That County Road at Farm, Williamstown be black-topped.

(iii) That the site being made available by the Parish Priest at Glenamaddy be examined, for the purpose of providing public toilets.

(h) Clr. T. King:

(i) That a special meeting of the Council be held to deal with all matters concerning roads.

(ii) That a special contribution be made by this Council towards the extension of a Group Water Scheme at Ballyfruit, Headford.

(i) Clr. F. Fahey:

(i) That this Council offers its thanks to Bord Failte for money used in constructing car park at Traught, Kinvara. We congratulate the Council staff for the very fine lay-out. The Council requests an additional grant to build seating, shelters and toilets at this strand.

(ii) That this Council requests the Engineering staff in conjunction with Bord Failte and other tourist bodies to plan a promenade and swimming pool when re-constructing the entrance road to Kinvara from Ballinderrin and we urge the immediate removal of dangerous bends on this road.

(iii) That a special meeting of County Council be called to consider all aspects of Council Housing under such headings as -

(a) Money available for Housing.

(b) Number of applicants for Council cottages.

(c) Cost of erection of Council cottages.

(d) Number of semi-derelict houses at present occupied by people who cannot get better.

(e) Number of cottages vested and non-vested.

(f) General condition of non-vested cottages.

(g) Money spent and numbers working on the repair of Council cottages.

(h) Number of and amount of Essential Repairs Grants given, etc.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH

20th August, 1968.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle/
A Chara,

re - Agenda - County Council Meeting 26/8/68

Further to my letter of the 16th instant, the following items were omitted from that Agenda and will be considered at the meeting of the 26th August, 1968:-

12. (j) Clr. J. Lambert:

(i) That a pedestrian controlled crossing be provided at Gort Town.

(ii) What is the position of the Ardrahan Pump problem.

(iii) I will ask under what means test may people qualify for the allowance known as the dole.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE
Runai Sealadach

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME, 1968.

1. Provision of Funds

The Galway County Council shall award grants for higher education to eligible candidates in the year 1968 in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Higher Education Grants) Act, 1968 and the terms of this scheme.

2. Eligibility of Candidates

To be eligible for the receipt of a grant under this scheme, a candidate must fulfil the following conditions as to residence, attainments and age:

(a) Residence

(i) Save in exceptional circumstances, no candidate will be eligible for the award of a grant unless his/her parents or guardians were ordinarily resident in the administrative area of the County of Galway on 1st October, 1967.

(ii) A candidate shall not be eligible to apply for a grant in the administrative area of more than one Local Authority.

(b) Attainments

(i) A candidate must comply with the entrance requirements laid down by the university, university college or other approved institution of higher education in respect of the course which the candidate wishes to attend.

(ii) A candidate must secure a pass, at the Leaving Certificate Examination, 1968, in the number of subjects necessary to qualify for the award of the Leaving Certificate and obtain honours in at least four matriculation subjects at that examination.

(c) Age

The age limit for eligibility under this scheme shall be that laid down for entrance to the approved institution of higher education at which the candidate wishes to pursue a course of studies.

3. Value of Grants and Assessment of Means

(a) The value of a full grant under this scheme shall be £175 per annum in the case of a candidate whose normal family residence is adjacent to a university, university college or other approved institution of higher education. In other cases, the value of a full grant shall be £300 per annum.

(b) (i) For a candidate to be eligible for the award of a grant, the total income of the candidate's parents or guardians shall conform to the means categories in the attached Schedule.

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(ii) Income shall be determined in relation to the year ended 30/9/67.

(c) The amount of the grant to be awarded in any particular case shall also be determined in accordance with the Schedule.

(d) Any means possessed by a candidate shall be included for the purpose of calculating the means of his parents or guardians.

(e) Where income is derived partly from lands and partly from other sources, the income from such lands shall be reckoned on the basis that £1 rateable valuation is the equivalent of £20 cash income.

(f) The children to be included for the purpose of determining the amount of grant to be awarded in accordance with the attached schedule must be under 16 years of age on 1st October, 1967, or be 16 years of age or over on that date and attending a full-time course of studies at a school approved by the Minister for Education.

(g) In the calculation of income, Children's Allowances paid under the Social Welfare Acts may be disregarded.

(h) In making a declaration of total income the candidate or the candidate's parents or guardians shall submit to the County Council such information and make such declaration as may be required by it to determine the amount of the income and the number of dependent children.

4. Tenure of Grants

(a) Grants shall be tenable at a university or at a university college or at any other institution of higher education in so far as it provides courses leading to a qualification equivalent to a university degree. The following are the non-university courses approved for grant purposes:-

National College of Art

Course leading to the Diploma
(not the teaching Diploma).

Honorable Society of King's Inns

Course leading to the degree of Barrister-at-Law.

Solicitor (Incorporated Law Society of Ireland).

Grant payable only if student is following a university degree course and limited to the duration of that course.

Dublin City V.E.C.

Whole-time courses leading to a full professional qualification in :-

Architecture.
Engineering
Quantity Surveying
Electrical Engineering.

(b) Subject to satisfactory progress by the recipient and the provisions of this scheme, a grant shall be tenable

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for the normal duration of the degree or other approved course selected.

- (c) All grant-aided courses shall be full-time courses. Persons following part-time courses or evening lectures shall not be eligible for aid under this scheme.

5. Acceptance and Continuance of Grants

- (a) Every successful candidate shall inform Galway County Council of his acceptance of the grant within such period after notification as the Council may stipulate.
- (b) Every grant-holder shall become a registered student of the approved institution of higher education selected by him, at the commencement of the academic year immediately following the award of the grant. In certain cases, at the discretion of the County Council, a candidate who has qualified for a grant may defer availing himself of the grant for a reasonable period.
- (c) A grant is renewable annually subject to the approval of the Galway County Council and the Minister for Education. Where a grant-holder's attainment or conduct is unsatisfactory the amount of the grant may be reduced or the grant may be discontinued at the discretion of the County Council.
- (d) A grant-holder shall not change from the original faculty or course selected to another faculty or course without the prior approval of the appropriate institution or institutions of higher education and of the Galway County Council.
- (e) A grant-holder shall not be entitled to continue to hold a grant should he obtain any office of profit or be employed for remuneration or transfer to evening or part-time classes or lectures.
- (f) Should a grant-holder's normal family residence remove from a place adjacent to the institution of higher education at which he is availing himself of the grant to a place not adjacent, the amount of the grant shall be adjusted to the sum appropriate to his category in Part One of the Schedule.
- (g) Should a grant-holder's normal family residence remove to a place adjacent to the institution of higher education at which he is availing himself of the grant from a place not adjacent, the amount of the grant shall be adjusted to the sum appropriate to his category in Part Two of the Schedule.
- (h) If the County Council is satisfied that the income of the grant-holder's parents or guardians has decreased during the period of tenure of the grant to the extent that the amount of the grant held no longer corresponds to the income category in the Schedule in relation to which it was originally determined, the amount of the grant shall be adjusted to that appropriate to the category corresponding to the new income.
- (i) Should the number of eligible dependent children of a grant-holder's parents or guardians increase during the period of tenure of the grant, the amount of the grant shall be adjusted to that appropriate to the category in the Schedule corresponding to the new number of eligible dependent children.
- (j) In all cases, the appropriate adjustment in the amount of the grant shall be made in and from the next payment immediately following the occurrence occasioning the adjustment.

- (k) A student may not be in receipt of a Scholarship and a Grant simultaneously.

6. Post-Graduate Courses

A grant-holder who has obtained a primary degree may, on the recommendation of the authorities of the college in which the degree has been obtained, have the grant continued for a further period in order to complete a post-graduate course approved by the college authorities. The annual value of the grant will remain unchanged, except in accordance with the terms of Clause 5.

7. Payment of Grant

The grant will be paid in instalments in November, February and May. No instalment, however, will be paid in the second or third term until the College Authorities inform the Secretary:-

- (a) That they are satisfied with the conduct of the student during the preceding term.
- (b) That the student has attended during the preceding term at least three-fourths of the lectures in each subject taken out by him at the beginning of the session.
- (c) That he has presented himself for examination in each of the subjects referred to, held by the College Authorities at the end of the preceding term.
- (d) That his answering at the examination referred to has been deemed satisfactory by the Professors.
- (e) That the Standing Committee recommend such payment.

8. Application for Grant

Completed application forms received on or before 31st May, 1968, will be considered.

9. Determination of Disputes

Every question or dispute which shall arise in relation to the interpretation or construction of this scheme shall be determined by the Minister for Education whose decision thereon shall be final.

A G E N D A

MEETING OF 26/8/1968

10. REMUNERATION REVISIONS

(a) Second Fire Officer:

Approval is requested to payment of the 10th round salary increase (£52.p.a.) in addition to the scale of £1,210 x £40 - £1,450 from 1/4/1968 - additional cost £325. per annum.

(d) Farm Labourers, St. Brendan's Home:

Present Rate -- £8. 15. Od. per week
Proposed Rate -- £9. 10. Od. from 1/4/1968
Proposed Rate -- £9. 15. Od. " 30/9/1968 COST: £100

(e) Other Non-Nursing Staff, St. Brendan's Home:

W E E K L Y R E M U N E R A T I O N

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Male Attendants	£8. 6. 1. x 2/1 - £8.10.3d.	£8. 16. 9. from 1/12/67 £9. 0. 9. " 1/4/68
Boilerman	£9. 18. 6.	£10. 5. 0. from 1/12/67 £10. 6. 3. " 1/ 4/68
Boilerman/ Groundsman	£9. 13. 0.	£9. 19. 6. " 1/12/67 £10. 0. 9. " 1/ 4/68
Tailor	£8. 12. 0.	£8.18. 6. " 1/12/67 £9. 2. 6. " 1/4/68
Porter	£9. 1. 0.	£9. 7. 6. " 1/12/67 £9.11. 6. " 1/ 4/68
Stores Asst.	£11.5.6. x 10/- -£12.5.6d.	£11.12.0. x 10/-- £12.12.0. from 1/12/67 £11.16.0. x 10/-- £12.16.0. " 1/ 4/68
Laundress	£8.10.3	£8.16.0. from 1/12/67 £9. 1.0. " 1/ 4/68 £9. 6.0. " 1/ 4/69 £9.12.3. " 1/ 4/70
Cook	£8.14.2.	£9. 0.0. " 1/12/67 £10. 5.0. " 1/ 4/68 £10.10.0. " 1/ 4/69 £10.16.3. " 1/ 4/70
<u>Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Clifden:</u>		
Cook	£8. 0. 8.	£8. 6.5d. from 1/12/67 £8.11.5d. " 1/ 4/68 £8.16.5d. " 1/ 4/69 £9. 2.8d. " 1/ 4/70
<u>Regional Hospital, Galway</u>		
Labourers	£10. 5. 6d.	£10. 12. Od. from 1/12/67 £10. 16. Od. " 1/4/68

COST: £1,035

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF EDUCATION (GRANTS) COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 26TH JULY, 1968

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John Donnellan.

ALSO PRESENT: Rev. Bro. Killian, Clrs. M. Kitt, P. Fahey and P. Joyce, Messrs. M. Lohan, M. Hogan, T. Fitzgerald, W. J. Hans

OFFICIALS: Mr. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, Miss G. O'Grady, Staff Officer.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from:-

Rev. Dr. Mooney, President, St. Jarlath's College, Tuam and Clr. T. King.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd February, 1968, were approved and signed.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME, 1968: The draft Higher Education Grants Scheme prepared consequent to the coming into operation of the Local Authorities (Higher Education Grants) Act, 1968, as circulated to the members with the Agenda was considered.

The County Manager told the members that a specimen scheme was supplied by the Department of Education and that the draft scheme was based on this. He explained that the year ended 30/9/67 would be taken as the year in relation to which income would be determined for the 1968 awards since we had already taken this year when inviting applications for University Scholarships.

In future schemes, the year ending on the 31st March in the year of the examination would be the relevant year.

Councillor Donnellan advocated payment of the 1st instalment of the grant before November. The County Manager explained that payment before that date would be difficult but that it might be possible to arrange a payment on account where hardship was involved.

On the proposition of Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Joyce, the Committee recommended to the County Council the adoption of the Higher Education Grants Scheme, 1968, which was circulated to the members.

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION: Clr. Fahey considered that teacher training courses should be recognised for grant purposes. After discussion the Committee recommended that the Minister for Education be requested to include in future schemes, training courses for National Teachers, Domestic Science and Physical Culture teachers in the non-university courses acceptable for the Higher Education Grants Scheme.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The County Manager informed the members that the functions of the Committee would be to -

- (i) formulate the Grants Scheme;
- (ii) assist in determining the amount of the awards.

SYMPATHY: Sympathy was extended to the Jesuit Fathers on the deaths of Rev. Fr. O'Kelly, S.J. and Rev. Bro. Foley, S.J.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON
MONDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1968

IN THE CHAIR: Senator M. Killilea

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Cirs. W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, T. Clarke, P. Collins, Deputy F. Coogan, Cirs. Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham, John Donnellan (Moycullen), Deputy John Donnellan (Dunmore), Cirs. P. Fahey, P. T. Galvin, Deputy J. Geoghegan, Cirs. F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, T. Hussey, E. T. Joyce, T. King, Deputy M. Kitt, Cirs. J. Lambert, J. M. Mannion, H. Melvin, Deputy R. Molloy, Cirs. P. Raftery, P. Ruane, J. Ridge and M. Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, L. O'Luanaigh, Assistant County Manager, C. A. Warner, County Engineer, J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

701 - SYMPATHY: The Chairman proposed that the Council express its sincere sympathy with the wife and family of the late Mr. Seamus Layng and that the meeting adjourn for one hour as a mark of respect. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Melvin and unanimously agreed.

When the meeting resumed Senator Killilea again took the chair.

702 - MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting to No. 700 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

703 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: It was noted that malicious damage claims as listed at 2 (a) to (k) on the Agenda had been received. Clr. Clarke referred to the claims in respect of damage to two boats and stated that as this damage was not caused by local people, the cost of any awards made should not be assessed solely on the locality in which the damage occurred.

The Chairman stated that this matter was before the Courts and he would not allow any further discussion on it.

704 - SALE OF PLOTS OF LAND FORMING PART OF FORMER BALLINASLOE WORKHOUSE LANDS:

Notice dated 9th August, 1968, sent to each member of the Council was submitted. It was proposed by Clr. Galvin, seconded by Clr. Holland and resolved that the disposal of the land be carried out in accordance with the terms of the notice dated 9th August, 1968.

705 - DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND AT COSMONA, LOUGHREA: Notice dated 9th August, 1968, sent to each member of the Council was submitted. It was proposed by Clr. Melvin, seconded by Clr. Collins and resolved:-

"that the disposal of the land in question be carried out in accordance with the terms of notice dated 9th August, 1968."

706 - KNOCKNACARRA SEWERAGE SCHEME - LOAN: The County Manager informed the Council that the estimated all-in cost of the provision of the sewerage scheme for Knocknacarra, was £90,000 and he requested the approval of the Council to the raising of a loan of this amount. It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved:-

"that the Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £90,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of financing the provision of a sewerage scheme at Knocknacarra, Galway; the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 25 years, with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

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In reply to Clr. Holland, the County Manager stated that a proportion of the loan charges would be payable each year by Galway Corporation in respect of that portion of the scheme which it is intended to lay within the Borough boundary.

707 - GALWAY COURTHOUSE - STRONGROOM: The County Manager stated that plans have been prepared for the re-construction of Galway Courthouse but that it was necessary to provide a Strongroom in advance of the main work of re-construction, in order to provide safe storage for Land Registry deeds and other original documents. It was proposed by Clr. Melvin, seconded by Clr. Mannion and resolved:-

"that the Galway County Council hereby approve the provision of a strongroom in Galway Courthouse and also agrees to the provision of £3,000 to finance this work."

708 - BEALADANGAN BRIDGE: The County Manager stated that the total estimated cost of the construction of a new bridge at Bealadangan is £30,800, that a grant of £25,000 has been approved by Roinn na Gaeltachta, and that in reply to a recent request by the Council to Roinn na Gaeltachta to give an additional grant of £5,800, a letter had been received from that Department asking if in view of the generous grant which had been approved by Roinn na Gaeltachta, the Council would be prepared to bear a proportion of the additional cost. It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved:-

"that the Minister for the Gaeltacht be again requested to give an additional grant of £5,800 to finance the excess expenditure on Bealadangan Bridge."

709 - HIGHER EDUCATION (GRANTS) SCHEME 1968: It was proposed by Clr. John Donnellan (Moycullen), seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved:-

"that the Council hereby approve the Higher Education Grants Scheme 1968 as prepared and circulated to the members and as approved by the Education (Grants) Committee at its meeting held on the 26th July, 1968."

Cirs. Collins and Callanan stated that they objected to the provision in the Scheme whereby the income from land is reckoned to be £20 cash income on the basis of each £1 rateable valuation and stated that this figure of £20 was far too high. The County Manager stated that this figure is applied to the entire country and it is applied only where income is derived partly from land and partly from other sources.

It was agreed to ask the Minister for Education to amend the Scheme for 1969 in order to provide that £1 rateable valuation be taken to be the equivalent of much less than £20 cash income. In reply to queries, the County Manager stated that only students who qualify in the respect of the Leaving Certificate this year may avail of the Education Grants for this year and he also stated that the amount to be provided by the County Council will not exceed the amount provided for scholarships by the Council for the year 1967/68.

710 - NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Referring to Minute No. 628 of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Galway County Council held on the 1st July, 1968, the County Manager stated that there are five "full members" of the National Advisory Committee and nine "honorary members" and that in accordance with a decision at the annual meeting, the Office of Public Works was asked to seek a special vote in Dail Eireann in order to pay travelling and other expenses to all members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee; he stated that a reply to this request had been received from the Office of Public Works, stating that the Council is entitled to have 10 persons on the National Monuments Advisory Committee and that the Council is empowered to pay expenses to the 10 members.

It was agreed to adjourn consideration of this matter and that it be put on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

711 - REMUNERATION REVISIONS:

(a) Second Fire Officer:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to a revised salary for the Second Fire Officer as recommended at conciliation talks.

It was proposed by Clr. Collins, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved:-

"that the Council hereby approves a revised salary of £1,210 x £40 - £1,450 per annum plus 10th round increase to the Second Fire Officer, from the 1st April, 1968, and also approves the additional expenditure of £325 in the current financial year to meet the cost."

(b) (i) Library Assistants and Assistant Librarians:

(ii) Rate Collectors:

(iii) Ophthalmologist:

(iv) Farm Labourers, St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea:

(v) Other Non-Nursing Staff: in St. Brendan's Home, Regional Hospital and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Clifden.

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the payment of revised remuneration to the officers and employees listed at 10 (b) to 10 (f) on the Agenda and in the memorandum circulated at the Council meeting in connection therewith.

Clr. Burke asked the County Manager to state the number of Rate Collectors to whom it is intended granting the increases and the County Manager stated that it is proposed to apply this to the 13 Rate Collectors who are paid on a salary basis and he read for Clr. Burke their present salary scales. He stated, however, that he could not tell them at the time the point on a salary scale at which each Collector had reached. In reply to further enquiry by Clr. Burke, he stated that the application had been made on behalf of the Rate Collectors by their Staff Organisation. Clr. Burke proposed that no increase be granted to the Rate Collectors. The County Manager stated that the increase was being recommended by him in order to keep the remuneration of Rate Collectors in line with the remuneration of others for whom the Council had already approved similar salary increases. Clr. Glynn asked the County Manager to give details of the individual amount of salary being paid to each of the Rate Collectors and he requested that the matter be adjourned until those details are available. Clr. Galvin stated that he could not see any valid reason for objecting to the granting of the increase to the Rate Collectors, who he stated apart from collecting money, have many other duties and have a considerable responsibility for cash.

It was proposed by Clr. Mannion and seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved:-

"that the following revised salaries be approved and that the Council also approve the additional expenditure involved."

- (i) Rate Collectors: An increase of £52 per annum as from the 1st April, 1967, to Rate Collectors appointed on a salary scale.- additional cost to 31/3/69 - £1,352.
- (ii) Ophthalmologist: A revised salary of £740 per annum from the 1st October, 1963 and £830 per annum from the 1st February, 1964 - additional expenditure to 31/3/69 - £1,475.

(iii) Library Staff:

Assistant Librarians: A revised salary of £1,088 x £45 - £1,268 from the 1st April, 1967,

and

Library Assistants: A revised salary of £452 x £40 - £652 x £76 - £728 x £45 - £1,088, as from the 1st April, 1967.- total additional cost £975.

(iv) Farm Labourers, St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea:

A revised rate of remuneration of £9/10/0 per week from the 1st April, 1968 and £9/15/0 as from the 30th September, 1968 - additional cost to 31/3/69 - £100 and in addition, approval is also given to payment of the rates of wages fixed by the Agricultural Wages Board for such workers from time to time.

(v) Other Non-Nursing Staff:

St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea

Grade	Revised Weekly Remuneration
Male Attendants	£8. 16. 9. from 1/12/67 £9. 0. 9. from 1/4/68
Boilerman	£10. 5. 0. from 1/12/67 £10. 6. 3. from 1/4/68
Boilerman/ Groundsman	£9. 19. 6. from 1/12/67 £10. 0. 9. from 1/4/68
Tailor	£8. 18. 6. from 1/12/67 £9. 2. 6. from 1/4/68
Porter	£9. 7. 6. from 1/12/67 £9. 11. 6. from 1/4/68
Stores Assistant	£11.12. 0. x 10/- - £12.12.0. from 1/12/67 £11.16. 0. x 10/- - £12.16.0. " 1/4/68
Laundress	£ 8.16. 0. from 1/12/67 £ 9. 1. 0. from 1/4/68 £ 9. 6. 0. " 1/4/69 £ 9.12. 3. " 1/4/70
Cook	£ 9. 0. 0. " 1/12/67 £10. 5. 0. " 1/4/68 £10.10. 0. " 1/4/69 £10.16. 3. " 1/4/70

Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Clifden

Cook	£8. 6. 5. from 1/12/67 £8. 11. 5. " 1/4/68 £8. 16. 5. " 1/4/69 £9. 2. 8. " 1/4/70
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Regional Hospital, Galway

Labourers	£10.12. 0. from 1/12/67 £10.16. 0. from 1/4/68
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Additional cost to 31/3/69 - £1,035.

- 712 - ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1967/68: The Abstract of Accounts for the financial year 1967/68 were submitted by the County Manager and considered by the Council. On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Lambert, the Council unanimously approved the Abstract of Accounts.
- 713 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE 1967/68: The County Manager stated that details of the expenditure incurred in excess of that approved at the Estimates Meeting, for the year 1967/68 will be submitted for consideration of the Council at the next meeting.
- 714 - TELEPHONE SERVICE: Clr. Glynn proposed that representations be made to the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs with regard to the unsatisfactory telephone service in general and especially the service in Tuam; he stated that he had experienced delays of up to half an hour in getting a call put through and that he was aware of a contractor who lost a £2,000 contract as a result of failure to get a telephone call through on time; he stressed the importance of the telephone service to business people and stated that although he had no experience of discourtesy on the part of telephonists, he had received complaints of discourtesy from other people. Clr. Hussey seconded Clr. Glynn's proposal that representations be made to the Minister for an improvement to the service. This was unanimously agreed by the Council. Clrs. Mannion and Joyce referred to difficulties experienced in the telephone service in Clifden and Clr. Joyce stated that the problem may have been due to the difficulty of getting trained staff during the summer period. Clr. Cunningham supported Clr. Glynn's proposal. Deputy Kitt and Clr. John Donnellan (Moycullen) stated that they had no complaints with regard to the telephone service in their own areas. Clr. King stated that consideration should also be given to the urgency of providing a telephone service for those who are waiting for one for a long time.
- 715 - GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - BALLYFRUIT, HEADFORD: At the request of Clr. King, the Council agreed to hear a deputation from Ballyfruit, Headford, in connection with the proposed group water supply scheme to serve six houses in that area. Clr. King stated that a pump had been sunk in the area but a satisfactory supply of water could not be obtained and that the only alternative for the families concerned was to provide a group water supply scheme by way of an extension from the existing main in Headford; he stated that the families concerned could not meet the additional costs involved and asked the Council to make a special grant available to assist the group.
- Mr. T. Monaghan, a member of the deputation addressed the Council and stated that all of the families concerned had land valuations of under £20 and that they required the sum of £300 to enable them to carry out the group water supply scheme; he stated also that only two of the families concerned would qualify for grants since the four other families had already got a grant for storage tanks which were unsatisfactory. Clr. King proposed that a grant of £300 be made towards the scheme and Clr. Ryan seconded this proposal. The Chairman stated that this matter could not now be considered under provisions of Standing Orders which had been adopted by the Council and that it will come up for consideration at the next meeting.
- 716 - ROADS: The Chairman stated that before considering notices of motion before the Council in connection with roads, he would consider Clr. King's notice of motion that a special meeting of the Council be held to deal with all matters concerning roads. Clr. King then proposed that a special meeting of the Council be held to consider all matters in relation to roads; Clr. Galvin seconded this proposal which was adopted unanimously. It was agreed that the special meeting be held at 4 p.m. on Monday, 16th September, 1968. Clr. King that among the matters he wished discussed, were:
- (a) Rural Improvement Schemes
 - (b) Members' Notice of Motion Roads.

Deputy Molloy asked for some information regarding progress on Rural Improvement Schemes before the meeting is held and Deputies

Kitt and Coogan also asked that this information be supplied as well as information regarding recruitment of staff to carry out the schemes.

The County Manager stated that a permanent Engineer has not yet been appointed, that an advertisement would appear in the Connacht Tribune of Friday, 30th August, 1968, stating that application forms are available for intending applicants and that application forms for those who had made enquiries will be posted to them on that date. It was agreed also that the special Roads Meeting would be held in committee and that all notices of motions regarding roads, on the Agenda, be adjourned to the special Roads Meeting.

- 717 - HOUSING: It was unanimously agreed that a special meeting of the Council be held in committee on Monday, 14th October, 1968, at 4 p.m. to consider all aspects of Council housing.
- 718 - PRIORITY LIST OF PUMPS: In reply to Clr. Byrne's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that the tender of Messrs. Dunne Brothers, Mallow, had been accepted for the provision of bore-holes for all pumps in the priority list and that it was hoped to have those completed in the next nine months.
- As requested by Clr. Mrs. Croffy, it was agreed that a copy of the priority list will be sent to all councillors.
- 719 - CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL: The Chairman referred to Clr. Glynn's notice of motion in connection with the Criminal Justice Bill and stated that under Standing Orders he was ruling this matter out of order.
- 720 - MILLTOWN WATER SUPPLY: Clr. Burke proposed and Clr. Glynn seconded that Milltown be put on the Priority list No. 1 for water supply. Clr. Burke stated that an application for a water supply for Milltown was made 18 years ago and that now it is at the end of the priority list. The Chairman stated that before this resolution could be passed, a resolution rescinding the previous resolution determining the priority list already adopted, would have to be passed. After discussion, Clrs. Burke and Glynn agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the County Manager and they asked him to make every effort possible to hasten the provision of a water supply for Milltown.
- 721 - EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRA DENTAL SURGEON: In reply to Clr. Burke's notice of Motion, the County Manager stated that two vacancies for the post of Dental Surgeon had been filled during the past year and a further appointment is now being made.
- 722 - EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY CLERKS: Referring to Clr. Burke's notice of motion regarding employment of temporary clerks, the Chairman ruled this matter out of order as he stated it is a matter for the County Manager.
- 723 - WATER SUPPLIES FOR NATIONAL SCHOOLS: In reply to Clr. Cunningham's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that the County Council is not responsible for the provision of water supplies for schools and that this is a matter for the school managers; he stated, however, that if pumps are convenient to schools, the Council will consider applications to have a supply provided in the school on a repayment basis.
- 724 - DRUGS & MEDICINES: In reply to Clr. Ruane's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that various systems for the supply of drugs and medicines throughout the country were being examined; that the system in operation in County Galway was being kept under constant review and he asked that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting, when a full report will be submitted to the Council. The Council unanimously agreed to this.
- 725 - RURAL WATER SUPPLIES: Clr. Ruane proposed that the County Council speed the provision of rural water supply schemes and extensions so as to ease the burden on farmers and rural residents who have to haul and buy water this year and also to encourage group water supply schemes; he also asked that more money be made available from

state funds for the provision of water supplies. Cirs. King and Burke supported this proposal. Deputy Molloy who supported the proposal also stated that many areas which are not on the priority list were in very urgent need of water supplies and he suggested that if necessary a deputation be sent to the Minister to make representations regarding the urgency of making money available to provide additional schemes.

Clr. Ruane's proposal was unanimously approved.

- 726 - PUMP AT BALLINASTACK, BALLYGLUNIN: Clr. Ryan stated that the pump to which he referred in his notice of motion is that in the townland of Ballinastack, Ballyglunin. The County Engineer stated that the matter would be attended to.
- 727 - BARNADERG PUMP: In reply to Clr. Ryan's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that arrangements are being made to have the pump at Barnaderg repaired and to have the water analysed.
- 728 - MOYLOUGH SEWERAGE SCHEME: Clr. Ryan proposed and Clr. Glynn seconded that the village of Moylough be included in the second priority list for sewerage schemes. The County Manager stated that a second list is not being prepared at present, that the present list does not include Moylough and that when further progress is made with the present list, the preparation of a second priority list will be brought before the County Council for consideration. Clr. Ryan stated that he will continue to press for the provision of a sewerage scheme for Moylough, which is an urgent necessity.
- 729 - PUMES - GENERAL: Cirs. Byrne and Fahey recommended that where water from a pump is condemned by the County Medical Officer as being unfit for human consumption, the handles of the pumps in question should not be removed, that instead a notice stating that the water is unfit for human consumption, be erected and that the pump be left in operation so that water from it may be available for livestock.
- 730 - PUBLIC TOILET - GLENAMADDY: Clr. Hussey asked that the site being made available by the Parish Priest at Glenamaddy be examined, for the purpose of providing a public toilet in the town. The County Manager stated that this matter would be investigated but he pointed out that Glenamaddy is not on the priority list for the provision of a public toilet.
- 731 - CAR PARK AT TRAUGHT, KINVARA: In reply to Clr. Fahey's motion which was proposed by him and seconded by Clr. Byrne, the County Manager stated that seating is being provided under a present scheme and that about ten seats will be erected shortly; he also stated that it is intended to provide white lines and kerbing, but that the funds allocated this year will not permit provision of shelters and toilets. It was agreed that Bord Failte be asked to allocate an additional grant to complete the work.
- 732 - PROMENADE AND SWIMMING POOL FOR KINVARA: Clr. Fahey proposed that the Council's Engineering staff in conjunction with Bord Failte and other tourist bodies plan a promenade and swimming pool when they are constructing the entrance road to Kinvara from Ballinderreen. Clr. Byrne seconded this proposal and asked that steps be now taken to acquire the quay area in Kinvara for a swimming pool. The Council agreed to this proposal.
- 733 - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT GORT: In reply to Clr. Lambert's notice of motion the County Manager stated that a crossing as recommended by Clr. Lambert is not considered necessary.
- 734 - ARDRAHAN PUMP: In reply to Clr. Lambert's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that the County Council pump at Ardrahan has been working reasonably satisfactorily during the recent dry spell.
- 735 - ELIGIBILITY FOR DOLE: The Chairman ruled this matter out of order in accordance with Standing Orders.
- 736 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:-
Mr. John Keaveney and family, Glenamaddy, on the death of
Very Rev. Fr. Keaveney, Kilkerrin.
Mr. & Mrs. John Murphy, Devonpark, Galway, on the death of his father and mother.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Certified Correct.

W. J. Keenan
acting Secretary

W. J. Keenan
CHAIRMAN.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

23/9/68

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

9th September, 1968.

To: Each Member of the Galway County Council/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of the Galway County Council which will be held in Committee in the Council Chamber at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 16th September, 1968, at 4 p.m. to consider the question of Roads generally and also the Notices of Motion hereunder which were either adjourned from the last meeting or received from members in the meantime.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE
Acting County Secretary

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

(a) Clr. Toddie Byrne:

- (i) I will ask the County Manager to widen at two points the end road leading to Blackweir Pier, Maree, Oranmore, to facilitate vehicles passing out one another.
- (ii) I will ask the County Manager when it is hoped to have the road improvement scheme from Ballinderreen to Kinvara completed.

(b) Clr. P. Cunningham:

I will propose that the following roads be considered for blacktopping in next year's estimate - Circular Road through villages Rushestown Upper and Rushestown Lower. Link road from Co. Rd. 370 Lisquill to Co. Rd. 460 at Killyan. Road from Rookhill 458 to Co. Rd. 460 at Killyan.

(c) Clr. P. Ruane:

That the following roads recently improved by the Special Employment Schemes Offices be taken over by this Council -

- (a) The road leading off the Atheny/Castle Lambert County Road into Willie Burke's house and Owen Quirks.
- (b) Road leading off the Headford Road from Cloughanover, Mountross, to Kilbeg Road near Pier - Mail car travels this road daily.
- (c) Road leading into Lakeview opposite Claregalway pump.
- (d) Road leading off Atheny/Monivea Co. Road to William Melia's house at Mountpellier - ref. No. Galway 520.

(d) Clr. T. Hussey:

- (i) That the Council take over and maintain S.E.S.O. Roads - Sanction Nos. 1527 and 2777 at Boyounagh.
- (ii) That County Road at Farm, Williamstown be black-topped.

(e) Clr. B. Holland:

That the area of ground on the lake side of road at Angliham Quarry be tidied up, so as to improve the amenity of the area.

(f) Deputy R. Molloy:

That work proceed immediately on the construction of footbridge at Lehenagh North, Recess, for which a Gaeltacht Grant has already been sanctioned.

(g) Deputy F. Coogan:

(i) That immediate steps be taken to provide car-parking facilities at Furbo Strand.

(ii) That steps be taken to develop Furbo Strand.

(h) Clr. F. Glynn:

(i) That the Gortnagoyne Road leading from main Milltown-Dunmore Road be blacktopped in the next financial year.

(ii) That two seats be provided on the Athenry Road, Tuam - one at Quinn Wood and one nearer town.

(i) Clr. W. Burke:

(i) That road from Lavally through the village of Cornacarton to Barnaderg be blacktopped.

(ii) That road from Diskin's house, Dalgan to Cloonfane be rolled.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THE 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1968

IN THE CHAIR: (a) Clr. T. King
(b) Senator M. Killilea

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Clrs. W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, T. Clarke, P. Collins, Deputy F. Coogan, Clrs. Mrs. M. Croffy, T. Cunningham, John Donnellan (Moycullen), Deputy John Donnellan (Dunmore), Clrs. P. Donnellan, P. Fahey, P. T. Galvin, Deputy J. Geoghegan, Clrs. F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, T. Hussey, F. D. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Clrs. J. Lambert, J. M. Mannion, H. Melvin, Deputy R. Molloy, Clrs. E. Raftery, E. Ruane, J. Ridge and M. Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, C. A. Warner, County Engineer, J. Silke, S. Cullinan, M. J. Dunne, K. Hays, Chief Assistant County Engineers and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

CHAIRMAN: In the absence of Senator M. Killilea, Clr. T. King took the chair.

737 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES: The Chairman asked the County Manager to make a statement setting out the present position in relation to applications received and on the steps being taken to get schemes commenced. The County Manager then submitted the following report:-

"Since the issue of application forms, 24 new applications have been received.

There are 63 schemes in the Gaeltacht area, 7 of these at an estimated cost of £3,937 are about to commence. Estimates have yet to be prepared for the 56 remaining schemes, but it is anticipated that they will cost in the region of £31,000.

Circulars have been sent to the 32 applicants whose schemes are to get priority to see if they are still interested - six of these have replied to date.

Circulars have also been sent to the 150 other cases referred to the Council by the Special Employment Schemes Office, and to date 47 of these have replied, that they are still interested.

The checking and preparation of estimates in respect of these cases will be the next step to be taken. Since the matter was last reported on to the Council, steps have been taken to recruit overseers for the work. Two overseers have taken up duty to-day and there is a reasonable prospect that four others will be recruited in the immediate future. It is proposed to assign these overseers, as follows:-

Clifden, Spiddal, Athenry, Loughrea, Ballinasloe, and Tuam.

The arrangements now being made are primarily for the purpose of getting schemes under way, in accordance with the expressed wish of the Council. The original staffing proposals submitted are necessary to enable the work to be carried out by the Council under proper control."

In reply to Clr. Collins, the County Manager stated that every effort will be made to spend the amount of money allocated for Local Improvements Scheme this year, within the financial year

and that if the full amount cannot be spent, a special case will be submitted to the Minister for Local Government asking his approval to carry forward into next year, any portion of the allocation which may be unspent at 31st March, 1969.

Clr. Callanan stated that he objected to paragraph 10 of the Conditions of the Scheme which stated that when work has been carried out, the applicants shall maintain it in good order and repair at their own charge and expense, as he understood that the County Council had already agreed that any road qualifying should be taken over and maintained and that the circular issued to applicants, should state this. The County Manager stated that there is nothing in the Scheme and that nothing can be put into the Scheme which would state that the Council will take over and maintain roads which are improved.

The County Engineer states that two legislative codes were involved in this matter -

- (a) the Local Government Act, 1953, which sets out the procedure to be followed and the conditions to be complied with in declaring roads to be public roads and thereby making their maintenance in the future the responsibility of the County Council, and
- (b) the Local Government (Roads & Drainage) Act, 1968, under which Local Improvements Schemes are now proposed to be carried out - and that under this Act, there can be no question of responsibility for future maintenance by the County Council of roads which are improved under this Act; he emphasised that before any road can be declared a public road and taken over for maintenance, the procedure set out in the 1953 Act, must be followed.

SENATOR M. KILLILEA NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Clr. Galvin stated that where the beneficiaries of a scheme for the improvement of a road are prepared to make the necessary contribution, the work carried out on the road, should be up to the standard which would qualify such road for taking over and maintenance by the County Council and he further recommended that the appropriate contribution is paid such roads should be tarred. Clr. Fahey stated that where public money is being spent on schemes, such schemes should be maintained by the County Council and that work done on roads should be up to a standard which would enable them to be taken over for future maintenance. Deputy Molloy stated that applicants were reluctant to sign the application form because of the condition in Clause 10 which imposes a liability on the beneficiaries for future maintenance; he asked that this Clause be omitted from the Scheme and that instead, the Scheme should state that the County Council will have no liability for future maintenance. The County Manager stated that consideration will be given to the question of whether Clause 10 can be amended as suggested by Deputy Molloy and that a report will be submitted to the Council when the matter has been fully examined.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that he had been informed by the Office of Public Works that records of old applications under Minor Employment Schemes, which the Council required from the Office of Public Works, had been destroyed and he suggested that an advertisement be now issued asking people who had applied for schemes originally to the Office of Public Works, to send in new applications now to the Council. In reply to Deputy Donnellan, the County Manager stated that the Council had written to the Office of Public Works requesting particulars of those applications and that no reply had been received; he stated that a further letter would be sent to the Office of Public Works requesting a reply.

Clr. Fahey proposed and Clr. Callanan seconded, that where applicants for an improvement of a road request that the work be carried out to a standard which would enable it to be taken over for maintenance, the work be carried out up to that standard.

The Chairman asked the Council to approve the scheme as submitted and stated that the County Engineer will take cognisance of the proposal made by Clr. Fahey in dealing with applications.

The County Manager stated that in the preparation of a scheme for road improvements, where it is possible to bring the road to a standard which would enable the Council, if it so decides to take it over for maintenance and where it could otherwise qualify for taking over, the amount of contribution necessary to do this work will be brought to the attention of applicants. Clr. Joyce proposed and Deputy Molloy seconded, that a sum of £10,000 be allocated for Local Improvements Schemes in the non-Gaeltacht areas of Connemara. Clr. King proposed and Deputy Kitt seconded that the scheme as before the County Council be put into operation.

After a discussion, the Council unanimously agreed to adopt Clr. King's proposal, Clr. Fahey having withdrawn his proposal and Clr. Joyce stated that he was prepared to withdraw his own proposal, on the understanding that the County Engineer would give a fair deal to the non-Gaeltacht areas of Connemara.

- 738 - NOTICE OF MOTION ROADS: Clr. King proposed that Notice of Motion Roads proposed by members, should be decided at a particular meeting each year on a date to be fixed so that every Councillor would know where the money allocated is being spent - also that all of this money be spent as originally intended, i.e. for new works and not to include improvement of county roads. Clr. Galvin seconded this proposal and suggested that the Councillors from each area should get together at the particular meeting at which such roads are being considered and co-operate in the selection of the most suitable roads in each area. In reply to Deputy Geoghegan, the County Engineer stated that very few members had yet sent in their list of roads. Deputy Geoghegan stated that the roads in respect of which proposals were being made by members, should be done now and should not be held up for the members who have not yet sent in their proposals.

After a discussion, it was agreed that members who have not already done so, should send in their proposals within two weeks and that each member should submit not more than two roads.

- 739 - MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:
- (a) ROAD TO BLACKWEIR TIER, MARÉE, ORANMORE: In reply to Clr. Byrne's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that this road will be widened at two points during the current year if the necessary land can be acquired.
 - (11) ROAD FROM BALLINDERREEN TO KINVARA: The County Manager stated that no date can be given for the completion of the improvement work on this road as only the more necessitous stretches are being done - one or two each year.
 - (b) ROADS FOR BLACKTOPPING: In reply to Clr. Cunningham's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that these roads will be considered on their merits in due course.
 - (c) TAKING OVER OF ROADS IMPROVED BY S.E.S.O.: In reply to Clr. Ruane's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that we had written to Clr. Ruane asking for the Special Employments Schemes Office sanction numbers for four roads listed in his motion. Clr. Ruane stated that he had now sent in two of those numbers and stated that the sanction number of the road to Lakeview, is Galway 520.
 - (d) S.E.S.O. ROADS AT BOYOUNAGH: In reply to Clr. Hussey's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that the sanction numbers quoted by Clr. Hussey could not be located. Clr. Hussey stated that he had now sent on the sanctions to the County Engineer.
 - (11) ROAD AT FARM, WILLIAMSTOWN: In reply to Clr. Hussey's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that the County Road at Farm, Williamstown, will be inspected at an early date and can be included in next year's Roads Programme, if found suitable for black-topping.

- (e) ANGLIHAM QUARRY: In reply to Clr. Holland's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that it is agreed that it would be desirable to have the work proposed carried out; he stated that it would be necessary to remove a large number of tree stumps and have the site levelled off - that the estimated cost of the work is £300, and that an application would be sent Bord Failte for a grant to enable the work recommended to be carried out. Deputy Coogan recommended that a protection wall be provided on the quarry.
- (f) FOOTBRIDGE AT LEHENAGH NORTH, RECESS: In reply to Deputy Molloy's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that enquiries were being made as to whether this proposal can be commenced in the near future. Deputy Molloy stressed the urgency of having the work done. soon.
- (g) DEVELOPMENT OF FURBO STRAND AND PROVISION OF CAR PARK: In reply to Deputy Coogan's notices of motion, the County Manager stated that it is rather difficult to provide further car parking facilities here; that the space already provided is quite large but that if Bord Failte were prepared to finance land acquisition and the necessary work, the matter would be considered; he stated that there was no objection to Bord Failte being requested to provide funds for further development at Furbo Strand.
- (h) ROAD AT GORTNAGOYNE: In reply to Clr. Glynn's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that the Gortnagoyne Road leading from Milltown/Dunmore Road will be considered on its merits for rolling in 1969/70 in conjunction with many others.
- (i) PROVISION OF SEATS ON THE ATHERNY ROAD, TUAM: In reply to Clr. Glynn's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that it is proposed providing a seat at the bridge on the stream above the railway bridge, Atherny Road, and also above Quinn's Wood.
- (j) LAVALLY - CORNACARTON - BARNADERG ROAD: In reply to Clr. Burke's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that this road will be considered on its merits for rolling in 1969/70 in conjunction with many others.
- (k) DALGAN TO CLOONFANE ROAD: In reply to Clr. Burke's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that this road will be considered on its merits for rolling in 1969/70 in conjunction with many others.

740 = SYMEATHY: Votes of sympathy were adopted with the following:-

- Mr. Thomas McDonald, 1oolboy, Ballinasloe, on the death of his sister, Miss May McDonald.
- Mr. Lar Flanagan, Society Street, Ballinasloe, on the death of his father Patrick Flanagan.
- Mr. Christy Barrett, Caheroyan, Atherny, on the death of his father, Michael Barrett.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

*Certified Correct.
W.D.L.
Acting Co. Secretary*

SUBMITTED, APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

Chairman
CHAIRMAN.

23/9/68

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
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16adh Meadhon Fomhair, 1968

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De. Luain, 23adh Meadhon Fomhair, 1968, ag tosnu ar 3.30 p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach

A G E N D A

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS:
 - (a) Sean Fahy, Devon Park, Galway - Window broken by a stone, 10/8/68 ... £15. 0. 0.
 - (b) Imco Limited, Abbeygate Street, Galway - Damage to a door, lock and safe, 17/8/68 ... £300. 0. 0.
 - (c) Desmond W. Kenny, High Street, Galway - Window broken, 15/8/68 ... £50. 0. 0.
 - (d) Lipton Ltd., Shop Street, Galway - Plate glass window broken, 19/8/68 ... £100. 0. 0.
 - (e) J. Madden & Sons, Ltd., Kilcorkey, Galway - Safe broken, 16/8/68 ... £60. 0. 0.
 - (f) John A. Kinlay, 1 Bushfield Place, Dublin - Damage to car at Kinvara, 19/8/68 ... £84.11. 0.
 - (g) W. F. Higgins Limited, Galway - Damage to buildings and contents, 28/8/68 ... £500. 0. 0.
 - (h) Rep. Body of the Church of Ireland, 52 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin - Damage to window, grill glass door and collecting box; Church St., Galway, 30/8/68 £200.0. 0.
£35. 0. 0.
 - (i) Hyge Limited, Galway - Damage to window, Nun's Island, Galway, 2/9/68 £35. 0. 0.
3. Membership of National Monuments Advisory Committee - (List of "Full" and Honorary Members herewith.)
4. Excess Expenditure - 1967/68 - details herewith.
5. Travelling and Subsistence Allowances for members of Local Authorities - copy of Circular G.13/68, dated 4 Mean Fomhair, 1968, from the Department of Local Government herewith.

6. Scheme for Supply of Drugs and Medicines.
7. Creation of office of Chief Planning Assistant.
8. Remuneration variations -
 - (a) Storekeepers.
 - (b) Engineers.
9. Group Water Supply Scheme - Ballyfruit, Headford (Minute No. 715 of meeting held on 26th August, 1968).
10. Making of an application to the Minister for Justice for an Order declaring Galway Golf Club Lands to be a Bird Sanctuary.
11. Disposal of land at Cosmona, Loughrea - Notice dated 10th September, 1968.
12. Increased capitation rates - Homes for Mentally Handicapped - additional expenditure - £10,600.
13. Outline of the future Hospital system - report of Consultative Council.
14. Headford Fairs - Purchase of Toll Rights.
15. Local Authorities (Acceptance of Gifts) Act, 1945 - Catherine Connolly Bequest.
16. Raising of Loan for payment of Supplementary Housing Grants.
17. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads - schedule herewith.
18. Business submitted by County Manager.
19. Members' Notices of Motion:-

(a) Clr. B. Holland:

I will ask the County Manager to suggest means whereby a water supply can be given to the villages of Ballybane and Ballybrit.

(b) Deputy F. Coogan:

- (i) I will ask what steps the Council are going to take to provide a water supply to the houses in Ballybane and Ballybrit.
- (ii) I will ask what steps the Council are going to take to provide a water supply to Bushypark, Galway.

(c) Clrs. F. Collins and J. Lambert:

That this Council opposes the abolition of F.R. for the following reasons:-

- (1) There is no public demand for a change in the electoral law.
- (2) There are many matters of greater public urgency requiring immediate government action, including:
 - (a) uncontrolled rise in the cost of living.
 - (b) growing unemployment.
 - (c) disruption in industry because of Free Trade Agreement.
 - (d) realistic negotiations with European countries in preparation for entry to Common Market.
 - (e) development of agriculture.
 - (f) introduction of a modern comprehensive health service and social welfare services.

- (g) acute shortage of houses.
- (h) increased taxation.

- (3) The issue was effectively decided eight and a half years ago.
- (4) The waste of over £100,000 of public money on the Referendum cannot be justified, together with all the National disruption which such an Election will cause.
- (5) The introduction of the Bill shows that the members of the government are more concerned with their own personal fortunes than with the needs of the ordinary people.

(d) Clr. J. Callanan:

At the next meeting of Galway County Council I propose to ask the County Manager for a report on the promised investigation re the extension of the Ballinasloe Urban Area Water Supply to adjacent rural areas.

(e) Clr. F. Donnellan:

At the next meeting of the Council I will ask that the people in Clybaun be allowed to connect on to the main at the head of the road.

(f) Deputy R. Molloy:

- (i) That water scheme be provided to serve the houses in Ballybane/Ballybrit area;
- (ii) that two priority lists be drawn up for water and sewerage schemes; one to provide for Gaeltacht areas; the other for the rest of the county;
- (iii) that water scheme be provided to serve the houses in Bushypark area.

(g) Clr. F. Fahey:

- (i) That in view of a very difficult drainage and water shortage problems in South Galway, where an area 10 x 20 miles is drained by the Ballylee and Castletown rivers into two swallow-holes and where land flooding is much increased due to drainage for tree planting by the Forestry Department on Sliabh Aughty, I propose that our Engineering Staff in conjunction with the Geology Department of University College, Galway (or some other University) and the Board of Works, endeavour to find the underground course of these rivers to the sea, thereby solving the water shortage problem in Ardahan, Kinvara and Douras and also investigate the possibility of acquiring Lough Cutra lake as a natural reservoir to relieve flooding.
- (ii) That provision be made for Educational and Medical attention for 90 severely handicapped children in the county.
- (iii) That Senior Counsel's opinion be sought on the question of liability for level crossing as between this Council and C.I.E.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

The approval of the Council to excess expenditure incurred during the year ended 31st March, 1968, as follows is requested -

	County at large £	County Health District £
Ordinary Road Works	11,232	8,313
Government Grants	3,108	

This over expenditure arises from the need to pay compensation for land, Arbitrators awards, etc., in anticipation of grant works. Monies are carried forward from 1966/67 schemes and other monies approved for 1967/68 will be carried forward to the following year. This over expenditure is off set by savings as follows:-

County at large	County Health District
£22,003	£30,912

The over expenditure and savings relate to the figures ^{already} approved and are in fact due to the causes outlined above and do not incur any charge on the rates.

Health Services.

Over expenditure occurred as follows -

General Medical Services - £17,958. - due to increased cost of medicines.
Institutional Services - £23,452. - due mainly to increases in salaries and cost of food and medicines. Part of this over expenditure is off-set by increased laboratory receipts.
Mental Health Services are over expended by £2. and Specialists Services by £138.
Ambulance Service and Transport of Patients are over expended by £1,984. - due to increased cost of travel vouchers and increased running costs of ambulances.
Total over expenditure in respect of the Health Services is £43,534. but this is off set to some extent by savings under various headings totalling £25,958.

Public Assistance Charges

No over expenditure was incurred.

Sanitary Services

Drainage - over expenditure of £171.
Domestic Scavenging - over expenditure of £985.
These increases were mainly due to increased cost of wages. Savings under Sanitary Services heading amounted to £5,133.

Housing Services

Over expenditure on housing services occurs under one heading, viz. local Rent and Assistance and amounted to £1,495. and was due to additional essential repairs grant paid by the Council. Savings under Labourers Act and Housing Act Loans amounted to £7,975.

General Purposes

A sum of £18. was incurred in respect of the Local Authorities Works Acts. Fire Brigades incurred excess expenditure of £776. which was due to increased costs of attendances and increased number of fires.
Expenditure under Materials Expenses Account shows an excess expenditure of £10,247. This is an accounting balance. Considerable savings were made under this heading as has already been explained to the Council.
The Council were informed from time to time of the likelihood of the over expenditure due to salary increases, costs of medicines etc. and authorise the necessary overexpenditure as estimated. It is now recommended that Council formally resolve to authorise the additional expenditure actually incurred as set out above.

A. A. Sharkey
County Manager

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CUSTOM HOUSE
DUBLIN, 1.

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIUIL
TEACH AN CHUSTAIM
BAILE ATHA CLIATH, 1.

Circ. G. 13/68

4 Mean Fomhair, 1968.

Travelling and subsistence allowances for
members of local authorities

A Chara,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to this Department's circular letter of 29th April, 1964, and to state that he has had under consideration the desirability of revising the rates of travelling and subsistence allowances which may be made to members of local authorities in respect of their attendance at meetings and conferences. In the light of his review the Minister will raise no objection to the payment by local authorities to their members of allowances not exceeding the scales set out in this letter. Effect may be given to the new allowances in respect of meetings, conferences, etc. which take place on or after the 1st August, 1968.

2. The provisions of this letter apply to each of the following bodies, except in so far as they are related to specific types of authorities:-

- a council of a county, a borough, or an urban district, the commissioners of a town, or a health authority established by the Health Authorities Act, 1960;
- a committee or joint committee or board or joint board (whether corporate or unincorporated) appointed by or under statute to perform the functions or any of the functions of any of the bodies mentioned in paragraph (a), and
- a committee, a sub-committee, a board or joint committee or joint board (whether corporate or unincorporated), other than a vocational education committee or a committee of agriculture, of or appointed by one or more of the bodies mentioned in paragraph (a) above or by a joint board under section 45 of the Health Act, 1953.

Allowances for attendance at meetings of the local authority.

3. In the case of any member of a local authority whose official residence is five miles or more by any route from the place of the meeting of the local authority travelling expenses may be paid on the following basis, either -

- the actual expenses which would reasonably have been incurred by the member in travelling from and to his official residence to and from the place of the meeting, or
- if the local authority, by resolution, so decide, a rate not exceeding 1s.6d. in respect of each mile travelled from and to his official residence to and from the place of meeting.

4. A subsistence allowance may be paid to a member of a local authority in respect of each period greater than three hours during which the member is obliged to be absent from his home for the purpose of attending a meeting of the authority, without regard to the distance between the place at which the meeting is held and the member's residence. The allowance, which shall not exceed 25s.0d. in respect of a period longer than three hours and

less than seven hours and 35s.0d. in respect of a period of seven hours or longer, may be paid in addition to any travelling expenses payable under paragraph 3.

5. In the case of any member of a county council or a joint mental health board whose official residence is less than five miles by any route from the place of the meeting of the local authority, the council or board may, by resolution, decide to pay an inclusive travelling and subsistence allowance not exceeding 35s.0d. to any member who attends a meeting of the council or board at a place less than five miles by any route from his official residence and who is obliged by reason of such attendance to remain away from his home for a continuous period of not less than three hours.

6. A person who, during the same period, attends meetings of more than one local authority may be paid only one subsistence allowance in respect of that period.

Allowances for attendance at conferences etc.

7. Where travelling expenses are incurred by a member of a local authority on attendance at a conference of local authorities or of the executive committee of such a conference, the allowance to be made to him by the local authority in respect of these expenses shall not be greater than the fare by rail (first class) or bus where use of these modes of conveyance is practicable. Where the use of a member's private vehicle is necessary, a mileage allowance may be paid at the following rates:-

Motor cars 10 h.p. and over	1s.3d. per mile
Motor cars under 10 h.p.	1s.0d. " "
Motor cycles	4d. " "

8. Recoupment of expenses in respect of hired vehicles should not be made for the journeys referred to in paragraph 7, except in respect of journeys from and to the member's official residence, to and from the nearest appropriate railway or bus station. A rate not exceeding 2s.0d. per mile may be paid in respect of such journeys.

9. A night subsistence allowance is payable to a member of a local authority only in respect of a necessary absence overnight from his residence for the purpose of attending a conference of local authorities or of the executive committee of such a conference. An allowance not exceeding 6s.0d. may be paid in such circumstances to a member of a local authority in respect of each night during which he is so absent and during which he could not reasonably be expected to return to his residence.

10. A day subsistence allowance at the rates set out in paragraph 4 above may be paid in addition to a night subsistence only where an overnight absence from home exceeds 24 hours or a multiple of 24 hours by not less than three hours.

11. In the case of members representing a local authority at a conference, where the conference fee includes the cost of subsistence, that fee may, if desired, be recouped to the members in lieu of the relevant subsistence allowance computed on the foregoing basis.

12. Travelling and subsistence allowances in accordance with the terms of this letter may be paid to a member of any local authority for attendance, authorised by the local authority, at a meeting of members of directors of a mutual assurance body to which the Local Authorities (Mutual Assurance) Act, 1926, applies.

13. Travelling and subsistence allowances paid to members of local authorities in respect of attendance at any official inquiry which relates to the functions of the local authority or in respect of their

participation in deputations on matters relevant to the functions of the local authority should not exceed those provided for in the foregoing paragraphs of this letter.

14. The terms of this circular letter should be drawn to the attention of all members of the local authority.

Mise, le meas,

S. O'HANLON.

To every

Local Authority.

6(a)

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

At last meeting of the Council a Motion by Councillor Ruane in regard to the distribution of drugs and medicines was deferred to enable a full report to be submitted in regard to the operation of the scheme recently adopted.

Following the notice given by the Chemists that they were not prepared to continue the operation of the trial scheme which has been working for the previous six months arrangements were made to supply medicines to medical card holders who go to private Doctors and to hardship cases by the Clinics at Tuam and Shantalla. Following the introduction of the new scheme a number of complaints was received. These complaints were investigated as quickly as possible. On the whole they were remedied without much delay.

Several complaints were received. One Doctor complained that the medicines should not be sent to him but that they should be sent directly to the persons for whom they were prescribed. Since the introduction of this scheme of providing medicines to medical card holders who go to private Doctors and to hardship cases by the Clinics I have insisted that the medicines should be sent to the Doctors and it is a matter for the Doctors then to decide whether they will require the patient to call and collect the medicines or will post them on to them. I have felt and still feel that the Council should not put itself in the position of being responsible for medicines falling into wrong hands.

Another complaint received from a Doctor who found that so much medicines were being sent to him on behalf of his patients that he is unable to cope with the storage of these medicines pending their being collected and also that some delays occur and he suggested that a further variation might be introduced by arranging to have the medicines sent to Chemists who will distribute them to the patients. I am of opinion that this idea is not practicable and I have advised the Doctor accordingly.

The trend which has developed lately of Medical Card Holders attending private doctors is not peculiar to Galway and the Council may be interested to know the position which obtains in other Counties. No medicines are provided to medical card holders who go to private Doctors in five counties. Medicines are supplied to medical card holders who go to private Doctors in much the same manner as we are doing it in 13 Counties. In one County, viz. Donegal, the scheme which the Chemists have suggested should be operated here is in operation. It may be of interest to note that in one health authority area where the medicine was supplied through the Chemists the scheme was discontinued because of the increased costs which resulted.

The Council first started providing medicines for these medical card holders and hardship cases in June, 1967 when the scheme was operated to Portluncula Hospital. The following table shows the number of cases and the cost dealt with each month:-

June, 1967	July, 1967	August, 1967	Sept., 1967	October, 1967	November, 1967
71	129	160	187	290	342
£112	£146	£251	£285	£430	£549

In December, 1968, the scheme was operated through the Chemists and the following are the similar particulars in respect of the period for which the Chemists operated the Scheme -

Dec., 1967	Jan., 1968	Feb., 1968	March, 1968	April, 1968	May, 1968	June, 1968
791	1133	1172	1494	1361	1617	1549
£1,000	£1,259	£1,524	£1,623	£1,570	£1,700	Cost not yet available.

In July, 1968 the present system was introduced and the number of prescriptions dispensed during the month of July, 1968, both from the County Clinic at Shantalla and the Tuam Clinic totalled 949. It is not possible, without going to considerable trouble to give the cost of the medicines.

It may be of interest to note that the bulk of the persons being provided with medicines are medical card holders who go to private doctors. In October, 1967 290 prescriptions were dispensed and 23 of these were in respect of hardship cases and 267 in respect of medical card holders. In June, 1968, 1549 persons were dealt with and of these 67 were hardship cases and 1482 medical card holders who are going to private doctors. Some medical card holders have sent in prescriptions for medicines costing as little as 2/4d. Even in some hardship cases prescriptions for medicines costing as little as 13/-d. have been received. On the other hand there have been cases where the cost of the medicines has worked out at £7. 6s. 1d. and £8. 10s. 10d. As I have already indicated to the Council the system of supplying medicines through the Chemists would cost considerably more than under the present scheme. Our present estimate is approximately £13,000 additional cost per annum.

In order to cope with this problem the Council seem to have three alternatives -

1. To refuse to supply medical card holders who go to private Doctors with drugs and medicines.
2. To continue the present Scheme.
3. To adopt at an estimated additional cost of £13,000. per annum a scheme proposed by the Chemists.

It is agreed that there is some inconvenience and delay inherent in the scheme which is being, at present, administered, but on the whole it is going a long way towards meeting the needs of the hardship cases and the medical card holders who go to private Doctors. It gave some trouble initially due to the fact that one of the temporary Pharmicists who was recruited became ill and it was only with difficulty that she was replaced.

I recommend that the present scheme be continued.

A. A. Sharkey
County Manager.

County Buildings,
GALWAY.

To: Each Member Galway County Council.

10th September, 1968.

Re/Proposed sale of land at Cosmona,
Loughrea, Co. Galway.

A Chara,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, I have been requested by the Assistant County Manager to give you notice that it is proposed selling the plot of land, particulars of which are given hereunder.

Land:

One site for house at Cosmona, Loughrea, Co. Galway - area as given hereunder.

From Whom Acquired:

John Coughlan, Dunkellin Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom Land Is Proposed To Be Sold:

Joseph B. Gunter, Cosmona, Loughrea.

Area of Plot.

25.72 sq. perches.

Consideration In Respect of Disposal:
£310 per site.

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

1. The title to be given by the Council will be a ninety-nine year lease at a yearly rent of 10/-
2. The lease will provide inter alia that:-
 - (a) The Lessee shall complete the erection of a house within 18 months from the date the lease is signed.
 - (b) The Lessee, or his successor in title shall reside in the house during the currency of the lease.
 - (c) The site (including the house) cannot be sold within a period of five years of the date on which erection of a house thereon is completed.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda for consideration at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council which will be held after the expiration of ten days from the date of this Notice.

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C. O. Dubhghaill,

Runai Seal.

September, 1968.

SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES OFFICE ROADS

SANCTION No.	FROM	TO	LOCATION	LENGTH PERCHES
MT. 4474	The public Rd. opposite Fahy's house eastwards	Ml. Kelly's Ho. with branch of 45 Pers. to Stephen McWalters	Tigreanaun Derrybaun	107
MT. 4476	Public road at Elizabeth Conneran's land southwest	Catherine Collins house	Kilcooley	174
GA. 168	Public road opposite Noone's chalet 60 Pers. west of Toy Factory north	Towards Cemetery for 200 Pers. to Martin Regan's house	Killough	200
MT. 4260	Public road from J. Mannion's sand pits past M. Brennan's house	Gate leading to T. Conneally's (Luke) house.	Gortaganny Boyounagh Beg.	202
C. 4471	Public road from end of Dawrosbeg Village Rd. 60 Pers. west of James Joyce's Ho. by Thos. Coyne's house.	Entrance of P. Conboys Ho. and 32 Pers. beyond T. Coyne's Ho.	Dawrosbeg	128
C. 4460	Co. Rd. Garraunbaun north by Mrs. E. Irwins house turning northeast	Mrs. Honor Conneely's Ho. Knocknahaw	Knocknahaw	256
O. 177	From C.R. at J. Costelloe's shop north to Collean Pier, east and southeast	County Road between Dispensary and Garda Station	Carraroe N. & S.	500
O. 200	From 30 Pers. east of B. King's Ho. south by Thos. Joyce's house	turntable approx. 150 yds. short of shore	Turlough	192
O. 175	Rosaveel C.R. at James Costelloe's Ho. 110 Pers. west of Tully X south	last house on road	Bonnaghbaun S. Cloghmores S.	346
O. 173	End of C.R. 130 Pers. north of P. King's shop north and east	Pat Costelloe's (John) ho. and branch to P. Donohoe's house	Kilroe West	305
O. 174	Galway/B'nahawn C.R. opposite M. Folan's Ho. north past James McDonagh's house	East to bog road and south to C.R. at a point 60 Pers. west of King's shop	Inverin	310

SANCTION NO.	FROM	TO	LOCATION	LENGTH PERCHES
O. 181	From C.R. near Joe Griffins Ho. south	Martin Walshe's house	Maumeen	190
O. 179	Tiernea-Lettermore C.R. at Joyce's Ho. $\frac{3}{4}$ miles northeast of Tiernea X southeast to	Michael McDonagh's, northeast to Pat Kelly's house.	Maumeen	150
O. 190	End of C.R. Lettercallow at Mewellyn Staunton's house north-west past Thomas Rainey's house	southwest to Ml. Cloherly's house beside 'Garden Quay' Lettercallow	Lettercallow	270
O. 198	County Road Currareragh, east	Currareragh Village near Mrs. Jennings house	Currareragh	190
O. 4465	County Road Lettermullen near Mark McDonagh's house	northwest to Joseph McDonagh's house, Teach Mor	Lettermullen	50
O. 186	County Road 20 Pers. east of Derrartha X north through bogs	End of existing road in village of Muckanagheraderadahaullia	Carrowroe N. Muckanagheraderadahaullia	1090
O. 178	Road (Puirin Road) from Co. Rd. opposite Teallach Eime north for a distance of 104 pers.	last house on the road.	Kilroe East.	104
O. 170	From C.R. 50 yds. west of Polan's public house north	Dan Kilmartin's house	Kilroe West	82
O. 4477	County road at John Lyden's land	west to Martin Conneely's house then south and east to C.R. at Michael Faherty's house.	Ballynahown	180
O. 165	From end of County road at Lettermullen X southwest	junction to Joe Mullins house	Lettermullen	422
L. 2063	Kilnadeema Post Office	12 Pers. beyond Nora Deely's house to P. Martin's house.	Burroge	235

SANCTION NO.	FROM	TO	LOCATION	LENGTH PERCHES
P. 4454	Mullagh-Peppercorn Hill C.R. at Glynn's westwards past Mooney's house	Gate near T. Kelly's house	Carrowreagh	112
B. 4403	English-Ballyforan C.R. 38 Pers. north of P. Kelly's house west and northwest	Michael Leonard's house	Lissyegan	126
A. 4451	County Road 439	James Cannon's Gate	Cappanasruhaun	33
GO. 4228	County Road at Frank Rock's house southwest	Eugene O'Loughlin's house Attifineen	Cregboy, Attifineen	113
A. 4439	Athenry/Monivea C.R. north of S. Kindregan's house eastwards turning north and east again	William Melia's house	Carrowntober East	100
GO. 4412	Derrybrien/Kilbeacanty Rd. near M. Headd's house, southeast by the house and lands of applicants	the branch to Loughmanes and Connors houses.	Derrybrien West	66

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1968

IN THE CHAIR: Senator M. Killilea

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Cirs. W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, T. Clarke, F. Collins, Deputy F. Coogan, Cirs. Mrs. M. Croffy, F. Cunningham, J. Donnellan (Moycullen), Deputy J. Donnellan (Dunmore), Cirs. F. Donnellan, P. Fahey, F. T. Galvin, Deputy J. Geoghegan, Cirs. F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, T. Hussey, I. D. Joyce, T. King, Deputy M. Kitt, Cirs. J. Lambert, E. Melvin, Deputy R. Molloy, Cirs. I. Raftery, P. Ruane and J. Ridge.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, L. O Luanaigh, Assistant County Manager, C. A. Warner, County Engineer, J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

- 741 - MINUTES: Deputy Kitt objected to Minute No. 714 of the proceedings of the Council held on the 26th August, 1968, as he stated that the resolution referred to therein regarding the telephone service, was not adopted unanimously; he stated that he and Clr. John Donnellan (Moycullen) dissented from the resolution and he requested that the minute be amended accordingly. The Council agreed to the amendment as requested by Deputy Kitt and subject to that amendment, the minutes of the previous meetings to 740 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- 742 - TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION: On the proposition of Clr. Raftery, seconded by Clr. Cunningham, the Council unanimously congratulated the people of Ballygar and Mountbellew on their successes in the Tidy Towns Competition.
- 743 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES: Deputy Geoghegan stated that he had been informed by the Minister for Local Government that in future no contribution will be required towards the cost of a scheme where the average rateable valuation of the lands of the beneficiaries is under £5; he asked the County Manager if he had received official confirmation of this from the Minister and if he would issue new forms giving the revised conditions to applicants. The County Manager stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government and said that it would be examined and any necessary action thereon would be taken.
- 744 - COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION ROADS: Deputy Kitt referred to a decision taken at the Special Roads Meeting held on the 16th September, 1968, that members should submit for examination not more than two roads; he stated that this number is far too small for the sum of £500 allocated to each member. The Chairman explained that it was necessary to limit each member to two roads, so that the proposals could be examined in time for the October meeting.
- 745 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: It was noted that malicious damage claims as listed at 2 (a) to (i) on the Agenda had been received.
- 746 - NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The County Manager informed the Council that the Office of Public Works had written to state that the Council is entitled to have ten members on the National Monuments Advisory Committee and is also entitled to pay travelling expenses to those ten members for their attendances at meetings. On the proposition of Clr. John Donnellan (Moycullen), seconded by Deputy Kitt, it was resolved that the following members be appointed full members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee in addition to the five members elected at the Annual Meeting:-

Mr. D. J. Murphy, Tuam
Mr. Martin Joyce, N.T., Aughrim, Ballinasloe
Mr. F. J. Kennedy, c/o Messrs. Joyce, Mackie & Loughheed, 34 Eyre Sq., Galway.
Mr. Maurice Semple, Solicitor, Eglinton Street, Galway
Mr. W. J. Molloy, Klaywright, Milltown

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- 747 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE 1967/68: A memorandum circulated to each member of the Council by the County Manager setting out details of excess expenditure incurred during the year ended 31st March, 1968, was submitted. It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:-

"that the Council hereby approve the following excess expenditure for the financial year ended 31st March, 1968."

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<u>Sanitary Services:</u>		
Drainage:	£171	
Domestic Scavenging:	£985	
<u>Housing:</u>		
Local Grants & Assistance Schemes	£1,495
<u>General Purposes:</u>		
Local Authorities Works Acts	£18
Fire Brigades	£776.
Materials Expense Account	£10,247.

- 748 - TRAVELLING AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES: Circular letter, G.13/68, dated 4th September, 1968, from the Department of Local Government regarding travelling and subsistence allowances for members of local authorities, copy already circulated to each member, was submitted. It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Melvin and unanimously resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve payment of travelling expenses at the rate of 1/6d in respect of each mile travelled from and to his official residence, to and from the place of meeting, to members of Galway County Council and to members of committees of, or appointed by the Council (other than a Vocational Education Committee or a Committee of Agriculture) where the official residence of the member is five miles or more by any route from the place of the meeting - this rate to apply to meetings and conferences which take place on or after the 1st August, 1968."

- 749 - SUPPLY OF DRUGS & MEDICINES: The County Manager's report on the supply of Drugs and Medicines, having been circulated to each member of the Council, was submitted. Clr. Ruane stated that Medical Card holders and doctors had complained that the hours fixed for handing out drugs at the Clinic in Shantalla - 10 a.m. to 12 noon for five days per week - were too short and were otherwise unsuitable; he also stated that it sometimes occurs that urgent prescriptions which are prescribed on Friday, are not available until the following Monday, that bus times are unsuitable for the hours fixed for attendance at the Clinic, that the

system whereby medicines are posted to the doctor involves a delay of 4 to 5 days and he asked that consideration be given to finding some means of remedying those causes of complaint.

In reply to Clr. Callanan, the County Manager stated that one doctor out of about 36 who are participating in the scheme, had objected to having the drugs sent directly by the doctor to the patient and he explained that the reason why this was done is, to ensure that the doctor would satisfy himself that the drugs are delivered to the proper person.

Deputy Coogan stated that he agreed with the submissions made by Clr. Ruane, that the difficulties experienced by Medical Card holders in getting drugs had been alleviated to some extent by the arrangements which were made when the chemists were supplying the drugs and he asked that an effort be made to overcome the difficulties being experienced in the present scheme.

In reply to complaints about the delays experienced at the Clinic in Shantalla in getting drugs handed to them, the County Manager stated that patients can now get drugs much quicker because of the fact that a second hatch has been opened and that there are now two chemists in attendance in Shantalla; he also stated that holders of medical cards are free to go to their dispensary doctors for free drugs, that the County Council is discharging its legal responsibility fully by providing for the supply of drugs by a dispensary doctor and that the scheme as at present operated, is an extra concession which the Council was not bound by law to provide; he pointed out that the only scheme which the chemists are prepared to operate would cost an estimated additional sum of £13,000 a year and that the scheme at present being administered is the best alternative to this.

Clr. Burke stated that some patients are not on very friendly terms with their dispensary doctor and that he had been informed of one case where a doctor had been discourteous to a patient and then left his surgery; he stated that in such a case there should be an alternative method of getting the drugs from the chemist. The County Manager stated that persons who have cause to complain about a doctor should report the matter to the Council and the complaint will be investigated; he mentioned, however, that he received approximately six complaints and in no case, after investigation, was the doctor to blame, he stated that the doctors were giving a very good service.

In reply to suggestions by members that the Clinic in Shantalla should open in the afternoon or evenings, the County Manager stated that the chemists required the afternoons free from dispensing of medicines for the purpose of replenishing their stocks. He stated however, that he will consider whether there is need or whether it is possible to have the Clinic opened for say one hour on some evening of each week. Clr. Fahey suggested that the scheme previously operated, whereby the drugs were supplied by chemists, should be put into operation again. In reply to this suggestion, the County Manager stated that this would cost an estimated £13,000 per year and he not prepared to recommend this to the Council.

750 - CREATION OF OFFICE OF CHIEF PLANNING ASSISTANT: The County Manager stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government, stating that the Local Appointments Commissioners had, in spite of repeated efforts, been unable to recommend a person for appointment as Chief Planning Assistant and that revised Qualifications and Particulars of Office had been prepared, which would permit of Engineers and Architects with a suitable knowledge of and experience in Town Planning, being eligible for appointment; he requested the approval of the Council to the creation of the permanent office of Chief Planning Assistant. In reply to enquiries, the County Manager stated that this would not mean an addition in the number of people employed in the Planning Department and that it would involve the appointment of a permanent Engineer instead of a temporary Engineer. It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of the office of Chief Planning Assistant."

Clr. Fahey proposed that the office be not created. Clr. Fahey's proposal was not seconded and the Chairman declared Clr. King's motion carried.

751 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS:

(a) Storekeepers:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to a revised salary scale of £800 x £50 - £1,300 per annum for Storekeepers as recommended by the official arbitrator. It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and resolved:-

"that the Galway County Council hereby approve a revised salary scale for County Council Storekeepers of £800 x £50 - £1300 per annum, inclusive of the 10th round increase, as from the 1st April, 1968, and also approves additional expenditure of £170 in the year 1968/69 to provide for this increase."

(b) Engineers:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to payment of revised salary scales to Engineers employed by the Council as recommended by the official arbitrator. Clr. Callanan stated that he disagreed with percentage increases and that instead increases should be given on the basis of the increase in the cost of living. It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve revised salary scales as follows to Engineers, as from the 1st April, 1968, as recommended by the official arbitrator and also approves additional expenditure in the coming financial year of £11,900 to pay the revised salaries:-

Assistant County Engineer: £1,950 x £45 - £2,355 p.a.

Chief Assistant Co. Engineer: £2,405 x £90 - £2,945 p.a.

County Engineer: £3,215 X £142 - £3,925. p.a.

752 - PENSION INCREASES: Clr. King stated that he understood that some pension increases were due to officials who retired on low salaries and that this was payable as from the 1st August last; he asked the County Manager when it is proposed paying those increases. The County Manager stated that if a circular is received from the Department authorising increases in pensions, he will be very glad to implement the terms of the circular.

753 - GROU WATER SULLY SCHEME, BALLYFRUIT, HEADFORD: Clr. King referred to his previous notice of motion in connection with this scheme and proposed that the Council approve making a special contribution of £300 towards the cost of the proposed group water supply scheme at Ballyfruit and this proposal was seconded by Deputy John Donnellan (Dunmore)

The County Manager stated that the reason why he refused this originally was, that he did not want to establish a precedent as such contributions were not previously made. He stated that if the Council wished to make a contribution, it should be made because of the special circumstances of this case only and was not to be regarded as establishing a precedent.

Clr. King's proposal was approved by the Council.

754 - BIRD SANCTUARY - GALWAY GOLF CLUB: It was agreed to adjourn consideration of this matter to a later meeting so that another local authority which may be concerned could be consulted on the matter.

755 - DISPOSAL OF LAND AT COSMONA, LOUGHREA: Notice dated 10th September, 1968, sent to each member of the Council was submitted. It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Lambert and resolved:-

"that the disposal be carried out in accordance with the terms of the notice dated 10th September, 1968."

756 - HOMES FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS - REVISED CAPITATION RATES:

The County Manager stated that the Minister for Health had authorised increases in the capitation rates payable in respect of the maintenance of mentally handicapped persons in institutions as from the 1st July, 1968; he stated that it is estimated that the increased rates will result in additional expenditure, estimated at £10,600 for the current financial year and he requested the approval of the Council to this expenditure. It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:-

"that the Council hereby approve the provision of an additional sum of £10,600 in the current financial year to provide for increased capitation rates to homes for mentally handicapped persons."

In conjunction with this matter, the Chairman agreed to consider Clr. Fahey's notice of motion No. 19 (g) (ii). Clr. Fahey referred to the report of the Consultative Council on the General Hospital services and in particular to the recommendation that an acute psychiatric unit should be associated with the Galway Regional Hospital and he then proposed that an institution be provided as early as possible to cater for about 90 severely handicapped persons. This proposal was seconded by Deputy Donnellan (Dunmore). The County Manager stated that a similar resolution had been passed at meetings of the Galway/Roscommon Mental Health Board and they had been informed that the Minister had plans under consideration for a special institution and for the provision of trained staff; he also stated that the provision of a new unit to cater for 11 to 14 additional patients in Ballinasloe, attached to the Ballinasloe Hospital, was being considered by the Department of Health. In addition he stated that if the Council were satisfied with the resolution proposed by Clr. Fahey, the matter would be referred to the Department of Health for consideration. The Council approved Clr. Fahey's proposal.

Clr. Holland stated that there are several severely handicapped persons kept at home, as the parents did not want to part with the children; he asked that in those cases, an increased capitation grant would be payable for the maintenance of those persons; he agreed to submit a notice of motion to this effect for the next meeting of the Council.

757 - OUTLINE OF THE FUTURE HOSPITAL SYSTEM - Report of Consultative Council:

The report of the Consultative Council having already been circulated to each member of the Council was submitted.

On the suggestion of Deputy Kitt, the Council agreed that this matter should first be considered by the Consultative Health Council and then brought before the Council again for further consideration.

758 - HEADFORD FAIRS:- Purchase of Toll Rights: The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

"At a meeting of the Council held in February, 1968, a resolution was adopted authorising the County Manager to negotiate for the purchase of the Toll Rights in the town of Headford with a view to the establishment of a Fairgreen or Salesyard.

On 28th March, 1968, a representative of the Headford Development Association called to the Council's offices and requested that the fairs be moved off the streets and that a fairgreen be established in the town. Some time later a number of persons called and made representations that the fairs should not be moved from the streets; these persons stated that they represented the business interests of Headford. A petition signed by 91 persons stated that they constitute 95% of the residents, rate payers and shopkeepers of

Headford, and they requested that the fairs be removed off the streets. In February, 1961, the owner of the fair rights for the town of Headford indicated that he would require a sum of £4,000 for the purchase of these rights. At that time no further action was taken in the matter. Following enquiries made by the Council, the owner's solicitors had now indicated that Mr. Geraghty was prepared to sell at a figure of £4,000 and that they considered if the Council had a figure of this region in mind, Mr. Geraghty would be prepared to consider an offer but could not see him agreeing to anything less than the figure of £4,000 but that, of course, an offer could always be considered.

In a further letter dated 20th May, 1968, Messrs. Concannon & Co., Solicitors, have indicated that if the Council are interested in acquiring some land either by way of purchase or letting in connection with the fairs in Headford, they have a client who has asked them to state that he has a field available 500 yds. from the centre of the town comprising approximately 4 statute acres with water and electricity. No action has been taken on this letter. No financial provision has been made for the purchase of the fair rights in Headford in the estimates for the current year and I am of the opinion that the sum of £4,000 being asked for these rights is excessive. If the Council wish, I will negotiate further with the solicitors for the owner to see if a considerable reduction can be effected in the proposed price and if a satisfactory price can be arrived at, provision could be made in the estimates for 1969/70 to enable the rights to be purchased."

On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, it was agreed that the County Manager be authorised to negotiate for the purchase of the Toll Rights in Headford.

Clr. Callanan expressed doubt as to the advisability of buying fair rights which might not be enforceable.

759 - LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS) ACT, 1945 - Catherine Connolly Bequest

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

"In connection with the Catherine Connolly Bequest which as the Council will recall was for the assistance of needy children in the Carraroe area, from enquiries which have been made, it has been ascertained that there are a number of retarded children in the Carraroe area, who could be assisted out of the fund. Some of these children are attending school but require special furniture, such as adjustable chairs and desks and it is proposed, subject to the consent of the Council, to administer this fund by a committee consisting of the County Manager, Superintendent Assistance Officer and the Assistance Officer for the area. Where it is considered desirable, the local councillors and clergy could be consulted by the committee for guidance in respect of individual cases.

Deputy Kitt suggested that the Placement Officer of the National Rehabilitation Board might be consulted with regard to the persons to be assisted. It was proposed by Clr. Clarke, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved:-

"that the Council hereby approve the assistance of retarded children in the Carraroe area out of the Catherine Connolly Bequest, as proposed by the County Manager."

760 - LOAN FOR SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS: The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the raising of a loan of £50,000 - this being the estimated amount required for making Supplementary Housing Grants up to the 30th September, 1969. It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan,

seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:-

"that the Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £50,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works; the loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of 25 years, with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council, for the purpose of making Supplementary Housing Grants under the Housing Act, 1966.

761 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS: A list of roads improved by the Special Employments Schemes Office, as already circulated to the members, was submitted and on the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Kitt, the Council approved proceeding with the formalities for declaration of these roads to be public roads.

762 - CORONARY CARE UNIT - REGIONAL HOSPITAL: The County Manager informed the Council that sanction of the Minister for Health had now been received to the establishment of a Coronary Care Unit in the Regional Hospital, Galway; he stated that it was proposed allocating a 10-bed ward for this unit and he requested the Council's approval to the creation of 10 additional offices of nurse, to staff the unit.

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. Lambert and resolved:-

"that the Council hereby approve the creation of 10 additional offices of Nurse in the Regional Hospital, Galway."

763 - EDUCATION (GRANTS) COMMITTEE: It was agreed that a meeting of the Education (Grants) Committee of the Council be held at 4.30 p.m. on Friday, 4th October, 1968.

764 - WATER SUPPLY - BALLYBANE & BALLYBRIT:

Clr. Holland, Deputy Coogan and Deputy Molloy referred to their notices of motion regarding a system for providing a water supply for the Ballybane and Ballybrit areas and asked the County Manager to state what proposals were on hands for providing for this need.

The County Manager stated that preliminary proposals for this area were prepared some time ago but they had to be deferred at that time. The Department of Local Government has now agreed that further investigations be carried out and it is proposed examining various methods by which the needs of this area and of Galway City might be met. He stated that the two areas, the urban and the rural, must be examined in conjunction with these proposals. Clr. King also asked that consideration be given to the necessity for extending the urban water supply to residents of Ballinfoyle.

765 - WATER SUPPLY - BUSHYHARK AREA: In reply to Notices of Motion by Deputies F. Coogan and R. Molloy, the County Manager stated that this area was also being considered in the plans being prepared for Galway City and the area surrounding it and that examination of the best means of providing a water supply for the entire area was being actively pursued.

766 - SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:-
Peter O'Shaughnessy, Killyan, Newbridge, Ballinasloe, on the death of his wife.
John Crowe, Crowe Village, Newbridge, Ballinasloe, on the death of his father.

767 - ABOLITION OF I.R.: Referring to Notice of Motion in the names of Clrs. T. Collins and J. Lambert, regarding the abolition of I.R., the Chairman stated that he was ruling this matter out-of-order in accordance with the provisions of Standing Orders. Clr. Collins protested against the Chairman's decision. The Chairman then called on Clr. J. Callanan to propose his notice of motion, No. 19 (d). Some members of the Council still continued to protest against the Chairman's decision and the Chairman then declared the meeting adjourned.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED
Submitted, approved and confirmed. *In. Killea* Chairman
28.10.1968

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY

30th September, 1968

To: Each Member of the Galway County Council/

A Chara,

On the instructions of the Chairman, a Special Meeting of the Council (requisitioned by Deputy John Donnellan (Dunmore), Clrs. T. Byrne, P. Cunningham, P. Collins, F. Donnellan, J. Lambert, Deputy F. Coogan, Clrs. J. Mannion, M. Ryan and P. T. Galvin) will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 7th October, 1968, commencing at 4 p.m., to consider the undermentioned business.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach

AGENDA

TO CONSIDER:-

(1) Notice of Motion in names of Deputy John Donnellan (Dunmore), Clrs. T. Byrne, P. Cunningham, P. Collins, F. Donnellan, J. Lambert, Deputy F. Coogan, Clrs. J. Mannion, M. Ryan and P. T. Galvin -

"That this Council opposes the abolition of P.R. for the following reasons -

- (1) There is no public demand for a change in the electoral law.
- (2) There are many matters of greater public urgency requiring immediate government action, including:
 - (a) uncontrolled rise in the cost of living.
 - (b) growing unemployment.
 - (c) disruption in industry because of Free Trade Agreement.
 - (d) realistic negotiations with European countries in preparation for entry to Common Market.
 - (e) development of agriculture.
 - (f) introduction of a modern comprehensive health service and social welfare services.
 - (g) acute shortage of houses.
 - (h) increased taxation.

(3) The issue was effectively decided eight and a half years ago.

(4) The waste of over £100,000 of public money on the Referendum cannot be justified, together with all the National disruption which such an Election will cause.

(5) The introduction of the Bill shows that the members of the government are more concerned with their own personal fortunes than with the needs of the ordinary people.

(2) Notice of Amendment in the name of Clr. T. Hussey:-

"Take notice that I or somebody on my behalf will move an amendment at the Special Meeting requisitioned by the ten Fine Gael Councillors to be held on the 7th October, 1968 -

To delete all the words after the word 'Council' in line 1 of Notice of Motion (c) tabled by Councillors Collins and Lambert on the Agenda of the 23rd September, 1968, and substitute the following:-

Condemn in the strongest possible terms, the attitude of Fine Gael who requisitioned a special meeting at the rate payers' expense, in relation to a matter outside their control and contrary to Standing Orders."

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1968

IN THE CHAIR: Senator M. Killilea

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Cirs. T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy M. Carty, Cirs. T. Clarke, P. Collins, Deputy F. Coogan, Cirs. Mrs. M. Croffy, E. Cunningham, J. Donnellan (Moycullen), Deputy J. Donnellan, Cirs. P. Donnellan, P. Fahey, Deputy J. Geoghegan, Cirs. F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, T. Hussey, P. Joyce, T. King, Deputy M. Kitt, Cirs. J. Lambert, J. M. Mannion, H. Melvin, Deputy R. Molloy, Cirs. P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and W. Burke.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, L. O'Luanaigh, Assistant County Manager, C. A. Warner, County Engineer, J. Howlett, County Secretary, K. Doyle, Staff Officer.

768 - NEW COUNTY SECRETARY: The Chairman introduced the new County Secretary, Mr. John Howlett, who was welcomed by the members and expressed his thanks to them.

769 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were adopted with the following:-

His Lordship the Bishop of Galway and Mr. Patrick Cloonan, on the death of Very Rev. Fr. Cloonan, P.F.

Mrs. M. Conneely, Rusheeney, Oughterard, on the death of her brother-in-law, Peter Conneely.

The O'Halloran Family, Clybawn, Galway, on the death of Mrs. O'Halloran.

Mr. F. J. Baker, Cloonderavon, Moyard, on the death of his mother.

The O'Higgins Family, Shantalla, on the death of Mrs. O'Higgins.

770 - NOTICE OF MOTION - ABOLITION OF P.R.:

The Chairman, having outlined the events which led to the convening of the special meeting, stated that he had obtained legal advice in the meantime and that he remained of the opinion and was ruling that the motion (now standing in the names of Deputy John Donnellan and Cirs. T. Byrne, E. Cunningham, P. Collins, P. Donnellan, J. Lambert, Deputy F. Coogan, Cirs. J. Mannion, M. Ryan, P. T. Galvin) was out of order in accordance with the provisions of Standing Orders.

Deputy Donnellan proposed that Standing Orders should be suspended to enable the motion to be discussed. He was seconded by Clr. Collins.

Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, proposed that Standing Orders should not be suspended.

A division was taken on Deputy Donnellan's proposal and ~~these~~ voted in favour of the proposal:-

Cirs. T. Byrne, P. Collins, Deputy F. Coogan, Cirs. E. Cunningham, Deputy J. Donnellan, Cirs. P. Donnellan, F. Glynn, B. Holland, J. Lambert, J. M. Mannion, E. Ruane, and M. Ryan (12).

Voting against the motion were:-

Clr. J. Callanan, Deputy M. Carty, Clrs. T. Clarke,
Mrs. M. Croffy, J. Donnellan (Moycullen), P. Fahey,
Deputy J. Geoghegan, Clrs. E. Haverty, T. Hussey,
P. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Clrs. T. King,
Deputy M. Kitt, Clr. H. Melvin, Deputy R. Molloy and
Clr. K. Raftery (16).

The Chairman declared the motion to be defeated and left the chair.

A number of members protested that the business of the meeting had not been concluded and Clr. Collins, having been proposed and seconded, took the chair.

The Chairman then resumed the chair and stated that he was terminating the meeting because of disorder.

SUBMITTED, CONFIRMED & APPROVED

M. Howlett

Chairman

28th Oct. 1968

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY

7th October, 1968.

To: Each Member of the Galway County Council/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of the Galway County Council which will be held in Committee in the Council Chamber at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 14th October, 1968, at 4 p.m. to consider all aspects of Local Authority Housing and the following Notices of Motion:-

(a) Clr. F. Glynn:

I will propose at the next special Housing Meeting of Galway County Council -

(1) That 8 - 10 serviced housing sites be provided for sale in Tuam Town within the next twelve months.

(b) Clr. P. Collins:

At the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 14th October to consider Housing, I will ask the County Manager to state the position regarding recovery of possession of unoccupied vested cottages.

Mise, le meas,

M. Howlett

J. HOWLETT
County Secretary

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL,
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 14TH
OCTOBER, 1968

IN THE CHAIR: Senator M. Killilea

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Ctrs. W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, T. Clarke, P. Collins, Deputy F. Coogan, Ctrs. Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham, J. Donnellan (Moycullen), Deputy J. Donnellan (Dunmore), Ctrs. P. Fahey, P. Galvin, Deputy J. Geoghegan, Ctrs. F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, T. Hussey, P. Joyce, T. King, Deputy M. Kitt, Ctrs. J. Lambert, J. Mannion, H. Melvin, Deputy R. Molloy, Ctrs. P. Raftery, J. Ridge and P. Ruane.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, L. O'Luanaigh, Assistant County Manager, C. A. Warner, County Engineer, J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, J. Howlett, County Secretary and K. Doyle, Staff Officer.

771 - **CONSIDERATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE COUNCIL'S HOUSING PROGRAMME: (Minute No.717)**

Clr. Fahey proposed that in accordance with motion of which he had given notice for the August Meeting (and which had been adjourned to this Special Meeting) the Council should consider all aspects of their housing policy under the following headings:-

- (a) Money available for Housing.
- (b) Number of applicants for Council cottages.
- (c) Cost of erection of Council cottages.
- (d) Number of semi-derelict houses at present occupied by people who cannot get better.
- (e) Number of cottages vested and non-vested.
- (f) General condition of non-vested cottages.
- (g) Money spent and numbers working on the repair of Council cottages.
- (h) Number of and amount of Essential Repairs Grants given, etc.

The County Manager stated that he would like to supply information under the heading proposed by Clr. Fahey in order that the Council might consider the position.

(a) Current allocations for:

(1) New Cottages	...	£32,000
(2) House Purchase Loans	...	£57,000
(3) Supplementary Grants	...	£170,000

(b) 112 in rural areas and 68 from towns, total 180

(c) Average - £1,943.

(d) Precise information not available under this heading but the number would be comprised within the figures already stated in respect of unfit houses.

(e) (i) Number of cottages vested:	-	1117
(ii) Number of non-vested cottages:	-	661
(iii) Number of cottages awaiting vesting:	-	565

(f) Generally speaking the condition of non-vested cottages was good but there were some in bad condition.

(g) (i) Expenditure on repairs 1967/68:	-	£21,023.
(ii) Number of cottages repaired:	-	230
(iii) Amount provided in Estimates for 1968/69:		£30,000

(iv) Number of men employed on repairs:	30
(h) (i) Number of applications received:	441
(ii) Number approved:	220
(iii) Amount paid:	£4,819
(iv) Number paid:	72

Following consideration of the County Manager's report, a general discussion took place, mainly on the question of the repair of cottages. The following points were made by councillors and officials during the course of this discussion:-

- (1) Clr. Joyce and Deputy Geoghegan observed that the repairs position appeared to have improved recently but that there was room for further expedition with the work. Deputy Geoghegan suggested that this could be achieved by setting up a mobile repair unit, by improving arrangements for obtaining materials on the site and by making an all-out effort to clear the back-log of arrears.
- (2) Ctrs. Croffy, Raftery, Callinan, Byrne and Galvin, indicated that the position in the Ballinasloe, Woodford, Portumna areas was most unsatisfactory, that staff appeared to be inadequate and that there were inordinate delays in getting attention to very necessary repairs.
- (3) Reference was made to the scarcity of craftsmen and the question of whether tenants could carry out some minor repairs was also considered.
- (4) Clr. Joyce said that he would like to see progress made with a comprehensive scheme for the servicing of cottages which remained unserviced.
- (5) A discussion took place on the provision of demountable houses for old people who are living in bad conditions. The County Manager stated that two prototype houses were almost completed and that the Council would be notified when they were ready for inspection. It would be necessary thereafter to take a decision on the type of house which ought to be provided and a further investigation might be necessary before this could be finally settled.
- (6) Clr. Holland suggested that the demands of people who had to commute to work in Galway City should be considered and that such people would be facilitated and the city's housing problem eased, if cottages could be built within a radius of twenty miles of Galway.
- (7) Individual cases where there had been long delays in getting repairs, were referred to by certain members but the Chairman stated that the discussion should be confined to general policy and that individual cases could be taken up with the officials concerned.
- (8) Mr. J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that two trucks had been purchased for a mobile repair unit. One of these was being allocated to the Clifden area and the other to the Portumna area. There was a high concentration of cottages in the Ballinasloe/Portumna district and one of the repair gangs had to be removed recently for work in connection with mobile houses. There was considerable difficulty in getting tradesmen who were attracted by high wages obtainable on large private contracts.

Replying to the debate, Clr. Fahey stated that he still was not satisfied that adequate progress was being made with housing in the county. He was particularly concerned with the large number of semi-derelict houses and with the plight of people who resided in such houses. In this regard, he considered that the housing demand which was revealed by the number of applications received for new houses was completely unrealistic. He conceded that many of the people residing in unsatisfactory conditions would not apply for

new houses.

The County Manager stated that reasonable progress was being made with the building programme and with the vesting of cottages. In the former case exceptional difficulties had arisen in getting work done. The Council could not be expected to cater for people who declined to make application and good progress was being made to deal with the effective demand. The Council were giving very generous assistance, on an extensive scale, to people building and repairing houses. There was a preponderance of this type of activity in the county and some of it must be effective in eradicating bad housing conditions.

772 - PROVISION OF SERVICED HOUSING SITES IN TUAM: Cllr. Glynn proposed that 8- 10 serviced housing sites be provided for sale in the town of Tuam within the next twelve months.

The County Manager stated that this matter was being studied and that the Council's Engineers were considering whether it would be feasible to provide such a scheme on part of the Tuam Fairgreen.

Cllr. Burke supported the motion, and stated that there should be considerable demand for sites.

773 - POSSESSION OF UNOCCUPIED VESTED COTTAGES: Cllr. Collins requested information on the position regarding recovery of possession of unoccupied vested cottages. He stated that a number of such cottages were in a derelict condition and that they had been left unoccupied for several years. He suggested that if legislation did not exist to deal with this problem, it should be passed without delay. Deputy Kitt supported the motion and referred to other cases of cottages which had been left unoccupied and derelict.

The County Manager, in his reply, read letter dated 14th October, 1968, from the Council's Solicitor. This letter outlined the legal difficulties of obtaining possession of abandoned vested cottages and stated the steps which were now being taken, through the Land Registry, to have the Council's Title put in order, and to recover possession of these cottages.

There was a general discussion on difficulties arising through the abandonment of cottages and in regard to the transfer of ownership of cottages.

774 - SYMPATHY: The Council expressed their sympathy to -
Michael Corrigan, Illaunc, Milltown, Tuam, on the death of his brother, Patrick.

The Meeting then terminated.

SUBMITTED, CONFIRMED + APPROVED

M. Kierulff

Chairman
28th. Oct. 1968

COMAIRLE CONTAE NA GALWAY
(Galway County Council)

Aon freagra ar an lictir seo
is mar seo ba chóir é scríobhadh
Any reply to this communication should
be addressed to
RÚNAÍ
(The Secretary)
pó'n uimhir seo:
(and the following number quoted)
11/1/C.

Suíón: Gaillimh 2055
Fóna: Galway 3055

oifis an rúnaí
(Secretary's Office)
ARAS AN CONTAE
(County Buildings)
Gaillimh
(Galway)
(Galway County Council)

4th October, 1968.

TO /
EACH MEMBER OF THE
CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE:

*Not changed by Co. manager
Monday, 21st October,
1968.*

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the
Consultative Health Committee which will be held in the
Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Tuesday,
the 15th October, 1968, commencing at 4 p.m. sharp.

Mise, le meas,

J. HOWLETT,

Rúnaí.

AGENDA:

To consider -

- (a) Minutes of Meeting of 5th July, 1968.
- (b) Outline of the Future Hospital System - Report of the Consultative Council on the General Hospital Services.
- (c) Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY,
21ST OCTOBER, 1968

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy J. Geoghegan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Deputy M. F. Kitt, Clrs. P. Fahey, P. T. Galvin, M. Mannion,
Mr. H. K. O'Byrne, Dr. M. J. Dyar and Prof. S. O'Beirn.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, L. O'Lunaigh, Assistant
County Manager Dr. N. O'Beirne, Resident Medical Superintendent,
Regional Hospital, J. Howlett, County Secretary, P. Duffy,
Staff Officer and Miss A. Walsh, Staff Officer.

1. CHAIR: In the absence of Clr. T. King, it was unanimously agreed that Deputy J. Geoghegan should take the chair.
2. MINUTES: The minutes of meeting held on 5th July, 1968, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. OUTLINE ON THE FUTURE HOSPITAL SYSTEM - REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL ON THE GENERAL HOSPITAL SERVICES:

Copies of the report of the Consultative Council had been supplied to the members of the Committee. At meeting of the County Council held on the 23rd September, 1968, the Council had decided to await the views of the Committee before considering the report.

A lengthy discussion took place on the report under the following headings:-

(a) Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe:

The terms of paragraph 8.40 of chapter 8 of the report were noted with regard to the Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe. On points raised by Dr. Dyar, it was agreed that the Training School for nurses would cease to operate when the hospital assumed the change of role which was envisaged in the Report. In this connection, it was pointed out that the number of beds in the hospital was already too small to secure recognition of nurses' training in Great Britain. Prof. O'Beirn stated that it was wrong to emphasise the question of the status of different types of hospitals. The Report outlined a new concept of the hospital service and the role of the proposed Community Health Centres would be extremely important. Throughout the entire report it had been shown that only a very limited number of hospitals could be developed to give a full service but the aim was to give an integrated service where each institution would play its own role.

(b) INTEGRATION OF THE GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND THE WESTERN REGIONAL SANATORIUM:

It was pointed out that approximately 1300 hospital beds would be made available under this arrangement and that there were no plans to provide additional beds in either of the hospitals concerned. Mr. H. K. O'Byrne made the point that the existing accommodation in the two hospitals appeared to be already over-crowded. Prof. O'Beirn stated that the amount of beds that would be required in Galway had been thoroughly investigated and that it was clear that the combined bed complement of the Regional Hospital and Merlin Park would satisfy the needs of the proximate part of the region for community bed requirements and provide the necessary additional accommodation for specialist cases from the wider region.

The County Manager stated that a joint committee of Consultants from the Regional and the Merlin Park hospitals were at present discussing the integration of the two hospitals.

(c) OTHER PROBLEMS:

A discussion took place concerning out-patient facilities. Dr. O'Beirne suggested that these could be improved and Dr. Dyar pointed out that we were lagging behind other countries in the provision of field care. Clr. Fahey referred to the proposed amalgamation of the Regional and Merlin Park hospitals and said that he was concerned with the fact that facilities for the training of nurses were inadequate and that girls had to go to England to get trained.

The County Manager replied that an application had been made to An Bord Altranais for the recognition of Merlin Park as a training centre for nurses. No decision had yet been made on this application but the matter had again been raised at a recent conference with officials of the Department of Health who had undertaken to assist in any way possible with this matter.

Clr. Fahey also referred to the need for a great increase in the number of hospital beds for old people. The County Manager stated that proposals were in hands to increase bed accommodation.

The question of severely handicapped children was discussed. Clr. Fahey stated that enough was not being done to cope with this problem and that a psychiatric unit should be provided at the Regional Hospital to cater for approximately 100 such cases. Deputy Kitt said that the National Rehabilitation Organisation, of which he was a member, were doing a considerable amount of work to cope with this problem and it was not fair to say that the matter was being neglected. It was pointed out that there was great difficulty in getting staff to deal with severely handicapped children. The County Manager said that Ballinasloe Mental Health Board had made representations to the Department of Health in regard to this problem and had been informed that steps would be taken by the Government within the next three to four years to provide for all such cases. In the meantime, the Mental Health Authority were authorised to secure temporary accommodation and arrangements were being made for the provision of a small unit to accommodate approximately 20 patients. Work would be commenced on this project in the very near future. The unit proposed for the Regional Hospital would be for general mental patients who could be discharged quickly and would not cater specifically for mentally handicapped children.

(d) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT:

The Chairman enquired what steps could be taken to secure that the improvements in services outlined in the report would be implemented without delay.

The County Manager stated that the report had not yet been officially adopted by the Government but that in the meantime it would be appropriate for Health Authorities to try to find solutions to any local problems which might arise in the implementation of the recommendations.

Prof. S. O'Beirn stated that Galway was comparatively fortunate in so far as no major building programme or disturbance of the existing facilities would be needed. At the same time, considerable improvements would have to be put in hands and some of these would involve construction work. He cited as examples the required improvements of operating theatres, laboratory and radiological facilities and the better provision which would be needed for teaching. He recommended that the Committee should approve the recommendations contained in the report and urge the Department of

Health to provide the necessary finance, so that the improvements required in the Galway region could be put in hands without delay. Cllr. Galvin supported Prof. O'Beirn's proposal and said that he had studied the report in detail and he felt that, in general, the proposals were very sound. He thought that provision should have been made for a General Hospital in Carlow but that otherwise all requirements seem to have been met. It was unfortunate that hospitals in Ballinasloe and Roscommon might feel aggrieved in assuming a new role but it would be impossible to draft a report which would suit all the interested parties.

Cllr. Fahey said that the Consultative Council should be congratulated on the speed with which they issued their Report. He considered that it was an excellent production.

Dr. Dyar referred to the timetable for the implementation of the report, as indicated on page 59, paragraph 43. He said that he was worried that if a similar tempo was not applied to the improvement of field services, the improved complement of hospital beds in the country would rapidly become overcrowded. He felt that there was a grave danger of putting too much emphasis on treatment in institutions and of turning a health service into a sick service. He recommended that this aspect of the problem should be brought to the notice of the Department of Health by the Committee when making their case to have the proposals in the report implemented. It was agreed that this should be done.

The Chairman stated that the recommendations of the Committee would be considered at Council meeting to be held on the following Monday and that the Council would thereafter contact the Department of Health without delay.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Individual Health Services:

Deputy Kitt referred to two cases where the provision of individual health services had not been approved and Cllr. Galvin referred to a defect in the batteries of a type of hearing aid provided by the Health Authority.

The Chairman stated that the Committee could not consider individual health services but that the cases in question could be taken up with the officials concerned.

(b) Transfer of Patients to Merlin Park:

Dr. Dyar stated that because of pressure from relatives, there was a tendency to transfer certain patients from Loughrea to Merlin Park. The patients in question were ones which could not readily be nursed in Merlin Park and he felt that this practice should be checked in the future. Dr. Dyar's remarks on this matter were noted.

The Meeting then concluded.

COMHAIRLE CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

22 OCT 1968

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH

21u Deireadh Foghair, 1968.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chonndae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chonndae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 28adh la de Deireadh Fomhair, 1968, ag tosnu ar 3.30 p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

S. hUileid
Runai

A G E N D A

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.

2. MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS:

(a) Minister for Posts and Telegraphs - Overhead telephone cables damaged, 3/9/68	...	£150. 0. 0.
(b) Martin Feeney, Park, Spiddal - Car wrecked, 1/9/68	...	£70. 0. 0.
(c) Joseph Ryan, Shantalla, Galway - Damage to a car, 7/9/68	...	£150. 0. 0.
(d) Philip McGlynn, High Street, Galway - Damage to plate glass window, 15/9/68	...	£32. 0. 0.
(e) Kavanagh Bros. (Galway), Ltd. - Van crashed, 13/9/68	...	£100. 0. 0.
(f) Patrick Corcoran, N.F.A. - Damage to galvanized iron and canvas etc. at Dyke Road, 26/7/68	...	£76. 10. 0.
(g) Bord Iascaigh Mara, New Docks, Galway - Doors and locks damaged, 28/9/68	...	£50. 0. 0.
(h) Patrick Doyle, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary - Timber Mission Stall damaged at Carna, 29/9/68	..	£47. 0. 0.
(i) Western Motors Ltd., Galway - Two desks damaged, 3/10/68	...	£50. 0. 0.

- (j) **Burmah-Castrol (Ireland) Ltd., Hume House, Dublin, 4 - Neon Sign broken at premises in Turloughmore, 29/9/68** ... £50. 0. 0.
- (k) **McCairns Motors Ltd., Galway - Safe damaged, 4/10/68** ... £400. 0. 0.
- (l) **Nilands Ltd., Merchants Road, Galway - Goods damaged & destroyed, 11th - 14/10/68** ... £600. 0. 0.
- (m) **W. P. Higgins, Ltd., Galway - Lamps and padbelts broken, stone wall broken, 13/10/68** ... £20. 0. 0.
3. Overdraft for quarter ending 31/12/1968.
4. Creation of two new permanent offices of Dental Surgeon.
5. Variation of the conditions and remuneration previously approved for proposed office of Biochemist (Minute 4786 of 5/8/1966).
6. Revision of remuneration for:-
- (a) Driver of Mobile Library.
- (b) Waterworks and Sewerage Scheme Caretakers.
7. Renewal of University Scholarships and submission for approval of minutes of meeting of Higher Education Grants' Committee held on 4/10/1968.
8. Auditor's reports on accounts of:-
- (a) River Suck joint Drainage Committee for year ended 31/3/1968.
- (b) Galway County Committee of Agriculture for year ended 31/3/1968.
9. Notice of Motion roads (Minute 738 of 16/9/1968 and 744 of 23/9/1968).
10. Rural Employment Schemes - scheme near Ahascragh.
11. Request by County Councils' General Council for submission of any items for Agenda of its December meeting.
12. Business submitted by County Manager.
13. Members' Notices of Motion:-
- (a) **Clr. W. Burke:**
I wish to propose that the road from Ballintlewa to Mossfort be rolled.
- (b) **Clrs. W. Burke and F. Glynn:**
That the remaining portion of the road leading to St. Joseph's Park, Tuam, be taken over and maintained by the County Council.
- (c) **Clr. F. Glynn:**
- (i) That the road from McGraths at Ardoure, Kilconly to Galway/Mayo border at Cloghans Hill be considered for black topping in the next financial year.
- (ii) That a narrow footpath, say 2 to 3 ft. wide or so, be provided at Ballinamona Park, Tuam, for protection purposes.
- (iii) That additional lights be provided on the Weir Road, Tuam to the Textile Factory.

- (d) **Clr. P. Ruane:**
- (1) I will ask at the next meeting of the County Council to have the following water pumps deepened so as to give a proper source of water:
- (i) Pump at Ballybrone Cottages;
- (ii) Pump at Mirah, Turloughmore;
- (iii) Pump at Laraghbeg, Turloughmore.
- (2) To have a water fountain erected at the end of pipe line near Jack Burke's shop, Gurrane, Cranmore.
- (3) That the roof over the outer part of the Regional Hospital Morgue be extended, so as to provide shelter from rain for those attending funerals.
- (e) **Clr. T. Hussey:**
- (1) That permission be granted to applicants for a Group Water Supply scheme at Brierfield to connect to the Kilkerrin/Moylough Regional Scheme.
- (2) That the County Road from Shiel's house, Lisnageera to Bookala, Ballymoe, be black topped and some effort be made to eliminate flooding of same.
- (f) **Clr. J. Lambert:**
- (1) I will ask when it is proposed to clean up the ground at the back of the cottages at Ennis Road, Cort.
- (2) That this Council be requested to clean the Aggarde Roo Rivers at Craughwell.
- (g) **Clr. B. Holland:**
That financial help be given to parents of mentally handicapped children who are anxious to maintain the children in their own homes.
- (h) **Clrs. T. Byrne, H. Melvin and P. Fahey:**
At the next meeting of the County Council we, the undersigned will request that a new Fire Brigade Station be erected in Cort Town.
- (i) **Deputy John Donnellan:**
To ask the County Manager if the Galway County Council have any plans for the provision of a Public Toilet in the town of Dunmore.
- (j) **Clr. T. Byrne:**
- (1) I will ask the County Manager for a report on the recent testings for a supplementary water supply in the Kinvara area.
- (2) That this Council deplores the action of the Minister for Health in failing to sanction the appointment of a public health nurse for Kinvara Dispensary area.
- (k) **Deputy J. Donnellan and Clr. M. Ryan:**
- (1) To ask the County Manager if he would consider providing a Public Toilet for the town of Glenamaddy.
- (2) To ask the County Manager if he would consider the joining of the Kilkerrin and Glenamaddy Water Schemes.

(l) Clr. J. Callanan:

At the next meeting of Galway County Council I propose to ask the County Manager for a report on the promised investigation re the extension of the Ballinasloe Urban Area Water Supply to adjacent rural areas.

(m) Deputy R. Molloy:

That two priority lists be drawn up for water and sewerage schemes; one to provide for Gaeltacht areas; the other for the rest of the county.

(n) Clr. F. Fahey:

(1) That in view of a very difficult drainage and water shortage problem in South Galway, where an area 10 x 20 miles is drained by the Ballylee and Castletown rivers into two swallow-holes and where land flooding is much increased due to drainage for tree planting by the Forestry Department on Sliabh Aughty, I propose that our Engineering staff in conjunction with the Geology Department of University College, Galway (or some other University) and the Board of Works, endeavour to find the underground course of these rivers to the sea, thereby solving the water shortage problem in Ardrahan, Kinvara and Douras and also investigate the possibility of acquiring Lough Cutra Lake as a natural reservoir to relieve flooding.

(2) That this Council receive a deputation from Ballycrehelan/Druiminalough area and allow them to explain their isolation from Friest, Doctor and Town by extensive and dangerous road flooding caused partly by (i) a disused County Council sluiceway, (ii) Forestry Departments flood-water and (iii) lack of drainage.

(3) Consequent on the breakdown of the arrangement whereby Councillors were to be informed of applicants who were about to be refused Planning Permission, I propose that a Council Committee be set up to review all applications, before permission is refused.

(o) Clr. E. T. Galvin:

Having regard to the increased monies made available in the current year's Estimates, I will ask the County Manager what progress has been made during the six months ended 30/9/68 in clearing the back-log in the repair of Council cottages.

(p) Clr. F. Donnellan:

(1) I will ask that the people in Clybaun be allowed to connect on to the main at the head of the road.

(2) I will ask the Council to put an additional light in the Bank Square, Headford.

(3) I will ask the Council to ease some of the bad corners on the tarred road going from Ballyconlaugh (Headford) on to Claran Church.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF EDUCATION (GRANTS) COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 26TH JULY, 1968

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John Donnellan.

ALSO PRESENT: Rev. Bro. Killian, Clrs. M. Kitt, P. Fahey and P. Joyce, Messrs. M. Lohan, M. Hogan, T. Fitzgerald, W. J. Hans

OFFICIALS: Mr. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, Miss G. O'Grady, Staff Officer.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from:-

Rev. Dr. Mooney, President, St. Jarlath's College, Tuam and Clr. T. King.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd February, 1968, were approved and signed.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME, 1968: The draft Higher Education Grants Scheme prepared consequent to the coming into operation of the Local Authorities (Higher Education Grants) Act, 1968, as circulated to the members with the Agenda was considered.

The County Manager told the members that a specimen scheme was supplied by the Department of Education and that the draft scheme was based on this. He explained that the year ended 30/9/67 would be taken as the year in relation to which income would be determined for the 1968 awards since we had already taken this year when inviting applications for University Scholarships.

In future schemes, the year ending on the 31st March in the year of the examination would be the relevant year.

Councillor Donnellan advocated payment of the 1st instalment of the grant before November. The County Manager explained that payment before that date would be difficult but that it might be possible to arrange a payment on account where hardship was involved.

On the proposition of Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Joyce, the Committee recommended to the County Council the adoption of the Higher Education Grants Scheme, 1968, which was circulated to the members.

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION: Clr. Fahey considered that teacher training courses should be recognised for grant purposes. After discussion the Committee recommended that the Minister for Education be requested to include in future schemes, training courses for National Teachers, Domestic Science and Physical Culture teachers in the non-university courses acceptable for the Higher Education Grants Scheme.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The County Manager informed the members that the functions of the Committee would be to -

- (i) formulate the Grants Scheme;
- (ii) assist in determining the amount of the awards.

SYMPATHY: Sympathy was extended to the Jesuit Fathers on the deaths of Rev. Fr. O'Kelly, S.J. and Rev. Bro. Foley, S.J.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS RECOMMENDED FOR RENEWAL

University College, Galway - 4th Year.

Robert M. Dolan, Shangort, Galway	£100
Patrick Finnegan, Castletogher, Williamstown	£150
Charles Copeland, New Docks, Galway	£100
Bonaventure Crosbie, Society Street, Ballinasloe	£150
Padraic C. Thornton, Windfort, Headford	£150
William J. Ryan, Upper Newcastle, Galway	£100

3rd Year

Sr. M. Pauline O'Connell, Presentation Convent, Tuam	£150
Brian D. O'Rourke, Newcastle Lodge, Galway	£100
Anne M. O'Healy, 17 Monivea Road, Galway	£100
Noel O'Toole, 2 Ragoon Road, Galway	£100
Seamus Kelly, Craughwell	£100
John S. Coogan, Gaverine, Newcastle, Galway	£90 (College Scholarship £60)
Eugene McDonagh, Central House, Lr. Salthill	£100
Kathleen Flaherty, Belville, Athenry	£150
Carmel Brannelly, Creggs	£150
Teresa B. Keane, St. Aidans, Newcastle, Galway	£100
Anne I. Gannon, Newline, Athenry	£150

2nd Year

Sr. M. Varley, Convent of Mercy, Ennis	£150
Liam Kelly, Society Street, Ballinasloe	£150
John Shiel, Coolagh, Killimor, Ballinasloe	£150
Ann O'Sullivan, Oranmore	£150
Francis Thornton, 12 McDonagh's Avenue, Mervue	£100
Thomas P.G. Farrell, White Strand Park, Galway	£100
Martin O'Flynn, Lr. Salthill, Galway	£100
Thomas G. Clarke, Rosmuck	£100

University College, Dublin - 4th Year.

Cyril Garvey, Glenamaddy	£150
Michael M. Martin, Drinane, Ballygar	£150
Thomas G. Fahy, Ballooly, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe	£150
John J. Mannion, Dangan, Derreen, Ballygiunin	£150

3rd Year

John Dervan, Kylebrack, Loughrea	£150
William J. Cormican, Gorteenpadden, Ballyshrule	£150

University College, Cork - 3rd Year.

John Murray, 55 Glenard Avenue, Salthill	£100 (awarded College Scholarship £100)
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EXTENSION OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The two candidates hereunder who were awarded Scholarships under the 1964 Scheme have applied for extensions beyond the 4 year period, and are recommended for extension in accordance with Clause 3 of the Scheme.

Marguerite Burke, St. Ritas, Lr. Ragoon Road, Galway	£100
Patrick M. Burke, 8 Colman's Road, Shantalla, Galway	£100

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION 1968/69 - FIRST LIST

NO.	COUNCILLOR	AMOUNT £	AREA	FROM	TO	LENGTH L. Yds.
1	Burke	200	Milltown	Co. Road 212 at Newtown	S. McWalter's, Gallagh	930
2	Burke	75	Milltown	Co. Road 222	M. Nolan's house, Clashganny	220
3	Byrne	155	Lcughrea	C.R. 448 Earlsparck	C.R. 449 Kilnadeema	2288
4	Byrne	50	Lcughrea	M.R. 380 Toorsmuthaun	Comnaire's and Nevin's	350
5	Callanan	50	Athenry	Lisduff Level Crossing	Raftery's, Lisduff	900
6	Callanan Galvin	150 £50	Loughrea	M.R. 450 Newgrove	Towards C.R. 481 Carra	3000
7	Callanan Collins Galvin	£50 70 50	Ballinasloe	C.R. 519 Cloonigney	Towards Burke's and Cleary's	500
8	Callanan	50	Ballinasloe	C.R. 475	Towards Lecarrowmactully	150
9	Clarke	300	Oughterard	Road adjoining C.R. 64 from C. O'Loughlin's, NW.	R. McDonagh's house & 150 yds. of spur Rd. to Pier by S.Folan's	750
10	Clarke	200	Oughterard	Derrynear-Carraroe Rd. west of P. Faherty's nth.	Derrynear Lettermore Rd. North of P. O'Donnell's house.	800
11	Collins	100	Athenry	C.R. 432 Clogh	Murphy's, Shoodaun	350
12	Collins Croffy Galvin	£50 50 50	Ballinasloe	C.R. 513 Loonaghtan	Towards Connor's & Concannon's	460
13	Collins Croffy Galvin	£50 50 50	Ballinasloe.	C.R. 521	Towards C.R. 473 Lowville	420
14	Croffy	50	Ballinasloe	C.R. 517 Lissyegan	Towards Harney's	150

NO.	COUNCILLOR	AMOUNT £	AREA	FROM	TO	LENGTH L. YDS.
15	Croffy	100	Ballinasloe	C.R. 517	Towards Donnellan's, Castlegar	300
16	Croffy	200	Ballinasloe	C.R. 517	Towards C.R. 514 Cornamuckla	480
17	Cunningham	50	Mountbellew	M.R. 500 Mountbellew	Forestry	880
18	Cunningham	75	Mountbellew	M.R. 370	Quinn's, Crow Village.	880
19	Cunningham	200	Mountbellew	Brien's Cloonabrucka	C.R. 458 Rockhill	900
20	Cunningham	40	Mountbellew	C.R. 455	Healy's, Newgrove	300
21	Cunningham	70	Mountbellew	C.R. 281	Murray's, Kilclogh	290
22	Cunningham	35	Mountbellew	Clooncunore	John Lohan's	300
23	Cunningham	30	Mountbellew	C.R. 454	Martin Lawless' gate	170
24	Donnellan S.	400	Galway	Thounaghy Rd. Moycullen from Killaghy	Thounaghy	1408
25	Galvin	150	Ballinasloe	C.R. 525	Towards Matthews', Hardwood	554
26	Galvin	50	Ballinasloe	C.R. 517	Croffy's house	150
27	Galvin	50	Ballinasloe	C.R. 522	Monaghan's, Curragh	122
28	Geoghegan	500	Clifden	L.102 at D. Leavy's	Ardmore Pier with branch to C. Canavan's house.	1633
29	Glynn	200	Milltown	C.R. 223 at Ummerachy S.	O'Connor's with branch to Donnelly's house	740
30	Glynn	300	Milltown	C.R. 223 at Ummerachy N.	Keely's house	1140
31	Holland	500	Galway	Part of road from main Galway-Barna road	C.R. 111 (Rahoon-Furbo)	840
32	Hussey	150	Milltown	M.R. 120 Ballyroe	M.R. 120 Springfield	450
33	Hussey	100	Milltown	C.R. 266	Towards Smiths, Cloonminda	125

NO.	COUNCILLOR	AMOUNT £	AREA	FROM	TO	LENGTH L. YDS.
34	Joyce	100	CLIFDEN	Road adjoining C.R. 21 near entrance to Garraunbaun ho.	Junction with road leading to Moyard Bridge	160
35	Joyce	150	CLIFDEN	C.R. 21 from second junction S.E. of entrance to Garraunbaun house.	Point 180 yds. along road leading to T71. Sect. 10 at Moyard Br.	180
36	Joyce	250	CLIFDEN	C.R. 21 from end of 1967/68 N.O.M.	Point 350 yds. further on towards Ardkyle gate	350
37	Killilea	350	MILLTOWN	Killaloonty Rd. from Galway/Tuam Rd. (Sec 90)	Weir Road, Tuam (C.R. 163)	1240
38	Killilea	300	MILLTOWN	C.R. 221 at Brooklawn Level Crossing	T. Killeen's gate	1030
39	King	200	TUAM	Kearneys at Clerhaun adjoining C.R. 116	Cunningham's Carreens Village	440
40	King	300	TUAM	C.R. 116	J. Hanley's Ballinaphuill.	880
41	Lambert	113	LOUGHREA	C.R. 397	Geoghegan's, Roo Village	620
42	Melvin	150	LOUGHREA	C.R. 393 Ballymoneen	Towards Mitchell's.	720
43	Melvin	30	LOUGHREA	Jnc. 388/391 St. Clerans	Corbetts.	790
44	Melvin	100	ATHENRY	Lecarrow	Callanan's, Lickerrig	400
45	Molloy	350	GALWAY	Galway/Headford Rd. N.E.	Michael Small's house	700
46	Molloy	150	GALWAY	Corbally Lynch westwards	Mr. Faherty's & B. Faherty's	270
47	Ryan	200	MILLTOWN	Ballinlass Rd. End of present C.R. 263 at Clooncun	for a distance of 380 yds.	380
48	Ryan	300	MILLTOWN	Stonetown Rd. from M.R. 270	for a distance of 500 yds. i.e. to Martin Brennan's house.	500

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1968

IN THE CHAIR: (a) Senator M. Killilea.
(b) Clr. T. King.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Cirs. W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, T. Clarke, P. Collins,
Deputy F. Coogan, Cirs. Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham,
J. Donnellan (Moycullen), P. Donnellan, P. Fahey,
P. T. Calvin, Deputy J. Geoghegan, Cirs. F. Glynn,
E. Haverty, B. Holland, T. Hussey, P. D. Joyce, T. King,
Deputy M. Kitt, Cirs. J. Lambert, J. Mannion, H. Melvin, Deputy R.
Molloy, Cirs. P. Raftery, P. Ruane, J. Ridge and M. Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey County Manager, L. O'Lunaigh,
Assistant County Manager, C. A. Warner, County Engineer,
J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, J. Howlett,
County Secretary and K. Doyle, Staff Officer.

- 775 - MINUTES: It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by
Clr. Lambert and resolved, that the minutes of meetings held
on the 7th and 14th October, 1968 (minute Nos. 768 - 774 incl.)
which had been circulated to the members, be approved and
signed. These minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

A discussion took place on the proceedings of meeting held
on the 7th October, 1968. The County Manager, at the request
of the Council, read the minutes of this meeting. Clr. King,
seconded by Clr. Fahey, proposed that an apology be sought from
the Connacht Sentinel in respect of inaccurate report on this
meeting. Deputy Molloy proposed that an apology be sought from
the Connacht Tribune in respect of inaccurate reports.

Deputy Kitt referred to minute No. 738 of meeting held on
the 16th September, 1968. He claimed that members were being
restricted in the number of proposals they could submit in
respect of roads and that this could have the effect that a
member would be unable to spend his full allocation.
Clr. Callanan supported Deputy Kitt. The County Manager read
the minute in question and said that it was merely a procedure
suggested to expedite the execution of road works proposed by
members and to deal with these in an orderly fashion. It was
**pointed out that there was no intention that members should be
restricted and prevented from having their allocation of money
spent.**

- 776 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: It was noted that claims in respect of
malicious damage which had been listed at 2 (a) to (m) on the
Agenda had been received.

Following a discussion on the role of insurance companies in
this matter, it was decided that information should be supplied
at a subsequent meeting as to the number of claims which were
received during a period and the number which were successfully
pursued.

- 777 - OVERDRAFT FOR QUARTER ENDING 31/12/68: It was proposed by
Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:-

"that temporary Overdraft accommodation not exceeding
£750,000 be authorised on Revenue Account for the
quarter ending 31/12/68."

- 778 - CREATION OF TWO NEW PERMANENT OFFICES OF DENTAL SURGEON:

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Kitt

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and resolved:-

"that the Galway County Council hereby approves the
creation of two new offices of Dental Surgeon.
The offices are to be whole-time, permanent and
pensionable and to carry such salary as may be
approved from time to time. The present salary
scale is at the rate of £1852 x £62½ = £2352 per annum."

- 779 - VARIATION OF THE CONDITIONS AND REMUNERATION PREVIOUSLY APPROVED
FOR PROPOSED OFFICE OF BIOCHEMIST (Minute No. 4786 of 5/8/66).

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Ryan and
resolved:-

"that the conditions and remuneration previously approved
for proposed office of Biochemist be revised to provide
that this office shall be whole-time, permanent and
pensionable and carry a salary scale of £1952 x £80 -
£2352 per annum. The other conditions of the office
are to be in accordance with letter dated 16/10/68
from the Department of Health."

- 780 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION FOR:

- (a) Driver of Mobile Library Van:

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Ryan
and resolved:-

"that the Council hereby approves an increase
of remuneration for the driver of Mobile Library
and authorises excess expenditure of £80 during
the current financial year for this purpose.
The increase is to be at the rate of 6s 6d. per
week from the 2nd October, 1967 and £1 per week
from the 1st April, 1968."

- (b) Waterworks and Sewerage Scheme Caretakers:

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Ryan
and resolved:-

"that the Council hereby approves an increase
of remuneration for Waterworks and Sewerage
Scheme Caretakers and that excess expenditure
of £3,860 be authorised for the current
financial year for this purpose. The increases
to be applied to individual employees are to be
those recommended in report dated 25/9/68 from
the County Engineer, from which schedule, giving
details of the increases, is to be recorded in the Minutes."

- 781 - RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF
MEETING OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS' COMMITTEE HELD ON 4/10/68:

Submitted was a schedule of scholarships which had previously
been awarded and which it was now desired to renew. Also
submitted were minutes of proceedings of Education (Grants)
Committee held on the 4/10/68.

It was proposed by Clr. Croffy, seconded by Clr. King and
resolved:-

"that the scholarships detailed on schedule submitted, be
renewed and extended for the academic year 1968/69 in
accordance with the conditions of the Council's Scheme for

Salaries of Waterworks and Sewerage Caretakers

Name of Scheme	Name of Caretaker	P.T. - Part-time		
		Present Annual Salary	Recommended Annual Salary	
Aran Regional and Kilonan Water Supplies	Patrick A. Gill	£553	£700	W.T.
Leenane Water Supply	John Coyne (Thos.)	£53	£78	P.T.
Clifden Water Supply	Patrick Gough	£366	£396	P.T.
Carraroe Water Supply and Sewerage Scheme	Michael Flaherty	£123	£182	P.T.
Carna and Ardmore-Callowfeenish Water Supplies	Vacant	£171	£208	P.T.
Cleggan and Claddaghduff Water Supplies	Martin Scullion	£66	£104	P.T.
Tiernea Water Supply	Jolman Walsh	£98	£156	P.T.
Mountbellew Water and Sewerage Schemes	Patrick Geraghty	£318	£700	W.T.
Eyrecourt Water and Sewerage Schemes	Michael J. Kenny	£295	£325	P.T.
Loughrea Water Supply	Thomas Regan	£549	£700	W.T.
Ballygar Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes	Daniel O'Leary	£478	£520	P.T.
Woodford Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes	Patrick J. Pierce	£169	£260	P.T.
Williamstown Water Supply	Patrick Patterson	£159	£208	P.T.
Oranmore Water Supply	John Martyn	£199	£260	P.T.
Letterfrack, Tully and Derryinver Water Supplies	John Joyce	£181	£208	P.T.
Glenamaddy Water and Sewerage Schemes	Patrick Morgan	£474	£700	W.T.
Roundstone Water and Sewerage Schemes	John Mongan	£82	£104	P.T.
Spiddal Water and Sewerage Schemes	Patrick McCluskey	£162	£260	P.T.
Kinvara Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes	Martin Ward	£169	£260	P.T.
Gort Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes	Joseph Courtney	£545	£700	W.T.
Athenry Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes	Michael Hall	£559	£700	W.T.
Headford Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes	John Steede	£481	£700	W.T.

Oughterard Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes	Michael J. McDonagh	£515	£700	W.T.
Loughrea Sewerage Scheme	Thomas Holland	£479	£700	W.T.
Clifden Sewerage and Public Convenience	Thomas Connolly	£211	£234	P.T.
Derryrush Water Supply	Thomas O'Malley	£52	£78	P.T.
Tuam Waterworks Pump Attendant	Denis Hannon	£573	£700	W.T.
Gorteenclough Water Supply	Luke Nee	£52	£104	P.T.
Craughwell Water Supply	Gerald Connolly	£200	£234	P.T.
Ballymoe Water Supply	Patrick Fahy	£293	£416	P.T.
Ard East Carna Water Supply	Colman Lavery	£56	£60	P.T.
Dunmore Water and Sewerage Schemes	Vacant	£348	£390	P.T.
Ballyconneely Water Supply	John Sweeney	£70	£104	P.T.
Ahascragh Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes	Vacant	£427	£468	P.T.
Derrybrien Water Supply	Martin Kelly	£11	£12	P.T.
Knock and Inverin Water Supplies	Thomas Connolly	£61	£78	P.T.
Barna and Knocknacarra Water Supplies	Nicholas O'Fegan	£493	£700	W.T.
Kilkerrin-Moylough Water Supply	Maurice Madden	£709 plus £8 per week travelling expenses	£816 plus £9.10.0d. per week travelling expenses	W.T.
Tuam Water Supply Superintendent, Sewerage Caretaker and Caretaker of Public Convenience	Martin Forry	£675	£727	W.T.
Portumna Water Supply, Portumna Sewerage Scheme and Killimor Water Supply	David Walsh (Vincent)	£658 plus £4 per week travelling expenses	£816 plus £4.15.0d. per week travelling expenses	

Increased salaries to date from 1/4/1968, except in the case of Mr. T. Holland, Cuscarrig, where the new rate is to apply from 1/10/1967.

University Scholarships.

It was proposed by Clr. P. Donnellan, seconded by Clr. Croffy and resolved:-

"that this Council approves of the decisions taken by the Education (Grants) Committee at meeting held on the 4/10/68."

- 782 - AUDITOR'S REPORTS IN RESPECT OF THE RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE AND THE GALWAY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31/3/68: Auditor's reports were submitted and noted.

Clr. Hussey indicated that he proposed to introduce a motion at a subsequent meeting advocating the extension of the sphere of control of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee. Clr. King stated he would be opposing the introduction of such a motion.

- 783 - NOTICE OF MOTION ROADS: Submitted was a schedule of proposals by members for the improvement of specified roads.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Burke and resolved:-

"that expenditure on the improvement of specified roads be authorised in accordance with the schedule submitted and that arrangements be made to have the roads declared to be public roads."

- 784 - RURAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES - Scheme near Ahascragh:

Noted report dated 27/9/68 from the County Engineer.

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. Croffy and resolved:-

"that arrangements be made to have the following roads declared to be a county road, viz. the road from the junction of county road No. 514 to Thomas O'Brien's house, Clooncannon."

- 785 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: Noted letter from the County Councils' General Council stating that notice of any matters which the Council wish to have placed on the Agenda for the December Meeting should be submitted before, Friday, 29th November, 1968.

- 786 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

- (1) Report of the Consultative Council on the General Hospital services.

The County Manager read minutes of meeting of the Consultative Health Committee which had been held on the 21st October, 1968. He explained to the members that the Committee, having given their views on the report of the Consultative Council on the General Hospital services, as requested by the Council at meeting of the 23rd September, 1968, had recommended in accordance with minute No. 3 (d) that the recommendations contained in the report of the Consultative Council should be approved and that the Department of Health should be requested to provide the necessary finance, so that the improvements required in the Galway region could be put in hands without delay.

CLR. T. KING THEN TOOK THE CHAIR:

Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Burke, proposed that the recommendations of the Committee should be approved by the Council

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Clr. Mrs. Croffy stated that she could not be associated with a resolution approving the committee's recommendation, as she was strongly opposed to the effect which the proposals contained in the Report would have on the future of the Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe.

Clr. Mrs. Croffy was supported by a number of other councillors and a lengthy discussion took place during which the County Manager read the sections of the Consultative Council's Report dealing with the future role of the Portiuncula Hospital.

The Chairman, supported by Deputy Kitt appealed to the members to be unanimous in adopting the recommendations of the Committee which he felt were in the best interests of the area as a whole. It was proposed by Clr. Callanan and seconded by Clr. Croffy, that the Council should not adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

A division was taken on Deputy Geoghegan's proposal and the voting resulted as follows:-

For: Clr. Burke, Deputy Coogan, Cirs. J. Donnellan (Moycullen) Fahey, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Cirs. Glynn, Holland, Hussey, Joyce, King, Deputy Kitt, Cirs. Melvin, Ruane, (14)

Against: Cirs. Byrne, Callanan, Clarke, Collins, Mrs. Croffy, Cunningham, P. Donnellan, Lambert, Deputy Molloy, Cirs. Raftery, Ridge, Ryan (12).

The Chairman declared the motion to be carried on the above voting.

- (2) Creation of additional post of Pediatrician: It was proposed by Clr. Fahey, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved:-

"that an additional post of Pediatrician be created at Galway Regional Hospital. The office to be wholetime, permanent and pensionable and to carry the salary approved from time to time - the present rate being £3,432 per annum."

- (3) Increase in the remuneration of non-nursing staffs:

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. P. Donnellan and resolved:-

"that the Council approves of increase of remuneration of the non-nursing staffs in institutions and that excess expenditure amounting to **£9830 be approved** in respect of the current year to cover this increase. Particulars of the increases to be granted are as follows:-

Male employees: £1 per week from the 1/4/68 with additional 17/6d per week from the 1/4/69.

Female employees: 15/- per week from the 1/4/68 with additional 15/- per week from the 1/4/69.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

Agreement was not forthcoming to a proposal by Deputy Geoghegan that notices of motion should be adjourned to a later meeting. It was agreed however, that such motions need not be formally proposed and seconded, that the County Manager would submit replies to each motion and that discussion by members would be confined to points of necessary explanation.

- (a) Road from Ballintlewa to Mossfort: In reply to motion by Clr. Burke, the County Manager stated that it was intended to submit this road on the list for County Road Improvement Grants in the year 1969/70.
- (b) Road leading to St. Joseph's Park, Tuam: The County Engineer had recommended that this road should be taken over as a public road.
- (c) (i) Road at Ardour Kilconly: The County Manager stated that the road in question was County Road 161 and that it would be considered on its merits for rolling in 1969/70.
- (ii) Footpath at Ballinamona Park, Tuam: In reply to further motion by Clr. Glynn, it was indicated that it would not be possible to provide a footpath on the above road as the width of the road was inadequate.
- (iii) Additional lights - Weir Road, Tuam: The County Manager stated that the matter of providing additional lights on the Weir Road, Tuam, was being examined and that a report and estimate would be submitted in due course.
- (d) (i) Pumps at Ballybrone Cottages, Mirah, Turloughmore and at Laraghbeg, Turloughmore:
- The County Manager stated in reply to a motion by Clr. Ruane, that provision would be made for further boring to deepen the pump at Ballybrone Cottages. The pumps at Mirah and at Laraghbeg, were not recommended for further deepening as the wells were already over 300 feet deep and underground supplies generally in this area were poor.
- (ii) Water Fountain near Jack Burke's shop, Gurrane, Oranmore:
- The County Engineer had recommended the provision of this fountain at an estimated cost of £40.
- (iii) Roofing of outer part of the Regional Hospital Morgue:
- In reply to final motion by Clr. Ruane, it was indicated that the provision of a shelter as suggested would tend to cause further congestion around the mortuary.
- (e) (i) Connection of Group Water Supply Scheme at Brierfield to the Kilkerrin/Moylough Regional Scheme:
- The County Manager stated in reply to a motion by Clr. Hussey, that a proposal to supply approximately 31 houses had been submitted by the Local Government Inspector in May. The consultants for the Kilkerrin/Moylough Scheme were not satisfied that the existing pipe, network and storage facilities would be adequate to supply the houses. In addition these houses

were outside the limits of the Kilkerrin/Moylough Scheme. The County Engineer recommended that an alternative source should be found.

(ii) Black-topping of road from Shiel's House, Lisnageera to Bookala, Ballymoe:

The County Engineer had indicated that this road would be considered on its merits for black-topping in 1969/70. He stated that he could find no evidence of flooding on the road.

Clr. Hussey stated that it was quite certain that this road was flooded after heavy rain and the County Engineer undertook to examine this matter further.

(f) (i) Cleaning of ground at the back of the cottages at Ennis Road, Gort:

In reply to a motion by Clr. Lambert, the County Manager stated that plans were in course of preparation for the provision of a childrens' playground in the site in question.

(ii) Cleaning of Aggarde Roc Rivers at Craughwell: It was indicated in reply to a further motion by Clr. Lambert that the rivers in question had been cleaned last year and that they would not be due for cleaning for another few years.

(g) (i) Financial help for parents of Mentally Handicapped Children:

It was agreed, at the request of Clr. Holland, who had submitted this motion, that it should be adjourned to a later meeting.

(h) (i) Fire Brigade Station at Gort: The County Manager stated in reply to motion in the names of Councillors Lambert, Byrne, Melvin and Fahey, that plans for the Gort Fire Station had been prepared and were being submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.

(i) (i) Public Toilet at Dunmore: This motion had been submitted by Deputy J. Donnellan but was moved, in his absence, by Clr. F. Donnellan. The County Manager stated that a site had been acquired and plans prepared for a public convenience at Dunmore. The necessary capital allocation for the erection of this building was awaited.

(j) (i) Supplementary Water Supply in the Kinvara Area: With regard to motion by Clr. T. Byrne, the County Manager submitted the following information on the recent testing for a supplementary water supply in the Kinvara area; tests carried out on the 11th to 27th September, 1968, indicated a promising source of supply. Further tests would be necessary to determine the quality of the water after a long spell of rain and also to determine the maximum output of the bore. These tests would be undertaken during the winter and spring of 1969. Present indications were that this source appeared to be suitable for Kinvara and Nogra.

(ii) Appointment of Public Health Nurse for the Kinvara Dispensary Area:

Clr. Byrne explained that what was required under this motion was that sanction should be expedited for the employment of a Public Health Nurse for the Kinvara Dispensary area. This post was very urgently required.

- (k) (i) Public Toilet for the Town of Glenamaddy: With reference to a motion by Deputy J. Donnellan and Clr. M. Ryan, the County Manager stated that Glenamaddy was not on the list of towns selected by the County Council for the provision of public conveniences. Clr. P. Donnellan recommended that it should be put on the priority list as quickly as possible.
- (ii) Joining of Kilkerrin and Glenamaddy Water Schemes: In reply to motion in the names of Deputy J. Donnellan and Clr. M. Ryan, the County Manager stated that there was provision in the current year's estimates for this work and that it was hoped to commence operations shortly.
- (l) (i) Investigation of the Extensions of the Ballinasloe Urban Water Supply to adjacent rural areas:

Clr. Callanan was informed that extensions for water supply to areas near the Ballinasloe Urban Area were not on the priority list.

Clr. Callanan requested that there should be some inspection and investigation of the prospects of extending the Ballinasloe Urban Water Supply. It was agreed that this would be considered.

- (m) (i) Separate priority lists for Water and Sewerage Schemes in Gaeltacht and Non-Gaeltacht Areas:

A discussion took place on motion by Deputy Molloy which recommended that there should be separate priority lists for Water and Sewerage Schemes in Gaeltacht and non-Gaeltacht areas. Deputy Molloy explained that the purpose of this motion was to ensure that separate additional state funds which were available for schemes in the Gaeltacht could be fully utilised. At present the utilisation of these funds was being frustrated because there was only one priority list for all the schemes in the county. The County Manager outlined the position in regard to some of the schemes in Gaeltacht areas which were on the existing priority list. He said that progress with schemes would not be improved by drawing up separate lists because the funds to which Deputy Molloy referred could be applied only by way of contributions to loan charges and did not affect the capital allocations which were necessary to initiate schemes. A number of members objected to any changes in the existing priority lists and it was finally agreed that an enquiry should be sent to the Department of Local Government to clarify the position and to ascertain whether any separate capital monies were available for Gaeltacht schemes. Deputy Molloy requested that this letter should be sent both to the Department of Local Government and to Roinn na Gaeltachta and that he should also receive a copy of the letter.

- (n) Motions by Clr. P. Fahey:

Clr. P. Fahey agreed that three motions standing in his name should be adjourned to the next meeting.

- (o) Progress with Housing Repairs:

In reply to motion by Clr. P. T. Galvin, the County Manager stated that some of the matters covered by this motion had been dealt with at special Housing meeting held on the 14th October last. He said that the impact of the increased allocation for housing repairs would not be apparent until after Christmas. In previous years, because the repair allocation had been exhausted, it had been necessary to lay off men engaged on repairs at Christmas but during the current year, it will be possible to continue repair work until the end of March so that there should be a considerable improvement in the amount of work carried out.

- (p) (i) Connection of Water Supply at Clybaun to the Town Mains:

The County Manager stated in reply to motion by Clr. P. Donnellan, that no extension of the city water supply could be allowed as all the water produced was required for consumers within the city. Clr. P. Donnellan enquired whether a booster pump could be installed in this area and was informed that this would not be a relevant solution to the problem, as the difficulty was that sufficient water was not available to cater for any extensions.

- (ii) Additional light in the Bank Square, Headford:

In reply to further motion by Clr. P. Donnellan, the County Manager stated that a light had been erected recently on the Castle Road adjacent to the Bank and that this had improved the standard of lighting in the vicinity of the Square. There was an increased general usage of the area since the opening of the Corrib Drainage Office and a quotation would be obtained from the Electricity Supply Board for a further light near the Office of Public Works.

- (iii) Easing of corners on the Road from Ballyconlaugh (Headford) to Claran Church:

With reference to final motion by Clr. P. Donnellan, the County Manager stated that there was very little traffic on the Ballyconlaugh Road and it was unlikely that any money would be available for the improvement of bends for some time.

788 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were adopted with the following:-

Mrs. F. Savage, Coulane, Clifden, on the death of her husband.

Mrs. C. Stuffle, Cushatrough, Claddaghduff, on the death of her husband.

Mr. Joseph Raftery, Roundstone, on the death of his wife.

Mr. James Kyne, Braenloughane, Galway, on the death of his wife.

The Meeting then terminated.

SUBMITTED, CONFIRMED AND APPROVED

M. Keenan
CHAIRMAN

25/11/68

COMHAIRLE CHONDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Oifig an Rannai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

15 Samhain, 1968.

Chuid Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bhaith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chonndae na Gaillimhe a tionólfar ins na Foirgnithe Chonndae, Gaillimhe, de Luain 25adh la de Samhain, 1968, ag tosnu ar 3.30p.m., a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

S. Múileid.
Rannai.

AGENDA

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS:
 - (a) Mr. Michael Gibbons, Merchants Rd. Galway.
Damage to safe. 12/10/68. ... £200. 0. 0.
 - (b) Mrs. A.M. Hawkins, Shantalla Rd. Galway.
Damage to plate glass window 13th 14th Oct. 68. ... £27. 16. 0.
 - (c) Thos. McDonagh & Sons Ltd., Merchants Rd. Galway.
Damage to plate glass window 28th 29th Sept. 68. ... £30. 0. 0.
 - (d) Mercantile Credit Co. Ltd., 9 William St. Galway.
Damage to door, glass and office furniture 27/9/68... £50. 0. 0.
 - (e) Hire Purchase Company of Ireland Ltd.,
5 Eyre Square, Galway.
Damage to window and office drawers 21/10/68 ... £20. 0. 0.
 - (f) Mr. James Keane, Boyhill, Athenry.
Hay, oats and straw burned 29/10/68. ... £192. 0. 0.
 - (g) S.A. Fabes, Esker, Kiltullagh.
Dwelling house and contents burned
26th 27th September, 1968. ... £5,000. 0. 0.
 - (h) Mr. Tadg Quinn, McDara Road, Shantalla.
Damage to motor vehicle. 6th 7th September, 1968. ... £35. 0. 0.

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- (i) Valda Palmer, Gortnamona, Headford.
Damage to range, glass, windows, door and frames.
1 - 25th October, 1968. ... £113. 15. 0.
 - (j) Galway Vocational Educational Committee,
Fr. Griffin Road, Galway.
Safe and pane of glass broken damaged
and destroyed. 3rd/4th November, 1968. ... £53. 0. 0.
3. Raising of loan of £12,000 for Cornamona Dispensary and Dispensary Residence.
 4. Declaration of roads to be public roads. (Schedule attached).
 5. Notices of Motion for County Councils' General Council:-
 - (a) Clr. W. Burke:
I wish to propose that housing grants be increased by £300 per house, and reconstruction grants be also increased accordingly.
 - (b) Clrs. F. Glynn and P. Ruane:
That the inland waterways be nationalised.
 6. Business submitted by County Manager.
 7. Members' Notices of Motion:-
 - (a) Clr. M. Ryan:
 - (i) I will ask the Council that permission be granted, to applicants for a group water scheme, to take the supply of water needed from Pollifreann well.
 - (ii) To have the county road through the village of Lakeview and Mullaghmore from Moylough - Galway road to Manlough - Skehanagh road blacktopped in the next financial year.
 - (iii) I will ask the County Manager to have the road through Figh North leading from Barnaderg road to Abbeyknockmoy road blacktopped in the next financial year.
 - (b) Deputy F. Coogan:
To repair Gortyloughlin Road, Moycullen leading from main Spiddal Moycullen (on right from Moycullen about ¼ mile from same).
 - (c) Clr. P. Fahey:
 - (i) That in view of a very difficult drainage and water shortage problem in South Galway, where an area 10 x 20 miles is drained by the Ballylee and Castletown rivers into two swallow-holes and where land flooding is much increased due to drainage for tree planting by the Forestry Department on Sliabh Aughty, I propose that our Engineering staff in conjunction with the Geology

Department of University College, Galway (or some other University) and the Board of Works, endeavour to find the underground course of these rivers to the sea, thereby solving the water shortage problem in Ardrahan, Kinvara and Douras and also investigate the possibility of acquiring Lough Cutra Lake as a natural reservoir to relieve flooding.

- (ii) That this Council receive a deputation from Ballycrahan/Druimnalough area and allow them to explain their isolation from Priest, Doctor and Town by extensive and dangerous road flooding caused partly by (i) a disused County Council sluiceway, (ii) Forestry Departments Flood-water and (iii) lack of drainage.
- (iii) Consequent on the breakdown of the arrangement whereby Councillors were to be informed of applicants who were about to be refused Planning Permission, I propose that a Council Committee be set up to review all applications before permission is refused.
- (d) Clr. T. Byrne:
- (i) That Craughwell be put on the priority list for the provision of a public toilet.
- (ii) That the county road linking up the Ardrahan/Craughwell and Kilcolgan/Green House county roads, through the townland of Lavallyconnor be widened by removing banks of clay on both sides.
- (iii) That provision be made in the forthcoming estimates to provide a system of relief dispensary doctors, who would substitute in the case of illness or annual holidays of the local dispensary doctor.
- (e) Clr. W. Burke:
- (i) That accommodation be made available in Co. Galway for the mentally and mildly handicapped children.
- (ii) That the road through the village of Lurgan to Strawberry Hill be black topped.
- (iii) That the County Manager will take action in connection with black gates at Liskeavy Railway crossing.
- (f) Clr. T. Hussey:
- (i) That portion of the main road Government Grant at present being expended on the Tuam-Galway Rd be transferred to the Dunmore area for the purpose of easing dangerous bends at the Cemetery Dunmore.
- (ii) That this Council call on the Government to introduce legislation to enable the Suck Drainage Committee extend the catchment area at present being maintained by the Committee.
- (iii) That Public Health Nurses be provided with telephones.

(g) Deputy R. Molloy:

- (i) That two public lights be erected at Oranmore on the road leading from the main road to Oranmore Castle.
- (ii) That students in receipt of University Grants be allowed to take up any employment they so wish, during University vacation periods.

(h) Deputies: Carty & Kitt:

- (i) At the next meeting of the Council one or other of the under-signed will propose that the County Manager favourably consider the payment of suitable travelling allowances to Supervisors employed by Galway County Council.

(i) Clrs. J. Mannion & P. Joyce:

- (i) That this Council requests Bord Failte to allocate a substantial grant to the Clifden Dev. Assoc. to enable them to purchase the Beach Lodge, situated on Clifden Promenade for the purpose of extending and improving the said Promenade. Purchase price £3,500.

(j) Clr. J. Mannion:

- (i) That in future the Rate Demand Notes for the Connemara area be printed in English except for the Fionn Gaeltacht area.
- (ii) That the Cuilleen-Ard West Rd., be widened from the Bridge on that road to the top of the hill.

(k) Deputy J. Donnellan:

- (i) To ask the Co. Manager if he would consider erecting a few sign Posts to indicate where Turloughmore is situated.
- (ii) To ask the Co. Engineer if he would consider having the road linking Kiltewan with Kilmalappa blacktopped.

(l) Clr. King:

- I will request that
- (i) all particulars in connection with weight restrictions and reconstruction of Curraghmore Bridge be available;
- (ii) the Council be informed of the position of the road widening scheme prepared for the Galway-Headford Main Road.

(m) Clr. P. Ruane:

- (i) That this Council request the Dept. of Education to speed up plans for the erection of a new school at Corofin (Cummer Parish).
- (ii) I will ask the Co. Manager to have traffic lights erected as soon as possible at the Power House and Moneenaghessa at the entrance to Galway City.
- (iii) I will ask that earlier payments be made to land owners who give land for roadwidening.

(n) Clr. J. Lambert:

- (i) That the Gort water supply be extended to the houses on the Galway Road.

- (ii) To provide a new dispensary in Craughwell.
 - (iii) That the clause in Rural Improvements Scheme which states that subscribers be held liable for maintenance be deleted.
- (o) Clr. P. Collins:
- (i) That the Fire Brigade Service should be authorised to give assistance to householders in cases of serious flooding and that it should also be available for rescue operations in the case of road accidents.
- (p) Clr. P. Donnellan:
- (i) I will ask the Council to tar the road leading from Castlellan to Caurmaun (Turloughmore)
 - (ii) I will ask the Council to erect a light at Brooklodge Church, Turloughmore.
 - (iii) I will ask the Council to black-top the area outside the new schools in Annagh (Turloughmore).

September, 1968.

SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES OFFICE ROADS

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GA.	168	Public road opposite Noone's chalet 60 Pers. west of Toy Factory north	Towards Cemetery for 200 Pers. to Martin Regan's house	Killough	200
MT.	4260	Public road from J. Mannion's sand pits past M. Brennan's house	Gate leading to T. Conneally's (Luke) house.	Gortaganny Boyounagh Beg.	202
C.	4471	Public road from end of Dawrosbeg Village Rd. 60 Pers. west of James Joyce's Ho. by Thos. Coyne's house.	Entrance of P. Conboys Ho. and 32 Pers. beyond T. Coyne's Ho.	Dawrosbeg	128
C.	4460	Co. Rd. Garraunbaun north by Mrs. E. Irwins house turning northeast	Mrs. Honor Conneely's Ho. Knocknahaw	Knocknahaw	256
O.	177	From C.R. at J. Costelloe's shop north to Coilean Pier, east and southeast	County Road between Dispensary and Garda Station	Carraroe N. & S.	500
O.	200	From 30 Pers. east of B. King's Ho. south by Thos. Joyce's house	turntable approx. 150 yds. short of shore	Turlough	192
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O. 190	End of C.R. Lettercallow at Mewellyn Staunton's house north-west past Thomas Rainey's house	southwest to Ml. Cloherly's house beside 'Garden Quay' Lettercallow	Lettercallow	270
O. 198	County Road Currareragh, east	Currareragh Village near Mrs. Jennings house	Currareragh	190
O. 4465	County Road Lettermullen near Mark McDonagh's house	northwest to Joseph McDonagh's house, Teach Mor	Lettermullen	50
O. 186	County Road 20 Pers. east of Derrartha X north through bogs	End of existing road in village of Muckanagheradahaullia	Carrowroe N. Muckanagheradahaullia	1090
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B. 4403	English-Ballyforan C.R. 38 Pers. north of P. Kelly's house west and northwest	Michael Leonard's house	Lissyegan	126
A. 4451	County Road 439	James Cannon's Gate	Cappanasruhaun	33
GO. 4228	County Road at Frank Rock's house southwest	Eugene O'Loughlin's house Attifineen	Cregboy, Attifineen	113
A. 4439	Athenny/Monivea C.R. north of S. Kindregan's house eastwards turning north and east again	William Melia's house	Carrowntober East	100
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1968

IN THE CHAIR: Senator M. Killilea

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Cirs. W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, T. Clarke, I. Collins, Deputy F. Coogan, Cirs. Mrs. M. Croffy, I. Cunningham, Deputy J. Donnellan, Cirs. J. Donnellan (Moycullen), I. Donnellan, I. Fahey, I. T. Galvin, Deputy J. Geoghegan, Cirs. F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, T. Hussey, P. Joyce, T. King, J. Lambert, J. Mannion, H. Melvin, Deputy R. Molloy, Cirs. I. Raftery, I. Ruane, J. Ridge and M. Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, L. O'Luanáigh, Assistant County Manager, C. A. Warner, County Engineer, J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, J. Howlett, County Secretary and I. Duffey, Staff Officer.

789 - **MINUTES:** A discussion took place on the content of minute No. 786 (1) and on press reports of the discussion on this item. There was a further discussion on proposals at the last meeting, that an apology be sought from the Connacht Sentinel and Connacht Tribune, in respect of certain press reports. Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Clr. I. Joyce, proposed that if an apology was not received before the next meeting, representatives of the newspapers in question should be debarred from attendance at future Council meetings. Clr. M. Ryan, seconded by Clr. J. Lambert proposed that representatives of the newspapers in question should not be debarred from attendance at future meetings.

In the absence of agreement on this matter, it was decided that a division should be taken on the question at 4.30 p.m.

It was agreed that minutes of meeting held on 28th October, 1968 (Nos. 775 to 788), which had been circulated to the members, be approved and signed. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

790 - **MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS:** It was noted that claims in respect of malicious damage which had been listed at 2 (a) to (j) on the Agenda had been received.

791 - **LOAN OF £12,000 for Cornamona Dispensary and Dispensary Residence:**

Proposed by Clr. J. Mannion, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan and resolved:-

"that the Galway County Council hereby authorises the borrowing of a loan of £12,000 for Cornamona Dispensary and Dispensary Residence. The loan is to be borrowed from the Council's Treasurer and is to be repayable by instalments over a period of seven years with interest at the bank rate for local authorities."

792 - **Declaration of Roads to be public roads:**

It was proposed by Clr. I. Jollins, seconded by Clr. W. Burke and resolved that the following roads be declared Public Roads:-

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793 - NOTICES OF MOTION FOR COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: The following resolutions were adopted for inclusion on the Agenda of the next meeting of the County Councils' General Council:-

(a) Housing Grants: It was proposed by Clr. W. Burke, seconded by Clr. F. Glynn and resolved:-

"that Housing Grants be increased by £300 per house and reconstruction grants be also increased accordingly."

During the course of the discussion on this motion, various figures were proposed in lieu of £300 but the motion was finally carried in its original form, Clr. Burke having explained that the increased sum proposed referred to the state grant.

(b) Inland Waterways and Fisheries: A lengthy discussion took place on a motion by Clrs. F. Glynn and I. Ruane, that the inland waterways be nationalised. Various amendments were suggested to this motion but several members continued to object to the wording of these amendments. The Chairman finally obtained majority agreement to the submission of the motion, to be redrafted in writing, by Clr. F. Glynn. This motion, which was proposed by Clr. Glynn and seconded by Clr. Ruane, read as follows:-

"that the inland fisheries and oyster beds be nationalised with a view to creating open fishing for licensed fishermen".

Clr. F. Joyce asked to be recorded as dissenting from a motion on this subject.

794. BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

(a) Local Improvement Schemes: The County Manager stated that in accordance with the wishes of the Council, priority had been given to the examination of the schemes referred to the Council by the Special Employments Schemes Office. Progress was being made in regard to the initiation of road works, estimated to cost £39,000. The examination of Drainage schemes had to be deferred because of bad weather conditions. 194 new applications had been received of which 94 had been examined and 84 approved. It was suggested that in order to ensure that the current year's grant allocation be fully used, offers of grants should be made in respect of a number of new applications received. The applications for drainage works could be examined and given priority during the early months of the next financial year.

Following a discussion this report was adopted.

(b) Swimming Pool at Tuam: The County Manager stated that a tender for the Tuam Swimming Pool had been accepted on the 8/7/68, and that following resolution of the Council at meeting of the 22/7/68, a formal application for the loan had been made on the 14/8/68. Sanction had not yet been received to this application.

795. Division on Motion by Deputy R. Molloy: The Chairman stated that he would now take a division on Deputy Molloy's motion. During the course of further discussion, Deputy Molloy agreed that he would name the Connacht Sentinel in his motion which would now read as follows:-

"that if an apology is not received from the Connacht Sentinel before the next meeting of the County Council, representatives from this paper shall be debarred from attendance at all future meetings of the Council."

The motion was seconded by Clr. Joyce.

A division was taken on this motion and the voting resulted as follows:-

For: Clrs. Callanan, Clarke, Mrs. Croffy, John Donnellan (Moycullen), Fahey, Deputy J. Geoghegan, Clrs. E. Haverty, Hussey, Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Clrs. King, Melvin, Deputy Molloy, Clr. Raftery (14).

Against: Clrs. Burke, Byrne, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clr. Cunningham, Deputy J. Donnellan, Clrs. I. Donnellan, Glynn, Holland, Lambert, Mannion, Ridge, Ruane and Ryan (14).

The Chairman declared that the vote had resulted in a tie and he gave his casting vote in favour of the motion and declared that it had been carried.

796 - WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION:

Clr. Cunningham suggested that a copy of the Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Limited, should be obtained for the information of the Council. It was agreed that an enquiry would be made in this regard.

797 - MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

(a) 1. Water from Rollifreann Well for Group Water Scheme: In reply to motion by Clr. Ryan, the County Manager stated that there appeared to be no objection to using water from Rollifreann well for group water scheme, but that during the drought period in 1968, there was no flow over the measuring weir.

2. Road through the Villages of Lakeview and Mullaghmore: Clr. Ryan was informed that consideration will be given to his proposal to have county road through the village of Lakeview and Mullaghmore from Moylough/Galway Road to Menlough/Skehanagh Road blacktopped in the next financial year.

3. Road through Feagh North: In reply to final motion by Clr. Ryan, the County Manager stated that the road from the Missionary College of the Sacred Heart back entrance through Feagh East to tarred road Feagh West was included in County Road Improvement proposals for 1969/70.

(b) 1. GORTYLOUGHLIN ROAD: Deputy Coogan stated that he wished to withdraw motion concerning the repair of Gortyloughlin Road.

(c) 1. Drainage and Water Shortage problems in South Galway: In reply to a motion by Clr. F. Fahey, the County Manager stated that while the Council would be willing to co-operate in this matter, the primary responsibility for the relief of land flooding rested with the Office of Public Works.

It was decided to contact the Office of Public Works with regard to this motion.

2. Deputation from Ballycrehelan/Druiminalough Area - re flooding:

Clr. Fahey was supported by Clr. Lambert in a motion calling for the reception of a deputation from the Ballycrehelan/Druiminalough area with regard to roads flooding.

It was decided to receive this deputation at a future Council meeting.

3. Committee on Planning: During the course of a general discussion on a motion by Clr. Fahey that planning applications should be referred to a committee of the Council, the County Manager pointed out the practical difficulties which would be involved in implementing this proposal. Following a general discussion on this matter, Clr. Fahey agreed to withdraw the motion for the time being.

(d) 1. Financial help for parents of handicapped children: There was unanimous support for a motion by Clr. B. Holland, requesting the Government to introduce a scheme of financial assistance for the parents of handicapped children who wished to maintain these children in their own homes. It was resolved that this resolution should be brought to the attention of the Minister for Health.

(e) 1. Public Toilet at Craughwell: The County Manager informed Clr. T. Byrne, that considerable progress would need to be made with the provision of public conveniences already on the Priority List before the question of providing a public toilet at Craughwell could be considered.

- (e) 2. Road to the townland of Lavallyconnor: In reply to a motion by Clr. T. Byrne, the County Manager stated that no funds were available in the current year to widen road linking up the Ardrahan/Craughwell and Kilcolgan/Greenhouse county roads through the townland of Lavallyconnor.
- 3. Relief Dispensary Doctors: A motion was proposed by Clr. T. Byrne that a system of relief dispensary doctors, who would substitute in the case of illness or annual holidays of the local dispensary doctor, should be initiated and that money for this should be provided in the forthcoming estimates. This motion was seconded by Clr. I. Donnellan and gave rise to a general discussion on securing dispensary doctors for certain areas in the county.
- (f) 1. Accommodation for mentally and mildly handicapped children: The Council approved motion by Clr. W. Burke, that accommodation be made available in County Galway for the mentally and mildly handicapped children. The Chairman stated that the Regional Committee for Mentally Handicapped Children were sending a Deputation to the Minister for Health to discuss this question.
- 2. Road through the village of Lurgan: The County Manager informed Clr. Burke that County Road No. 229 (through the village of Lurgan to Strawberry Hill) was already scheduled for surfacing in 1969/70.
- 3. Black Gates at Liskeavy Railway Crossing: It was agreed to investigate a motion by Clr. Burke which was seconded by Clr. Glynn and recommended action to obviate danger to traffic at Liskeavy Railway Crossing.
- (g) 1. Dangerous bends at the Cemetery, Dunmore: Clr. T. Hussey was informed that it would not be possible to allocate any substantial amount to of money to the Tuam/Dunmore Road until the Galway/Tuam Road had been completed.
- 2. Catchment area of the Suck Drainage Committee: The Council approved motion by Clr. T. Hussey, which called on the Government to introduce legislation to enable the Suck Drainage Committee to extend its catchment area.
- 3. Public Health Nurses: The Chairman ruled out of order, a final motion by Clr. Hussey re provision of telephones for Public Health Nurses, on the grounds that this was a reserved function.
- (h) 1. Public Lights at Oranmore: The County Manager informed Deputy Molloy that there appeared to be a case for one light on the road leading from the main road to Oranmore Castle. No provision had been made for further additional lighting in Oranmore during the present financial year but the provision of this light and additional lights on the Limerick road would be considered in the next financial year.
- 2. University Grants Scheme: The County Manager informed Deputy R. Molloy that it was not intended to take account of holiday earning of students when eligibility for University Grants was being assessed.
- (i) 1. Travelling Allowances for Supervisors: On the grounds that it concerned a reserved function, the Chairman ruled out of order, motion submitted by Deputies Carty and Kitt which requested that the County Manager should favourably consider the payment of suitable travelling allowances to Supervisors employed by the County Council.
- (j) 1. Grant for Clifden Development Association: The Council adopted the motion submitted by Clrs. J. Mannion and T. Joyce, requesting Bord Failte to allocate a substantial grant to the Clifden Development Association to enable them to purchase the Beach Lodge, situated on Clifden Promenade for the purpose of extending and improving the said promenade. Purchase price £3,500.

- (k) 1. Rate Demand Notes: The County Manager informed Clr. J. Mannion that while Demand Notes were issued in Irish in the Clifden, Galway and Oughterard rural districts (which were predominantly in Gaeltacht areas), any ratepayer who so wished could have a copy of his Demand Note made out in English by application to the Rates Office.
- 2. Cuilleen-Ard West Road: Clr. Mannion was informed that the question of widening the Cuilleen-Ard West Road will be considered during the next financial year.
- (l) 1. Sign Posts at Turloughmore: It was suggested to Deputy J. Donnellan that he might propose locations for the erection of sign-posts for Turloughmore in order that this matter could be considered further by the County Engineer.
- 2. Road from Kiltewan to Kilnalappa: Deputy Donnellan was informed that the black-topping of road from Kiltewan to Kilnalappa would be considered on its merits in 1969/70.
- (m) 1. Curraghmore Bridge: Clr. T. King was informed that restrictions against the use of heavy vehicles crossing Curraghmore Bridge were made in 1963 and that notices limiting loads to a maximum of 1½ tons were subsequently erected.

The present position re new bridge was that the Council were awaiting Contractor for foundations to come from his present job at Valencia, Co. Kerry.

A discussion took place on this matter and Clr. T. King stated that weight regulations were not being observed; if the bridge was dangerous it should be closed, if not, notices should be removed. Following further discussion, it was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and agreed that a public Inquiry should be held into the weight restrictions imposed on the Curraghmore Bridge.

- 2. Road Widening - Galway/Headford Road: Clr. T. King was informed that there were no proposals at present for widening schemes on the above road. Plans had been prepared for the realignment of the Clooneen Bridge section and some details of the bridge grant remained to be clarified with the Department of Local Government.

Clr. King requested further information on this matter, having regard to the fact that a Compulsory Purchase Order had been made some years ago for the scheme in question.

798. SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were adopted with the following:-

- Mr. William Creagh, St. Clerin's, Craughwell, on the death of his brother.
- The Egan Family, Derrybrien, Gort, on the death of Michael Egan.
- Mr. John Joyce, Ardrahan, on the death of his wife.

799. Adjournment of Meeting:

The Chairman stated that he was adjourning the remaining business for lack of time and it was announced that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 16th December, 1968.

The Meeting then terminated

SUBMITTED, CONFIRMED AND APPROVED

16/12/1968

M. Mannion
CHAIRMAN

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH

4adh la de Mhi na Nollag, 1968.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 16adh la de Mhi na Nollag, 1968, ag tosnu ar 3.30 p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

S. hUileid.
Runai

A G E N D A

TO CONSIDER:

Road Estimates 1969/70 - copy herewith.

Note: This meeting will be held in committee and the ordinary monthly meeting, for which an Agenda will be issued later, will follow immediately after the Estimates Meeting.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Dept.,
County Buildings,
Galway.

Date: 4. 12. 68

To Each Councillor:

ROAD ESTIMATES 1969/70

I attach statement showing main headings of road estimates and beside them the corresponding amounts passed by the Council at their Estimates Meeting for the current year.

Additional sums have been provided for Main Roads and County Roads, together with Urban Roads, to cover the £1 per week increase granted for the current year, together with the 18/6d. per week increase granted with effect from the 1st April next, and also the estimated amounts necessary to cover extra holidays and service pay. An additional amount has also been included for the maintenance of County Roads, approx. 50 miles, adopted during year ended 31st March, 1968.

I have included, as usual, £15,500 for roads to be adopted as public roads. I still consider that this scheme should be interlocking with the provisions of the Local Improvement Scheme grants.

I also attach list of the works which I consider should be carried out under our grants to the same total as the amounts allowed by the Department in the current year.

Main Road Grant	£136,500
Tourist Road Grant	£-55,000
Arterial Road Grant	£-30,000
County Road Grant	£161,420
Galway Urban Grant	£--3,872
Ballinasloe Urban Grant	£--1,089

Included under Loans - Main Roads - are amounts of £6,000 being the first of three yearly repayments for the Council's proportion of the cost of Merlin Park Bridge and Approaches; and similarly £2,500 for Curraghmore Bridge.

Yours faithfully,

C. A. Warner
COUNTY ENGINEER

GROSS TOTAL. £595,649
 Ballinasloe Urban. £112,331
 Galway Urban. £90,118
 County Roads. £328,918
 Main Roads. £252,284

07/6961 YAMWIVG R00DS

	1967/68	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	1971/72	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75
TOTAL	901,21	901,21	996,6	143,2	2,971	526,1	-	-
Leol Charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acqisition	051	051	051	-	-	-	-	-
Improvements	200	200	200	-	-	-	-	-
Surface Dressing	2,005,2	2,005,2	2,005,2	618,1	522	-	-	-
Maintenance	9,256,9	9,256,9	9,256,9	194,1	194,1	-	-	-
TOTAL	901,21	901,21	996,6	143,2	2,971	526,1	-	-
TOTAL	901,21	901,21	996,6	143,2	2,971	526,1	-	-

B00DS URBAN YAMWIVG

	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	1971/72	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75
TOTAL	141,034	164,902	82,451	82,451	252,284	111,322	107,709
Leol Charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acqisition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surface Dressing	69,018	69,018	34,509	34,509	6,000	2,684	2,683
Maintenance	141,034	164,902	82,451	82,451	252,284	111,322	107,709
TOTAL	141,034	164,902	82,451	82,451	252,284	111,322	107,709

R00DS URBAN YAMWIVG

	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	1971/72	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75
TOTAL	212,835	254,632	254,632	254,632	328,918	328,918	287,340
Leol Charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acqisition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surface Dressing	50,959	50,959	50,959	50,959	4,534	4,534	4,753
Maintenance	212,835	254,632	254,632	254,632	328,918	328,918	287,340
TOTAL	212,835	254,632	254,632	254,632	328,918	328,918	287,340

MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1969/70

			£
1. Tuam/Dunmore	Milltown	L13/210	9,000
2. Salthill/Grattan Road	Galway	L100b/190	4,500
3. University Rd./Begger's Br.	Galway	T71/50	9,000
4. Labane/Gort	Gort	T11/350	22,500
5. Tuam/Loughgeorge	Tuam	T11/90	22,500
6. Claregalway/Loughgeorge	Galway	T11/90	22,500
7. Loughrea/Portumna	Loughrea	T21/330	15,300
8. Grattan Rd./Fr. Griffin Rd.	Galway	L100b/190	15,000
9. Loughrea Car Park	Loughrea	-	3,000
10. Ballinasloe/Loughrea	Land Acquisition		5,000
11. Galway Townparks	Land Acquisition		8,200
			<u>136,500</u>

ARTERIAL GRANT

1. Loughrea/Craughwell	Loughrea	T21/320	26,500
2. Ballinasloe/Loughrea	Land Acquisition	-	3,500
			<u>30,000</u>

TOURIST ROAD GRANT

1. Spiddle/Knock	Oughterard	L100/180	7,000
2. Maam Cross/Recess	Oughterard	T71/30	25,000
3. Clifden/Recess	Clifden	T71/20	18,000
4. Carna/Screebe	Clifden	L102/170	5,000
			<u>55,000</u>

GALWAY URBAN ROAD GRANT

1. Taylor's Hill/Newcastle	Galway		<u>3,872</u>
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BALLINASLOE URBAN ROAD GRANT

1. Market Square	Ballinasloe		1,089
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COUNTY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS 1969/70

WORK NO.	ROAD NO.	DESCRIPTION	MILES	AMOUNT £
<u>CLIFDEN</u>				
ACG1	51	Derryvoreeda - Illion W.	1.00	1,500
ACG2	25	Rusheenduff - Tullylough	0.25	300
ACG3	7	Ballyconneely Old Sch. - Beaches	2.00	2,810
ACG4	32	Letterfrack - Dawrosbeg	1.50	1,730
ACG5	21	Ballinakill - Garraunbaun	1.75	2,150
ACG6	33	Into graveyard gate Baunoge	0.60	960
ACG7	39	Salruck - Rosroe	1.83	2,700
ACG8	42	Cashel - Derrysella	0.90	1,500
ACG9	2	At Cleggan	0.60	864
ACG10	8	Bundoughla	0.75	1,200
ACG11	15	Errislannon Road	0.33	540
				<u>16,254</u>
<u>OUGHTERARD</u>				
JCG1	64	Widening at Carraroe		2,000
JCG2	77	Clonbur - Dooroy via Carrow	1.75	1,850
JCG3	87	Maherabeg - Killaguile - Doon	1.25	1,500
JCG4	57	Cellar Pier Road	1.00	1,000
JCG5	81	Complete Derrybeg Road	0.75	1,000
JCG6	66	Glantrasna Road	1.50	1,650
				<u>9,000</u>
<u>GALWAY</u>				
BCG1	90	Spiddal-Bohoona-Shanavoneen	1.50	2,250
BCG2	136	Sec. 60 - Farmerstown - Mace	2.00	3,000
BCG3	138	Lisheenmoran - Baranna	0.50	750
BCG4	287	Rahoon - Newcastle	0.25	3,500
				<u>9,500</u>
<u>TUAM</u>				
KCG1	133	Bredagh - Manusflynn	0.50	500
KCG2	129	Biggera - Pollnahallia - Manusflynn	1.75	1,750
KCG3	116	Claran - Ower	1.60	1,600
KCG4	119	Slieveroe - Curraghmore	1.40	1,400
KCG5	154	Beaghmore - Ardrukilla via Gorthascalogue	2.00	2,000

WORK NO.	ROAD NO.	DESCRIPTION	MILES	AMOUNT £
<u>TUAM continued</u>				
KCG6	204	Connecting Rd. Feigh East	0.60	600
KCG7	199	Clogherboy - Feigh West	1.00	1,000
KCG8	164	Cloontoa - Cloondarone	0.90	900
				<u>9,750</u>
<u>MILLTOWN</u>				
HCG1	161	Co.Bdy Ardour - Kilshanvy	1.25	1,250
HCG2	156	Kilshanvy - Cloonsheen	0.65	650
HCG3	162	Ballyboy - Woodquay	1.50	1,500
HCG4	218	Kilbannon Ch. - The Weirs	1.20	1,200
HCG5	229	Lurgan - Strawberry Hill	2.10	2,100
HCG6	209	Lavally - Castlemoyle	2.40	2,400
HCG7	239	Ballintise - Carrowkeel	2.10	2,100
HCG8	251	Ballintlava - Carrowmanagh	1.60	1,600
HCG9	252	Curragh W. - Castle	1.75	1,750
HCG10	269	Knockanara - Farm	1.70	1,700
HCG11	276	Kilcolumb - Rosdaul	1.10	1,100
HCG12	232	Kinnakineely - Shanbally More	2.50	2,500
HCG13	236	Gortnagoyle - Ballymoney	1.00	1,096
				<u>20,946</u>
<u>LOUGHREA</u>				
DCG1	537	From Leitrim More to Ballyargadaun	1.60	1,900
DCG2	484	From Caherwalter to Graigue	0.60	700
DCG3	493	From Drumkeary West to Burroge	1.50	1,800
DCG4	551	From Derrygoolin Sth to Co.Bdry Bohatch	2.00	2,800
DCG5	552	From Knockmoyle to Loughatorick N.	3.8	5,300
DCG6	497	Loughatorick Nth towards Sheedy's X	1.50	2,000
				<u>14,500</u>
<u>GORT</u>				
CCG1	339	Drumharsna to Caheravoneen & branch to Northampton	3.50	4,300
CCG2	374	Keanes X to Kileen & Knockatoo with branch to Co. Bdy.	3.10	4,080
CCG3	367	Tubber to Co. Boundary	1.20	1,650
CCG4	365	Fiddaun to Co.Bdy with branches to Joyce's & Monaghan's	1.75	2,250
CCG5	321	Parkmore to sea with br. at Patrick's Well	1.20	1,600
				<u>13,880</u>

WORK NO.	ROAD NO.	DESCRIPTION	MILES	AMOUNT £
<u>PORTUMNA</u>				
ECG1	529	Ballyhogan Jct. to Cloonmain Jct.	2.50	2,800
ECG2	536	Clooncona Jct. to Lisduff Jct. & from Boleynaminna Jct. to Coolagh Jct.	3.70	3,600
ECG3	594	Hardiman's Pit to Moyower Pump	3.30	3,500
ECG4	564	M.R. 430 at Longford to Deerpark Jct	1.50	1,850
ECG5	535	Clarary Jct. to Drumatober Jct.	1.60	1,900
ECG6	549	Drumnamuckla Jct. to Cappaghon Jct.	1.20	1,300
ECG7	583	Clonfert Bridge to Lucas Hse.	2.00	2,600
				<u>17,550</u>
<u>BALLIN.SLOE</u>				
FCG1	523	Kilmalaw - Fairfield	1.10	1,210
FCG2	429	Moyardwood - Caranea - Ballinlough	2.34	2,580
FCG3	513	Latoon - Frenchpark	1.26	1,400
FCG4	521	Killurebridge - Derrymullan	1.28	1,410
FCG5	525	Oatfield - Killalaghton	1.30	1,430
FCG6	471	Branch Roads - Killooan & Kinreask	1.00	1,100
FCG7	466	Annagh - Liscub	.76	830
				<u>9,960</u>
<u>ATHENRY</u>				
LCG1	198	Shantallow - Carrowreagh E	1.75	2,300
LCG2	375	Carnaun - Castle Ellen	0.75	960
LCG3	431	Lenareagh Village	1.25	1,500
LCG4	378	Gloves Village - Blean	1.25	1,400
LCG5	185	Slievaun - Gortard	0.90	1,100
LCG6	173	Mira - Carheenlea	1.50	1,900
LCG7	439	Beech Hill	1.25	1,500
				<u>10,660</u>

WORK NO.	ROAD NO.	DESCRIPTION	MILES	AMOUNT £
<u>MOUNTBELLEW</u>				
GCG1	259	Glen to Merganure & Milltown	3.00	3,600
GCG2	261	Carrowtubber to Carrowtubber West	1.25	1,500
GCG3	502	Coalpits to Ballaghacker	2.25	2,700
GCG4	411	Carrowkeel to Mullaghmore	2.50	3,000
GCG5	412	Cloonoran to Doonwood	1.50	1,800
GCG6	513	Barnacurra to Shanballymore	1.00	1,200
GCG7	458	Killian to Liscuill West and Carrownafreevy	1.75	2,100
GCG8	456	Rushestown	1.25	1,500
GCG9	407	Loughill to Moyloughbeg	1.00	1,200
				<u>18,600</u>
		IMPROVEMENT WORKS TOTAL		150,600
		SURFACE DRESSING		<u>10,820</u>
		GRAND TOTAL		<u>£161,420</u>

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL,
HELD IN COMMITTEE AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON
MONDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1968.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Senator M. Killilea.

(2) Cllr. T. King.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

Cllrs. W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, T. Clarke,
Deputy F. Coogan, Cllrs. Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham,
P. Donnellan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Cllrs. J. Donnellan (Moycullen),
P. Fahey, P. T. Galvin, Deputy J. Geoghegan, Cllrs. F. Glynn,
B. Haverty, B. Holland, T. Hussey, P. D. Joyce,
Deputy M. F. Kitt, Cllrs. J. Lambert, J. M. Mannion, H. Melvin,
Deputy R. Molloy, Cllrs. P. Raftery, J. Ridge, P. Ruane and
M. Ryan.

Officials:

Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, L. O'Luanigh,
Assistant County Manager, C. A. Warner, County Engineer,
Messrs. J. Silke, M. Dunne, S. Cullinan, Chief Assistant
County Engineers, J. Howlett, County Secretary and B. Gannon,
Staff Officer.

800 - SYMPATHY: A vote of sympathy to the widow of the late Mr. Michael Dillon was proposed by the Chairman, who paid a tribute to Mr. Dillon's service as Rate Collector with the Council.

Votes of sympathy were also adopted with the following:-

The Mannion Family, Lought, Moylough, on the death of Mrs. Mannion.

Mr. Sean Gormley, 23 Demesne Cottages, Tuam, on the death of his wife.

801 - ROAD ESTIMATES 1969/70: The estimate for Roads was introduced by the County Manager who stated that it would be necessary to make provision for additional nett expenditure from rates of £85,267, which was equivalent to a rate increase of 40.6d in the £. This amount comprised £26,614. by which the revised estimate for the current year exceeded the original provision and £58,653, being the increase for the coming year by comparison with the 1968/69 estimate.

It was decided to go through the estimates in detail and the matter was considered under the following headings:-

(a) Main Road Improvement Grant: During the discussion on this section of the estimate, there were proposals for the improvement of the Galway/Headford Road, and for roads at Milltown, the Gort/Loughrea and Gort/Portuana Roads, the Headford Road, and the Tuam/Ballyforan Road. There were a number of questions on road proposals within Galway Borough and members from the Ballinasloe area commented adversely on the fact that there were no new proposals included for their area.

The County Engineer stated that it might be possible, from savings under other headings, to carry out certain urgent improvement works which had not been specifically included in the estimate, on condition that these works were not unduly expensive.

He referred to the fact that the Main Road Improvement Grant had been reduced during the year before last. The amount of the grant for the coming year had not yet been notified to the Council and in the meantime it was necessary to act on the assumption that the grant will be similar to that paid last year. He also gave a detailed explanation of road proposals within the borough of Galway.

It was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Cllr. H. Melvin and resolved:-

"that proposals for expenditure on Main Road Improvement Works be agreed as presented by the County Engineer, in the total sum of £136,500."

- (b) Arterial Grant Works: Proposals for expenditure under the Arterial Roads Grant were agreed as presented, in the total sum of £30,000.
- (c) Tourist Road Grant: In reply to question, the County Engineer stated that certain roads to the west of Galway City benefited from grants for the improvement of tourist roads. The principal roads involved were the Galway/Clifden Road and the Galway/Spiddal, Screebe, Carna and Recess roads.

A lengthy discussion took place on the claims of other areas in the county for similar assistance for the improvement of roads used by tourists.

The County Engineer stated that heavy expenditure was necessary on roads in the Connemara area because of the preponderance of bog and rock conditions. The assistance made available by way of Tourist Roads Grants had conserved monies from other sources.

Deputy Kitt proposed that some of the allocation under this heading should be spent in the eastern part of the county but he subsequently withdrew this proposal and the allocations as presented in the aggregate sum of £55,000, for tourist roads, were finally agreed on the proposal of Cllr. J. Mannion, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan.

- (d) Urban Road Grant - Galway and Ballinasloe: It was proposed by Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Cllr. H. Melvin and resolved:-

"that the proposals for the expenditure of Urban Road Grants (Galway £3,872 and Ballinasloe £1,089.) be approved."

- (e) County Road Reconstruction Grants: Proposals under the above headings were approved, on the proposal of Cllr. J. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. M. Ryan. The total amount under this heading was £161,420.

- (f) Maintenance of Main and County Roads: Following a discussion, the sums included for the maintenance of Main and County Roads were approved, on the proposal of Cllr. B. Holland, seconded by Cllr. J. Mannion, in respect of a total of £252,284, for Main Roads, and £328,918, for County Roads.

The Meeting then terminated

Submitted, approved and confirmed

M. Keenan
Chairman

3rd FEB. 1969

Cifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH

6adh 1a de Mhi na Nollag, 1968.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 16adh 1a de Mhi na Nollag, 1968, ag tosnu nuair a bheas críoc leis an cruinniú speisialta.

Mise, le meas,

S. hUileid.
Runai

A G E N D A

TO CONSIDER:

- 1. Minutes.

2. MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS:

- (a) Mrs. Margaret Ciblin, Curraghduff, Toomard, Ballinasloe
- Damage to Polythene cover for Silage Pit and the silage of silage pit: 8th/9th November, 1968. ... £150.
- (b) W. F. Higgins Limited, Headford Road, Galway.
- Damage to window, locks and staples on stores door and Cigarette Machine - 10th/11th November, 1968: ... £30.
- (c) Eugene Horan, Bohermore.
- Damage to two gates and wall on lands at Cahergown, 8th/9th November, 1968: ... £100.
- (d) Hession Enterprises (Galway) Ltd., Castle Inn, Salthill.
- Damage to two doors, lock and pane of glass, 13th November, 1968: ... £60.
- (e) Eugene Horan, Bohermore.
- Iron gate removed from lands at Cahergown, Claregalway, 14th/15th November, 1968. ... £12.
- (f) Ernest V. and Irene P. Casburn, Moycullen House, Galway.
- Damage to two Notice Boards on 14th November, 1968: ... £35.
- (g) Electricity Supply Board, Lower Fitzwilliam St., Dublin
- Damage to two low tension poles at Kilmacshane, 15th/16th November, 1968: ... £60.
- (h) Thomas P. Coffey, Orbit House, Knocknacarra, Galway.
- Damage to hedge and lawn
Unknown date between 1st October - 20th November, 1968: ... £40.

- (i) Agnes Monaghan, Moyveela, Oranmore.
- Damage to double stone wall, 22nd/23rd November, 1968: £30.
 - (j) John Corcoran, Clarenbridge.
- Damage to double stone wall at Moyveela,
22nd/23rd November, 1968: ... £200.
 - (k) Michael and Maura O'Maille, Devon Villa, The Crescent,
Galway.
- House burned on 24th November, 1968: ... £1500.
3. Seeds and Fertilizers Loan Scheme, 1969.
 4. Auditor's Report - River Fergus Joint Drainage District Committee.
 5. University Scholarship - Request for defer for a second year.
 6. Submission for approval of minutes of meeting of the Visiting Committee held at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Clifden, on 2nd December, 1968 - copy attached.
 7. Care of the aged - Circular No. 40/68 of 6 Samhain, 1968, from the Department of Health - copy attached.
 8. Remuneration revisions for:
 - (i) All officers of the Council other than medical, nursing and engineering officers (including grades allied to the engineering grades) with effect from 1/6/68.
 - (ii) Engineers' Office Assistants.
 9. Pension increases in accordance with Circular dated 22/11/1968 from the Department of Local Government.
 10. Raising of loan of £37,500 for Dispensary Residence, Dispensary and Nurses' House, Kilronan, Aran Islands.
 11. Tuam Swimming Pool.
 12. Business submitted by County Manager.
 13. MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:-
 - (a) Senator M. Killilea:
 - (i) I will move at the next meeting of Galway County Council - that the Council take the necessary steps to develop the remainder of the property in the County Home, Tuam, for an Industrial Estate.
 - (b) Clr. P. Ruane:
 - (i) That this Council request the Department of Education to speed up plans for the erection of a new school at Corofin (Cummer Parish).
 - (ii) I will ask the County Manager to have traffic lights erected as soon as possible at the Power House and Moneenageisha, at the entrance to Galway City.
 - (iii) I will ask that earlier payments be made to land owners who give land for road widening.
 - (c) Clr. J. Lambert:
 - (i) To provide a new dispensary in Craughwell.

- (ii) I will propose that the following road be reconstructed and tarred -
Road from Tubber Post Office, Gort to County Bounds.
 - (iii) I will propose that the following road be reconstructed and tarred -
Road from Fiddane Village, Tubber to County Bounds.
- (d) Clr. P. Collins:
 - (i) That the Fire Brigade Service should be authorised to give assistance to householders in cases of serious flooding and that it should also be available for rescue operations in the case of road accidents.
 - (e) Clr. P. Donnellan:
 - (i) I will ask the Council to tar the road leading from Castle Ellen to Caurnaun (Turloughmore).
 - (ii) I will ask the Council to erect a light at Brooklodge Church, Turloughmore.
 - (iii) I will ask the Council to black-top the area outside the new schools in Annagh (Turloughmore).
 - (f) Clr. P. Fahey:
 - (i) That senior counsel's opinion be sought on the question of liability for level crossing as between this Council and C.I.E.
 - (ii) That this Council request Bord Failte to give a grant for the rolling of the road into Coole.
 - (g) Clr. B. Holland:
 - (i) Path on grammar school side of College Road be repaired.
 - (ii) That the path on both sides of St. Nicholas' Avenue, leading from Merchant's Road to New Docks, be repaired.
 - (iii) That a pedestrian crossing be laid down at Father Griffin Road, opposite New Fire Station.
 - (h) Clr. J. Donnellan (Moycullen):
 - (i) Road leading through village of Oldtown to Knockauranny (Moycullen) be black-topped.
 - (ii) That money be made available in the coming year to ease the dangerous turns on road from village of Moycullen West to Owen Kyne's gate.
 - (i) Clr. M. Ryan:
 - (i) I will ask the County Manager to have the new lighting system installed in the village of Moylough immediately. I suggest two additional lights, one at the main entrance to Moylough Church and another at the side entrance on the Menlough Road.
 - (ii) At our next meeting, I will ask the Council that some work will be done to prevent the water running from the street of Abbeyknockmoy, from flowing into the house and yard of Mr. Bartley Synnott.

(iii) At our next meeting, I will ask the Council to have the piped water supply extended to the villages of Shannaghbeg and Shannaghmore, a distance of one mile. The work is being carried out at present at Lowry's Cross, Glenamaddy, from where the extension is needed to be taken.

(j) Clr. F. Glynn:

(i) That this County Council propose to the Minister for Agriculture that the parishes of Milltown and Kilconly be brought into the Pilot area.

(ii) That the County Manager give a progress report, as promised on the proposed Milltown Water Scheme.

(k) Deputy J. Donnellan:

(i) To ask the County Manager if he is aware of the unsatisfactory water supply in the villages of Turla, Ussey and Keelogue Beg, Ballymoe, Co. Galway.

(ii) To ask the County Manager what is the exact position re the proposed sewerage scheme for Ballymoe.

(l) Clr. M. Croffy - supported by Ctrs. J. Callanan, H. Melvin, F. Fahey, F. Raftery and F. Collins:

(i) I will propose at the next meeting of the Galway County Council, that this Council rescind minute 786 of the meeting 28/10/68, which adopted the recommendations of the Consultative Council and recommend to the Minister of Health an amendment to the Consultative Council's recommendation, that Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, be classified as a General Hospital.

(m) Clr. H. Melvin:

(i) I wish to propose at next meeting that Mr. Henry Quinn, Roo, Gort, be made a member of Kinvara Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

(n) Clr. T. King:

(i) At the next County Council meeting, I will propose - that the Irish Land Commission be requested to expedite their sanction to the sale of plot of land urgently required by the Council to erect cottage thereon - Location: Tonegurrane, Currandulla.

(o) Clr. T. Hussey:

(i) At the next meeting of Galway County Council, I will move - that additional lights be installed on the Glenamaddy Road, Williamstown,

(ii) that the street lights in Glenamaddy be switched on for fair mornings.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1968.

IN THE CHAIR: Senator M. Killilea

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Ctrs. W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, T. Clarke, Deputy F. Coogan, Ctrs. Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham, P. Donnellan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Ctrs. J. Donnellan (Moyculien) P. Fahey, P. T. Galvin, Deputy J. Geoghegan, Ctrs. F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, T. Hussey, F. D. Joyce, T. King, Deputy M. F. Kitt, Ctrs. J. Lambert, J. M. Mannion, H. Melvin, Deputy R. Molloy, Ctrs. P. Raftery, J. Ridge, P. Ruane and M. Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, L. O'Lunaigh, Assistant County Manager, C. A. Warner, County Engineer, J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, J. Howlett, County Secretary and B. Gannon, Staff Officer.

802 - MINUTES: It was agreed that minutes of meeting held on the 25th November, 1968, (Nos. 789 to 799) which had been circulated to the members, be approved and signed. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of minute No. 789, Deputy R. Molloy referred to resolution proposed by him in regard to newspaper reports and said that it had been his intention to draw public attention to the fact that reports in the Connacht Tribune and Connacht Sentinel had been written with bias. The motion had now achieved its purpose and he trusted that future reports would be accurate and would give fair play to all interests. He was not interested in pressing that the terms of the motion should be implemented.

Deputy F. Coogan requested information on the legality of a motion which sought to exclude the press from Council meetings. The Chairman stated that the matter had been disposed of and that he was not allowing further discussion but Deputy F. Coogan, supported by Deputy J. Donnellan, continued to press for information on this matter.

Deputy M. Kitt referred to minute No. 797 (i) and stated that motion by Deputy M. Carty and himself should have been adjourned in their absence rather than ruled out-of-order. Deputy M. Carty and himself were aware that this motion concerned matters which were executive functions. They wished to have an expression of the Council's view point on these matters.

The County Manager said that resolutions at Council meetings on staff matters might tend to prejudice negotiations with Trade Unions. He felt that there was no cause for complaint that these negotiations were not being conducted in a fair and reasonable manner and he was prepared to hear in private the views of any member of the Council who had a grievance to air on such matters.

803 - RETIREMENT OF CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER: The Chairman referred to the forthcoming retirement of Dr. G. F. McCon, County Medical Officer and paid tribute to the outstanding service given by Dr. McCon and to the many improvements in the health services effected during his long term of office. All the members of the Council and the County Manager joined in tributes to Dr. McCon and wished him every happiness on his retirement.

Dr. McCon thanked the members and expressed his appreciation of the co-operation he had obtained from Council members over the years.

804 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: It was noted that claims in respect of malicious damage which had been listed at 2 (a) to 2 (k) on the Agenda had been received.

805 - SEEDS & FERTILISERS LOAN SCHEME 1969: Draft Loan Scheme for Seeds & Fertilisers was approved by the Council on the proposal of Clr. T. King.

806 - AUDITOR'S REPORT - RIVER FERCUS JOINT DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE:

On the proposal of Clr. P. Fabey, it was decided to defer this item until the next meeting of the Council.

807 - UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP - Request to defer for second year:

A request from Margaret Keane, Roundstone, for the deferment of a scholarship for a further year, until 1969, was granted on the proposal of Clr. J. Donnellan, seconded by Clr. T. King.

808 - OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOSPITAL, CLIFDEN:- Minutes of Meeting of Visiting Committee held on 2nd December, 1968.

The County Manager stated that he wished to get the formal approval of the Council to a proposal which was agreed by the Visiting Committee whereby a premises could be acquired for an Old Persons' Home at Clifden. It was proposed by Clr. J. Mannion, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan and resolved:-

"that minutes of Visiting Committee meeting, held on the 2nd December, 1968, at our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Clifden, be hereby approved and that the proposal therein for the provision of an Old Persons' Home at Clifden, be fully endorsed by the Council."

809 - CARE OF THE AGED - Circular No. 40/68 of 6 Sabhain, 1968, from the Department of Health:

It was decided to adjourn this matter until the next meeting.

810 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION:

(a) 11th Round Increase: It was proposed by Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and resolved:-

"that from 1/6/1968, an increase of 9% (subject to a minimum of £1 per week for wholtime officers) be authorised on the remuneration of all officers of the Council other than medical, nursing and engineering officers (including grades allied to the engineering grades) and that excess expenditure of £14,300 be approved for the current financial year to meet this increase."

(b) Engineers' Office Assistants: It was proposed by Clr. J. Lambert, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan and resolved:-

"that Engineers' Office Assistants be granted an increase of £1 per week from the 1/4/68 and 17/6d per week from the 1/4/69 and that the scheme of service pay, already approved for roadworkers, be applied also to this grade of employment. Excess expenditure of £1105 is hereby authorised during the current year in respect of this item."

(c) Childrens' Officer: It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and resolved:-

"that a revised scale of remuneration be applied to the office of Childrens' Officer, as follows:-
£789 x £40 - £1104.

The revised scale to apply from the 1/1/67 and excess expenditure of £287 is hereby authorised during the current year."

811 - PENSION INCREASES: It was proposed by Clr. T. King, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt and resolved:-

"that pension increases be approved in accordance with Circular dated 22/11/68 from the Department of Local Government and that excess expenditure amounting to £2,707 be hereby approved for the current financial year."

812 - LOAN FOR DISPENSARY RESIDENCE, DISPENSARY AND NURSES' HOUSE, KILRONAN:

It was proposed by Clr. J. Donnellan, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and resolved:-

"that a loan of £37,500 be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works for the provision of a Dispensary Residence, Dispensary and Nurses' House at Kilronan, Aran Islands. The loan is to be repayable over a period of 25 years with interest at the Local Loans Fund rate."

813 - TUAM SWIMMING POOL: The County Manager read letter dated 6/12/68 from the Department of Local Government, indicating that a loan could not be made available from the Local Loans Fund for the above work. He also indicated that it was not possible to obtain a loan for this purpose from the Council's Treasurer but that investigations were proceeding with a view to obtaining finance from other sources.

The Council approved of efforts to obtain finance for this work.

814 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY MANAGER:

(a) Vacancy for Rate Collector in collection district No. 33:

The County Manager explained proposals for the temporary filling of vacancy for Rate Collector in collection district No. 33 (Tuam Urban and part of Tuam Rural Districts).

It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan and resolved:-

"that Miss Mary C. Feeney, Clerical Officer, Rates Department, be appointed as temporary Rate Collector of collection district No. 33 until the 31/3/69, pending the appointment of a permanent collector. Remuneration for the temporary post is to be determined by the County Manager."

- (b) Public Lighting: On the proposal of Cllr. J. Lambert, approval was given for excess expenditure of £350 in respect of the extra cost of providing all-night lighting in the period to the end of February, 1969.
- (c) Essential Repairs Scheme: It was proposed by Deputy J. Donnellan, seconded by Cllr. F. Glynn and resolved:-

"that excess expenditure of £2,500 be authorised for the current financial year, in respect of the Council's scheme for assistance towards essential repairs of houses."

- (d) Date of Estimates Meeting: The following dates were determined in respect of Estimates Meetings -
 Committee Meetings to be held on Monday, 10th February, 1969, and Friday, 14th February, 1969.
 Estimates Meeting to be held on 24th February, 1969.

All these meetings are to commence at 3.30 p.m.

815 - ILLNESS OF DEPUTY CARTY:

It was decided that the good wishes of all the members of the Council for his speedy recovery, should be conveyed to Deputy Carty.

816 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were adopted with the following:-

- Mr. Thomas Conneely, Doon, Claddaghduff, Co. Galway.
- Mrs. McCormack, Mervue, Galway.
- Mr. Richard Moore, Dunlo Hill, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Waters, Belmont, j Cloghan's Hill, Tuam.
- Mr. John Hughes, Belmont Cloghan's Hill, Tuam.
- Mr. Thomas Flynn, Killnadeema, Loughrea.
- Mr. Andrew Kelly, Ballinacor, Newbridge, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Michael Cunningham, Lisqueil, Ballygar.
- Mr. Martin Dowd, Lisavruggy, Newbridge, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. John McGovern, Coralacken, Creggs, Co. Roscommon.
- Mr. M. Macken, Dublin City Manager, City Hall, Dublin.

817 - ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: The Chairman stated that he was adjourning the remaining business until the next monthly meeting of the Council. He conveyed his good wishes for a Happy Christmas to the members and staff of the Council.

The Meeting then terminated

Submitted, approved and Confirmed

H. Killeen
 CHAIRMAN

3rd FEB. 1969

Oifig an Runai,
 Bothar Mor,
 GAILLIMH

27adh d' Eanair, 1969.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 3u la de Feabhra, 1969, ag tosnu ag 3.30 p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

S. hUileid
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A G E N D A

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS:
 - (a) McCairns Motors Limited, College Road, Galway.
 - Damage to locks, doors, fixtures and fittings, 4/12/68 ... £10. 0. 0.
 - (b) Bernard McDonagh, No fixed abode.
 - Injury to horse, as a result horse had to be destroyed, 29th/30th November, 1968. ... £90. 0. 0.
 - (c) Marcus Folan, Inisherik, Lettermullen.
 - Damage to rear windscreen, radio aerial, lights, roof and tyres of car, 29th November, 1968 ... £39. 18. 2.
 - (d) Western Motors Limited, Tuam Road, Galway.
 - Damage to window and three desks at garage premises, 3rd/4th December, 1968. ... £30. 0. 0.
 - (e) Patrick Dundass, Kylesalia, Kilkerrin, Carna.
 - Damage to two tyres, tube of car, 5th/6th November, 1968 ... £13. 1. 8.
 - (f) McCairns Motors (Galway)Limited.
 - Damage to three trucks, 5th/6th December, 1968 ... £25. 16. 0.
 - (g) Margaret Cloherty, Nile Lodge, Galway.
 - Damage to door, 1st/2nd November, 1968 ... £10. 0. 0.
 - (h) John Molloy, 7 Quinn's Terrace, Mervue.
 - Damage to motor van, 21st/22nd December, 1968 ... £250. 0. 0.
 - (i) Michael Costello, Pallas, Caltra.
 - Damage to roof of car, 25th/26th December, 1968 ... £100. 0. 0.

- (j) Messrs. Hession (Contractors) Limited.
- Damage to 39 sewer pipes - part of sewerage scheme,
1st/2nd January, 1968. ... £200. 0. 0.
- (k) Messrs. Hession (Contractors) Limited.
- Damage to 18 sewer pipes - part of sewerage scheme,
13th/14th January, 1969 ... £40. 0. 0.
3. Overdraft accommodation - quarter ended 31/3/1969.
4. Auditor's Reports -
- (i) River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee for year ended 31/3/1968.
 - (ii) Tuam Town Commissioners " " " "
 - (iii) Loughrea Town Commissioners " " " "
 - (iv) Lough Mask and River Robe Joint Drainage Committee for Y/E 31/3/1968.
 - (v) Shrule Joint Drainage Committee - for year ended 31/3/1968.
 - (vi) Lough Corrib Navigations " " " "
5. Disposal of land -
- (i) Proposed sale of plot of land at Spiddle West - Notice dated 13th January, 1969.
 - (ii) Proposed sale of plot of land at Cosmona, Loughrea - Notice dated 13th January, 1969.
 - (iii) Proposed sale of plot of land at Aille - Notice dated 21st January, 1969.
6. Declaration of Roads to be public roads - (list attached).
7. Notice of Motion Roads 1968/69 - Second list
8. Remuneration revisions for:-
- (i) County Secretary.
 - (ii) County Librarian.
 - (iii) Electricians.
9. Approval to expenditure on employment of an additional Driver/Assistant in Library service.
10. Creation of additional office of Radiographer.
11. Remission of rates - Batchelors' Limited, Cabra West, Dublin - Undeveloped Areas Acts, 1952 - 1966.
12. Annual Congress - International Federation for Housing and Planning.
13. Raising of loan of £10,500 for extension to Tuam Sewerage Scheme.
14. Care of the Aged - Circular No. 40/68 of 6 Samhain, 1968, from the Department of Health - copy already circulated.
15. Submission for approval of minutes of meeting of the Joint Committee on Itinerary held on 29th November, 1968 - copy attached.

16. Curraghmore Bridge - letter dated 10th December, 1968, from the Department of Local Government.
17. Draft Scheme of priorities to be accorded in the letting of dwellings provided by the Galway County Council under the Housing Act, 1966 - copy already circulated.
18. Dumping ground at Clifden.
19. Sports Centre - Palace Grounds, Tuam.
20. Business submitted by County Manager.
21. MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:-
- (a) Senator M. Killilea:
- (i) I will move at the next meeting of Galway County Council - that the Council take the necessary steps to develop the remainder of the property in the County Home, Tuam, for an Industrial Estate.
- (b) Clr. F. Ruane:
- (i) That this Council request the Department of Education to speed up plans for the erection of a new school at Corofin (Cummer Parish).
 - (ii) I will ask the County Manager to have traffic lights erected as soon as possible at the Power House and Moneenageisha, at the entrance to Galway City.
 - (iii) I will ask that earlier payments be made to land owners who give land for road widening.
- (c) Clr. J. Lambert:
- (i) To provide a new dispensary in Craughwell.
 - (ii) that this Council be informed of the number of planning applications refused at the Galway Road, Gort area.
 - (iii) I will request that the Gort Water Supply be improved to give a better water supply to the town.
- (d) Clr. F. Collins:
- (i) That the Fire Brigade Service should be authorised to give assistance to householders in cases of serious flooding and that it should also be available for rescue operations in the case of road accidents.

- (e) Clr. P. Donnellan:
- (i) I will ask the Council to tar the road leading from Castle Ellen to Caurnaun (Turloughmore).
 - (ii) I will ask the Council to erect a light at Brooklodge Church, Turloughmore.
 - (iii) I will ask the Council to black-top the area outside the new schools in Annagh (Turloughmore).
- (f) Clr. F. Fahey:
- (i) That Senior Counsel's opinion be sought on the question of liability for level crossing as between this Council and C.I.E.
 - (ii) That this Council request Bord Failte to give a grant for the rolling of the road into Coole.
 - (iii) I intend to ask County Manager if Dispensary Doctors are compelled to attend to all sick calls in their dispensary area. (This motion also submitted by Clr. Lambert.)
- (g) Clr. B. Holland:
- (i) Fath on grammar school side of College Road be repaired.
 - (ii) That the path on both sides of St. Nicholas' Avenue, leading from Merchant's Road to New Docks, be repaired.
 - (iii) That a pedestrian crossing be laid down at Father Griffin Road, opposite New Fire Station.
- (h) Clr. J. Donnellan (Moycullen):
- (i) Road leading through village of Oldtown to Knockauranny (Moycullen) be black-topped.
 - (ii) That money be made available in the coming year to ease the dangerous turns on road from village of Moycullen West to Owen Kyne's gate.
 - (iii) I will ask the County Manager to let me know the present position of the proposal of the Sewerage Scheme for Moycullen.
- (i) Clr. M. Ryan:
- (i) I will ask the County Manager to have the new lighting system installed in the village of Moylough immediately. I suggest two additional lights, one at the main entrance to Moylough Church and another at the side entrance on the Menlough Road.
 - (ii) At our next meeting, I will ask the Council that some work will be done to prevent the water running from the street of Abbeyknockmoy, from flowing into the house and yard of Mr. Bartley Synnott.
 - (iii) At our next meeting, I will ask the Council to have the piped water supply extended to the villages of Shannaghbeg and Shannaghmore, a distance of one mile. The work is being carried out at present at Lowry's Cross, Glenamaddy, from where the extension is needed to be taken.
- (j) Clr. F. Glynn:
- (i) That this County Council propose to the Minister for Agriculture

- that the parishes of Milltown and Kilconly be brought into the Pilot area.
- (ii) That the County Manager give a progress report, as promised on the proposed Milltown Water Scheme.
 - (iii) That in view of the fact that there are no new plots available in Kilclooney (Milltown) cemetery, that it be extended or a new cemetery be acquired.
- (k) Deputy J. Donnellan:
- (i) To ask the County Manager if he is aware of the unsatisfactory water supply in the villages of Turla, Ussey and Keelogue Beg, Ballymoe, Co. Galway.
 - (ii) To ask the County Manager what is the exact position re the proposed sewerage scheme for Ballymoe.
 - (iii) The road through the Weir Village to Kilbannon is a County Council road - when will it be blacktopped.
- (l) Clr. M. Croffy - supported by Clrs. J. Callanan, H. Melvin, F. Fahey, I. Raftery and E. Collins:
- (i) I will propose at the next meeting of the Council, that the Galway County Council recommend to the Minister for Health, that Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, be classified as a General Hospital, in any future plans for hospital services.
- (m) Clr. H. Melvin:
- (i) I wish to propose at next meeting that Mr. Henry Quinn, Roo, Gort, be made a member of Kinvara Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.
 - (ii) At the next meeting of the Galway County Council, I would like to know what progress has been made with regard to the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme and when is it expected work to start.
- (n) Clr. T. Hussey:
- (i) At the next meeting of Galway County Council, I will move - that additional lights be installed on the Glenamaddy Road, Williamstown.
 - (ii) that the street lights in Glenamaddy be switched on for fair mornings.
 - (iii) that in the event of any extensions to Glenamaddy water supply being carried out, priority be given to Dunmore Road extension to Stoolpark and Iarkroe.
- (o) Deputy J. Geoghegan:
- (i) I will propose that the public water supply be extended to the townland of Billamore, Oughterard.

(p) Deputy R. Molloy:

- (i) That a full report be given on progress made to date on plans to provide public water supply in the following areas -

Ballybane; Ballybrit; Castlegar; Ballinfoyle; Menlo; Bushypark and Knocknacarra.

- (ii) That the Claregalway burial ground be extended to include the area between the existing burial ground and the main road.

- (iii) That a refuse collection service be provided in the Furbo area.

(q) Deputy M. Carty:

- (i) At the next meeting of the County Council, I or some other member acting for me, shall ask the County Manager to explain why a house has not yet been erected for a particular applicant in the Loughrea area, in respect of which a tender was accepted over six months ago.

(r) Clr. W. Burke:

- (i) That clay banks on each side of the road between Milltown and Carrowreagh school be removed for the safety of the children travelling to and from school.

- (ii) I will ask how many developed sites are available in the Palace Grounds.

- (iii) What progress has been made with the acquiring of land for the extension of Addergoole burial ground.

(s) Clr. T. Byrne:

- (i) I will ask the County Manager to provide parking and turning facilities at Drumacoo graveyard, Ballindereen.

- (ii) I will ask the County Manager to have steps taken to eliminate the sewerage nuisance at Crowe Street, Gort, at times of flooding in the Gort river. The clearing of the bed and banks of this river, particularly north of the town, which would also relieve flooding, seems to have a bearing on the problem.

- (iii) I will ask the County Manager why such impossible conditions were offered to the Management Committee, Portumna Mart, when they sought permission to build on or use the existing Fairgreen.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1968, AT 4 p.m.

CHAIRMAN: Clr. T. King

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:-

Galway County Council: Deputies J. Geoghegan, M. Kitt and R. Molloy
Councillors P. Fahy, J. Lambert, T. Hussey and H. Melvin.

Galway Corporation: Councillors Mary Byrne and Michael O'Higgins.

Officials: Messrs. A. A. Sharkey, County Manager, L. O'Luanagh, Assistant County Manager, J. Silke, C.A.C.E and T. Kavanagh, Staff Officer.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th May, 1968, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

County Manager's Report:

The Manager reported that since the last meeting the following developments had taken place:-

- (a) An itinerant family (Bernard Mongan) took up occupation of a cottage at Lissybroder, Durmore.
- (b) A house was purchased at Cloontua Road, Tuam, and repairs will be carried out to it shortly.
- (c) A railway cottage was purchased at Kilbannon, Tuam, and was now occupied by an itinerant family (David Ward).
- (d) The legal formalities in connection with the purchase of a site for two houses from St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, have not yet been completed.
- (e) The Ballinasloe Itinerants Council has indicated that it will offer two sites for houses for specific families in the area. Pending the acquisition of the sites and erection of the houses it is proposed to make two caravans available for these families.
- (f) Work will commence on the itinerant camp site at Loughrea on 12th December, 1968.
- (g) The legal formalities in connection with the Merlin Park site have been completed.
- (h) The position in regard to the provision of sites in the Galway City area was outlined and discussed.
- (i) The Compulsory Purchase Order for the Ballinasloe site has not yet been confirmed.
- (j) In accordance with the policy approved by the Committee at their last meeting no further attempts for the acquisition of other sites have been made. It is felt that the sites which are at present on hands should be developed and more experience gained before embarking on any further proposals for the acquisition of sites.

Arising out of the Manager's report it was agreed:-

- (a) That caravans should be provided for itinerants in any case where the local itinerants council is in a position to offer a site for a house for a particular family - caravans not to be provided except in such cases.
- (b) That the development of the Merlin Park site be deferred pending the outcome of the re-examination of proposals for the solution of the problem in the city area.

The meeting then terminated.