

"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."

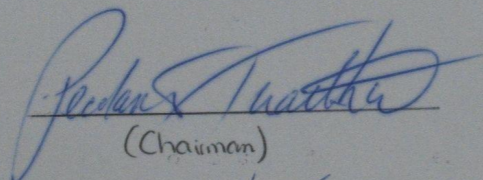
**N.O.M. NO. 55 - FOOTPATH - CLLR. E. VARLEY**

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"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

- 14 no. townhouses and associated site works at Clifden and Tullyvoheen - De Barra Developments Ltd. - Planning Ref. No. 70485.
4. Public Lighting Programme 1995 - Recommendations herewith.
  5. Sale of House at Tullyvoheen, Clifden to Gerard Hannon, 32 Tullyvoheen, Clifden - Section 83 Notice dated 4th January, 1995 already circulated.
  6. Disposal of Plot of Land at Glenamaddy to Glen Celtic A.F.C. Ltd. - Section 83 Notice dated 9th December, 1994 already circulated.
  7. Making of Speed Limit Bye-Laws for the County excluding the County Borough of Galway.
  8. To seek the Council's approval to raising of Loan - Report to follow.
  9. Submission to Department of Marine on Coastal Erosion.
  10. Nomination of a second elected member of Galway County Council on the Galway County and City Enterprise Board - Report enclosed.
  11. Progress Report - Sanitary Services Schemes - already circulated.
  12. Waste Management Strategy 1995 - 2015 - Discussion Document - already circulated.
  13. Hedgecutting - report already circulated.
  14. Operational Programme for Local, Urban and Rural Development - already circulated.
  15. Dates for Area Meetings.
  16. Business submitted by the Chairman.
  17. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Adjourned From Previous Meeting :

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH

- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council carry out improvement works to road at Ballinvoher to prevent constant flooding and make the road safer for cars and pedestrians.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

- 19 CLR. WILLIE BURKE  
- I will propose :  
That Galway County Council install a Chimsafe Fire Extinguisher in all new houses built by Galway County Council, effective from 1st January, 1995. Galway Corporation have already decided to install the Chimsafe Fire Extinguisher in the 14 houses that they are buiding in Ballybrit.
- 20 CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :  
That Galway County Council estimate the cost of installation of old style lighting standards at the Village Green in Clarenbridge.
- 21 CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :  
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.
- 22 CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :  
That Galway County Council establish a Task Force to liaison with D.O.E., O.P.W. and Dept. of Agriculture in order to devise a work programme in South Galway & that an immediate allocation be sought from D.O.E. for the alleviation of flooding in 1995. I request Galway Co.Co. to arrange an urgent meeting with the O.P.W. and to appoint a deputation for same.
- 23 CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :  
That Galway County Council open drains and remove some clay-banks on County Road leading to Mrs. Mary Ann Gill's house at Keamsella, Kilcolgan. Also that bad portions be re-surfaced.
- 24 CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :  
That Galway Co. Co. re-house Mrs. Walsh, Tarmon, Gort who was forced to vacate her dwelling-house in the Winter of Jan. 1994, and she has been unable to reside there since, provide a small house for this elderly lady, and in meantime Co. Co. assist to pay her rented accommodation in Gort.

- 25 CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :  
That Galway County Council provide housing for Alex & Mary Adams, Loughcutra Estate, Gort, who are on the waiting list for housing.
- 26 CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN  
- I will propose :  
That road be repaired and widened (details supplied).
- 27 CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN  
- I will propose :  
That roadside drain be piped at this location (details supplied).
- 28 CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN  
- I will propose :  
That more material be provided at Cahergal Bridge to make the junction safer between the main road and the Cloonlusk Road.
- 29 CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :  
That urgently needed repairs are carried out on the Brownville Road near Bushy Park.
- 30 CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :  
That road repairs are undertaken at Tooreeny N.S. Moycullen and also on the Cartoor and Shrué Roads as quickly as possible.
- 31 CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :  
Ceard iad na socraithe ata ag Comhairle Chondae na Gaillimhe le soilse poibli Inis Oirr, Oilean Arainn a togail faoin a curam? Nil an Comhar-chumann in ann costaisi reatha no cothabhail na soilse a ghlacadh nios mo agus ta fíor-thabhacht le coras ceart soilse ar an oilean seo chomh maith le h-oileain eile.
- 32 CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE  
- I will propose :  
That Galway County Council take in charge the car parking area at Ballydoogan Church, Loughrea.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

- 33 CLR. PADRAIC MC CORMACK  
- I will propose :  
That a joint venture between Galway Co. Co. and Galway Corp. be undertaken to construct a footpath on the Castlegar Road joining Ballindoooley Cross to Leader's Shop on the Tuam Rd. This is a very heavy trafficked road with very inadequate provision for pedestrians - there is a National School, Nursing Home and large nos. of houses situated on this road.
- 34 CLR. PADRAIC MC CORMACK  
- I will propose :  
That Galway County Council take the necessary steps to lay a footpath on the left hand side of the road approaching Corrandulla from Drumgriffin Cross to join with the existing footpath, near Mullaghdrum (copy of map enclosed).
- 35 CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH  
- I will propose :  
That Galway County Council carry out remedial works on low patch of road which is causing a major flooding problem in Ballinvoher, Turloughmore (details attached).
- 36 CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH  
- I will propose :  
That Galway County Council put in place a "Stop" sign instead of "Yield Right of Way" at the junction leading to the Galway Monivea Road.
- 37 CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH  
- I will propose :  
That Galway County Council put in place larger reflective signs at the major, busy and highly dangerous junctions on N17 at Lachtgeorge and Corofin.
- 38 CLR. PADDY MC HUGH  
- I will propose :  
That I be informed when it is proposed to carry out junction improvement works (details supplied)
- 39 CLR. PADDY MC HUGH  
- I will propose :  
That Galway County Council erect public light in Belclare between Canavan's Supermarket and Belclare Church.

- 40 CLR. PADDY MC HUGH  
- I will propose :  
That I be informed when the roadworks detailed below will be carried out.
- 41 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :  
Go ndeanfaidh Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe bothar Doire Rois, Rosmuc a dheisiu go luath.
- 42 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :  
Go ndeanfaidh Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe cosan a thogail o baile An Cheathru Rua i dtreo Doire fhearta. Bionn go leor tracht ar an mbothar seo.
- 43 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :  
Go ndeanfaidh Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe an fhadhb le uisce ar an mbothar reigiunach ag na Minna a reiteach. Bionn go leor uisce ar an mbothar nuair ata an aimsir fliuch.
- 44 CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV  
- I will propose :  
That work be carried out immediately to fill the pot-holes on the road on Inishee in Roundstone, Co. Galway.
- 45 CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV  
- I will propose :  
That a "sign" warning of children crossing the road would be written on the road outside Cashel National School in Connemara.
- 46 CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV  
- I will propose :  
That repairs of the Athry Road in Recess, Co. Galway be included in the Estimates for 1995.
- 47 CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN  
- I will propose :  
That Galway County Council would repair the following county road (details supplied).

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

That the following road (details supplied) would be included in the Roads Programme 1995 as it urgently needs repair.

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

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

50 CLR. KATHLEEN QUINN  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council include the Glenamaddy Fire Service in the Five Year Plan for fire services.

51 CLR. KATHLEEN QUINN  
- I will propose :

That the following road be included in the 1995 Roads Programme (information supplied).

52 CLR. MICHAEL RYAN  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council erect warning lights outside the Boys and Girls Schools, Abbeyknockmoy. Both schools are a very short distance from a dangerous junction.

53 CLR. EVELYN VARLEY  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council provide monies to have Kilvohlan Corner made safe. This corner is very dangerous and many accidents have occurred.

54 CLR. EVELYN VARLEY  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council provide monies for works to be carried out on the Headford Square in 1995.

55 CLR. EVELYN VARLEY  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council extend the footpath from Mullaghdrum to Drumgriffin Cross, Corrandulla. The road is very narrow and dangerous to both pedestrians and motorists. The volume of traffic is very high as vehicular traffic divert from the N84 road through Corrandulla leading on to Claregalway/Oranmore.

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

### MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 13TH JANUARY, 1995

Cathaoirleach:- Councillor P. O'Tuathail.

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

Oifigigh:- Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager, D. Nelson, Asst. Co., Manager, R.C. Killeen, A/Dep. Co. Engineer, T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., M. Flynn, Executive Planner, T. Coughlan, A.O., T. Connell, S.S.O., M. O'Halloran, C.T. and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

#### FLOODING AT GORT

2850

Councillor Cunningham thanked Council Officials, Workers, Firemen, Civil Defence and Gardai for their help in dealing with the flooding in Gort after Christmas. He also thanked other Councillors for their support. He then proposed a Motion:-

"Requesting Galway County Council to establish a Task Force to liaise with Department of the Environment, Office of Public Works and Department of Agriculture, in order to devise a work programme in South Galway and that an immediate allocation be sought from Department of the Environment for the alleviation of flooding in 1995. I request the County Council to arrange an urgent meeting with the Office of Public Works and to appoint a deputation for same."

The motion was seconded by Senator McDonagh who suggested that the drainage work at Turloughmore might be worth looking at. The Chairman said that he had also visited Gort and he thanked all those who helped out. The County Manager said that the flooding was quite serious in a number of places. It was a very complex situation and he had been in touch with the Office of Public Works and the Council would co-operate with them. The Council will look for a deputation.

**PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, GORT**

2851

Councillor Cunningham proposed the following motion, which was seconded by Senator McDonagh:-

"That Galway County Council make provision for a pedestrian crossing in Gort in the Capital Programme for 1995 which is very urgent. Some accidents have taken place and unfortunately one fatal accident took place last Saturday night. The Council approved a pedestrian crossing some years ago and we want the approval implemented immediately."

**PLANNING PERMISSION - WATER SUPPLY**

2852

Councillor Callanan asked if changes had taken place whereby applicants must provide a water supply before permission is granted. Mr. L. Kavanagh stated that the Council would be concerned that the applicant would be in a position to provide a suitable water supply. This is important in view of the fact that some under-ground sources are polluted and it is important that the applicant would know the situation before building. Councillor Callanan asked if the problem could be got over by a planning condition. Councillor McHugh supported. Mr. Kavanagh said this could be considered.

**CONFERENCES**

2853

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Regan and approved that the Council ratify the attendance of the following as agreed at the Finance Committee Meeting, at the General Council of County Council's Annual Seminar to be held in the Great Southern Hotel, Galway on 27th January, 1995 - Councillors Finnerty, Cunningham, Mannion, O'Tuathail, Hussey and Senator McDonagh. Details of the estimated cost of attendance at this conference had been circulated to each Member of the Council.

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain complained about the system for nominating members for conferences.

**REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

2854

The Secretary stated that the Council had considered Chapter 8 at the last meeting and it had been agreed to consider chapters 10 and 11 at today's meeting, the document in question was dated 16th December, 1994. Mr. Callagy was on holidays and Ms. Mary Flynn would go through the two chapters.

The County Manager stated that the adoption of the County Development Plan was one of the most important functions of the Council. It was envisaged that the Draft would be adopted by the end of January but this time period may have to be extended to the 20th of February. He proposes to give a Progress Report at the next meeting together with a report on the members submissions. He continued stating that it was a very important exercise for the council to undertake. The Plan must be right and the Council must be able to stand by it.

Cllr. Byrne stated that he agrees with the County Manager that it is a very important exercise. He stated that a number of meetings had been held but that no progress had been made to accept, amend or reject the plan. He stated that he welcomed the Progress Report and that he hoped that definite progress would be made in the new year.

The Chairman stated that he disagreed with Cllr. Byrne and felt that progress had been made in the review of the plan.

Ms. Mary Flynn then began summarising Chapter 10, on Heritage Areas and Buildings, for the members. She went through the document which had been circulated to the members and dealt with various aspects of it.

Cllr. Loughnane referring to Category I List stated that there was no mention of the Dominican Priory in Athenry. He stated that he was surprised that it was not listed.

Ms. Flynn informed him that the building would be included in the OPW's list. Cllr. Loughnane made a proposal that the Council examine the question of the ownership of the priory and that it consider transferring this ownership to the OPW. He added that in this way it may have a chance of being restored. Cllr. Loughnane stated that most of the listed buildings are in the present plan. He wished to know if they could be amended or added to. He believes that all natural heritage should be protected. However, he would raise questions about the natural heritage areas as set out by the OPW which is on-going at the moment. He stated that it was important to give the public more information on the natural heritage areas as rumour was going around that these areas would be restricted from all

development. He added that this chapter should be retained and even added to but he would be hesitant to give approval to the natural heritage areas. He stated that people were unclear as to what can or cannot be developed in areas which are designated natural heritage areas.

Deputy Paul Connaughton requested to know what was the difference between this chapter and the last chapter in the County Plan. He stated that the natural heritage areas are a major development and he wished to know if such designations are set in place which affect the development of land, who will compensate the owner concerned. He requested to know where does the council stand on the legal side of this development.

Ms. Flynn then replied to the members queries. She informed Cllr. Loughnane that the Dominican Priory at Athenry was listed in Table 3 of the Athenry Town Plan.

On Cllr. O'Neachtain's question can items be amended, she stated that all items in this draft plan were in the old plan. She added that if other items come to the attention of the Planning Office or there are new archaeological finds, then it is up to the members to make the necessary amendments to the Plan. Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that there was an ancient site in Spiddal which is not listed. Ms. Flynn stated that the reason they were not listed is because the council were not aware of them. The members of the public should be encouraged to inform the council of areas of importance which can be considered for listing, she added. Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that he wished to make this formal request to have this site listed as it is of major archaeological interest. Ms. Flynn then referred to the brochures issued by the Office of Public Works regarding natural heritage areas. She stated that the OPW would request consent of owners to enter on land for surveys. Owners of land can appeal a decision designating an area of natural heritage. Deputy Connaughton stated that there would be strong demand to confirm legally what was in the brochure.

Mr. Kavanagh, S.E.E. stated that he agreed with Ms. Flynn that there should not be many difficulties with the areas from a point of natural heritage. He then referred to the Clifden Airport Planning Application which precipitated the natural heritage areas. Deputy Connaughton referred to a decision to refuse planning permission for a slatted house and silage pit in another part of the county because of its sensitive location. He said that the man was being put out of his farming business even though the building was proposed to ensure that there was no pollution.

Cllr. O'Neachtain referred to the old areas which

were designated areas of Scientific Interest. He wished to know if the whole townland was covered in the natural heritage areas. He was informed that not all of the townland was covered in this case. The County Manager informed the meeting that the maps of the natural heritage areas would be circulated to each member.

Ms. Flynn went through Chapter 11 headed Urban Areas.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that it was important that certain parts of the town plans be revised. He referred to the Spiddal Plan and the industrial zoning there. He stated that it was inappropriate to where it was located and he requested that the zoning be revised in the villages. He then went on to speak on the minimum road frontage requirement of the present county development plan. He suggested that the wording used relating to road frontage in urban areas be incorporated into the definition on rural areas. He wished this sentence to be included in relation to rural areas. If this was the case, it would circumvent problems and allow flexibility and a reasonable way out. He stated that if a site is curtailed and does not have the 100ft. road frontage, then there should be some flexibility in this case.

Deputy Connaughton spoke on the aim of the County Council to own large sites outside towns and villages in order to get over the ribbonisation problem. He requested to know how this would be implemented. He stated that the policy appeals to him but he finds it difficult to see it in operation. He then spoke on the topic of signs which are prohibited along roads. He said that the only reason a person would put up a sign is that it will be seen by people and not because it looks good from a planning point of view. He asked if we were getting to the stage of the communal signpost and stated that we would have to take a strong look at this situation. He added that he agrees that shop fronts and design must be in harmony with the area. Regarding the use of red brick and dormer style houses, he stated that the public cannot accept that these houses be restricted to certain areas.

Cllr. McHugh referring to page 15 which related to agriculturally zoned land, he asked was this a new insertion in the plan where housing development would only be permitted on sites of 1 acre with 120 feet road frontage. He was informed that this provision is in the present plan and relates to areas which are zoned agriculture.

Cllr. Byrne referred to Table 11B and the question of definitions of guesthouses and hotels. He stated that it does not make sense to curtail the building of hotels in such centres and requested an explanation. On signs, he referred to a letter received by the Kinvara Credit Union which requested

the removal of an unauthorised sign. He stated that signs must be allowed outside the speed limits and that the Council have to be seen to be helpful to the communities. He requested changes to be made in this page. Ms. Flynn stated that she expected the Town Plans would be reviewed. She then added that the quality of signs conveys the quality of service and that you can interpret a certain amount about a premises from the quality of its sign. She accepts that signs are necessary but that they must be located properly and are of suitable design. There are certain signs exempted under the regulations to which Cllr. Callanan requested the circulation of the details. As regards minimum site frontage, there must be some definition in the plan relating to this.

The County Manager referred to directional signs. With regard to the Credit Union sign mentioned by Cllr. Byrne, he stated that allowing one sign leads to requests for signage by other people in the area. This then leads to great difficulties when you are promoting a tidy town. In this chapter, the Council are referring to advance Direction Signs of the tourist nature. With attractive shop fronts this encourages people to stop in a particular town, he added. Kinvara was a very attractive town and it was the Council's intention to try and maintain its attractiveness and in this respect to remove unauthorised signs.

Deputy Connaughton stated that the signs were there to help business and that it was unfair if a new business was not allowed to put up a sign. If they were not allowed to put up such a sign, then they are automatically at a disadvantage.

The County Manager stated that there were other ways of advertising ones business. A danger was being created to road users as a result of the proliferation of signs. A balance must be sought as existing established businesses will be effected. The Manager stated on housing in general that the Council must look at more imaginative ways, e.g. the Plan for Social Housing. The County Council will purchase lands in towns and villages and will sell sites to individuals who want to build houses there. The Manager added that he would come back with a position paper on signage.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that it should be the policy of Galway County Council that development reflects the culture and ethos of the area. He stated that the importance of the Irish language should be reflected and that this be incorporated into the village development plan.

Cllr. Callanan raised the question on ribbon development, to which the Manager replied that the Progress Report would deal with this matter. Cllr. Joe Burke requested to know if the designations, i.e.

agricultural, commercial, etc., were national to which Ms. Flynn stated that they were following guide-lines given by An Foras Forbartha and reflect the national view.

Ms. Flynn then referred to the restrictions on signs. She stated that sign-writing was now a big business and was replacing neon signs. She stated that we were dealing here with signs in urban areas and particularly on buildings. She stated that people have to be educated as regards design of buildings. On Cllr. Byrne's query re Table 11B she stated that there was no change in the tables. Referring to signs in general she stated that signs have ruined locations visually in other countries. As regards Gaeltacht signs a policy objective can be incorporated into the plan. Cllr. Burke referring to the concept of advise, he said that this should be incorporated into the Plan.

The Manager stated that he agrees generally with the thrust of Cllr. Burke's comments. He stated that advice centres were introduced in Clifden, Carraroe and Ballinasloe and he encouraged people to go to these centres to get advice on proposed applications prior to there submission. Therefore problems can be solved before the application is lodged resulting in a speedier decision issuing for the applicant.

Deputy O'Cuiv referring to design stated that there should be some type of conformity on design. He stated that more could be done for traditional designs which he felt was an educational process.

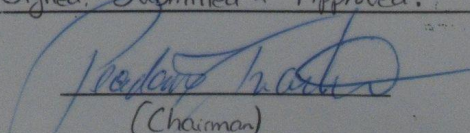
#### RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mrs. Helen Curley & Family, Bride Street, Loughrea.

#### CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Signed, Submitted + Approved:

  
(Chairman)

11/2/95  
Date:



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6 Eanair, 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, 13th January, 1995**, commencing at **3.00 p.m.**

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH  
RUNAI

**AGENDA**

1. Review of County Development Plan.