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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 20th
DECEMBER, 1993.

IN THE CHAIR:- Councillor J. Burke.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

Councillor J. Brennan, W. Burke
T. Byrne J. Callanan, Deputies
P. Connaughton, E. O'Cuiv,
Councillors M. Cunningham, M.
Fahy P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty,
S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M.
Loughnane, Mannion, McClearn,
Deputy P. McCormack, Senator. 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, and T. Walsh.

Officials:

Messrs. P.J. Gavin, County
Manager, P. Flood, County
Engineer, T. Kavanagh, Acting
Asst. Co. Manager, E. Lusby,
Finance Officer, F. Gilmore,
Project Engineer, J. McGovern,
Admin. Officer, T. Murphy
Acting Admin. Officer, J. Eising
Acting S.E.E., and T. Coughlan
Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS.

2005

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Councillor K. Quinn, a vote of Congratulations was unanimously passed to An Taoiseach on the efforts being made for Peace. The Chairman requested that the Vote of Congratulations to An Taoiseach stress the unanimity of the Council, and Councillor J. Brennan appealed for silent contemplation during the peace process. Councillor McClearn congratulated the Members of the Opposition Party for their constructive attitude towards the peace process.

On the proposition of Councillor Gavin, seconded by Councillor McClearn, a Vote of Congratulations was extended to Mr. John Donnelly, President Elect of the I.F.A.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY
MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING
APPLICATION NO. 69173 - APPLICANT - NOIRIN NI
FHRIGHIL.

2006

The Meeting was informed that Planning Permission had been granted in this case and the Section 4 Notice did not proceed.

MINUTES

2007

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Regan, the Minutes of Special Meeting of Galway County Council held on the 12th November, 1993 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor Finnerty the Minutes of Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council held on the 15th November, 1993 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Connaughton, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan, the Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Galway County Council held on the 22nd November, 1993 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan, the Minutes of adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council held on the 26th November, 1993 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Gavin, seconded by Councillor O'Neachtain, the Minutes of Islands Committee Meeting of Galway County Council held on the 26th October, 1993 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

SALE OF HOUSE.

2008

It was proposed by Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Connaughton, and resolved that Galway County Council approve the Sale of House at Milltown, Tuam, to Joseph & Deirdre Greene, 6, Milltown, Tuam, Co. Galway in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 30th November, 1993 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord & Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978 which had been circulated to each Member

prior to the Meeting.

FLOODING.

2009

Deputy Connaughton was informed by the County Engineer that the Council sought to reach agreement at Bullaun to facilitate work to relieve flooding, that agreement had not been forthcoming, that the Council will attempt to carry out the work, and if it obstructed, the Council will take legal action against the land owners concerned. The County Engineer also confirmed that flood warning signs will be erected at Abbeyknockmoy, and that a problem raised by Councillor Callanan will be investigated.

GLENAMADDY

2010

In response to Councillor Walsh, the County Engineer undertook to make a report available for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council in relation to junction at Glenamaddy.

ISLANDS

2011

The Acting Assistant County Manager informed the Meeting that the Council has agreed to investigate the possibility of taking over the Inishmean Group Scheme and that the taking in charge of Bothar Leachta, Inishmore is being investigated. He also stated that the local community had been requested to investigate the possibility of a Social Employment Scheme commencing on Inishboffin.

RIVER SUCK DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

2012

The Report of the Audit of Accounts of the River Suck Drainage Committee for year ended 31st December, 1992 was noted by the Meeting.

REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

2013

It was proposed by Councillor Hussey, and agreed, that the Group System be used in the nomination of Members to the Regional Authority. It was agreed that 27 Members of the Council were present, and that 4 Members would be required to form a Group. Three Groups were formed and Councillors Quinn, Hussey, and Regan were thereby nominated.

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Senator McDonagh and agreed that Councillors Mannion and McClearn be nominated to the Regional Authority.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Brennan, and agreed that Councillor W. Burke be nominated to the Regional Authority.

It was proposed by Councillor Gavin, seconded by Councillor Brennan, and agreed, that Councillor O'Tuathail be nominated to the Regional Committee.

The Members of Galway County Council nominated to the Regional Committee were Councillors Hussey, Regan, Quinn, Mannion, McClearn, W. Burke and P. O'Tuathail.

CAPITAL SCHEMES

2014

The Members of the Council noted the Report which had been previously circulated regarding the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme, The Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme, and the Gilmartin Road Remedial Works and Housing Schemes. It was proposed by Deputy McCormack, and unanimously agreed, that Galway County Council support the efforts of Galway Corporation to proceed with the Galway Main Drainage Scheme.

N 18.

2015

The County Engineer referred to the Route Selection Report Summary which had previously been circulated to the Members of the Council, and Mr. J. Eising, Acting S.E.E., gave a Presentation to the Members of the proposed re-alignment. It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, and agreed that the recommendations of the Report be adopted subject to a Presentation being made in Gort and Crusheen.

N 18 - SECTION 59 AGREEMENT WITH CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

2016

It was proposed by Councillor M. Cunningham, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne, and agreed, that Galway County Council enter into an Agreement, in accordance with Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, with Clare County Council for the Design and Construction of the Gort to Crusheen (N 18) Re-alignment.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT LOUGHREA

2017

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane, and agreed, that this item be discussed at the January Meeting of the Council.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION

N.O.M. NO. 12 - HOUSING - CLR. P. McHUGH

2018

The following written reply was given to Clr. McHugh.

This house has now been inspected by the Council's Engineering Staff and it was established that some internal repairs are necessary. However, it is not Council policy to carry out such repairs.

N.O.M. NO. 13 - SIGNS AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA.

2019

The following written reply was given to An Comh. Ni Fhatharta.

"The Council are willing to provide a continuous white line at the above location and we will be contacting the Garda Siochana in the matter during the coming weeks."

N.O.M. NO. 14 - ROAD MONIES - CLRS. J. BRENNAN,
M. FINNERTY, M. MULLINS,
P. O'SULLIVAN AND J. CALLANAN.

2020

The following written reply was given to Councillors Brennan, Finnerty, Mullins, P. O'Sullivan and Callanan.

"The Council decided that Road Monies are to be distributed on a mileage basis. This will remain the position unless changed by the Council."

N.O.M. NO. 15 - GROUP WATER SCHEME - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM

2021

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham.

"I wish to inform you that Galway County Council will consider the carrying out of a Farm Survey in the Tubber area.

N.O.M. NO. 16 - GROUP WATER SCHEME - CLR. M. FAHY

2022

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy.

"I wish to inform you that the Council has not received a formal request for take over from the

Trustees of Ballyaneen Group Water Supply Scheme. An Application for takeover has been forwarded to the Trustee of the Scheme, Mr. Paddy Baldwin, Ballyaneen, Gort. No funds have been provided in the current year or in 1994 for the take over of Group Water Supply Scheme.

N.O.M. NO. 17 - ROAD - CLR. M. FAHY. 2023

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy.

"It was not possible to include the above location in the 1994 Draft Road Works Programme due to lack of funds."

N.O.M. NO. 18 - WATER PUMP - CLR. M. FAHY. 2024

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy.

"The above works will be carried out in 1994 if funds are provided by the Department of the Environment."

N.O.M. NO. 19 - SIGNS - CLR. P. FINNEGAN 2025

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan.

"A No Dumping Sign is in place at above location."

N.O.M. NO. 20 - SIGN - CLR. P. FINNEGAN 2026

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan.

"The Council has been in contact with Bord Failte regarding the provision of above sign. The sign will be erected by the Council if provided by Bord Failte."

N.O.M. NO. 21 - GROUP WATER SCHEME - CLR. P. FINNEGAN 2027

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan.

"Galway County Council received a copy of the drawings and design for Roy No. 2 Group Water Supply Scheme from the Department of the Environment for approval in September, 1993. The scheme is being

examined by the Councils technical staff at present. It will be necessary for the Trustees to acquire wayleaves from landowners where it is proposed to lay pipework away from the public road.

N.O.M. NO. 22 - ROAD - CLR. M. LOUGHANANE 2028

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane.

"The above works will be carried out under the 1994 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 23 - SIGNS - CLR. M. LOUGHANANE 2029

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane.

"The required statutory signs are in place at Derryoobur National School. Having regard to the sight distance at this location it is considered that the statutory signs provide adequate warning."

N.O.M. NO. 24 - ROAD WORKS - CLR. M. LOUGHANANE 2030

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane.

"It was not possible to include the above location in the 1994 Draft Road Works Programme due to lack of funds."

N.O.M. NO. 25 - ROAD WORKS - SENATOR J. McDONAGH. 2031

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh.

"The above location is the N.P. route N.17. The carrying out of improvement works on such routes is 100% Exchequer funded. The Council has not yet been notified of the 1994 Road Grants allocation."

N.O.M. NO. 26 - HOUSING - SENATOR J. McDONAGH 2032

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh.

"Galway County Council provided, in accordance with the County Development Plan, two Local Authority houses at this location for approved housing applicants. There are two caravans also parked at

this location. The Council hope to re-house the occupants of one of these caravans in the near future. The family who own the remaining caravan only reside there intermittently and their housing circumstances are under investigation.

N.O.M. NO. 27 - ROAD - SENATOR J. McDONAGH 2033

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh.

"The above road can be taken in charge provided a sum of £2,100 is made available from Councillor's Notice of Motion funds."

N.O.M. NO. 28 - ROAD - CLR. P. MCHUGH 2034

The following written reply was given to Clr. P. McHugh.

"Improvements Works will be carried out at the above junction under the 1994 road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 29 - SIGNS - CLR. P. MCHUGH 2035

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh.

"Signs will be provided at the above location as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 30 - ROAD WORKS - CLR. P. MCHUGH 2036

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh.

"The above location is the N.P. route N.17. the carrying out of improvement works on such routes is 100% Exchequer funded. The Council has not yet been notified of the 1994 Road Grants allocation."

N.O.M. NO. 31 - SOLAS POIBLI - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 2037

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta.

"Beidh muid ag cur solas trasna on Seipeal ar an gCeathru Rua go gairid. Beidh muid ag feachaint ar an lathar idir an Seipeal agus an Chrois nuair a bheidh muid ag cuir an chlar soilse poibli 1994 le cheile.

N.O.M. NO. 32 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NIFHATHARTA 2038

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta

"Ni raibh muid inan an bothar seo a chur sa dreacht chlar bothar 1994 de bharr easpa airgead."

N.O.M. NO. 33 - COSAN - AN COMH NI FHATHARTA 2039

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta

"Ta cosan ar thaobh amhair don bhothar idir Scoil Sailearna agus Gairmscoil Indreabhan."

N.O.M. NO. 34 - FLASHING LIGHTS - DEPUTY E. O CUIV 2040

The following written reply was given to Deputy O Cuiv.

"The provision of flashing yellow lights at above location will be considered along with others when the 1994 programme is being prepared. Three locations were selected in 1993 and it is hoped to select a similar number in 1994.

N.O.M. NO. 35 - GRAVEYARD - DEPUTY E. O CUIV 2041

The following written reply was given to Deputy O Cuiv.

"The above works will be carried out early in the new year."

N.O.M. NO. 36 - ROAD WORKS - DEPUTY E. O CUIV. 2042

The following written reply was given to Deputy O Cuiv.

"It was not possible to include the above locations in the 1994 Draft Road Works Programme due to lack of funds."

N.O.M. NO. 37 - DREIMIRE - AN COMH. S. O'NEACTAIN 2043

Seo leanas an freagra a tudagh don Comhairleoir O'Neachtain.

"Nil an pier seo faoi churam an Chomhairle Condae."

N.O.M. NO. 38 - CARPARKING - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 2044

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

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

N.O.M. NO. 39 - CARPARKING - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 2045

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

"There are no funds available to carry out this work."

N.O.M. NO. 40 - RESURFACING - CLR. M. O'NEILL 2046

The following written reply was given to Councillor O'Neill.

"It was not possible to include the above location in the 1994 draft Road Works Programme due to lack of funds."

N.O.M. NO. 41 - ROAD MARKINGS - CLR. M. O'NEILL 2047

The following written reply was given to Councillor O'Neill.

"White lining will be provided at the above location when the 1994 White Lining Programme is in progress."

N.O.M. NO. 42 - L.I.S. SCHEMES - CLR. M. O'NEILL 2048

The following written reply was given to Councillor O'Neill

"L.G. 57/90 - Representative - Mr. Patrick McDonagh
Derryinver,
Letterfrack.

An Offer of Grant will be made in respect of this Scheme in 1994 if a Grant Allocation is received from the Department of the Environment.

L.G. 51/92 - Representative - Mr. James Faherty,
Rusheenduff,
Renvyle.

The Council wrote to Mr. Faherty on the 11th November, 1993 and again on 15th December, 1993 requesting details of land valuations in respect of the participants on the Scheme as we were unable to trace this information in the Rates Office. (Copy of letters attached). Further consideration will be given to this application on receipt of the information requested.

N.O.M. NO. 43 - ROUNDABOUT/SIGNPOSTING - CLR. P. O'SULLIVAN. 2049

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

"There are no funds available for the carrying out of the above work."

N.O.M. NO. 44 - LIGHTING - CLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 2050

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

"17 lights will be replaced at Eyrecourt under the 1994 Obsolete Lighting Replacement Programme. Financial arrangements have already been agreed with the E.S.B."

N.O.M. NO. 45 - LIGHTING - CLR. E. VARLEY 2051

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley.

"The above location will be considered along with others in the preparation of the 1994 Public Lighting Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 46 - ROADWORKS - CLR. E. VARLEY 2052

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley.

"The Greenfield road is included in the 1994 Draft Road Works Programme. It was not possible to include the road at Wakefield due to lack of funds."

N.O.M. 47 - ROADWORKS - CLR. E. VARLEY. 2053

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley.

"Works at Headford Square are provided for in the

1994 Draft Road Works Programme.

The provision of light on the Shrule road near the G.A.A. pitch will be considered in the preparation of the 1994 Public Lighting Programme."

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed,

John G. G. G.
(Chairman)

24/1/94
(DATE)

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

14u u la Nollaig, 1993.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu miosiuil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, ar De Luain, an 20 u la Nollaig, 1993, ag tosnu ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O COCHLAN
RUNAI SEALADACH

A G E N D A

1. That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager cead a thabhairt do Noirin Ni Fhrighil, Cosmeighmore, Na Forbacha, Garaiste a athru go seomra gruaigiadoireachta - Planning Rel. No. 69173.
S. O'Neachtain. P. McCormack. S. Gavin. E. Varley.
2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings.
 - (a) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 12th November, 1993.
 - (b) Minutes of Estimates Meeting held on 15th November, 1993.
 - (c) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 22nd November, 1993.
 - (d) Minutes of Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on 26th November, 1993.

(e) Minutes of Islands Committee Meeting held on the 26th November, 1993.

3. Sale of house at Milltown, Tuam to Joseph and Deirdre Greene, 6, Milltown, Tuam, Co. Galway - Section 83 Notice dated 30th November, 1993 already circulated.
4. To note Report of Audit of Accounts of River Suck Drainage Committee for year ended 31st December, 1992 (copy attached).
5. Nomination of Members to Regional Authorities.
6. To note approval for Oranmore Sewerage Scheme/Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme.
7. To note approval for Remedial Works Scheme at Gilmartin Road, Tuam.
8. To consider Route Selection Report Summary - N.18 Gort to Crusheen (copy enclosed).
9. To enter into Agreement, in accordance with Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, with Clare County Council for the design and construction of the Gort to Crusheen (N.18) realignment.
10. Business submitted by the Chairman.
11. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS : - DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING "=?!"?)E

- Adjourned From Previous Meeting :

CLR. PADDY MC HUGH
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council carry out immediate inspection and necessary improvement works to Council house (Details enclosed)

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

13

That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe erect a number of "No Overtaking" signs along the Regional Road between Cnoc Indreabhán and An Tulach.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

- 14 CLR. JOE BRENNAN M. Finnerty, M. Mullins,
- We will propose : P. O'Sullivan, J. Callanan
- That the Roads Monies be allocated to Engineering areas for 1994 and subsequent years to ensure that the remuneration of all Council employees in each area be allowed for in the allocation, ensuring continuing employment in their respective areas. We further propose that works programme recommended by the respective area engineers be financed as a pro-rata basis.
- 15 CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
- I will propose :
- I request that Galway County Council do a Farm Survey re Tubber Group Water Scheme which is now polluted, of the Scheme I understand 20 houses and farms are in the Galway area which are receiving water.
- 16 CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :
- That Galway County Council take over and maintain the Ballyanneen Group Water Scheme, Gort at the request of this Group.
- 17 CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :
- That Galway County Council include funding in the Road Estimates for Roads Improvements at Moyveela, Oranmore.
- 18 CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :
- That Galway County Council lower Water Pump in Ardrahan Square, and erect Market Cross in the Square at Ardrahan.
- 19 CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN
- I will propose :
- That a "No Dumping" Sign be erected at Kilnalag, Williamstown, (details supplied)
- 20 CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN
- I will propose :
- That a sign indicating St. Patrick's Well, Templetogher be erected at Pollshask, Williamstown.

- 21 CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN
- I will propose :
- What is the present position with this Group Water Scheme - what has been done and what steps remain to be taken? (details supplied)
- 22 CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE
- I will propose :
- That road at a specified location be included in surface dressing programme for 1994.
- 23 CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE
- I will propose :
- That "Caution Children Crossing" be painted on the road at a specified school.
- 24 CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE
- I will propose :
- That funding be provided from Discretionary Grants Allocation to provide for necessary safety works at Moyvilla in the Athenry Engineering Area just west of the Green Brian Inn - Hairpin Bend at Moyvilla.
- 25 CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH
- I will propose :
- That Galway County Council carry out review regarding the safety situation at dangerous junction, and inform me if it is the Council's intention, to implement proper safety proposals for this particularly dangerous junction, and when they propose to do so.
- 26 CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH
- I will propose :
- That Galway County Council carry out an investigation into the situation pertaining at location where there is an over concentration of dwellings. May I also seek to find out what Galway County Council intend to do to regularise the situation. (Details enclosed).
- 27 CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH
- I will propose :
- That Galway County Council take road in charge at Rooanmore, Lachtgeorge.

28 CLR. PADDY MC HUGH
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council carry out road improvements at the road junction in Belclare adjacent to Paddy O'Grady's house at the top of the road leading to Thomastown. Particular problems are being experienced by motorists turning into the Thomastown road coming from the Caherlistrane direction due to the uneven surface of the dip in the road.

29 CLR. PADDY MC HUGH
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council erect Village Signs (details enclosed)

30 CLR. PADDY MC HUGH
- I will propose :

That improvement works be carried out at a road junction to improve safety for road users (details enclosed)

31 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe dha solas poibli ar fail ar An Cheathru Rua.
(a) Trasna on Seipeal (b) Idir an Seipeal agus an Chrois.

32 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe an bothar o Crosbothar Tir an Fhia go dti bothar na Tra Bhain a dheisiu. Ta an bothar seo go dona ar feadh tamaill fada.

33 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe cosan ar an mbothar idir S.N. Sailearna agus Gairmscoil An Chnoic. Bionn go leor tracht ar an mbothar seo gach la.

34 CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV
- I will propose :

That Flashing Yellow Lights would be provided as a Warning Signal at Killanin School, Roscahill.

35 CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV
- I will propose :

That the development work on the Graveyard in Breenane, Maam will be carried out immediately as the extension to

this graveyard is a matter of great urgency.

36 CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV
- I will propose :

That repairs would be carried out to the Bunowen Road, Leenane and the Tiernill Maam Road in Maam which are both in a very bad condition and are in urgent need of repairs.

37 CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN
- I will propose :

Go gcuirfeadh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe dreimire in airde ar cheibh an Chaladh Mhoir, Inis Meain, Oileain Arainn. Ta ait an cheanna fein don dreimire.

38 CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council would take control of the carparking area in front of the Boys National School in Spiddal and develop it as a carpark which would provide a much needed facility in the area. Furthermore, that carparking would be provided between the school and the Ceardlann by obtaining the land on the road front. This would go some way in alleviating the parking problems.

39 CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council would provide for carparking at Barna National School. Cars are now parking on the main road while leaving off or collecting children and this on a very busy and dangerous roadway is totally unacceptable.

40 CLR. MICHAEL O'NEILL
- I will propose :

That the Tawnach Ban/Canower/Rosroe Road, Cashel be included for resurfacing in the 1994 Roads Programme.

41 CLR. MICHAEL O'NEILL
- I will propose :

That road markings be provided at the following dangerous road junctions. 1. Ardnagreevagh/Cashleen Roads, Renvyle. 2. Ardnagreevagh/Curragh Roads, Renvyle. 3. Letterfrack/Derryinver Roads.

42 CLR. MICHAEL O'NEILL
- I will propose :

That information be provided on when the following roads are likely to be improved under the L.I.S. Programme.
(1) Derryherbert - L.G. 5790 (2) Rusheenduff - L.G. 5191

CLR. MICHAEL O'NEILL

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN
- I will propose :

43

That a Roundabout with proper markings and signposting be provided at end of Monivea Village on the Moylough/Galway Road.

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN
- I will propose :

44

That a special allocation of monies be sought from the Department of the Environment to provide lighting that would be adequate for Eyrecourt town.

CLR. EVELYN VARLEY
- I will propose :

45

That Galway County council erect two lights on St. Ronan's Road, Kilronan, Aran Islands. (Details enclosed).

CLR. EVELYN VARLEY
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council provide monies in this year's Estimates for roadworks to be carried out at Wakefield Road, Shrile and Greenfields Road, Headford - (Refer to my Notice of Motions No's 27 and 45 on Agenda and that Raffee Road, Headford, also be included, as this road is in a dangerous condition.

CLR. EVELYN VARLEY
- I will propose :

47

That Galway County Council provide monies in this year's Estimates for the proposed works to be carried out at Market Square, Headford, and that a light be provided on Shrile Road, Headford near GAA Pitch and Dro. Costello's house) - refer to my Notice of Motion No. 35 on previous Agenda

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 10TH
DECEMBER, 1994.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J. Burke

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials Messrs. P.J. Gavin, County Manager,
J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer,
T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County
Manager, E. Lusby, Finance Officer,
L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., J. Murphy,
S.S.O., J. Forde, Acting S.S.O., and
B. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

The Chairman indicated that it was his intention to take Item No. 3 on the Agenda first.

Councillor Matt Loughnane proposed a Vote of Congratulations to Kilconieron Hurling Team. This was unanimously agreed.

PRIOR NOTICE - CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN - PLANNING
REF. NO. 69100 - APPLICANT - HENRY WHITE.

1995

Councillor O'Neachtain indicated that the Council had passed a Section 4 Motion concerning this particular Planning Application. It was refused by the County Manager. He asked what basis that the application was turned down. He indicated that the applicant had no way of getting any more frontage. He had made a submission to the Council willing to freeze the remaining 18 acres of his land for agricultural purposes. He felt that decision was harsh in planning terms. He wished to make the point also that it was on a by-road.

The County Manager indicated that after receiving legal advice it was considered that the decision by the Council was not in accordance with the proper planning and development of the area, and that the

matters considered by the Council were not fully planning matters. Deputy McCormack asked whether in future it would be safer just to propose and second Section 4's on the basis that they believed that they were in accordance with the proper planning and development of the area. The County Manager indicated that it was not his advice and that it would be unwise of the Council to follow this course of action. The Councillors should address the matter before them and deliberate on same, and it was up to them to decide then whether it was felt that the development was in accordance with the proper planning and development of the area and the Development Plan. Deputy O Cuiv indicated that there were unusual circumstances in this particular instance. He would have no sympathy if the applicant had sold road frontage previously. He felt that the road frontage rule was to stop backlands and high density development. He asked would the County Manager reconsider in the light of the unusual circumstances. Councillors Matt Loughmane and John Mannion asked whether the Material Contravention procedure would be the way to proceed in this particular instance. The County Manager indicated that they must have regard to the Plan, but that there was the Material Contravention option that could be considered.

HOUSING.

The County Manager indicated that in an effort to encourage rural redevelopment and to have a broad base for the 1994 Housing Programme that it was his intention to advertise for lands in the following areas for housing, Carraroe, Clifden, Lettermore, Ballyconneely, Athenry. For Halting Sites - the Portumna Area, Tuam Area, Oranmore Area.

The County Manager indicated that he would examine any area where there was a housing need should land be required, and confirmed that the Council had started their 70 houses in the 1993 Programme, and informed the Council that the Department had laid down guidelines with regard to the number of houses that were to be built in any location. He also informed the meeting that Deputy Stagg had indicated to each Council that they would be required to provide a specific portion of their 1994 Housing Programme for Traveller Families. He stated that over the past number of years, Galway County Council had provided 100 houses plus 4 Halting Sites and Galway Corporation had provided 70 plus 4 Halting Sites for members of the Travelling Community.

The County Manager indicated that the Council must provide accommodation for those deemed to be in need of housing and that, while the County Council provide Halting Sites and Houses, it is not Council Policy to provide caravans.

1996

CONFERENCES

The Council unanimously agreed to send the following Councillors to a Conference which was held in Wexford on Incineration - Councillor J. Mannion, Senator J. McDonagh, Councillor J. McClearn.

FINGER POST SIGNS.

The Members discussed the problems associated with Finger Post Signs. Deputy O Cuiv indicated that the restriction to one sign could bring problems in certain locations, and queried the necessity for planning permission as a result of seeking permission for a sign for Bed and Breakfast. Councillor Walsh indicated that Kilkerrin Environmental Group were asking permission to erect Wooden Signs and that a sample of the signs could be given to the Council. Councillor Gavin indicated that the stonework signs that were being placed in many locations were an attractive feature and this should be encouraged. Senator McDonagh referred to his Submission No. 4 with regard to Finger Post Signs, and asked whether planning permission was needed for the stone signs, and stated that same should be used in every Village. Councillor O'Neachtain indicated that he had misgivings in relation to the spelling and meaning of signs in Gaeltacht Areas, and felt that planning permission should be required given the shanty town image that was being portrayed in some areas by unauthorised signs. Councillor Byrne referring to the Development Plan indicated that there was no reference to Finger Post Signs, and asked that the Members submit proposals. Councillor Ni Fhatharta indicated that the Council had to set out a policy in this area.

The County Manager indicated that the matter was dealt with quite reasonably in the County Development Plan on Pages 134 to 136 Paragraphs 13(i) and 13(ii). The Manager read the relevant portion of the Plan to the Councillors. He indicated that he would circulate this portion of the Development Plan to the Councillors. The County Manager indicated that with regard to the need to look for planning permission that it was not possible to give planning permission for a Finger Post Sign to unauthorised developments. He further clarified this by indicating that he did not see any problem with regard to Finger Post Signs being erected for small B & B's who operated during the Summer and stated that this matter would be examined by the Council staff, but the main problem was to get rid of illegal signs. The County Manager indicated that the Stone Signs that were being put in place by local communities were an excellent idea and that the Council had to achieve the balance to ensure people knew where they were going while at the same time restricting unauthorised signs.

1997

1998

Councillor Fahy indicated that these signs should be at the entrance and exits to each town and that also information as to what services are available in the town should be displayed on the sign. The County Manager indicated that this was an excellent idea, that Kilronan was an example of this where an information sign indicated the services being provided and stated that with regard to small scale B. & B's it would not be necessary to apply for planning permission. He pointed out that the Council could not take any action with regard to operations that were in existence for 4 and 5 years.

FLOODING AT KNOCKNACARRA.

1999

Councillor O'Neachtain enquired whether the flooding at Knocknacarra was the responsibility of the County Council or the Corporation. He was informed by Deputy McCormack that it was a Corporation matter and that he would be taking up same.

ROADS MEETINGS

2000

Councillor O'Tuathail asked that information for each Engineering Area be made available prior to the Meeting.

AREA PLANS.

2001

Councillor Gavin asked whether area plans would be prepared for areas such as Barna.

The County Manager indicated that plans will be prepared for areas such as Barna, Oranmore, Clifden. He felt that the new Plan would be a concise document with detail Appendices. The next step would be to consider submissions and bring back proposals for the Draft Plan.

The Chairman indicated that the Council would now consider the submissions that had been circulated by the County Secretary with regard to the County Development Plan.

REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

2002

Submission No. 1. - Councillor P. Finnegan.

The Members briefly discussed this matter. On the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Members agreed that consideration be given to include the submission in the next Development Plan.

Submission No. 2 - Deputy McCormack.

Deputy McCormack outlined his reason for the deletion of Section 9.2.3 (ii) of the Development which was on Page 91. He indicated that this was the Paragraph where the Planning Authority would consider housing

or other beneficial tourism developments in particular locations in amenity areas where adequate screening is available to assimilate the development into the landscape. Councillor Loughnane indicated that this Section was included to allow some development, particularly tourism. He indicated that it did not appear to work well with preference being given to outsiders. Deputy O Cuiv indicated that deletion was not the answer in this instance. The need to attract tourist accommodation had to be catered for. Councillor Neachtain indicated that he was not in favour of deletion of this portion of the Plan. Councillor O Tuathail indicated that there needed to be some change, the Section seemed to be a carte blanche for development. Councillor McHugh indicated that he was not in favour of deleting same, he said that it might be more beneficial to free up the amenity areas as listed in the Development Plan. Deputy O Cuiv asked whether all planning permissions in these areas could be brought before the Council. Deputy McCormack clarified the reasons for his submission indicating that the if the Ballyconneely application had become before the Council, it was unlikely that same would have been passed. If the Members felt that the development was beneficial to the locality the matter could be considered by means of a Material Contravention of the Development Plan. The Chairman in summing up asked Deputy O Cuiv to submit a motion to the Council indicating that it would be written into the Plan that certain large scale proposals would need to be approved by the Council before being passed.

Submission No. 3 - Councillor S. O'Neachtain.

Councillor O'Neachtain proposed his submission.

He indicated that the present blanket restriction was too restrictive. He indicated that this was a very important section of the plan which had to be written to encourage development while at the same time preserve the natural amenities of particular areas. The Chairman indicated that in Submission No. 6 that he had asked the Council to define High Amenity. Some of the Members indicated that there were other areas in the County, for example, in South Galway which could also be examined with regard to their potential as High Amenity Areas. The Members also asked that the need to address what is the family farm and to cater for emigrants returning home be also reconsidered.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS.

2003

The Members agreed to write to the E.S.B. and the Lifeboat Emergency Services with regard to the work which they had done during the recent storm. Councillors also proposed a vote of congratulations to Mr. Declan Varley, Journalist on his recent publication "Elephants Graveyard". Deputy O Cuiv

associated himself with the Vote of Congratulation for the Emergency Services. However, he asked that the Council write to the Minister for Defence and the Marine indicating that there should be some law with regard to people setting out to sea at 5.00 p.m. on the day in question, which not only put the peoples lives at risk on the boat, but also risked the lives of the Emergency Services Personnel. This was agreed.

Councillor Loughnane asked that the South East Galway Tourism Plan be included in the County Development Plan.

SYMPATHY.

2004

A Vote of Sympathy was passed with the following:-
Professor Con Cunnane, University College, Galway.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED

Seán Swley
(CHAIRMAN)

24/1/94
(DATE)

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

6 u la Nollaig, 1993.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar 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 10 u la Nollaig, 1993, ag tosnu ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O COCHLAN
RUNAI SEALADACH

A G E N D A

1. Review of County Development Plan.
 2. Finger Post Signs.
 3. Prior Notice - Clr. Sean O'Neachtain - Planning Reference 69100 - Applicant - Henry White.
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MINUTES OF ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 3rd DECEMBER, 1993.

IN THE CHAIR:- Councillor J. Burke.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

Councillor J. Brennan, W. Burke
T. Byrne J. Callanan, Deputies
P. Connaughton, E. O'Cuiv,
Councillors M. Cunningham, M.
Fahy P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty,
S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M.
Loughnane, Mannion, McClearn,
Deputy P. McCormack, Senator. J.
McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins,
C. NiFhatharta, S. O'Neachtain,
M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P.
O'Tuathail, M. Regan, M. Ryan,
E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

Officials:

Messrs. P.J. Gavin, County
Manager, P. Flood, County
Engineer, T. Kavanagh, Acting
Asst. Co. Manager, E. Lusby,
Finance Officer, and T. Coughlan,
County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

CRAUGHWELL HALTING SITE

1983

The Chairman welcomed the Opening of the Craughwell Halting Site and expressed satisfaction at the Council's ongoing programme for the provision of accommodation for travellers. The Vice Chairman also welcomed the development and congratulated the Architect and Council Staff.

REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC LIGHTS

1984

The Report for the Replacement of Obsolete Lights dated 1st December, 1993, which had been previously circulated to the Members of the Council, was welcomed by the Meeting, and it was proposed by Councillor McClearn, seconded by Councillor Finnegan and agreed that the Council adopt the Programme as set out in the Report.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR YEAR ENDING 31/12/1994.

1985

Senator McDonagh stated that extra provision should

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be made for the maintenance of Burial Grounds and Amenity Grants. Senator McDonagh also suggested that the level of Water Charges for Schools be reviewed. Councillor Mullins expressed concern at the proposed rate increase, stated that improved maintenance of Burial Grounds was required, and that funds should be made available to provide services to demountable dwellings.

The County Manager replied to points raised by the Members of the Council during the Estimates Meetings, and complimented the Finance Officer and Staff on the preparation of the Estimate of Expenses. The County Manager also thanked the Members of the Council for the constructive debate on the Estimates.

It was proposed by Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Brennan and agreed that the Minister for the Environment be requested to implement the Report of the Institute for Fiscal Studies on a phased basis. It was proposed by Councillor McHugh, and agreed, that a sum of £3,000 be provided from Library Expenditure for the promotion of the Library Service. In reply to Councillor Mannion, the County Manager informed the Meeting that the situation regarding the funding of County Development Teams is unclear.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Deputy Connaughton, and unanimously agreed that the proposed Estimates be amended as follows:-

1. The increase in the Rate in the £ be reduced from 5% to 3.8%, resulting in a rate of £27.69 in £ and Income reduction of £38,400.
2. The elimination of the Provisions for County Development comprising -
 - (a) Expenditure Provision of £73,935
 - (b) Income from County Development £22,400
 - (c) Income from County Borough Compensation £18,560
 - (d) Income from Urban Demand £ 1,500
3. The provision for Income from Planning Charges to be increased by £14,200.
4. An additional £5,000 to be provided for Amenity Grants.
5. Contribution to the Arts to be increased by £2,275.

and that the consequential amendments relating to the apportionment of Central Management Charges among the Eight Programme Groups in Table A and B1 be approved.

ADOPTION OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1994

1986

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Deputy Connaughton, and unanimously resolved

"that Galway County Council hereby adopt, the Estimate of Expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 1994, as amended, as set out in Tables A, B1, and D of the said Estimate of Expenses, as amended".

The Chairman then declared that the Estimate of Expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 1994, as amended, had been adopted by the Council.

DETERMINATION OF THE RATES IN THE £ TO BE LEVIED FOR THE SEVERAL PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THE ESTIMATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31/12/1994.

1987

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan and resolved

"That Galway County Council hereby determine in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 1994, as amended and adopted, the rates set out in Column 13 of the Table B1, as amended, and Column 7 of Table D, to be the Rates in the £ to be levied for the several purposes set out in Column 1 of Table B1, and in Table D, for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 1994"

The Chairman declared Councillor Mannion's proposal carried, and declared that the rates in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimate, as amended, for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 1994, had been determined by the Council. The Prescribed Certificate was then signed.

MAKING OF CHARGES FOR WATER SUPPLIED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD COMMENCING 1st APRIL, 1994, UP TO AND INCLUDING 31st MARCH, 1995.

1988

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion and seconded by Deputy Connaughton, and resolved that in accordance with Section 65(a) of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, as inserted by Section 7 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1962, as amended

by Section 8 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983 as applied by Article 4 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985 and having regard to the provisions of the Scheme for Waiving of Charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, the following charges be made for water supplied by Galway County Council for Domestic Purposes in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1994 up to and including 31st March, 1995, such charge to be payable in two equal instalments, the 1st instalment payable on the 1st April, 1994, and the 2nd instalment payable on the 1st October, 1994.

Amount of Charge.

Charge for Water supplied to any domestic premises where water is used for Domestic Purposes. £100.

The Chairman declared this proposal carried.

MAKING OF CHARGE FOR WATER SUPPLIED TO PRIVATE GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD COMMENCING 1st APRIL, 1994 UP TO AND INCLUDING 31st MARCH, 1995.

1989

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Deputy Connaughton, and resolved

"That in accordance with Section 65(a) of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, inserted by Section 7 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1962 as amended by Section 8 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983 as applied by Article 4 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order 1985 and having regard to the Provisions of the Scheme of Waiving of Charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, the following charges be made on Private Group Water Supply Schemes for water supplied by Galway County Council to them for Domestic Purposes for each Domestic Premises in the said schemes in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1994, up to and including the 31st March, 1995, such charges to be payable in two equal instalments, the 1st instalment payable on the 1st April, 1994, and the 2nd instalment payable on the 1st October, 1994.

Amount of Charge.

Charge on Private Group Water Supply Scheme for each Domestic Premises in the Scheme where water is used for Domestic Purposes.

- (a) Where the Group Water Supply Scheme is in existence for 10 years or less. £51
- (b) Where the Group Water Supply Scheme is in existence for over 10 years. £81

The Chairman declared this proposal carried.

DISCOUNT SCHEME.

1990

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Deputy Connaughton, and resolved that the Discounts in respect of Water Charges as outlined in the Estimates submitted to the Council be approved. This provides in respect of 1994/1995 Water Charges Discounts as follows to consumers with no arrears on accounts.

10% Discount for all payment before end of May, or Agreement to pay by Direct Debit in one Annual Sum.

8% Discount for payment by Direct Debit in two equal half yearly instalments.

6% Discount for payment by Direct Debit in twelve one monthly instalments.

The Chairman declared this proposal carried.

MAKING OF CHARGE IN RESPECT OF REFUSE COLLECTION FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL, 1994, UP TO AN INCLUDING 31st MARCH, 1995.

1991

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Deputy Connaughton, and resolved

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, as applied by Article 3 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985, and the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts 1878/1964, and having regard to the Provision of the Scheme for Waiving of Charges in accordance with the Local

Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, the charge of 50p be made by Galway County Council (hereinafter called The Council) in respect of each label, details of which shall be specified by the Council and which shall be affixed to any bin, bag, box or similar container containing refuse which shall be left out for collection by the Council from any Domestic Premises along the Council's Refuse Collection Routes. The set charge of 50p shall apply for the period 1st April, 1994, up to an including 31st March, 1995, and shall be payable in advance on the purchase of the said label from the Council or from such other source as shall be approved by the Council from time to time".

The Chairman declared this proposal carried.

DEMAND ON BALLINASLOE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1992

It was proposed by Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan and resolved

"That the Statutory Demand on the Ballinasloe Urban District Council for year ending 31st December, 1994 be Signed and Sealed"

The Demand was then Signed and Sealed.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND INCOME/OUTTURN FOR 1993

1993

The Council noted and approved the Estimated Outturn figures for 1993 as set out in the Book of Estimates.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Deputy Connaughton and resolved

"That the Council approve Expenditure Excesses, being the estimated outturn figures for 1993 in Excess of the Adopted 1993 Estimates, such excesses being funded by other expenditure reductions and income increases".

The Chairman declared the proposal carried.

The Chairman and County Manager thanked the Members of the Council for their co-operation in the consideration and unanimous adoption of the Estimates.

SYMPATHY

1994

Resolutions of Sympathy were passed with the

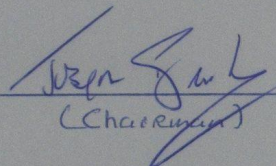
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following.

Nan Bn Ui Fhlatharta, Leitir Mucu, Casla.
The Gibsey Family, Cloughanover, Headford.
Michael Connor & Family, Boula, Headford.
Mrs. Frances McManus, Kilgarve, Ballinasloe.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED.

Submitted, APPROVED & CONFIRMED.



(Chairman)

24/1/94

(DATE)

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

29th November, 1993.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

The Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council
will be held in the County Buildings, Galway on Friday, 3rd
December, 1993 commencing at 3.00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. O COCHLAN
RUNAI SEALADACH

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1993.

IN THE CHAIR:- Councillor J. Burke.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

Councillor J. Brennan, W. Burke
T. Byrne J. Callanan, Deputies
P. Connaughton, E. O'Cuiv,
Councillors M. Cunningham, M.
Fahy P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty,
S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M.
Loughnane, Mannion, McClearn,
Deputy P. McCormack, Senator. J.
McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins,
C. NiFhatharta, 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. P.J. Gavin, County
Manager, P. Flood, County
Engineer, T. Kavanagh, Acting
Asst. Co. Manager, E. Lusby,
Finance Officer, J. McGovern,
Administrative Officer,
R. Killeen, S.E.E., and
T. Coughlan, Acting County
Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

ESTIMATES 1994:

1981

Deputy P. Connaughton called for a reduction in the proposed increase in Rates, an increase in funding for Essential Repair Grants and Disabled Persons Grants, an increase in funding for County Roads, referred to the high cost of housing repairs, and stated that the Council should have a more developmental role which would be relevant to local groups.

Councillor M. Fahy proposed a special allocation of funding for the provision of housing to deal with the backlog of approved applicants, and stated that the Council should not be responsible for maintenance of Courthouses. Councillor O'Neachtain stated that provision should be made for road safety outside schools, welcomed funding for new lights, and suggested that community groups provide and maintain

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public lighting. Councillor O'Neachtain also requested that provision be made for the Spiddal Sewerage Scheme.

Councillor McClearn expressed concern due to the fact that low income families may not be able to avail of discounts for water charges, requested information regarding the contribution to the Aughrim Interpretative Centre, proposed that new lights should be provided in villages on a programme basis, and requested that Portumna Sewerage be treated as a top priority by the Department of the Environment.

Councillor Gavin emphasised the need to improve collection levels, referred to the fact that additional responsibilities are being imposed by Central Government and the E.C. without corresponding funding, and agreed with the proposal to increase amenity grants to £30,000. Councillor Gavin also expressed concern at the high cost of the Fire Service.

Councillor Brennan suggested that a discount scheme be introduced for Rates, requested information on the repaving contract at Oranmore/Craughwell, Health and Safety, the possible use of Social Employment Schemes for housing maintenance and the adequacy of staff numbers.

Councillor Loughnane welcomed the inclusion of the Loughrea By-Pass in the National Plan, but expressed concern at the fact that Loughrea Sewerage Scheme is not mentioned in the Estimates, recommended an extended period for revisions of valuations, that funds be made available for local tenants who wish to carry out repairs, and stated that, as Athenry does not have a 24 hour water supply, residents should not be requested to pay full charges for a partial supply.

Councillor O'Tuathail stated that the Council has no impact on housing, water and sewerage, or roads, that there is no option for private rented accommodation in the Connemara area, that roads funding should be on a per mile basis as far as possible, that Capital funding be spent on villages, that the Council should take over group schemes, that pipes should be replaced rather than repaired, expressed concern due to the fact that the Preliminary Report for Carraroe Sewerage had not been prepared, and expressed concern at the rates increase due to the fact that small rural businesses cannot compete with those in the City. Councillor O'Tuathail also stated that the

position in relation to burial grounds is unacceptable. Deputy McCormack stated that the increase in the Rate Support Grant is too low, that National Primary Routes are being improved at the expense of local roads, expressed concern at the Oranmore/Craughwell Road Development, and stated that Gaeltacht Grants are too low having regard to the cost of mobilisation of employees and plant.

Councillor Ni Fhatharta stated that £20,000 provision for new lights is too low, requested information on the Costello Regional Water Supply Scheme, stated that the Waiver Schemes should be publicised, expressed disappointment at the number of rural houses being built in Connemara, and informed the Council of the need for new Burial Grounds and improved maintenance. Councillor McHugh referred to the fact that the cost of the Library Service is very high, emphasised the need to promote the Library Service, and proposed that £3,000 of the funds available to the County Librarian be used to promote the service. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Mullins. Councillor O'Neill referred to the fact that the system of Local Government is too centralised, the need for the provision of facilities in rural areas, and suggested that the Council examine the possibility of introducing charges for Sewerage Schemes in the light of the high cost of maintenance.

Councillor Byrne welcomed the increase in the Rate Support Grant, suggested an increase of £10,000 for Amenity Grants, and that the Council increase the number of Social Employment Schemes. Councillor Cunningham requested further information on the design of the Gort By-Pass, the Gort Regional Water Supply Scheme, and thanked the Manager and the Staff for dealing with the recent traveller problem at Gort. Councillor Varley suggested that the Council acquire derelict buildings in the centre of Headford, informed the Meeting of the need to address the decline of rural areas, and requested increased maintenance for Burial Grounds.

Councillor O'Sullivan told the Meeting of the need to upgrade public lighting, requested information as to the use of Motor Tax Receipts, and stated that Rate Support Grants are not equally distributed having regard to the fact that some local authorities have not imposed Service Charges. Councillor Callanan informed the Meeting of the need for increased funding for disabled persons grants, requested information on planning charges, and stated the

Social Employment Schemes have been of great benefit to the County. Councillor Michael Finnerty referred to Persse Park Group Water Scheme and requested that this scheme be charged at a lower rate.

Deputy O Cuiv referred to the need to have the Fiscal Studies Report implemented as soon as possible, requested further information on the Waiver Scheme and Planning Fees, requested that special attention be given to the repair and replacement of ranges, asked that the County Council be flexible in relation to selection of sites for serviced demountable dwellings, stated that charges for Group Water Schemes are high and suggested that the Trustees of Group Schemes collect charges. Councillor Ryan informed the Meeting that a proposed 5% increase in rates is too high, welcomed the discount scheme for water charges, stated that the condition of roads is generally unacceptable and that extra provision should be made for lights and burial grounds.

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The County Manager informed the Meeting that the Council had physically moved travellers in Gort and that it is the policy of the Council to enforce the law fairly in relation to travellers and the settled community alike. The Manager also stated that the Council has commenced construction of a house for a Handicapped Traveller at Bridge Road, Portumna, and that the Official Opening of the Halting Site at Craughwell would be held on the 3rd December, to which the Members of the Council and the Traveller Settlement Committee would be invited.

The County Manager also informed the Meeting that the Council's efforts to commence construction of a house at Caherlistrane had been frustrated by protesters, that the Solicitor representing the protesters had been informed that the Council intends to seek an Injunction, that the site had been fully examined by the Council and was considered suitable on all grounds, that outline planning permission had been granted in 1986 for a house on the site, that the Council had given assurances that no scrap would be allowed on the roadside, and that the Council has a right to construct a house on that site and must ensure that that right is not infringed. The Manager emphasised that the traveller family are entitled to housing and appealed to the people of Caherlistrane to allow the house to proceed. In reply to Councillor McHugh, the County Manager stated that an alternative specific site had been examined

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but was found to be unsuitable, and reiterated the assurances previously given to the Solicitor for the Protesters.

SYMPATHY.

Resolutions of Sympathy were passed with the following:

Bernard and Ann Stankford, Georges Street, Gort.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Foy, Keamsella, Kilcolgan.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED.

Submitted APPROVED & CONFIRMED.

Seep J. J. J.
(Chairman)

20/12/93
(Date)

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

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22nd November, 1993.

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The Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council will be held in the County Buildings, Galway on Friday, 26th November, 1993 commencing at 3.00 p.m.

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