

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

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

21 Marta, 1995.

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

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Miosiuil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh De Luain, an 27 u la Marta, 1995, ag tosnú ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

**T. O CAOMHANAIGH,**  
**RUNAI.**

**AGENDA**

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
  - (a) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 10th February, 1995.
  - (b) Minutes of Special Meeting held In Committee on 10th February, 1995.
  - (c) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 27th February, 1995.
2. To Note Minutes of Connemara Area Committee Meeting held on 20th February, 1995, and Protocol Committee Meeting held on 10th March, 1995.
3. Appointment of Member to fill vacancy on County

Galway Vocational Education Committee.

4. Waste Management Plan.
5. Fix date for meeting to consider Road Works Scheme.
6. To note Auditor's Report of County Galway V.E.C. for year ended 31/12/1993.
7. Reform of Town Local Government
8. EU Life Project : Tourism ECO-LABELLING
9. Loughrea Bye-Pass
10. Housing Capital Programme 1995
11. Statement on Housing Policy.
12. Progress Report - Sanitary Services Schemes - Report already circulated.
13. Hedgecutting - Report already circulated.
14. Nomination of Delegates to General Council of County Councils Annual Conference - 24/26 May, 1995.
15. Business submitted by the Chairman.
16. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Adjourned From Previous Meeting :

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council investigate the flooding difficulties on the road beside Mrs. Sarah Melia's house in Gorthachalla, Moycullen (on the Moycullen - Tullykyne Road). Water is consistently being splashed off the road-way onto her house and garden, causing great nuisance and annoyance.

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH  
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council implement proper layout to control traffic and create safety for 1,500 pupils in Athenry and adhere to plans as submitted by the Schools Board of Management.

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN  
- I will propose :

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That immediate steps are taken to alleviate the serious problems occurring to the area mentioned below.

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN  
- I will propose :

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That immediate works be carried out on the roadside drains at location mentioned below.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council widen the road beside Killeeneen National School and to create more parking space in front of the school. There are 105 pupils attending this national school and transportation is provided by the school bus and parents, which creates enormous traffic problems at 9.30 am and 3.00 pm.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council examine the road leading to houses nos. 1 and 4 at Garraun Lower, Maree, Oranmore. Please estimate cost for Council to take over same.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council carry out work to prevent water flowing into the yard of Michael Hehir, Barratrana, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council raise Co. Road at low lying area on Castledaly Road, a few hundred yards from the Cregclare Fourcross Roads at Ardrahan.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council raise road at Coogan's Lough on Co. Road at Ardrahan where these locations are flooded for over 6 weeks. Safety barriers should also be erected at Coogan's Lough for the safety of the people using this county road.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council surface and repair county road (details supplied).

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :

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That repairs are carried out on the Killagoola/Uggoole Road, Moycullen especially into Killagoola Village, and also that drainage problems along the road are examined.

28 CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :

Ba mhaith liom a fhail amach cen fath nach ndearnadh an obair a bhi beartaithe ar Bhothar Dhoire Lochain Thiar san Spideal ce gur cuireadh airgead Roinn na Gaeltachta ar fail agus gur tugadh le fios cheana go mbeadh an obair ag dul ar aghaidh.

29 CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :

CLR. JOE BRENNAN

That we will ask what was the total funding for National Primary, Secondary, Regional and County Roads allocated to each engineering area from various sources - E.E.C., D.O.E., N.R.A., Roinn na Gaeltachta, etc. in the year 1994.

30 CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE  
- I will propose :

That flooding at a specified location be relieved (details enclosed).

31 CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE  
- I will propose :

That a specified road be restored and surface-dressed (details enclosed).

32 CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE  
- I will propose :

That Standing Order Number 52 be suspended to provide for the recall of the Loughrea Bye-pass road plan from the National Roads Authority and alterations affected within a period of 2 months.

33 CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council erect "No Overtaking Signs" at Turloughmore Health Centre and I also proposed that Galway County Council have a 40 mile speed limit put in place at this location.

34 CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council remove clay-banks and create inlets for cars to meet and generally improve busy school road (details attached).

35 CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH  
- I will propose :

That in the interest of safety that Galway County Council out of this year's supplementary grant have the road at Canteeny, Turloughmore, raised by 2 feet and the supporting walls re-built and strengthened to prevent loss of life at the Athery/Turloughmore Road.

36 CLR. PADDY MC HUGH  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council carry out improvement works at entrance to dwellinghouse and yard (details enclosed) in order to eliminate water flowing onto this property from the public road.

37 CLR. PADDY MC HUGH  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council provide a footpath at location (details below).

38 CLR. PADDY MC HUGH  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council carry out improvement works i.e. pothole filling on the following roads (details enclosed).

39 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe taighde agus tasail ar caighdean an t-uisce i Sceim uisce An Cheathru Rua. Nil muintir na h-aite sasta le caighdean an t-uisce.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe an bothar idir Tra Bhain agus Tir a Fhia a dheisiu.

41 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe cosan a thogail idir S.N. Na Minna agus Seipeal An Tulach. Bionn go leor tracht ar an mbothar reigiunach.

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

That Galway County Council take charge of the bridge from the mainland to Inishnee Island in Roundstone, Co. Galway.

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

Molaimse go gcuirfear caoi ar an mboithrin isteach chomh fada le Scoil na hArda Thiar, i gCarna.

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

That remedial works be carried out to the "Western Way", near Finisglen, Recess, Co. Galway.

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

That Galway County Council would alleviate the flooding at this juncture (details supplied).

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

That Galway County Council would repair as a matter of urgency the damage done during the recent storms at the following locations (details supplied).

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

That urgent repairs be carried out at Ardnagreevagh, Renvyle where the road has been severely damaged by the sea in recent storms.

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

That areas on the approach to the pier at Cleggan be marked for car parking in order to ensure that services to boats will not be blocked by visitors cars parked on the pier during the summer months.

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

That urgent repairs be carried out to the Athry Road, Recess.

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

That immediate steps be taken to solve the constant problems of flooding in the area of Noonan's and Mc Gann's houses on the Creagh Road, Ballinasloe.

51 CLR. EVELYN VARLEY  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council have the much needed and urgent works carried out in the Headford Square under Urban Renewal.

52 CLR. EVELYN VARLEY  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council carry out the necessary roadworks and re-surface the Cloughanover Road. Road leading to and from Cloughanover Graveyard.

CLR. EVELYN VARLEY  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council erect "No Dumping" signs at Cloonboo Village and that the rubble be removed and boundary wall replaced that was knocked owing to unauthorised dumping.

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY**

**COUNCIL HELD IN COMMITTEE AT THE COUNTY**

**BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1995**

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

**Baill:-** Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. 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, Deputy P. McCormack, Senator J. McDonagh, Councillors P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Ryan E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

**Oifigigh:-** Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager, R.C. Killeen, A/Co. Engineer, L. Kavanagh, B. Callagy, S.E.E.'s, T. Connell, P. Carroll, S.S.O.'s, C.O'Hara, S.O., M. O'Halloran, C.T. and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniú leis an paidir.

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

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A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mr. Michael Glynn, Moatey, Moylough, Co. Galway.  
Mr. J.J. Tully, Potek, Moylough, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Sean G. Clancy & Family, Kylebroughlawn, Moycullen, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Michael Glynn, Newcastle Road, Galway.  
Mr. Willie Joe Burke & Family, Ballinacairty, Clarenbridge, Co. Galway.  
Mr. M.J. Walsh, Draughtsman, Engineering Section.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

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The Council congratulated Bishop Neary on his consecration as Archbishop for the Diocese of Tuam.

**CONFERENCES**

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On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Hussey, the Council approved of the attendance of the following Councillors at the

following conferences as approved by the Finance Committee, details of the cost of attendance at the conferences having being circulated to each Member:

**HEALTH BOARD CONFERENCE, MONAGHAN - 28/29 APRIL, 1995**

Councillors Finnerty, Mullins, Cunningham, Fahy and Varley.

**WETLANDS SEMINAR, NAVAN - 23/24 MARCH, 1995**

An Comhairleoir P. O'Tuathail, P. Finnegan, J. Mannion.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - VISIT TO TRALEE**

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The Secretary advised the Members that the date (20/03/95) selected to travel to visit the landfill site near Tralee was unsuitable. The Secretary suggested alternative dates. Following discussion it was agreed to visit Tralee on 18th April, 1995.

**NON-NATIONAL ROAD GRANTS 1995**

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The Secretary advised the Members that details of the Non-National Road Grants for 1995 had been received. Details of the allocation were circulated to each Member. The non-specific grants amounted to £3,838,000 which included £150,000 for car-parks in Loughrea. The E.U. co-financed specific grants amounted to £2.1m. The total 1995 Non-National Road Grant allocation was £5,938,000. The Local Improvements Schemes for 1995 amounted to £220,000. The Secretary stated that meetings of the Area Committee would be convened as quickly as possible to consider the draft Roadworks Scheme.

**REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

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Mr. Callagy stated that he proposed to go through the document which had been circulated to the members. He then spoke on the definition of rural areas and stated that this area commenced outside the speed limits. On objective no. 1 regarding urban sprawl, he added that it was critical that development be controlled around Galway City.

Cllr. Callanan requested Mr. Callagy to outline the changes which had been proposed from the previous meetings and discussions. He stated that it would be helpful if the changes were indicated. He was advised that the changes would be indicated to him as the chapter was read through. Mr. Callagy indicated on maps, the extent of ribbon development that had occurred around Galway City. He stated that in previous years, an attempt was made to control such development but at that time the members stated that such development which now existed would never

happen. He pointed out the boundaries of the environs of Galway City where he proposed to introduce restrictions on development. He then discussed the definition of essential housing need.

Cllr. Gavin stated that essential to all of this was an economic argument. He added that in Ireland, you are looking at linear development whereas in the European context, it is vertical development. He referred to the case that Galway City when it expands, it can only go out from the city. On investment, this was not taking place in rural areas and pointed to Barna and Moycullen where there is need for such development. Referring to a sentence on page 5 under economic loss which stated that schools, shops and other community facilities in urban areas were under-utilised due to the loss of population to the environs, Cllr. Gavin stated that businesses within an urban area can function on 85% capacity. This does not apply in rural areas; in fact, it is the reverse. He added that just because people move out to rural areas does not mean that urban shops will lose out. He stated that Galway City will grow big enough by itself. He is not totally in favour of building up the whole rural area but feels that it will be impossible to sell this plan. He added that the council has to take into account the ordinary man in the street and his point of view. He requested to know if Galway is going to extend, where is it going to extend to. He then referred to the number of houses built in Knocknacarra in the past six years and added that more will be built which will extend out to Barna. He felt that the provisions were too rigid and it would be difficult to sell this plan.

Cllr. Byrne stated that he could not accept the term of objective no. 1. He stated that it was based on building up Galway City at the expense of rural areas. He added that there was no land available in towns and villages and this resulted in people having to go out to the rural areas. He could not see how housing development spoils the countryside. The Council has to ensure that rural areas are kept alive and this can only be done by allowing houses in such areas. Development has to be allowed in rural areas, he emphasised. He then referred to a meeting he had attended in Clarenbridge where up to 100 people had gathered expressing their concerns at the restrictions on planning. With regard to page no. 5 of the document circulated which referred to the benefits of urban sprawl, he stated that none of these benefits are taken into account. People living in rural areas do not mind travelling to work and bringing their children to school. He added that rural areas can carry further houses.

Cllr. Joe Brennan stated that there were no services in towns and villages around the county. If development is restricted in rural areas, land will

be very expensive in urban areas. He added that a person has a right to live wherever he wants to and that the council should not interfere with this right. He then referred to the definition of essential housing need and in particular the sentence on "eligibility does not automatically apply to all family members". This line will have to be removed as it is too restrictive.

Cllr. McHugh stated that he agreed with Mr. Callagy's analysis but felt that the controls were too restrictive and were, in fact, more restrictive than the current Development Plan. He added that the council needed to be careful on their approach and that they need to change their thinking. He felt that there must be a more general type of control. He said that this is a democratic exercise as well as a planning exercise. He then suggested that development be restricted with a particular frontage and to freeze land instead. The Council have to be aware of these human situations he added. He agrees with the areas of special control but feels that they should be reduced to five miles around the city. If people want to sell sites, then they should be allowed to do so but they should be tied to freezing land such as 3 acres and up to 300 feet of road frontage. Mr. Callagy stated that in the restricted area, he proposes that sites be of 1 acre in size and have 200 feet road frontage.

Cllr. Joe Burke stated that at a previous meeting the members had articulated how they wanted to see the county develop. He stated that he was totally against this chapter and that the difficulty with planners was the interpretation. He added that the rural population of the country is dying. He feels that the category of housing development being restricted to the essential family housing need is unfair and then referred to the definition for essential housing need. He stated that the private benefits of urban sprawl mentioned on page 5 on the document submitted were excellent reasons and it was not the planner's job to decide where one lives. He accepts reasonable restriction but these restrictions are unacceptable. He then spoke on Williamstown and the fact that it had no sewerage treatment system. Yet, he added, the council wants people to come in and live in towns and villages. He added that the Councillors have a legal right and are the authority and hopes that they would not be ignored.

Mr. Callagy referring to page 7 under the heading of essential housing need stated that he was trying to avoid a bank of planning permissions being built up. Cllr. Joe Burke speaking on the fact that "eligibility does not automatically apply to all family members" asked who decides what member of the family gets the land. He objects to planners interfering in the right to build a house on ones own land. He stated that he was at a talk given by

Teagasc where slides were shown on rural housing which complemented the area. He added that we need to sustain life in rural Ireland. Concluding he stated that the members are the final arbiters of this plan.

Cllr. Callanan agreed with the other members submissions. He understood that the members had disagreed with the previous chapter 7 and that an amended chapter would now be put in front of them.

Cllr. Ni Fhatharta stated that she would be against minimum road frontages. She agreed with Cllr. McHugh and supports him on the area of special control being reduced. She stated that she had a difficulty with the essential housing need category and requested to know what happens if an uncle, aunt, nephew, niece wants to build a house in restricted areas. On backlands development, she stated that you cannot cut people off because of road status. Lands are not available near towns and villages in her area and the council are aware of that because they cannot get land to construct council houses, she stated. Rural life is important, she added. She asked that something be put in the Plan with respect to the Gaeltacht area in order to draw attention to the fact that it exists.

Cllr. Ryan stated that he had never heard Mr. Callagy mention North Galway. He stated that some farmers have nothing else to give their children but sites. He stated that there was concern for young people that they cannot build where they want to and then referred to schools in his area which are losing teachers because of the decline in population.

Mr. Callagy then referred to the changes in the chapter. He stated that the area around the city had been reduced and that the definition of ribbon development had been changed, the change being the allowing of 5 houses to be built. He added that he did not see how it was proper to state that 40 houses in a road is acceptable.

Cllr. Ryan referred to a particular case and requested to know if planning permission would be granted. He stated that the ribbon development definition should never have been written into the plan. Ribbon development had made Galway city, he added. Mr. Callagy stated that you are talking about ribbon development in rural areas and that in every plan, this definition had been included.

Cllr. Callanan stated that he accepted the restrictions on national routes. He requested to know if there was a break after the fifth house, how wide would the break be allowed before another house would get planning permission and requested to know if this would be written into the plan.

Cllr. Finnegan stated that he wondered if the right councillors were being spoken to. In rural areas, house building should be promoted. What would happen if there was no control at all, he requested to know. Mr. Callagy referring to the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1963 stated that the Council was obliged to provide for the proper planning and development of their area having regard to the County Development Plan. They must take into account the interest of the common good.

Cllr. Tiarnan Walsh wished to know what frontage was required for five houses in the present plan and he was informed that the requirement was a half acre with 100ft. road frontage. This was the minimum site size for septic tank requirements. The Councillor then stated that discretion should come into it and there should be a certain amount of leniency in this area.

Cllr. Sullivan stated that development is a very broad term and that he was worried about the social element of the plan. It was also of concern to him the inconsistencies and the narrow interpretation of the Development Plan.

Cllr. Cunningham requested to know if it would be possible to get planning permission on a 3 acre site with road frontage of 70 ft. and referring to Stradbally, Clarenbridge he wished to know if development would be allowed in this area. Mr. Callagy stated that the debate was now on a particular planning application. In the County Development Plan we are talking here about a policy for implementation around Galway City. You have urban development in rural areas and this section tries to make provision for problems in this area.

Cllr. Loughnane requested to know at what stage would the Council accept proposals on this chapter. He stated that there was huge demand for planning in this area and proposed that the restricted area be reduced as far as Furey's Cross, Oranmore, Carnmore Cross and up to the Moneymore/ Clarenbridge Road. He stated that people had valid aspirations to build houses on their own land.

Cllr. Joe Burke requested clarification on site sizes and he was informed of the details accordingly.

Cllr. McHugh stated that the members were asking Mr. Callagy to do things which he totally disagrees with. He respects and agrees with Mr. Callagy's views but feels the provisions of the Plan are too restrictive. He requested to know how we were going to get around this problem and felt that the Council were getting nowhere.

Cllr. Walsh requested clarification on the minimum road frontage requirements. He stated that we were

back to the narrow interpretation and felt that if a little leeway was not allowed, councillors would be forced to act.

Cllr. Cunningham seconded Cllr. Loughnane's proposal.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that there was pressure around Galway City. As long as Galway City grows, you cannot restrict this development and that it is inevitable that this development will spread out into the environs. Unless national policy is changed, there is going to be increased population within 10 miles of Galway City. You cannot stop this development. He stated that we will get urban sprawl as long as the city grows.

Cllr. Joe Burke stated that Mr. Callagy did not reflect what the council requested at the last meeting. He stated that the County Development Plan is for development and is not against development. Councillors are elected by the people and we are stating their views.

Deputy O'Cuiv requested to know was development going to be stopped in this restricted area. Cllr. Gavin stated that the social aspects of life should be brought into the plan.

Mr. Callagy stated that we could only control the rate of urban sprawl. He stated that urban sprawl was bad planning and controls must be introduced. Over twenty years ago the same restrictions were proposed, but were rejected. The environmental impact of this is an over-concentration of septic tanks and the destruction of the rural character of the area together with the increased traffic on roads. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that we should get rural life up and running. We are going to get urban sprawl as a result of Galway City growing. He then referred to the growth centres.

With regard to economic planning, the Manager stated that the reason the population of Galway city is growing is the economic development of the city. He stated that the population of Galway City had trebled in the last 30 years. He stated that the County must try and create conditions for economic activity and counteract what is happening in Galway city. It is the councils prerogative to adopt the plan but such decision making must be rational and reasonable and in accordance with the law. The advice of the technical people employed by the County Council must be considered. Members are there to promote the common good of everyone in the county and not a number of individuals. He stated that the county should be divided into zones and a decision be made as to what type of development will be allowed in each zone. If we are going to have rural development, then design and siting is very important and has to be dominant.

Deputy O'Cuiv referring to the designation of areas stated that the areas can take houses without having an effect on urban sprawl. He added that there are clusters of houses which could be consolidated. Cllr. Byrne referring to page 6 under the heading Commuting Costs, stated that he was objecting to the sentence "The Planning Authority is therefore obliged to seek to direct into towns and villages all development which is not essential to the main areas of rural economic development". He objects to this sentence.

Mr. Callagy stated that he was talking about an area about Galway City which had been reduced as a result of the last meeting. The object was to preserve the character of the countryside. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that there were under-utilised resources in the countryside and as a consequence the countryside was in decay. He said that one reason that the villages are not being developed is that land prices are too expensive. He does not agree with restricting development in this area to the essential housing need category. Mr. Callagy stated that someone should define what is rural development. He added that building houses in the countryside is not rural development.

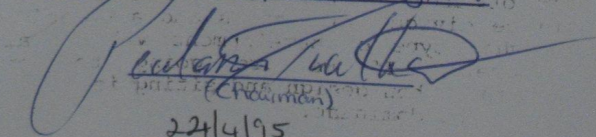
Cllr. Cunningham stated that the council needs to encourage development in the towns. Cllr. Burke stated that requiring one acre with 200 foot road frontage in the city environs would result in a type of millionaires road.

Cllr. Willie Burke stated that the boundary line would have to be changed on the special control area and that it would be detrimental to introduce this restriction now. He requested Mr. Callagy to reduce the restricted area around Galway city and to reconsider the requirement of 1 acre and 200 ft. road frontage site requirements.

The County Manager then referred to the statistics and to the number of planning applications decided on. He stated that between 1500 and 1800 applications for dwelling-houses were being granted permission every year. He added that ribbon development was not the major reason for refusals.

**CHRICHOINAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN**

Submitted, Approved + Signed:

  
(Chairman)

22/4/95

Date.



**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**(Galway County Council)**

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3 Marta, 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 **Friday, 10th March, 1995**, commencing at **3.00 p.m.**

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH  
RUNAI

**AGENDA**

1. Review of County Development Plan - Chapter 7.

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY**

**COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY**

**BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY,**

**1995**

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

**I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

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

**Oifigigh:** Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager, R.C. Killeen, A/County Engineer, D. Nelson, Asst. Co. Manager, V. Raine, Executive Solicitor, L. Kavanagh, F. Gilmore, S.E.E.'s, J. Eising, A/S.E.E., T. Connell, S.S.O., B. Ginnelly, C.T., and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

**COMHGHAIRDEAS**

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Rinne an Cathaoirleach comhghairdeas do fhoireann an Comhairle Chontae as ucht an seiminear i dTeach Doite agus an Comhdhail Pleanala in Ostan Gateway a eagraigh an Comhlairle le deanai. Mhol se freisin an comórtas le haghaidh Environmental Awards agus na dreamanna a bhuaigh duaiseanna.

**RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY  
MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION  
NO. 71943 - APPLICANT - MR THOMAS GIBBONS**

The following report was circulated to each Member in advance of the Meeting:-

**"LOCATION:**

The site is located on the road leading to Glassillaun public beach approximately 4 miles east of Tullycross and near the mouth of Killary Harbour.

**PLANNING HISTORY:**

Ref. No. 64367: Outline permission for erection of dwelling-house refused on 14.8.1992, to Mr. Thomas Gibbons on the front portion of the present site

Ref. No. 68758: Outline permission for erection of dwelling-house refused on 14.09.1993, to Mr. Thomas Gibbons on this site.

Ref. No. 71219: Outline permission for erection of dwelling-house refused on 27.07.1994, to Mr. Thomas Gibbons on this site.

None of the above decisions of the Planning Authority were appealed.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:**

The site is located on the road to Glassillaun beach in an area which is designated "Outstanding Scenic Amenity" in the County Development Plan. The land slopes upwards from the public road, and the location of the house is proposed to be 200 metres back from the public road and 12 metres above it. Its location would therefore be very elevated and obtrusive on a bare rocky landscape which has patches of this soil cover but is otherwise devoid of vegetation. It would be set against a background of unspoilt mountain landscape and would be visible from the approach road to the beach and from the link road to Little Killary.

An essential housing need is claimed for the land holding which is divided in two, the second portion being composed of 4 acres in Culfin which is approximately 1/2 mile away. The family house in Culfin which was indicated on the maps attached to the previous application seems to be unoccupied now as it was 2 years ago. There is ample room for an

additional house on this part of the holding, affording good coastal views without serious damage to the visual amenity of the area.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

The site is in an exposed and elevated location in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity and the development would be an obtrusive feature which would not be capable of being satisfactorily assimilated into its surroundings and would be seriously injurious to the visual amenities of the area. Accordingly, the development, if permitted, would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The Section 4 was proposed by Deputy O'Cuiv and seconded by Cllr. Ni-Ehatharta. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that the application was for a Mr. Gibbons. He stated that there were two parts of land belonging to the family and both portions were situated in an area which was designated Outstanding Scenic Amenity in the County Development Plan and, therefore, in equal status of amenity. He said the question arises as between the two portions of land as to how they will interfere with the amenity of the area. He added that the proposed site and the applicant's alternative site are on the seaside of the main road. There is already a house built on the road close to the proposed location of the dwelling-house and added that an extra house would not make a great difference. He stated that the proposed house would be high up but that it would be screened by a backdrop of rock. The Deputy added that the applicant would prefer not to use the alternative site suggested by the County Council. The existing dwelling was very small and it would not be possible to accommodate a second house on the site. The Deputy stated that he visited the site himself and held the view that a new house at the site suggested by the County Council would be more obtrusive than the present site, the subject matter of the Section 4 motion. He added that there was no doubt about housing need and that all the land was located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity.

Mr. Kavanagh, S.E.E. then referred to the report circulated. He stated that the site was set against a background of unspoilt landscape and added that there was no doubt that the proposed house would be a serious blot on the landscape. He stated that an essential housing need was claimed and questioned if the Deputy was referring to the same site in his

comments on the Section 4 motion. He added that the existing house referred to by the Deputy was in fact situated 200 metres behind the proposed house. Permission was granted for this house on an essential housing need claim and was built over 20 years ago. This house is presently used as a holiday home. Mr. Kavanagh stated that there is an alternative site available on a lower level and a house on this site would not be obtrusive. He added that the existing family house did not appear to be occupied and the alternative site would not impose any great onus on the applicant. A vote for or against the resolution set out on the agenda resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:** Councillors Byrne, Callanan,  
Deputies Connaughton & O'Cuiv,  
Councillors Cunningham, Fahy,  
Finnegan, Finnerty, Hussey,  
Loughnane, Mannion, McClearn,  
Deputy McCormack, Senator McDonagh,  
Councillors Mullins, Ni Fhatharta,  
O'Neill, O'Sullivan, O'Tuathail,  
Quinn, Regan, Ryan and Walsh. (23)

**IN AGHAIGH:** Councillors Brennan, W. Burke. (2)

**GAN VOTAIL:** Councillor J. Burke. (1)

The Chairman declared the Resolution carried.

#### MINUTES

2922

On the proposition of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Mullins, the Minutes of Special Meeting of Galway County Council held on 16th December, 1994 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Mullins, seconded by Deputy Connaughton, the Minutes of Special Meeting held on 13th January, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Referring to the election of the Government Body U.C.G., Councillor Loughnane said that all political parties in U.C.G. had been seeking society status and he proposed the support of the Council. This was seconded by Deputy McCormack and agreed.

On the proposition of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Mullins, the minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 23rd January, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Referring to Minute No. 2867 on Coastal Protection Works, Deputy McCormack asked if any response had

been received from the Department of the Marine. He said that the matter was very urgent particularly in the Roundstone area. The Secretary stated that a response had not yet been received from the Department of the Marine but the matter would be taken up with the Department.

The Minutes of the following Area Committee Meetings were noted:-

Connemara Area Committee Meeting on 30th January, 1995  
Loughrea Area Committee Meeting on 16th February, 1995  
Galway Area Committee Meeting on 6th February, 1995

The County Manager said that he would like the Area Committees to conclude their deliberations on the Five Year Roads Plan as soon as possible in order that the final plan could be approved by the Council and put forward as a basis for funding.

#### SALE OF HOUSE TO MR THOMAS HIBBITT, GREENVILLE.

2923

#### CALTRA, BALLINASLOE

On the proposition of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan, the Council approved the sale of house at Greenville, Caltra, Ballinasloe to Mr. Thomas Hibbitt, Greenville, Caltra, Ballinasloe, under Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966 as substituted by Section 26 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1992 and in accordance with Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 which had been circulated to each Member.

#### NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO ISLANDS COMMITTEE

2924

Report of County Secretary in relation to Membership of the Islands Committee had been circulated to each Member. There was a vacancy on the Committee arising from the resignation of Donal O Shea, Inish Maan and the Islands Committee recommended that an tAthair Pdraig O Standun be nominated to replace him. The Islands Committee also recommended the appointment of a second representative for Inish Mór and nominated an tUasal P.J. O Flatharta.

On the proposition of Councillor Gavin, seconded by Deputy O'Cuiv the Council approved of the appointment of an tAthair Pdraig O Standun and an tUasal P.J. O Flatharta to the Islands Committee.

**PROTOCOL COMMITTEE**

2925

Report of County Secretary had been circulated to the Members stating that there were two vacancies on the Protocol Committee.

It was unanimously agreed that Councillors Joe Burke and Joe Brennan be appointed to the Protocol Committee.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 1995 - 2005**

2926

The County Manager stated that this item was getting urgent as the life of the existing dumps was running out. Time was needed to debate the strategy and a considerable time would be required for implementation.

Members expressed a desire to visit other sites as previously suggested. It was agreed to visit the new land-fill site outside Tralee on 20th March, 1995, if suitable arrangements can be made.

**LOUGHREA BYE-PASS**

2927

Report of County Secretary dated 22nd February, 1995 had been circulated with the Agenda. The report included details of the decision taken at the meeting of the Loughrea Area Committee held on 16th February, 1995.

Councillor Loughnane proposed that two members of a Deputation be allowed address the meeting and this was seconded by Councillor W. Burke.

Mr. F. Burke and Mr. G. McInerney then addressed the Members. They said that they represented the Chamber of Commerce and all other groups in Loughrea. They said that they were calling for the withdrawal of the plans of the Bye-pass which had been submitted to the N.R.A. for amendment and re-submission. They said that roundabouts were required at each end of the bye-pass similar to the 1983 plan with over-bridges. The convenience of the local people and farmers would have to be considered and diverting commercial and industrial traffic through residential areas was not acceptable. The Chairman thanked the Deputation for their submission.

Councillor Loughnane supported the Deputation and said that there was strong criticism of the present bye-pass plans. He said that the Council would only get one chance at it and it should be done properly in order that the finger is not pointed at them in the years ahead. He proposed that the plans be

recalled and revised. Councillor McClearn said that there were serious problems with the proposals with the N.R.A. and they would have to be amended. He was very concerned about voting-through a scheme which the town did not want and withdrawing the plans would not delay it. He said the status of roundabouts had to be resolved. He was told they were not acceptable to the N.R.A. yet people in the N.R.A. said there was no policy against roundabouts. He seconded Councillor Loughnane's proposals.

Councillor Regan agreed with the previous speakers. He said they had been misled about roundabouts and that question needed to be resolved. He said that the preferred view was that roundabouts were needed at each end of the bye-pass also four fly-overs. He said that heavy traffic should not be directed through residential areas and it was unacceptable to have to knock houses. He also referred to the inconvenience for those attending G.A.A. matches. Deputy Connaughton said that he had attended meetings in Loughrea and 99% of people favoured a bye-pass. He said that everybody would be effected by the bye-pass and he felt that the provision of roundabouts was the key to solving the problem. Roundabouts had been provided at Oranmore and other places and he failed to understand why they could not be provided for Loughrea. Councillor W. Burke said that everyone agreed that a bye-pass was necessary. He said that the plans should not have been sent to the N.R.A. and he accepted that he had made a mistake. He said there was need for more transparency and the plans should be recalled to allow an acceptable proposal to be formulated.

Councillor Fahy fully proposed the previous speakers saying that at the Area Meeting in Loughrea the Members had unanimously agreed that the plans should be withdrawn from the N.R.A. He said the plans would have to be amended to include two roundabouts. Senator McDonagh supported the withdrawal of the plans. He said there were too many ghost towns around the country and there was inadequate consultation. Councillor Byrne said there was inadequate consultation and there was a lesson to be learned from this. He said the resolution should be rescinded. Councillor Cunningham supported the previous speakers as did Councillor Callanan.

The County Manager said the bye-pass was a very important project and it was important to make the right decision. He said discussions and consultations had been going on for a long number of years and the time had come to make a decision. All available information was given to the Members and there was nobody misled. The decision was a matter for the Members of Galway County Council and there

was also the formal planning process to be gone through after which it would come back before the Council for decision. He said that the National Roads Authority had allocated £150,000 for the project in the 1995 Road Grants and the Council would have to be very careful not to put that in jeopardy. Withdrawing the proposal could do that and he strongly advised the Council not to go that road. There was £6m provided in the operational programme for the scheme and we must ensure that it is not lost. He said that he was aware of the feelings of the objectors but asked that he be given one month to continue discussions with the N.R.A. and report back at the next monthly meeting. The suggested amendments including roundabouts would be discussed and he wanted to hear the N.R.A.'s views on the whole project. When asked if there was any danger that the plan might be approved without coming back to the Council, the County Manager said that this would not happen and he would report back at the next monthly meeting.

Councillor Hussey said that he had listened to the arguments and there were merits on both sides. In view of the fact that it was under discussion for 25 years, he saw nothing wrong with allowing the Manager one month to explore the different options with the N.R.A. In reply to Councillor Callanan the County Manager said that the proposal to withdraw the plans could be held over for a month. He said that he hadn't been involved in the discussions with the N.R.A. and he wanted to meet Mr. Michael Tobin. His main worry was that the funding would be put in jeopardy. It was on the N6 and was part of the Government's plan for the improvement of the National Primary Route network, the objective being to increase the average speed to 50 mph. He said 85% of funding would come from E.U. and unless the scheme was done under the present tranch of Cohesion Funding its future would be uncertain. When asked if the seven Loughrea Councillors could put their case to the N.R.A. the County Manager said that would be a matter for the N.R.A.

Councillor Loughnane said that the bye-pass plan was defective and nothing short of withdrawal would be adequate. He said it has to be based on local needs and requirements. Councillor J. Burke said that if the motion to withdraw could be deferred for one month he would agree with that proposal. Deputy O'Cuiv said that Members would have to be careful in case the bye-pass would be lost. He said that if the bye-pass plans were withdrawn, it afforded the N.R.A. the opportunity of withdrawing the £150,000 allocated. He was in agreement with the proposal to defer the motion for one month to allow discussions to take place. Other Members supported.

When the Chairman asked if there was agreement on deferring the matter for one month when the County Manager would report back the response was in the affirmative and the matter was deferred. Councillor Loughnane handed in his motion for consideration at the next monthly meeting.

### FLOODING

2928

Deputy McCormack said that the flooding situation in South Galway was now very serious and he supported the I.F.A. request to have South Galway declared a disaster area. He said that an effort was being made in one area to eliminate the flooding and it required a road opening licence to cross the road. He said he would like the positive co-operation of the Council to allow the road crossing. He was seconded by Councillor Cunningham who asked that the matter be put on the agenda again for the next meeting. Deputy Connaughton stated that where lands were flooded, compensation could now be applied for. Councillor O'Sullivan said that a full report should be prepared on the flooding and Deputy O'Cuiv said that a request should be made to the Government for assistance to re-locate houses. Councillor Fahy said that the Road would have to be raised at Tiernevan when the flood recedes.

The County Manager said that he was conscious of all the difficulties arising from storms and flooding. A submission had been made to the Departments of Environment and Marine seeking compensation for storm damage. The Department of the Environment had also been written to and supplied with an album of photographs in relation to the flooding and requesting that funding be provided in the road grants. He said that he had been in touch with Mr. Piggott of the O.P.W. and he was aware that the Government had established an inter-departmental committee. The Minister had also decided to commission a major study of the problems in the South Galway area to determine if possible the causes of the flooding and identify and evaluate potential solutions. In reply to Deputy McCormack, the County Manager stated that the Acting County Engineer had discussions recently with the O.P.W. and a further meeting was arranged during the week after which it was hoped that a decision could be made on a road opening licence.

**CONFERENCES**

2929

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion that as agreed by the Finance Committee that the Members nominated be approved for attendance at the following conferences. This was seconded by Councillor Ryan and agreed. Details of the estimated cost of attendance at the conferences had been circulated to each Member at the Meeting.

**LAMA Annual Conference - Bray - 20/21st April, 1995**  
Deputy P. McCormack, Senator J. McDonagh, Councillors M. Ryan, P. O'Tuathail, J. Brennan, P. McHugh, P.O'Sullivan, M. Loughnane, J. Mannion.

**Local Initiatives and Job Creation - Galway - 9/11th March, 1995**  
Councillors J. McClearn, E. Varley and K. Quinn.

**Conference on Public Consultation - Jurys Hotel, Dublin - 1st March, 1995**  
An Comhairleoir P. O'Tuathail, J. Mannion, M. Regan.

**ITEMS 9, 10, 11 AND 12 WERE DEFERRED**

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**BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY MANAGER**

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**NATIONAL TREE WEEK**

The County Manager reminded Members that National Tree Week would take place from 6th to the 12th March, 1995 and Members would be notified about arrangements.

**NATIONAL ROAD GRANTS**

Details of the Road Grants for 1995 from the National Roads Authority were circulated to each Member. Deputy O'Cuiv noted that there was no provision for the N84 and suggested a meeting with the N.R.A. The County Manager advised that before requesting a meeting with the N.R.A., the Council should conclude consideration of the Five Year Roads Plan and asked Area Committees to finalise their deliberations on the plan.

**HOUSING PROGRAMME**

The County Manager stated that notification had just been received from the Department of the Environment advising the Council of 70 new house starts for 1995.

The house building programme would come before the Council later.

**COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION**

**N.O.M. NO. 16 - ROAD - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM**

2932

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"A report for an accident prevention scheme at above junction is being prepared by our Design Team at present and a further reply will issue when same is to hand."

**N.O.M. NO. 17 - ROADSIDE DRAIN - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN**

2933

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

"The drain in question is located on private property and is a matter for the landowner involved."

**N.O.M. NO. 18 - JUNCTION AT CAHERGAL BRIDGE - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN**

2934

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

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

**N.O.M. NO. 19 - COSAN - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA**

2935

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

"Nil aon airgead ar fail faoi lathair le haghaidh an obair thuasluaite a dheanamh."

Nil muid indhon caoi a choinneal ar na Cosain ata curtha ar fail cheanna fein i gceanntar innealtoireacht Chasla fiu amhain."

**N.O.M. NO. 20 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA**

2936

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

"Beidh muid ag deanamh obair deisiuchan ag an lathair

thuasluaite chomh luaith agus is feidir."

**N.O.M. NO. 21 - NAMING OF ROADS - CLLR. J. BURKE** 2937

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

"The County Council are in agreement with this proposal and now require that the particular road be named in such cases."

**N.O.M. NO. 22 - TAKING OVER AND MAINTAINING OF ROAD - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM** 2938

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"This section of road is approximately one mile long. Land would have to be acquired in order to bring it up to the standard width. The estimated cost of carrying out the required works including land acquisition is £25,000. The improvement of roads which are not in charge of the Council are not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

**N.O.M. NO. 23 - ROAD - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM** 2939

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"The raising of road at either Tiernevan or Ballinastague to provide access during flooding conditions is estimated to cost £100,000. The section involved in both locations is approximately 600m. long but would require the raising of road by approximately 5 ft. in height. There are no funds available for the above works at present."

**N.O.M. NO. 25 - HOUSING - CLLR. M. FAHY** 2940

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"The Council are currently investigating the site being provided by John and Geraldine Dooley for a rural house to consider whether same will comply with building and planning requirements."

"If a suitable site is available, further progress on their housing application will be dependent on their housing priority and the funding being made available for the 1995 housing programme."

**N.O.M. NO. 26 - KILTHOMAS CEMETERY - CLLR. M. FAHY** 2941

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"There are no proposals at present to provide an extension to Kiltomas burial ground. The Council previously attempted to acquire land in the area but was unsuccessful as the landowner declined to sell the land. At present the needs of the local community are served by the burial ground at Castledaly which is within two miles of Peterswell."

**N.O.M. NO. 28 - ROAD - CLLRS. FINNERTY, MULLINS & DEPUTY CONNAUGHTON** 2942

The following written reply was given to Councillors Finnerty, Mullins & Deputy Connaughton:-

"The above road is included in the 5 Year Road Plan for Surface Restoration in 1997."

**N.O.M. NO. 29 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. S. O GABHAIN** 2943

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

"Beidh muid ag deanamh obair deisiuchain ag an lathair seo chomh luath agus is feidir."

**N.O.M. NO. 30 - FLOODING - CLLR. S. GAVIN** 2944

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

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

**N.O.M. NO. 31 - ROADS - CLLR. S. GAVIN** 2945

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

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

**N.O.M. NO. 32 - FLOODING ON ROAD - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE** 2946

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"It is hoped to have the road raised at this location to prevent flooding under the 1995 Road Works Programme."

**N.O.M. NO. 33 - FLOODING - CLLR. J. MC CLEARN** 2947

The following written reply was given to Councillor McClearn:-

"Mr. Clarke's Solicitor has written to the Council about this matter. The complaint is being investigated and a reply will issue as soon as possible."

**N.O.M. NO. 34 - FOOTPATH - DEP. P. MC CORMACK** 2948

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

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

**N.O.M. NO. 35 - GROUP WATER SCHEMES - DEP. P. MC CORMACK** 2949

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"Galway County Council is obliged to apply the resources available to it for the maintenance and improvement of its public water supply schemes, for which it has sole responsibility. It is not possible to consider taking over Group Water Schemes, which are private schemes, unless this can be achieved at no cost to the Council. However, investigation of schemes for which applications have been submitted has indicated that additional expenditure is required in order to ensure that these schemes are in good order and repair. The groups concerned should seek additional Grants from the Department of the Environment so that the necessary remedial works can be undertaken."

Since 1989, two Group Water Schemes have been, fully taken over by the Council, while approximately 1.6 miles of trunk main in a third group scheme has also been taken over."

**N.O.M. NO. 36 - TRAFFIC CONTROL - SEN. J. MCDONAGH** 2950

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

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

**N.O.M. NO. 37 - ROAD - SEN. J. MCDONAGH** 2951

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"The estimated cost of raising the above road by 2 ft. is £50,000. No provision for same has been made in the 5 Years Road Plan."

**N.O.M. NO. 38 - IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON ROAD - SEN. J. MCDONAGH** 2952

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"The carrying out of the above works would require a strengthening grant from the N.R.A. as this is a National Secondary route. An application for funding for this route was submitted to the N.R.A. for 1995, but no funds have been allocated to date."

**N.O.M. NO. 39 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NI FHARTHARTA** 2953

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

"Ta iarratas curtha againn chuig an Roinn Comhshaoil ag lorg deontas chun obair deisiuchan a dheanamh ag an lathair thuasluaite agus ta muid ag fanacht le freagra faoi lathair."

**N.O.M. NO. 40 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA** 2954

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

"Bionn muid ag glanadh draenacha i gCeanntar Chasla i rith an geimhreadh de reir mar a bhíonn airgead ar fail."

**N.O.M. NO. 41 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA** 2955

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

"Beidh muid ag cur an lathair seo ar an liosta ach measann muid go bhfuil aiteacha eile níos tabhachta



agus cathfear iad siud a dheanamh ar dtus."

**N.O.M. NO. 42 - INISHNEE BRIDGE - DEP. E. O'CUIV** 2956

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

"An application seeking funding was submitted to Department of the Environment in 1994 but no funds were provided.

The Council's priority list for specific funds for 1995 has already been submitted to the Department but the project was not included.

The matter will be reconsidered when the 1996 programme is being prepared.

It should be noted that the bridge in question is not in charge of Galway County Council."

**N.O.M. NO. 43 - ROAD REPAIRS - DEP. E. O'CUIV** 2957

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

"Routine maintenance will be carried out at the above location within the next few weeks."

**N.O.M. NO. 44 - BOTHAR - TEACHTA E. O'CUIV** 2958

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

"Ta an bothar seo curtha sa chlar na mBoithre 1995-1999 le haghaidh 1997."

**N.O.M. NO. 45 - REPAIRS TO ROAD - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN** 2959

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. 46 - IMPROVEMENT OF JUNCTION - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN** 2960

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

"The matter is being addressed at present by the Oughterard engineering office and you will be

informed of developments in due course."

**N.O.M. NO. 47 - REPAIRS TO ROAD - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN** 2961

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

"Repairs were recently carried out at the above location."

**N.O.M. NO. 48 - ROADS - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN** 2962

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

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

**N.O.M. NO. 49 - FLOODING - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN** 2963

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

"It is proposed providing additional soak pits at this location in the coming weeks."

**N.O.M. NO. 50 - ROADSIDE DRAINS - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN** 2964

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

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

**N.O.M. NO. 51 - FLOODING - DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON, CLLRS. WALSH & RYAN** 2965

The following written reply was given to Deputy Connaughton, Councillors Ryan and Walsh:-

"The estimated cost of raising a small section of road at above location is £1,500. This work could be carried out if N.O.M. funds were allocated."

**N.O.M. NO. 52 - MOYLROUGH CEMETERY - CLLR. M. RYAN** 2966

The following written reply was given to Councillor Ryan:-

"Progress for an extension to Moylough Cemetery has been delayed due to the fact that no suitable site

has been offered free of complications."

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

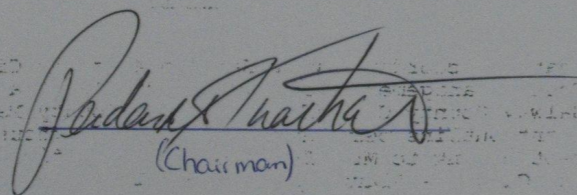
2967

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"The provision of one light in Corrandulla has already been approved in the 1995 Public Lighting Programme. There are no funds available in the current year for the provision of additional public lighting."

**CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN**

Submitted, Approved + Signed:

  
(Chairman)

27/3/95

Date:

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

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

21 Feabhra, 1995.

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

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu Miosiuil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimhe De Luain, an 27 u la Feabhra, 1995, 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 a dwellinghouse and septic tank to Mr. Thomas Gibbons, Culfin, Lettergesh, Co. Galway - Planning Ref. No. 71943.  

E. O'Cuiv                      C. Ni Fhatharta                      J. Mannion  
M. O'Neill
2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
  - (a) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 16th December, 1994.
  - (b) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 13th January, 1995.