

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

4u la Mean Fomhair, 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 11u la Mean Fomhair, 1992, ag tosnú ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

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 Mr. Liam Creaven, c/o Conor Hayes, full planning permission for a new dwellinghouse and septic tank at Bealnalappa, Oughterard, Co. Galway."

Sean O'Neachtain. Paddy McHugh. Seamus Gavin.
Padraic McCormack.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2. Planning applications - Advance Notice to be given to County Secretary.
3. Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1992. Local Government (Planning and Development) (No. 2) Regulations, 1992.
4. Ballygar Dump - report of Assistant County Manager dated 1st September, 1992, enclosed.
5. Employment Creation.

AT 5.30 P.M. RECEPTION FOR ROSE OF TRALEE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 11TH
SEPTEMBER, 1992.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor 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, Councillor M. Cunningham, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, 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.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; R. Killeen, Acting County Engineer; T. Coughlan, G. Heneghan, Administrative Officer; P. Carroll, Acting Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

Also Present:

Mr. T. Hyland, I.D.A.; Mr. J. Lowery, Udaras na Gaeltachta; S. Smyth, FAS; C. Lynch, County Development Team.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY
MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING
APPLICATION NUMBER 66737 - APPLICANT: LIAM CREAVEN:

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The Chairman advised the meeting that this Section 4 was invalid as it had been signed by the Members from the wrong County Electoral Area. The site was just inside the boundary of the Connemara Electoral Area.

CONGRATULATIONS:

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The Chairman proposed a vote of congratulations to the Galway Minor Hurling Team on winning the All-Ireland Final. He said he hoped the win would lay the foundation for many future successes. Councillor Cunningham seconded the vote of congratulations and all the Members joined in.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, a vote of congratulations was also sent to the Kilkerrin/Clonberne Junior Football Team on winning the County Final.

EMPLOYMENT CREATION:

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The Chairman said that he now proposed to deal with Item 5 on the Agenda - Employment Creation. The Chairman welcomed to the Meeting, Mr. Tom Hyland, I.D.A.; John Lowery, Udaras na Gaeltachta; Sean Smyth, FAS; and Charles Lynch, County Development Team.

The Chairman said that he would ask the invited guests to give a short address to the Meeting first and then the Members would be invited to speak.

Mr. Hyland then addressed the Meeting and gave details of what the I.D.A. has been doing. He said that during the year ended 1991, industrial employment in the County had increased by 2%, and over the last 5 years, there was a nett increase of over 600 jobs in the County. He said that 58% of industrial employees in the County were in overseas companies. He said there was good linkage between large and small industries and that the small industries depended on this for their markets. He gave details of employment created in small industries. He also explained the different types of grant assistance available, such as towards Capital costs, employment grants, feasibility studies, new technology, etc. He said the I.D.A. worked in close co-operation with FAS, Eolas, Coras Trachtala, Local Authorities, County Development Team, and educational centres. Mr. Hyland said that there would appear to be good opportunities for growth in the following areas:

- manufacture of health and medical care products, electronics, telecommunications, international services, telemarketing, software.

In regard to sub supply companies, he said that he would like to see more companies supplying overseas markets and further growth in distribution centres.

Ansin, labhair an t-Uasal O Labhra, Udaras na Gaeltachta, agus duirt se go raibh athas air bheith i lathair ag an cruinniu agus gabh se buiochas don Comhairle as an cuireadh a thabhairt do. Mr. Lowery explained the role of Udaras na Gaeltachta and some of its achievements. He said that there were 1,800 persons employed full-time in Udaras na Gaeltachta assisted industries in the Galway Gaeltacht. During 1990 and 1991, 546 new jobs were created in industries in the Galway Gaeltacht, but during the same period, job losses in existing industries amounted to 612, leaving a loss of 66 over the period. He said that

to date in 1992, Udaras had approved new projects with a job potential of over 300 in the County. Mr. Lowery said that Udaras was also discussing a new programme for the development of Cultural Tourism and was also pressing for an Irish Language television programme. He then spoke about aquaculture development in the County which had resulted in about 300 jobs, 150 of which were full-time. He said that salmon farming in the Galway Gaeltacht had resulted in £10 million worth of exports in 1991.

Mr. Sean Smyth, FAS, then addressed the Meeting and gave details of the unemployment situation saying that there were now 22,000 unemployed in the County. He gave details of the various schemes undertaken by FAS such as job placement, training schemes, social employment schemes, teamwork, employment subsidy schemes, start-up assistance, etc. He explained that in order to benefit, applicants must be 30 weeks on the Live Register. He said that FAS expended approximately £20M in County Galway per annum. Approximately half of this was spent on Social Employment Schemes and teamwork.

Mr. C. Lynch, County Development Officer, then addressed the Meeting. He gave details of the activities of the County Development Team which he said was run on a shoestring. He gave details of the jobs created over the years and said that County Galway had drawn over 20% of the Western Development Fund. He said that the Development Team system was the most cost effective way of creating jobs working out at less than £1,600 per job. No proposal was too small and there was a waiting list of projects on hands. He said that over the last 10 year period, the failure rate was as low as 6.7%. He explained that the Team also operated the programme on Rural Development under the Operational Programme.

The Chairman thanked the speakers for their input and then invited the Members to speak. During the long discussion which followed, the following points were made by the Members:

- (1) That while the job creation agencies had done a lot of good work, they needed to do a lot more at this point in time.
- (2) The need for the Government to create the proper environment for creation of jobs.
- (3) That the many impediments to job creation would have to be removed and that changes would have to be made so that jobs would be much more gainful for people rather than staying on Social Welfare.

- (4) That the high level of personal taxation was a deterrent.
- (5) That the County Development Teams should be used in the Government £100M job creation plan rather than setting up another layer of bureaucracy.
- (6) That over the last 10 years, the I.D.A. Programme had failed and that the solution lay with the Public Sector rather than the private sector.
- (7) That employment in the Trades sector be actively promoted and that assistance be provided to encourage a much needed increase in apprenticeships.
- (8) That the qualifying age for the dole be increased from 18 to 21 years and that a specially designed FAS Trade Certificate Course be put in place for that age group.
- (9) That while forestry appeared to be a growth area, it was difficult to understand the layoff of 65 workers by Coillte.
- (10) That in future, people will have to do alot more for themselves and that peoples attitudes in this respect needed to be changed, perhaps through the educational system.
- (11) That small operators, and particularly one man operators should be given a tax free break for a couple of years to give them a chance of getting started up.
- (12) That it should be possible to create jobs in the meat trade rather than putting it into Intervention.
- (13) That there was potential for the creation of jobs in bog development, timber, wool.
- (14) That the Council investigate the cost of employing 100 additional workers and compare with the cost to the State of paying them Social Welfare and make an approach to the Minister on this.
- (15) That there was greater need for co-ordination and co-operation between all the agencies.
- (16) That the proposals in the Culleton Report favouring centralisation would be detrimental to Gaeltacht areas.

- (17) That Capital Grants should be done away with in certain cases and employment grants given instead.
- (18) That the financial institutions be made to play a greater part than they have in the past.
- (19) That the County Development Plan should be more pro job creation and that planning decisions should be speeded up.
- (20) That the Council's Amenity Grants Scheme be increased to £100,000 in 1993.
- (21) That infrastructure and roads in particular are vital to industrial expansion.
- (22) That there was a possibility that there was some overlapping between I.D.A., FAS, Údaras na Gaeltachta, and County Development Team, and that this should be looked at.
- (23) That the tax system needed to be reformed and that tax allowances be given to firms to re-invest profits in their industries.
- (24) That double jobbing and excessive overtime be looked at.
- (25) That there is too much emphasis on the academic side of education, and that peoples attitudes needed to be changed in this regard.
- (26) That all the job creation agencies should visit all existing industries and businesses and explain their incentive schemes to them with a view to creating some additional jobs.
- (27) That there should be scope for job creation in food processing and vegetable processing.
- (28) That the biggest obstacle for home based enterprise is the inability to get capital to start a business.
- (29) That a venture capital system of financing be promoted whereby those investing could off-set their investment against their tax liabilities.
- (30) That Galway has not got its fair share of overseas investment, the main reason being that it has not marketed itself in the same way as the Dublin region.
- (31) That a powerful public relations lobby is required to promote the Counties positive attributes and market Galway to the outside world.

- (32) That an employment committee be established.
- (33) That the Council get a speaker from Europe to explain to the Council how their system of decentralisation has worked.

At this point, the Chairman reminded the Members that it would be necessary to end the meeting shortly as the Council was having a civic reception at 5.30 p.m. for the 1992 Rose of Tralee. He said that the matter would be put on the Agenda again in the near future, and the Members who did not have an opportunity to speak would be allowed to do so. He said that the Unions could also be invited.

The Chairman again thanked the guest speakers.

OTHER BUSINESS: 958

The Chairman advised that Items 2, 3 and 4 on the Agenda would be deferred to the Monthly Meeting.

CONFERENCES: 959

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor McHugh, the Council approved of the attendance of Councillor Mannion at a meeting of L.A.M.A. to be held on 15th September, 1992.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy Connaughton, the Council approved of the attendance of Councillor Mannion and Councillor McDonagh at a Sheep Dipping Meeting of the 5 Connacht Counties held in Sligo on 19th August, 1992.

FLOODING: 960

Councillor O'Neill referred to the very bad flooding at Kylemore which resulted in the road being closed to traffic. He asked that funds be provided in the 1993 Estimates for improvement works. Senator O'Cuiv supported.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY: 961

Mrs. Mary Gardiner & Family, Rathbane, Ardrahan.
Mrs. Maura Jeffries, Shéaun, Gort, Co. Galway.
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Lane, Lavallyconnor, Ardrahan.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Michael Mull CHAIRMAN

23/10/1992 DATE

- PRESENT:
- An Comhairleoir S. Gavin (Cathaoirleach)
 - An Comhairleoir P. McHugh
 - An Comhairleoir J. Mannion
 - An Comhairleoir J. McDonagh
 - An Comhairleoir P. O'Tuathail
 - An Comhairleoir M. O'Neill
 - An Teachta P. McCormack
 - An Comhairleoir E. Varley
 - An Comhairleoir S. O'Neachtain
 - An Senadóir E. O'Cuiv
 - A. Murray
 - S. O'Flaithearta

- OFFICIALS
- PRESENT:
- T. Coughlan, Acting County Secretary
 - R. Killeen, S.E.E. (W.R.)
 - C. Wallace, S.S.O. Engineering

1. ROADS:
The Acting County Secretary informed the meeting that as a result of a financial review a sum of £30,000 has been made available by the Council for the carrying out of repairs to roads on the Island.

S.E.E. (W.R.) informed that the money would be spent on the road between the two piers. He also informed that this section of road was damaged by the Department of the Marine while carrying out works at the new pier and that a claim for recoupment has already been sent to the Department.

Following a debate Councillor J. Mannion proposed and Councillor P. McHugh seconded that if funds are provided by the Department of Marine that it be spent in addition to the £30,000 now allocated.

Members asked that the matter be taken up again with the Department of the Marine.

The members also asked that local men be employed to carry out the works as it would create employment on the Island and would also be more cost effective.

2. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES ON ISLANDS:
Deputy P. McCormack asked if there was any response from the Department of the Environment regarding the making of a special case for the allocation of additional L.I.S. funds to the Islands.

The Acting County Secretary informed that the response was negative. However, it was agreed that a further request should be sent to the Department.

L.I.S. road at West Village - Senator O'Cuiv asked that this project be carried out in conjunction with £30,000 road job.

3. ELECTRICAL PUMPS:

The Acting County Secretary informed that an order has been placed with the suppliers and that the works should commence shortly.

3. ABANDONED VEHICLES:

The Acting County Secretary informed that if the abandoned vehicles were collected by the local community and left at the pier, that the Council would make arrangements for the transporting of same to the mainland for disposal.

4. SKIP:

S.E.E. (W.R.) undertook to have repairs carried out to door of skip.

5. PUBLIC TOILET:

Senator O'Cuiv asked if there were any plans for the provision of public toilet at Inishboffin. The Acting County Secretary informed that he would have the question examined.

6. GATE AT GRAVEYARD:

S.E.E. (W.R.) informed that a new gate would be erected within the next few weeks.

7. SIGNPOSTING:

S.E.E. (W.R.) informed that advance signs for Cleggan Cross area had been delivered and would be erected shortly.

8. EMPLOYMENT:

Councillor Michael O'Neill proposed that the Unions be invited to employment meeting along with other agencies and the meeting agreed to pass on this recommendation.

9. PUBLIC LIGHT INISHBOFFIN:

S.E.E. (W.R.) agreed to have location of new light investigated.

10. WIDENING OF ROAD AT KILEANY:

Councillor Sean O'Neachtain asked that road at above location be widened as work was urgently required from a safety point of view. He also informed that delineators sent to the Island a few months ago have not been erected to date. S.E.E. (W.R.) informed that there were no funds in the current year for road widening but that it would be considered in the preparation of the 1993 estimates in order of priority. He also stated that he would investigate the position regarding delineators.

11. REPAIRING ROADS UNDER S.E.S.:

Seamus O'Flatharta was informed by S.S.O. Engineering that Unions do not allow the carrying out of road repairs under Social Employment Schemes.

12. ROAD SIGNS - INISHMORE:

Deputy P. McCormack asked for an update on yield/stop sign scheme submitted by local Gardai.

S.E.E. (W.R.) informed that this would have to be done on a phased basis and that there were no funds in 1992 but that he hoped to make provision for same in next years estimates.

13. SIGNS FOR CYCLISTS:

Deputy P. McCormack also asked if the Council were providing such signs as there has been a number of accidents recently involving cyclists.

S.S.O. Engineering informed that he has been in consultation with the local Gardai and that the matter will be examined when relevant details are submitted.

14. COSTAL EROSION:

Councillor S. O'Neachtain asked that the Council take up the matter of damage to airstrip with Udaras na Gaeltachta.

Acting County Secretary informed that island erosion is included in the Council's submission for structural funds.

15. BOLLARDS INISMEAN PIER:

Councillor S. O'Neachtain asked for an update on this item. S.E.E. (W.R.) informed that the location was inspected and that an estimate was being prepared. He also stated that some bollards were in good condition.

16. WATER - INISHMOR:

Seamus O'Flatharta informed that there was plenty water at the moment, but he was disappointed with the Councils delay in having the matter resolved.

He also stated that he wished to compliment the Island road workers for all their help during the emergency.

The Acting County Secretary informed that a preliminary report was submitted to the Department of the Environment for the provision of additional storage facilities but that no decision was received to date.

Diarr an Comhleoir O Neachtain reamh tuarascail a sheoladh chuig an roinn comhshaoil le haghaidh Inismean agus Inis Oirr.

17. INISMOR DUMP:

S.E.E. (W.R.) informed that fencing of the dump is being arranged.

18. FIRE STATION BUILDING:

The Acting County Secretary informed that the Department had sanctioned the above project.

19. BOTHAR GO DUN AENGUS:

Diarr an tUasal O Flatharta an raibh an bothar seo faoi churam an Comhairle Condae.

20. BOTHAR O THUAIHD:

Diarr an Seannadoir O Cuiv eolas a chur chuige mar gheall ar an sceim L.I.S. le haghaidh an bothar thuas luaite.

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21. SAPIC PROGRAMME:

The Chairman briefly outlined workings of this project. He stated that it was initiated by Udaras, and that a workshop would take place on 10/10/1992 to focus on key issues for the development needs of islands.

NEXT MEETING:

S. O'Flatharta invited the sub-committee to have its next meeting on Inismor.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED AND CONFIRMED:

Michael Nally CHAIRMAN

23/10/1992 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

17u la Lunasa, 1992.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, ar De Luain, an 24u la Lunasa, 1992, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O COCHLAN,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

AGENDA

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

1. "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 Mr. Brendan Callanan, Frenchfort, Oranmore, Co. Galway, for two dwellinghouses and septic tanks at Cloonoo East, Loughrea, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 66453."

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - (a) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 10th July, 1992.
 - (b) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 27th July, 1992.
3. Submission for Structural and Cohesion Funding.
4. Higher Education Grants Scheme, 1992. - Report attached.
5. Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1992. - Report attached.
6. Western Approach Road.

- 7. Regional Sports Centre.
- 8. Coat of Arms.
- 9. Foreshore (Amendment) Act, 1992.
- 10. Business submitted by the Manager.
- 11. Business submitted by the Chairman.

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COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:

(A) Adjourned from previous Meeting:

COUNCILLOR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN: - I will propose:

- 12. That Galway County Council would seek an immediate solution to parking problems in Spiddal Village where long delays to traffic are occurring due to high volume of traffic and inadequate parking facilities.

(B) Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

- 13. That Galway County Council carry out examination with a view to implementing safety proposals at School. (Details supplied.)
- 14. That Galway County Council make application to Department of the Environment. (Details supplied.)
- 15. That a number of new householders be granted a connection from existing public main. May I also ask the Council to confirm was this particular group scheme designed for all future needs at the time? (Details supplied.)

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM: - I will propose:

- 16. Owing to traffic congestion in the street of Gort and parking problems, that Galway County Council purchase land and provide car parking facilities.
- 17. That Galway County Council open up Water Tables on the Gort/Tubber Road.
- 18. Gort at Crowe Lane on the road leading from Church Street to new housing estate - that Galway County Council make arrangements to prevent parking of caravans at the turn as it is very dangerous and accidents will occur, and makes it difficult for lorries to use same when caravans are parked there.

COUNCILLOR W. BURKE: - I will propose:

- 19. What is the present position with regard to the Loughrea By-Pass? What is the target start date? Is the project included in the 1989-1993 E.C. Structural Funds allocation.

DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will propose:

- 20. What plans Galway County Council has for the extension of the Oughterard Sewerage Scheme to cater for the houses at Lemonfield, Oughterard.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: - I will propose:

- 21. I will ask about the County Council's request to the Minister to meet a delegation of the Council regarding the absence of Leader Programme in County Galway.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

- 22. That the road from the main avenue to McCurtain's house at Dunsandle, Athenry, be surface dressed.
- 23. That hedges be trimmed, roads lined and other desirable safety measures be carried out in the vicinity of Carrowcrin Cross, Kylebrack, Loughrea.

COUNCILLOR PAT O'SULLIVAN: - I will propose:

- 24. That the serious problem at the turn of Mr. Martin McDonagh's house at Gurteen, BSallymacward, be removed as soon as possible. The turn itself is quite dangerous and trying to exit from Mr. McDonagh's house is very dangerous.

COUNCILLOR SEAMUS GAVIN: - I will propose:

- 25. That Galway County Council carry out surface repairs to the Portarra Road near Tullykyne in Moycullen, and also hedge trimming as a bus service transporting an invalid is threatening to withdraw service. Also, urgent repairs are needed for a short section of the Knockauranny Road (up to Acton's house) and Gortyloughlin Road.

- 26. That the County Council try to carry out repairs to the road surface as well as hedge-trimming on the Killannin Road leading to the old cemetery. Its in a poor condition especially as many visitors are visiting the cemetery during the summer months.

- 27. What are the plans for carrying out further work on the footpaths in Moycullen Village and on the Church Road.

COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI PHATHARTA: - I will propose:

- 28. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe improve the water scheme in the Bealadangan area. Many houses have very low water pressure at all times of the year.

- 29. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe provide two lights between Seipeal and Ionad Pobail, An Tulach. The Church and community centre are sited beside a main Regional Road with heavy traffic. There is no footpath so it is dangerous for pedestrians at night.

- 30. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe build a wall on the bend opposite Johnny Donohue, Uasal, An Cheathru Rua. This is an extremely dangerous bend and local people are very worried about it. (Details supplied.)

COUNCILLOR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN: - I will propose:

- 31. That Galway County Council would repair Oranswell Road at Bushypark as a matter of urgency.

- 32. That Galway County Council would ensure that adequate signs be put up at Tooreeny School to indicate the danger of children crossing a very busy road. Present signs are inadequate, perhaps road markings on approaching the school would suffice.

- 33. That Galway County Council would take immediate steps to place footpaths between Killough, Spiddal, and Furbo Bridge, on the main Galway/Spiddal Road in the interest of public safety.

COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH: - I will propose:

- 34. That Galway County Council take in charge the road serving a housing development at Cloonmore, Tuam. Planning Reference No. 31046.

- 35. That Galway County Council make the laneway from the new Estate, Headford, to the Main Street pedestrian only, in order to ensure the safety of people using the laneway.

- 36. That Galway County Council carry out hedge trimming at the following locations. (Details supplied.)

SENATOR EAMON O'CUIV: - Molaim:

- 37. Go gcuirfeair fogra contuirte nios fearr ag scoil "Chill Chiarain" agus go scriobhfar "Aire - scolairi agus tressnail" ar an mbothar ag an scoil.

- 38. Le fiarai den Chomhairle Chontae caoi a chur laithreach ar an mbothar i dTamhnallin, Fionnaithe mar go bhfuil an droch chaoi air.

- 39. Le fiarai den Chomhairle Chontae caoi a chur laithreach ar an mbothar Bailé i nDoire Beala An Mhama suas thar teach Bhairbre Seoighe.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24TH
AUGUST, 1992.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Michael 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. Cunningham,
M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty,
Seamus Gavin, Senator T. Hussey,
Councillors M. Loughnane, J.
Mannion, Councillors J. McClearn,
J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, C. Ni
Phatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M.
O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn,
M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager;
P.J. Gavin, Assistant County
Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer;
T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; L.
Kavanagh, B. Callagy, and F.
Gilmore Senior Executive Engineers;
G. McCarthy, Assistant Planner; G.
Heneghan, Administrative Officer;
T. Murphy, and C. Wallace, Senior
Staff Officers; P. Carroll, Acting
Senior Staff Officer and T.
Coughlan, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Nora Connor & Family, Gortnagroagh, Rosscahill.
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Queeney, Clooniffe, Moycullen.
Mrs. Maureen Larkin & Family, Toureen, Ballinderreen,
Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kelly & Family, Greenage, Craughwell.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY
MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION
NUMBER 66453 - APPLICANT: BRENDAN CALLANAN:

Councillor Fahy proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. The resolution was seconded by Councillor J. Mannion. The County Engineer read the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

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PAGE 2 MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24/8/1992.

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the Galway to Dublin National Primary Route (N6) between Craughwell and Loughrea approximately 2 miles from Loughrea.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 33011: - Applicant: Mr. B. Callanan. Application for two dwellinghouses on sites which included current sites. Outline Permission granted for one dwellinghouse only with enurement condition in October 1979. Housing need claim made in this case.

Ref. No. 34901: - Applicant: B. Callanan. Permission refused for one dwellinghouse on site which formed part of current site in April 1980.

Ref. No. 35670: - Applicant: B. Callanan. Approval granted on foot of Outline Permission 33011 in July 1980. This house was not built.

Ref. No. 37740: - Applicant: B. Callanan. Permission refused for service station and septic tank on a site which included the current sites. Also refused on appeal in July '81.

Ref. No. 40066: - Applicant: B. Callanan. Permission granted by Section 4 decision for service station and septic tank on a site which included current sites. Also refused on appeal in February '82.

Ref. No. 41584: - Applicant: B. Callanan. Permission granted by Section 4 for the same development as in 37740 and 40066. This decision was again refused on appeal in September '82.

Ref. No. 44087: - Applicant: F. Daniels. Permission granted by Section 4 for the same development as in 37740, 40066 and 41584 detailed above. This application was again refused on appeal in July 1983.

Ref. No. 47641: - Applicant: B. Callanan. Permission again granted by Section 4 decision for service station and septic tank on same site as 37740, 40066, 41584 and 44087. This was again appealed and refused on appeal by An Bord Pleanala in November '84.

Ref. No. 50480: - Applicant: B. Callanan. Outline Permission granted by Section 4 for a dwellinghouse and septic tank on a site which formed part of current site in September '85. Expired in September 1990.

Ref. No. 53052: - Applicant: B. Callanan. Approval granted on foot of Outline Permission 50480 in January 1987. this expired with the outline permission in September 1990.

Ref. No. 61640: - Applicant: B. Callanan. Permission refused for dwellinghouse and septic tank on a site which included part of current site in February 1991.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

Public Health: - The site is on wet marshy land and a trial hole opened (under the previous application, reference number 61640) was completely full of water indicating these sites to be totally unsuitable for the effective treatment of septic tank effluent. This proposal would therefore be prejudicial to public health.

Traffic Hazard: -

(a) The sites are adjacent to the main Galway-Dublin National Primary Route (N4), at a point where the maximum speed limit applies. The proposed development would involve the creation of new access points onto this road and would generate additional traffic onto same which would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic along this heavily trafficked route.

(b) The proposal would contravene the provisions of the County Development Plan as set out in Table 8A. This seeks to restrict housing development along this road to substantiated cases of housing need. No such need has been demonstrated in this case and there is no land holding involved.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would be prejudicial to public health because the proposed lands are unsuitable for the satisfactory disposal of effluent.
2. The proposed development would create a serious traffic hazard because the proposed would involve a new access onto a stretch of the National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies.
3. The proposed development would contravene a development objective indicated in the County Development Plan which limits housing development in this area to the essential housing needs of

local farmholders and their families, a category of development which does not apply in this case. This provision is set out in Table 8A, Class 1 Control."

The County Engineer informed the Meeting that traffic speed at this location is often in excess of the speed limit, and as the main road between Galway and Dublin, the route has to be preserved from development. The application before the Council should not be approved in the interests of safety of road users and local people. The County Engineer stated that the site is totally inadequate and recommended strongly that the application be refused.

Councillor Michael Fahy stated that the applicant has no alternative lands available, that Permission was granted previously but the applicant could not avail of the permission at that time. The applicant now wishes to construct houses for his family. Deputy Connaughton requested clarification as to why Planning Reference 35670 was granted, and was informed by the County Engineer that enforcement has become stricter since the granting of that application, and traffic density has increased. It was noted that previous approvals were granted by Section 4. Councillor Brennan requested the Council to consider the possibility that funding for National Primary Roads would be reduced if Planning Permissions were granted along these routes.

A vote taken for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda relating to Planning Application Number 66453 resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, S. O'Neachtain, K. Quinn, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

(20)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail.

(5)

Councillor E. Varley abstained.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost as the number voting in favour was less than 22.

SECTION 4 - LEGAL ADVICE:

Councillor J. Burke requested that legal advice

relating to a Section 4 at Ballygar be made available if requested, and the Manager confirmed that this would be done.

WELCOME:

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Members of the Council welcomed the return of Mr. B. Callagy, S.E.E. following recent illness.

EMPLOYMENT:

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The Chairman informed the Meeting that a discussion on employment and unemployment would be allowed. Deputy Connaughton stated that the Council should examine what can be done in relation to job creation and employment, and was critical of impediments which self-employed people experience when trying to set up business. It was agreed that representatives from the I.D.A., County Development Team, Udaras na Gaeltachta, and FAS be invited to attend the next Meeting of the Council at which "Job crisis in County Galway" will be on the Agenda.

The Chairman stated that funds should be transferred from Social Welfare to the Department of the Environment to allow an increase in employment by local authorities, and he invited the Members of the Council to consider practical solutions to the employment problem prior to the next meeting. Councillor S. Gavin suggested that the Department of Labour should examine the possibility of doubling the number of Social Employment Schemes, and Councillor J. Callanan suggested that the Council form a Committee on Employment.

MINUTES:

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On the proposition of Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor Joe Callanan, the Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 10th July, 1992, and Monthly Meeting held on 27th July, 1992, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

The County Engineer informed the Meeting that road re-surfacing is commencing at Kilrickle and that rumble strips have been recommended to the Department of the Environment for this location. The County Engineer also stated that consultations have commenced with landowners at Browns Grove School, and that it is planned to provide footpaths and flashing school lights at this location.

CLOSURE OF N.17:

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Councillor Joe Burke referred to the proposed closure of the N.17 for a period of three months in connection with the Tuam Sewerage Scheme. Councillor Burke objected to the procedure involved, the rerouting of

traffic through Gilmartin Road, the implications for the Mart, and the implications for local businesses. Councillor Ryan and Deputy Connaughton requested that alternatives be examined.

The County Engineer informed the Meeting that the public advertisement was the first step in the process of consultation, and that the advertisement invited objections. The safety of the public and the workers must be considered, and the Council will make all efforts to ensure that the road is only closed for the period necessary. Mr. Flood stated that suggestions are welcomed by the Council, and that all alternatives will be considered. Objectors will be met during the process of consultation.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME, 1992:

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Councillor Callanan requested that representations be made to the Department regarding the acceptance by the Council of taxable farmers income, and Deputy Connaughton was informed that the Council is not involved in the payment of E.S.F. Grants. It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane, and seconded by Councillor Callanan, and agreed that the Council adopt the 1992 Higher Education Grants Scheme.

SHEEP DIPPING SCHEME, 1992:

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It was proposed by Councillor Callanan and seconded by Councillor Loughnane, and agreed:

"That the Council adopt the Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1992 and that the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Scheme."

SUBMISSION FOR STRUCTURAL AND COHESION FUNDING:

920

The County Manager referred to guidelines which were issued by the Department of Finance in connection with the input to the Review of Structural Funds. The submission by the County Council has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines, and the views and input of Councillors will be included in the Council's submission. Mr. B. Callagy outlined the process involved in the preparation of the submission and dealt with the main points.

The following points were raised by the Members of the Council:

Councillor M. Loughnane requested road improvements from John Houston's house to Shragh Cross, and the Sonnagh to Kilchreest Road. He also requested that the Gort Regional Water Supply Scheme be extended to serve the Tobber Group Water Scheme. Councillor E. Varley requested that the Galway/Headford/Shrule Road be included in the submission. Councillor

O'Neachtain emphasised the need for development of both the east and west of the County, and considered that the report did not place sufficient emphasis on villages. He stated that infrastructure is necessary in small towns and villages to attract industry.

Senator E. O'Cuiv informed the meeting that an equitable distribution of funds must be achieved and that reasonable provision be made for the funding of County Roads. Senator O'Cuiv stated that finance should be made available for small sanitary services schemes, piers and harbours on the islands, and the Headford Road. Senator O'Cuiv requested that a decision be made as to how the funding will be distributed.

Councillor McClearn considered that the level of funding for National Primary Roads was inequitable and that the majority of funds are spent on road for commuter traffic in Dublin. Councillor McClearn requested that the Council make a concerted effort to have finance available for National Secondary and Regional Roads. Deputy Connaughton welcomed the proposals on water supplies, and requested that priority be given to the Newbridge/Ballygar area. Deputy Connaughton was informed that the submission includes a request that assistance to group water schemes be maintained and subvented. Councillor McHugh noted the omission of the Galway/Headford/Cong road and welcomed proposals for environmental enhancement and references to Lough Corrib. Councillor McHugh requested a greater percentage of funding be made available for County Roads. Senator Hussey requested that more funding be available for County Roads and that the rail link from Dublin to Galway be up-graded.

Councillor P. Finnegan stated that the imbalance between east and west must be redressed, and requested that the Sligo to Galway rail link be included in the submission. Councillor Finnegan was informed that such a submission has already been made by a third party.

Councillor T. Byrne emphasised the importance of an equitable distribution of funding for major projects and small projects. Councillor Byrne stated that it is imperative that rural areas get adequate funds to develop and that a percentage of funding should be made available for areas which are not on National Primary Roads.

Councillor J. Callanan welcomed the inclusion of the Aughrim/Cappataggle improvements and the Ballinasloe Regional Water Supply Scheme. He requested that bridges be included, and that the submission on agriculture include arterial drainage. Councillor J. Burke considered that a percentage of road funds

should be spent on County Roads, and that a percentage of sanitary services funding be spent on minor schemes. Councillor J. Burke asked that Kilclooney Cemetary be dealt with as a matter of urgency, and suggested that the submission form part of the Eurostudy being undertaken by the Bishops.

Councillor Michael O'Neill welcomed village development proposals and the emphasis on tourism. Councillor O'Neill suggested that Bord Failte put pressure on Government to make funds available for sanitary services in villages, and that there be co-ordination of submissions by the local authorities. The County Manager informed Councillor O'Neill that this was already being considered.

Councillor C. Ni Fhatharta emphasised the importance of aquaculture, stated that this sector cannot be developed without adequate roads, and that while Rossaveal and Roundstone piers are being developed, 80% of aquaculture involves small piers in need of repair. Councillor Ni Fhatharta requested that funding be provided for sewerage facilities in towns and villages. Councillor K. Quinn requested that funding be provided for the Newbridge/Ballygar Water Scheme and that lake and river angling be promoted. Councillor Gavin informed the meeting that coastal erosion on islands requires attention, and Councillor J. Brennan stated that the Council should make efforts to be represented on the Committee of the Regions. Councillor T. Walsh stated that a percentage of funding should be spent on small projects and under-developed areas.

It was proposed by Senator E. O'Cuiv and seconded by Councillor J. Burke that the submission include a request that roads funding be allocated on the following basis:

- 60% - Euro and National Primary
- 20% - Secondary Roads
- 10% - Regional Roads
- 10% - County Roads

and that 30% of Sanitary Services funding be set aside for minor schemes.

It was agreed that a global fund be sought to deal with tourism in rural areas, and that funding be sought to provide materials, equipment, etc. to allow the creation of employment by transferring social welfare funds to local authorities.

The Chairman informed the Members that the submissions made at the meeting will be included in the Council's request for structural and cohesion funding.

WESTERN APPROACH ROAD:

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It was agreed that this item would be dealt with as Item No. 1 on the Agenda for the September Monthly Meeting.

REGIONAL SPORTS CENTRE:

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It was proposed by Councillor M. Finnerty, and seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, and agreed that Galway County Council make a contribution of £15,000 for the provision of the Regional Sports Centre at Dangan. This contribution is to be paid in two equal instalments in 1993 and 1994.

COAT OF ARMS:

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It was agreed that this item be deferred to the September Meeting of the Council for further consideration.

FORESHORE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1992:

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The County Manager informed the Members that the Foreshore Act has now been amended, and that increased penalties have been introduced for offences under the Act. Report dated 21st August, 1992 was circulated to the Council.

FLANDERS TWINNING:

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The County Manager informed the Meeting that the Chairman would attend the Flanders Twinning, and requested that the other Councillors to attend the twinning be selected. It was agreed to reserve three places for the twinning.

LOUGH DERG COMMITTEE:

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It was agreed that a date for a meeting between the Elected Members of the Lough Derg Committee and the County Manager and Mr. Callagy be arranged at the Planning meeting.

OTHER MATTERS ARISING

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The Chairman informed the Meeting that a letter had been received from Nenagh Urban District Council asking the Council to endorse the following resolution:

"That the association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland supports the principle of retaining Telecom Eireann in State ownership, and would oppose any move towards privatisation of this valuable national asset."

It was agreed that this resolution be adopted.

The following resolution had been received from Wicklow Urban District Council:

"That Wicklow Urban District Council call on Dail Eireann to introduce appropriate legislation to give effective powers to local authorities and the gardai to deal with the influx of traders/travellers to our towns by way of impounding our vehicles and caravans. Furthermore, the costs incurred by the Council, including damages be taken from the sale of such impounded vehicles. In addition, the onus should not be placed on each town to barricade every public open space against such invasion to the detriment of the enjoyment of the use of such open spaces by the normal law abiding citizens."

It was agreed that this resolution be adopted by the Council.

Councillor Joe Brennan informed the meeting of the present situation regarding collections for Yugoslavia and Somalia.

The Chairman agreed to the discussion of Notices of Motion at the next meeting of the Council.

The Council congratulated the Galway Minor Hurling Team and wished the team luck in the forthcoming All-Ireland Final.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

N.O.M. NO. 12: PARKING - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Sean O'Neachtain:

"The provision of a carparking area at this location is very desirable, but it is difficult to acquire a suitable site. There are no funds available for this project in the current year."

N.O.M. NO. 13: SAFETY PROPOSALS - CLR. J. McDONAGH:

929

The following written reply was given to Councillor J. McDonagh:

"The above location is being examined at present and a further reply will issue as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 14: LIGHTING - CLR. J. McDONAGH:

930

The following written reply was given to Councillor J. McDonagh:

"The above location will be included in the 1993

Traffic Route Lighting Programme which will be submitted to the Department later on in the year."

N.O.M. NO. 15: G.W.S. - CLR. J. McDONAGH: 931

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"This is a group water scheme and the householders in question should apply to the Group Scheme Trustees for a connection. The Council would be in favour of connections being grant in this case particularly as the group scheme is receiving water from the Council main."

N.O.M. NO. 16: TRAFFIC - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM: 932

The following written reply was given to Councillor M. Cunningham:

"The provision of a parking area at above location is desirable. However, there are no funds available for this project in the current year."

N.O.M. NO. 17: WATER TABLES - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM: 933

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Cunningham:

"Some work has already been done on this road last Spring. It is hoped to carry out further work in the Autumn."

N.O.M. NO. 18: PARKING - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM: 934

The following written reply was given to Councillor M. Cunningham:

"The roadside fence at above location is located practically at the edge of the road, accordingly it is not possible to carry out any further improvements."

N.O.M. NO. 19: BY-PASS - CLR. W. BURKE: 935

The following written reply was given to Councillor W. Burke:

"The project was only approved by the Council on 24th June, 1991. No date has been fixed. The project is subject to Design, C.P.O., E.I.S. etc. It is not included in the 1989-1993 E.E.C. Structural Funds allocation."

N.O.M. NO. 20: SEWERAGE SCHEME - DEP. P. MCCORMACK: 936

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"The estate of Lemonfield consists of 18 houses and

the entrance to the estate is approximately 379 m from the nearest manhole in the existing system. As the level of the estate generally falls away from the main road, the servicing of the estate with a sewerage system would involve the installation of pumping facilities. A collection system would also be required.

The estimated cost of this work is in excess of £50,000 and such funds are not available to the Council at present."

N.O.M. NO. 21: DELEGATION - CLR. J. BURKE: 937

The following written reply was given to Councillor J. Burke:

"The Council will renew the request for a deputation to meet the Minister."

N.O.M. NO. 22: ROAD - CLR. M. LOUGHNANE: 938

The following written reply was given to Councillor M. Loughnane:

"The above road was not included in the 1992 Road Works Programme due to lack of funds. However, the location will be considered in the preparation of the 1993 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 23: HEDGES - CLR. M. LOUGHNANE: 939

The following written reply was given to Councillor M. Loughnane:

"Hedge trimming and renewal of road lining will be carried out under routine maintenance. There are no funds available in the current year for the carrying out of further improvements."

N.O.M. NO. 24: TURN - CLR. P. O'SULLIVAN: 940

The following written reply was given to Councillor P. O'Sullivan:

"Visibility could be improved at the above location by setting back the stone wall on either side of Mr. McDonagh's property. The cost of this work including the rebuilding of the stone wall and assuming that land was available free of charge is approximately #7,500. However, there are no funds available for this work in the current year."

N.O.M. NO. 25: ROAD - CLR. S. GAVIN: 941

The following written reply was given to Councillor S. Gavin:

"Routine maintenance will be carried out on the Portarra road as soon as possible. Hedge cutting is being carried out in the Oughterard Engineering area at present and the above location will be included if resources permit. The roads at Actons and Gortyloughlin requires reshaping. However, it was not possible to include these roads in the 1992 Road Works Programme due to lack of funds."

N.O.M. NO. 26: ROAD - CLR. S. GAVIN: 942

The following written reply was given to Councillor S. Gavin:

"Routine maintenance will be carried out to the principal roads leading to the cemetery and houses as soon as possible.

Hedge cutting is being carried out in the Oughterard engineering area at present. Work at this location will be carried out if resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 27: FOOTPATHS - CLR. S. GAVIN: 943

The following written reply was given to Councillor S. Gavin:

"Works are presently in progress on the Galway side of Moycullen and it is intended to complete the footpaths at the Ferryman's Public House on both sides of the road.

The Planning Department are at present investigating the legal position regarding completion of housing estate at the Church Road. When the situation is resolved and funds are made available footpaths will then be provided at this location."

N.O.M. NO. 28: WATER SCHEME - CLR. C. NI FHATHARTA: 944

The following written reply was given to Councillor Connie Ni Fhatharta:

"This area is served by Bealadangan Group Water Supply Scheme. The Council received a request from the Department of the Environment in January 1991 to forward approval to a proposal to improve the water supply to the higher areas at Bealadangan. Approval was forwarded to the Department in February 1991. It is now a matter for the Department of the Environment to give the go ahead to this scheme."

N.O.M. NO. 29: LIGHTS - CLR. C. NI FHATHARTA: 945

The following written reply was given to Councillor C. Ni Fhatharta:

"The public lighting programme for 1992 has already

been approved by the Council. There are no funds available for the provision of additional public lighting."

N.O.M. NO. 30: WALL - CLR. C. NI FHATHARTA: 946

The following written reply was given to Councillor C. Ni Fhatharta:

"There are no funds available for the carrying out of the above works in the current year."

N.O.M. NO. 31: ROAD - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN: 947

The following written reply was given to Councillor Sean O'Neachtain:

"This road will be repaired as part of routine maintenance."

N.O.M. NO. 32: SIGNS - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN: 948

The following written reply was given to Councillor S. O'Neachtain:

"The statutory signs are in place on each side of the school at above location. There are no funds available in the Oughterard Engineering area for the provision of additional signs or road markings at present."

N.O.M. NO. 33: FOOTPATHS - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN: 949

The following written reply was given to Councillor Sean O'Neachtain:

"There are no funds available for this work in the current year."

N.O.M. NO. 34: ROAD - CLR. P. MCHUGH: 950

The following written reply was given to Councillor P. McHugh:

"As the above road is substandard it is not recommended taking same in charge."

N.O.M. NO. 35: LANEWAY - CLR. P. MCHUGH: 951

The following written reply was given to Councillor P. McHugh:

"The matter is being examined and it is hoped to have a reply available for the next meeting."

N.O.M. NO. 36: HEDGE TRIMMING - CLR. P. MCHUGH: 952

The following written reply was given to Councillor P.

McHugh:

"The hedge cutting programme has recommenced in the Tuam Engineering area and will be carried out at the locations mentioned in order of priority and as resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 37: FOGRA = AN SEAN. E. O'CUIV: 953

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Seanadóir Eamon O'Cuiv:

"Beidh an Comhairle Condae ag scríobh an fogra thuas luaithe ar an mbothar an chead uair eile a bheidh muid ag cuir linnte bana ar bhothair an gceanntar."

N.O.M. NO. 38: BOTHAR - AN SEAN. E. O'CUIV: 954

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Seanadóir Eamon O'Cuiv

"Ta suil againn obair a thosnu ag an lathair thuas luaithe i gceann cupla seachtain."

N.O.M. NO. 39: BOTHAR - AN SEAN. E. O'CUIV: 955

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Seanadóir Eamon O'Cuiv:

"Ta suil againn obair a thosnu ag an lathair thuas luaithe i gceann cupla seachtain."

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Michael Kelly

 CHAIRMAN

28/9/92

 DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
 (Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
 Arus an Chontae,
 GAILLIMH.

7u la Lunasa, 1992.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, ar De h-Aoine, an 14u la Lunasa, 1992, ag tosnu ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'COCHLAN,
 RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

- 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 Planning Permission to John and Dolores McDonagh (P.R. No. 66890) for a new dwellinghouse and septic tank at Mullaghmore East, Moylough, Ballinasloe."
 Michael Ryan. Paul Connaughton. Patrick Finnegan.
 Tom Hussey. Tiarnan Walsh.
- Material Contravention of the County Development Plan relating to application for Planning Permission for erection of a dwellinghouse at Townparks (2nd Division), Tuam. - Applicant: John Kelly, Townparks, Tuam. - Planning Ref. No. 66673.
- Planning applications - Advance Notice to be given to County Secretary.
- Structural Funds - West of Ireland Strategic Road Proposals.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 14TH
AUGUST, 1992.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Mullins.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. 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. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, and E. Varley and T. Walsh.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; L. Kavanagh, F. Gilmore, S.E.E. G. Heneghan, Administrative Officer; P. Carroll, Acting Senior Staff Officer; and T. Coughlan, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

CONGRATULATIONS:

The County Manager informed the Meeting that Mr. Kevin Larkin A.C.E., was retiring, expressed good wishes to Mr. Larkin and thanked him for his long service to the Council. The County Manager also informed the Meeting that Mr. Gerry Heneghan, Administrative Officer, has been appointed County Secretary, Kerry County Council. The County Manager congratulated Mr. Heneghan and wished him well in his new position.

The Chairman extended good wishes to Mr. Larkin and Mr. Heneghan on behalf of the County Council. All Members present associated themselves with these remarks.

Mr. Heneghan thanked the Members for their good wishes.

SYMPATHY:

The sympathy of the Council was extended to Ms. Mary Murphy, Motor Taxation Office, on the recent death of her father.

PAGE 2 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14/8/1992.

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Murphy & Family, Kiltiernan, Kilcolgan,
Mrs. Mary Flannery, Dooras, Woodford, Co. Galway.
Mr. & Mrs. G. Hurley, Newgrove, Kilrickle, Loughrea.
Mr. Paddy Kitt, Moate, Moylough.
The Monaghan Family, Lakeview, Caherlistrane.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY
MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING
APPLICATION NUMBER 66890 - JOHN AND DOLORES McDONAGH:

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It was agreed that this application be deferred for further consideration.

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN
- PLANNING REF. NO. 66673 - APPLICANT: JOHN KELLY,
TOWNPARKS, TUAM:

905

The County Engineer read the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"re: Material Contravention of the County Development Plan - Application for Permission for a dwellinghouse at Townparks 2nd Division, Tuam. Applicant: Mr. John Kelly. Planning Ref. No. 66673.

The site of this Planning Application is located at Vicar Street, Tuam, on part of the land shown in the current development plan for the town of Tuam, as being reserved for a section of the proposed town centre southern relief road extending from Vicar Street to Abbeytrinity. The provision of the relief road, from the Dublin Road to Abbey Trinity, is an objective of the development plan, and therefore, a grant of permission on a section of that road, as in this case, would constitute a material contravention of that plan.

Planning and Engineering considerations:

A detailed Engineering examination was carried out with respect to the provision of the relief road to the south of Tuam Town Centre and it is now considered that the objective of the Tuam Development Plan to construct a ring road system enabling through traffic to by-pass the town centre can be achieved without providing the section of the roadway from Vicar Street to Abbeytrinity. The provision of this section of the proposed relief road is not recommended for the following reasons:-

(1) The proposed road would have its junction with National Primary Route (N17) in close proximity to the Y junction of the N17 and Lower High Street and the

N17 Railway Intersection. The construction of a new junction at this location would create a difficult three legged junction - this is likely to create serious design problems for satisfactory traffic flow movements.

(2) The cost of the construction of the relief road to its proposed junction with Vicar Street would be in the region of £400,000 and the additional cost of providing the section from Vicar Street to Abbeytrinity could not be justified when a more suitable alternative is possible.

(3) The section of the road in question would run through part of the grounds of St. Mary's Cathedral, Tuam, and through an area which was shown as a graveyard in Old Ordnance Survey maps. Although evidence of the existence of a graveyard is not readily discernible on site at present, it is highly likely that an old graveyard does exist.

(4) The road from Vicar Street to Abbeygrinity measuring 300m. and costing c.£250,000 would be considered superfluous when the existing road network, in conjunction with what is now proposed can be utilized to meet the objective of directing traffic from the Dublin Road away from the Town Centre.

The alternative to the construction of the section of roadway in question would be to use the existing street network, i.e., to terminate the proposed road at the intersection with Vicar Street and utilise the existing network of roads such as Church View, Cloontooa Road, and Gilmartin Road to link up with the National Primary Route N17 (Tuam to Galway Road). The existing street network is suitable for this purpose and existing one way flows can be reversed or otherwise re-arranged as necessary.

I recommend the removal of the section of the proposed relief road extending from Vicar Street to Abbeytrinity from the Tuam Development Plan, in due course, and I recommend that a decision to grant Permission be made in the case of this application."

It was proposed by Councillor P. Finnegan seconded by Councillor M. Ryan and agreed:-

"That having considered the Planning Application made by Mr. J. Kelly for Planning Permission for erection of a dwellinghouse in the Townland of Townparks (2nd Division), Tuam, Planning Register No. 66673, and having considered the report of the County Engineer in the matter, Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(3) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as amended by

Section 39.(d) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, as amended by Section 45 of the Local Government Act, 1991 hereby require that a decision to grant permission be made in the case of this application.

In reply to questions raised by Councillor P. Finnegan and J. Burke, the County Engineer informed the Meeting that the ultimate solution to traffic problems in Tuam is a Ring Road.

CLUAIN MHUIRE:

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It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion, and seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, and agreed that the Cluain Mhuire Committee meet on Monday, 31st August, 1992.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

907

The Acting County Secretary advised that no Advance Notice in relation to Planning applications had been received.

WEST OF IRELAND STRATEGIC ROAD PROPOSALS:

908

The County Manager informed the meeting that it is proposed to seek funding for a north/south corridor from Donegal to Kerry. A map setting out the proposed route of the roadway was circulated to the Meeting. The Manager informed the Council that the estimated cost of this road is £900 M, and that it is proposed to include the road in the application for Structural funding which is currently being prepared.

Deputy McCormack welcomed the initiative, and stated that the Council should be seeking funds for the Bearna and Airport roads. Deputy Connaughton stated that the proposal would redress the imbalance of Structural Funding to date, and pointed out that part of the proposed route is already very well developed. Councillor T. Byrne asked that the Council also make a submission for National Secondary Roads.

Councillor S. Gavin stated that the proposal would benefit the entire west coast, and Councillor Brennan requested that strong representations be made to ensure funding for Secondary Roads. The County Manager informed the Meeting that a separate submission will be made for other roads in the County as part of the main submission for Structural Funding.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, and seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan, that the Council approve of the proposal as set out. Deputy P. McCormack expressed reservations that the Airport Road was not included, and Councillor J. McGleary proposed that a decision be deferred until the Monthly Meeting of the

Council to enable consideration of the total submission for Structural Funding. The County Manager informed Councillor McClearn that this roadway is a separate proposal. Councillor McClearn's proposal was seconded by Senator O'Cuiv.

A vote taken for or against Councillor Burke's proposal resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Mannion, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors P. McHugh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, M. Quinn, M. Ryan, and E. Varley. (15)

AGAINST: Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors J. McClearn, C. Ni Fhatharta, and S. O'Neachtain. (4)

The Chairman declared Councillor Burke's proposal carried.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL: 909

With the consent of the Chairman, Deputy Connaughton informed the Meeting that a problem appears to exist at University College Hospital due to a dispute with Anaesthetist. It was proposed by Deputy Connaughton and seconded by Deputy McCormack that the Council request the Western Health Board to clarify this matter. It was proposed by Councillor O'Neachtain and agreed that the Council meet Officials of the Western Health Board at a future meeting of the Council.

YUGOSLAVIA/SOMALIA: 910

Councillor J. Brennan proposed that the Council assist in fundraising and the collection of goods for Yugoslavia and Somalia. The Chairman and Members agreed with Councillor Brennan's proposal, and the County Manager informed Councillor Brennan that the County Secretary would assist in any way possible.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

SUBMITTED APPROVED & CONFIRMED: Michael Mullins CHAIRMAN 28/9/92 DATE

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Michael Mullins.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book. Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, Seamus Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, 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; T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager; F. Gilmore, S.E.E. T. Coughlan, Administrative Officer; J. Walsh, Senior Staff Officer; and G. Heneghan, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

SYMPATHY: 903

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Tim Collins, Wayside Restaurant, Tuam Road. Cait Ni Fhatharta, Gleann Mor, An Cheathru Rua. Mr. Michael Fahy & Family, Caherdevene, Craughwell.

CONGRATULATIONS: 904

At the outset, the Chairman congratulated Deputy Padraic McCormack on his recent election as Mayor of the Galway County Borough and offered him his best wishes for the term of office. All Members present associated themselves with these remarks.

Deputy Padraic McCormack thanked the Members for their good wishes.

MINUTES: 905

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor Joe Callanan, the Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on the 12th June, 1992,