

has been offered free of complications."

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

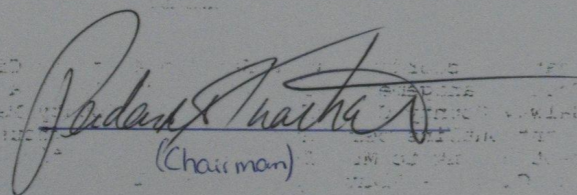
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The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"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 trathnóna.

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.

(c) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 23rd January, 1995.

3. To Note Minutes of Connemara Area Committee Meeting held on 30th January, 1995; Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 16th February, 1995; and Galway Area Committee Meeting held on 6th February, 1995.
4. Sale of House at Greenville, Caltra, Ballinasloe to Mr. Thomas Hibbitt, Greenville, Caltra, Ballinasloe - Section 83 Notice dated 13th February, 1995 already circulated.
5. Nomination of Members to Islands Committee - Report attached.
6. Nomination of two Members to Protocol Committee - Report attached.
7. Waste Management Strategy 1995-2015 - Discussion Document already circulated.
8. Loughrea Bye-Pass - Report attached.
9. Statement on Housing Policy.
10. Progress Report - Sanitary Services Schemes - Report already circulated.
11. Hedgecutting - Report already circulated.
12. Operational Programme for Local, Urban and Rural Development.
13. LAMA Annual Conference - Bray on 20/21 April, 1995. Nomination of Delegates.
14. Business submitted by the Chairman.
15. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Adjourned From Previous Meeting :

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
- I will propose :

16

That Galway County Council put Rumble Strips on the entrance road at the junction at Glenbrack (Galway Road), to prevent serious accidents occurring. Two accidents have taken place recently and luckily they were not fatal.

CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN
- I will propose :

17

That roadside drain be piped at this location (details supplied).

CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN
- I will propose :

18

That more material be provided at Cahergal Bridge to make the junction safer between the main road and the Cloonlusk Road.

CLR. CONNIE NI FEATHARTA
- I will propose :

19

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe cosán a thogail o baile An Cheathru Rua i dtreo Doire fhearta. Bíonn go leor tracht ar an mbothar seo.

CLR. CONNIE NI FEATHARTA
- I will propose :

20

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe an fhadhb le uisce ar an mbothar reigiunach ag na Minna a reiteach. Bíonn go leor uisce ar an mbothar nuair ata an aimsir fliuch.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. JOE BURKE
- I will propose :

21

That Galway County Council do not accept the address Townparks Division as an adequate or reasonable address. The Council should insist that the road be named so that the public would be aware of the precise site on which the development was to take place.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
- I will propose :

22

That Galway County Council take over and maintain the road at Glenbrack/Coolbeg, Gort, going from entrance into Old Golf Club at Gort to the O'Loughlin residence at Coole. It would relieve the flood victims and provide alternative route.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
- I will propose :

3

That Galway County Council seek funding to build new road at Tienevan/Killamoran/Ballinastague area of Gort, to relieve the victims - all the householders and families in that area are marooned. The location to be determined by Galway County Council.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
- I will propose :

24

That Galway County Council seek funding for the following: 1. For the families whose houses have been flooded. 2. Farmers whose Yards and Stock have been effected. 3. For the Families, All categories, who have been marooned and isolated as a result.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :

25

That Galway County Council build local authority dwelling house for John & Geraldine Dooley, Lickinabegga, Peterswell as soon as possible as his family are now almost 2 years awaiting the building of this house. The Applicant's Father, Sean Dooley is providing a site for this house

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :

26

That Galway County Council carry out a FAS scheme for Kiltomas Cemetary, Peterswell, and that Galway County Council purchase an extension of lands to provide more burial accommodation at this location, as there is now no

burial plots available to the people of this parish of Peterswell.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :

27

That Galway County Council provide £100,000 to further raise County Roads in South Galway to prevent and safeguard roads from serious flooding in future. That special funding be sought also from the Department of Environment and E.U. Funding.

CLR. MICHAEL FINNERTY CLR. MICHAEL MULLINS CLR. PAUL CONNAUGHTON
- I will propose :

28

That Galway County Council note the increased number of accidents taking place in the townland of Chapel Park-Gureteencahill, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe, on the Ballinasloe to Portumna Road, particularly outside Tony Curley's house. We request a costing to be made available and a time span when this work would be carried out.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN
- I will propose :

29

Iarraim ar Chomhairle Chondae na Gaillimhe Bothar Bhaile an tSagairt sa Spideal agus Bothar Coismeigmoir sna Furbacha a dheisiu gan mhoill.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN
- I will propose :

30

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

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN
- I will propose :

31

That repairs are carried out as quickly as possible on the Cloonabinnia/Rocks Road and also on the Knock/Knockerrasser Roads in Moycullen.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE
- I will propose :

32

That the Council carry out works to prevent the recurring flooding taking place between the homes of the Lanexand Heneghan families at Caherdebane, Craughwell.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. JIMMY MC CLEARN

- I will propose :

33 That Galway County Council relieve the flooding caused by the raising of the N6, to Mr. Gerry Clarke's house at Oranbeg, Oranmore, Co. Galway.

CLR. PADRAIC MC CORMACK

- I will propose :

34 That a footpath be constructed from Park, Spiddal leading to Furbo Beach as this is a very dangerous stretch of the public road.

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35 That Galway County Council let us know their policy re the numerous applications they have for taking over Group Water Schemes within the County and the number, if any of such water schemes that have been taken in charge by the Council in recent years.

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36 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.

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38 That Galway County Council include in this year's road works programme improvement of road to create crucially needed safety measures at highly dangerous location (details supplied).

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA

- I will propose :

39 Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Bothar Cuan na Loinge, Beala'Daingean a dheisiu. Rinne an stoirm go leor damaiste den bothar.

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- I will propose :

That a special application would be made to the Department of the Environment for funds to replace Inishnee Bridge as a matter of urgency due to its condition.

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43 That repairs would be carried out to the Rossadilisk/Emlough Road, as far as the house of Mr. Marty Coyne.

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- I will propose :

44 Molaimse go gcuirfeair caoi ar bhothar Ghleann Trasna, Camus, Co. na Gaillimhe chomh fada le teach Seamus Finnerty chomh luath agus is feidir.

CLR. SEAN O'NEACTAIN

- I will propose :

45 That Galway County Council would repair the following county road (details supplied):

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CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN
- I will propose :

47

That Galway County Council would repair this road and clean water outlet which is blocked and causing flooding (detail supplied).

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN
- I will propose :

48

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

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN
- I will propose :

49

That investigations be carried out and proposals made as to alleviating the flooding problems in the area of Mr. Patrick Byrnes House at Nutfield Cross, Ballinasloe.

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN
- I will propose :

50

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

CLR. MICHAEL RYAN P. CONNAUGHTON, T, WALSH
- I will propose :

51

That special measures be taken to alleviate the flooding beside Tony Finnegan's house at Carrowrea, Brownesgrove, Tuam. We state that it is now necessary to raise the road at this point to ensure that when the flooding does come that it will not be as dangerous as it now is for all users of this busy road. The fencing on both sides should be strengthened. What would the total cost of this be?

CLR. MICHAEL RYAN
- I will propose :

52

That an up-to-date report re progress made towards extending Moylough Cemetery.

CLR. EVELYN VARLEY
- I will propose :

53

That Galway County Council provide extra lights on the Corrandulla Road leading to Drumgriffin Cross as the road is very narrow and extremely dangerous.

CLR. EVELYN VARLEY
- I will propose :

54

That Galway County Council request Galway Corporation to have proper screening carried out on the Carrowbrowne Dump immediately.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY
ON FRIDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1995**

Cathaoirleach:- Councillor P. O'Tuathail.

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, J. Crotty, A/Co. Engineer,
D. Nelson, Asst. Co. Manager, L.
Kavanagh, F. Gilmore, B. Callagy,
S.E.E.'s, J. Eising, Exec.
Engineer, T. Connell, G. O'Beirne,
S.S.O.'s, B. Ginnelly, C.T. and T.
Kavanagh, County Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

**RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY
MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING 2910
APPLICATION NO. 72108 - APPLICANT - PHILIP O'GRADY**

The motion was proposed by Cllr. Michael Fahy and seconded by Cllr. Michael Regan. Cllr. Fahy stated that he wished to make a strong case for Mr. O'Grady's application. He then went on to describe where the site was located and added that the planning application should never have come before the Council members. It was being refused on grounds of ribbon development. He stated that the applicant had purchased the site in full assurance that he would get planning permission which he had now sought. He had paid for the site and he was about to get married. The Councillor then added that the site was not located on the Galway/Dublin road or the

Limerick/Dublin road and there was no problem with respect to the water source. There should have been no problem with his application. Planning permission already existed on a neighbouring site and there were only 3 houses in the close locality. He added that there was never, until a few months back any question about houses being built within a radius of 10 miles from Galway City and requested to know why should there now be a problem. This man was an innocent victim, he had paid for the site before he applied for planning permission and if he is refused permission all his plans will be in jeopardy. The Councillor then informed the meeting that Mr. O'Grady was a member of the Defence Forces and never before had such a person come before the Council. He was a respected member of the Defence Forces. Cllr. Fahy said that it was totally unfair and he deplored this concept of ribbonisation. He added that this man was being victimised and asked that the County Manager grant permission without the members taking a vote.

Cllr. Byrne stated that he supported the Section 4 but that he could not match Councillor Fahy's contribution. He stated that he was against restricting development within the Environs of Galway City and added that you are talking about rural areas 4 to 5 miles from Galway. He added that the only way to ensure growth of life in rural areas is to grant planning permission. He stated that the Development Plan was currently being reviewed and his party was determined to change this provision relating to ribbonisation in the plan and to make it easier for people to live in rural areas. He could not see how a third house could affect the amenity of the area and asked that planning permission be granted.

Cllr. Loughnane spoke on the restrictions within the Environs of Galway City. He stated that it was unacceptable to the Councillors and agreed with the other speakers in their submission. He added that Moyveela should not be classed as within the Environs of Galway City and that to refuse permission would be severe on the applicant.

Deputy McCormack stated that he supported this planning application. He added that there was a strong body of opinion to delete the clauses mentioned in the County Development Plan and felt that they cannot be left in the Plan as they are too restrictive. He stated that he was familiar with this area and that he could not understand what harm this application would do to the area. He added that the site was suitable for septic tank requirements. He then referred to recent publicity on the concept of ribbon development and referred to a former Council member who had spoken in the media on this topic. This former member he continued was in office when the present plan was adopted. The Deputy stated that the Council was quite capable of adopting the new plan. The only place the members could make

changes on the plan was in this chamber and that the will of the Council was to take out this concept of ribbon development.

Cllr. Fahy then stated that he expected an announcement from the Manager informing the meeting that there was no need to vote on this Section 4. He added that this was a unique application in that it dealt with a man who innocently bought a site. He added that it was usual for a planning officer to outline proposals on the Section 4 first and this had not happened in this case.

Mr. Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E Planning, spoke on the Section 4 notice and the recommendation which had been circulated to the members. He stated that the Planning Authority must consider the proper planning and development of the area having regard to the County Development Plan when dealing with a planning application. He added that the applicant called to the office and stated that the sale was subject to planning permission while the application was being considered. With respect to the well this matter had not been pursued as it was recommended to refuse the permission on ribbon development.

He then submitted the following report which had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting:

LOCATION:

The site is located in Derrydonnell More on the road leading North-east from Moyveela Cross.

PLANNING HISTORY:

There is no previous application on this site. Outline Planning Permission was granted on 2 no. sites to the South-west, both by Section 4 motions, Planning Reference Numbers 67545 & 67547. The recommendation of the Planning Authority was that they be refused for ribbonisation. One of these sites has been built on and the second has had a recent approval granted.

Outline Planning Permission was previously granted for 2 dwelling-house to the South-west of the above sites under Planning Reference Number 64293 and leaving a gap of approximately 100ft. between the above developments and PR. 64293. In addition, there is an existing house located across the road from the sites of PR. 64293.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located within the environs of Galway City as set out in Map 7A of the County Development Plan. It is the policy of the Planning Authority to strictly control development within this area, particular regard being had to Section 7.2.8(i) of

the County Development Plan which deals with ribbonisation.

The source of water supply is an existing private well. The Planning Authority have no indication of the quality of this water or of the quality that might be available. This information was not requested because refusal was considered on policy grounds.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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

Cllr. Cunningham requested to know if legal advice was sought on planning reference number 67545 and 67547 to which he was advised that it was not.

Cllr. Loughnane stated that the ribbonisation rule was not always implemented. He then referred to an example which had occurred within the last 12 months where two houses were built beside each other and a third was also granted permission and he felt that it would be sensible in this occasion to follow the precedent set in this case. He stated that there was a housing need in this case and that the man was in a bad way for a dwelling-house. He added that it was not a bad Section 4.

Cllr. Fahy stated that the contracts of sale had been signed since November last year.

The vote taken on the resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:-

AR SON: Councillors J. Burke, Byrne, Callanan, Deputies Connaughton, O'Cuiv, Councillors Cunningham, Fahy, Finnegan, Finnerty, Gavin, Hussey, Loughnane, Mannion, McClearn, Deputy McCormack, Senator McDonagh, Councillors McHugh, Mullins, Ni Fhatharta, O'Sullivan, O'Tuathail, Quinn, Regan, Ryan, Walsh. (25)

IN AGHAIDH:

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 71475 - DERVELLA FALLON

2911

Senator McDonagh in his advance notice referred to planning application reference 71475 in the name of Dervella Fallon. He wished to seek clarification on the legal advice re paragraph 7 and stated that he had been misquoted whereas the Minutes were correct. He wished to seek clarification on this matter.

Deputy McCormack stated that he supported his colleague and said that it appears that members are not getting a consistent report on this matter.

The County Manager informed the meeting that clarification would be issued in this case.

LOUGHREA BYE-PASS

2912

Councillor Loughnane asked for permission to raise the proposed Loughrea Bye-pass. As the matter was not on the agenda, the Chairman ruled him out of order and said that it would be considered by the Committee for the Loughrea Electoral Area at its meeting on 16th February, 1995.

CONFERENCE

2913

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan and agreed that Senator McDonagh, Councillors Mannion, O'Tuathail, Hussey and Finnegan would attend a conference "Can The West Be Saved" at Gartan Outdoor Education Centre, Churchill from 24th - 26th February, 1995. Details of the estimated cost of attendance at this conference had been circulated to each Member of the Council.

FLOODING

2914

Councillor Cunningham thanked the County Manager and the Council Staff and particularly Mr. Noel Forde, Area Engineer for all their work in dealing with the very serious flooding problem in the Gort area. He also paid tribute to Galway Bay F.M. and R.T.E. for their coverage of the flooding. Councillor Cunningham referred to the £2m being provided by the Government for flooding relief and said that it could be spent in one area in Galway alone. He proposed that the Council seek special funding for householders in South Galway whose houses were ruined. Councillor Cunningham said that some people had started draining land which would result in other

land being flooded and asked that this be investigated. Councillor Byrne welcomed the £2m being provided by the Government. He said the people carrying out drainage were acting responsibly. Deputy McCormack agreed with Councillor Byrne and said that he would try and have grant aid made available for the work being carried out.

Councillor Walsh thanked the Council for raising the level of the Creggs Road, Glenamaddy. He asked that the Council make representations to the O.P.W. for more co-operation for the people in the Pollea and Curraghwest areas of Williamstown. He asked the Council to take whatever action is necessary to allow the road at Esker, Glenamaddy to be raised for a further short distance. Councillor Fahy also outlined the hardship resulting from the flooding in South Galway. Councillor Quinn referred to a flooding problem at Beagh.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

2915

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Cllr. Bridie O'Flaherty & Family, Mervue, Galway.
The Murphy Family, Kilgarriff, Headford, Co. Galway.
Muintir Uí Fhlatharta, Beal a Daingean, Co. na Gaillimhe.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed:

Frederic Tuohy
(Chairman)

27/3/95

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

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REVIEW OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

2916

The County Secretary referred to the progress report which had been circulated and he indicated the chapters which had been dealt with. He added that Chapter 7 would now be discussed at this meeting.

The County Manager advised the meeting that it was unlikely that the deadline would be met in regard to putting the draft plan on display and that an extension of time would be requested from the Minister. He stated that the plan must be dealt with in detail and each chapter adopted accordingly. He was now setting the end of April as the date for adoption of the draft plan. He reiterated that it was important to spend time going through the review and that once a chapter has been agreed upon, it should be adopted. A three month extension would possibly be sufficient time to deal with the plan.

Deputy McCormack requested to know when would the Council get down to dealing with the basics and in particular specific difficulties which arise with the County Development Plan.

The County Manager stated that the process had already begun and a number of chapters had been reviewed. Other chapters had gone back to Mr. Callagy for review and amendments.

Mr. Callagy stated that the chapters had not come in order as there was a lot of survey work involved in certain areas.

Cllr. Ryan referred to the need to assist rural areas. He stated that at the present time, population of schools was declining in north Galway. He added that he could point out in his own parish and neighbouring parishes where young couples had been refused planning permission and as a result had emigrated to America. The sites had been given to them by their fathers or mothers. He added that if you analyse ribbon development it had made Galway City what it is today. He added that he did not want anything in the plan which would deprive young couples and added that he had proposals to put forward. He wants the plan to look at the rural County and if certain proposals are not put into this plan, he would not be voting for it.

The County Manager stated that he has a great interest in rural Galway and was working with the members for the benefit of the County. Referring to the statistics for planning applications for 1994, he stated that 90% of decisions issued were grants of permission. He added that the refusal rate had been reduced from the previous year and he wished to continue this trend. He stated that it was not right to blame the refusal of planning permission for rural decline. He stated that employment must be provided in rural areas in order to maintain the rural population. Granting permission for dwelling-houses in such areas will not prevent rural decline. He then indicated that there were planning centres available for advice on planning matters to members of the public. He stated that we must look at the positive side to planning and that permission was granted for close on 1,700 houses in 1994. He stressed that 9 out of every 10 applications are granted planning permission and he would like to stress these facts. He said that the whole family structure had changed resulting in a decrease in population. The Manager then informed the meeting that the greatest potential for employment was tourism and that the Council must look at the development of the County in a balanced way.

Deputy Connaughton stated that these figures should be more publicised.

Deputy McCormack added that the debate on the review of the County Development Plan should be in public.

Cllr. Gavin stated that the Councillors were not looking at planning from a planning point of view.

Deputy O'Cuiv referring to the progress report stated that he was not present when chapter 2 was being debated and he wanted his dissent towards the content thereof recorded.

Mr. Callagy said that the debate by the members was one sided and was towards individuals. The Council must look at the common good and the public interest. They must be guided by the Planning Acts. He added that they must look at traffic, pollution, visual amenities and that these are the problems that should be considered. Mr. Callagy then showed a slide display to the members on various aspects of ribbonisation and house design.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that the Council must preserve the rural population and added that the planning officer was trying to direct people into urban areas.

Deputy Connaughton stated that one would eventually arrive at a situation where a farmer would not be in a position to live on his own land.

Cllr. Toddie Byrne requested to know if the sewerage for Oranmore would go as far as Frenchfort to which Mr. Callagy replied that he had no knowledge of this.

Cllr. McHugh requested clarification re the painting of houses in referring to a particular slide and he stated that there was no provision in the Plan on this matter.

Cllr. Gavin stated that there should be social dimension to the plan and added that the planner looks purely at the physical planning. He said there were huge problems trying to promote the plan.

Cllr. Joe Burke stated that people who opt to live in rural Ireland should be allowed to live there and that planners should not be able to tell people where they can live. He said that there would be much less crime and added that there was a huge social question which was not being answered.

Mr. Callagy then discussed the development control around Galway City and referred to a map which had been submitted to the members.

Cllr. T. Walsh stated that he felt that life had got very regulated. He could not understand what is bad about the building of houses in rural areas and felt that within reason people should have a right to build houses.

Cllr. W. Burke stated if there was no objection to building up towns, why have they not grown he requested to know.

Mr. Callagy stated that if people are allowed to build in the countryside then the towns will not grow.

Deputy McCormack referring to the Maree area of Oranmore stated that there was a live vibrant community in this area as a result of houses being built there.

Cllr. O'Sullivan stated that the most important thing in planning was people.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that if you put 7,000 people in Galway City you have to provide the facilities such as churches, shops etc. and that you end up with a segregated population.

Cllr. W. Burke stated that people could go into towns and villages and that a balance needs to be achieved.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that there were no towns suitable near Galway City.

Cllr. J. Burke referred to Maree as developing community.

Mr. Callagy stated that in proper planning such people should be encouraged to live in Galway, Athenry and other towns about the city.

Deputy Connaughton stated that it was the most interesting meeting and then referred to the Irish mentality where people want to live where they choose.

Cllr. Cunningham stated that people want to leave Galway City.

Cllr. Ni Fhatharta requested to know where would people in the Gaeltacht live. Irish people want to build their own home.

Cllr. Cunningham stated that there was a huge cost of sites in Galway City.

Mr. Callagy then referred to the towns and villages which could and should have been developed such as Spiddal and Carraroe.

Deputy O'Cuiv referring to Carraroe stated that it was always a congested area. He said that the cost of social services has a great saving for the state where families are close by.

Cllr. J. Brennan stated that this plan seems to be more strict than the existing plan.

Mr. Callagy added that the urban sprawl was out of control and something had to be done about it.

The Manager stated that in the course of the next 5 years, action plans would be prepared for the satellite towns around Galway City. He added that the Council would have to take the lead in this area. To counteract the city effect plans would be prepared for these towns. He then referred to the importance of Oranmore with the new sewerage system and on the point of Frenchfort stated that anyone who built a house in this particular road would be in great danger when making an exit from the road onto the National Primary Road.

Cllr. Byrne stated that there was no room for development in the towns and villages without ribbonisation along the roads. He said people should be allowed to build in rural areas and stated that people cannot get planning permission outside of Clarenbridge. He added that ribbonisation and backlands development occurs in Galway City.

The Manager stated that the debate was good and it was obvious that the members held strong views on certain matters. He stated that 1,580 permissions were granted in rural areas in 1994. Of the refusals issued during the past year, only 10 were on reasons of ribbonisation. The other reasons for refusal could not be overcome in the County Development Plan. He then added that £2 million was being provided to operate An Bord Pleanála, an independent body, dealing with planning appeals and of the appeal decisions issued by the board in 1993, 85% of decisions of Galway County Council were upheld. He then stated that the debate was good and at the end of the day a plan will have to be adopted.

Cllr. J. Burke stated that there was clear difference between the Council and Mr. Callagy and added that the members are going to ensure that the wishes of the people will be upheld.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that he accepted that he had little complaints with the decisions of the Council on the 9 out of 10 applications granted. He agrees that the environs of Galway City have houses that could be sited in a better way. He carried out a survey of the population in Connemara and found that beyond Spiddal and Oughterard there was a drop in the population since 1971 and it continues from there on. Secondly on population the number of children to families is now dropping and that you need 130 people to keep a school open. To maintain population it is, therefore, necessary to have an increase in the number of houses as the average number of people living in houses has dropped.

Deputy McCormack requested to know why was there

inconsistency as to the development of tourist facilities on National Primary and Secondary routes. He stated that Galway seemed to be the exception in this case and referred to Donegal and Dublin which had such facilities. He stated that he was not impressed with the planning appeals board.

Mr. Callagy then referred to a circular from the Department of the Environment which required the prohibition of development on National Routes to protect the capacity of the road and he stated that it was contrary to the national policy and in this respect there was a threat of withdrawal of funds.

Deputy McCormack stated that the Galway/Oughterard road was an ordinary road and a tourist route. He then referred to a pitch and putt development and stated that there were different rules for different counties.

Cllr. Callanan stated that he supported the other members in their views and stated that people cannot be curtailed from building on side roads and he was against the views on urban areas. He added that the building of Council houses was very important and they should be built in rural areas.

Cllr. Ni Fhatharta referred to rural Council houses and to a previous section 4 which dealt with road frontages. She stated that one more house in such areas would not have made any difference. People have to take first consideration she added and felt that tourists do not go up every road.

Cllr. Mullins stated that there must be a sense of balance in planning. He requested to know if people who got planning permission constructed their house according to the planning permission. He said that as Government Departments decentralise, a balance must be struck. He added that the quality of life in rural areas was what people wanted and that if facilities are to be extended in urban areas, this required great financial contributions. He then stressed that a balance was required to be met.

Mr. Callagy addressing the reasons why these houses were built in such a way and stated that there were a variety of reasons. In certain cases there is no option but to grant planning permission i.e. second family dwellings.

The Manager then stated that there was obviously a difference of opinion between the members and the planners and that an amended chapter would have to be submitted to the Council.

Deputy McCormack stated that the City Environs must be reduced and felt that something wider than the Borough area would be suitable.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

2917

It was agreed that the review of the County Development Plan would be resumed at the Planning Meeting on 10th March, 1995.

REVISION OF DUMP CHARGES

2918

The Secretary advised the Members that the charges at the Council's dumps were being revised to bring them into line with the charges at the Carrowbrowne Dump.

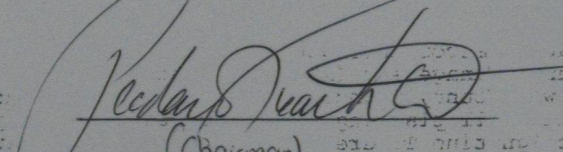
RURAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION SCHEME

2919

The Secretary advised the Members that the new C.A.O. Teagasc, Mr. Heneghan would be making a presentation on the REPS Scheme at 5.00 on Monday, 27th February, 1995. This was the date of the Council's Monthly Meeting and the venue would be confirmed later.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Confirmed:


(Chairman)

27/3/95

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

3 Feabhra, 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 10u Ia Feabhra, 1995**, ag tosnu ar a **3.00 a chlog** sa trathnóna.

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 full planning permission to Mr. Philip O'Grady, c/o Ignatius T. Greaney, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway to erect a dwelling-house and septic tank at Derrydonnell More, Oranmore, Co. Galway, Planning Ref. No. 72106.

M. Fahy
M. Loughnane

M. Regan
T. Byrne

M. Cunningham
J. McClearn

2. Planning Application No. 71475 - Dervella Fallon.
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

3 Feabhra, 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 February, 1995**, commencing at **3.30 p.m.** or at the completion of the Special Meeting, whichever is the later.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH
RUNAI

AGENDA

1. Review of County Development Plan.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY

COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY

BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 23RD JANUARY,

1995

CATHAOIRLEACH:- An Comhairleoir P. O'Tuathail.

I LATHAIR FREISIN:-

Baill:

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputies P. Connaughton, E. O Cuiiv, 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, J. Crotty, A/County Engineer, D. Nelson, Asst. Co. Manager, R.C. Killeen, A/Deputy Co. Engineer, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, M. Dolly, R. Faherty, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E.'s, B. Doyle A.O., T. Connell, J. O'Neill, S.S.O.'s, and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

2856

Mhol an Cathaoirleach run combhron do Chlann Caoimhin O'Dubhghaill a fuair bas maidin Nollag. Bhi an t-Uasal O'Dubhghaill ag obair don Chomhairle ar feadh 35 blian, agus bhi se mar Runai don Chomhairle sula eirigh se as a phost.

Councillor Ryan and the Members joined in the expression of sympathy in respect of the late Kevin Doyle. They paid tribute to Mr. Doyle's dedication and integrity and his kindness to everybody. The County Manager on his own behalf and behalf of the

staff joined the expression of sympathy and said that he had held the post of County Secretary with distinction. The meeting then adjourned as a mark of respect until 4.00 p.m.

Resolutions of Sympathy were also passed with the following:-

Mr. & Mrs. Alfie Daly, Quansboro, Killimor,
Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Paddy Manton, Creagh Road, Ballinasloe.

CONGRATULATIONS

2857

On the proposition of Councillor Hussey, the Members congratulated the Galway Fianna Fail T.D.s who had been appointed to the Opposition Front Bench.

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, the Council congratulated the Clifden Arts Group and Inis Oirr Co-Op on winning community awards recently.

RECENT STORMS AND FLOODING

2858

Councillor Gavin and all the Members raised the serious problems arising from the recent storms and flooding. Serious damage had been done to roads, piers, beaches and sea walls. They stated that a comprehensive report should be prepared seeking substantial funding from the Department of Environment and Department of Marine to rectify the damage. The Members complimented the Council Workers for their hard work in very difficult conditions. The following locations were mentioned for remedial works:-

- Bridge and road to Mweenish Island
- The areas around Gort which suffered badly from flooding
- Peterswell
- Clostoken area
- Road at Craughwell
- Dunmore/Tuam Road
- Creggs Road, Glenamaddy
- Rathfee Village, Turloughmore
- Canteeney Road flooded and walls collapsed
- Floods at road junctions very dangerous
- Williamstown/Dunmore Road
- Aghrim/Kilconnell Road at Carramore
- Cogan's Lough
- Bally Ligue Bridge

Members also mentioned problems with Ahascragh Water Supply which is cut off daily. Replying to the debate Mr. Crotty said that the Council was preparing a comprehensive report on the damage caused. He said that Engineers from the O.P.W. had carried out inspections in the Gort Area and they would receive full co-operation from the County Council. He said an application had been made to the D.O.E. for special funding for flooding in the Glenamaddy area. Any flooding on national roads would be taken up with the National Roads Authority. He explained that the E.U. funding for coastal protection works could not be used for storm damage. Rinne an Teachta O'Cuiv tagairt do bothar amhain i Mweenish nach bothar poibli agus mhol se go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle iarratas do Roinn na Gaeltachta.

MINUTES

2859

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

On the proposition of Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor Gavin the Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 19th December, 1994 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Referring to Minute No. 2812, Councillor Loughnane said that the Loughrea Bye-pass had attracted a lot of criticism. He said that a number of changes could be made and he proposed that it be re-considered. The Secretary stated that the Loughrea Bye-pass had been approved unanimously by the Council at its meeting on the 19th December, 1994 and had been submitted to the National Roads Authority. There was no seconder for Councillor Loughnane's proposal.

Referring to Minute No. 2811, Councillor Gavin congratulated U.C.G. on its 150 years achievements and was supported by Members.

The following Minutes were noted:-

- Minutes of Connemara Area Committee Meeting of 6th December, 1994.
- Minutes of Loughrea Area Committee Meeting of 9th December, 1994.
- Minutes of Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting of 11th January, 1995.

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 2860
SCHEDULED TOWN OF CLIFDEN - APPLICATION FOR
PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT 14 NO. TOWN HOUSES AND
ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AT CLIFDEN AND TULLYVOHEEN
- DE BARRA DEVELOPMENTS LTD. - PLANNING REF. 70485

The following report was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting:-

"DESCRIPTION: The proposal is for the construction of 14 no. dwelling-houses and associated site works.

LOCATION: The site is located in Clifden town on a spur road which leaves the N.59 at the Garda Barracks and leads to Market Street via the old railway station buildings and the show-grounds.

ZONING: The site is located in an area zoned communal in the Clifden Town Plan.

PLANNING HISTORY: Outline permission granted for 4 no. houses on the 13th January, 1992 to Rev. Canon T. Heraty.

ASSESSMENT: The site is on lands which are zoned communal in the Clifden Town Plan which stems from their former use as part of the old national school playing area and earlier still as part of the Galway/Clifden railway line adjoining the station. The zoning of itself does not exclude housing development and consequently, as indicated above, outline permission has already been granted for 4 no. houses.

Chapter 3.3.5. of the Clifden Town Plan stipulates a maximum housing density of 10 houses per acre whereas the density proposed in this case is 14 houses on approximately 0.9 acre, thereby materially exceeding the provisions of the Plan.

It is considered that the merits of the development outweigh the density aspect in that the area at present is semi-derelict and unsightly and the development will greatly improve its appearance. Townhouse development, while still relatively new to the smaller towns in the County, has attracted interest in the larger towns such as Ballinasloe, Tuam and Loughrea and has resulted in the revival of neglected areas.

The proposal is also in keeping with the objective stated in Chapter 3.1.4. of encouraging private housing estate development on serviced land in the town. Because of the integrated nature of the design which is in two terraced blocks of seven units each, it is not feasible to reduce the number of units without a complete redesign.

Car parking provision of one space per house is being made on site and the 10% open space requirement is being met.

There is an objector who regards the number of houses as excessive and the location of the two storey buildings as being too close to her house thereby reducing her entitlements under the ancient lights act and being likely to give rise to excessive noise from residents and visiting traffic.

There will be a gap of approximately 9.5 metres between the objectors house and the nearest townhouse with an intervening tree and hedgerow screening. In a town situation it is not unusual to have such distances and lesser ones between adjacent houses.

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 13th December, 1994 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections if they so wished. The one objection lodged has 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."

The Secretary explained that the proposed density exceeded the density requirements set out in the Clifden Town Plan and permission for the development could only be granted by way of the Material Contravention procedure which required a Resolution of the Council.

Councillor Mannion said that the development was a good one and proposed:-

"That having considered the Planning Application made by De Barra Developments Ltd. for permission for

erection of 14. no. dwelling-houses and associated site works in the townland of Clifden and Tullyvoheen, Planning Reference No. 70485, and having considered the report by the County Engineer on the matter, Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(3) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as amended by Section 39.(d) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, as amended by Section 45 of the Local Government Act, 1991, hereby require that a decision to grant permission be made in the case of this application."

It was seconded by Deputy O'Cuiv. A vote taken for or against the resolution resulted as follows:-

FOR SON:- Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Dep. Connaughton & O'Cuiv, Councillors Cunningham, Fahy, Finnegan, Finnerty, Gavin, Hussey, Loughnane, Mannion, McClearn, Deputy McCormack, Senator McDonagh, Councillors McHugh, Mullins, Ni Fhatharta, O'Neill, O'Sullivan, O'Tuathail, Quinn, Regan, Ryan, Varley and Walsh (27).

IN AGHAIDE:

The Chairman declared the Resolution carried.

NOMINATION OF A SECOND ELECTED MEMBER OF GALWAY 2861

COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE GALWAY COUNTY AND CITY

ENTERPRISE BOARD

The Secretary referred to report dated 17th January, 1995 which had been circulated in connection with Item No. 10 on the Agenda.

Councillor Mannion proposed that Councillor T. Walsh be nominated and this was seconded by Councillor Ryan. Councillor Fahy proposed that Councillor Hussey be nominated and this was seconded by Councillor Cunningham. A vote taken resulted as follows:-

FOR COUNCILLOR WALSH: 16

Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Deputy Connaughton, Councillors Finnerty, Gavin, Mannion, McClearn, Deputy McCormack, Senator McDonagh, Councillors Mullins, O'Neill, O'Tuathail, Ryan, Varley and Walsh.

FOR COUNCILLOR HUSSEY: 11

Deputy O'Cuiv, Councillors Cunningham, Fahy, Finnegan, Hussey, Loughnane, McHugh, Ni Fhatharta, O'Sullivan, Quinn and Regan.

The Chairman declared Councillor Walsh nominated as the second elected representative of Galway County Council on the County and City Enterprise Board.

PUBLIC LIGHTING PROGRAMME 1995

2862

A sum of £30,000 was provided in the 1995 Estimates for new public lighting and the programme of new lights was circulated with the Agenda. The programme was welcomed by the Members and requests for additional lighting were made for Claddaghduff, Kinvara, Ballindereen, Tully-Ballynahown, Milltown-Abbeyknockmoy, Post Office Clonberne, Galway Road - Headford, Killaloo, Caltra, Gort, St. Teresa's M.H. School, Ballinasloe/Portumna Road, Ceibh Mas (Carna).

During the discussion Members asked that the new lighting be erected as soon as possible as some of the lights on the 1994 Programme had not yet been erected. Several Members referred to the need for proper traffic route lighting throughout the county and asked that this be pressed for. Areas mentioned were Ardahan, Claregalway, Headford and Kilmeen Cross. The provision of school flashing lights was also raised by Councillor Cunningham and others for Kiltartan, Kiltiernan, Dunmore School and Kilreekill.

Councillor O'Neill referred to the public lighting at Tullycross which was provided as part of a renewal scheme but was not in the charge of the Council. He said that it was now in need of attention and one light was dangerous and asked that it be examined. Councillor Walsh referred to the extra light for Glenamaddy and said the greatest need was on the Ballymoe Road between Kelly's garage and dwelling-house. Councillor Gavin asked about the public lighting on the Islands, particularly Inish Thiar. He asked if the Council would agree to maintain it. Cuidigh an Teachta O'Cuiv leis agus d'iarr se an gcoinnfeadh an comhairle caoi ar na soilse da bhfaighfeadh an Comharchumann deontas do soilse nua.

Councillor J. Burke and Deputy Connaughton asked about support for communities who would provide public lighting. Councillor O'Sullivan asked that the quality of the public lighting in Ballinasloe town be looked at as it was under the control of

Galway County Council.

The County Manager replied that if communities provided public lighting at locations approved by the Council, the Council would agree to maintain them. He said that consideration would be given in the 1996 Estimates to setting aside some funds where communities are prepared to contribute. Mr. Crotty said that he would pursue the question of traffic route lighting. He explained that the cost of providing a light can vary depending on whether a pole is in existence or one or more poles have to be provided etc. He said the extra lights mentioned by the Members would be considered for the 1996 Programme. The school flashing lights would be considered in conjunction with the 1995 Road Works Programme. He said the problems at Tullycross and Inish Thiar would be examined.

On the proposition of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Finnerty the 1995 Public Lighting Programme as circulated was approved.

SALE OF HOUSE TO GERARD HANNON

2863

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Deputy O'Cuiv, the Council approved the sale of house at Tullyvoheen, Clifden to Gerard Hannon, 32 Tullyvoheen, Clifden under Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966 as substituted by Section 26 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1992 and in accordance with Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 which had been circulated to each Member.

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT GLENAMADDY TO GLEN CELTIC

2864

A.F.C. LTD.

On the proposition of Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the Council approved of selling of plot of land at Glenamaddy to Glen Celtic A.F.C. in accordance with Notice dated 9th December, 1994 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, which had been circulated to each Member.

ROAD TRAFFIC (SPEED LIMITS) COUNTY GALWAY

2865

BYE-LAWS 1995

The Secretary stated that the proposed bye-laws had been discussed at the November Monthly Meeting and

the Council decided to proceed with the bye-laws but excluding any revisions on the national roads, pending approval from the National Roads Authority. He said that the proposed bye-laws had been circulated to the Garda Commissioner and appropriate Local Authorities. No representations had been received within the prescribed period. Approval had been received from the National Roads Authority to include in the bye-laws, those speed limits which already existed on national routes as set out in the 1987 Regulations. He said that the bye-laws were now ready for adoption and would come into operation on the 1st March, 1995.

It was proposed by Councillor Finnegan and seconded by Councillor Mannion "that Galway County Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 46 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 as inserted by Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 hereby make The Road Traffic (Speed Limits) County Galway Bye-laws 1995 for the Administrative County of Galway".

The motion was passed unanimously and the seal of the Council was affixed to the Bye-laws.

Members complained about the delay in getting approval from the National Roads Authority for the national routes and it was suggested that the Oireachtas Members might take up the matter. Deputy McCormack referred to planning applications where the time had been extended and asked if permission could be granted subject to conditions covering speed limit alterations. The County Manager replied that decisions would have to be based on the factual situation at the time of decision.

RAISING OF LOAN FOR RE-FINANCING EXISTING COUNCIL

2866

LOANS ON FIXED INTEREST RATES

Report of Finance Officer dated 18th January, 1995 had been circulated to each Member prior to the Meeting. The report gave details of the Council's Capital debt at 1st January, 1995 being serviced at a fixed interest rate of 12% and proposals for re-financing it on more favourable terms. It was proposed by Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Mannion "that subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve of the raising of the following loans for the purpose of re-financing existing loans with fixed interest rates:-

1. Loan from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. in amount of £3,200,000 at Fixed interest rate of 9.5% over 15 years.
2. Loans from Bank of Ireland (Council Treasurer) in the following amounts at variable interest rates equivalent to Prime Rate plus margin of 0.25%:-

£3,340,000 for 13 years
£2,829,000 for 11 years
£ 428,200 for 9 years
£ 513,800 for 7 years

The motion was passed unanimously.

SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT OF MARINE ON COASTAL PROTECTION WORKS

2867

Report of County Secretary dated 18th January, 1995 together with report of Acting County Engineer had been circulated to each Member prior to the Meeting. The report referred to Circular Letter from Roinn na Mara in relation to the £5m being made available under the current round of E.U. Structural Funds for coastal protection works for the period up to 1999. The Circular set out the type of works which would qualify for assistance and the criteria to be complied with. Each project must cost at least £75,000 and the Local Authority must meet 25% of the costs. Roinn na Mara asked the Council to submit its top four priority protection projects and these were set out in the report of the Acting County Engineer. The top four priority projects listed were Roundstone, Inisboffin Island, Tawain Island, and Inishmore. The total estimated cost of work on these schemes amounted to £1,005,000. Two other projects, Clifden Beach and Aughinish Island were also included in the report as deserving of funding.

Dúirt an Teachta O'Cuiv gur rinne na stoirmeacha damaiste ar Inis Meain ag Trach Each agus Port Na Cora. D'iarr se na h-aiteanna sin a iniuchadh.

The Members generally welcomed the Department's request and the Acting County Engineer's report. Councillors Cunningham and Byrne supported the inclusion of Aughinish as an extra project. Councillor Fahy asked that priority be given to Tawain Island where farms were being eroded. Councillor Mannion welcomed the proposals and asked that Omey Island be investigated. Deputy McCormack agreed with the report and proposed its adoption. It

was seconded by Councillor Loughnane and agreed. The County Manager reminded the Members that the £5m was to cover the whole country and of the requirement to contribute 25% locally which was a new concept being introduced by the Government for various schemes.

ITEMS 11, 12, 13 AND 14 WERE DEFERRED

2868

DATES FOR AREA MEETINGS

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The Chairman asked the Chairman of Area Committees to fix dates for Area Meetings as quickly as possible.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY MANAGER

2870

The County Manager said that the Council was trying to improve the way works and services were provided by the Council. He said that an advertisement had appeared in the local papers inviting participation in the community roadworks scheme. It is also hoped to start some local improvement schemes at the beginning of the year rather than waiting until the end of the year. He said that he would like the Area Committees to meet soon to approve the first phase of the roadworks scheme in order that one or two schemes in each Engineer's area could commence.

SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

The County Manager informed the Members that the Council was organising a seminar for Community Groups at 2.00 p.m. on 14th February. It would probably be held in the Connemara Coast Hotel and spokespersons from different organisations would be there to give information and answer questions. Councillor O'Sullivan asked if a similar seminar could be held in the east of the county such as Ballinasloe and the County Manager undertook to consider this.

PLANNING CONFERENCE

The County Manager advised Members that the Council was organising a Planning Conference on the 23rd and 24th of February in the Connemara Coast Hotel. The Conference called "Planning Our Future, Protecting Our Past" was a very important one and would be attended by Local Authority Representatives from around the Country.

Councillor Mannion proposed that all the Members be authorised to attend. This was agreed. Details of the estimated cost of attendance at this conference had been circulated to each Member of the Council.

GORT - HERITAGE TOWN

The County Manager stated that Gort had been designated a heritage town and would qualify for E.R.D.F. funding. A steering committee had been established and they were working hard to raise a local contribution of £30,000. On the basis that the local community would raise £30,000, he recommended that the Council contribute a similar amount over the next few years. Councillor Cunningham recommended acceptance of the County Manager's proposals. He said that there was a very active committee in operation and £10,000 had been raised already. He thanked the Council for its support. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Byrne and agreed.

DUBLIN AND MONAGHAN BOMBINGS 1974

2871

Councillor Mullins referred to a letter dated 3rd January, 1995 from Rev. Thomas Walsh, SMA which had been circulated concerning the Dublin and Monaghan Bombings in 1974. Councillor Mullins proposed that the Councillors support the call for a public enquiry into the circumstances of the bombings and this was agreed.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION

N.O.M. NO. 18 - ROAD - SEN. J. MCDONAGH

2872

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"This matter is being investigated at present with a view to carrying out remedial works."

N.O.M. NO. 19 - CHIMSAFE FIRE EXTINGUISHER - CLLR.

2873

W. BURKE

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

The matter of fire prevention facilities in houses

provided by Galway County Council will be referred to the Department of the Environment for consideration.

N.O.M. NO. 20 - LIGHTING - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM

2874

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"The E.S.B. have been requested to prepare a Scheme for the above project and you will be informed of developments in due course."

N.O.M. NO. 21 - ROAD - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM

2875

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 22 - FLOODING - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM

2876

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"This motion was dealt with at the Council meeting on the 13th January, 1995."

N.O.M. NO. 23 - ROAD - CLLR. M. FAHY

2877

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

Works were recently carried out at the above location.

N.O.M. NO. 24 - HOUSING - CLLR. M. FAHY

2878

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

This application arose as a result of flooding at her former residence. Mrs. Walsh was in urgent need of re-housing. The Council offered her alternative accommodation in Gort and in Ahascragh, both of which were refused. Mrs. Walsh was then approved for the provision of a rural house on a site being provided by her family in Kilmacdugh, Gort, and the usual procedure of transferring the site to the Council was initiated. Mrs. Walsh has since indicated that the family are not willing to transfer a site to the Council. She has recently informed this office that

she is anxious to resume residence in her former abode and the feasibility of this is, at present, being investigated by the Council."

N.O.M. NO. 25 - HOUSING - CLLR. M. FAHY 2879

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"Alex & Mary Adams are approved applicants for re-housing in the Gort area and will be considered for any vacancy which may arise in the Gort area."

N.O.M. NO. 26 - ROAD - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN 2880

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 27 - ROADSIDE DRAIN - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN 2881

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 28 - ROAD - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN 2882

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 29 - ROAD - CLLR. S. GAVIN 2883

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 30 - ROAD - CLLR. S. GAVIN 2884

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"Routine maintenance will be carried out at the Cartoor Road and Shruie Road within the next few weeks. The Toureeny road was recently repaired."

N.O.M. NO. 31 - SOILSE POIBLI - AN COMH. S. O'GABHAIN 2885

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

"Ta na soilse seo lochtach agus ta ga soilse nua a chuir ar fail, no iad a dheisiu sul a mbeidh an Comhairle Chontae sasta iad a ghlacadh faoi na gcuram."

N.O.M. NO. 32 - CAR PARK - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 2886

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"This carpark is located in a rural area and it is not recommended that the County Council take it in charge."

N.O.M. NO. 33 - FOOTPATH - DEP. P. MC CORMACK 2887

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"This is a matter for Galway Corporation as the section involved is entirely within the administrative area of the above local authority."

N.O.M. NO. 34 - FOOTPATH - DEP. P. MC CORMACK 2888

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"The provision of footpath at above location is not considered a priority as the area in question is a rural area and is not serving houses, schools etc. Priority must be given to the provision of footpaths in built-up areas."

N.O.M. NO. 35 - ROAD - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 2889

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"This matter is being investigated at present with a view to carrying out remedial works."

N.O.M. NO. 36 - SIGNS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 2890

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"The County Council has no objection to this request and a proposal will be submitted to the Garda Authorities in the coming weeks."

N.O.M. NO. 37 - SIGNS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 2891

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"The above signs are ordered and will be erected immediately when delivered."

N.O.M. NO. 38 - ROAD - CLLR. P. MCHUGH 2892

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"The above works will be carried out in the coming weeks."

N.O.M. NO. 39 - PUBLIC LIGHT - CLLR. P. MCHUGH 2893

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"It was not possible to include the above work in the 1995 Public Lighting Programme as other locations had a higher priority."

N.O.M. NO. 40 - ROADWORKS - CLLR. P. MCHUGH 2894

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"The above work is included in the 5 Year Roads Programme for 1995. It is expected that work will commence early in the new year."

N.O.M. NO. 41 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 2895

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

"Beidh muid ag deanamh obair deisiuchan ag an lathair seo go gairid."

N.O.M. NO. 42 - COSAN - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 2896

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

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

N.O.M. NO. 43 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 2897

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

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

N.O.M. NO. 44 - ROAD - DEP. E. O'CUIV 2898

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

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

N.O.M. NO. 45 - SIGN - DEP. E. O'CUIV 2899

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

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

N.O.M. NO. 46 - ROAD - DEP. E. O'CUIV 2900

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

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

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

2901

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

"Routine maintenance will be carried out to the Shannagurrane Road as soon as possible."

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

2902

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

"The above road is included in the 5 Year Roads Plan for 1995. However, the carrying out of works under the 1995 Roadworks Programme is dependant on sufficient funds being made available by the Department of the Environment. The County Council has not yet been notified of the 1995 Road Grants allocation."

N.O.M. NO 49 - ROAD - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN

2903

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

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

N.O.M. NO. 50 - FIRE SERVICE - CLLR. K. QUINN

2904

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

The cost of providing fire services in the county is very costly and for 1995 the estimated revenue expenditure is in excess of £1.8m. There are 10 fire stations in the county, some of which are inadequate and have to be replaced. The amount of capital funding which may become available over the next 5 years is limited and will not be adequate to cater for the required station replacements and appliance replacements etc.

Glenamaddy is surrounded by 5 Local Authority fire stations within a distance of 13 - 18 miles of Glenamaddy. The number of fire incidents in Glenamaddy itself is very small. Incidents occurring outside of Glenamaddy must obviously be in the direction of one or other of the 5 Local Authority fire stations, thereby reducing the attendance time to reach the incident. For example, an incident

occurring 7 miles from Glenamaddy in the direction of Castlerea would be responded to as quickly by the Castlerea Fire Brigade as one based in Glenamaddy. The same would apply to the other 4 fire stations.

In the unlikely event of funding becoming available to provide an extra fire station in the county, Glenamaddy would not be a priority.

The risk to life resulting from an outbreak of fire is the greatest concern of the residents of the Glenamaddy area. The installation of domestic type fire alarm systems in dwelling-houses would have the immediate results of significantly reducing this risk. Other basic measures can also be taken to greatly reduce the risks and advice is available on such safety measures.

N.O.M. NO. 51 - ROAD - CLLR. K. QUINN

2905

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"The above work is included in the 5 Year Roads Programme for 1995. However, the carrying out of work is dependant on sufficient funds being made available by the Department of the Environment. The County Council has not yet been notified of the 1995 Road Grants allocation."

N.O.M. NO. 52 - WARNING LIGHTS - CLLR. M. RYAN

2906

The following written reply was given to Councillor Ryan:-

"Provision of school flashing lights at the above locations will be considered along with others when the 1995 School Flashing Lights Programme is being prepared."

N.O.M. NO. 53 - ROAD - CLLR. E. VARLEY

2907

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"The above location is included in the 5 Year Roads Programme for 1995. However, the carrying out of works will depend on sufficient funds being made available by the Department of the Environment."

N.O.M. NO. 54 - HEADFORD SQUARE - CLLR. E. VARLEY

2908

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"An application for funding for the carrying out of work at Headford Square has been submitted to the National Roads Authority. The County Council has not yet been notified of the 1995 Road Grants allocation."

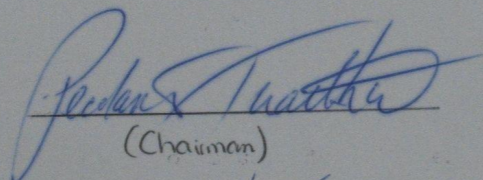
N.O.M. NO. 55 - FOOTPATH - CLLR. E. VARLEY

2909

"The provision of footpath at above location is not considered a priority as the area in question is a rural area and is not serving houses, schools etc. Priority must be given to the provision of footpaths in built up areas."

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Signed, Submitted + Approved ÷


(Chairman)

27/2/95

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

17 Eanáir, 1995.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Míosiúil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimhe De Luain, an 23 u la Eanáir, 1995, ag tosnu 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 9th December, 1994.
 - (d) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 19th December, 1995.
2. To Note Minutes of Connemara Area Committee Meeting held on 6th December, 1994; Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 9th December, 1994; and Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on 11th January, 1995.
3. Material Contravention of the County Development Plan relating to Application for Permission to construct