

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

14 Samhain, 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 Monday, 21st November, 1994, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH
RUNAI

AGENDA

1. Review of County Development Plan.

MINUTES OF ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY

COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON

MONDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1994

IN THE CHAIR:-

An Comhairleoir P. O'Tuathail

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:-

Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, Byrne, Callanan, Deputies Connaughton & O'Cuiv, Councillors Fahy, Finnegan, Finnerty, Gavin, Hussey, Loughnane & Mannion, Deputy McCormack, Senator McDonagh, Councillors McHugh, Mullins, Ni Fhatharta, O'Neill, O'Sullivan, Quinn, Regan, Ryan, Varley and Walsh.

Officials:

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager, D. Nelson, Assist. County Manager, J. Crotty, A/Co. Engineer, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, R. Killeen, P. Martin, M. Dolly, G. Dunne, R. Faherty, S.E.E.'s, T. Darcy, E.E., J. McMyler, Assistant Engineer, T. Coughlan, J. McGovern, B. Doyle, A.O.'s, T. Connell, C. Wallace, J. O'Neill, T. Murphy, S.S.O.'s, J. Forde, M. Gaughran, S.O.'s, and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The opening prayer was recited.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:-

A resolution of sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mr. Frank Lee & Family, Culleen, Headford, Co. Galway.
Tresa Bn. Ui Mhathuna & Clann, Baile Doite, Maigh Cuilinn, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Mary Bn. Ui Dhonncha, Clynagh Lodge, Cladhnach, An Cheathru Rua, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Bairbre Bn. Ui Lorcaín, Cladhnach, An Cheathru Rua, Co. na Gaillimhe.

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ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1995

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Chuir an Cathaoirleach failte roimh gach einne mar aon leis an foireann Innealltoireachta.

At the outset it was agreed that the Council should decide the final date for the Adoption of the Estimates. On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Callanan it was agreed that the final Estimates Meeting would take place at 3.00 p.m. on Friday, 2nd December 1994.

The County Manager then addressed the Meeting on the Estimate of Expenses for 1995. He said that the gross Revenue Expenditure was set at approximately £39m while Capital Expenditure was estimated at £24.5m. Revenue Expenditure was being kept at minimum levels and the greater part of it is committed in the form of payroll costs, debt repayments, statutory charges and the expenditure over which there is discretionary control is very limited. The Council's income was also limited, the main sources being Government Grants, Rates, Rents, Charges and Housing Loan Repayments. The County Manager said that there were virtually no limits to the demands for Local Government Services. There are always conflicting pressures between demands for service improvements and a desire to minimise the level of rates and charges. He said that the rateable valuation base was low with no buoyancy. The Council recognises the need to contribute to the greatest extent possible to local economic development throughout the County and the Estimates reflect a continuing and progressive commitment towards this objective. The Council must continually review all its activities to secure optimum value for money in every service.

The County Manager then went through his Estimates Statement drawing attention to many important aspects. He said that one of the major items affecting the Estimates on an increasing scale was the on-going impact of increased maintenance costs of major water and sewerage developments with no matching funding provision. As the Rate Support Grant for 1995 had not yet been notified, the Estimates were based on an assumed increase of 3% representing an increase of £228,259 over the 1994 figure. The income set out in the tables was the minimum required to fund the Expenditure Programmes and provided for a Rate increase of 7% and a Domestic Water Charge increase of 15% on the 1994 figures. Referring to the Housing Programme, he placed emphasis on the Plan for Social Housing and the need to ensure that the maximum benefit was derived from all available resources. The Road Grant notifications for 1995 were not yet available but for the purposes of the Estimate the same level of Grants as were allocated in 1994 were included. He hoped that the £50,000 provided in 1994 for Community Roadworks would be increased in 1995 and that applications would be processed early in the year. The provision for Public Lighting was increased by £10,000 in response to numerous requests from Council Members. Referring to Water Charges

the County Manager said that £115 was a very reasonable charge and it is imperative that all the charges are collected. A generous waiver scheme is in operation. The County Manager also referred to the Capital Sanitary Projects for which Cohesion Funding is being sought. Dealing with Programme Group 4, the County Manager referred to the current review of the County Development Plan and the desirability of full public participation. A sum of £25,000 is provided for Local Economic Development, to be awarded to various groups following advertisement and assessment of applications.

Referring to Programme Group 5, Environmental Protection the County Manager referred to the difficult problem of waste disposal and the substantial cost increases facing Local Authorities in the future as a result of stricter requirements for design, construction and maintenance of landfill sites arising from the Draft E.U. Directive on Landfill and the forthcoming Waste Bill. This Programme also includes the Fire Service for which there is provision in the Estimates for £1,846,660.00. Going through Programme Group 6, Recreation and Amenity, the County Manager informed the Members that a recommendation had been received from the Local Appointments Commission recommending Mr. Pat McMahon as new County Librarian for Galway. Mr. McMahon is the current County Librarian in Mayo. The County Manager said that there had been a disappointing reduction in the Library Book readership and it was now proposed to start a marketing campaign to encourage new members and this would include a 50% discount on the full annual fee of a trial basis. He also drew attention to the proposed increases in the Arts and Amenity Grants which reflect the Council's commitment to assist voluntary groups. Programme Group 7 includes provision for improvement works for Derryinver and Ballinahown Piers. Also in this Programme is the administration of Higher Education Grants which in future may be administered by the Central Applications Office. The County Manager referred to the significant improvements taking place or planned in relation to Courthouses - Programme Group 8.

Because of the increased demands on the Council, limited resources, new technology etc. it was necessary to prepare a strategic plan and he would come back to the Council on this at a future date. He also referred to the unsatisfactory office accommodation situation and looked forward to having this resolved. The County Manager also expressed the Council's commitment to the Irish language. He recommended the adoption of the various Programmes as set out in the Book of Estimates.

Gaibh an Cathaoirleach buiochas don bainisteoir as ucht a raiteamh. Dúirt se go raibh na Meastachan agus an tuairisc lan soillear agus mhol se chuile dhuine a bhi pairteach chun iad a chur le cheile.

Councillor Mullins then spoke and complimented the County

Manager and Staff. He said that the Book of Estimates as compiled was a very readable document and made very interesting reading. He then went through all the Programme Groups at great length. Some of the main points which he made were:-

- That the proposed increase of 7% on Rates and 15% on Water Charges was too severe having regard to an estimated 3% increase in Rate Support Grant, inflation of 2.5% and wage increases in the order of 2.5%-3%.
- The sum of £110,000 was inadequate for Disabled Persons Grants.
- The surface dressing cycle of 7 years for National Roads and 12 years for National Secondary Roads was totally inadequate.
- That Regional and Local Roads will remain in a bad state due to inadequate funding and that the Community Roads Scheme had some potential.
- The difficulty falling on the Council in funding maintenance costs of new Capital/Sanitary Services Schemes.
- That the Council should be pro-active in promoting waste recycling.
- Councillor Mullins welcomed the increase for Public Lighting, the five year plan for roads, the water improvements in Kilconnell, the draw for early payment for water charges, the proposed waste strategy, the proposals for promoting community co-operation and the Courthouse improvements. He regretted that work has not commenced on Killaan Burial Ground.

Councillor Gavin also complimented the Manager and Staff on the excellent report as did the other speakers. He said that it was a clear picture of the wide range of services undertaken by the Council. There was a great demand from the Public for services but the Council's resources were very limited. He welcomed the increase for Amenity Grants and the £25,000 provided for the promotion of development at community level. He said that the employment of 550 on Social Employment Schemes was excellent as these schemes were of great benefit to all. He asked for the up-to-date position in relation to the Coras Aistriuchain. He said that while the proposed increases of 7% and 15% seemed high, one had to be realistic and take into account the huge demand for services and the fact that the County Rate was one of the lowest in the country.

Councillor Callanan made the following points in going through the various Programmes:-

- The 3% increase in Rate Support Grant was insufficient.
- D.O.E. should give Grant Assistance for maintenance of Capital Schemes.
- The Differential Rent Scheme should be changed to give extra allowances for three children or more and the Tenant Purchase Scheme would have to be changed.

- Extra funds would have to be found for Disabled Persons Grants.
- The Council should provide housing sites around villages to help keep schools and post offices viable.
- County Roads and Stop End Roads would have to be given attention on a five year basis.
- Bridges are causing problems in drainage schemes and the Contractor should be allowed to do the work on the bridge.
- The hedge cutting done in the Ballinasloe area should be extended.
- D.O.E. should contribute towards the Regional Laboratory.
- Consideration be given to a Motor Tax Office in Ballinasloe.
- He asked for clarification in relation to the expenditure for Aughrim Interpretative Centre, payment of pensions to Committee of Agriculture staff and which Kilclooney Burial Ground was proposed for development.

Deputy Connaughton said that he would have liked if a comparison of income for the previous year had been given on page 3 including Rate Support Grant. Some of the points he made were:-

- It would be impossible to provide adequate services with only a 3% rate support grant increase.
- Local Communities who help themselves will be assisted by the Local Authority but in areas with sparse population it may be difficult to raise funds locally.
- The 7% increase on Rates was too much for business people.
- Cluain Mhuire was a drain on the Council resources and the sooner it is disposed of the better.
- The Shared Ownership Scheme was not working for low income families and this needed to be investigated.
- The Library Service should be better promoted with a greater presence in the schools.
- In relation to environmental protection he said it was heartening to see fewer fish kills this year. He also questioned the payment of Committee of Agriculture pensions.

Councillor McHugh welcomed the Estimates Report saying it was more business-like and community orientated. He welcomed the assistance being offered to Community Groups and Residents Associations and hoped that the £4,000 included provision for play facilities. He agreed that it was necessary to promote and market the Library service and welcomed the proposed long-term plan. He referred to the closure of dumps and asked about provision for replacements. He noted that there was no reference to the N 84 Road in the report. He said that the number of people visiting the Planning Office was extraordinarily high although the public area was quite small. The small number of planning decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála was notable. In relation to Programme Group 5, he said that Galway Fire Station needed upgrading and he would like a report on it.

Councillor O'Neill said that the Estimates and Manager's Statement showed the very wide range of activities which the Council is involved in. He welcomed the opening of Planning Advice Centres and hoped that the review of the Plan would solve some planning problems. He welcomed the increase in public lighting, arts and amenity grants and in the new initiatives for community development. He said a register of Community Associations should be established and welcomed the improvements for Derryinver Pier. He said that the Roundstone Water Supply was a serious problem and he hoped the money provided would resolve it. He recommended the holding of an annual conference for community groups where the Council's activities would be explained. As regards the increase in the Water Charge he said that it was not unreasonable for a good water supply and likewise a sewerage charge would not be unreasonable. He said the Council should try and increase the number of Blue Flags and investigate the use of portable public conveniences which the local community would look after. He hoped that the Clifden area would benefit under next year's E.U. Grants and said that L.I.S. roads should be automatically taken over. He complimented the School Library Service. Councillor O'Neill asked if there were any benefits now as regards Council Housing Loans and said there should be a better way for doing small house repairs. He asked for details of the proposed Cohesion Fund Application for Connemara Sanitary Schemes.

Councillor O'Sullivan felt that the Council had lost out as a development agency and our P.R. system hadn't been good. He welcomed the change and the promotion of community schemes. He considered that the proliferation of development agencies might dissipate the benefits available. He questioned the cost of the preparation of the Register of Electors. He noted the large number employed on Social Employment Schemes and suggested greater flexibility with Unions in order to get more work done such as road maintenance which was badly needed in the Ballinasloe area. He questioned the increase in income from housing rents page 56, also the increase in Central Management charges page 61. He also asked about the cost of overdraft interest and the cost of Cluain Mhuire.

Mhol an Chomhleoir Ni Fhatharta an tuairisc ar na Meastachan agus duirt si go raibh siad an-easca le leamh. Bhi si ag suil leis an Plean cuig blian faoi na boithre agus d'iarr si plean cuig blian do reilig a chur ar bun.

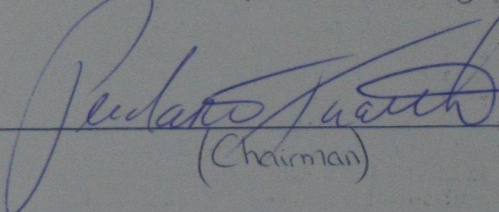
She welcomed the increase in public lighting but said one or two of the 1993 allocations were not provided yet. An Chomhleoir Ni Fhatharta complained about a delay in making a refund of motor tax. Duirt si go raibh a lan faidhbeanna le h-uisce agus bheadh an taille £115 ceart go leor da mbeadh uisce maith ar fail. Chuir si failte roimh forbairt reilig

seanbhaile, agus ba mhaith lei go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Leabharlann ar bun san Cheathru Rua, agus go mba cheart caint a dheanamh le hUdaras na Gaeltachta. She asked that the swimming pool in Rosmuc be put in order for the summer students and suggested that local communities might get the first option in the case of pounds which might no longer be required.

Councillor Brennan said that the increased cost of maintaining new capital schemes was beginning to have an effect on the provision of other services. He said that the Department of the Environment should be asked to contribute. He asked what would the affect be if the proposed water charge and rates were to be reduced by 1%. He would like to see FAS schemes being used to carry out some house repairs and some road maintenance. He supported the social housing scheme and said he would like to hear from people involved in voluntary housing about their experiences. As regards the draw for early payment of water charges, he asked if it would be a better idea to reduce charges by the same amount. The cost of employing a litter warden might also be better used if put towards sweeping streets.

At this point it was agreed to adjourn the Estimates Meeting and the Meeting adjourned accordingly to 2nd December, 1994.

Submitted, Approved + Signed:


(Chairman)

19-12-94

(Date)

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig An Runai,
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28u la Deire Fomhair, 1994

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Statutory Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 14th November, 1994, commencing at 3.30 p.m..

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAI

A G E N D A

1. Consideration and adoption of Estimate of Expenses for year 1995. (Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report herewith).
2. Determination in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses adopted of the rates in the pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimate for the financial year ending 31st December, 1995.
3. Making of Charges for domestic purposes in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1995, up to and including the 31st March, 1996.
4. Making and Sealing of Demand on Ballinasloe Urban District Council.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY
ON FRIDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1994

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor P. O'Tuathail.

Members: Councillors J. Brennan, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputies P. Connaughton, E. O Cuiv, Councillors 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, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley and T. Walsh.

Officials:- Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager, D. Nelson, Asst. Co. Manager, J. Crotty, A/Co. Engineer, L. Kavanagh, B. Callagy, & R. Killeen, S.E.E.s, E. Lusby, F.O., T. Coughlan & B. Doyle, A.O.s, T. Connell, S.S.O., J. Forde, S.O., B. Ginnelly, C.T. and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

ADDRESS BY MR SEAN O'RIORDAN, I.P.A.

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As arranged Mr Sean O'Riordan, I.P.A., addressed the Members on E.U. matters and spoke about the Institutions of the E.U., the National Plan, Structural Funds, Operational Programmes etc. Mr. O'Riordan spoke for over an hour and a half and covered a very wide area and answered the questions raised by the Members. Gabh an Cathaoirleach agus na Comhairleoiri buiochas don t-Uasal O'Riordan as ucht an leacht a thug se, agus mholadar e mar gheall ar an t-eolas thar bharr a bhi aige i dtaobh an EU.

PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT BY GALWAY
COUNTY COUNCIL

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Report of County Secretary dated 11th November 1994 in accordance with Article 134 of the Local Government Planning and Development Regulations 1994

which had been circulated to each Member was submitted. The Report referred to six rural houses, four houses at Gilmartin Road, Tuam and two houses at Rosmuc. The Secretary explained that the Report was being submitted to the Council in compliance with the new Regulations whereby certain developments by Local Authorities must go through a Planning type process. Notice of the proposed development had been placed in the newspaper and the plans had been on display in the Council Offices. No submissions or objections were received. An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain asked about the effluent treatment for the Rosmuc houses. He was advised that a package treatment plant was being provided and details would be provided to him.

Deputy Connaughton proposed that the Council proceed with the developments. This was seconded by Councillor Callanan and agreed.

Councillor Byrne referred to a report dated 8th June 1994 addressed to the Members outlining the Council's Housing Programme for 1994. He said the Report included a list of 34 applicants for rural houses but the locations of the houses were not clear. Councillor Byrne said that the address of one of the applicants was given as Oranmore but it now transpired that the Council proposed to build the house at Rinville. He said that the site was unsuitable and the rights of the residents were not taken into account. It was at the rear of a number of houses on a road leading to an area of high amenity. It was in an area where a lot of money had been invested and from where the Council had difficulty removing travellers recently. He said he was completely and totally against the building of this house.

Mr. Nelson, Assistant County Manager advised the Meeting that if it was the Members wish that the building of this particular house should go through the new Planning procedures, there would be no difficulty about doing this. He also advised the Meeting that the prospective tenant had recently refused to sign an agreement in connection with the tenancy of the proposed house.

Other Members expressed similar views to Councillor Byrne and objected to the building of the house. However Mr. Nelson confirmed that no development would take place without the matter coming before the Council again. A Mrs O'Grady was allowed to address the Meeting objecting to the erection of the house on behalf of the local residents.

REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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Mr. Brian Callagy, S.E.E. Planning, referring to the research document on Heritage Areas and Buildings

proceeded to go through the individual topics mentioned in this research paper. He stated that the National Heritage Areas were formerly areas of Scientific Interest as designated by the O.P.W. Cllr. Loughnane stated that they should take the habitats more seriously in the County. He feels that East Galway is treated with less importance than other parts of the County and in this instance he is aware that many things have been destroyed in recent past. He then requested that the Fisheries Board make a submission on the fresh water habitat of East Galway. This was important from a land use point of view. Referring to the Dunkellin River, he stated that upstream on that river there was virtually no salmon stock and that assistance should be sought from the Fisheries Board on proposed and existing development. He stated that there were huge planting of trees taking place at the moment which will repeat previous mistakes.

Cllr. Kathleen Quinn agreed with the comments of Cllr. Loughnane and stated that they were trying to promote angling on the River Suck. She added that it was wonderful fishing area and that it was very important that the River be kept stocked. She requested that a programme be drawn up by the Fisheries Board.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that there had to be a balance between national parks and local people, between preservation and the local needs. He stated that everyone wants protection measures but there must be a reasonable balance and if protection measures are introduced there must be monetary compensation to the persons affected by this protection.

Mr. Callagy stated in relation to Cllr. Loughnane's comments that Lough Derg Working Group are trying to make progress in clearing up the problem of pollution. He said that this was a huge problem but that remedial works cost a great deal of money. Mr. Callagy welcomed the point regarding the Fisheries Board making submissions on fresh water habitat and he stated that he would implement this proposal. He stated that one of the benefits of planning was that it can bring different agencies together to solve problems. Referring to Cllr. Loughnane's comments he added that this would be covered in the same report. This would be a great opportunity to meet the Fisheries Board on this matter.

Cllr. Quinn stated that the Fisheries Board were actually working with them and that they were actively trying to promote the River Suck for angling and B & B, both on the Roscommon and Galway side. She further added that it was the type of industry that was needed in this particular area and that she would like to see the fish preserved.

Mr. Callagy referring to Deputy O'Cuiv's comments stated that it was an objective to protect water. Deputy O'Cuiv's query was a case which would be dealt with by Sanitary Services and the National Park. It was national policy to develop National Parks and the County Council acknowledged this.

Cllr. Callanan requested to know what type of development was restricted in areas of National Heritage. Mr. Callagy replied that the Council were obliged to notify certain bodies where a planning application was lodged. The contents of this chapter was putting on notice that these important areas exist.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that the relics of the recent heritage, for instance, thatched cottages which are now derelict should be preserved as much as possible. Not so long ago it was part of Government policy to knock old houses in order to get a grant. Added to the preservation effort should be clochans which are groups of houses from the ancient rundale system. These should be put under a preservation order he added. He stated that there were many things which were being neglected and these should be brought into the County Plan. The Irish language should be part of this. Cllr. Varley stated that she agreed with the comments from Cllr. O'Neachtain, cottages were being allowed to decay which were part of our heritage and culture she added and that something had to be done to protect them. Mr. Callagy stated that the Council had no direct power or resources to protect or preserve such buildings but acknowledged that they were very important. He added that the National Heritage Council should be approached with respect to this topic. He stated that the matter would have to be raised at Government level. Cllr. O'Neachtain recommended that they incorporate it some way in the tone of the plan that the responsibility of preservation should be on the individual owners but in this respect they should be encouraged. In the older days a grant was given to knock thatched cottages but this had now changed. He stated that recent natural heritage is being eroded. Mr. Callagy replied that it could be included as an objective in the County Development Plan.

Cllr. Gavin informed the meeting that he agreed with everything that had been said by the previous speakers. He then referred to the art of thatching which does not now exist. The art of thatching should be encouraged he stated. Mr. Callagy then went on to deal with monuments on page 10 of the document circulated. He stated that the O.P.W. had carried out a detailed study of the whole country and indicated monuments which were to be preserved and mapped. Cllr. Byrne complimented Mr. Callagy on the chapter and stated that it was very interesting and that it was important for us to retain our past heritage. It was then stated that submissions would

be made by the National Monuments Committee on the review of the County Plan. The Manager then informed the meeting that the review of the Development Plan time scale would be circulated to the National Monuments Committee. The meeting then ended.

Future Meetings to Review Plan

It was agreed that the next meeting arranged to review the Development Plan on Monday, 21st November would commence at 3.30 p.m. It was agreed that meeting and future meetings to review the Development Plan would be in Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

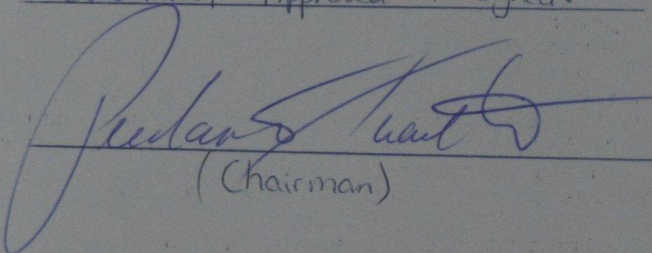
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A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mr and Mrs Michael Sweeney, Ballycurran, Ower, Headford, Co. Galway.
Mrs Julia McDonagh & Family, Deerpark, Headford, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

Submitted, Approved + Signed:


(Chairman)

19-12-94
(Date)

CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, 1994.
ARTICLE 134

REPORT WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

RURAL COTTAGES AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS.

1. ROVEAGH, KILCOLGAN.
2. KILTROGUE, CLAREGALWAY.
3. HAMSTEAD, BALLYMACWARD.
4. SHANBALLYMORE, DUNMORE.
5. DERRYINVER, LETTERFRACK.
6. BARNADERG, TUAM.

The construction of Rural Cottages at these locations is in accordance with the proper planning and development of the areas in question and in accordance with the County Development Plan.

SCHEME HOUSES.

Gilmartin Road, Tuam	-	Four Houses.
Rosmuc	-	Two Houses.

The construction of four houses at Gilmartin Road, Tuam, involves the knocking of house numbers, 51, 52, 53 and 54 and the rebuilding of same in accordance with house plans already used in this area.

With regard to the proposal at Rosmuc, there is no objection in general to Housing Development on this site as there is fairly extensive housing along the approach roads nearby, and it is close to a number of community facilities. The houses will be of single storey construction. A Package Treatment Plant will be provided to treat effluent.

The Council have complied with the Regulations which involve Public Notice in a newspaper circulating in the area and availability for inspection of plans and particulars of the proposed development.

It is proposed to proceed with the development.

T. KAVANAGH
COUNTY SECRETARY.

DATE: 11th November, 1994.

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4u la Samhain, 1994

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De h-Aoine, an 11u la Samhain, 1994, ag tosnu ar a **2.00 a chlog** sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH
RUNAI

AGENDA

2.00 p.m.

1. Address by Mr. Sean O'Riordan, I.P.A., in relation to E.U. matters, Operational Programmes, etc.

3.30 p.m.

2. To consider report in accordance with Article 134 of the Local Government (Planning & Development)

CHAIRMAN AND

LOCAL AUTHORITY

REPORT

RURAL COTTAGES

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AGENDA

With regard to the general to extensive close to a single storey provided to treat

The Council have issued Public Notice in a availability for inspection proposed development.

It is proposed to proceed with

T. KAVANAGH
COUNTY SECRETARY.

DATE: 11th November, 1994.

Regulations 1994) with respect to proposed development by Galway County Council at the following locations:-

- Rural Cottages**
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| (1) | Roveagh, Kilcolgan |
| (2) | Kiltroque, Claregalway |
| (3) | Hampstead, Ballymacward |
| (4) | Shanballymore, Dunmore |
| (5) | Derryinver, Letterfrack |
| (6) | Barnaderg, Tuam. |

- Scheme Houses**
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| (1) | Gilmartin Road, Tuam, (4) |
| (2) | Rosmuc (2). |

Report to follow.

3. Review of County Development Plan.

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY
ON FRIDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1994**

IN THE CHAIR: Comhairleoir 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, M. Loughnane, J. Mannion,
Deputy P. McCormack, Senator
J. McDonagh, Councillors P.
McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni
Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P.
O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Ryan,
E. Varley and T. Walsh.

Officials:-

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County
Manager, L. Kavanagh, B. Callagy,
R.C. Killeen, S.E.E.s, E. Lusby,
F.O., T. Connell, S.S.O., M.
O'Halloran, C.T. and T. Kavanagh,
County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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The County Secretary, Mr. Tom Kavanagh outlined that the present County Development Plan was adopted by the members on the 25th June, 1990 and the Council were obliged under the Planning laws to review the Plan every five years. This meeting was the beginning of the review process.

Cllr. Brennan requested to know who actually makes the Plan. Was it the Councillors or the Planners.

The County Manager stated that the adoption of the County Development Plan was a reserved function and it was a matter for the Council Members. He stated that they should try to proceed with the review in a structured manner and referred to the timescale as circulated to the Members. He added that the Members should take time to study the research papers. The Manager wished to see more public participation and stated that meetings will be held throughout the county in selected towns where a presentation will be made of the plan and views of the public will be considered.

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Cllr. Brennan stated that he accepted the timescale as circulated but requested to know if Councillors propose to put something into the plan against the advice of the Planners will this take place.

The County Manager replied that the Members can submit amendments to the plan and if adopted they will be put into the new plan.

Deputy Connaughton stated that the review of the Plan was a huge exercise. There were many things that the Councillors would like to put into the County Plan but if the proposals are contrary to reports from An Foras Forbartha or the National Roads Authority, what would the position be?

The County Manager advised the meeting that a decision arrived at must be on the basis of proper planning and the Council must be in a position to stand over it.

Deputy Connaughton stated that public participation is very important and that the Council Members reflect the views of the public. He added that it was very difficult to understand where the public stood in relation to some of the issues in the planning research papers.

The County Manager stated that public participation in the review of the County Development Plan was very important. He added that the public may have a slanted view of the planning process. It would be an educational process to inform the public of the planning process that exists. He wished to give the best quality service to the public and in this respect, the Planning Department had extended its information centres to Carraroe and Ballinasloe. The Centre at Carraroe has been working very successfully. However, the Ballinasloe Centre has had no great demand as of the present date and he encouraged the Members to advise the public to use this centre.

Cllr. Mannion proposed the adoption of the timescale as circulated to the Members and this was seconded by Cllr. McHugh, and agreed.

Cllr. Cunningham requested to know if the total submissions were circulated to the Members and the County Secretary advised him that they were.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that it was a function of the Councillors to adopt a new county development plan. Referring to the submissions made by the Members, he stated that he was alarmed by the observations made by the Planners on them. He stated that submissions should be made on the difficulties that have arisen in the Plan and that these should be looked at. He stated that he would like to see openness and transparency in the process and welcomes

the idea of getting out to the public but wonders if the public will get satisfaction as the Councillors find it hard to get satisfaction here in the Council Chamber.

Cllr. Loughnane addressed the meeting stating that this is the physical planning process. He wished to know to what extent can Members deal with the social impact especially relating to things like unemployment. He stated that in rural areas, employment potential must be looked at irrespective of where the site is. The Plan has to be flexible and this must be incorporated in the document. He stated that there has to be a provision for employment. The adoption of the plan is going to have a bearing in the preservation of farming. Referring to heritage, he stated that alot had been given up and that the plan now must recover this heritage.

Cllr. Callanan referring to Table 8A, Class II Control - on regional roads named and referred to the control as outlined in the document. He wanted the draft document to distinguish between new additions and existing contents.

Cllr. Byrne stated that the Members should begin the review today.

Mr. B. Callagy, S.E.E. informed the Members that the Plan was divided into three areas. Section I, Development Policies and Objectives, Section II, Development Control Policies and Objectives and Section III, Appendices. The documents the Members had received included one on the Roads system on which Chapter 8 is based. Mr. Callagy then referred to the research papers circulated and went through the document outlining the main points. He stated that the chapter on major routes was based on the research data contained in the paper circulated. He referred to the road development plan for the 1980's which proposed the linking of major urban centres and also the provision of Bye-Passes in certain towns. He added that 94% of roads are regional or county roads with the remaining classified as national. Then he looked at the regional context stating that the more peripheral the area, the more important the road network. On roadside development, he referred to the National Roads Authority policy statement. Their objective is to safeguard the national investment. Mr. Callagy stated that increasing the roadside development leads to a reduction in the capacity of the road. The National Roads Authority had now advised Councils that if they ignored their recent letter regarding roadside development, they may reduce the level of grants to the relevant Council. Referring then to An Foras Forbartha studies on page 8 of the document, he stated that the results of these studies were still valid even though they were carried out a number of years ago. He then

went through the results of these studies and referred to accidents which related to national roads. Concluding, he said that there was nothing positive about roadside development on these routes.

Deputy Connaughton wished to know if what was being said was that there were too many houses on the major routes. He then referred to the roads leading into Dublin and stated that you can drive quickly towards the city but you find yourself stuck in traffic as you approach the city centre. He stated that planning policy wanted all roads frozen from development and added that if this continued you can get 80% of your journey over quickly but are then stuck in traffic for the remaining 20% of your journey.

Deputy McCormack advised the meeting that he was concerned about the National Roads Authority policy to restrict funds to Local Authorities. He expressed his concern about this Authority and requested to know if it covered the national primary and national secondary routes. The Deputy stated that the restrictions limit the right of Councillors and Oireachtas Members. He felt that the National Roads Authority has no regard for Local Authority Members and that this was a bad direction for Local Authorities to go. Referring to Page 13 of the document circulated which related to volumes of accesses, he stated that alot would still depend on the interpretation of the plan by the Officials. He wished to know what control the Members had over the interpretation of the plan irrespective of what they put in the plan. Even though there were regulations and stipulations in the previous plan, they were still not interpreted in the manner the Members wished. He then requested to know was there liaison between other Local Authorities about development plans. The interpretation/laws over the roads all over the country seems to be different in each Local Authority area. He then referred to the refusal of planning permission for a pitch and putt course on the Galway/Oughterard road and gave an example where such a course exists in Donegal on a National Primary Route and also in Naas, Co. Kildare. He wished to know was there not an overall policy between Local Authorities.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that we have to accept that proliferation of openings on national primary and national secondary routes is of concern. He stated that he was not in favour of opening accesses onto national routes and that the more openings, the greater the danger. He accepts that there is a relationship between accidents and openings and that we need restrictions on national primary routes. He added that he cannot understand why people want to build on national routes and he encourages people off the main roads. He stated that the national roads are very busy both day and night and where there are

families living along the routes it was very dangerous for their children. Deputy O'Cuiv added that people should be encouraged to build on minor roads. He then referred to 3.3.3.(e) and stated that he was opposed to getting people to live in towns. He said the policy should be to encourage people off the regional routes to the minor roads. He accepts that there needs to be restrictions on main roads but does not agree that people should be put into towns.

Cllr. McHugh stated that the National Roads Authority have responsibility for national roads and as such, it is only reasonable that they should have an input. He stated that there was nothing new that particular bodies have to be consulted in relation to planning matters. The Councillors should accept this and go forward from here. He added that increased development on national routes will result in increased hazards. He realises that the interpretation of the plan is a problem but he suggests that the Members go through it in great detail so that there is no doubt about its interpretation. The Plan should be set out clearly so as to reduce room for misinterpretation.

Cllr. Byrne stated that he accepts there is need for restrictions on National routes but that there must be relaxation on the controls of national secondary roads and especially on county roads and also in areas classed as High Amenity. Referring to Table 8B Class II Control, he stated that the national secondary roads link up smaller towns that need development.

The County Manager stated that the research papers do not form part of the County Development Plan and that Mr. Callagy would first go through these papers.

Cllr Fahy then requested to know how many meetings would be needed to discuss the review of the plan.

Cllr. Brennan stated that there should be a consistency about planning and in this respect a conference should be held to discuss this matter. He stated that he did not like the attitude of the National Roads Authority and particularly their threat to withdraw funds. He added that this matter should be addressed by the Department of the Environment. He then complimented Mr. Callagy on the excellent research papers.

Cllr. O'Neachtain referred to the AADT figures in the document and requested to know was this from An Foras Forbartha report. He agrees that there must be restrictions on the major routes but that there has to be a phasing out where it comes to the minor roads. The minor routes must be looked at on another scale, he added. Cllr. O'Sullivan stated that everyone should agree with the restrictions on major routes and this has to be adopted. He stated that

the Plan also has to have a social input, thus avoiding large urban sprawls. An alternative has to be offered if we are not allowing people to build along major routes and be more lenient so that people can build in the countryside. He welcomed the public participation aspect of the plan and going out to the towns and villages of the county. He then stated that people who get planning permission should be advised that the parking area outside of their site is the responsibility of the individuals concerned and not the local authority.

Cllr. Joe Burke welcomed the public participation aspect and then asked the County Manager to get at least 3 copies of county plans relating to other counties for distribution to the members in order that they would be more knowledgeable and result in more consistency. He stated that this was an important time in dealing with the review of the county plan and that the Council was going overboard in restricting development and being anti-people. He stated that we as a Council are now a development agency and that the Council should be development orientated rather than anti-development. He stated that over the years major mistakes were made in Galway city and Galway county with regard to planning and over the years, policy was adopted of not allowing houses in rural areas. He added that where a person owns land, they should be entitled to develop on it and live there and that we shouldn't tell people what they can/cannot do with their lives.

Cllr. Callanan agreed that development should be restricted along major routes and that development should be allowed along side roads and not put into towns. Referring to the cutting of hedges, he stated that this should be written into the plan and it was an aspect that would make many roads safe.

Cllr. Finnegan enquired, if the Council breaches the guidelines will there be a reduction in the funds to the Council. He is opposed to discouraging people living in rural areas and welcomed the research papers which show the background to chapter reviews.

Cllr. Loughnane referred to the hedge cutting on a number of roads. He then stated that members are coming in with Section 4's for people who should get planning permission anyway as there were few suitable sites. In particular, he referred to the Loughrea/Gort Road. He stated that the population in many areas is dwindling and that development was required on limited suitable sites along certain roads. He then added that the relationship regarding essential housing needs should be extended to nieces, nephews, uncles and aunts.

The County Manager stated that the National Roads Authority was legally constituted on the 1st January, 1994 and has now the responsibility for national

primary and national secondary roads. He stated that there was a significant investment in the road network in the country and we have seen this in our own county. The National Roads Authority have set the objective of increasing the average speed limit on National Roads to 50 m.p.h. Over the years, the Department of the Environment issued circular letters advising the Council to restrict development along the national routes. However the National Roads Authority have now got stricter in this respect. He also stated that this applies to development along side roads which increased traffic onto the national roads. He then stated that he wished to encourage rural development but that this must be done in a structured way. He added that we must try and improve facilities in the towns and villages so as to encourage people to live in them. In the estimates, he has provided extra funds for public lighting, amenity grants and community development grants which will assist the communities in these centres. Referring to the once off house, he stated that this has to be looked at in the broader context and added that sustainable rural development will be encouraged in the county. The Manager stated that the Council were looking at groups of water and sewerage schemes, e.g. Connemara and including them in a cohesion fund application. He wanted to encourage a better quality of life in towns and villages and there were grants now available for investment in the villages to make them more attractive.

Mr. B. Callagy then replied to the Councillors comments and went down through the various matters raised.

Referring to Deputy Connaughton's point on congestion in towns, he stated that it was envisaged to provide for ring roads to filter out traffic in such cases.

Replying to Deputy McCormack on the point of uniformity between Planning Authorities - he stated that liaison between Local Authorities is an important point. Unlike the North of Ireland and England, the Department has put the onus on Local Authorities to protect the national and local interests. In the long-term the Minister should issue guidelines relating to the national interest.

Referring to Deputy O'Cuiv's comments on development on side roads - he stated that the difficulty in this respect is that this will lead to an increase in traffic at the junction of the major road. If 4 - 10 houses are proposed to be built on the side road, why not provide them in a village where there are services available.

Referring to Cllr. McHugh, he stated that he agreed that the interpretation of the plan should be thrashed out and consultation with the National Roads Authority if necessary.

On Cllr. O'Sullivan's comments he stated that there was a huge investment in the infrastructure in the towns and that it was bad management if people live in the outskirts and don't contribute to these facilities.

With respect to Cllr. Burke, Mr. Callagy stated that he would try and circulate copies of plans from other Local Authorities. He then spelt out the problems in relation to urban sprawl.

On Cllr. Callanan's submission, to promote housing in rural areas, he stated that strings of houses along narrow roads are not desirable. The Council should have land banks and the County Manager now proposes to address this matter.

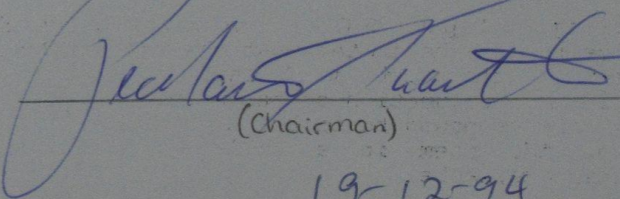
Deputy Connaughton stated that the County Council should assist the local communities in attracting people to their village. People out in the countryside will not accept that they are not allowed to build where they were born, he added.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that the review of the Plan should have commenced with Chapter 1. He disagrees with the idea of a village as interpreted by planners. He stated that there was no problem with villages assimilating a certain number of people. He added that the whole social structure revolves around a village.

Mr. Callagy stated that everyone accepts the historical context but that the major problem with urban sprawl is non locals coming out from towns.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

Submitted, Approved + Signed: _____



(Chairman)

19-12-94

(Date)

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

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Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

28u la Deiré Fomhair, 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, 4th November, 1994, commencing at 3.00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH
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AGENDA

1. Timescale for review and adoption of County Development Plan (see attached).
2. Planning Research Papers
 - (a) Planning Research Paper on the Road System.
 - (b) Planning Research Paper on the Heritage Areas and Buildings.
 - (c) Planning Research Paper on the Environment.
3. Draft Chapters
 - 8 - Major Traffic Routes.
 - 10 - Heritage Areas and Buildings.
 - 11 - Urban Areas.
4. Members Submissions.
5. Fix dates for future meetings for review of plan.
6. Fix date for workshop on planning.

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DRAFT TIMETABLE FOR REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Nov./Dec./Jan.

Review Plan and adopt
Draft.

Feb./March/April 1995

Draft Development Plan
on Public Display for
3 months.

May 1995

Consider and report on
submissions.

June 1995

Adoption of Plan.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY
BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 24th OCTOBER,
1994.**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:
Members:**

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke,
T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy
E. O Cuiv, 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,
C. Ni Fhatharta, M. O'Neill,
P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M.Regan,
M. Ryan, E. Varley and T. Walsh.

Officials: Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County
Manager, D. Nelson, Assistant
County Manager, P. Flood, County
Engineer, T. O'Donoghue, Law
Agent, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., E.
Lusby, Finance Officer, J.
McGovern, T. Coughlan,
Administrative Officers, J.
O'Neill, T. Murphy, C. Wallace,
S.S.O.'s, J. Forde, S.O., T.
Kavanagh, County Secretary and
B. Ginnelly, C.T.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

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

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APPLICATION NO. 71433 - APPLICANT - OLIVER FLANAGAN

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

The County Engineer went through the following report

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which had been circulated to each Member of the
Council:-

"LOCATION:

The site is located in the townland of Frenchfort,
Oranmore and is situated on the County Road opposite
the Water Tower and is located approximately a half
mile from the N.6 Galway - Dublin Road.

PLANNING HISTORY:

A similar application by the same applicant was
refused on the 28th January, 1994, Planning Reference
Number 70002. The decision of the Planning Authority
was not appealed to An Bord Pleanala.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located outside the area of the Oranmore
Development Plan but within the Environs of Galway
City as indicated on Map No. 7A of the County
Development Plan. In this area, it is the policy of
the Planning Authority to exercise strict development
control in accordance with Section 7.2.6 (i) of the
County Development Plan and showing regard to the
policy concerning linear groups of houses as set out
in Chapter 7.2.8 (i) of the County Development Plan.
For the purposes of Chapter 7.2.8 (i) of the County
Development Plan, ribbon development is defined as a
group of three or more buildings on contiguous sites
which have frontage onto a public road. Development
control policy is clearly set out and states that
applications for such groups of houses, whether
wholly or singly in a piecemeal manner, or singly by
addition to two permitted or existing contiguous
buildings will not be permitted.

This roadway from its junction with the National
Primary Route represents one of the worst examples of
ribbonisation in the County. There are 30 No. houses
situated in a line on both sides of the road until
the bend approximately 110 yards south of the
proposed house. There are also 6 No. existing or
permitted dwellinghouses from the bend to a position
opposite the proposed dwellinghouse.

A case of housing need is not involved as the
applicant has constructed a dwellinghouse beside the
family home and adjacent to his farmyard
approximately a half mile away to the east.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

The proposed development would, when taken in conjunction with adjacent existing and permitted development, constitute an excessive density and concentration of non essential housing in a rural area situated within the environs of Galway City as indicated on Map No. 7A of the County Development Plan and would, if permitted, be contrary to Chapter 7.1 (vi), 7.2.6 and 7.2.8. (i) of the County Development Plan which seek to restrict such development".

Cllr. Loughnane stated that it was clear from the site map that there were no permissions granted and no buildings have been erected on the same side of the road as this site. He added that this site would be a once off development and would, therefore, not constitute ribbon development. He also stated that any other building is on the other side of the road and that it, therefore, would not constitute ribbonisation and that it was a permission which should be granted and that it was in accordance with proper planning and development of the area. He also remarked that there were no houses built either left or right of the site for a considerable distance. He said that it would not constitute an increase in density on that side of the road. He felt that there was no great reason why permission should not be granted in this particular case.

Cllr. Burke requested to know when the report had been circulated to which Mr. T. Kavanagh replied that it was on the agenda for the last meeting. The County Engineer stated that he totally disagreed with Cllr. Loughnane and said that it appeared that they were talking about two totally different sites. He stated that there were houses on both sides of the road and that it did constitute ribbonisation. Cllr. Loughnane replied that his understanding of ribbonisation was a group of three or more buildings located on contiguous sites which have frontage onto a public road. He also stated that there was no other site or permission granted on this side. He also added that there was no house for a considerable distance on the left or right and that between the site and the corner to the left, there is a house under construction facing the side of the road at the end but it is approximately 70 metres to the right of this site as can be seen from the site map. Apart from this there is no other house to be seen. He submitted very strongly that ribbonisation does not refer to this type of situation.

The County Engineer stated that there are 30 houses situated on both sides of the road. He also added that

there is no housing need in this particular case and that the applicant has already built a house. Cllr. McHugh asked if Cllr. Loughnane was wrong about his definition about ribbonisation as defined in the Plan. Cllr. Loughnane gave his definition of ribbonisation which he said was described in the County Development Plan. He stated that the building of one house here at this location does not constitute the granting of permission on a contiguous site. Cllr. McHugh asked if this particular case did constitute ribbon development to which the County Engineer replied that it did. Cllr. McHugh asked the County Engineer to read out the last paragraph of the report. He stated that in the light of the definition given in the Plan he disagreed with the County Engineer. Cllr. J. Burke stated that the question of ribbonisation was not answered and he demanded that it be answered. The Chairman said that this question had been answered and that this particular case was considered ribbonisation. The Chairman then requested that a vote be taken. Cllr. J. Burke asked that the Law Agent answer the question since the County Engineer did not. Mr. T. Kavanagh stated that it does constitute ribbonisation as the County Engineer had previously stated and he added that the Law Agent could not get involved in discussions on Section 4 motions. The Chairman again requested a vote be taken.

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

FOR: Councillors Byrne, Callanan, Deputy O'Cuiv, Councillors Cunningham, Fahy, Finnegan, Finnerty, Gavin, Hussey, Loughnane, Mannion, McClearn, Deputy McCormack, Senator McDonagh, Councillors McHugh, Ni Fhatharta, O'Sullivan, O'Tuathail, Quinn, Regan, and Ryan. (21).

AGAINST: Councillor Brennan.

ABSTAINED: Councillor J. Burke.

As the number voting in favour was less than the number required to carry the Resolution, the Chairman declared the Resolution lost.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Callanan, the Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council held on 9th September, 1994 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan the Minutes of Monthly Meeting

of the Council held on 26th September, 1994 were approved and signed by the Chairman. Arising out of the Minutes Deputy McCormack referred to the Reply to his Notice of Motion, Minute No. 2644 in relation to traffic lights at Claregalway. Deputy McCormack said that the traffic lights had nothing to do with the Court case and that it was not necessary to hold up all work. He was supported by Senator McDonagh and Councillor McHugh. The County Engineer said he was advised to stop all work. The County Manager said that the position was unsatisfactory and he would have the matter examined to see if it was necessary to hold up all work.

The Minutes of the Galway Area Committee Meeting held on 26th August, 1994 and Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 29th August, 1994 were noted. Arising out of the Minutes of the Galway Area Meeting Councillor Gavin enquired about the position of Parking Bye-Laws in Spiddal and Moycullen and also the position regarding the review of Speed Limits.

The Secretary stated that a report was not yet available in regard to the parking Bye-Laws at Spiddal and Moycullen. In relation to the review of speed limits he stated that the Council was awaiting approval from the National Roads Authority in relation to the review of speed limits on National Roads. During the discussion which followed, some Members felt that the Council should proceed with the speed limit review on Non National Roads but the Secretary stated that this proposal might not be in order. It was agreed that the matter be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting and in the meantime contact be made with the National Roads Authority.

FINANCING OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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Councillor Mannion referred to the report of the General Council of County Councils on Local Authority Financing which the Council had referred to the Finance Committee. Councillor Mannion said the Finance Committee approved of the Report and proposed that it be forwarded to the Minister for the Environment. This was seconded by Councillor Finnerty and Agreed.

INSURANCE

2680

Councillor Mannion referred to the Insurance Scheme for Councillors operated by the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. He proposed that Members be given the choice of opting for the B Scheme. This was Agreed.

CONFERENCES

2681

It was resolved that the Council approve attendance at conferences which had previously been ratified by the Finance Committee of the Council. It was agreed that Councillors Ryan, O'Neill and Fahy attend a Tourism Conference "LETS GET TOGETHER" at West County Hotel, Ennis on 18th and 19th November, 1994. It was also agreed that Councillors O'Tuathail, Mannion and Cunningham attend a conference "FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT" at Grand Hotel, Torquay from 18th to 20th November, 1994. Details of the estimated cost of attendance at these conferences had been circulated to each Member of the Council.

VARIATION OF TUAM TOWN ENVIRONS PLAN

2682

The Secretary referred to report dated 18th October, 1994 circulated to each Member regarding the proposed variation of the Development Plan for the environs of Tuam to provide for a Link Road between the N17 National Primary Route and the N83 National Secondary Route as shown on map dated July 1994. The Secretary stated that at Council Meeting on 11th July 1994 the Council agreed to publish the proposed variation of the Plan. He said that the variation had been published and on display for the three month statutory period and that no submissions had been lodged with the Council and that it was now in order to adopt the variation. The proposal will supersede the link shown as part of the Ring Route in the 1992 Tuam Town Plan and Tuam Environs Plan.

On the proposition of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Hussey it was resolved:-

"That Galway County Council having prepared a draft variation of Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway relating to the Environs of the town of Tuam, having published the required notices, having received no objections/observations, and having in all other aspects complied with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts 1963 - 1993, hereby resolve that the variation to the Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway relating to the Environs of the town of Tuam be and is hereby made in accordance with the draft published on the 15th July, 1994, and that the Official Seal of the Galway County Council be affixed to the said variation."

Councillor Joe Burke said that he wished to stress the need for a Link Road from the Railway Station in

Tuam to the National Primary Road.

DECLARATION OF ROAD TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD

2683

The necessary legal requirements having been complied with it was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Callanan and resolved that the following road be declared a Public Road:-

ENGINEERING AREA

DESCRIPTION

Milltown

Road commencing at junction with Co. Road 252 and extending West for a distance of 310 metres in the townland of Boyounagh.

SALE OF HOUSE AT DOON, ROSCAHILL TO EILEEN HIGGINS

2684

On the proposition of Councillor Gavin, seconded by Councillor Mannion the Council approved of sale of house at Doon, Roscahill to Eileen Higgins, under Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966 as substituted by Section 26 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act in 1992 and in accordance with Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 which had been circulated to each Member.

AMENITY GRANT ALLOCATIONS 1994

2685

A sum of £20,000 was provided in the 1994 Estimates for Amenity Grants and proposals for the distribution of the £20,000 to 44 groups/organsiations was circulated to each Member of the Council with the Agenda. Councillor Gavin welcomed the list of Grants and proposed its adoption. He said that the Grants gave good value for money and created goodwill amongst the community. He said that people were happy that they were being recognised for their efforts and he hoped that the allocation might be increased to £25,000 in 1995. Senator McDonagh seconded the proposal and complimented the Council and all the Groups for their efforts. Other Members supported and also complimented Mr. Barrett, County Enterprise Board. The Council approved of the list of recommendations.

NON NATIONAL ROAD PROPOSALS (E U) FOR 1995

2686

A Circular letter RW 7/94 was received from the Department of the Environment on 3rd October 1994 requesting the submission of proposals in respect of improvement works on Non National Roads to be considered for funding under the EU Co-financed Scheme of Grants for 1995. A list of proposals prepared by the County Engineer and totalling £4.5m was circulated to each Member on the 12th October, 1994 and was now before the Meeting for consideration. The Secretary asked the Members to note a correction which required to be made to the list for the Tuam Area i.e. the sums shown for the Inner Relief Road and the Bermingham Road Bridge should be reversed.

Deputy O'Cuiv said he was surprised that a list was prepared and circulated without coming before the Area Committee and in advance of the Five Year Plan. He questioned why the Letterfrack-Tullycross Road which was included in 1994 was not included for 1995. Councillor O'Sullivan noted that the Bank Road, Ballinasloe was not included in the 1995 list. Councillor O'Neill welcomed the inclusion of the Ballyconneely/Clifden Road but complained that the Grants were distributed unfairly. He said that the Grants should be divided between the eleven areas. Councillors Byrne, Loughnane and Fahy welcomed the inclusion of the Moyveela Road and said it should be given priority. Councillor Finnegan said that if the jobs which failed to attract Grants last year did not succeed in 1995, the Council's credibility would be at stake. He also felt that the new Link Road for Tuam should be in the National Road category. Councillor Ni Phatharta welcomed the inclusion of the R336 Cashla Road, ach duirt si go raibh dioma uirthi nach cuireadh an liosta os comhair on Coiste Aitiuil.

Deputy McCormack said that only one third of the list would be grant aided and questioned why the list stopped at £4.5m. He said that the Knockferry/Kilbeg Bridge Committee were spending £125,000 on a Bridge Study and proposed that £25,000 be provided towards the cost of the Study. This was seconded by Senator McDonagh. Later in the meeting it was clarified that this proposal was in relation to the Council's 1995 Estimates. Councillors Hussey and Quinn welcomed the inclusion of £200,000 for the Glenamaddy/Creggs Road which was badly needed to eliminate flooding.

Councillor J. Burke complained about the 1994 allocation under which Tuam and Clifden areas got no grant. As a result there were insufficient monies to keep men employed in the Tuam area and some had to be transferred to Athenry area. He asked that this situation be redressed in 1995. Councillor Brennan

asked about the omission of the Bank Road, Ballinasloe and said he would like more works on County Roads.

Replying to some of the questions raised the County Engineer said that the Bank Road, Ballinasloe would be included by the Ballinasloe U.D.C. He said that the Circular specifically requested that proposals be included for strengthening a number of critical bridges. He said that the main emphasis was not the elimination of potholes but to have a significant impact on employment and on industrial, tourism, agricultural and rural development. Furthermore no single sector should account for more than 40% of the total and at least three sectors should be catered for. He said the Department Circular was only received on the 3rd October and has to be submitted by 11th November. Care was taken in selecting schemes which would qualify with the requirements laid down.

Senator McDonagh proposed that £75,000 be included for the Knockferry/Kilbeg Bridge Study if this was possible. This was seconded by Councillor Gavin. Councillor Loughnane asked if the Council could decide to divide the Grants between the eleven engineering areas.

The County Manager said that the five year plan was in the course of preparation and would be ready by the end of the year and this would be of benefit for future years. He said that the County Engineer had to follow the guidelines laid down in the Circular and that the final decision will be made by the Department of the Environment. He said that it was important to submit good schemes which would give good value for money and which would attract the largest grant for the Council. Deputy O'Cuiv referred to the inclusion of the design for the Western Approach Road and said if the road itself was to be funded from this source it would eat up several years grants. The County Manager replied that the Department had indicated that it should be included if the Council wished it to be considered for funding. Councillor McClearn asked if the schemes would be prioritised before going to the Department. He said that roads not approved from the 1994 list should get priority in 1995. Councillor McHugh also agreed that areas which got no grants in 1994 should get priority in 1995.

After much discussion it was finally agreed that the list of proposals as circulated be submitted to the Department subject to the inclusion of the £75,000 for the Knockferry/Kilbeg Bridge Study, the inclusion of the Letterfrack/Tullycross Road which was included in the 1994 list and a request that priority be given

to the engineering areas which did not qualify for any of the grant in 1994.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN ROAD SCHEMES

2687

Circular Letter dated 27th May, 1994 from the Department of the Environment had been brought before the Members some months ago. In the letter the Minister encouraged Local Authorities to investigate the potential to promote and harness community support for roadworks in their areas. Galway County Council had set aside £50,000 of the Discretionary Grant for these projects and an advertisement was published in the local papers resulting in 18 applications. These applications were examined by the County Engineer and 8 schemes were recommended which would absorb the £50,000. Details of the 8 schemes were circulated to the Members.

On the proposition of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Councillor McHugh the list of schemes was approved.

The County Manager explained that it was a new scheme and the Council would be monitoring its progress.

DIFFERENTIAL RENTS

2688

Report dated 20th October, 1994 giving details of the changes in the 1994 Differential Rent Scheme had been circulated to each Member. Members had complained about substantial rent increases in some cases and during the discussion which followed the following points were raised:-

- (a) The allowance of 50p per child was too low and should be increased to £2.
- (b) That the revised scheme was hitting families hard.
- (c) Old people were asked to pay substantial increases.
- (d) Benefit under the hardship clause had stopped.
- (e) That no increase should exceed a certain limit.

Responding, Mr. Nelson, Assistant County Manager said that the Council had 1,535 tenants and any scheme had

to be fair and equitable to all tenants and administratively possible to operate. The same scheme should apply to all but under any scheme there would be cases on the margins where decisions would have to be made. Out of the total number of tenants, only in nine cases were there eight children or more. Under the new scheme the tenant or joint tenants are deemed to be the principal earner in all cases which is much fairer than under the old scheme. He said that incomes were last assessed in 1991 and numerous changes had taken place since then. He said there was a hardship clause there to overcome exceptional difficulties and he had informed Councillors that any genuine hardship case would be looked at. He said that the scheme was a local one.

Councillor Callanan said that while he accepted the Assistant Manager's comments, families with children were being penalised and he proposed a £2 allowance per child. Mr. Nelson said that it would be administratively impossible to amend the scheme as proposed by Councillor Callanan. Deputy O'Cuiv said he appreciated the difficulty and proposed that the £2 allowance be confined to four or more children. The County Manager said that the Members should not be under any illusion about house rents. He said that the economic rent per house is in the region of £80 per week which meant that rents were highly subsidised. He said that the Council does not make any surplus from the rents, the income goes to the management and maintenance of the housing stock. He said that the Council must ensure that everybody pays their fair share. He said that he would examine the cost of increasing the allowance for the fifth and subsequent child. He said a copy of the scheme would be circulated to each Member.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER

2689

Governing Body U.C.G

The Secretary informed the Members that the term of office of the Governing Body of U.C.G. expires on 31st January 1995 and arrangements had to be made for the election of the Council's representative on the Governing Body. He said the December Monthly Meeting would be a suitable meeting to have the Election and that meeting is usually held on the third Monday of December. The Council agreed that the December Monthly Meeting would be held on the third Monday i.e. 19th December.

Urban Renewal Sub-Programme

The Secretary informed the Meeting that notification had been received from the Department of the Environment that a total of £40,000 was being allocated as a Grant towards the cost of Urban Renewal Works in Market Square, Clifden and the development of a public square in Glenamaddy. A copy of the notification from the Department had been circulated to Members. The Members welcomed the Grant.

E.U. Matters

The Secretary informed the Meeting that Mr. Sean O'Riordan, I.P.A. would address the Council Meeting on the 11th of November in relation to E.U. matters, Operational Programmes etc. It was agreed that the Meeting would commence at 2.00 p.m.

SYMPATHY

2690

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mrs. Patrick Greally & Family, Grange, Currandulla.
Mrs. Kitty O'Connell & Family, Annaghdown.
Mrs. Kathleen Muldoon, Cloonculane, Creggs.
Stiofan, Aine & Brid De Bhailis, Cladhnach, An Ceathru Rua.
Carmel Burke, Knocknagreine, Ballinasloe.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION

N.O.M. NO. 13 - FOOTPATH - CLR. P. FINNEGAN

2691

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 14 - FLOODING- CLR. S. GAVIN

2692

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"This matter is being examined by our Technical Staff at present and a further report will issue in due course."

N.O.M. NO. 15 - ROAD - SEN. J. MCDONAGH **2693**

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"The above location is being examined by our Design Team at present."

N.O.M. NO. 16 - ROAD - SEN. J. MCDONAGH **2694**

The following written reply was given Senator McDonagh:-

"The above location is being examined by our Design Team at present."

N.O.M. NO. 17 - ROAD - CLR. P. MCHUGH **2695**

The following written reply was given Councillor McHugh:-

"Road markings will be provided at the above junction in January, 1995."

N.O.M. NO. 18 - HOUSING - DEP. E. O'CUIV **2696**

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

"The mapping of the Council Estate in Roundstone will be completed within the next two weeks."

N.O.M. NO. 19 - LIGHTS & FOOTPATH - CLR. T. BYRNE **2697**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Byrne:-

"One light is to be erected at the Quay, Kinvara and one light to be erected at Gort Road, Kinvara before the end of the year. Work is due to start on footpaths at Gort Road, Kinvara in the coming weeks."

N.O.M. NO. 20 - DERELICT SITE - CLR. T. BYRNE **2698**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Byrne:-

"Galway County Council purchased the above site from Telecom Eireann in order to facilitate the carrying out of junction improvement at above location.

The carrying out of above works is dependant on funds being made available by the National Roads Authority. This location will be included in our 1995 submission to the National Roads Authority. Some tidying up was recently carried out at the above location."

N.O.M. NO. 21 - ROAD MARKINGS - CLR. T. BYRNE **2699**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Byrne:-

"An application for the carrying out of safety measures at above junction was submitted to the National Roads Authority in 1994. However, no funding has been provided to date.

The location will be included in our 1995 proposals."

N.O.M. NO. 22 - BRIDGE - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM **2700**

The following written reply was givent to Councillor Cunningham:-

"Repairs were recently carried out to the above bridge."

N.O.M. NO. 23 - SPEED LIMITS - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM **2701**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"Proposals regarding National roads have been submitted to the National Roads Authority and further progress cannot be made until their consent is received."

N.O.M. NO. 24 - ROAD - CLR. M. FAHY **2702**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"This matter will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Loughrea Area Committee."

N.O.M. NO. 25 - WALL - CLR. M. FAHY

2703

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"The removal of the ash tree is the responsibility of the land owner. The question of carrying out repairs to wall under a FAS Scheme is being examined at present with a view to submitting an application to FAS in due course."

N.O.M. NO. 26 - ROAD - CLR. FAHY

2704

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"I wish to inform that as a result of surveys done in July 1993, the traffic volume on the road at present on the section between Gort and Crusheen is estimated to be 5,000 vehicles per day. The theoretical capacity of the road, based on Level of Service D (RT 180), would be approximately 8,800 vehicles per day. This theoretical capacity would not be achieved on this section of road because of the very poor horizontal and vertical alignment throughout.

The permanent traffic counting station maintained south of Gort by the ERU has shown an annual growth rate in the traffic levels of 6.5% between the years 1987 and 1992. At this rate of growth, present traffic levels will be doubled in 11 years time.

The table below shows the projected traffic levels for a 25 year design period, based on an annual growth rate of 6.5%, and a more conservative assumption of 4.5%.

Exist.AADT (veh.)	Annual Growth Rate	AADT (veh.)	DHF (pcu's)
5000	6.5%	24138	3577
	4.5%	15033	2227

DHF is Design Hour Flow, in pcu's.

This demonstrates that, in 25 years time, the traffic levels on the road would be 2 to 3 times the theoretical capacity of the road. In fact, the road would not be capable of accommodating this level of traffic, and serious congestion and long delays would

occur long before the end of the 25 year period. Travel time surveys on this section of road have shown an average speed at present of 41 miles per hour. As the traffic levels increase, this average speed will decrease accordingly. Also, as the traffic levels increase, drivers inevitably take greater risks in attempting to pass slow moving vehicles, resulting in more accidents.

The fact that the Livestock Mart is to be relocated on the outskirts of Gort will not have a significant effect on the traffic levels on the N18 between Gort and Crusheen, although it will reduce localised congestion in the town of Gort itself on the days that the mart is operational. This section of road is inadequate for the projected levels of traffic, and total realignment is the only feasible option.

N.O.M. NO. 27 - ROAD - CLR. S. GAVIN

2705

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

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

However, routine maintenance will be carried out as resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 28 - ROAD - CLR. S. GAVIN

2706

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

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

However, routine maintenance will be carried out as resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 29 - ROAD - CLR. S. GAVIN

2707

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

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

However, routine maintenance will be carried out as resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 30 - CEMETERY GATE -

2708

CLR. M. LOUGHNANE

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"The gate has been examined, and it is proposed to carry out repairs on it rather than replace it. The work has been included in a schedule of repairs for burial grounds in the Loughrea Engineering Area."

Councillor Loughnane made a strong case that the gate be replaced rather than repaired.

N.O.M. NO. 32 - PLANTING - DEP. P. MC CORMACK

2709

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"It is proposed to carry out a Scheme of Planting at the above location in Spring 1995."

N.O.M. NO. 33 - ROAD - DEP. P. MC CORMACK

2710

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"An application for funding for the upgrading of the above junction will be submitted to the National Roads Authority under the 1995 proposals."

N.O.M. NO. 34 - ROAD - DEP. P. MC CORMACK

2711

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"The road in question is a Class 3 stop end County road serving approximately 12 houses. A section of the road in question inclines at a steep gradient and at the same time turns to a 90 degree bend. The road pavement is on a rampard. It would appear that gravel material was excavated in the past by adjoining landowners up to and close by the road structure.

The lowering of the road to adjacent land level as requested by a delegation from the area would require the excavation of the road metalled surface, bulk earth works, preparation of new road foundation, construction of new road surface and ancillary works at private entrances, the work would also require the approval of the landowners.

The cost would require a detailed survey and would depend in turn on availability of a suitable tip. It is likely however, to be significant and even exorbitant for the road in question.

The work is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

N.O.M. NO. 35 - SIGNS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH

2712

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"Signs will be erected at the above location in 1995."

N.O.M. NO. 36 - ROAD - SEN. J. MCDONAGH

2713

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"In the absence of a grant, the removal of roadside verges and embankments on the National Secondary Route N63 could only be funded out of maintenance. In 1993, the allocation for general maintenance of National Secondary roads was only 60% of estimated requirements and that situation has not improved. The work proposed would entail earthworks, levelling, grading and soling for a distance of 32 miles approximately and could only be carried out at the expense of other essential works. No monies have been made available despite application to the N.R.A. for grants to do strengthening works.

The work is not considered a priority whilst funds remain scarce."

N.O.M. NO. 37 - ROAD - SEN. J. MCDONAGH

2714

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"The road in question is a Class 3 stop end County road serving approximately 12 houses. A section of the road in question inclines at a steep gradient and at the same time turns to a 90 degree bend. The road pavement is on a rampard. It would appear that gravel material was excavated in the past by adjoining landowners up to and close by the road structure.

The lowering of the road to adjacent land level as requested by a delegation from the area would require the excavation of the road metalled surface, bulk

earth works, preparation of new road foundation, construction of new road surface and ancillary works at private entrances, the work would also require the approval of the landowners.

The cost would require a detailed survey and would depend in turn on availability of a suitable tip. It is likely however, to be significant and even exorbitant for the road in question.

The work is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

N.O.M. NO. 38 - ROAD - CLR. P. MCHUGH

2715

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"Funding for the N84 National Secondary route will again be requested from the National Roads Authority under the 1995 proposals. They will also be asked to treat this location as a priority."

N.O.M. NO. 39 - DUMPING - CLR. P. MCHUGH

2716

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"The Council does not have the resources to undertake a clean up at Annagh East but if the local residents or community group are willing to undertake a clean up the Council will provide assistance in the form of refuse skips, gloves, refuse sacks etc. and arrangements can also be made to erect a "No Dumping" sign, although there is no doubt that those responsible for the dumping are aware that such activity is prohibited by law.

The Council is also prepared to consider taking legal action against the offenders in this instance, if sufficient evidence can be provided by the local residents."

N.O.M. NO. 40 - ROAD - CLR. P. MC HUGH

2717

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"I wish to inform you that works at the above location are due to commence on Friday, 11th November, 1994.

N.O.M. NO. 41 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA

2718

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

"Ta muid ag scrudu an cas seo faoi lathair agus beidh freagra againn le haghaidh an chead cruinniu eile."

N.O.M. NO. 42 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA

2719

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

"Ni bheidh an Comhairle Condae indhan obair a dheanamh ar bhothar Sean Breathnach agus Sean Mac Con Iomaire, Camus Uachtar mar nil na boithre seo faoi churan an Comhairle Condae.

Ni raibh muid indhan bothar Camus Iochtar a chur sa chlar oibreacha bothar 1994 toisc easpa airgead. Beidh muid ag scrudu an cas seo in eineacht le boithre eile nuair a bheidh muid ag cuir an clar 1995 le cheile."

N.O.M. NO. 43 - LINN SNAMHA ROSMUC -

2720

AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA

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

"Do reitigh an Chomhairle Chontae leis an Coiste Aitiul i Rosmuc go gcuirfi caideal ar fail ag an linn snamha i rith an tSamhraidh da mbeadh an Coiste in ann e a oibriu agus a coimead slan. Ni raibh an Coiste in ann seo a dheanamh agus da bhri sin nior cuireadh an cuireadh ar fail.

Ta an Comhairle Chontae dochasach go gcuirfear caideal ar fail i 1995.

Ta iarratas curtha isteach ag an Chomhairle do Roinn na Gaeltachta chun deontas a fhail le haghaidh obair feabhsuchain a chur ar bun ag an linn."

N.O.M. NO. 44 - LIGHTS - DEP. E. O'CUIV

2721

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

"The E.S.B. have been requested to repair defective lights at above location."

N.O.M. NO. 45 - GRANT - DEP. O'CUIV

2722

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

"An application for funding for Clifden town along with other areas was submitted to the Department of the Environment requesting funding under the Urban Renewal Sub-Programme Group. A total grant of £40,000 has just been notified by the Department of the Environment for Clifden and Glenamaddy."

N.O.M. NO. 46 - SEWERAGE SCHEME - DEP. E. O'CUIV

2723

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

"A Preliminary Report has been submitted to the Department of the Environment and approval to prepare Contract Documents is awaited from the Department. The scheme cannot proceed without Departmental funding, and the County Council has requested the Department to grant approval as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 47 - ROAD - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN

2724

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

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

However, routine maintenance will be carried out as resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 48 - ROAD - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN

2725

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

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

N.O.M. NO. 50 - ROAD - CLR. P. O'SULLIVAN

2726

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

"The above location is being examined at present with a view to taking in charge if eligible."

N.O.M. NO. 51 - LIGHT - CLR. P. O'SULLIVAN

2727

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

"It was not possible to include the above location in the 1994 Public Lighting Programme due to lack of funds. However, this location will be considered along with others in preparing the 1995 Public Lighting Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 52 - ROAD - CLR. P. O'SULLIVAN

2728

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

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

N.O.M. NO. 53 - SIGNPOSTS - CLRS. T. WALSH &

2729

T. HUSSEY

The following written reply was given to Councillors Walsh and Hussey:-

"A comprehensive scheme of sign posting on National Routes funded by the Department of the Environment at the time was carried out in recent years and includes the National Secondary route N63. Along the route, the town of Mounbellew and Roscommon are indicated with fingerpost signs. A sign posting system which indicates route number and the more important distant centres is desirable in order to avoid a plethora of finger post signs. The sign posting of other centres when travelling in their environs is in line with this approach.

The advance information sign at the start of the N63 route at Loughgeorge includes the name of Ballygar. The only other reference to Ballygar is a finger post sign in Mounbellew and this is considered adequate as Ballygar is located on the route."

N.O.M. NO. 54 - WATER SUPPLY - CLRS T. WALSH &

2730

T. HUSSEY

The following written reply was given to Councillors Walsh and Hussey:-

"The problems experienced in Ballygar during the summer were due primarily to an electronic fault at

the pumphouse which has now been rectified.

It is hoped to undertake improvement works in 1995 which will introduce additional safeguards for continuity of supply."

N.O.M. NO. 55 - SEWERAGE SCHEME - CLRS. T.

2731

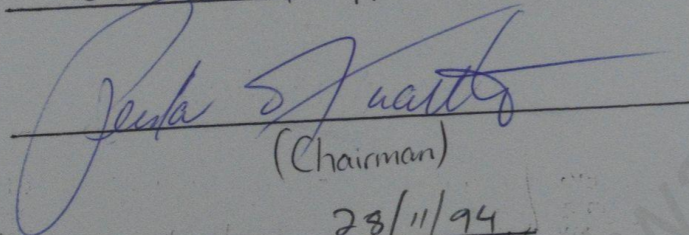
WALSH & T. HUSSEY

The following written reply was given to Councillors Walsh & Hussey:-

"Because of constraints on finance, and on Council Personnel, it will not be possible to commence preparatory work at Ballygar in the current year. However, it is hoped to undertake preparatory work on a number of village schemes, including Ballygar Sewerage Scheme, in 1995."

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

Submitted, Approved + Signed:



(Chairman)

28/11/94

(Date)

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

18u la Deire Fomhair, 1994.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu Miosiuil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimhe De Luain, an 24 u la Deire Fomhair, 1994, ag tosnu ar a 3.30 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 Outline Permission for the construction of a dwellinghouse with services in the townland of Frenchfort to Oliver Flanagan - Planning Ref. No. 71433.

J. McClearn M. Loughnane M. Regan M. Fahy
M. Cunningham.

2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:

(a) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 9th September, 1994.