

The County Manager thanked Councillor O'Neill for his statement saying that his remarks were capable of the interpretation he had put on them. The County Manager said that he was pleased to hear Councillor O'Neill's response, which he fully accepted.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED +
(CONFIRMED):

Michael Hall
CHAIRMAN

21/12/1992

DATE

15/11/92 - 3.30

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

2u la Samhain, 1992.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

You are requested to attend the Statutory Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 16th November, 1992, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAI.

AGENDA

1. Consideration and adoption of Estimate of Expenses for year 1993. (Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report herewith).
2. Determination in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses adopted of the rates in the pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimate for the financial year ending 31st December, 1993.
3. Making of Charges for Water supplied by Galway County Council for domestic purposes in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1993, up to and including the 31st March, 1994.
4. Making and Sealing of Demand on Ballinasloe Urban District Council.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 13TH
NOVEMBER, 1992.

IN THE CHAIR: (a) Councillor M. Mullins.
(b) Councillor S. Gavin.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Finnerty, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, C. NiFhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, M. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley and T. Walsh.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; B. Callagy, L. Kavanagh, F. Gilmore, Senior Executive Engineers; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; P. Carroll, Acting Senior Staff Officer; T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

MIN. NO.

FORTHCOMING ELECTION:

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Councillor Loughnane said that at the last Election, the Polling Booth for a number of people in Loughrea was changed and they were asked to vote in St. Brendan's Home. He said this was very inconvenient for them and requested that the Returning Officer be asked to revert back to the old system. The County Secretary stated that he had been in touch with the Returning Officer and put the request to him.

Councillor J. Burke said that at the last Election, there was confusion in Tuam in that voters who had mislaid their Polling Card did not know which Polling Booth to enter. He asked that the voters numbers and addresses be written up directing the people where to vote. The County Secretary said that he would pass on the request to the Returning Officer.

PAGE 2 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON 13/11/1992.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY
MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING
APPLICATION NUMBER 67191 - APPLICANT: MARTIN JENNINGS.

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Councillor O'Neachtain proposed that this resolution be deferred to the next Meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Mannion, and agreed.

CONGRATULATIONS:

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Councillor Cunningham congratulated the Galway County Council Golf Team who recently won the All-Ireland Local Authority Golf Competition.

FUND-RAISING:

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Councillor Fahy thanked the Chairman, Members, County Manager and Staff for their support in his fund raising event in Ardahan for Somalia.

CLUAIN MHUIRE:

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The Chairman said that the County Manager wished to raise a matter arising from the last Meeting. The County Manager said that he was gravely concerned about some matters which occurred at the last Meeting and he wished to make a statement about it and have it incorporated in the Minutes.

A copy of Minutes of Meeting of 23rd October, 1992, together with a copy of County Manager's statement dated 11th November, 1992, were circulated to each Member at the start of the Meeting. The County Manager then read the following statement:

"I wish to refer to statements made by Cllrs. of Joseph Burke and Michael O'Neill at the Council Meeting on the 23rd October, 1992, in the course of discussing a Section 4 motion dealing with Council offices. I have been advised not to allow the next Council meeting pass without dealing with matters which amount to serious misrepresentations. Cllrs. Burke's statements were quoted extensively in the Tuam Herald.

1 - Cllr. Burke stated that the Council were told that for €1.4m it was getting a magnificent building, with all facilities except a library headquarters on a self-financing basis.

I wish to confirm that a statement along the foregoing lines was not made to Galway County Council. The reference to "all facilities" is not understood. A statement to the effect that the purchase was on a self-financing basis was never made. Minutes of the

Council Meetings dealing with this matter confirm my position in the matter.

2 - Clr. Burke stated that Cluain Mhuire would cost £4m or £8m including interest.

The cost of acquisition and refurbishment is approx. £4m. Clr. Burke is well aware that the nett estimated outlay by the Council after re-sale of the County Buildings is approx. £2.25m. There is no reference to £8m in any report placed before the Council. The plans and detailed costs were presented to the Council when they became available in Sept. 1991.

3 - Clr. Burke stated that if the Council had been aware that Cluain Mhuire would cost £4m, the original decision would not have been made.

I confirm that the Council were made aware, at all times, that there would be a refurbishment cost and when this was determined it was placed before the Members.

4 - Clr. Burke stated that during the last 2 years expert advice to the Council was absent.

Clr. Burke is aware that the refurbishment plans for Cluain Mhuire were prepared by Consultants on behalf of the Council. The team of Consultants included an Architect, a Structural Engineer, a Mechanical and Electrical expert, and a Quantity Surveyor.

5 - Clr. Burke stated that there was no fire report on Cluain Mhuire, or a report under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act.

Clr. Burke was not in a position to state that there was no fire report on Cluain Mhuire. The refurbishment plans incorporate the requirements of the Chief Fire Officer for fire safety. The plans present no problem in relation to safety, health and welfare at work.

6 - Clr. Burke stated that many people questioned the figure of £2.25m as adequate.

In making this statement Clr. Burke choses to reject the expert advice of the consultants who compiled the estimate.

7 - Clr. Burke stated that the County Manager used a legal implement, and this was grossly unfair and illegal. He also said it was grossly unjust for the Manager to do this.

This is a most serious charge which is totally without foundation. It is also a reckless charge and is defamatory of me as regards the discharge of my duties

as County Manager. This charge was made, despite the fact that Section 16 of the County and City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 was read to the Council at its meeting of the 28th Sept. 1992. It also ignores the fact that Mr. O'Donoghue, County Solicitor, gave full and proper legal advice to Councillors and answered questions for approx. one hour.

8 - Clr. Burke stated that there was an unexplained delay in putting the loan proposal before the Council and that the matter was badly handled.

Clr. Burke is well aware of the delays in bringing the matter to finality. He is well aware of the number of Council Meetings at which it was discussed and deferred by Council Members. To suggest that the matter was badly handled by me is a deliberate reflection of my discharge of my duties as Manager and is totally without foundation.

9 - Clr. Burke referred to use of the Material Contravention provisions of the Planning Act " to rezone Cluain Mhuire ".

This reference is open to the interpretation that the planning application was not properly handled by me and the Corporation. The statement is unjustified, incorrect and damaging to my reputation. In fact, the Material Contravention provisions of the Act were not utilised. The site was not re-zoned for the purposes of the applications, and these facts are a matter of public knowledge.

10 - Clr. Burke stated that the Council was wrongly refused independent legal advice.

Clr. Burke is aware that I arranged for the attendance of the Co. Solicitor at the meeting of the 28th Sept. 1992. He is aware that the Co. Solicitor is the person whose responsibility it is to advise the Council and that full and proper legal advice was provided at the meeting.

11 - Clr. Burke stated that the Council was improperly advised.

This is a most serious charge. It is incorrect and unjustified.

1 - Clr. Ml. O'Neill referred to the vote at the previous meeting and said that he found it unsatisfactory and it raised a question of democracy and freedom. He said it was distasteful and he felt intimidated.

These remarks could be interpreted as meaning that there was something unsatisfactory about the manner in which I, as County Manager, discharged my duties in relation to the giving of a Statutory warning. This statement was made after Clr. O'Neill had the benefit of

- (a) the terms of Section 16 etc. being read out to him, and
- (b) after having heard the Co. Solicitor's advice.

To suggest that there was something "distasteful" seems to suggest that it was in some way improper to have advised the Council in line with my statutory obligations. I regard this statement as particularly offensive. To say that he felt intimidated is entirely without justification in the light of the advice which he had received.

3 - Clr. O'Neill stated that he should not have to vote under threat.

If it is suggested that he was put under threat by me such a suggestion is without foundation. It is also offensive and defamatory."

Councillor J. Burke said that if he cast any slur on the County Manager, he was totally withdrawing it. He said he regarded the County Manager as honest and full of integrity. Councillor Burke said that having said that, he did not need the County Manager to tell him what he was well aware of. Councillor Burke said that he would have the County Manager's statement studied by his legal adviser, and asked that he be given time to do this, and give the reply in writing to each Councillor. Councillor Burke said that he did not question the Manager's integrity and did not want the County Manager to question his either. He said that what the County Manager had said was basically untrue and that he (Councillor J. Burke) would not be intimidated. He said he had the right to represent the people.

The Chairman said that he would not allow any further discussion on the matter at this meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The County Secretary stated that Advance Notice had been received from Councillor McDonagh in relation to Planning Application number 66899.

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Councillor McDonagh said that he was asking the Planning Officials to have a closer look at this application. He said the applicant was looking for Planning Permission on a side road off the main road. The family was living in the area for 20 years but the applicant's father did not have any land on which a house could be built. Councillor McDonagh said that there should be some flexibility whereby people could build houses near their family home. Councillors McHugh and Loughnane supported.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, COUNCILLOR GAVIN, TOOK THE CHAIR AT THIS POINT.

MAKING OF PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF GORT:

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The making of the Plan for the Scheduled Town of Gort was previously considered at Council Meeting on 27th April, 1992. At that Meeting, the submissions/objections received from the following were considered:

- (a) Richard Joyce, The Grange, Gort.
- (b) Dr. Patrick Joyce, Kilderry Lodge, Gort.
- (c) National Monuments Advisory Committee for County Galway.

The comments of the Planning Officer on the submissions/objections were also considered together with the revised standards for septic tanks, S.R. 6 : 1991 which would have to be included in the Appendices to the Plan. However, the making of the Plan was deferred until such time as Council Officials attend a Public Meeting in Gort to explain the proposed road reservation for a By-Pass.

Councillor Cunningham thanked Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Timmins for attending the Meeting in Gort. He said he was prepared to propose the adoption of the Plan but asked the Council if something could be done with the two bottlenecks in the town, one at Crowe Street, and the other at the other end of the town. He also said that in the event of a By-Pass being provided, the owners of Filling Stations would suffer most and he suggested that they might be given priority if development was allowed on the new route. Councillor Fahy also thanked the Engineers for attending the Meeting in Gort and supported Councillor Cunningham in relation to the two bottlenecks. Councillor Byrne said that while he agreed with the need for a By-Pass in the long term, there was need to improve the infrastructure in Gort, i.e., water, footpaths, carparking, etc. In reply to Councillor Loughnane, the County Engineer said that the proposed By-Pass was not on any priority list at present.

It was proposed by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Fahy and resolved:-

"that the Draft Plan for the Scheduled Town of Gort be amended as follows:-

(a) that the following be added to Table 3.3 and Map no. 3:

- 17 Watermill site at Station Road
- 18 Walled garden at Rindifin
- 19 Nuns Burial Ground at Bridge Street.

(b) that Appendix C be amended by the substitution of SR 6 1991 - recommendations for domestic effluent treatment and disposal from a single dwelling house - for SR 6 1975."

It was then proposed by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Fahy and resolved:

"That Galway County Council having prepared a Draft Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Gort, having published and required notices, having considered the submissions made with respect to the Draft Plan and having in all other respects complied with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts 1963 to 1992, hereby resolve that the Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Gort be and is hereby made in accordance with the Draft Plan published on 18th December, 1991 as amended at this meeting and that the official Seal of Galway County Council be affixed to the said Plan including the said amendments. The Plan consists of the written statement and the relevant maps as amended at this meeting."

DEPUTATION FROM CASTLEGAR CONCERNED COMMUNITY:

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The Chairman proposed that Item 7 be taken at this point and this was agreed.

The Chairman welcomed the four members of the deputation from the Castlegar concerned community. Ms. Coady thanked the Chairman and Members for receiving the deputation. She then addressed the Members reading from a prepared script in regard to complaints about Carrowbrowne Dump. The County Manager invited Ms. Coady to withdraw remarks she made about Officials and she withdrew them.

Councillor O'Neachtain asked when would the report on Carrowbrowne Dump be available. The County Manager said that a Study was being undertaken by Consultants and he hoped to have a report in about three months time. Councillor Varley listed complaints about the dump and Councillors McDonagh and McHugh asked that the report be expedited.

SHANNON STATUS:

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On the proposition of Councillor McHugh, seconded by Councillor Mannion, it was agreed to compliment Maire Geoghegan-Quinn, Minister for Tourism, Transport and Communications on her decision in relation to Shannon Airport.

REPRESENTATION ON STRUCTURAL FUNDS REVIEW COMMITTEE WEST SUB-REGION:

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The County Manager said that some months ago, the Council had agreed to continue the former Chairman, Councillor Walsh as a member of the Review Committee until the new plan was completed. He said that the Department of Finance had now asked that the current Chairman be nominated to the Committee. On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor McDonagh, it was agreed that Councillor Mullins be nominated to the Structural Funds Review Committee - West Sub-Region. In reply to Councillor O'Neachtain, the County Manager said that a copy of the plan would be circulated to each Member as soon as it is available.

Councillor Brennan raised the question of representation on the Committee of the Regions. He was advised that his proposal in this regard had been forwarded to the Government but no further information was available on it.

FISCAL STUDIES REPORT:

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The Chairman said that the report of the Committee had been forwarded to the Department of the Environment but the item was on the Agenda to allow further submissions on it if required. Councillor W. Burke said that the Council should be more forceful in trying to get the report implemented. He proposed that a Forum of County Councils, which would benefit from the implementation of the report, be formed and then meet the Minister for the Environment. Councillor Loughnane seconded Councillor Burke's proposal and it was agreed that the appropriate local authorities be contacted.

- (A) ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARDS:
- (B) EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE:

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Councillor Mannion proposed that this item be deferred until after the Elections and this was agreed.

SEMINAR - IRISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND EC - KINSALE - 5TH DECEMBER, 1992:

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Councillor McDonagh proposed that three Councillors in addition to the three representatives on the General Council of County Councils be nominated to attend.

The Secretary stated that in order to pay expenses for more than three Members, it would be necessary to get Departmental sanction. On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed to nominate the three representatives on the General Council of County Councils to attend this Seminar.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Senator Hussey, it was agreed to seek approval to the attendance of Councillors McClearn, Mannion, and Loughane at the Conference also.

Councillor Ryan said that Councillor Mannion was part of a deputation to Dublin to meet the Minister in connection with sheep dipping and proposed the approval of Councillor Mannion's expenses. This was seconded by Councillor Callanan and agreed.

N.17 AT KILCLOONEY/KILAPHRASOGUE:

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On the proposition of Councillor Walsh, seconded by Senator Hussey, it was agreed that the Minister for the Environment be requested to make a grant available for the completion of the section of National Primary Road at Kilclooney/Kilaphrasogue.

COASTAL EROSION:

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Report of County Secretary dated 14th October, 1992, was submitted which had been circulated to each Member together with an extract of the report on coastal erosion consisting of the executive summary and recommendations. The County Manager said that the submission of the West Sub-Region for Structural Funds requested funding for coastal erosion. Councillor Byrne asked if the whole coastline was surveyed and the County Engineer explained that each coastal authority made a submission. There were four pages in the report relating to County Galway. Councillor Byrne asked to be supplied with a copy of the full report.

GUARANTEED IRISH PROMOTION:

1082

Councillor McHugh said that the Chief Executive Officer of the company promoting the purchase of Irish goods would be willing to come to a Council Meeting and asked that the matter be put on the Agenda for the Monthly Meeting. This was agreed.

DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING:

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Following a discussion, it was agreed, on the proposition of Councillor Mannion that the Estimates be considered at meetings on the 16th, 30th November, and 4th December, 1992.

ROADS:

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With the Permission of the Chairman, Councillor O'Neachtain raised the question of road improvements at Lippra, where the Lippra by-road meets the main Galway/Spiddal Road. He said that two accidents had occurred recently and asked for a report on improvements.

Councillor Cunningham referred to the sharp dangerous turn on the way into Gort from Ardrahan and asked that the provision of rumble strips be considered.

Councillor Gavin referred to the Corcullen road which is in need of improvements and has been the subject of many representations. The County Engineer said that this was on a National Secondary Road and there was little hope of any funds for it.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS:

1085

Councillor McClearn raised the problem of the Milltown Institute of Education in Dublin which had not yet been approved for higher education grants. He said the students understood it would qualify for grants and the matter was presently with the Attorney General. He proposed that the Council write to the Attorney General and the Department of Education to clear up the matter. This was seconded by Councillor W. Burke and agreed.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

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Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Corbett & Family, Cloonboo, Corrandulla.
Ms. Mary Burke, Corheen, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Patricia Coleman, Home Farm, Moycullen, Co. Galway.
Mr. Patrick Quinn & Family, Ballyanneen, Gort.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED

Michael O'Neill
CHAIRMAN
21/12/1992
DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

6u la Samhain, 1992.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, ar De h-Aoine, an 13u la Samhain, 1992, ag tosnu ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant retention of roadside boundary fence and entrance as constructed in the townland of Kilbeg Lower - planning reference number 67191 - in the name of Martin Jennings."

Eamon O'Cuiv. Connie Ni Fhatharta. John M. Mannion.
Peader O'Tuathail.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2. Planning applications - Advance Notice to be given to County Secretary.
3. Making of Town Plan for Gort.
4. Representation on Structural Funds Review Committee - West Sub-Region.
5. Fiscal Studies Report.
6. (a) Enterprise Partnership Boards.
(b) Employment Committee.
7. Deputation from Castlegar concerned community.

8. Seminar "Irish Local Authorities and the EC" - Kinsale - 5th December, 1992.
9. N.17 at Kilclooney/Kilaphrasogue - Request for grant.
10. Coastal Erosion.
11. Guaranteed Irish Promotion.

MINUTES OF ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10TH NOV. 1992

PRESENT; Clrs. T. Walsh, T. Byrne, Ml. O'Neill,
J. McDonagh, Ml. Fahy, P. McHugh,
J. Mannion, Deputy Ml. Kitt & Mr. J. Joyce.

As Clr. Mannion was delayed it was agreed that Clr. J. McDonagh take the chair.

The adoption of Minutes of meeting of 14th Sept. 1992 were proposed by Mr. J. Joyce and seconded by Deputy M. Kitt.

ARTS AWARDS

Mr. J. Harrold, Arts Organiser, informed the meeting that the idea of the Awards was a great success. Approx. 20 applications were received which were of a very high standard. He then gave an outline of the submissions and said that while 4 of the Electoral Areas were covered, no applications had been received for the Galway E.A., and the closing date had been 30th Oct. 1992. Clr. McHugh proposed extending the date in the case of Galway E.A. to give applicants an opportunity of applying. This was agreed, and J. Harrold undertook to contact likely nominees. The closing date in this case was fixed for Friday, 13th Nov. 1992

ADJUDICATORS

J. Harrold said he had been in contact with Kieran Walsh of the Arts Council who agreed to act as one of the judges. He suggested David Burke of the Tuam Herald as a second, and J. Joyce proposed this choice. Clr. T. Byrne proposed J. Harrold as the third adjudicator. The three persons were agreed unanimously by the Committee.

FUNCTION

The County Secretary, T. Kavanagh, informed the meeting that he had been in contact with the R.T.C. regarding the function at which the awards would be presented. If we were to have the function before Christmas, the catering staff could provide a 4 course meal at a reasonable cost, under the training system. This would be at 5.30 p.m. and the date suggested by them was 10th Dec. 1992. Clr. Mannion said that date was unsuitable as the President, Mary Robinson, would be in Letterfrack on that day. After a discussion it was decided that the Co. Secretary would contact RTC to see if the 1st, 2nd or 3rd Dec. would suit -- preferably the 2nd.

Clr. M. Fahy proposed that a meeting of the Committee be held at 4 p.m. at the RTC on the date of the function. J. Joyce seconded the proposal and it was agreed.

Arts Committee - 10/11/92

The question of the invitations was then discussed and the following list was tentatively agreed.

Committee & partners; staff; sponsors & partners; Entrants & Winners; Adjudicators; Chairman of Co. Council, Press, Radio, and TV representatives.

Clr. Mannion proposed that he, as Chairman, and Clr. P. McHugh, would discuss the invitation list further with the County Secretary, before finalising figures. This was agreed.

The Co. Secretary and M. Moloney undertook to chose the awards at Clarinbridge Crystal.

CLR. MANNION THEN TOOK THE CHAIR:

Clr. J. McDonagh suggested that it would be good advertising if we could get a photograph of the sponsors beforehand and the Chairman agreed to discuss this later.

The meeting then ended.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

John Mannion
CHAIRMAN

21/12/1992
DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
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Oifig an Runai,
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GAILLIMH.

16u la Deire Fomhair, 1992

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, ar De h-Aoine, an 23u la Deire Fomhair, 1992, ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Mrs. Mary Power for erection of dwellinghouse and construction of septic tank at Knockroe. - Planning Ref. No. 66825."

Matt Loughnane. Michael Fahy. Michael Regan.
Jimmy McClearn. Michael Cunningham.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Frankie Gavin, Ardnasella, Oughterard, Co. Galway, (Pl. Ref. No. 67322) Outline Planning Permission for a new dwellinghouse at Ardnasella."

John M. Mannion. Michael O'Neill. Peadar O'Tuathail.
Eamon O'Cuiv. Connie Ni Phatharta.

3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for the erection of a mobile home at Upper Forge, Woodford. Planning Ref. No. 66589 to Charlie Mooney."

Matt Loughnane. Michael Fahy. Michael Regan.
Jimmy McClearn. Michael Cunningham.

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4. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to publicly invite proposals from competent property developers in Ireland and abroad for the provision of adequate office accommodation on its lands at Prospect Hill, Galway. Such proposal shall set out the financial implications of the development for the Council and shall provide for the development of all the Council's properties at Prospect Hill and Cluain Mhuire including the possibility of the sale, lease, lease back or either options for the areas of land owned by the Council and not required for the provision of a Council Headquarters."

Joseph Burke. Peadar O'Tuathail. Michael O'Neill.

OTHER BUSINESS:

5. Consideration of the Minutes of the following Meetings:
- (a) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 11th September, 1992.
 - (b) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 28th September, 1992.
 - (c) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 9th October, 1992.
 - (c) Minutes of Islands Committee Meeting held on 26th August, 1992.
 - (e) Minutes of Arts Committee Meeting held on 14th September, 1992.
6. Sale of plot of land to Galway Judo Club - Section 83 notice dated 12th October, 1992, already circulated.
7. Town Twinning - Clifden and Sarzeau.
8. Establishment of Committee on Employment.
9. Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992.
10. Deputation from Western Alliance Association.
11. Coastal Erosion.
12. Business submitted by the County Manager.
13. Business submitted by the Chairman.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose.

14. That the County Council take action to eliminate major hazard to motorists at Knockdoe. (Details supplied).
15. That the County Council see to it that there is proper and adequate entry to cemetery. (Details supplied).

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

16. Galway County Council extend the cemetery at Drumacoo for Ballinderreen Parish where an extension is urgently needed.
17. That Galway County Council take over and maintain the Killoughter/Angliham Group Water Scheme, Castlegar, Co. Galway.
18. That the County Council erect new gates at C.I.E. Level Crossing at Gortavoher, Tubber, where there is an urgent need for improvements at this level crossing.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM - I will propose:

19. That Galway County Council provide extra lighting at Cannon Quinn Park, Queen Street, near St. Colman's Church. This request has come from Gort Chamber of Commerce.
20. That Galway County Council provide a light at Castle-daly Church for the convenience of people coming and going.

COUNCILLOR JIMMY McCLEARN - I will propose:

21. That Galway County Council take over and maintain the green area at the lower end of Caheronaun Park, Loughrea.
22. That Galway County Council provide a pedestrian crossing at Main Street, Loughrea.

COUNCILLORS J. McDONAGH, M. CUNNINGHAM, AND M. FINNERTY:
- WE WILL PROPOSE:

23. That Galway County Council resolve to call on the Minister for the Environment to make an order under Section 14 of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960 substantially increasing the limits set for the annual contributions which Councils may pay to the funds of the County Councils' General Council. This Council ask the Minister to make this order in sufficient time to enable Councils to provide for the increased contributions in

the 1993 Estimates of Expenses.

The additional funds, which the increased contributions will provide, to be used by the General Council to equip itself with the staff and premises necessary to provide a professional service to its constituent Councils.

This enhanced service to member Councils to include:

(i) representing the views of its constituent Councils to Government on policy matters affecting local government at national level in line with the work programme outlined in the General Council's Policy Document.

(ii) representing its constituent Council's views at international level at the following international fora:

- a) the Council of Europe - Standing Conference of Local & Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE)
- b) the EC Commission - Consultative Council of Regional & Local Authorities (CCRLA) and its successor the proposed "committee of the Regions" to be established under the Treaty on European Union, if ratified by the EC member states.
- c) the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA) and the Union's European regional section the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

(iii) providing, or arranging for the provision of, an adequate EC intelligence and information service to its constituent Councils focusing on developments at EC level, particularly in relation to EC programmes with funding potential for local authority projects from the community's existing Structural and proposed Cohesion Funds.

(iv) co-ordinating the international twinning activities of its constituent Councils and administering the allocation of EC Commission twinning grants in Ireland.

That this resolution be sent immediately to the Minister for the Environment, the Government's secretariat and the General Council of County Councils.

COUNCILLOR S. GAVIN - I will propose:

24. Are there any developments regarding the provision of water storage facilities on Inishmore, Aran Islands, and has a Contractor been appointed for the construction of the Fire Station to house the fire engine.

COUNCILLOR S. GAVIN - I will propose:

25. That repairs be carried out to the road leading to the houses of Patrick Hanley and Denis Callaghan in Poul-na-clough, Moycullen.
26. That the County Council make provision in the 1993 Public Lighting Programme for a light at Killannin Church. There is only one public light in the parish at present and this light is certainly required in the interest of public safety.

DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

27. That Galway County Council prepare an estimate for the restoration of a wall adjoining Gurteen Beach and Gurteen Graveyard, where severe damage has been caused recently. It is essential to restore this wall before part of the graveyard is washed away. I request that Galway County Council prepare an estimate and seek a special grant from the Department of the Environment, and the Marine for the restoration of this wall.
28. That the Council carry out work to alleviate the road flooding problem outside (name and address supplied) as this is causing great annoyance.

COUNCILLOR J. BURKE - I will propose:

29. That the County Manager seek a realistic price for Cluain Mhuire premises. I put down this resolution under Section 2 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

COUNCILLOR T. WALSH - I will propose:

30. That Galway County Council, without delay, do improvement work on the road from Lyons Gate to Knock Hill near Milltown. (Details supplied).

COUNCILLOR E. VARLEY - I will propose:

31. That Galway County Council carry out roadworks from Carey's Funeral Parlour towards Headford, as works are urgently required at this location from a safety point of view.
32. That Galway County Council provide a footpath and also a wall on one side of the public road leading to the Presentation College, Headford.
33. That the bushes and briars be trimmed at Lisdonagh, Donaghpatrick.

SENATOR E. O'CUIV - I will propose:

34. That the road from the main Toombeola to Roundstone road as far as the bridge into Inishnee be taken in charge by Galway County Council.
35. Go gcuirfi comharthai nios fearr agus linnte bana nua ag an gcrosbhothar ag "Meiricea" ar an gClochbheac.
36. That repairs be carried out to the footpaths in Roundstone Village.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR S. O'NEACHTAIN - Molaim:

37. Go ndeanfadh Comhairle Chondae na Gaillimhe ceimeanna eigeandala a thogail chun a chinntiu go bhfuil an solathair uisce ag an ait seo oiriunach agus sabhailte le n-usaid ag an bpobal. (Details supplied).
38. Go gcuirfeadh Comhairle Chondae na Gaillimhe caoi ar gheata agus ar philear geata reilig nua an Chnoic Cois Fharrage agus ar an mbothar isteach go dti an reilig. Ta droch bhail ar an mbothar seo agus is mor an chuis naire e.
39. Go dtogfadh an Chomhairle Chondae ceimeanna chun an bothar ag Aille, Bearna, a fheabhsu. To go leor daoine ag usaid an bhothar seo agus ta fior dhroch bhail air.

COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA - I will propose:

40. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe provide a speed limit for Lettermore Village. The people of the area have asked that new speed limit signs be erected.
41. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe erect a wall by the sea at the Cuilean Road, An Cheathru Rua. This wall is requested by local people as the sea comes up to the roadside.
42. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe make funds available to repair the following roads in the Casla Engineering Area: Cloch Mor, Upper Camus Road, Corr na Ron Thiar, Baile an tSleibhe Ros-a-Mhíl, Aird Mhoir Road Carna, and Cladhach Road.

COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH - I will propose:

43. That Galway County Council surface dress the road (details supplied) that funding for carrying out the said works be provided in the 1992 Estimates and the works be included in the 1993 Roadworks Programme.
44. That Galway County Council provide a junction ahead sign either sign of Carrownaherick road near Glynn's house at Gurrane, Belclare.

COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH - I will propose:

- 45. That Galway County Council carry out works to prevent road surface water running onto private property (details enclosed).

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MULLINS: - I will propose:

- 46. That Galway County Council calls on the Government to re-affirm the status of Shannon Airport without further delay in order to alleviate fears in business and tourism interests in County Galway.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1992.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Mullins ..

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

- Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Asst. County Manager; L. Kavanagh, R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineers; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Coughlan, Administrative Officer; C. Wallace, S.S.O. P. Carroll, Acting S.S.O. and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT ACT 1955, PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER : 66825 APPLICANT - MRS MARY POWER.

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The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Quinn.

The County Engineer read the following report which had been circulated to each Member prior to the Meeting:

"LOCATION:

The site is located approximately 130 yards off the Galway-Dublin National Primary Road approximately 3.25 miles beyond Craughwell Village.

PLANNING HISTORY:

No previous planning application in this site - however the following applications are relevant;

62650 - permission granted on a site to the South (National Primary Road side) of the proposed site in