

that they should be allowed build houses where they want to.

Cllr. Ryan stated that this was one of the best meetings he had attended. He suggested that the planners be brought in for the next meeting to listen to the elected members.

Mr. Callagy stated that he did not accept Deputy O'Cuiv's point about tourists staying on Regional and National Routes. He stated that the plan contains statements of policies and exceptional cases cannot be put forward which had the effect of watering down the plan. The public interest and the national interest must be considered. Regarding traditional settlements he questioned how this could be defined. On the term intensification he referred to an existing small house and said that this could not be doubled in size automatically. With regard to the 100 ft. road frontage, he would refer back to development control for their comments.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that if people were allowed build in rural areas, schools would stay open and requested that their views be taken into consideration.

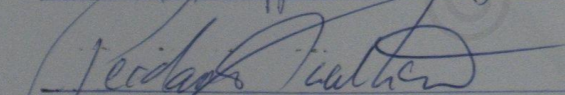
Cllr. J. Burke stated that there must be areas within the restricted zone where development could be allowed.

Mr. B. Callagy informed the members that the Planning Authority was there to protect the landscape. Referring to Cllr. Cunningham's submissions, he stated that he would look at the definition of emigrant and also the question of the minimum 20 acres of land. He informed the members that the policy statement could not be written with a long line of exceptions and that the national interest must be protected.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that non native development should not be allowed in Gaeltacht areas. These areas should not be open to people from the outside. He stated that a lot of people will commute great distances to avoid living in urban areas and added that development should be restricted to the local person or for a person working locally.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted Approved + Signed:


Chairman
24/7/95
(Date)

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

6 Meitheamh, 1995

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, 12th June, 1995**, commencing at **3.00 p.m.**

Mise, le meas,

B. Doyle,
A/County Secretary.

CLAR

1. Fix dates for meetings for Review of County Development Plan.
 2. Review of the County Development Plan.
 3. Fix date for presentation of Strategic Plan.
 4. Fix date to meet with the Western Development Partnership Board (copy of correspondence enclosed).
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY
ON FRIDAY, 2ND JUNE, 1995**

Cathaoirleach:- An Comhairleoir P. O'Tuathail.

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

Oifigigh:- Messrs. D. Nelson, Deputy Co., Manager, J. Crotty, Deputy Co. Engineer, B. Callagy, S.E.E., M. Flynn, Executive Planner, T. Connell, S.S.O., B. Ginnelly, C.T. and T. Kavanagh, A/Asst. Co Manager & B. Doyle, A/Co. Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

3081

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mr. Tom O'Doherty & Family, Cregclare, Ardrahan.
Mrs. Michael Corbett & Family, Kiltartan, Gort.
Mr. Noel Tarmey, Williamstown, Co. Galway.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY

3082

MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING

APPLICATION NO. 95161 - APPLICANT - MS. RITA BAYLISS

On the proposal of Councillor Regan, seconded by Councillor Fahy it was agreed to withdraw the Section 4 motion.

TO CONSIDER COUNTY ACTION PLAN FOR TOWN & VILLAGE 3083

RENEWAL GRANTS SCHEME

The A/Assistant County Manager indicated that submissions had to be forwarded to the Department of the Environment by the 27th May, 1995. This had left the Council with a very short time-scale with regard to the preparation of the plan. Indicative funding for the first year of the programme was as follows:-

	TOTAL	GRANT	LOCAL CONTRIB.	%
Towns	80,000	40,000	40,000	50%
Villages	218,750	175,000	43,750	20%
	298,750	215,000	83,750	

Mr. Kavanagh explained that the programme would cover the Five Years 1995 - 1999. He asked the Deputy County Engineer, Mr. J. Crotty to outline how the programme would operate. Mr. Crotty pointed out that the local contribution of 20% for villages would be made up of a 10% local contribution and a 10% contribution from the County Council. In relation to the towns it was envisaged that the matching funds would be provided by the Town Commission/Local Authority concerned. The £175,000 being provided for villages would remain static for the five years of the programme. The £40,000 which was included for towns (Loughrea, Tuam and Ballinasloe) may increase over the five year period. The Deputy County Engineer asked Ms. Flynn to give a detailed explanation of the various techniques used in arriving at the plan currently presented. Ms. Flynn outlined the Department of the Environment guide-lines issued to aid the Council in their submissions for the Urban, Village and Rural Programme. The essential background to the preparation of the plan was the involvement of the local community and also that the projects being included would have spin offs in the areas of employment and advancement of business enterprises. The scheme was advertised and seminars were held in Loughrea and Maam Cross. The closing date for submissions was the 12th May, 1995. The basis for inclusion in the scheme was on the basis of a scoring chart and the plans submitted. Ms. Flynn indicated that the scoring chart was appended to the documentation submitted. All the Members welcomed the plan as submitted. Councillor Gavin felt that the 10% local contribution would be achieved by local communities and he welcomed the proposals. Councillor Hussey congratulated staff and local communities. He highlighted the works carried out in 1994 in Glenamaddy and Clifden. He indicated the message to issue from this meeting was that

communities that had not been included had four years to prepare their programme for submission to the Council. Deputy Connaughton welcomed the work that was carried out in assessing current applications. He felt it was important that those listed for funding in 1995 would get same in 1995. He urged the Council to promote the scheme especially in communities that have not applied in the current year. Councillor Walsh congratulated the staff on the preparation of the plan and the work that had been carried out in Glenamaddy. He felt also that the local communities would be in a position to come up with the funds for the local contribution. Councillor Finnegan expressed his regret that there would be no urban renewal status for Tuam. The scheme was in effect a mini urban renewal programme. He queried the proposals listed for Tuam and whether they were legally possible. Councillor Quinn welcomed the proposals and spoke of her admiration for the community input in areas such as Glinsk. Senator McDonagh welcomed the programme and the recognition it gave to community groups. Councillor McHugh felt that the sub-programme would benefit and invigorate local communities. He queried why Caherlistrane was not included for funding in 1996. Councillor Cunningham welcomed the programme but expressed his own disappointment that Gort had been left out. Councillor O'Neill welcomed the programme and especially the fact that the local communities were invited to make submissions and were involved in the consultation process. He felt that work of this type represented very good value for money. Councillor Ni Fhatharta welcomed the proposals and in particular work that had been co-funded by the European Union for research in the Connemara area. Councillor Loughnane welcomed the proposals and asked whether improvement features could be included and whether local areas could have specific projects (particularly in rural areas) included in the programme. Councillor Ryan welcomed the programme and felt that it would help towns and villages in the county. It also encouraged people to participate and this should ensure the success of the programme. Councillor Callanan welcomed the proposals and in particular those listed for Ahascragh and New Inn. He questioned why Menlough was not included and how they would get on to the programme. Councillor Varley welcomed the programme. Councillor Fahy asked that every community be included and was disappointed that Gort, Kinvara, Ardrahan and Clarinbridge were not included in the current programme. Mr. Crotty clarified that in most cases the County Council would do the work themselves. Councillor O'Sullivan asked had the local contributions to be cash. Mr. Crotty indicated that the Council would consider other contributions but cash would be the preferred option. Ms. Flynn answered the queries raised by the Councillors. She explained that the reason why areas were not included was on the basis that they had not made an application. She explained that the scoring

system being used was only for 1995 and that improvements to the scheme would be made in subsequent years. On the proposal of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Cunningham it was agreed to adopt the plan as submitted for the Urban/Village Renewal Scheme under the Operational Programme 1995-1999 for local, urban and rural development.

CONFERENCE

3084

On the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan it was agreed that the following Members be nominated for attendance at the following conference, details of the estimated cost of attendance at the conference had been circulated to each Member:

International Conference "Europe 2000 - a role for the Regions" - Lakeside Hotel, Ballina, Co. Tipperary - 21st and 22nd June, 1995

- Councillor Ryan
- Councillor Cunningham
- Councillor O'Tuathail.

It was further noted that Councillor Mannion substituted for Councillor Ryan at the conference held on Industrial Promotion/Job Creation held in Ballina.

TO FIX DATES FOR REVIEW OF THE COUNTY

3085

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

It was agreed that the Council meeting on the 12th of June, 1995 consider the County Development Plan. It was further agreed that a meeting of the Islands Committee would be held at 11.30 a.m. on the 12th June, 1995. Councillor Loughnane indicated that the Council had asked Coillte to make a submission concerning forestry development for the Development Plan. He felt that there must be an input from Coillte and if there was no submission the Council should employ consultants. The Deputy County Manager indicated that the Council could not force Coillte to make a submission.

The Chairman indicated that the balance of the agenda (for the consideration of the Development Plan) was being adjourned as a mark of respect to Mr. Tony Murphy Willmount, Athenry, a former County Councillor.

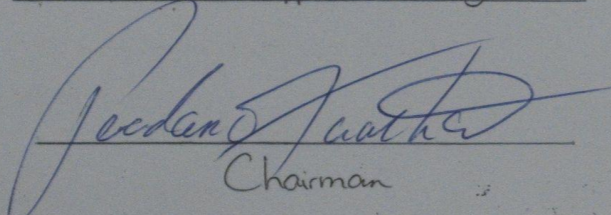
VOTE OF SYMPATHY

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A vote of sympathy for former Councillor, Tony Murphy was proposed by Councillor Fahy and seconded by Deputy McCormack. All the Members associated with the vote of sympathy. The Members also passed a vote of sympathy with the family of Councillor F. Hinchy of Clare County Council and also Councillor Tom Cox of Galway Corporation. The Deputy County Manager associated himself on behalf of the staff with the resolutions of sympathy.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed:


Chairman

24/7/95

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

26 Bealtaine, 1995

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 2u la Meitheamh, 1995**, ag tosnu ar a **3.00 a chlog** sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

B. DOYLE
Acting Secretary

CLAR

1. That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1995, as amended, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant outline permission for 3 dwellinghouses at Cuscarrick, Loughrea. Applicant - Ms. Rita Bayliss. Planning Ref. No. 95161.

Michael Regan Michael Fahy Toddie Byrne
Michael Cunningham Jimmy McClearn

2. To consider County Action Plan for Town and Village Renewal Grants Scheme.
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26 Bealtaine, 1995

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

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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, 2nd June, 1995**, commencing at **3.30 p.m.**

Mise, le meas,

**B. Doyle,
A/County Secretary.**

CLAR

1. Fix dates for meetings for Review of County Development Plan.
2. Review of the County Development Plan.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY

COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS,

GALWAY ON MONDAY, 22ND MAY, 1995

CATHAOIRLEACH:- An Comhairleoir P. O'Tuathail.

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

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

Oifigigh:

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager, P. Flood, County Engineer, D. Nelson, Asst. Co. Manager, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, R.C. Killeen, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E.'s, T. Murphy, T. Connell, P. Carroll, S.S.O.'s, M. McGann, M. O'Halloran, C.T.'s, and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

WELCOME

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The Members welcomed back Mr. P. Flood, County Engineer.

The County Engineer thanked the Members for their good wishes.

CONGRATULATIONS

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On the proposition of Councillor M. Loughnane, seconded by Councillor M. Regan, a vote of Congratulations was passed to St. Raphael's College,

Loughrea, St. Brigid's College, Loughrea and Athenry Vocational School on their recent sporting achievements.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

3033

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mr. Noel Tarmey, Williamstown, Co. Galway.
The Launder's Family, Ashfield Demesne, Gort.
Gerry & Lucy Cooney, Secham, Gort.
Mr. Bartley McGauley, Baurisheen, Oughterard.
Mr. Gerry Fallon, Raheen, Loughrea.

MINUTES

3034

On the proposition of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Councillor M. Cunningham, the Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council held on 7th April, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Councillor Regan, the Minutes of Special Meeting held in Committee on 10th April, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Senator McDonagh, the Minutes of Special Meeting held on 10th April, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor O'Neachtain, seconded by Councillor Ni Fhatharta, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 24th April, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Referring to Minutes of 7th April, 1995, Councillor S. Gavin questioned whether there were any developments in relation to Disabled Persons Grants Applications which had been processed but not offered to applicants.

In reply to Councillor Gavin, the County Manager stated that he was conscious of the number of people applying and that applications were being examined in detail to ascertain the total need. It is hoped to have a submission prepared for sending to the Department of the Environment shortly.

Ar mholadh an Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, agus tachaiocht an Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, glach an Comhairle le Miontuairisci Cruinniu Coiste Gaeilge ar an 27u Aibrean, 1995.

Dúirt an Rúnaí gur glach an Coiste leis an Polasai d'usaid na Gaeilge sa Chomhairle. Bhi an polasai curtha timpeall chuig gach Comhairleoir leis an clar. Da nglachfadh an Comhairle leis, bheadh an Cathaoirleach in ann coip de a bhronnadh ar oifigigh Bord na Gaeilge nios deanai sa chruinniu. Glach an Comhairle leis an polasai ar mholadh an Comhairleoir O'Neachtain agus cuidiu an Chomhairleoir Ni Fhatharta.

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

RELATING TO APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED HOTEL AND

3035

SEWERAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM AT CARROWMANAGH, OUGHTERARD.

APPLICANT: D & M FOGARTY. PLANNING REF NO: 72227

The County Secretary informed the members that the current County Development Plan includes a land use zoning map for Oughterard and the location of the site the subject matter of the material contravention is in an area zoned agricultural. The proposed development, being a hotel, contravenes the provisions of the zoning and would require the passing by the members of a resolution in order to grant planning permission for this development.

Mr. Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E. then read the report which had been circulated to the members.

DESCRIPTION: The proposal is for the construction of a hotel and sewage treatment plant.

LOCATION: The site the subject of this application is in the townland of Carrowmanagh in Oughterard village approximately 45 metres to the west of Camp Street. The Owenriff River bounds the site to the east, a residential site is situated to the west, the public road to the north with a residential site immediately across the road.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICY: The current development plan includes a land use zoning map for the village of Oughterard. The site is in the area zoned "agricultural". The implication of this designation is explained in Chapter 11, page 104-107 of the County Development Plan. In short, the objective of the plan is to "facilitate agricultural development and at the same time prevent ribbonised housing development and backland development". Within this zoning a single house on 1 acre is also

acceptable. A detailed development guide-line is included in the town plans and for this zoning, it stipulated that commercial development is "not normally permitted" within this land use zoning.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Planning Ref. 55617 - Outline permission for 1 house was granted on the front portion of this site (application was for 2 houses) to a Mr. Joyce in 1988. The reason one house only was permitted was to avoid pollution of the adjoining river from septic tank effluent.

Planning Ref. 61611 - Planning Permission granted for the erection of dwelling to Mr. Fogarty on site as per above in 1990. This permission was for a substantial dwelling, with a floor area of 330 m² and the permission is still valid.

Planning ref. 61612 - Planning permission refused for 3 dwellings to the rear of the above mentioned site and on part of the site of the current application. The reason for refusal was based on public health grounds (1990).

PROPOSAL: The current application is for a 10 bedroom hotel plus private living quarters for owner/manager. The ancillary facilities include for a residents lounge and a dining area. The latter which area is 37.4 m² is also intended for restaurant use for the general public. The overall scale is approximately 550 m² in floor area space. Peripheral developments include for an access road, car parking area, store and a domestic effluent treatment plant. The overall site size is approximately 6.5 acres.

ASSESSMENT: The site of the proposal is located within the village boundaries as defined by the County Development Plan (see map no. 11E). It is located 45 m to the west of Camp Street - a street containing a mix of commercial/residential uses.

Within its immediate boundaries is a private dwelling and a dwelling accommodating B & B usage - both low density in character.

A public water supply is available to the site but the public sewer does not extend beyond Camp Street to the east. In view of the latter, it is proposed to install a biocycle waste water treatment plant - a proposal which has been assessed and deemed acceptable by the Environmental Health Section of the Western Health Board.

The site as previously mentioned is in the agricultural zoning for the village, the proposal being commercial in nature would therefore materially contravene the policy of the County Development Plan. In view of this material contravention procedures must be invoked if a grant of permission is to issue.

In assessing this proposal the following merits of the development and its location in view of the County Development Plan policy should be considered.

The site of the proposal is located within the boundaries of Oughterard village as defined in the County Development Plan. It is the policy of the plan as defined on pages 8 and 13 to encourage such tourist facilities and to direct them into existing towns and villages where maximum socio-economic benefits can be achieved and where infrastructure costs can be kept to a minimum. The proposal would accord with this policy, broadening the range of tourist accommodation facilities available in Oughterard village which by nature has a strong demand for same.

The site, being 6.5 acres, can accommodate the proposed use comfortably and provide an adequate buffer from adjoining developments, located as it is between developments it can be considered to constitute an infill site. It should be noted that the existing zoning was originally defined in the early 1970's and would merit reviewing particularly in view of the changes in population in the area both permanently and seasonally. At the very least the site could be zoned for residential use as per the zoning to the northeast, more removed from the village than the current site.

The nature of the development is primarily tourist accommodation, the proposal limits access of the general public to the dining area (37.4 m²) which is quite small and could be omitted by condition if necessary. The proposal therefore cannot be likened to a conventional hotel with function room and public bars etc. and is more akin to a B & B usage as per adjoining site to the northeast. On consideration of

these points it is considered that a grant of permission with conditions would not be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

OBJECTIONS: Objections have been received from a number of parties the main points of the objections are as follows:

1. Potential of pollution to Owenriff River

A valid permission for a dwelling-house and septic tank exists on the site at present, planning reference 61611 (1990). With regards the current application aspects of suitability of the site for domestic effluent disposal were examined by the Environmental Section of the Health Board and the proposal submitted on the 9/2/95, in addition to conditions regarding (a) maintenance contract requirement, (b) built up percolation and reserve percolation areas as per Appendix C of S.R. 6 1991, (c) piping of all drains in the vicinity of the percolation area which would be attached to any grant of permission, would render the proposal suitably acceptable.

2. Access and likely traffic hazard

The proposal has been examined under this heading by the County Council Road Design Section and the development is considered acceptable particularly in view of the imminent road improvement works in the area, of which the development takes cognisance.

3. Threat to right of way along river bank

This right of way is outside the site boundaries and is not threatened by the proposal. A condition regarding retention of trees and supplementary planting could be attached to any grant of permission to ensure a physical boundary is retained between both.

4. Injury to adjoining residential amenity

It is considered that with regard to the proximity of the site to the centre of Oughterard village that the use is acceptably located. The nature of the use, tourist accommodation, is considered to be compatible with the adjoining use, mix - residential and B & B usage. The size of the site, location of the structure, car parking and landscaping proposals are all considered to be so located and designed as to minimise the impact on adjoining properties.

5. Contravention of the County Development Plan zoning objectives

This is the central issue of this report and has been discussed previously.

STATUTORY CONSIDERATION: A decision to grant permission cannot be made unless a resolution is passed by the members, requiring that such a decision be made in accordance with Section 26(3) of the 1963 Planning Act as substituted by Section 39(d) of the 1976 Planning Act, as amended by Section 45 of the Local Government Act 1991.

Public notice of the Council's intention to consider deciding to grant this permission was given on 7th April, 1995 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections if they so wished. The objections lodged have been dealt with above.

If a resolution is passed requiring that a decision to grant permission be made, such a decision will issue, otherwise a decision to refuse permission must issue."

Cllr. S. Gavin stated that he had looked at the site and read the report issued by the Planning office. He stated that people believe it is located on a bad bend and were not aware of the proposed imminent road improvements. He added that he was also concerned of the possible pollution threat to the nearby Owenriff River. The provision of a treatment plant might solve the problem but the local people were concerned about pollution to this river and the adjacent lake. He added that the access point is extremely dangerous and sight distance could not be achieved. The area is a residential and farming area and this development would change the character of the location. He felt that it was not appropriate to have this form of development in this particular area of Oughterard village. He believes that the objectors reasons are well thought out and he would not be in support of this development.

Cllr. O'Neill stated that he had reservations about this proposed development. He agreed that such development would be welcome in Oughterard and realised that it was needed for tourism development. He had examined both arguments, from the objectors point of view and the planning report. He then referred to the Lough Corrib Anglers Associations objection against the proposed development. He mentioned the points raised in their objection in particular the effect of this development on the adjacent river. These people had put a lot of effort into the development of a hatchery. He noted that a previous application was refused on public health

grounds in 1990 and he requested to know how 5 years later it can be justified putting a 10 bedroom hotel on this site. He added that the development is not a B & B but a hotel. He enquired if the application granted in 1988 had lapsed and stated that the proposed house for the site could be converted for B & B use. He concluded that he would not be supporting the proposal.

Cllr. Fahy wished to know if the proposal could be located elsewhere within the present site. He stated that this type of development was important in creating employment in the area. Mr. L. Kavanagh stated that although this was a 6.5 acre site, there was little room to manoeuvre or relocate the development. He said that there were proposals to improve the road and realign the bridge.

Cllr. O'Sullivan requested to know if the area could be rezoned in the County Development Plan. Mr. L. Kavanagh informed the members that the Council would consider rezoning the area in the current Review of the County Development Plan. He stated that the zoning had not changed since the 1970's.

As no motion was proposed in favour of the development the matter was not considered any further.

ADDRESS BY MICHAEL O'GRUAGAIN, PRÍOMH-FHEIDHMEANNACH, BORD NA GAELIGE

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Labhair Michael O'Gruagain, Príomhfheidhmeannach, Bord na Gaeilge leis an gComhairle faoi úsáid na Gaelige san Earnail Phoibli.

I 1993, leag an t-Aire Ealaíon, Cultúir agus Gaeltachta amach treoirlínte mar bhonn le cláracha gníomhaíochta a bhí le tarringt suas ag na Rannai Stait chun an datheangachais a leathnú, sé Ról Bord na Gaeilge comhairle, tacaíocht agus meas a dhéanamh ar dul chun chinn an obair. Tá anailís ar fheidhmiú an polasai 1993/4 curtha i gcló anois a theasbaineann go bhfuil plean gníomhaíochta i gcéad Rannai Stait. Mhol sé Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe toisc go bhfuil na comharthaí dhátheangach ins na foirgnithe chontae agus gur feidir deileál tré Gaeilge ag an Oifig Failtiú. Tá 21,000 duine i nGaeltacht Chonamara agus tá Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe mar ceann ródaí chun labhairt na Gaeilge a spreagadh.

De réir an anailís tá a lán oibre le déanamh fos - mar shampla níl ach 10% de na Rannai Stait ag cur in iúl go poiblí go bhfuil seirbhís tré gaeilge ar fáil agus is beag an uimhir a fhreagraíonn an teileafóin

dhatheangach. Beidh tuarascáil nua an bhlian seo chugainn agus beidh siad ag suil go mbeidh feabhas ag teacht ar na rúdaí seo.

Thréaslaigh na comhairleoirí an t-Uasal O'Gruagain as ucht an obair iongantach ata ar siúl ag Bord na Gaeilge. Moladar go gcuirfí suas comharthaí gaeilge ar imeall na Gaeltachta a chur in-úil go bhfuil siad ag dul isteach san Gaeltacht agus go mbéadh pictiúiri do na daoine ata sásta seirbhís tré gaeilge a thabhairt don phobal.

Ba mhaith leo freisin go mbéadh cursaí gaeilge curtha ar fáil dóibh.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR 6 MONTHS ENDING

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31/12/1995

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, it was resolved that Galway County Council hereby approve of the raising of overdraft to the extent of £3m on the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts for the period of 6 months ending on the 31st December, 1995, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment.

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND TO MAURA AND SEAN BINDON

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The County Secretary informed the Members that the above were applicants under the Shared Ownership Scheme but were not now proceeding with their application and it was necessary to return the site. It was proposed by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Fahy and resolved that "in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966, the Council hereby resolve to dispose of the site comprising 0.5 acres at Milestone, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway to Maura and Sean Bindon for the consideration of the sum of £1.00 plus legal fees."

ANNUAL MEETING

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It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan and agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Council would take place at 3.00 p.m. on the 10th July, 1995.

COMMITTEE ON TOWN GOVERNMENT

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On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by

Councillor Finnegan it was agreed that a Meeting of the Committee on Town Government would be held at 2.30 p.m. on the 30th May, 1995.

EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR REVIEW OF COUNTY

3041

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The County Secretary went through his report dated 18/5/1995 which had been circulated to each Member. He said it was proposed to seek a 9 month extension to 31/3/1996 which should be sufficient to complete the review.

Cllr. Ryan proposed that an application be made to the Minister for the Environment to extend the statutory period for the making of the Review of the County Development Plan for the County Health District of County Galway to 31/3/96 in accordance with Section 20(1)(A) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963 as inserted by Section 43(1)(f) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1976 and Section 41(c) of the Local Government Act 1991. This was seconded by Cllr. Cunningham and agreed.

Cllr. Hussey stated that the present review of the plan was extremely slow. He stated that there were a number of contentious issues which should be dealt with and that concentration should be made on such matters.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME 1995

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The County Secretary outlined the main changes in the Draft Higher Education Grants Scheme 1995 as circulated to Members.

In response to Members' queries, he confirmed that the adjacent rate only of Maintenance Grant will be payable in the case of every Grant holder whose normal residence is 15 miles or less from the College which he/she is attending, and that the non-adjacent rate of Maintenance Grant would be payable in all other cases. He further confirmed that the approved courses are in respect of full-time courses and that part-time or evening courses are not so approved.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Brennan and agreed, that the Council adopt the Draft Higher Education Grants Scheme 1995 which had been previously circulated to each Member of the Council.

SPEED LIMITS

3043

The County Secretary read a letter from the N.R.A. re Speed Limits dated 5/5/1995.

Councillor Cunningham proposed, and Councillor Quinn seconded that a Deputation be sent to the N.R.A. to discuss the Review of Speed Limits.

Councillor McClearn proposed, and Councillor McHugh seconded that the N.R.A. be requested to send a representative to meet the Council to discuss submissions made and the reasons why they were rejected.

Councillor Gavin stated that there was no reason why the submission made should have been refused, that a 2 year exercise had been undertaken in the preparation of the submission, and that Councillors were being asked locally what they were doing regarding revision of speed limits. He agreed with Councillor McClearn's proposal that a representative of the N.R.A. be requested to attend the Council to discuss the issue.

Councillor J. Burke agreed that the reply received was not satisfactory but that the Council should accept the offer of a meeting with the N.R.A. and see what information can be taken from it following which it would be analysed and a Deputation including Officials to be then sent to meet with the N.R.A..

Senator McDonagh requested that clarification be sought from the Department of the Environment regarding the devolution of functions, specifically Speed Limits and questioned whether the Council Members have power to formulate Speed Limits or not.

Councillor O'Neill stated that the general principals would not explain decisions to refuse outright in particular cases and felt that the basis of what the Deputation might discuss with the N.R.A. should be considered.

Councillor McHugh stated that the proposal started out as a solid proposal and that he wanted reasons for the refusal given.

It was agreed that the N.R.A. be requested to attend a Council Meeting to explain the situation.

COUNTY ACTION PLAN FOR TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL

3044

GRANTS SCHEME

The County Secretary stated that the plan was not

finalised yet and it was agreed to defer this item to the Planning Meeting of 2nd June, 1995.

CONFERENCES

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It was agreed to defer the nomination of 4 delegates for D.O.E. Conference on Social Housing to the meeting of 2nd June, 1995.

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Hussey, it was agreed that the following Members be nominated for attendance at the following conference, details of the estimated cost of attendance at the conference having been circulated to each Member at the Meeting:-

Seminar: Our Environment-The Future - Dublin Castle Conference Centre- 9/10 June, 1995

Senator McDonagh
Cllr. O'Tuathail
Cllr. Quinn

Seminar: Waste Water Management - Cork - 16/17 June, 1995

Cllr. Callanan
Cllr. Walsh
Cllr. Varley

PLANNING FOR THE TRAVELLING COMMUNITY 1995-2000

3046

It was agreed that this discussion document be circulated to the Traveller Settlement Committee for discussion and observations.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER

3047

Burial Grounds Programme 1995

The Assistant County Manager referred to the Burial Grounds Programme 1995, copies of which had been circulated and requested that the Council would consider and adopt the Programme. He further stated that the Council would give financial assistance towards walls, extensions, drainage, car-parking etc. rather than spending large sums of money on any one cemetery to the exclusion of others.

Councillor McHugh said that local Communities don't have resources and that it was unfair to expect them to accept responsibility for burial grounds.

Councillor McClearn referred to a shift in policy by

the Council in that people can't acquire plots in advance any more and he felt that this was a heavy handed approach.

Councillor Finnegan queried why FAS schemes in cemeteries were prohibited only in Galway and Mayo and said that a further reminder should issue to FAS requesting that it adopt a policy in Galway and Mayo in line with its National policy.

Councillor Ryan stated that he was still awaiting a report on the acquisition of land for Moylough graveyard and that he wanted some action on this over the next year.

Councillor J. Burke welcomed the programme and supported the idea of co-operation and partnership and that the traditional thinking of the County Council as a soft touch for money was gone.

Councillor O'Neill asked if a report was available on an extension to the Oughterard graveyard. He welcomed the involvement of communities but saw difficulties in the acquisition of land by local communities.

In reply to comments and questions, the Assistant County Manager stated that the Deputy County Engineer had been asked to examine the situation throughout the county and that towards the end of the year he would come back to the Council with an overview of burial grounds.

Referring to the purchase of plots in advance, he stated that some burial grounds were technically full but in reality were only half full, because some plots had been bought by people now living in the U.S.A. and that some spaces acquired were never used.

In reply to Councillor Ryan, he stated that there were title problems in relation to the Moylough Graveyard.

In reply to Councillor O'Neill, he stated that as there was some 50 spaces left in Oughterard Graveyard that this was not a serious immediate problem in comparison with others and that any extension to the graveyard would be considered in the context of a five or ten year plan.

Referring to the involvement of local communities, he stated that there were no set rules or parameters regarding what they must and must not do but that where local communities were not prepared to do anything it was unfair not to give assistance to those that were trying. It is important that scarce resources are used to the best advantage.

The County Manager stated that the Council should be maximising the potential of local contributions and that there were some difficulties in the acquiring of land where some landowners sought more than the market value of the land.

He referred to the launching of the Environment Programme for 1995 and the prizes for the maintenance of burial grounds and stated that the ones that he had inspected last year were a credit to the local community and showed what can be done if the people work together.

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Hussey, it was agreed to adopt the Burial Grounds Programme for 1995, as circulated.

Study Visit to Tralee

Referring to the recent Study Visit to Tralee by the Members and Officials the County Manager stated that a report on the visit had been circulated for those Members unable to attend.

NOTICES OF MOTION

N.O.M. NO. 17 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3048

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"It was not possible to include the above location in the 1995 Road Works Programme due to lack of funds. However, routine maintenance will be carried out in due course."

N.O.M. NO. 18 - WATER SUPPLY - CLLR. J. BRENNAN 3049

The following written reply was given to Councillor Brennan:-

"I wish to inform you that there appears to be problems with regard to the quality of water available from the Group Water Scheme. On this basis, the Council will not be in a position to connect the four houses to the Group Scheme."

Councillor Brennan referred to reply received and stated that something must be done regarding the supply of running water to the four Council Houses in Clonfert. He was supported in this by Councillor Callanan.

In reply the Assistant County Manager said that he would check the position and come back to the Members on the matter.

N.O.M. NO. 19 - BRIDGE - CLLR. J. BRENNAN 3050

The following written reply was given to Councillor Brennan:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 20 - FLOODING - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3051

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"The question of compensation for the flood victims of South Galway is not a matter for Galway County Council."

N.O.M. NO. 21 - FENCING - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3052

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"This is private property and the responsibility for maintenance rests with the land owner involved."

N.O.M. NO. 22 - SPEED LIMIT - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3053

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"Galway County Council submitted a proposal to the N.R.A. recommending provision of a 40 m.p.h. speed limit at above location. However, this recommendation was not approved by the N.R.A."

It is not possible to remove the clay banks at this location as it would make the existing walls unstable."

N.O.M. NO. 23 - LIGHTING - CLLR. M. FAHY 3054

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"(a) The provision of Traffic Route Lighting at above location is dependent on funds being made available by the National Roads Authority. No such funds were made available in the current

year.

- (b) The re-location of Market Cross and pump will be arranged later on in the year.
- (c) There are no funds available for the provision of tarmacadam in the village.
- (d) The provision of footpaths under FAS schemes is not permitted."

N.O.M. NO. 24 - PETERSWELL G.W.S. - CLLR. M. FAHY 3055

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"The Peterswell Scheme was approved by Galway County Council in October, 1994, and the allocation of grants for the scheme is entirely a matter for the Department of the Environment."

N.O.M. NO. 25 - ILLEGAL DUMPING - CLLR. M. FAHY 3056

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"The Council will facilitate attempts by local communities to tackle illegal dumping through local clean-ups. If the local community at Lisduff wish to undertake a clean-up, the Council will provide gloves and bags, and other assistance, as appropriate. This approach is considered to be the most effective method of tackling the problem of illegal dumping.

The work requested above will be carried out as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 26 - BALLYQUIRKE LAKE - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3057

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"An investigation into the condition of Ballyquirke Lake is at present being undertaken by the Environmental Protection Agency, and it is anticipated that the results of this investigation will be available shortly.

The sewerage system is operating at capacity level at present, and the Council has sought approval from the Department of the Environment for the expansion of the scheme to cater for future development in the area."

N.O.M. NO. 27 - COASTAL PROTECTION - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3058

LOUGHNANE

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"An application for funding under Coastal Protection Programme was submitted to the Department of Marine on 30th January, 1995. Further documentation was submitted on 13th February, 1995, and we are awaiting developments."

N.O.M. NO. 28 - DRAINING - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3059

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"The existing culvert is part of a land drain and therefore not the responsibility of Galway County Council. The estimated cost of replacing the old stone culvert with a 2'6" drain pipe and lowering the invert is estimated to cost £3,500."

N.O.M. NO. 29 - BALLYMINNA ROAD - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3060

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"We will be writing to Irish Rail regarding this matter within the next week."

N.O.M. NO. 30 - FLOODING - CLLR. J. MCCLEARN 3061

The following written reply was given to Councillor McClearn:-

"Remedial works will be carried out at the above location under the 1995 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 31 - ROAD RESURFACING - CLLR. J. MCCLEARN 3062

The following written reply was given to Councillor McClearn:-

"The above location was not included in the 1995 Road Works Programme due to lack of funds. However, routine maintenance will be carried out as resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 32 - CLEANING OF CULVERTS - CLLR.

3063

J. MCCLEARN

The following written reply was given to Councillor McClearn:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 33 - SIGN POST - SEN. J. MCDONAGH

3064

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 35 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - CLLR. P. MCHUGH

3065

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"The estimated cost of carrying out the above works is £50,000. No provision for same has been made in the 1995 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 36 - ROAD SIGN - CLLR. P. MCHUGH

3066

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"The re-location of road signs at above location is not recommended by our technical staff."

N.O.M. NO. 37 - CLAREGALWAY VILLAGE - CLLR. P. MCHUGH

3067

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"A proposal for traffic calming measures for Claregalway village was recently submitted to the National Roads Authority. The injunction has not been lifted to date."

N.O.M. NO. 38 - COMHARTHA - AN COMH C NI FHATHARTA

3068

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

"Deanfar an obair seo chomh luath agus is feidir."

N.O.M. NO. 39 - BOTHAR - AN COMH C NI FHATHARTA

3069

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

"Deanfar an obair seo chomh luath agus is feidir."

N.O.M. NO. 40 - REILIG - AN COMH C NI FHATHARTA

3070

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

"Nil an Chomhairle in ann an reilig seo a mheadu, os rud e nach bhfuil a dhothain talamh feiliunach le fail. Ta airgead le fail i mbliana, afach, chun reilig Seanbhaile a mheadu, agus ta se ar-intinn ag an Chomhairle an obair seo a chur ar bun chomh luath agus is feidir."

N.O.M. NO. 41 - DRAINAGE - DEP. E. O'CUIV

3071

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

"It was not possible to include this work in the 1995 Road Works Programme due to lack of funds. However, when the programme is completed later on in the year this location will be re-examined with a view to carrying out some drainage works funds permitting."

N.O.M. NO. 42 - LIGHTING - DEP. E. O'CUIV

3072

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

"The following locations along the N59 are included in the Council's 5 Year Roads Programme.

1. Clifden
2. Leenane
3. Letterfrack

An application for funding for Traffic Route Lighting Clifden was submitted to the National Roads Authority for 1995. However, no funds were provided in the current year."

N.O.M. NO. 43 - ROAD REPAIRS - DEPUTY E. O'CUIV

3073

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

"It was not possible to include this road in the 1995 Road Works Programme due to lack of funds. However,

routine maintenance will be carried out as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 44 - ROAD JUNCTION - AN COMH S O'NEAHTAIN 3074

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

"Major works would be required to improve sight distance at the above location as the land is considerably higher than the road on the Galway side of the junction. No provision has been made for the carrying out of such works under the 1995 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 45 - BOTHAR - AN COMH S O'NEAHTAIN 3075

Seo léanas an freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir O'Neachtain:-

"Beidh an t-eolas seo againn le haghaidh an chead cruinniu eile."

N.O.M. NO. 46 - COSAN - AN COMH S O'NEAHTAIN 3076

Seo léanas an freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir O'Neachtain:-

"Nil aon airgead curtha ar fail sna meastachain i mbliana chun an obair seo a dheanamh."

N.O.M. NO. 47 - ROAD WORKS - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 3077

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

"It was not possible to include the above location in the 1995 Road Works Programme due to lack of funds. However, routine maintenance will be carried out as resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 48 - FOOTPATH - CLLR. E. VARLEY 3078

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"The above works will be carried out as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 49 - BOTTLE & CAN BANKS - CLLR. E. VARLEY 3079

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"The Council has arranged the provision of bottle and can bans for Headford, and it is expected that these facilities will be in place within the next fortnight."

N.O.M. NO. 50 - PARKING AREA - CLLR. E. VARLEY 3080

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

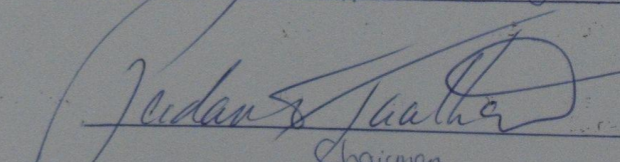
"A draft lay out scheme for control of traffic movement and parking in the vicinity of the schools has been submitted to interested groups in Athenry for comment and a meeting will be arranged at an early date if required."

The Council has applied for union approval for the provision of dry stone walls under a Community Employment Scheme and on receipt of same an application will be submitted to FAS for approval.

However, additional funding will have to be provided in order to have footpath and parking area provided and no provision for same has been made in the 1995 Road Works Programme."

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Submitted, Approved + Signed:


Chairman

26/6/95

Date: