

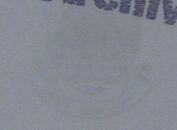
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22nd November, 1995.

To the Chairman and Each Member of the Council

RE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
REGULATIONS) 1994.

Article 134 Report on Proposed Development

SCHEDULE OF DEVELOPMENT.

The provision of single rural houses with appropriate treatment facilities (in compliance with the requirements of SR6 1991) at the following locations:

Cloughanover, Headford,
Kilkerrin, Carna.

The provision of scheme houses with services at the following location:
Layouts and site maps are attached.

St. Brendans Court, Loughrea - 6 houses (4 x 2 bedroomed single storey houses and 2 x 3 bedroomed two-storey houses).
The houses will be connected to existing services.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS.

The proposed developments are in accordance with the proper planning and development of the areas and in accordance with the County Development Plan.

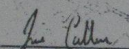
OBSERVATIONS/SUBMISSIONS.

The Council received no submissions or observations with regard to the proposed developments listed above.

The Council, having complied with Articles 131/132/133 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 1994, intends to proceed with the developments in accordance with the plans and particulars which were available for inspection.

The proposals are part of the 1995 Housing Construction Programme.

Mise le meas,


J. CULLEN,
A/COUNTY SECRETARY.



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Cottage Site at Cloughanover, Headford
SITE No. 6698
AREA: 0.48 ACRES COLOURED RED
OWNER: John Mc Donagh, Cloughanover, Headford
APPLICANT: Martin Mc Donagh, Cloughanover, Headford
Extract O.S. Sheet (Galway) 56 & 56/1 Scale: 1/10560
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GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: COTTAGE SITE AT KILKERRIN CARNA

SITE NO: 6480A

AREA: 0.068 Acres.

OWNER: Mrs. MARY SULLIVAN

APPLICANT: GERRY SULLIVAN, KILKERRIN, CARNA.

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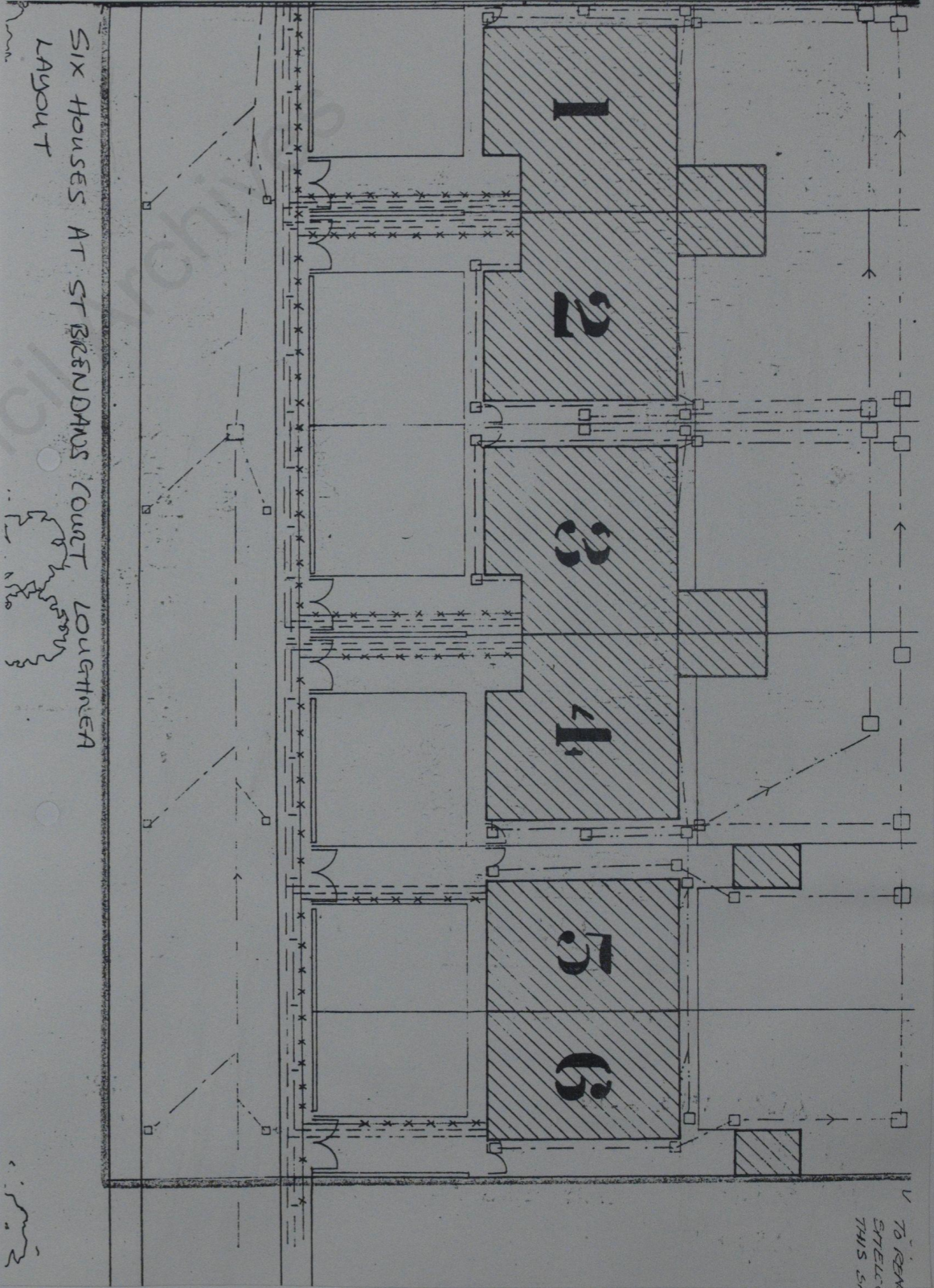
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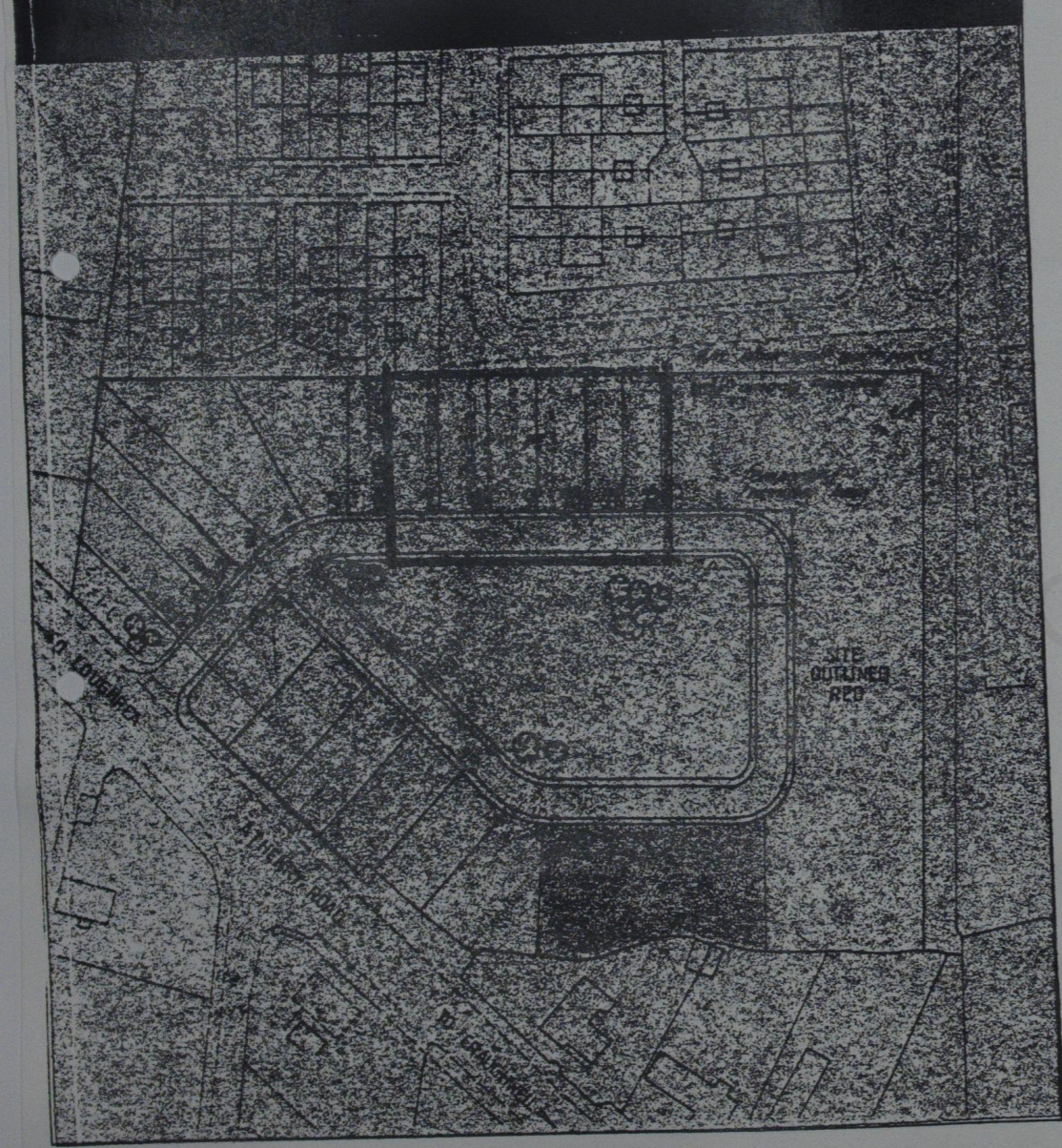
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SIX HOUSES AT ST BIKENDANS COURT LOUGHTNEA LAYOUT

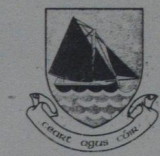
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SIX HOUSES AT ST. BRENDANS COURT, LOUGHREA.
 SITE LOCATION & BOUNDARIES 1:1000 EX O.S. SHEET 3576-2



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21 November 1995

REPORT

To the Chairman and each Member of the Council.

**Re: Local Government (Planning And Development Regulations) 1994.
 Extension to Seanbhaile Burial Ground.**

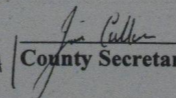
Planning Considerations.

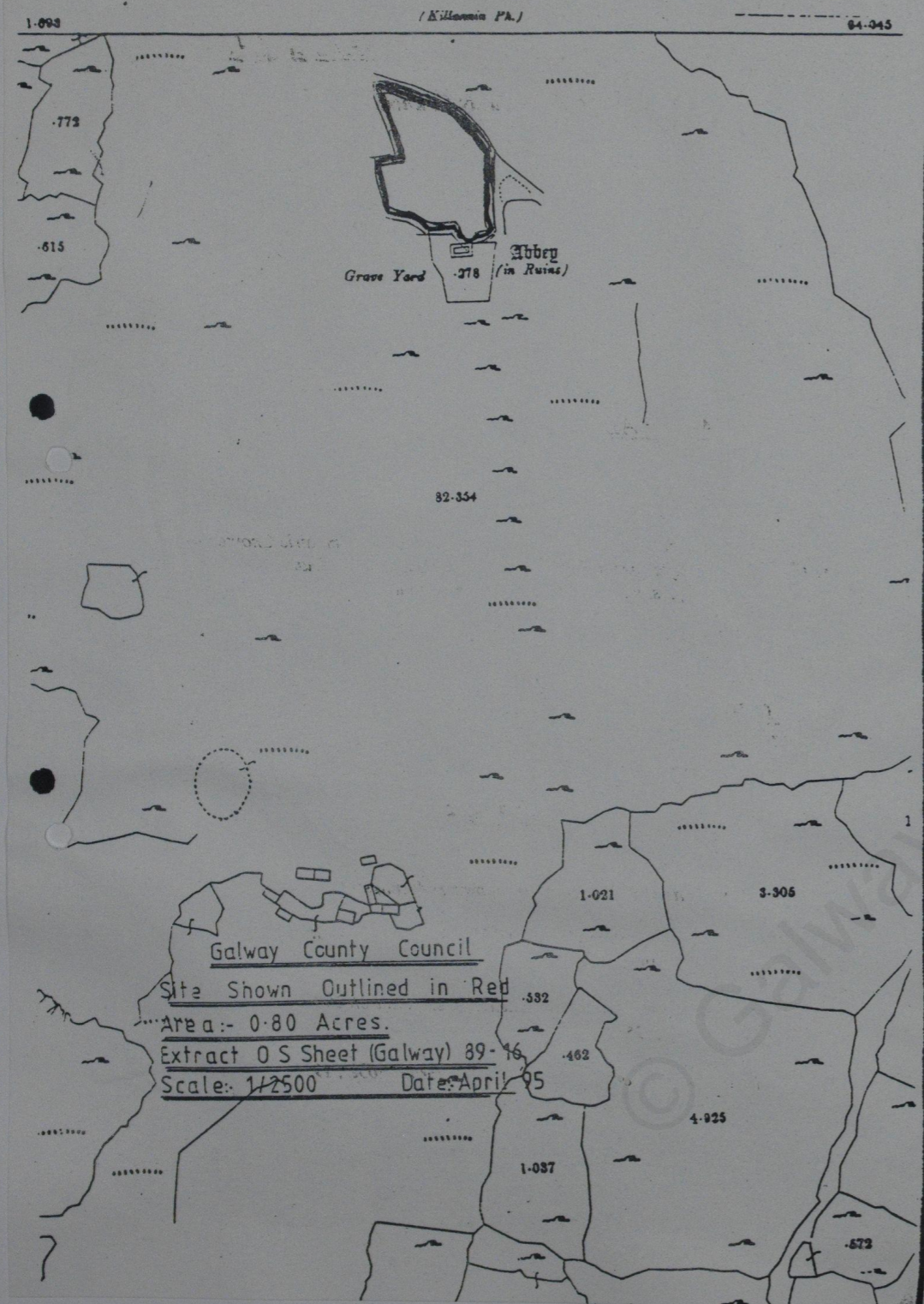
The proposed extension is in accordance with the proper planning and development of the area.

Observations/Submissions.

The Council received no submissions or observations with regard to the proposed extension listed above.

The Council having complied with the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 1994, intends to proceed with the extension in accordance with the plans and particulars which were available for inspection.

A 
 County Secretary.



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

21 Samhain, 1995

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith I lathair ag cruinniú Míosiúl de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionólfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, de Luain, an 27u la Samhain, 1995, ag tosnu ar a 3.30 a chlog sa tráthnóna.

Mise, le meas,

B. O DUILL,
Runai Sealadach.

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1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:-
 - (a) Minutes of Special Meeting held In Committee on 13th October, 1995.
 - (b) Minutes of Special Meeting held In Committee on 20th October, 1995.
 - (c) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 23rd October, 1995.
2. To note Minutes of the following Meetings:-

- (a) Minutes of National Monuments Advisory Committee held on 10th October, 1995.
 - (b) Minutes of Connemara Electoral Area Committee held on 16th October, 1995.
 - (c) Minutes of Protocol Committee held on 20th October, 1995.
 - (d) Minutes of Tuam Electoral Area Committee held on 20th October, 1995.
 - (e) Minutes of Galway Electoral Area Committee held on 20th October, 1995.
 - (f) Minutes of Accommodation Committee held on 23rd October, 1995.
 - (g) Minutes of Ballinasloe Electoral Area Committee held on 24th October, 1995.
 - (h) Minutes of Loughrea Electoral Area Committee held on 26th October, 1995.
3. To fix date to consider discussion document - Profile of Galway County Council Traveller Population & Projected Accommodation Requirements - 1995 - 2000.
 4. To consider submission to the Devoloution Commission for Local Government Reform (already circulated).
 5. To note information supplied to House Loanees with fixed interest rate loans from the Council.
 6. To consider 1996 Public Lighting Programme (already circulated).
 7. To note Auditor's Reports - Loughrea Town Commissioners and Tuam Town Commissioners for the financial year ended 31/12/94.
 8. Sale of house at Brackernagh, Ballinasloe to Joseph Hayes. Section 83 Notice dated 7th November 1995 (already circulated).
 9. To consider Remission of County Rates in accordance with the Industrial Development Act, 1986 - Chill Chiarain Eisc Teoranta.
 10. To consider report on Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 1994 in connection with the construction of houses under the 1995/1996 Housing Construction Programme (report to follow).
 11. To consider report on Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 1994 in connection with the extension to Seanbhaile

Burial Ground in Lettermore.

12. Casual Trading Act, 1995 - To consider appointment of Committee.
13. Business submitted by the County Manager.
14. Business submitted by the Chairman.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Adjourned From Previous Meeting :

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN
- I will propose :

15

That a "Dangerous Bend" or "Concealed Exit" sign be placed near Drimnaheen Road entrance on the Oughterard-Rosscahill side. (N. 59 National Secondary Route).

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

16

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe bothar Aine Bn. Uí Dhonncha Bothar Aird Thoir Carna a dheisiu.

CLR. TIARNAN WALSH
- I will propose :

17

That Galway County Council fence the roadside for safety reasons where they have risen the road to try to overcome flooding.

CLR. TIARNAN WALSH
- I will propose :

18

That Galway County Council prepare an estimate of cost to remove fence and improve right distance opposite Frank Maddens, Lerhin, Clonberne. There is an extremely poor view as you approach this bend from the Glenamaddy area. Also that a soaker be made when the old fence is removed, as this section outside of Maddens Shop floods.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
- I will propose :

19

That Galway County Council carry out repairs in the townland of Knockroe at the road leading from Spatters Cross to Loughrea Road. I understand that it is cars only, concern has been expressed to me as to what is the position of tractors on the road.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :

20

That Galway County Council carry out works on County Road and lay water pipe to stop water flowing into the farmhouses on the yard of Mr. Seamus Brennan, Castleboy, Kilchreest, Loughrea. These works are urgently required to stop and prevent flooding.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :

21

That Galway County Council include Kilcolgan Village, and Kilchreest Village for a Social Employment FAS Scheme for 1996 to improve and repair walls on the roads leading to these villages.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :

22

That Galway County Council carry out works on County Road (details below).

CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN
- I will propose :

23

That the Council carry out immediate repairs at Galway Road, Tuam especially at its junction with Cedar Court and inform me as to when full surfacing works will be carried out on Galway Road and Ballygaddy road.

CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN
- I will propose :

24

That the Council widen the road at the bends at Ballaghdeag about mid way between Williamstown and Ballymoe.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN
- I will propose :

25

That drainage/flooding problems near Finnerty's on the Oldtown Road in Moycullen are investigated as quickly as possible.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN
- I will propose :

26

That badly needed repair works be carried out on the Corcullen, Oranswell and Gortacleva Roads near Bushy Park.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN
- I will propose :

27

That drainage difficulties on the Gorthacarnaun Road in Rosscahill are investigated in the interests of road maintenance. Also that the road section leading towards Mr. Thomas Gibbons' houses in Parishtown be repaired as a matter of urgency.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE
- I will propose :

28

That steps be taken to make Ganty Cross, Craughwell a safer junction; such steps to include road lining, sign-posting and removal of hedgerows etc.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE
- I will propose :

29

That County Manager give details of established need for new sewerage works at Loughrea and when he anticipates construction work will start on same.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE
- I will propose :

30

That drainage work be carried out at a specified location (details attached).

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH
- I will propose :

31

That Galway County Council carry out improvement works on road (details attached)

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH
- I will propose :

32

That Galway County Council implement plan to divert water from flooding private road and front of house at Gortacleva, Claregalway.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. PADDY MC HUGH
- I will propose :

33

That Galway County Council carry out emergency works to road (details enclosed).

CLR. PADDY MC HUGH
- I will propose :

34

That Galway County Council provide a continuous white line on road (details enclosed)

CLR. PADDY MC HUGH
- I will propose :

35

That Galway County Council carry out road improvement works on the Currilaun to Ballinapark Road, Caherlistrane. That the Council investigate the weight of timber being transported from the wood in this area over this road. That whatever measures are necessary be taken to ensure that the transportation of this timber over the road does not damage the carriageway.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

36

An bhfuil Reilg nau Leitir Moir faoi churam duine aituil? Murar bhfuil iarraim ar Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe duine a chuir i bhfeighil an reilg go luath.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

37

Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe dha solas poibli idir an Aras Pobail agus Scoil Nisiunta Ros-a-mhil/

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

38

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe bothar Tismeain, An Ceathru Rua a dheisiu.

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV
- I will propose :

39

Go gcuirfear caoi ar theachin Phadhraic Kelly, sa Tra Bhain, Leitir Moir, Co. na Gaillimhe, a bhfuil an-droch chaoi air agus go bhfuil go leor iarrataisi deanta le caoi a fhail air.

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV

- I will propose :

40

Go gcuirfear caoi ar an mbothar chomh fada le teach Siobhan uí Fhiannachta, An Tuairin, Beal an Daingin, Co. na Gaillimhe.

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV

- I will propose :

41

That an ESB power point be provided on the quay in Roundstone, as a facility for local fishermen.

CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN

- I will propose :

42

That Galway County Council would take immediate steps to alleviate the traffic problem in the village of Claregalway. What proposals have been sent to the N.R.A. and what efforts have been made to date to have such proposals implemented.

CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN

- I will propose :

43

That Galway County Council would indicate what success has been achieved to-date with this scheme (details supplied) and what further proposals are there for the future.

CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN

- I will propose :

44

That Galway County Council take immediate action to alleviate local concern on the problems encountered at this location (details supplied)

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN

- I will propose :

45

That immediate works be carried out to alleviate the flooding that occurs at location mentioned below.

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN

- I will propose :

46

That a continuous white line be put in place on the road - Ahascragh to Caltra - from Anthony McGuire's House at Kilglass to the junction at Kilglass school and also on the other side of the junction for a minimum of 200 m

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN

- I will propose :

47

That immediate steps be taken to mend the roadside pump at above mentioned below.

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN

CLR. EVELYN VARLEY

- I will propose :

48

That Galway County Council recommence repairs to Headford Courthouse. These works are very urgent.

CLR. EVELYN VARLEY

- I will propose :

49

That public lighting be provided at: (a) Concannon's Bridge Street, (b) Galway Road (c) at entrance to Desmesne Road, near forge.

CLR. EVELYN VARLEY

- I will propose :

50

That Galway County Council provide flashing lights at Claregalway to slow down traffic.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN COMMITTEE AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1995.

CATHAOIRLEACH: An Comhairleoir J. Mannion

BAILL: Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputies P. Connaughton & E. O'Cuiv, Cllrs. M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Fimmerty, S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Cllrs. P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. Q'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, E. Varley & T. Walsh.

OIFIGIUGH: Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, P. Flood, Co. Engineer, T. Kavanagh, A/Asst. Co. Manager, B. Callagy & L. Kavanagh, R. Killeen, S.E.E.'s, M. Timmins, A/S.E.E., C. Wallace & T. Connell, S.S.O., E. Hourigan, A.S.O. & B. Doyle, A/Co. Secretary.

NATIONAL ROADS AUTHORITY: Messrs. M. Tobin & M. Cahill

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MEETING WITH THE N.R.A.

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The Chairman welcomed Mr. Tobin, Chief Executive and Mr. Michael Cahill, Senior Inspector for the N.R.A. to the meeting and asked Mr. Tobin to outline briefly the role of the N.R.A. Mr. Tobin informed that this was the first formal meeting between the N.R.A. and elected members. This was going to be an ongoing process. The N.R.A. is just 2 years in existence and its brief is to provide a safe and efficient network of national roads between now and the year 2015. They have taken over the functions previously held by the Department of the Environment. Most of its funding comes from the E.U. The Operational Programme for Transport provides £1.2 billion for

National Primary improvements. However 70% of this must be spent on the Trans-European networks which leaves approximately £20 million per year for other improvement works which must be shared between all the local authorities. There is a provision of £115 million for National Secondary routes and, in Galway, the N59 Galway to Clifden is included in the Programme.

The N.R.A. has no local knowledge and consequently Local Authorities will continue to play an important role in the acquisition, design and construction of National Roads and it is vital that this partnership continues. The N.R.A. will continue to insist on the control of development along National Roads. In effect, the N.R.A. are only continuing the long term policy of the Department of the Environment in this matter in order to protect its financial investments and also ensure a safe and efficient network.

Mr. Tobin also referred to the Five Year Roads Plan prepared by the County Council and complemented the members on this initiative. He said the plan identified major problems and was very helpful for prioritising needs.

Cllr. J. Burke welcomed the N.R.A. officials to the meeting which was long overdue. He stated that the priorities of the N.R.A. were not right. He felt that perfectly good roads were being upgraded on the Eastern side of the Country at the expense of extremely deficient roads in County Galway, such as:

1. Kilclooney
2. Lydican
3. Cappataggle

Deputy Paul Connaughton also welcomed the officials and informed that the N.R.A. was the subject of much debate in the Council Chamber. He wanted to know why decisions taken at local level were not being implemented by the Authority. The section of road at Kilclooney was extremely dangerous and deficient and works needed to be carried out as a matter of urgency before a serious loss of life occurs. Land was already purchased and the project should now proceed immediately.

Cllr. Tom Hussey referred to the Council's Five Year Roads Plan and felt it was of very little use when sufficient funds were not being provided. He also referred to the N17 Kilclooney which was in urgent need of improvement. The N63 requires urgent funding. This is the main link between Galway and Roscommon and is included in the Council's Five Year Roads Plan and is very deficient in realignment etc. There are large volumes of traffic using this road as it is the main link to the North and it is particularly bad due to the fact that motorists were driving from an extremely good section into a poor section.

Deputy Padraic McCormack stated that the N.R.A. had not the local knowledge that was available to the County Council and referred to the need for better consultation between the N.R.A. and the County Council. No major roadworks are being carried out in the West, that in fact all the money is being spent in Dublin. Kilclooney, Lydican and Cappataggle are a priority for the County Council.

Cllr. Patrick Finnegan was very disappointed at the low level of funding being made available by the N.R.A. He stated that the case for Kilclooney was well documented, that land was purchased and that all that needed to be done now was to provide the money to carry out the work. Funding is also required for the N63 which serves the villages of Abbeyknockmoy/Moylough/Newbridge/Ballygar. An Action Group was recently formed by local communities and funding should be provided for the worst sections over the coming years.

Cllr. Willie Burke was disappointed at the N.R.A. meeting local groups without the local members being involved, particularly in the case of Loughrea and Cappataggle. He also sought clarification as to whether the roundabouts are to be provided on the Loughrea By-Pass. There is an urgent need for the carrying out of strengthening works at Bridge Road, Portumna as this road is, in fact, subsiding.

Cllr. Jimmy McClearn informed that the members had no choice but to accept the contents of letter sent by the N.R.A. recommending that the Loughrea By-Pass be proceeded with without roundabouts. He stated that the Council had taken a lot of criticism for not including the roundabouts and wanted to know if they are now going to be provided. Funding is urgently required for the National Secondary Routes, particularly N65 Hearnbrook and Bridge Road, Portumna.

Cllr. Pat O'Sullivan referred to letter dated 12th June, 1994 from the N.R.A. regarding roundabouts on the Loughrea By-Pass and wanted to know whether or not these roundabouts are being provided. He was disappointed that the N.R.A. met local deputation from Loughrea and Cappataggle without including the local elected members.

Cllr. J. Callanan wanted to know the position regarding roundabouts at Loughrea By-Pass. He stated that the signs recently erected at Cappataggle were excellent but that hard-shoulders were needed straight away. No fatal accidents have occurred on the Loughrea side since hard-shoulders were provided some years ago. At least if hard-shoulders were provided, a motorist could pull in. The entire length of the N6 from Loughrea to Ballinasloe was in need of resurfacing.

Cllr. Paddy McHugh stated that he was one of the Councillors that requested the meeting to be held in public, as he felt that local committees needed to be aware of the exact role of the N.R.A. There is a need to set out budgets for a number of years so that the Council can plan its work programme more efficiently.

He welcomed the recent allocation of £110,000 for the N84 and informed that good work was done with this money. However, substantial more funding is required. He referred to the N84 National Secondary Road which links Galway to the Mayo Boundary. It is in need of strengthening and realignment works. He mentioned an elderly couple who live on this road who have great difficulty in gaining access to same due to the lack of sight distance.

He also referred to the section of road at Lydican and at Kilclooney and informed that land was already purchased for both locations and all that was needed now was funds to carry out the works.

Cllr. Michael Finnerty referred to the need to provide traffic lights at the Ballinasloe Relief Road. He asked the N.R.A. when meeting local deputations to invite local elected members in future.

Cllr. Michael Cunningham stated that the Loughrea By-Pass was going on for about 27 years. A number of meetings were held over the last 2 years, both at Council and area level. The Council wished to stand by the decision made at Council level i.e. provision of grade separated junctions. He was disappointed that the N.R.A. met local communities without including the Council members and officials. The following projects required funding in 1996:

- Pedestrian Crossing Gort
- Traffic Route Lighting Ennis Road, Gort
- Flashing Lights on dangerous bend - Galway Road, Gort
- Improvements to Georges Street Entrance to New College
- Improvement works at Peterswell on the Gort-Loughrea road

Cllr. Tiarnan Walsh agreed with comments made by previous speakers and informed that the case for Kilclooney needs no further justification and that works should proceed immediately.

Cllr. Michael Regan was disappointed with the role played by the N.R.A. in the Loughrea By-Pass saga. He said that 6 months has gone and no decision has been made to date. He was disappointed at the exclusion of Council members and officials. The provision of recent signs at Cappataggle was welcomed but hard-shoulders are now required. This section of National Primary road is now the worst section between Galway and Dublin. Funding is also required urgently for the N65 Hearnbrook and N65 Bridge Road, Portumna.

Cllr. Michael Fahy was disappointed with the Loughrea By-Pass situation and asked that a decision be made on the project without any further delay as this was holding up infrastructure, tourism, industry etc. He also welcomed the signs recently erected at Cappataggle and said that funds are now required for the provision of hard-shoulders. Cllr. Fahy asked that funding be made available in 1996 for the provision of Traffic Route Lighting at the N18 Ardrahan and that hard shoulders be provided on the Clare Side of the N18 Gort.

Deputy Eamon O'Cuiv stated that everybody recognised that a proper National Primary Road network is required but that this cannot be achieved at the expense of the National Secondary routes. He stated that National Secondary roads carry 28% of road traffic but will only receive 9% of funding over the next five years. He stated that equal funding was required for both National Primaries and National Secondaries over the next five years. The delay in the making of a decision on the Loughrea By-Pass is disappointing.

Deputy Eamon O'Cuiv informed that excellent work was carried out by the County Council in the current year at the N59 - Leenane but more funding was required in 1996 to complete the project. He also requested that funding be provided for the N84

Headford Road as this is a very busy tourism and industrial route. It was ironic that some of the regional roads in the County were now of a higher standard than the National Secondary routes and that additional funding should, therefore, be provided for these roads as a matter of urgency.

Cllr. Kathleen Quinn requested that works be carried out at Kilclooney as a matter of urgency and she agreed with the comments made by previous speakers in this regard. Funding is required for the N63 as a matter of urgency as this road is in urgent need of realignment works. A survey was recently carried out by the local community indicating that traffic volumes are higher on this route than the National Primary Routes.

Cllr. Toddie Byrne referred to the need for an increased allocation for National Secondary roads, particularly in view of the increased volume of traffic on such roads in recent years. In particular, he referred to the N67 Kilcolgan-Kinvara which goes through to the Clare Boundary and also the Gort to Crusheen proposal was a high priority.

Cllr. Evelyn Varley requested that funding be provided for the N84 Headford Road as a matter of priority. This road is heavily trafficked, with volumes up to National Primary level. There has been numerous accidents on this road. It is also a very important tourist and industrial route. The improvements carried out earlier this year were most welcome but more substantial funding is required.

Cllr. Sean O'Neachtain disagreed with the concept of the N.R.A. and felt that regions should have direct access to funding. He referred in particular to the R336 which is in urgent need of upgrading as this road serves industry, tourism, agriculture and has higher traffic volumes than National Roads. Funding is urgently required for the N59 between Moycullen and Galway and also the N84 and the N17 Claregalway.

Cllr. Seamus Gavin agreed with all the comments made by the previous speakers. However, he again referred to the N59 Moycullen to Galway route and said that this was the main road into Connemara with large volumes of traffic. Moycullen was the fastest growing suburb in Galway and funding is urgently required in order to eliminate the existing bottleneck. National Secondary roads were now of a poorer standard than some regional roads within the County and this matter needs to be addressed as a matter of priority.

Cllr. Peadar O'Tuathail also agreed with the need for funding at Leenane and Moycullen. He informed that four buses could not pass each other when travelling in opposite directions at Leenane. He also asked if roadworks could be stopped on the Friday afternoon of bank holiday weekends as this was causing delays.

Mr. Tobin advised that the Government decides on the overall level of funding available to the N.R.A. and unfortunately that the level of funding available for National Primaries and National Secondaries are not sufficient to meet needs.

Consultants have been recently appointed to report on the needs of National Primary and National Secondary routes and will take approximately 12 months to report. He stated that £16 million was provided for National Primary improvement works in 1995 but that 4 projects alone took £8 million of this total. Indeed, the N.R.A. are now operating as a fire brigade set up and tries to respond in emergency situations, such as the case with the N84 grant of £110,000 recently allocated. However, when this happens somebody else loses out.

He informed that a draft road allocation is being prepared and will go to the Board of Directors shortly. Kilclooney is first priority for 1996 and Lydican is second. He informed that signs were recently erected at Aughrim-Cappataggle.

However, he understood that a survey was recently carried out by the Ordnance Survey Office and is now with the County Engineer for consideration.

In the case of the Loughrea By-Pass, Mr. Tobin confirmed that the provision of roundabouts would not be approved by the N.R.A. He stated that the N.R.A. would be recommending a single lane carriageway with grade separated junctions as the volume of traffic in existence would not justify the provision of a dual carriageway. A decision in this regard will issue to the Council within a matter of days. He confirmed that Councillors would be invited to meetings between the N.R.A. and local communities in future. Grants to the value of £700,000 per annum should be expected by Galway County Council for National Primary improvements and £1 million per annum for National Secondary roads over the next 5 years. He expected work to commence on the Loughrea By-Pass in 1997. The projects to be funded in 1996 are likely to include:

N17 Kilclooney
N59 - Leenane and East of Moycullen
N84 - Headford Road
Traffic Lights on the Ballinasloe Inner Relief Road
Traffic Calming Measures at Claregalway and Kilreekil

Gort to Crusheen is expected to be included in the next phase of the Operational Programme for Transport and a decision on this is likely to be made early in 1996.

Speed Limits:

Deputy Paul Connaughton stated that there was a huge difference between the proposals submitted by the County Council and what was actually approved by the N.R.A. The Council's proposals were carefully examined and involved the local area engineers, the local Superintendent of the Gardai and the elected members. He stated that Mountbellew was an expanding village and had won the Tidy Towns Competition in Galway for the last few years. The road on the Galway side is serviced by a footpath. Some planning permission was granted some years ago and more were now coming in. The Council recommended that the speed limit be extended by 900m whereas the N.R.A. only recommended 350m. He stated that this recommendation makes no sense as the N.R.A.'s proposal would terminate halfway around a bend on the road.

Cllr. Michael O'Neill also agreed with Deputy Paul Connaughton's comments and referred to the location at Recess which has been the scene of a number of accidents in recent years.

Cllr. Michael Cunningham and Cllr. Toddie Byrne agreed with the other speakers and also asked that the location at the Galway side of Kinvara be re-examined.

Cllr. J. McClearn referred to the location at Gurymadden and Cllr. Quinn to location at Ballygar.

Mr. Tobin in response stated that the N.R.A. did not favour extending a speed limit on National Roads. However, if the Council wishes to resubmit specific proposals which could be clearly justified, they would be carefully examined.

Oranmore Junction:

Councillors Cunningham, McClearn, Fahy, Regan and Byrne informed that closure of this junction was not acceptable. Deputy Eamon O'Cuiv stated that traffic should be allowed to come in but outgoing traffic should not be allowed.

Mr. Tobin informed that the N.R.A. favoured closure of the junction. The County Engineer also informed that this was his preferred option from a safety point of view.

NATURAL HERITAGE AREAS

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Mr. Tim O'Connell of the Office of Public Works made a presentation on the proposed natural heritage areas. In a slide showing, he referred to the history attached to the preservation of natural/heritage areas. He spoke on the various plants and animals which live in the areas of heritage within the County and the Country and stressed the threat that exists to their natural habitats. Referring to the areas of scientific interest and the new proposed natural heritage areas, he stated that the landowner would not be prevented from developing but he will not be entitled to grants if the proposed development is unacceptable to the Office of Public Works. With regard to the European Community, Ireland has been brought to court for not designating/implementing special protection areas within the Country and grants have been withheld from Europe. It is possible to complain directly to Europe where protected sites have been damaged. He then spoke on the REPS scheme now being implemented. On taking up this scheme you are entitled to a grant and it is proposed that where any part of your land is in a natural heritage area, an additional sum of money will be paid to you by means of an extra grant. He added that special areas of conservation will impose severe restrictions.

Deputy Connaughton enquired as to what was the situation regarding compensation entitlements to the people affected by the designation of natural heritage areas.

Mr. O'Connell replied stating that nothing had been decided as of the present date in relation to compensation.

Cllr. Callanan referred to the situation when certain grants are made payable to individuals they must sign a form stating that they will not object to the proposed natural heritage areas. He requested to know what was the reason for this.

Mr. O'Connell replied that every farmholder would be in a position to appeal the designation of the various areas.

Cllr. McHugh requested to know how the natural heritage areas would affect the development of farm buildings and other such structures.

In reply, Mr. O'Connell stated that when an individual is looking for a grant, the OPW will assess the proposed development from a point of view of the effect on the environment. Every landowner will be individually notified as to the proposed designation of the heritage areas.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that the signing away of appeal rights was questionable in its legality. He wanted to know when was the legislation coming into place for the natural heritage areas and added that a scheme without compensation will not work and there will be severe resistance to it.

Mr. Connell stated in reply that the Department of Agriculture implemented the measures relating to the signing of the document regarding the natural heritage areas. He agrees that compensation will be necessary and advised the members that the legislation for the proposed natural heritage areas is expected in the new year.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed:

John M. Moanion
Chairman

22/11/96

Date

CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig An Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

10 Samhain, 1995

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Council **In Committee** which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on **Monday, 20th November, 1995, commencing at 2.00 p.m.**

Mise, le meas,

B. DOYLE,
A/County Secretary.

CLAR

1. Meeting with Officials of N.R.A.
2. Presentation by Mr. Tim O'Connell, National Parks & Wildlife Service, Office of Public Works RE: Natural Heritage Areas

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1995.

CATHAOIRLEACH: An Comhairleoir J. Mannion

BAILL: Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy E. O'Cuiv, Cllrs. M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M. Loughmane, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Cllrs. P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley & T. Walsh.

OIFIGIGH: Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, A/Asst. Co. Manager, P. Flood, Co. Engineer, J. Crotty, Deputy Co. Engineer, P. Ridge, R. Killeen, J. Dunne, S.E.E.'s, J. O'Shaughnessy, C.F.O., E. Lusby, Finance Officer, E. Power, J. Cullen, A.O.'s, T. Connell, T. Murphy, C. Wallace, S.S.O.'s, J. Forde, E. Maloney, S.O.'s & B. Doyle, A/Co. Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

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On the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Deputy McCormack, a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed with the Families of Deputy Brian Lenihan and Deputy Neil Blaney. Councillor J. Burke associated himself the Vote of Sympathy. On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Hussey, a Vote of Sympathy was unanimously passed with the Family Mr. Joe O'Boyle, who had been the Council's Caretaker for 22 years. As a mark of respect the Members adjourned the Meeting until 4.00 p.m.

A resolution of sympathy was passed with the following:-

Muintir De Bhailis, Cladhach, An Cheathru Rua, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Mr. Michael Kilcommins, Corspark, Glinsk, Castlerea, Co. Galway.

CONFERENCES

3391

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor McHugh, it was agreed that the following Members be nominated for attendance at the following conference, details of the estimated cost of attendance having been circulated to each Member at the meeting:-

Urban Seminar - Gresham Hotel, Dublin - 29/30 November, 1995

Cllr. P. Finnegan
Cllr. T. Walsh
Cllr. J. Mannion
Cllr. E. Varley

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1996

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The consideration of the Estimate of Expenses for 1996 recommenced with contributions from those Councillors who had not spoken at the preliminary Estimates Meeting on Friday, 3rd November, 1995.

Councillor Loughnane referred to the proposed rate of increase on water charges and commercial rates which he stated were out of line with the proposed 2.5% increase in the Rate Support Grant.

Councillor Callanan complimented the County Manager and staff for the amount of work carried out over the past twelve months and stated that the Institute of Fiscal Studies report which recommended the redistribution of the Rate Support Grant should be pursued. Certain services, too, such as Committee of Agriculture pensions and diseases of animals requirements should rest with the Department of Agriculture. With regard to housing rents, he requested that the £2 allowance for families with five or more children should be applied to families with three or more children. He requested, that funds be made available for hedge-cutting.

Councillor Brennan referred to the relatively small number of rate-payers who, he felt, had to bear quite a heavy financial burden. He would welcome moves to privatise housing maintenance and referred to the need for further low-cost housing sites in the East Galway area. He also mentioned restrictions which were being imposed by private refuse collectors who were refusing to collect grass-cuttings from households and asked that this matter be looked in to.

Councillor Hussey complimented the estimate presentation and stated that the Council was forced to rely on increases in the same charges each year. He proposed the rejection of the Estimates until sufficient funds were made available through the Rate Support Grant to run the various Council services.

Councillor Finnegan said it was difficult to consider the estimates without knowing what Rate Support or Roads Grants will be allocated. He referred to the level of income from Motor Taxation in Galway and stated that it was not reflected in the expenditure in County Galway. He supported Councillor Callanan with regard to the need for hedge-cutting.

Councillor Ni Fhatharta disagreed with increases in existing charges and the introduction of a sewerage charge. Also, she stated that the Gaeltacht area was not well served in terms of Tourism Promotion and she was not in favour of a contribution being provided to Ireland West while that remained the case. She also stated that she opposed the proposed increase in burial plot fees.

Councillor W. Burke suggested that a number of Councils who would be beneficiaries under the Institute of Fiscal Studies Report should get together to pursue the matter. He agreed that housing repairs should be privatised. With regard to the proposed sewerage charge he felt that it was difficult to implement but essential.

Councillor Fahy felt that housing rents were too high and that demountable dwellings should be replaced with standard housing. He stated that the Council could not keep increasing charges every year. He seconded Councillor Hussey's proposal that the estimate be rejected.

Councillor Walsh stated that the various increases in rates and charges fell to be paid by the same people every year and they were finding it difficult to do so. He stated that it was necessary to reinforce efforts to obtain additional funding for maintenance and operating costs arising from Capital Investment in sanitary services infrastructure.

Deputy E. O'Cuiv referred to the financial disadvantage of County Council's compared to Urban and Borough Councils and stated that the Estimates should not be adopted until a commitment was given to review local government financing. With regard to service charge demands he stated that no demands or warnings should issue in cases where an applicant for a waiver had not been given a decision on their application. On the matter of Local Improvement Schemes, he suggested that the Council consider a scheme to reduce the backlog of projects similar to the initiative taken for Disabled Persons Grants. With regard to housing rents he supported Councillor Callanan's request that a £2 allowance per child be applied for families with three or more children.

Councillor McClearn referred to the proposed 2.5% increase in the Rate Support Grant and stated that it took no account of increased costs arising from capital investments. He stated that there would be difficulty with acceptance of the sewerage charge where poor quality schemes exist. Also, Local Authorities should seek reimbursement of service charges waived.

Councillor O'Neill stated that it was an indictment of the local government system that the Council was dependent on State Grants for 66% of funding. He supported Deputy O'Cuiv's suggestion in relation to Local Improvement Schemes and

complimented the Council's positive approach to Economic Activity Grants and community involvement.

The County Manager then replied to the various questions and issues which were raised by the Members at both meetings.

Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, proposed "that the proposed commercial rate increase be reduced from 6% to 5% to give a commercial rate of £31.11 and that expenditure under the heading of office accommodation in Programme Group 8 be reduced by £36,450 accordingly."

The Chairman called for a vote on the proposal.

IN FAVOUR: Cllrs. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, Byrne, Finnerty, Gavin, Manion, McClearn, Deputy McCormack, Cllrs. Mullins, O'Neill, O'Tuathail, Ryan, Varley and Walsh. (15)

AGAINST: Cllr. Callanan, Deputy O'Cuiv, Cllrs. Fahy, Finnegan, Hussey, McHugh, Ni Fhatharta, O'Neachtain, O'Sullivan and Quinn. (10)

The Chairman declared the proposal carried.

ADOPTION OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 3393 1996

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Burke and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby adopt, the Estimate of Expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 1996, as amended and set out in Tables A, B1 and D of the said Estimate of Expenses as amended."

The Chairman then declared that the Estimate of Expenses for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 1996 as amended, had been adopted by the Council.

DETERMINATION OF THE RATES IN THE 3394 £ TO BE LEVIED FOR THE SEVERAL PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THE ESTIMATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31/12/1996

It was proposed by Councillor Mullins, seconded by Councillor W. Burke and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby determine in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending 31st December, 1996, as amended and as adopted, the rates set out in

Column 13 of Table B1 and Column 7 of Table D, as amended, to be the rates in the £ to be levied for the several purposes as set out in Column 1 of Table B1 and in Table D for the financial year ending 31st December, 1996."

The Chairman declared Councillor Mullin's proposal carried and declared that the rates in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified in the estimate for the financial year ending 31st December, 1996 had been determined by the Council. The Prescribed Certificate was then signed.

MAKING OF CHARGES FOR WATER 3395 SUPPLIED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD COMMENCING 1ST APRIL, 1996 UP TO AND INCLUDING 31ST MARCH, 1997

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Councillor Burke and resolved:-

"That in accordance with Section 65(a) of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, as inserted by Section 7 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1962, as amended by Section 8 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983 as applied by Article 4 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985 and having regard to the provisions of the Scheme for Waiving of Charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, the following charges be made for water supplied by Galway County Council for Domestic Purposes in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1996 up to and including 31st March, 1997, such charge to be payable in two equal instalments, the 1st instalment payable on the 1st April, 1996 and the 2nd instalment payable on the 1st October, 1996".

	<u>Amount of Charge</u>
Charge for Water Supplied to any domestic premises where water is used for Domestic Purposes.	£127

The Chairman declared this proposal carried.

MAKING OF CHARGE FOR WATER SUPPLIED TO PRIVATE GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD COMMENCING 1ST APRIL, 1996 UP TO AND INCLUDING 31ST MARCH, 1997 3396

It was proposed by Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor Brennan, and resolved:-

"That in accordance with Section 65(a) of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, inserted by Section 7 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1962 as amended by Section 8 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983 as applied by Article 4 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order 1985 and having regard to the Provisions of the Scheme for Waiving of Charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, the following charges be made on Private Group Water Supply Schemes for water supplied by Galway County Council to them for Domestic Purposes for each Domestic Premises in the said schemes in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1996 up to and including the 31st March, 1997 such charges to be payable in two equal instalments, the 1st instalment payable on the 1st April, 1996 and the 2nd instalment payable on the 1st October, 1996."

Amount of Charge

Charge on Private Group Water Supply Scheme for each Domestic Premises in the scheme where water is used for Domestic Purposes.

- (a) Where the Group Water Supply Scheme is in existence for 10 years or less. £ 65
- (b) Where the Group Water Supply Scheme is in existence for over 10 years. £102

The Chairman declared this proposal carried.

MAKING OF CHARGES FOR SEWERAGE SERVICES FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD COMMENCING 1ST APRIL, 1996 UP TO AND INCLUDING 31ST MARCH, 1997 3397

It was proposed by Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor Brennan and resolved:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, as applied by Article 3 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order 1985 (S.I. No. 341 of 1985), and the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts 1878 - 1964, and having regard to the provisions of the Scheme for Waiving of Charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, a charge of £50.00 be made in respect of each premises within the County of Galway in respect of sewerage services supplied for domestic purposes for the period from the 1st April, 1996 to the 31st March, 1997, such charge to be made on the owner and occupier of each premises, and such charge to be payable in two equal instalments, the first instalment payable on the 1st April, 1996 and the second instalment payable on the 1st October, 1996."

MAKING OF CHARGE IN RESPECT OF REFUSE COLLECTION FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 1996 UP TO AND INCLUDING 31ST MARCH, 1997. 3398

It was proposed by Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor Brennan, and resolved:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, as applied by Article 3 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985, and the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts 1878/1964, and having regard to the Provisions of the Scheme for Waiving of Charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, the charge of 50p be made by Galway County Council (hereinafter called The Council) in respect of each label, details of which shall be specified by the Council and which shall be affixed to any bin, bag, box or similar container containing refuse which shall be left out for collection by the Council from any Domestic Premises along the Council's Refuse Collection Routes. The set charge of 50p shall apply for the period 1st April, 1996 up to and including 31st March, 1997, and shall be payable in

advance on the purchase of the said labels from the Council or from such other source as shall be approved by the Council from time to time."

The Chairman declared this proposal carried.

DEMAND ON BALLINASLOE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL 3399

It was proposed by Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor Brennan and resolved:-

"That the Statutory Demand on the Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the year ending 31st December, 1996, be Signed and Sealed."

The Demand was then Signed and Sealed.

**ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND INCOME 3400
OUTTURN FOR 1995**

The Council noted and approved the Estimated outturn figures for 1995 as set out in the Book of Estimates.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Burke, seconded by Councillor Ryan, and resolved:-

"That the Council approve Expenditure Excesses, being the estimated out-turn figures for 1995 in excess of the Adopted 1995 Estimates, such excesses being funded by other expenditure reductions and income increases."

The Chairman declared the proposal carried.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed:

John M. Mannion
Chairman

18/12/95

Date

**MINUTES OF PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES MEETING OF
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN COMMITTEE AT
THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 3RD
NOVEMBER, 1995**

CATHAOIRLEACH:

An Comhairleoir J. Mannion

BAILL:

Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy
P. Connaughton, Cllrs. M. Cunningham, M. Fahy,
M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M. Loughmane,
P. McHugh, M. Mullins, S. O'Neachtain, M.
O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn,
M. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley & T. Walsh.

OIFIGIUGH:

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, P.
Flood, Co. Engineer, J. Crotty, Deputy Co.
Engineer, T. Kavanagh, A/Asst. Co. Manager,
E. Lusby, Finance Officer, G. Dunne, R.
Killeen, P. Ridge, M. Dolly, S.E.E.'s, J. O'
Shaughnessy, C.F.O., J. Cullen, A.O., T.
Murphy, A/A.O., P. Carroll, C. Green, T.
Connell, C. Wallace, S.S.O., J. Forde, S.O. &
B. Doyle, A/Co. Secretary.

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RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

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Mrs. Kathleen Heffernan & Family, Gorthmore, Rosscahill, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Anne Lenihan
Mrs. Joan Barber, Cuilmore, Moylough, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

ESTIMATES 1995

3387

The Chairman welcomed everybody and congratulated the County Manager on the Estimates as presented and his report which outlined in detail the activities of the County Council. The Chairman indicated that as in previous years the Roads