

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**(Galway County Council)**

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

12 Nollaig, 1994

**CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/**

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Council in Committee to consider Review of County Development Plan which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on **Friday, 16th December, 1994**, commencing at **3.00 p.m.**

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH  
RUNAI

**AGENDA**

1. Review of County Development Plan.

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY  
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY  
ON FRIDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1994**

**Cathaoirleach:-** Councillor P. O'Tuathail.

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

**Oifigigh:-** Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager, J. Crotty, A/Co. Engineer, V. Raine, Exec. Solicitor, R.C. Killeen, A/Dep. Co. Engineer, L. Kavanagh, B. Callagy, S.E.E.s, T. Connell, S.S.O., M. O'Halloran, C.T. and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

**2801**

Resolutions of Sympathy were passed with the following:-

Maighread Bn. Ui Fhatharta, Salathuna, An Spideal.  
Mattie Cunningham, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe.

**RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY  
MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING**

**2802**

**APPLICATION NO. 71475 - APPLICANT - DERVELLA FALLON**

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator McDonagh and seconded by Councillor O'Neachtain. Senator McDonagh stated that he had deferred this motion from a previous meeting and he

wished to thank the County Manager and planning staff for meeting him to discuss this particular application. He now wished to know does the Council accept that the applicant's proposed access is onto a minor road.

Mr. Liam Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer stated that the site fronts onto a National Secondary road with access onto a non-public road. Mr. Kavanagh then outlined the policy in that where development is fronting onto a national route, permission will only be granted for access onto that route in an essential housing need category and where there is no alternative access onto a minor road available.

Senator McDonagh then requested that the relevant section covering this provision be pointed out to him in the County Development Plan.

Mr. Kavanagh stated that the policy was to refuse permission where access was taken from private roads which lead onto national routes and the council had been consistent in this policy. In this respect, he referred to a number of cases which had occurred in the Claregalway area. Mr. Kavanagh then went through the report as circulated to the members.

LOCATION:

The site is located on the National Secondary Road, 1/3 mile approximately west of village of Turloughmore at a point where the maximum speed limit applies.

PLANNING HISTORY:

PR 70847 - Permission refused for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank on 13/6/94. Applicant was Miss Dervella Fallon. The reasons for refusal were the same as in the present application. This decision was not appealed to An Bord Pleanála.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site as already stated is located on the N.63 (National Secondary Road), 1/3 mile west of the village of Turloughmore at a point where the maximum speed limit applies. The access is shown onto a minor agricultural road which is non public and its junction with the National Secondary Road has restricted sight distance. A meeting was held on site with the applicant where the Planning Authority's policy was explained and the deficiency in sight distance at the proposed access was pointed out. The remainder of family lands within the village speed limits were examined and found to be suitable for housing development. Since then,

planning permission was granted to two other members of the Fallon family within the village and further provision could be made for housing adjacent to these.

The National Roads Authority has recommended refusal of the development as proposed.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because the site is located on a heavily trafficked section of the National Secondary Route (N.63) and its access onto same is at a point where there is restricted sight distance and where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic movements generated by this development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road.

2. The proposed development would be contrary to the current County Development Plan, Chapter 8 and Table 8B which restricts development along this route to those where essential housing need exists, a category of development which does not apply in this case as suitable alternative sites are available on other family lands within the village speed limits.

Senator McDonagh again requested to know if the provision regarding access to by-roads was written into the County Development Plan and stated that he accepted that it was the Council's policy. He added that if the Council policy is to prohibit planning onto minor roads, then this will have severe repercussions for rural areas. He then referred to Chapter 8 of the County Development Plan. The Senator suggested that the width of the road was satisfactory. Referring then to site distance, he stated that the applicant had agreed to carry out substantial improvement works on the right hand side of the by-road leading to the National route. The Senator added that he would give notice of motion money to declare 100 metres of the road a public road. He then referred to previous planning permission, which was granted, Reference Number: 60832, in similar circumstances and stated that a precedent had been set. He continued, stating that this was a second family dwellinghouse. Other sites had been used or were not suitable for dwellinghouses. Letters had been sent in from former engineers stating that the land was not suitable for sites on the remainder of the land. He stated that the head of the road would be improved on the right hand side and that there was already a house on the other side of the road. He wished to allocate £500 towards the road and also the applicant was prepared to accept an enurement clause as a condition on the permission.

He stated that this application should have been granted permission in the first instance without the need for a Section 4 motion.

Deputy McCormack stated that he could not see how the Council could justify not considering this planning application. He stated that he does not agree with the councils decision to refuse the applicant permission on this 40 acre farm and that it was never intended that this restriction be incorporated into the County Development Plan.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that he formally seconded the motion. He stated that this application is worthy of being permitted. He believes that there would be no extra vehicular traffic as there is an existing access in use at this location. He believes that the application is worthy of coming within good planning.

Cllr. Varley stated that an essential housing need existed in this particular case.

Cllr. Toddie Byrne stated that he had no particular interest in this Section 4 but referred to Chapter 8 of the County Development Plan and details of vehicle access.

Mr. Liam Kavanagh informed the members that the Planning Authority was obliged to consider the traffic safety of the application. The primary duty was to protect the safety of the routes. The claim is for a house for a daughter of a farmholder and it is not a new farmhouse. He stated that the applicants home was within a half mile of this site and that if there was no alternative access, the application could be considered on the route. The Planning Authority's primary consideration is to safeguard the traffic capacity of the route and in this respect he referred to Chapter 8 of the County Development Plan.

Cllr. McHugh wished to know if there were no alternative lands available to the applicant in this case, would planning permission be granted. Mr. Kavanagh stated that there was a problem with site distance for this site. He added that there were other lands within the 40 m.p.h. speed limit which were suitable for housing and that two applications had recently been granted. Cllr. McHugh stated that because these applications were granted, the lands were not now available to the applicant.

Cllr. Joe Burke stated that there was an essential housing need claim here and although there were alternative lands, they had been told, through professional advice, that these lands were unsuitable to build on. He stated that the County Development Plan seems to be misinterpreted from the way the Councillors had adopted it. He stated that he would be supporting the Section 4 motion.

Cllr. Hussey added that the reason the applicant wants permission on this site is that the site is registered in her own name and that other sites are not available as there are other members of the family availing of the sites.

Cllr. McHugh then referred to the traffic hazard and stated that a new house is presently under construction which is near the hill to which the traffic hazard relates on this application. Mr. Kavanagh then went through the history of the application referred to by Cllr. McHugh. In this particular case, the wife of the applicant is a daughter of a farmholder from that area and there was no other land fronting a county road.

Cllr. McDonagh stated that although it seems that the Council prohibit development on a minor road with access onto national roads, he did not see any specific reference of this in the County Development Plan. He added that there were no other suitable lands available to the applicant and that a precedent had been set under Planning Reference Number 60832. He stated that this application should be granted.

A vote taken for or against the Resolution resulted as follows:

AR SON:-

Cllrs. J. Burke, Byrne, Callanan, Cunningham, Fahy, Finnegan, Finnerty, Hussey, Loughnane, Mannion, McClearn, Deputy McCormack, Sen. McDonagh, Cllrs. McHugh, Mullins, Ni Fhatharta, O'Neachtain, O'Sullivan, O'Tuathail, Quinn, Regan, Ryan, Varley and Walsh (24).

IN AGHAIDH:-

**REVIEW OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

2803

The County Secretary informed the members that the Council were unable to circulate Chapter 2 prior to the meeting as other Plans had become available to which Mr. Callagy wished to refer in the preparation of this chapter and he regretted the delay in this matter.

Mr. Callagy apologised for not having the chapter ready prior to the meeting. He stated that chapter 2 was the basic statement of policies in the County Development Plan. The County Development Plan should be in harmony with the National Plan and other Plans and he had researched other Plans in drawing up this chapter. He informed the meeting that he would go through the main points in the research papers and

then began with the first topic, the National Plan. He went through the research paper referring in turn to the general development strategy of the Plan and to the main areas relating to the County Council, such as, tourism, environmental services, urban renewal, infrastructure, telecommunications, postal service. He spoke on the main aims of the Operational Programme and the relevant sub-programmes. He then went on to speak on urbanisation, rural decline, urban and village renewal.

Deputy McCormack stated that there was less than half of the council members present and that the council had not got down to discuss the real concerns that the members have in relation to the County Plan. There was a lack of interest, he added.

Cllr. Finnegan stated that he did not agree with Deputy McCormack. He welcomed the research papers and he wished to widen the scope of thinking in relation to the review.

Cllr. O'Neachtain added that section by section should be dealt with but that the level of interest is very low. He added that the members must try and find solutions to rural problems.

Cllr. Loughnane requested to know if it was open to the Councillors to make amendments to Chapter 2 or had they to accept it as it was circulated.

The County Manager informed the meeting that the adoption of the County Development Plan is a reserved function of the council. The research papers were circulated and were there to assist in considering the plan. Where changes are made to the Plan, these changes must be based on ground rules to back up the amendments. Mr. Callagy stated that these were the ground rules set down on which the policies of Chapter 2 are based. He then proceeded to continue going through the research papers.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that this was a very important aspect of the Plan and that Chapter 2 was the most important as it lays down the framework. He realises that these three chapters are a help but he feels it is difficult to go through everything in detail because of the timescale. He then referred to rural development and rural decline which were very prominent in Galway. On speaking of Europe, he said, there was a lot of talk of subsidiarity and letting the local communities decide on local issues. Referring to the sub-programme of the west region, he stressed the importance of the Gaeltacht areas and wished to designate and give attention to this aspect in the County Plan. He stated that it was mentioned to a certain degree under cultural tourism. The Councillor then referred to the number of students visiting the Gaeltacht which he estimated to be about

10,000. He stated that it was important that this continues for the economic development of this particular area and wished to see an indication of the importance of the Gaeltacht area in County Galway mentioned in the Plan. He then added that his wish was that the Council would continue to work in co-operation with Udaras na Gaeltachta in this respect. The character of the Gaeltacht areas needed to be preserved and the economic rewards that would result from this. Again, he stated that this should be mentioned in the new County Plan.

The Chairman then stated that Mr. Callagy would go through Chapter 2. Mr. Callagy commenced dealing with this chapter. On afforestation, Cllr. Matt Loughnane suggested that an addition be inserted to include "water courses at 2.8 (iv)". He added that an applicant should not be allowed plant trees within 50 metres of a water course. Cllr. Hussey requested to know were there limitations on private individuals when planting trees. Mr. Callagy stated that the Forestry Service should impose limitations and that recent regulations did not refer to this. He stated that Cllr. Loughnane's proposal would be incorporated into the Plan. Mr. Callagy then went on to discuss the policies for development of the infrastructure, such as, roads and policies for environmental services, heritage.

Cllr. Joe Brennan in referring to the chapter stated that it was very idealistic and it was a question of having the finance to implement it. He stated that it was a first class document when it comes to ideals. He wanted to know where all the money was coming from to implement the policies set down in Chapter 2.

The County Manager stated that everything in this Chapter will follow on in more detail in subsequent chapters in the County Development Plan. He also stated that a separate section will deal with the Gaeltacht.

Cllr. Byrne stated that in order to speed up the review, he requested that the research papers be sent out to the members prior to the meeting and then discussed for a short period at the beginning of the subsequent council meeting.

The County Manager stated that this was the intention and added that in future all papers will be sent out in advance of the meetings. Unfortunately, it was not possible in this instance.

Cllr. Brennan referred to off-road parking and the fact that parts of the road are neglected. He requested to know should the Council be responsible for the road wall to wall. Mr. Callagy advised the member that this would be dealt with in Chapter 7.

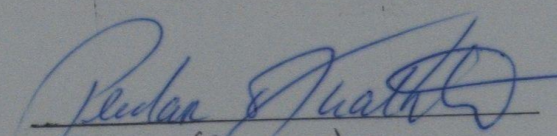
The County Manager informed the meeting that it was important to get through all of the chapters and he would like the council to discuss the chapters in detail. He then complemented the members on their debate dealing with the on-going review and stated that a comprehensive debate was necessary.

Cllr. Michael Ryan wished to know what restrictions there were on lights attached to structures adjacent to roads because they could be a traffic hazard. Mr. Callagy stated that the matter would be looked at.

The County Manager informed the members that chapters 8, 10 and 11 would be discussed at the next meeting on Friday, 16th December, 1994.

**CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN**

Submitted, Approved + Confirmed:

  
(Chairman)

23/1/95  
Date

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**  
**(Galway County Council)**

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GAILLIMH.

2 Nollaig, 1994

**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, **De h-Aoine, an 9u la Nollaig, 1994**, ag tosnu ar a **3.00 a chlog** sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH  
RUNAI

**AGENDA**

1. That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as amended, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant permission for Dwelling House and Septic Tank to Dervella Fallon at Lackaghmore - Planning Ref. No. 71475.

J. McDonagh	S. O'Neachtain	P. McCormack
S. Gavin	E. Varley	P. McHugh

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2 Nollaig, 1994

**CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE!**

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Council in Committee to consider Review of County Development Plan which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on **Friday, 9th December, 1994**, commencing at **3.30 p.m.**

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH  
RUNAI

**AGENDA**

1. Review of County Development Plan.

**MINUTES OF ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY  
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY**

**ON FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 1994**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:-** An Comhairleoir P. O'Tuathail

**I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Baill:-**

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

**Oifigigh** :

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager, D. Nelson, Assist. County Manager, J. Crotty, A/Co. Engineer, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, R.C. Killeen, A/Dep. Co. Engineer, G. Dunne, S.E.E., T. Coughlan, B. Doyle, A.O.'s, T. Connell, C. Wallace, S.S.O.'s, and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**2791**

Councillor Fahy and other Members congratulated Councillor W. Burke on the opening of his new business in Loughrea.

**ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1995**

**2792**

The debate on the Estimate of Expenses for 1995 resumed agus glaoi on Cathaoirleach ar an Comhairleoir O'hAsai, an cead Comhairleoir eile le caint. Councillor Hussey then spoke on the estimates and some of the points he made were:-

- There was a difficult year facing the Council and even with a 7% increase in rates, there would be insufficient funds for the maintenance of roads.
- By contributing 66% in grants, the role of the State

- in local decision making was inevitable.
- Rates were no longer sufficient and another source of revenue was required.
- The cost of maintenance of new capital schemes was having a major impact on inadequate resources.
- The sum of £27,000 provided for piers and harbours should be met by the Department of the Marine.
- Group Water Schemes should be taken over by the Council as Groups are no longer able to meet the required standards of quality etc.
- That the sum provided for conferences be divided equally between Members with a cap of £1,300 per Member.

Councillor Hussey said it was impossible to make any reductions in the Estimates without effecting the provision of services and he was therefore recommending the adoption of the Estimates as presented.

Duirt an Teachta McCormack go raibh cupla ceist aige. He asked what would happen if the Rate Support Grant turned out to be 3.1%. He asked why the Council had to provide funds from its scarce resources to improve water and sewerage schemes when the exchequer should provide the funds. He said that Council staff resources had a big involvement in the proposed Oranmore Sewerage Scheme and he asked if recoupmnt would be received.

Councillor Finnegan said that to reduce the Estimates would effect the services and if a good service is provided the public would be happy. He said that the maintenance of houses would have to improve in view of the big rent increases. Referring to Group Water Schemes, he said that the Willamstown Group were finding difficulty paying the E.S.B. bills and asked the Council to look sympathetically at taking over the scheme. He agreed with Councillor Hussey about the distribution of the allocation for conferences.

Councillor Callanan said that Group Water Schemes off Council mains seemed to be charged more than their fair share. Mr. Lusby gave details of the charges for Group Schemes.

Councillor Ryan said that the Council's position was made very difficult when the only source of revenue was from Rates and Water Charges. He said that 7% was a huge increase and many small businesses were barely ticking over. This was unfair when the Rate Support Grant only increased by 3%. Councillor Ryan said that Farmers using water from the Kilkerrin/Moylough Regional Scheme were paying up to £500 p.a. and 15% would be a substantial increase. He said that the charging system was wrong and asked that it be examined and a fixed charge considered. He said the Council would have difficulty continuing to meet the maintenance

costs of Tuam Sewerage Scheme and he hoped that a solution would be found to the Cluain Mhuire problem.

Councillor Cunningham welcomed the improvement works on Gort Courthouse. He said that if the Gort By-pass was not progressed, he would ask for the N18 to be upgraded. He asked if there was any hope of funding for coastal erosion. He asked if there were any proposals to extend Drumacoo Burial Ground. He urged that improvement works be carried out to the N66 at Sherry's, Peterswell. He said that the Council had the fourth lowest rate in the country and people would not object to the rate increase if a good service is provided.

Senator McDonagh said it was evident that there was a great lack of funding for Local Authorities and this had been identified by the FISCAL Studies Report. It was regrettable that Local Authority Finance was not included in the recent reforms and an Oireachtas Committee should now be set up for this purpose. He said the number of road staff had reduced from 600 in 1980 to 245 now and with over 4,000 miles of road it was impossible to maintain them. He asked how many people were on the payroll, on pension etc.

Threaslaigh an Comhairleoir O'Neachtain gach duine a chabhraigh leis na Meastachan a chur le cheile. He said that because of the Government 66% Grant the Members had little control over expenditure and should be doing something about it. He said Local Government was a most important tier of Government and Members should be more vocal in seeking reform. He welcomed the increase in public lighting but said the drop in numbers of road-workers would affect road maintenance. He agreed with Councillor Hussey in relation to conference expenditure. Duirt se go raibh se an-bhroduil as an foireann de bharr an dul chun cinn sa Gaeilge agus ar an teileafon.

Councillor J. Burke asked when charges came into force for Fire Safety Certificates and when were Commencement Notices introduced and if they were approved by the Council. While he welcomed the increase in house building, he said that the Council were doing nothing to solve cases of overcrowding or improve the conditions for people in demountable dwellings. He said that extra funding would have to be found for the Disabled Persons Grants and the Social Housing Scheme was an excellent one. He said the Council was not getting a fair deal according to the FISCAL Studies Report and complained that the Council had little or no say in the use of Government funding.

Councillor McHugh thanked the Manager for the answers received to some of the questions raised at the previous meeting. While he welcomed the five-year plan for the burial grounds and fire service, he said that there may be

some immediate works required at Galway Fire Station. He said that the Council should take a serious look at the FISCAL Studies Report and decide what way to go forward. He seconded Councillor Hussey's proposal in relation to the distribution of the allocation for conferences. Councillor Quinn also supported this. In relation to Group Water Schemes she said that the Council should consider taking them over, she mentioned the Tobberoe Scheme. She asked for a library to be provided in Mountbellew which only has a mobile at present. She also asked the Council to support the Glenamaddy Community Fire Brigade which she said had saved the Council a lot of money.

Gabh an Comhairleoir O'Braonain buiochas do gach duine a chabhraigh leis na Meastachan agus duirt se go raibh se sasta go leor leis an rata. In relation to conferences he said that the system in operation was an inherited one. Deputy Connaughton said while he had reservations about the rate increase he didn't know where to cut back. He said that he hoped Cluain Mhuire would not be a problem at the next Estimates. He said he liked the new emphasis on community development and wondered if the Council could co-operate with local groups in providing land banks for development. He was amazed at the drop in library readership as this was a most important service.

Councillor Fahy said that he would like to see sewerage schemes being brought forward for small towns and villages like Craughwell and Peterswell. He asked the Council's support for Ballymana Group Water Scheme and asked the Council to consider taking over Kiltartan Group Water Scheme next year. He said that good land was being eroded at Tawin and Maree and urged coastal protection works. He said that a railing was badly needed at the ancient cemetery in Ardrahan. In relation to attendance at conferences, he said that Councillors should have their choice irrespective of the number attending.

Councillor Walsh said that the ongoing maintenance costs for new capital sanitary schemes were outrageous and should be met by central funds. He supported Councillor Ryan in relation to the idea of a standard charge for water for agricultural purposes. He thanked the Council for the village works taking place in Glenamaddy. He found the rent increases for demountable dwellings unsatisfactory where no services were provided. He said that graveyards were in a bad condition and asked that the Council purchase land at Boyounagh burial ground in order to develop a carpark under a FAS scheme.

Councillor Loughnane referred to the allocation for Local Improvement Schemes and said the work was very costly and proposed that it be done by contract which would work out much cheaper and clear the backlog. In relation to

conferences, he said the allocation was unevenly distributed and details should be made available. He noted that the shortfall to the Council arising from the abolition of domestic rates was not mentioned in the Estimates. He said that there were roads in the County with planning restrictions on them which shouldn't because the grass margins were not maintained. He welcomed the application for cohesion funding for sanitary schemes and complained about the discharge of sewerage effluent into the Dunkellin River. In regard to road grants from the National Roads Authority Councillor Loughnane said that the Council would have to put more thought into its submissions and prioritise schemes.

Mr. Lusby, Finance Officer then replied to some of the queries raised by the Members. He said that he was carrying out an investigation into the possibility of a sewerage charge and would report back to the Finance Committee. In relation to Committee of Agriculture pensions, he said that the Council was only paying pensions in some older cases where the Council had benefited from their superannuation contributions and no new cases were involved. He said that the sum of £68,000 for the Register of Electors was the total all-in cost and was 50% recoupable. Explaining the increase in the Central Management Charge in Programme Group 3 Water Supply and Sewerage, Mr. Lusby said that the total Central Management Charges were set out on page 77 and these were apportioned back over the eight programmes in proportion to the expenditure on each. As Programme Group 3 included substantial capital expenditure for Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme, this resulted in a higher Central Management Charge for this programme as compared to the previous year. Regarding the proposed rate increase Mr. Lusby said that Galway's rate was the fourth lowest in the country. Counties Donegal, Kerry and Mayo were similar to Galway in size and topography but had a much higher rate being at the top of the list. If Galway's rate was as high as theirs, it would produce an extra £1.5 million in income. Mr. Lusby gave details of the different bands of rate-payers in the County which showed that the 7% increase in rates would only result in an additional maximum payment of £19 for 40% of ratepayers, £38 for the next 22% of ratepayers and £57 for further 19% of ratepayers. If the proposed rate was to be reduced so also would expenditure. Most of the expenditure was committed and the only areas that could be looked at were areas like public lighting, amenity and art grants etc. and he hoped that these would not be reduced. 1% rate increase produced £33,880 and 1% water charge increase produced £14,260. He said that the water charges in Mayo were £145 and in Kerry a combined charge of £160. The proposed water charge of £115 was equivalent to 32p per day which was good value and a generous waiver scheme operated. The total number on the payroll was 2,137 which included Pensioners, S.E.S. Workers and Part-time Staff.

The County Manager then spoke and paid tribute to the



Members for the high level of debate and thanked them for the tributes paid to the Staff. He said that Local Government was very important and it was essential to have a good viable system and he would favour the submission of a paper to the new Minister for the Environment. He said that in preparing the Estimates the Council must aim at providing a minimum level of services and not let them run down as the Council's operations can have a positive effect on the whole local economy. He thanked the Rate Payers who regularly paid their rates in time and said that those who didn't pay would be pursued. The thrust in the Estimates was to co-operate and assist in community development. The new carpark in Loughrea was a good example of community effort. He said the community roads scheme would be advertised early in the new year. He was very supportive of the Irish Language and every effort would be made to encourage its use. He said he was a firm believer in forward planning and the five year roads plan and waste plan would be ready very shortly. Every effort would be made to get the maximum benefit from cohesion funds for water and sewerage schemes and a comprehensive submission has been made to the N.R.A. in relation to national roads. In relation to Cluain Mhuire he agreed that a solution had to be found and he hoped to come to the accommodation committee in January but all options must remain on the table. He said that while the water charge increase seemed high, when expressed in weekly terms it was very small and compared well with telephone or E.S.B. charges. There was a good sense of community spirit prevailing and it was important to build on that and the Council would set up a register of community groups. He thanked the Chairman and previous Chairman for their co-operation and also the Staff. He recommended the adoption of the Estimates.

Councillor Callanan suggested a 1% reduction on the grounds that income from planning fees might exceed the sum allowed. The County Manager said that all the figures in the estimates were as factual as possible and that applied to the planning fees.

Councillor Mannion suggested that two members from each grouping get together to discuss the matter raised about attendance at conferences.

#### **ADOPTION OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1995**

2793

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Hussey and unanimously resolved

"That Galway County Council hereby adopt, the Estimate of Expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 1995, as circulated and set out in Tables A, B1, and D of the said Estimate of Expenses."

The Chairman then declared that the Estimate of Expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 1995 as circulated

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 31/12/1995.**

2794

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

"That Galway County Council hereby determine in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 1995, as adopted, the rates set out in Column 12 of Table B1 and Column 7 of Table D, to be the Rates in the £ to be levied for the several purposes as set out in Column 1 of Table B1, and in Table D, for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 1995."

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, for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 1995, 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, 1995, UP TO AND INCLUDING 31ST MARCH, 1996**

2795

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion and seconded by Councillor Hussey 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, 1995 up to and including 31st March, 1996, such charge to be payable in two equal instalments, the 1st instalment payable on the 1st April, 1995, and the 2nd instalment payable on the 1st October, 1995.

#### **Amount of Charge**

Charge for Water Supplied to any domestic premises where water is used for Domestic Purposes. £115

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 1995 UP TO AND INCLUDING 31ST MARCH, 1996**

2796

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Hussey, 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 for 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, 1995 up to and including the 31st March, 1996, such charges to be payable in two equal instalments, the 1st instalment payable on the 1st April, 1995, and the 2nd instalment payable on the 1st October, 1995."

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

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| (a) Where the Group Water Supply Scheme is in existence for 10 years or less. | £59 |
| (b) Where the Group Water Supply Scheme is in existence for over 10 years.    | £93 |

The Chairman declared this proposal carried.

**MAKING OF CHARGE IN RESPECT OF REFUSE COLLECTION FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 1995, UP TO AND INCLUDING 31ST MARCH, 1996**

2797

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Hussey, 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 Provisions 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, 1995 up to and including 31st March, 1996, and shall be payable in advance on the purchase of the said labels 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**

2798

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

"That the Statutory Demand on the Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the year ending 31st December, 1995, be Signed and Sealed".

The Demand was then Signed and Sealed.

**ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND INCOME OUT TURN FOR 1994**

2799

The Council noted and approved the Estimated Out turn figures for 1994 as set out in the Book of Estimates.

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

"That the Council approve Expenditure Excesses, being the estimated out turn figures for 1994 in excess of the Adopted 1994 Estimates, such excesses being funded by other expenditure reductions and income increases."

The Chairman declared the proposal carried.

Ghabh an Cathaoirleach agus an Bainisteoir buíochas dos na Comhairleoirí as ucht an comh-oibriú nuair a bhí na Meastachán a phlé, agus de bharr gur glacadh leis na Meastachán d'aonghuth

NEW STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE  
FOR THE YEAR 1994

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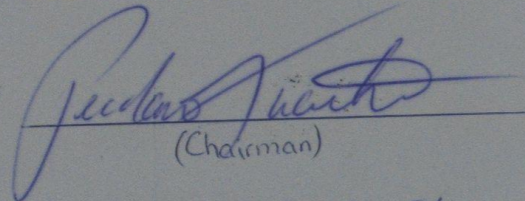
**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:-**

A resolution of sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Flaherty, Hawkhill, Gort, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Kerins & Family, Ballinstaig, Gort, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Michael Stepleton (Jnr.), Clontuskert, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. Patrick Carthy, Crowe Street, Gort, Co. Galway.

**CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN**

Submitted, Approved + Signed:

  
(Chairman)

19-12-94

Date:

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**  
**(Galway County Council)**

Oifig An Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
**GAILLIMH.**

25 Samhain, 1994

**CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/**

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 2nd December, 1994, commencing at 3.00 p.m..

Mise, le meas,

**T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,**  
**RUNAI**

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY**  
**BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 28th NOVEMBER,**  
**1994.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:-** An Comhairleoir P. O'Tuathail.

**I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

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

**Oifigigh:** Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County  
Manager, D. Nelson, Assistant  
County Manager, J. Crotty,  
A/County Engineer, E.  
Lusby, Finance Officer, R.C.  
Killeen, A/Deputy Co. Engineer,  
L. Kavanagh, G. Dunne, S.E.E.'s,  
V. Raine, Exec. Solicitor, T.  
Coughlan, B. Doyle, A.O.'s, G.  
O'Beirne, T. Murphy, C. Wallace,  
T. Connell, S.S.O.'s, J. Forde,  
S.O., B. Ginnelly, C.T. and T.  
Kavanagh, County Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

**RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY**

2741

**MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING**

**APPLICATION NO. 71475 - APPLICANT - DERVELA FALLON**

Report of the Planning Officer was circulated to each  
Member prior to the meeting.

Senator McDonagh said that he wanted clarification on

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 28/11/94  
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this Section 4 for the Council Meeting to be held on  
2nd December, 1994. He said the site was along a  
non-public road leading to the N63. He said that it  
was a minor road with a public right-of-way over it  
and used daily by a number of families. Two Local  
Improvement Schemes had been done on it. He said  
this was a very important case and proposed that a  
decision be deferred for clarification to the meeting  
on 2nd December, 1994.

The County Secretary stated that the meeting on the  
2nd December 1994 was the Statutory Estimates Meeting  
and the Section 4 could not be considered at that  
meeting. If a Special Meeting was to be convened on  
that day to consider the Section 4 resolution, he was  
not satisfied that adequate notice could be given.  
He said that notice could be given to have the  
Section 4 considered at a meeting on the 9th  
December, 1994. It was agreed to defer the  
resolution to a meeting on 9th December, 1994.

**MINUTES**

2742

On the proposition of Councillor Gavin, seconded by  
An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta the Minutes of Special  
Meeting of Galway County Council held at County  
Buildings, Galway on Friday, 14th October, 1994 were  
approved and signed by the Chairman. Arising from  
Minutes No. 2672 Councillor Gavin referred to a  
letter dated 16th November, 1994 from the Department  
of the Environment increasing the Council's  
allocation for Local Improvement Schemes for 1994 by  
£25,000. He hoped that the 1995 allocation would be  
substantially increased. Deputy Connaughton  
supported Councillor Gavin. Cuidigh an Teachta  
O'Cuiv and duirt se gur ceart tuilleadh bru a chur ar  
an Aire go bhfaighfeadh an Comhairle deontas £500,000  
ar feadh cupla blian.

On the proposition of Councillor Callanan, seconded  
by Councillor O'Sullivan the Minutes of Monthly  
Meeting of Galway County Council held at County  
Buildings, Galway on Monday, 24th October, 1994 were  
approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from Minute No. 2688, Councillor Finnegan  
asked if the Differential Rent Scheme had been  
examined following complaints about huge increases.  
Mr. Nelson stated that if the child allowance for  
families with more than four children was increased  
from 50p to £2 the cost to the Council would be  
£21,000 p.a. If the £2 allowance was allowed for all  
children the cost could be as high as £169,000. A  
discussion followed in which Members cited various  
rent increases including those for demountable  
dwellings. It was stated that Old Age Pensioners who

got an increase of £3.40 in July had £3.20 taken away by the rent increase and that allowances such as the Carer's allowance and income supplement should not be taken into account. Questions were also asked in relation to the high increase in rental income shown in the Estimates for 1995 as against 1994 and also the amount of rent arrears. Councillor McClearn said that the same child allowance should apply to all families.

Replying Mr. Nelson stated that under the scheme rent was primarily based on income and in other situations there was often no allowance for children. He said that the increase in the rental income shown in the 1995 Estimates was due to a number of factors including the income base being updated which hadn't been done since 1991, a substantial number of dependants were now over 18 years of age and in receipt of social welfare benefits, on the previous assessment some people did not declare benefits, the rent was now based on the minimum social welfare entitlement, the circumstances of hardship cases in 1992 have changed, the low level of tenant purchase take-up, the fact that the housing stock had increased each year. In relation to family income supplement, Mr. Nelson stated that it would be difficult not to take it into account when a similar amount of earned income is taken into account for an employed person. He said that the Council would apply the scheme fairly to everybody and genuine hardship cases would be fully investigated. He said that the rent arrears was in the region of £100,000 and action was being taken against defaulters. He agreed that demountable dwellings were unsatisfactory and the Council's application for funding to provide services for them had so far been unsuccessful. On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, it was agreed that an allowance of £2 for children in excess of four would reduce the impact of the increase and that in future there should be an annual review.

The Minutes of the following Committee Meetings were noted:-

- Minutes of Galway Area Committee held on 26th October, 1994.
- Minutes of Tuam Area Committee held on 28th October, 1994.
- Minutes of Loughrea Area Committee held on 27th October, 1994.
- Minutes of Connemara Area Committee held on 11th October, 1994.
- Minutes of Arts Committee Meeting held on 20th October, 1994.

Arising out of the Minutes of the Galway Area Committee, Councillor Gavin said the Committee was

concerned about the late notification of Roinn na Gaelteachta Road Grants. He pointed out that the Council received notification from Roinn na Gaelteachta on the 21st November and the work had to be carried out and expenditure claimed by the 12th December. He asked if the Council had matching funds available and was informed by the County Secretary that a sum of £70,000 was available.

The Secretary asked the Members to make a decision in relation to the fixing of dates for Area Meetings. It was agreed that it would be desirable to try and fix regular dates for the Area Meetings and the Members agreed that in January they would fix dates for Area Meetings for 1995. It was agreed that the next Ballinasloe Area Meeting would be on the second Tuesday in January.

#### **AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR RIVER SUCK DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**

2743

The Auditors Report of the audit of accounts of the River Suck Drainage Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1993 was noted.

#### **SALE OF HOUSE AT TULLYVOHEEN, CLIFDEN**

2744

On the proposition of Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, the Council approved the sale of house at Tullyvoheen, Clifden to Thomas Wallace of 3 Tullyvoheen, Clifden, under Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966 as substituted by Section 26 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1992 and in accordance with Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 which had been circulated to each Member.

#### **LEASE OF PLOT OF LAND AT THE SQUARE CLIFDEN TO ESB**

2745

The Secretary stated that it was proposed to defer this item as there was a possibility that this Transformer Station might be moved elsewhere.

#### **SPEED LIMITS**

2746

The Secretary stated that the Members had asked that this item be put on the Agenda because of the delay in bringing revised speed limits into force. As explained at previous meetings, the approval of the National Roads Authority was required in order to change speed limits on National Roads. The Secretary stated that he had been in touch with the National

Roads Authority and they were not in a position to say when they would be able to report on the revised speed limits. He said that Councillors had suggested at the last meeting that the Council should proceed with the revised speed limits on roads other than National Roads. He said this had now been done and bye-laws drafted on this basis and circulated to each Member. Under the new procedures the draft bye-laws had to be forwarded to other Local Authorities in the County and the Garda Commissioner and they must be given at least one month to make representations. This had been done and those bodies had up to the 4th of January 1995 to make submissions.

The Secretary then explained the structure of the bye-laws as this was the first occasion on which the Council was involved in making such bye-laws. He said that under Section 45 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 all public roads within the boundaries of County Boroughs, Boroughs, U.D.C.'s and Town Commissioners were declared to have a 30 m.p.h. speed limit. However some roads within those boundaries may not require a 30 mile limit and the law allowed such roads to be deleted from the 30 mile limit in the proposed bye-laws and as was done previously under the old speed limit regulations. The draft bye-laws circulated had three schedules and the first schedule listed roads in Ballinasloe Urban District, Tuam and Loughrea Town Commissioner Areas which it was proposed to delete from the 30 mile limit. There was an option of putting a 40 m.p.h. limit on those roads. The second schedule listed roads outside those town boundaries where a 30 m.p.h. limit is being imposed. The third schedule applies the 40 m.p.h. limit to the roads listed in that schedule. He explained that the revised limits previously agreed by the Council were included in the draft bye-laws other than those limits on or coming onto National Roads. He said that all going well the Council would be in a position to adopt the bye-laws at the January Monthly Meeting.

Senator McDonagh said that many motorists pay little attention to speed limit signs and he asked if larger signs could be erected. He also asked if "Children at Play" signs could be erected in some villages where there is heavy traffic. Councillor O'Neill asked about the procedure for proposing revised speed limits in future. He was advised by the Secretary that Councillors could submit a proposal at any time and it would be investigated. However, in order to make just one revision, the whole set of bye-laws would have to be revised and for this reason he recommended that revisions should take place not more than once a year. Some Members said that the granting of planning permission depended on the bringing into operation of the revised speed limits

and asked if it could be assumed that the revised speed limits on National Roads would be implemented. The Secretary explained that planning decisions had to be based on the de facto situation but agreed to bring forward new bye-laws immediately approval is received from the National Roads Authority. It was agreed to proceed with the draft bye-laws as circulated and bring the bye-laws back before the Council at the January Monthly Meeting.

#### ORANMORE JUNCTION

2747

Letter dated 1st November, 1994 from the National Roads Authority was circulated to each Member with the Agenda. Members expressed satisfaction at the contents of the letter. The County Manager said that the situation was being re-examined and a report would come back before the Area Meeting.

Councillor Cunningham referred to the very dangerous bend on the Galway Road into Gort where several accidents have occurred and submitted a motion that rumble strips be provided there. The Secretary said that this matter would be investigated.

#### OVERDRAFT

2748

On the proposition of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan it was resolved that subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment Galway County Council approve of overdraft of £3m for the six month period ending 30th June, 1995.

#### MANAGER'S BUSINESS

2749

##### URBAN RENEWAL

The Secretary informed the Members that the Council had been notified of an extra allocation of £7,000 for the Urban Renewal Sub Programme and said that this would be apportioned between the two approved schemes i.e. Glenamaddy and Clifden.

##### GAELTEACHT ROAD GRANTS

A copy of letter dated 17 Samhain 1994 from An Roinn Ealaíon, Cultúir agus Gaeltachta had been circulated to each Member notifying the Council of gaelteacht road grants to a total of £86,000. The matter was discussed earlier during the meeting.

##### IMPROVEMENT OF JUNCTIONS

The Secretary advised the Members that notification had been received from the National Roads Authority

of the following Road Grants:-

<u>Junction:</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Junction N18 - South of Oranmore	£ 2,680
Junction N18 - N67 Kilcolgan	£ 2,060
Junction N17/N63 Lough George	£ 4,225
Junction N17/CR 166 to Corofin	£ 2,692
Junction N18/R339 Carnmore Cross	£18,570
	<u>£30,227</u>

#### CONFERENCE ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Secretary advised the Members that arrangements were being made to host a conference in February 1995 dealing with the topic of Planning and Development with particular reference to environmentally sensitive areas. It was proposed to hold the conference on the 23rd and 24th of February. Councillor McClearn recommended that the conference be held at a county location where county rates are paid.

#### HEDGE CUTTING

It was agreed that this matter be put on the Agenda for the December Meeting.

#### GET WELL MESSAGE

2750

Mhol an Cathaoirleach gach rath agus dea-ghui don Innealtoir Chontae Mr. Flood agus do Inion Frank Gilmore a bhi araon in ospideal. Chuidig na baill agus an bainisteoir chontae leis.

#### COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION

##### N.O.M. NO. 13 - ORANMORE JUNCTION - CLLR. M. FAHY

2751

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"This matter appears under Item 9 on the Agenda."

##### N.O.M. NO. 14 - BOTHAR - COMH. NI FHATHARTA

2752

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta:-

"Bheadh orainn an bothar ar fad a leathnu le haghaidh an obair a dheanamh i gceart. Nil se a intinn againn an obair seo a dheanamh faoi lathair toisc easpa

airgead."

##### N.O.M. NO. 16 - ROAD - CLR. P. O'SULLIVAN

2753

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

"Routine maintenance will be carried out at the above location as soon as possible."

##### N.O.M. NO. 17 - BY-PASS - CLLR. W. BURKE

2754

The following written reply was given to Councillor Burke:-

"Proposals for the Loughrea By-Pass will be put to a Loughrea Area Meeting shortly for finalisation."

##### N.O.M. NO. 18 - GORT BY-PASS - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM

2755

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"Initial alignment has been prepared for the provision of the Gort By-Pass. An application for funds to carry out surveying and design has been submitted to the National Roads Authority and a commitment regarding provision of funds must first be received before the matter can be further pursued." 24th November, 1994.

##### N.O.M. NO. 19 - ROAD - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM

2756

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

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

##### N.O.M. NO. 20 - AMENITIES - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM

2757

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"The Council will examine the possibility of providing some adventure type equipment at this location."

##### N.O.M. NO. 21 - HOUSING - CLLR. M. FAHY

2758

The following written reply was given to Councillor

Fahy:-

"Eamon and Mary Hefferan applied from an address at Shanvalley, Craughwell to Galway County Council for rehousing in March, 1994. An Environmental Health Officer's Report received in May, 1994, stated that their accommodation, at that time, was neither unfit nor overcrowded, and accordingly, they would not be of high priority for rehousing by the Council. The office has since been informed that the family have moved to Lisduff, Craughwell and an Environmental Health Officer's Report is awaited on their present accommodation. On receipt of this report a decision will be made on their eligibility for rehousing."

**N.O.M. NO. 22 - LIGHTS - CLLR. M. FAHY**

2759

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"The provision of school flashing lights at the above location will be considered along with others when preparing the 1995 Roadworks Programme."

**N.O.M. NO. 23 - DUMPING - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN**

2760

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

"Galway County Council has no immediate plans to prohibit the dumping of bellygrass at Tuam Dump as disposal by landfill is considered to be the most environmentally effective means of disposing of this material, and as the volume of bellygrass being dumped is quite low there is no evidence that this material is causing a public health nuisance."

Control of materials entering landfill sites is directed primarily towards materials listed in E.C. and other regulations, which are considered a danger to public health and for the environment. Bellygrass is not included among these materials."

An opportunity will be offered to all members to discuss the control and operation of landfill sites when the draft Waste Management Plan is placed before the Council in the near future."

**N.O.M. NO. 24 - ROAD - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN**

2761

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

"The carrying out of work at above location will be

considered under the 1995 Roadworks Programme."

**N.O.M. NO. 25 - WALL - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN**

2762

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

"The above work will be carried out under the 1995 Roadworks Programme."

**N.O.M. NO. 26 - BOTHR - AN COMH. S. GAVIN**

2763

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir O'Gabhain:-

"Beidh muid ag deanamh obair deisiuchan ar an mbothar thuas luaite chomh luath agus is feidir."

**N.O.M. NO. 27 - ROAD & BRIDGE - CLLR. S. GAVIN**

2764

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"Routine maintenance will be carried out at the above location as soon as possible. The bridge will be inspected in due course and a further reply will issue as soon as possible."

**N.O.M. NO. 28 - ROAD - CLLR. S. GAVIN**

2765

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"Routine maintenance will be carried out at the above location as soon as possible."

**N.O.M. NO. 29 - CONFERENCES - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE**

2766

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

"This is a matter for decision by the Members. It would be difficult to administer."

**N.O.M. NO. 30 - ROAD - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE**

2767

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"It was not possible to include the above road in the 1994 Roadworks Programme due to lack of funds. The



road will be subject to routine maintenance in order of priority and as resources permit.

**N.O.M. NO. 31 - NINE ARCHES, CLAREGALWAY -  
DEP. P. MC CORMACK**

2768

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"These arches are located on private property and the carrying out of repairs are not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

**N.O.M. NO. 32 - JUNCTION - DEP. P. MC CORMACK**

2769

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

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

**N.O.M. NO. 33 - ROAD - CLLR. P. MCHUGH**

2770

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"This matter is being examined at present and it is hoped to have a reply for the next meeting."

**N.O.M. NO. 34 - PARKING AREAS - CLLR. P. MCHUGH**

2771

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"This matter is being examined at present and it is hoped to have a reply for the next meeting."

**N.O.M. NO. 35 - LIGHTING & FOOTPATH - CLLR. P. MCHUGH**

2772

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"The carrying out of the above works is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

**N.O.M. NO. 36 - SOLAS POIBLI - AN COMH. C. NI FIATHARTA**

2773

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta:-

"Beidh an Bord Solathair Leitreachas ag cuir solas suas ag cross bhothar cilin go gairid."

**N.O.M. NO. 37 - BALLA - AN COMH. C. NI FATHARTA**

2774

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta:-

"Cosnoidh se thart ar £12,500 an obair seo a dheanamh, nil aon airgead ar fail againn i mbliana le haghaidh an obair seo."

**N.O.M. NO. 38 - BOTHR - AN COMH. NI FATHARTA**

2775

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta:-

"Fuar muid deontas o Roinn na Gaeltachta le haghaidh on bothar seo agus beidh muid ag deanamh an obair go gairid."

**N.O.M. NO. 39 - ROAD - DEP. E. O'CUIV**

2776

The following written reply was given to Deputy O'Cuiv:-

"Routine maintenance will be carried out at the above location as soon as possible."

**N.O.M. NO. 40 - ROAD - DEP. O'CUIV**

2777

The following written reply was given to Deputy O'Cuiv:-

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

**N.O.M. NO. 41 - BOTHR - TEACHTA E. O'CUIV**

2778

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh do'n Teachta O'Cuiv:-

"Nil an Comhairle Chontae sasta an bothar thuas luaite a thogail ar laimh mar fiu amhain nil muid indhan caoi a choinneal ar na boithre Chontae toisc easpa airgead."

**N.O.M. NO. 42 - ROAD - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN**

2779

The following written reply was given to Councillor

O'Neachtain:-

"The above works will be considered along with others under the 1995 Roadworks Programme."

**N.O.M. NO. 43 - ROADS - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN** 2780

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

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

**N.O.M. NO. 44 - ROAD - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN** 2781

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

"Routine maintenance will be carried out to the above road as soon as possible."

**N.O.M. NO. 45 - ROAD - CLLR. M. O'NEILL** 2782

The following written reply was given to Councillor O'Neill:-

"Routine maintenance will be carried out to the above location as soon as possible."

**N.O.M. NO. 46 - LIGHTING - CLLR. M. O'NEILL** 2783

The following written reply was given to Councillor O'Neill:-

"The lights which are in charge of Galway County Council will be inspected in the coming weeks and an order will be issued to the Electricity Supply Board requesting the carrying out of repairs as required."

**N.O.M. NO. 47 - JUNCTION - CLLR. M. O'NEILL** 2784

The following written reply was given to Councillor O'Neill:-

"The above works will be carried out under the 1995 Roadworks Programme."

**N.O.M. NO. 48 - HEDGE CUTTING - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN** 2785

The following written reply was given to Councillor

O'Sullivan:-

"Hedgecutting was recently carried out at the above location."

**N.O.M. NO. 49 - FLOODING - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN** 2786

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

"Work to relieve flooding at above location will be carried out as soon as possible."

**N.O.M. NO. 50 - HEDGE CUTTING - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN** 2787

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

"Hedgecutting will be carried out at the above location in order of priority and as resources permit."

**N.O.M. NO. 51 - LIGHTING - CLLR. E. VARLEY** 2788

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"The above works will be considered along with others in the preparation of the 1995 Public Lighting Programme."

**N.O.M. NO. 52 - LIGHTING - CLLR. E. VARLEY** 2789

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"The provision of public lights at above location is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

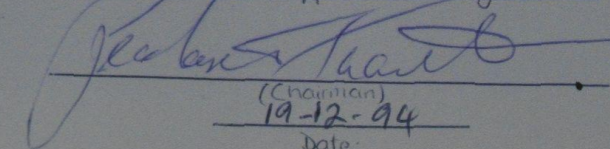
**N.O.M. NO. 53 - LIGHTING - CLLR. E. VARLEY** 2790

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"The provision of public lights at above location is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

Submitted, Approved & Signed:

  
(Chairman)  
19-12-94  
Date

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**  
**(Galway County Council)**

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
**GAILLIMH.**

22 Samhain, 1994.

**CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/**

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Miosiuil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimhe De Luain, an 28 u la Samhain, 1994, ag tosnu ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

**B. O DUILL,**  
**RUNAI SEALADACH.**

**AGENDA**

1. That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as amended, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant permission for Dwelling House and Septic Tank to Dervella Fallon at Lackaghmore - Planning Ref. No. 71475.

J. McDonagh	S. O'Neachtain	P. McCormack
S. Gavin	E. Varley	P. McHugh

2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 14th October, 1994.

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- (b) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 24th October, 1994.
3. To Note Minutes of Galway Area Committee Meeting held on 26th October, 1994, Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 28th October, 1994, Loughrea Area Committee on 27th October, 1994 and Connemara Area Committee on 11th October, 1994.
4. To Note Minutes of Arts Committee Meeting held on 20th October, 1994.
5. To Note Report of Audit of Accounts of River Suck Drainage Committee for year ended 31st December, 1993. (copy attached)
6. Sale of House at Tullyvoheen, Clifden to Thomas Wallace of 3 Tullyvoheen, Clifden - Section 83 Notice dated 17th October, 1994 already circulated.
7. Lease of plot of land at The Square, Clifden to E.S.B. Sean Mulvoy Road, Galway - Section 83 Notice dated 3rd November, 1994 already circulated.
8. Speed Limits (Report to follow).
9. Oranmore Junction (letter of 1/11/94 from N.R.A. attached).
10. To Approve Overdraft Accommodation for the 6 months ending 30th June, 1995.
11. Business submitted by the Chairman.
12. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Adjourned From Previous Meeting :

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :

13

That Galway County Council continue to leave open Junction at N18 South of Oranmore Village, which is the only entrance to the Village South of Oranmore. I also request up-to-date progress on proposed Roundabout from National Roads Authority.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :

14

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe an bothar ar an casamh ag Tigh Bhreanain, Sruthan, An Cheathru Rua a leathnu. Ta go leor tracht ar an mbothar seo ach ta se deachair carranna a fheachail ag teacht ar an casamh seo. (Ta muintir na haite sasta talamh a thabhairt le haghaidh an bothar a leathnu).

CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN  
- I will propose :

15

That Galway County council would provide the latest information on the local Community Development Plan at this location (details given).

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN  
- I will propose :

16

That immediate works be carried out to the Derry Road at Lismany, Clontuskert.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. WILLIE BURKE  
- I will propose :

17

That Galway County Council accept the proposed Road design, as presented by the Council Officials at the Loughrea Councillors Area Meeting on the 27/10/94 for the Loughrea Bypass without any amendments.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :

18

That I be informed of the up-to-date position re Gort By-Pass. If By-Pass is not going ahead in the immediate future, I am requesting Galway County Council to seek funding from National Roads Authority to have the Gort/Ennis Road realigned from Gort to Lough Cutra. This is in a very poor state and will eventually result in accidents taking place on this road.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :

19

That Galway County Council improve sight distance near Mrs. Grealish's house on the road leading from Killamoran to Tiernevan.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :

20

That Galway County Council provide swings and leisure amenities at St. Colmans Park, Gort, Co. Galway.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :

21

That Galway County Council build a Local Authority House for a family (details enclosed).

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :

22

That Galway County Council erect flashing lights outside Kiltiernan National School, Kilcolgan on the N18 National Primary Road as a matter of urgency, as many accidents are occurring on this road. Rev School Manager & School Management request that this matter be given urgent priority because of the fast speed of traffic at this location. (details attached)

23 CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN  
- I will propose :

That this Council prohibit any further dumping of bellygrass at Tuam Dump and that I be informed of what exact controls are now in place over this and other similar materials.

24 CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN  
- I will propose :

That widening of road and re-location of fence be undertaken at (details supplied).

25 CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN  
- I will propose :

That a wall at this location (details supplied) be completed as promised long ago.

5 CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :

Iarraim ar an gComhairle Chontae obair dheisiuchain a dheanamh ar bhoithre Baile an tSleibhe agus an Coilleach sa Spideal go luath.

27 CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :

That Repairs be carried out to the Saorsinn/Derryoughter Road in Furbo and also that the condition of the bridge be examined.

28 CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :

That the road leading towards Mr. Gabriel Ryan's house in Fahy, Rosscahill be repaired as soon as possible.

29 CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE  
- I will propose :

That the sum provided in the 1995 Estimates for Conferences be allocated equally between all Councillors.

30 CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE  
- I will propose :

That road surfacing together with necessary drainage work be carried out at a specified location.

31 CLR. PADRAIC MC CORMACK  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council take steps to clean and restore the Nine Arches at Claregalway, as this would greatly improve the amenity of that area.

32 CLR. PADRAIC MC CORMACK  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council take steps to improve the view at Baumore Cross, Claregalway, particularly on the road coming from the Liscannanan side as this is a very dangerous junction.

33 CLR. PADDY MC HUGH  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council carry out amenity works to (details enclosed).

34 CLR. PADDY MC HUGH  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council carry out amenity works to (details enclosed).

35 CLR. PADDY MC HUGH  
- I will propose :

That an arrangement be made whereby public lighting and a footpath can be provided to (details enclosed).

36 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :

Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe solas poiblí ag an gCrois ar An Cheathru Rua.

37 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe an balla ar taobh na farraige ag Uaimini, Cnoc, Leitirmeallain a dheisiu.

38 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe bothar Sean O Cualain, Teach Mor, Indreabhán a dheisiu.

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

That repairs be carried out to the Racecourse Road at the back of St. Annes Nursing Home in Clifden which is in a very bad condition.

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

That repairs be carried out to the road in Aill na Brun (Cookes Point), as far as the house of Patricia O'Connell and I also propose that an estimate would be given to me of the cost of same.

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

Bheinn buioch da bhfeadfa run a chur síos le haghaidh cruinniu de Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ag iarraidh go dtogfar curam don bhothar i mBun a Bhuachain ar an Mam.

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

That this road would be given top priority when estimates are being prepared for the 1995 Roads Programme (details supplied).

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

That Galway County Council would provide figures and data to indicate the urgent situation that has arisen because of the depletion of the Road Maintenance Workforce. That it would also indicate what the future trend will be if the present situation continues. That the Workforce figures for each Engineering Areas would be provided and compared with figures for the past 19 years.

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

That Galway County Council would repair the following road as a matter of urgency (details supplied).

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

That repairs be carried out to the Rosroe Road, Cashel and that this road be included in the 1995 Roads Programme.

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

That Repairs be carried out to street lighting in Tullycross which is not working.

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

That the junction of the Ardnagreevagh and Cashleen Road be marked with white lining as there have been a number of accidents there recently.

48 CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN  
- I will propose :

That hedgecutting be carried out on the Lisheen Road, Castleblakeney.

49 CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN  
- I will propose :

That immediate works be carried out to solve the problem of flooding near Mr. Frank Concannon's House, on the Killure Ahascragh Road.

50 CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN  
- I will propose :

That hedgecutting be carried out immediately at Lowville, Ahascragh (details below).

51 CLR. EVELYN VARLEY  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council provide one light in New Street, Headford.

52 CLR. EVELYN VARLEY  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council provide one light at Bridge Street (near Hynes' and Conncannons).

53 CLR. EVELYN VARLEY  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council provide one light entering the Desmesne Road near forge leading to Headford Mart.

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY  
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY  
ON MONDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1994**

**IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor P. O'Tuathail.

**Members:** Councillors J. Brennan,  
J. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan,  
Deputies P. Connaughton, E. O Cuiv,  
Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy,  
P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S.  
Gavin, T. Hussey, J. Mannion,  
J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack,  
Councillors P. McHugh, M. Mullins,  
C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain,  
M. O'Neill, K. Quinn, M. Regan,  
M. Ryan and T. Walsh.

**Officials:-** Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County  
Manager, D. Nelson, Asst. Co.  
Manager, T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent,  
L. Kavanagh, B. Callagy,  
S.E.E.s, E. Lusby, F.O.,  
T. Connell, S.S.O., M. O'Halloran,  
C.T. and B. Doyle, A/County  
Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

**REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

2739

Cllr. Cunningham wished to know if every aspect of the Plan would be considered in the review. He requested that changes be made on Map No. 9B and that a discussion would take place on this matter.

The Manager informed the members that this was the third meeting on the review of the county development plan which had commenced with the research papers. He wished to deal with the review of the plan in a structured manner and stated that the council members would be getting further extracts so that every chapter would be brought before the members.

Mr. B. Callagy, S.E.E. then referred to the research paper on the environment which had been circulated to the members. He stated that it was an overall comment on environmental development and proceeded to go through the contents of the document. He referred to the Environmental Impact Assessment procedure and the pollution threats such as dust and smoke, odour and noise. He then went on to consider

the aquatic environment dealing with the nature of water pollution. Mr. Callagy went through the various forms of pollution threats, such as, agricultural development, aquaculture, extractive industries, sewage effluent, industrial effluents, afforestation. Following this he dealt with the section on the terrestrial environment, in particular, the natural heritage areas.

Cllr. McCormack stated that he wanted to know when the members would begin dealing with the problems which relate to planning.

Cllr. O'Neachtain felt that the discussion over the past few days was covered by legislation. He said that it was important to get down to the development control existing at local level and that they will come into difficulty with the time period for dealing with the plan. He would prefer to have more discussion on the parts of the plan which have caused concern. He stated that water pollution from aquaculture is expressed in the research paper and that the use of anti-biotics should also be referred to in the working of agriculture where no concern is presently expressed. He felt that this area should be looked at. He said that whatever control exists in legislation, he would prefer to be going through the obvious local controls, such as, the S.R. 6 requirements. This should be looked at in planning control. He then referred to the differences in the east and west of the county. He stated that if the S.R. 6 recommendations were carried to the full, there would be no development at all in the Connemara area. He doesn't think it is addressed on Page 8 of the research paper. The N.S.A.I. are a national body looking at the overall national level and they do not look at specific areas within a county, e.g. Connemara.

Cllr. Joe Burke welcomed the research papers. He stated that they show guidelines from which the planners work from. However, it is the form of wording that leads to misinterpretation, he stated. With respect to pollution, he stated that control should be made to restrict the spreading of blood on lands. Referring to small communities who are looking for a sewerage treatment system, he said that there should be some type of communal system provided for this community. On afforestation which is another problem, he wished to know was this type of development exempt from planning permission. He stated that the plan should have some way of protecting the environment and hopes that the mistake of misinterpretation of the plan will not be made again. He then referred to the picture on the cover of the County Plan and stated that this picture represented still life and did not reflect Galway county which is vibrant and growing and that a picture on the cover of the county plan document should show this.

Cllr. Brennan stated that plan should facilitate people in towns. He does not go along with the idea of moving people into towns and villages. He stated that if enough people want to build in their area, some facilities should be made available to them to support a communal septic tank. Consideration should be given to allow grants from the Department to cover this. On water pollution he stated that it was very difficult to prove the source of the pollution and that it was difficult to prosecute the offender. In relation to the preparing of Environmental Impact Statements, Cllr. Brennan wished to know if this was done by both the Planning Authority and the developer. Would there then be conflict between both studies. With respect to the spreading of slurry on land, he stated that it was impossible to control. On noise he wished to know if disco noise could be controlled. Finally he complemented Mr. Callagy on the chapter which was circulated.

Deputy Connaughton stated that the research papers were very important even though they may not be exciting to read. On regional water schemes, he stated that they were always told that such schemes would provide pure water. He now wished to know if an over-concentration of septic tanks would effect this water and have pollution threats been traced back to such tanks.

Mr. Callagy informed him that this was a possible source. Deputy Connaughton stated that there was a continued battle between who was the greater polluter.

Cllr. Cunningham stated that one of the biggest problems of water sources were wells which were not mentioned in this report. He added that there were huge areas where no buildings could be constructed and he wanted those areas examined. Referring to the scenic amenity designated areas, he wished to know if these areas were examined in detail for the last plan.

Cllr. Toddie Byrne stated that the Planning Authority should insist on minimum noise levels. He wished to know if the council had any control over existing buildings and he wanted to know if noise levels could be controlled in them. On afforestation, he requested to know were there minimum limits set down by the Council on afforestation levels.

Mr. Callagy informed the meeting that only recommendations have been made in respect of afforestation limits. Cllr. Cunningham then asked if these recommendations could be incorporated into the county development plan.

Cllr. Finnegan stated that it was necessary to go through the research papers which had been circulated

to the members. With respect to the spreading of slurry, this seems to be acceptable except about towns. Referring then to dumps, he wanted information to be made available on the types of materials being dumped in such areas. He stated that the danger of pollution emanating from the dumps and getting into watercourses was very serious. He then stated that noise pollution in estates was also of concern. He feels that the County Council should have an environmental as well as a legal right in this case.

Cllr. Fahy stated that up to 80,000 farmers would be eligible for the new Reps Scheme which is coming into operation and he had attended meetings arranged by Teagasc. He stated that there would be restrictions on the timescale for spreading slurry under this new scheme. He encouraged farmers not to spread slurry during the winter months and it was important that this was adhered to. On noise, he stated that this was a sensitive issue and that complaints could also be exaggerated in this area.

Mr. B. Callagy referring to the research paper stated that he felt that it was better to show the background and policies. He then referred to the Councillors previous points raised.

On Cllr. Neachtain's comments, he stated that alot of controls are carried out under other legislation. This was true but he wished to make the members aware of this. On the question of anti-biotics evident in agriculture, he stated that he was not au fait with this particular problem. Referring to treatment systems, these are very costly. With regard to the slurry effluent, this was a huge problem to monitor. Conditions could be imposed on the development when applying for planning permission, this would put the onus on the farmer to control the spreading of slurry. The present septic tank system is dealt with under the S.R. 6 1991 documentation.

On Cllr. Joe Burke's comments on the spreading of blood which affects watercourses, Mr. Callagy stated that this would be a matter covered by the environmental section and that it was not directly under planning control.

Cllr. Quinn requested to know where the Council stood with regard to the dumping of animals. She was advised that the Fisheries Board would deal with this.

Cllr. Joe Burke again reiterated that the spreading of blood was undesirable and the people must be protected. A statement should be inserted into the plan dealing with this matter. Mr. Callagy informed him that this could be done and that a statement could be put into the plan. However, he said, the only remedy was under the Water Pollution Acts.



Cllr. Burke stated that the council should make a strong statement and possibly Galway County Council should be informed when this type of activity is taking place.

The County Manager agreed that the spreading of blood was undesirable and that a statement to this effect could be incorporated into the plan. He also advised the meeting that further examination of this matter would be carried out by the local authority. Cllr. Burke asked if consultation could be carried out with the Mayo County Manager and he was informed that this would take place.

Mr. Callagy then referred to Cllr. Joe Burke's comments on the picture on the cover of the county plan and stated that this represents "tourism". Mr. Callagy then referred to Cllr. Brennan's comments and stated that it was allowable to a point for people to build in their own areas. The problem was in areas close to towns. Economics of planning require that where excessive rural housing takes place, then control is necessary. On the question of over-concentration of septic tanks being replaced by communal tanks, he stated that the solution would be worse than the problem. The costs involved would be huge and also there would be the problem of maintenance. He said that the theory behind it was fine but in reality it was not practical. On Environmental Impact Statements, Mr. Callagy stated that the developer submitted an E.I.S. statement and this was examined by the Planning Authority and referred to specialists if required. Regarding the spreading of slurry he stated that the local authority can only put the onus on the farmer to spread slurry at appropriate periods. On noise levels he stated that there was nothing that could be done about existing premises, such as, discos. The proposal in the plan is for new premises.

The County Manager informed the meeting that there was other legislation dealing with noise and that a report would be submitted on this topic.

Cllr. Michael Ryan stated that the County Development Plan should provide guidelines on the spreading of slurry and stated that there were vast differences throughout the county on this activity.

Mr. Callagy stated that this lies between the Department of Agriculture and Environment Section. The problem was so vast that the best way to approach it was the educational method. The Manager stated that the Reps Scheme will deal with the environmental matters. Cllr. Ryan then referred to the pollution of water sources and stated that certain group water schemes were not able to continue operating because the water sources are polluted and as a result people won't pay their water charges. He stated that the problem of pollution of group schemes seems to be

getting worse. The County manager stated that the pollution of water schemes was a worrying trend. The Reps Scheme should improve the situation.

Mr. Callagy then referred to Cllr. Cunningham's submission on scenic areas and informed the councillor that the areas were surveyed in great detail a number of years ago. The areas would again be reviewed for the current county development plan. On afforestation which was raised by Cllr. Byrne, Mr. Callagy stated that the council submitted recommendations to the Department. The existing levels were too high covering exempted development.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that the whole direction of the review of the county development plan was wrong. He said the issue of effluent treatment was of major concern and that 90% of refusals refer back to percolation problems and he suggested that a statement as to the problems of septic tank systems be issued. He asked that expert opinion be prepared and a written statement on effluent problems be inserted into the plan. He stated that he wanted Chapter 2 revised.

Cllr. Joe Burke stated that the council's view on rural housing was different than that of Mr. Callagy. He stated that rural people in county Galway want to live in their rural areas and not be moved into towns and villages. He then stated that the blanket cover of Connemara as an amenity area was untrue and that there must be areas within this region which are open to development.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that Chapter 2 gives the general development policies and that this chapter set the ground rules. He proposed that Chapter 2 be dealt with at the next meeting. The Manager informed the meeting that Chapter 2 would be ready in a number of days. He stated that the council need sufficient time to discuss all aspects of the plan and reports on the various aspects put forward by the members shall be submitted at a later date.

Mr. Callagy then went through the brief introduction which had been circulated to the members.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that this was a vital document of principle but he said there can be a conflict between the national interest and the local interest. Mr. Callagy then went through the legislation dealing with planning. He stated that you have to consider the overall planning and development and then have regard to your development plan. He stated that you must consider the public interest at national level first and secondly, consider the public interest at local level. Cllr. Callanan stated that people should not be moved into towns and villages. Development should be allowed on side roads and not on major routes. Mr. Callagy stated that there was

nothing wrong with development in small villages where services are available. If people do not want to live in towns, then villages should be the next option. Referring to Ballinasloe town, he stated that almost 5 million pounds was spent on the development of water and sewerage system for the town and that people should be encouraged to avail of these services by living in the towns. He stated that there was nothing wrong with people living in their own areas and that the problem is the level of ribbon development, in particular around Galway city. He stated that towns around the county were declining and that there must be some balance reached. Deputy O'Cuiv referred to the aim of planning as set out in the Introduction document. He stated that the cost of providing a house in a town is greater than that in the countryside. He said it was against the national interest to move people into towns and that the national interest was in the regeneration of rural areas.

Cllr. Joe Burke stated that this document takes away the civil right of people and that he would not let this happen. He stated that the national interest should not take precedence over the local interest. This was unacceptable. He stated that people should be allowed to do their own thing subject to reasonable planning and that in Connemara, a blanket restriction should not continue.

Cllr. O'Neill stated that there has to be a social aspect to planning. The common good should be for the good of the people living in the area. He stated on tourism, under Chapter 9, people living in Connemara could not build another house for use as tourism. The essential housing need has to be looked at. Also the family farm concept, he added.

Cllr. Quinn stated that she agreed with Deputy O'Cuiv's comments and that it was vital that people be allowed to build in country areas so as to preserve schools, post offices, etc. There were enough problems in urban areas, she added. She believes in preserving the farming area.

Cllr. Gavin stated there were two objectives here, the planning version and members version. Referring to Deputy O'Cuiv and Cllr. Burke, he stated that their comments on rural development was what people wanted. He stated that as the social elements were being ignored, he felt that they were expecting too much from the county development plan. He sees problems in (1) high amenity areas and (2) essential housing need categories. He feels that everyone should work together and not be at cross purposes.

Cllr. Hussey supported the views of previous speakers. He said that rural development should be encouraged and that farmers were leaving the land. People should be encouraged to stay in the rural

environment. He was totally against asking people to uproot themselves and move into towns and villages.

The Manager then informed the meeting that Chapter 2 would be circulated and discussed at the meeting to be held on December 9th.

Cllr. McHugh stated that the changes to the introduction chapter should be put in writing.

Mr. Callagy replied that the introduction incorporates the basic principles to planning matters.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

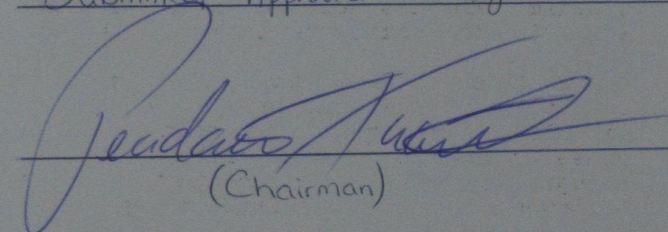
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A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mr. Michael O'Dowd, Mount Pleasant, Ballinasloe.

#### THE MEETING THEN ENDED

Submitted, Approved & Signed:

  
(Chairman)

19-12-94

(Date)