

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.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

3386

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

Programme for 1996 would be brought to the Area Meetings of the Council at a later date.

The County Manager addressed the meeting and stated that revenue expenditure for 1996 was set at £41,301,853. This reflected the multiplicity of activities in which the Council was engaged and, although available resources continued to be very limited, there remained considerable growth in local services and expenditure. However, in 1996 in the context of continuing limited resources many desirable works would again have to be deferred. He referred to the factors which contributed to the increased expenditure demands including:-

- * higher standards for waste management
- * increasing maintenance and running costs arising from capital investments in sanitary services.
- * limited revenue base for locally determined income.
- * increasing level of non-discretionary expenditure.
- * funding for new County Headquarters.
- * demands for co-financing by Galway County Council to supplement state grants.
- * impact of superannuation commitments.

The County Manager stated that notification of the Rate Support Grant for 1996 had not yet been received from the Department of the Environment and the Estimates were based on an assumed increase of 2.5% on the 1995 Grant. The income set out in the Estimate Tables represented the minimum required to fund the expenditure programme and provided for a commercial rate of £31.41 representing an increase of 6%. However, Galway County Council had the fourth lowest County Council rate in the Country and the lowest % rate increase over the period 1977-1995. Provision was included for a 10% increase in water charges to £127 which he pointed out only amounted to a charge of 35p per day for an unlimited supply of such a valuable commodity. He stated it was also proposed to introduce a sewerage charge of £50 together with a charge for industrial users discharging to the public sewers.

The County Manager then went through the Estimates Statement for each of the programme groups drawing attention to the most important issues. Referring to Programme Group 1, Housing & Building, he advised the members that a review of the housing maintenance function was underway and that a report would be brought before the Council in the near future. With regard to Programme Group 2, Road Transportation and Safety, he stated that the same level of Road Grants for 1995 were included in the 1996 Estimate as the Road Grants for 1996 had not yet been notified by the Department of the Environment. £75,000 had been included for the Community involvement in roadworks. The estimates also included an increased provision for public lighting and the Manager stated that this was an area in which community involvement will be promoted by the County Council.

Referring to Programme Group 3, Water Supply and Sewerage, the Manager stated that the Council produces an average of 5.8 million gallons of drinking water and maintains 50 public water supply schemes. Provision was made in the estimate for improvements to the water supply in the sum of £70,000. With regard to water

charges, the Manager expressed thanks to those who paid their charge and stated that non-payers would be pursued. He referred also to the Tax Relief for service charges which is now available to consumers who pay their charges in full and on time. With regard to Programme Group 4, Development Incentives and Control, the Manager stated that the review of the County Development Plan was well advanced. He stated that provision had been made to increase the Economic Activity Grants from £25,000 in 1995 to £30,000 in 1996. He also advised the Members that a request had been received from the RNLI for a contribution of £20,000 over two years towards a new life-boat and that a meeting with RNLI would be arranged in the near future to discuss their request.

Dealing with Programme Group 5, Environmental Protection, the County Manager stated that the Council had already adopted a Waste Management Plan and indicated that waste management costs will rise sharply. He stated that a number of queries had been received from the private sector in the area of waste management and that it was proposed to place a public advertisement inviting interested parties to inspect the Waste Management Plan and, if they wished, submit proposals consistent with the terms of the plan. He pointed out that it was proposed to increase waste disposal, burial and fire fees. Also a draft five year Capital programme for Fire Services would be brought before the Council early in 1996.

Outlining activity under Programme Group 6, the County Manager referred to coastal erosion projects at Inishboffin and Gurteen Beach which required co-financing by Galway County Council in the sum of £50,000. Similarly development works at Barna and Paddy Jacks Pier require a co-financing contribution from Galway County Council amounting to £10,000. With regard to the Library Service, he stated that the book fund provision had been increased and a five year plan for the library service was also being prepared. Referring to Programme Group 8, (Miscellaneous Services), the County Manager mentioned the major works carried out at Ballinasloe and Galway Courthouse. He outlined the recommendations of the Accommodation Committee in relation to the provision of new office accommodation and redevelopment of the Council headquarters site at Prospect Hill. He also informed the Members that as part of the implementation of the Strategic Plan, the reorganisation of the administration of the Council's functions on the basis of the five electoral areas was under consideration.

The Chairman thanked the County Manager for his presentation following which contributions were made by Councillors.

Deputy Connaughton complimented the County Manager on the Estimate preparation. He stated that the Department of the Environment should have some responsibility for the increased operation and maintenance costs arising from Capital investment. Also the provision of new headquarters at a time when service charges are being increased would not be well received and that the Council would need to prove it is giving value for money to the public. On the matter of the Local Improvements Scheme programme he stated that there was approximately a four years delay and he enquired what action was taking place on derelict sites. Also, what collection levels were being achieved in Rents and Water Charges. With regard

to new headquarters, he asked that as much technical work as possible be carried out by the Council's own staff.

Councillor O'Neachtain expressed the view that it was very unsatisfactory that the Local Authority should have so little influence in terms of revenues while having so much responsibility for the delivery of services. He felt that the Council should also be considering overall devolvement within the County itself.

Councillor J. Burke, too, stated that the concept of local autonomy must be pursued. He welcomed the Estimate presentation and stated that the Council must look for value for money in every Department. He also felt that involvement of local communities can contribute significantly to achieving value for money.

Councillor Gavin agreed with the provision in the estimates for a sewerage charge but stated that there were a number of smaller sewerage schemes which were in need of upgrading and were already overloaded. Persons served by these schemes would feel aggrieved at the introduction of a sewerage charge. He also noted the additional burden imposed by requirements for co-financing and the Waste Management Strategy.

Councillor McHugh enquired about the effect of the new regulations limiting the water supply disconnection powers of the Local Authority on pursuing defaulters who refuse to pay their water charges. He also asked if litter wardens could be employed to prevent illegal dumping in the County.

Councillor O'Sullivan stated that the County Council had very little say financially in its own affairs and that for a very large county had a very small revenue base. He suggested that the Council become more involved with the private sector in areas such as roadworks. He enquired if facilities for the disabled were included in the development at Ballinasloe Courthouse and if there was any provision for upgrading the fire station in Ballinasloe.

Councillor Byrne stated that those who benefit from sewerage schemes should be asked to pay but that it would not be fair to impose the same charge for those on old schemes which cost little to Galway County Council to maintain.

Councillor O'Tuathail referred to the various services provided by Galway County Council but stated that, in effect, people on the Islands and the more remote parts of the county didn't have the benefit of these services, for example public lighting (etc).

Councillor Quinn referred to the four year backlog in dealing with applications under the Local Improvements Scheme. She also stated that other villages should be considered in the Urban/Village Renewal Scheme. Also the system of charging for agricultural water needed to be examined as the system of charging per trough was not fair to all agricultural users.

Councillor Ryan also referred to the system of charging per trough and that it worked in the favour of some but against others. He complimented the Engineer and his team

who maintained the water supply in the Moylough/Kilkerrin area during the exceptionally dry summer.

Councillor Mullins stated that the Council had very little leeway in how it spends its money as so much funding comes from Central Government. He felt that it will be difficult for the public to accept a 10% increase in service charges while inflation is much lower. He would like to see outside contractors engaged in Council activities such as housing maintenance.

Councillor Varley enquired if any funding was being made available for Headford Courthouse. On the matter of service charges she stated that persons who had not paid should be pursued by the County Council.

This concluded the business of the Preliminary Estimates Meeting held In Committee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

3388

Knock International Airport:

The County Manager outlined the presentation received from Mayo County Council concerning the preparation of marketing plan for Knock International Airport. The County Manager indicated that the Councils of Roscommon, Galway, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Donegal, and Longford were being invited to participate in contributing to the marketing strategy.

On the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor J. Burke it was agreed that a sum of £1,000 be provided towards the preparation of the marketing plan.

Meeting Date:

The Members agreed that the November Planning Meeting scheduled for the 17th November, 1995 be changed to the 20th November, 1995. It was noted that the Office of Public Works would have a representative at the meeting to discuss the matter of Natural Heritage Areas. It was agreed that this meeting would be held in committee.

CONFERENCES

3389

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

6 Preliminary Estimates Meeting
3/11/96

Conference - Local Democracy - Heathlands Hotel, Bournemouth - 17/19 November, 1995

Cllr. J. Mannion
Cllr. T. Byrne
Cllr. P. O'Tuathail
Cllr. T. Hussey
Cllr. M. Fahy

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Submitted Approved + Signed: _____

John M. Mannion
Chairman

18/12/96
Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS,
GALWAY ON MONDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1995

CATHAOIRLEACH:- An Comhairleoir J. Mannion.

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Cllrs J. Burke, W. Burke,
J. Callanan, Deputies
P. Connaughton, E. O'Cuiv,
Cllrs M. Cunningham, M. Fahy,
P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty,
S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane,
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 and
T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County
Manager, P. Flood, County
Engineer, T. Kavanagh, A/Assist.
County Manager, B. Doyle,
A/County Secretary, E. Lusby,
Finance Officer, L. Kavanagh,
R. Killeen, S.E.E., T. Murphy,
A/A.O. Housing, T. Connell,
S.S.O., J. McGovern, Sec. West
Regional Authority, F. Kelly,
C.T. and E. Hourigan, A.S.O.

Thosnaigh an crinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

3346

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Neili & Seosamh Seoighe, Cnoc, Leitirmeallain, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Mrs. Peggy Kelly, Lissaniska, Killimor, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. M. Murray & Family, Lagoo, Moyglass, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

3347

Congratulations were passed to Ms. Bernadette Prendergast and Mr. Declan Varley on their recent marriage;

to the Sarsfield Hurling Club on winning the Senior Club Final;

and tribute was also paid to the Portumna Hurling Club.

MINUTES

3348

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held in Committee on the 8th September, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman, on the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Hussey.

On the proposal of Councillor Mullins, seconded by Councillor Gavin, the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 25th September 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Traveller Accommodation Committee Meeting held on the 1st September, 1995 were noted on the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Callanan. It was suggested that Galway County Council should have its own Committee. The Manager asked that this matter be raised at the next Monthly Meeting. Councillor Finnegan stated that he disagreed with the Assistant County Manager's statement on the Tuam Town Commissioners view regarding halting sites.

The Minutes for Loughrea Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 26th July, 1995 were noted and signed by the Chairman, on the proposal of Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Fahy.

OTHER BUSINESS

3349

The Councillors conveyed their compliments to the Manager and especially the Editorial Staff on the Connacht Tribune Supplement.

Following complaints regarding a recent R.T.E. programme, the Manager pointed out that Galway County Council have all the statutory signs erected in relation to roundabouts on the N6 at Oranmore; a formal complaint had been lodged with the Broadcasting Committee and the question of legal action was being considered. With regard to the Aughrim/Cappataggle Road the County Manager indicated that the signs had been ordered and were being

erected at present. The Council were now continuing a survey of the road and detailed design of the appropriate works was being undertaken; any improvements to be designed based on the current survey and the limited funds granted to the Council from the N.R.A.

Deputy McCormack queried the delay in making roads public roads despite the fact that Notice of Motion money was made available. The County Engineer indicated he was checking up on this matter.

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

3350

RELATING TO APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PERMISSION CHUN

EASTAT TIONSCAIL LE HIONAD TAIRGAIOCHTA AGUS FOIRGNIMH

TALMHAIOCHTA A FHORBAIRT IN THE TOWNLAND OF CLOONBUR

APPLICANT: UDARAS NA GAELTACHTA. PLAN. REF. 70417

Mr. Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E. read out the following report:

"Description: The proposal is for Outline Permission for an industrial estate and site development works at Cloonbur.

Location: The site the subject of this application is located in the townland of Cloonbur adjoining the village of Cloonbur. The roadside boundary of the site fronts onto the R.345 which links Cloonbur Village with Cong Village. All other boundaries face onto agricultural/undeveloped lands.

County Development Plan Policy: The definition of rural areas is included in Page 65 of the County Development Plan. It states that rural areas include areas that are not:-

"...within the 40 m.p.h. (or 30 m.p.h. where 40 m.p.h. limits do not exist) speed limit zone of all (other) towns and villages."

The site of the proposal is located approximately 70m outside of the 30 m.p.h. limit on the western approach to Cloonbur Village. This location confirms the status of the site as being in a rural area and, therefore, subject to the relevant designation of Outstanding Scenic Amenity.

The development control policy for such areas is defined on Page 89 of the County Development Plan which states that the policy is:

"To prohibit development in these areas other than development in the essential housing need category."

The development being of an industrial nature does not come under this category, nor is any exceptional circumstances provided for in the policy of the County Development Plan to accommodate such uses in areas of outstanding scenic amenity. The development therefore is in conflict with the policy of the County Development Plan.

Planning History: Planning Permission granted for an Advance Factory - This site has a marginal overlap with the site of the proposed development, Planning Reference Number 45782 (1988).

Proposal: The current application is for an industrial estate and site development works on a site of 5.13ha. As this is an application for outline permission, no design details have been submitted. It has been indicated, however, that the estate will take the form of several units, possibly of varying sizes, and also confirmed to the Planning Authority that uses will be of a light industrial or service nature. Site development works will include access road, boundary walls, surface water and foul drainage, water-main, lighting, electricity and telecom provision. In addition, in light of the inadequacy of the existing public sewer to cope with the additional loading of the development, a financial contribution and a donation of a piece of land to the County Council is proposed to facilitate the upgrading of the existing sewerage treatment facility.

Assessments: The site is located within a rural area as defined by the County Development Plan. However, critical to the siting is the fact that it is immediately adjoining the village of Cloonbur and will, if built, read as an extension of the village rather than an intrusion into a rural area. The village itself does not afford much of an opportunity to accommodate a development of such a scale within its boundaries. In addition, it is better practice to have industrial type uses at a reasonable distance from residential uses so as to avoid potential conflict of interests.

The siting of the proposal facilities a connection into the public sewer and public water supply. The joint proposals with the County Council and the developer to improve the public sewer would result in an environmental gain for the area which would not come about in the immediate future without the support of the developer.

The proposal would be restricted by conditions on a grant of permission to light industrial/service type uses which are unlikely to have a substantial demand on the public services, or any significant environmental impact on the area. Clarification, however, of the details would be at approval/full permission stage.

The site of the proposal is an old woodland bounded by a masonry wall. The proposal is accompanied by a tree survey and a landscaping plan. This should ensure that the character of the area will be retained as far as possible by retention of some of the existing trees and supplementary planting. In addition, any alteration to the boundary wall will require removed materials to be re-used in the construction of new walls, thereby rendering the proposal visually acceptable from a siting viewpoint. The details of the design of the units would be dealt with at approval/full permission stage.

The entrance to the site has been deemed acceptable, subject to the carrying out of works, by the Road Design Section of the Council, thereby, indicating the acceptability of the proposal from a traffic safety viewpoint.

The location of such a development adjoining the village of Cloonbur can only have positive benefits for the local economy. Not only would such a development stimulate job creation, it would also strengthen the urban base of the village. By provision of purpose built industrial units, local entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to be based locally, thereby, stemming out migration and facilitating a sustainable local economy.

Statutory Consideration: A decision to grant outline 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 outline permission was given on 20th September, 1995 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections, if they so wished. No objections have been lodged against the proposed development.

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

The latest date for a decision to issue on this application is 14th November, 1995."

Dúirt an Teachta O'Cuiv go mbeadh deiseanna forbairt níos fearr sa gceantar de bharr scéimeanna mar seo agus freisin go mbeadh feabhsú agus ath-ghrádú á dhéanamh ar scéimeanna séarachas.

Dúirt an Comhairleoir O'Neachtain go raibh iontas air go dtainig forbairt mar seo ós comhair an Comhairle Contae sa mbealach seo mar go bhfuil an chomhoibriú ann le roinnt blianta anuas idir foireann Udarás na Gaeltachta agus an Comhairle Condae.

Mhol se gur go mba-cheart go mbeadh an Phlean Forbairtí Condae in dhon déileail le cásanna mar seo, agus nár cheart go mbeadh gá iad a chur tríd an material contravention process.

Bhí na Comhleoirí breá-sásta nár chuir aon dhuine in aghaidh an fhorbairt seo.

Mhol an Comhleoir O'Neachtain agus d'aontaigh an Teachta O'Cuiv:

"That having considered the Planning Application for Outline Permission chun Eastat Tionscail le hoinad tairgíochta agus foirgnimh talmhaíochta a fhorbairt in the townland of Cloonbur, Planning Ref. 70417, and having considered the report of 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 outline permission be made in the case of this application."

The vote was taken and the result was as follows:

AR SON: Cllrs. J. Burke, W. Burke, Callanan, Deputies Connaughton & O'Cuiv, Cllrs. Cunningham, Fahy, Finnegan, Finnerty, Gavin, Hussey, Loughnane, Mannion, McClearn, Deputy McCormack, Cllrs. McHugh, Mullins, Ni Fhatharta, O'Neachtain, O'Neill, O'Sullivan, O'Tuathail, Quinn, Regan, Ryan, Varley and Walsh. (27)

IN AGHAIGH: -----

The Chairman declared the Resolution carried.

FLANNERY BRIDGE, CILL SHAILE, KILKERRIN

3351

A number of Councillors indicated that they had attended a meeting regarding Flannery Bridge in Cill Shaile, Kilkerrin. Various issues were raised. They pointed out that at the Area Meeting certain information was not made available to the Councillors at the meeting.

Professor Guiney from U.C.G. confirmed that the marine life was being destroyed and restoration of the bridge was urgently needed to restore marine plant life; failing this the Professor would write a personal complaint under the E.U. Habitat Directive to the European Commission. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that there was marine damage and he also wished to convey that there should be full information at all times available to the Councillors in order to perform their public duties. The County Engineer informed the meeting that a decision to replace the causeway by a Bailey Bridge had been taken and same would be provided in consultation with Roinn na Mara.

Councillor Ni Fhatharta agreed with everything said by Deputy O'Cuiv. The question was raised regarding water and tides at the July Meeting of the Area Committee. The County Engineer stated that the principal objective at the time was to minimise the costs, to remove the rock and to put a temporary bridge in place. Expert advice had been received from Queens University. The County Engineer informed the meeting that a temporary bridge will be provided and the causeway removed and it was hoped to have the work completed by Christmas. The Councillors also suggested that there be no shortcuts and that there would be consultation with the local people regarding knowledge of tides and the movement of water.

Councillor O'Neachtain asked to be associated with the recommendations made. He said that he was very encouraged by what the County Engineer had to say regarding the change of structure and the erection of a bailey bridge. The Council requested that in future that the Councillors would be told that there had been a change in plan.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

3352

(PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994 IN

CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES UNDER THE

1995 HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME

On the proposal of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, the report on the Local

Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 1994 it was agreed that the construction of houses under the 1995 Housing Construction Programme was approved

at the following locations:

Claremadden, Kiltormer
Mulrook West, Kinvara
Kinvara, Camus
Inverin
Doonreaghan, Cashel
Tonroe, Ardrahan
Kilshanvy, Tuam
Windfield, Mountbellew
Carraroe North, Carraroe.

Councillor Hussey stated that currently no repairs were being carried out to Council Houses as there is no funds available.

On the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Quinn, it was agreed that a letter be written to the Department requesting an allocation of money for repairs of Council Houses and to include demountable dwellings in same.

STRATEGIC PLAN - 1995 - 2000

3353

On the proposal of Councillor McHugh, seconded by Councillor Mullins, it was agreed to adopt the Strategic Plan as presented.

The Manager and Staff were complimented on being the first Council to adopt a Strategic Plan. The Manager pointed out that it was a document reflecting Councillors' and Staff's input into the plan. He also stated that it was important for all to work together as a team. The Plan would be reviewed yearly and the County Manager would welcome the views of the Councillors regarding the prioritising of issues raised in the plan.

SUBMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

3354

On the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Mullins it was agreed that the submission discussed at Meeting held on 20th October, 1995 be forwarded to K.P.M.G. Consulting (Professional Study). The submission to read as follows:-

1. Local Authorities should operate on the basis of a sound financial structure which would include further raising of finances on a local level in conjunction with Block Grants from the State.

2. All services performed by the Local Authority (including any new services) should be clearly defined to be either:-
 - (i) **Local Services**
The full control of which would rest with the Local Authority and which would be financed by a combination of locally raised finance and State Block Grants.
 - (ii) **Agency Services**
being services which the Authority performs on behalf of the State or other body e.g. NRA, VEC's, etc. These services would include National Roads, Higher Education Grants, Courthouses, etc. and the full cost including administration and cost of money should be recouped to the Local Authority by the responsible body.
3. **Waiver Schemes** - the loss of income to the Local Authority resulting from Waiver of service charges to customers who cannot afford to pay is in effect a method of wealth redistribution and is a cost appropriate to the State. Waiver schemes impact unfairly on Authorities where a high proportion of customers benefit.
4. The distribution of any State Block (Rate Support Grant) should be fairly based on a needs and resources formula and take account of each Authorities capacity to raise local finance.
5. The implementation of Multi-Annual Budgets to provide for a proper financial planning process.
6. Account must be taken of the annual on-going maintenance and operation costs of Capital investment in infrastructural services including EU funded Sanitary Services projects.

SALE OF SITE NO. 24, ARD AOIBHINN, ATHENRY

3355

On the proposal of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Mullins, the Council approved the sale of the site at No. 24 Ard Aoibhinn, Athenry in accordance with Notice dated 5th October, 1995 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 which had been circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the Council approved the sale of a site at No. 23, Fairgreen, Tuam in accordance with Notice dated 5th October, 1995 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 which had been

circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Hussey, the Council approved the sale of a house to Robert Kelly, Ballinderry, Cummer, Tuam in accordance with Notice dated 27th September, 1995 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 which was circulated to each Member.

CONSIDERATION OF REMISSION OF COUNTY RATES - 3356

POPULAR HOMES LTD., BALLYGAR - RATED OCCUPIER

On the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Quinn, the Council approved the remission of county rates in accordance with the Industrial Development Act, 1986 to Popular Homes Ltd., Ballygar. This notice was circulated to each Member.

ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) 3357

AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 1995

On the proposal of Councillor W. Burke, seconded by Councillor McClearn it was agreed that Option 1 of the report circulated be accepted by the Council i.e.

"Pass no resolution, with the result that all valid applications for hackney licences would be issued." The matter would be kept under review. (This is the situation which obtained prior to the Council taking over the function on 1st September, 1995.)

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS 3358

It was proposed by Councillor Varley, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan and agreed to support the motion from the Vintners Federation of Ireland regarding proposed Equal Status Legislation.

Councillor O'Neachtain highlighted an incident that happened on the Barna Road involving a fish lorry which over-turned and spilled its contents onto the road causing a major disruption of traffic. The County Manager indicated he was aware of the situation and stated that he would contact the Road Haulage Association regarding the matter. The County Council would endeavour to recover the cost of the clean-up operation.

On the proposal of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that the Council invite the three M.E.P.s to address the Council and inform the Councillors on Structural Funding and how

Galway may qualify for funding in 1996.

CONFERENCES

3359

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

Seminar - Environmental Protection - Imperial Hotel, Cork - 2/3 November, 1995

Councillor J. Callanan
Councillor J. Mannion
Councillor J. McClearn

Seminar - Tourism - West County Hotel, Ennis - 24/25 November, 1995

Councillor M. Regan
Councillor M. O'Neill
Councillor M. Ryan

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

N.O.M. NO. 15 - SIGNS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3360

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"Statutory signs are in place at the above location and the provision of additional signs is not recommended."

N.O.M. NO. 16 - LIGHTING - CLLR M CUNNINGHAM 3361

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"This is the National Primary route N18 and the provision of traffic route lighting on such routes is dependent on funds being made available by the N.R.A. and an application for funding has now been submitted to the N.R.A. The Council will consider the provision of two lights at Cloonahaha, Gort under the 1996 Public Lighting Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 17 - ROAD - CLLR. M. FAHY 3362

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"No provision for the carrying out of the above works has been made in the 1995 Roadworks Programme. However, this location will be considered for inclusion in the 1996 Roadworks Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 18 - ROAD - CLLR. M. FAHY 3363

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"It is hoped to have the above works carried out within the next few weeks."

N.O.M. NO. 19 - FOOTPATH, SIGNS, FLOODING - 3364

CLLR. M. FAHY

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

1. The footpath from Oranmore Village to Rinvilla Park is approx. 2 miles long. The provision of kerbing and a gravel surface for its entire length would cost approx. £38,000. However, no funding was provided for same in the current year.
2. Appropriate statutory signs are in place.
3. (i) Flooding near Kelly's Cross will require extensive pipe laying through private lands. Further investigations are to be carried out by the Area Engineer and you will be informed of developments in due course.
(ii) Flooding at Creggans Cross will be attended to under normal maintenance towards the end of the year when the Roadworks Programme is complete."

N.O.M. NO 20 - SIGNS - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3365

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"An appropriate sign will be provided at the above location as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO 21 - SIGNS - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3366

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

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

N.O.M. NO 22 - BARNIA PIER - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3367

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"Roinn na Gaeltachta have allocated a grant of £50,750 for this project on the basis that Galway County Council provides the sum of £7,250 from its own resources. This will bring the total budget to £58,000."

N.O.M. NO 23 - SIGNS - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3368

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"The signs will be provided at the above location as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO 24 - TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - 3369

CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"Proposals for Traffic Calming Measures at Kilreekil was submitted to the National Roads Authority on 19/5/1995 seeking funding under the 1995 programme for traffic calming measures. However, a grant has not yet been allocated by the National Roads Authority for the above works."

N.O.M. NO 25 - SIGNS - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3370

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"The Council considers that there is adequate signage already provided at this location and there are no plans to provide any further signs at present."

N.O.M. NO 26 - ROAD - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3371

The following written reply was given to Senator

McDonagh:-

"It is proposed erecting "No Overtaking" signs at this location in the near future."

N.O.M. NO 27 - BALLINTUBBER WELL - SEN. J. 3372

MCDONAGH

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"I am to inform you that this matter is under investigation and a full reply will issue shortly."

N.O.M. NO 28 - BOTHAR - AN COMH NI FHATHARTA 3373

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

"Beidh freagra againn le haghaidh an cas seo ag an gcead cruinniu eile."

N.O.M. NO 29 - BOTHAR - AN COMH NI FHATHARTA 3374

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

"Nil an bothar seo curtha sa chlar oibre na mboithre 1995. Da bhri sin ni bheidh muid indhon e a tharrail i mbliana."

Beidh muid ag scrudu an cas seo in eineacht le boithre eile nuair a bheidh muid ag cuir clar oibre na mboithre 1996 le cheile."

N.O.M. NO 30 - BOTHAR - AN COMH NI FHATHARTA 3375

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

"Ni bheidh an Comhairle Condae ag leathnu an bothar seo mar chosnoidh se an iomarca airgid an cineal seo oibre a dheanamh ar bhoithre Condae ach beidh muid ag scrudu an cas seo in eineacht le boithre eile chun e a chur sa chlar oibre na mboithre 1996 chun obair deisiuchan a dheanamh air."

N.O.M. NO 31 - SIGNS - DEPUTY O'CUIV 3376

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

"It is hoped to have the above work carried out as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO 32 - DRAIN - DEPUTY O'CUIV 3377

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

"It is hoped to have the above work carried out towards the end of the current year when the Road Works Programme is completed."

N.O.M. NO 33 - BRIDGE IN INISHNEE - DEPUTY O'CUIV 3378

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

"The above bridge is not in charge of Galway County Council. However, a renewed application for funding will be submitted to Roinn na Gaeltachta within the next few days seeking a special grant for the provision of a new bridge at this location. In addition the Council is preparing a revised design for the bridge and this will be forwarded together with revised costs immediately same is to hand."

N.O.M. NO 34 - BOTHAR - AN COMH S O'NEACHTAIN 3379

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

"Nil aon airgead curtha ar fail sa chlar oibre na mboithre 1995. Da bhri sin ni bheidh muid indhon an obair thuasluaite a dheanamh i mbliana."

Beidh muid ag scrudu an cas seo chomh maith le boithre eile nuair a bheidh muid ag cuir an clar oibre na mboithre 1996 le cheile."

N.O.M. NO 35 - TRA AN SPIEAL - AN COMH S O' NEACHTAIN 3380

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

"Beidh muid ag cuir airgead ar fail sa chlar oibre na mboithre 1996 chun obair a dheanamh ag an lathair seo. Ta suil againn freisin go mbeidh sceim community employment faoi bhraid an Comhairle Condae ag tosaigh ag an lathair go luath i 1996. Beidh muid ag deanamh oibre a chosnoidh thart ar £6,000 ag an

lathair seo freisin roimh deise na bliana."

N.O.M. NO 36 - LIOSTA SCEIMEANNA - FAS - AN

3381

COMH. S. O'NEACHTAIN

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

"Beidh me ag scriobh chugat i gceann cupla la mar
gheall ar an abhar 'thuasluaite.'"

N.O.M. NO 37 - ROAD CLEANING - CLLR. O'SULLIVAN

3382

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

"Roads are swept on a regular basis and as resources
permit."

N.O.M. NO 38 - ROAD - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN

3383

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

1. Routine maintenance will be carried out to
fence at above location.
2. The bridge between Michael Treacy's and Tony
Murray's is not in charge of the County
Council. Accordingly, the Council is not
responsible for the maintenance of same.
3. Routine maintenance will be carried out to
the road at Killoran under the 1996
Roadworks Programme."

N.O.M. NO 39 - ROAD - CLLR. T. WALSH

3384

The following written reply was given to Councillor
Walsh:-

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

N.O.M. NO 40 - ESTIMATE - CLLR. T. WALSH

3385

The following written reply was given to Councillor
Walsh:-

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

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed:

John M. Hanrahan

(Chairman)

27/11/95

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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10th October, 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:

- * Claremadden, Kiltormer,
- * Mulrook West, Kinvara,
- * Kinvara, Camus,
- * Inverin,
- * Doonreaghan, Cashel,
- * Tonroe, Ardrahan,
- * Kilshanvy, Tuam,
- * Windfield, Mountbellew,
- * Carraroe North, Carraroe.

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.

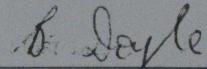
Observations/Submissions

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,


B. DOYLE
A/COUNTY SECRETARY.



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Cottage Site at Claremadden, Kiltormer
 SITE No. 6788
 AREA: 0.50 ACRES COLOURED RED
 OWNER: Seamus Coen, Claremadden, Kiltormer
 APPLICANT: Ditto.
 Extract O.S. Sheet (Galway) 107 Scale: 1/10560
 Signed by _____ Surveyed by: MOC & MW Date: March '95



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: COTTAGE SITE AT MULROOG WEST, KINVARA,
 SITE No. 5891
 AREA: 0.50 ACRES COLOURED RED
 OWNER:
 APPLICANT: GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
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 Signed by _____ Surveyed by: MW MOC Date: _____



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: COTTAGE SITE AT KINVARA, CAMUS.

SITE No. 6317

AREA: 0.72 ACRES

COLOURED RED

OWNER:

APPLICANT: GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Extract O.S. Sheet (Galway) 78

Scale: 1/10560

Right of Way shown Yellow Surveyed by: MOC & JH. Date: June 95



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Cottage Site at Inverin, Co. Galway

SITE No. 4818

AREA: 0.54 ACRES

COLOURED RED

OWNER: Mrs Mary Conneely, Cairlean, Inverin.

APPLICANT Michael M^c Donagh, Minna, Inverin

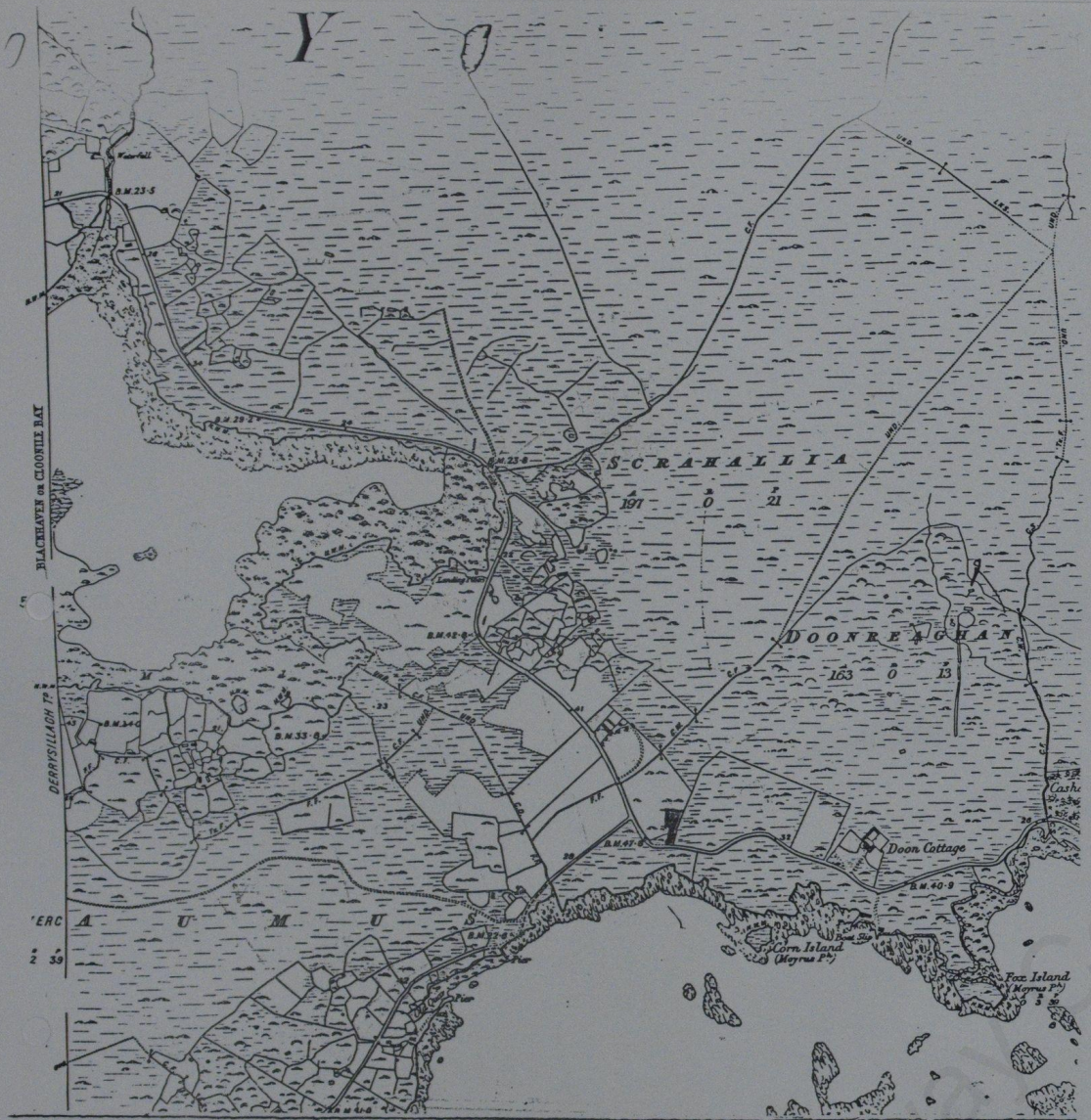
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1/2500

Signed by

Surveyed by: M D

Date: April 95



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Cottage Site at Doonreaghan, Cashel

SITE No. 6583

AREA: 0.34 ACRES

COLOURED RED

OWNER: Mr & Mrs Thomas Coyne Doonreagan, Cashel.

APPLICANT: Ditto

Extract O.S. Sheet (Galway) 51 & 51/9

Scale: 1/10560
1/2500

Signed by

Surveyed by: M D

Date: May 95



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: COTTAGE SITE AT TONROE ARDRAHAN.

SITE No. 6543

AREA: 0.50 ACRES

COLOURED RED

OWNER:

APPLICANT: GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Extract O.S. Sheet (Galway) 103-16

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Signed by

Surveyed by: MOC M.W. Date: May 95



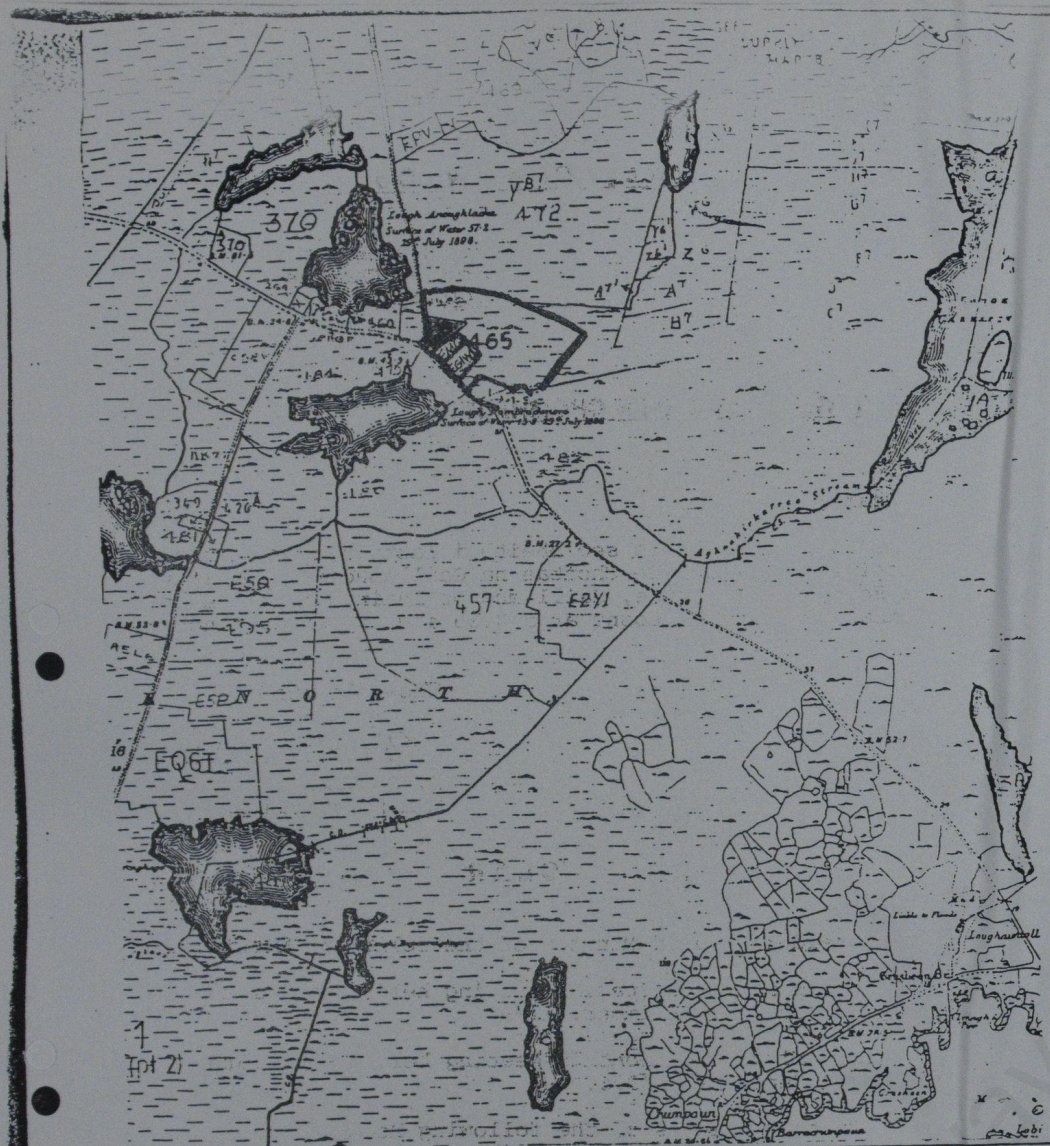
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: COTTAGE SITE AT KILSHANNY, KILCONLY.
 SITE N^o: 6521
 AREA: 0.54 Acres. COLOURED RED
 OWNER: ANTHONY FAHY, TOBERROE, KILCONLY.
 APPLICANT: ANTHONY FAHY, TOBERROE, KILCONLY.
 O.S.S. 28 SCALE: 1/10560
 SIGNED: SURVEYED BY: A.G. DATE: Sept. 93



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: COTTAGE SITE AT WINDFIELD, MOUNT BELLEW.
 SITE N^o: 6490
 AREA: 0.87 Acres. COLOURED RED
 OWNER: JOHN COYNE, ANNAGHMORE WEST, MOYLROUGH.
 APPLICANT: DITTO
 O.S.S. 46 SCALE: 1/10560
 SIGNED: SURVEYED BY: A.G. DATE: Oct. 93



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Site at Carraroe North.

SITE No. 5317

AREA: 0.60 ACRES

COLOURED RED

OWNER: Mary Griffin, Bothar na Scrathog, Carraroe

APPLICANT: Maureen Sullivan, Toureen, Bealadangan

Extract O.S. Sheet (Galway) 78

Scale: 1/10560

Signed by MD

Surveyed by: MD

Date: Jan '95

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE (Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

17 Deire Fomhair, 1995.

CHUIQ GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Miosiuil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 23u la Deire Fomhair, 1995, ag tosnu ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

B. O'Duill

B. O'DUILL,
Runai Sealadach

CLAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - (a) Minutes of Special Meeting held In Committee, on 8th September, 1995.
 - (b) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 25th September, 1995.
2. To note Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - (a) Minutes of Traveller Accommodation Committee Meeting held on the 1st September, 1995. (Minutes to follow)
 - (b) Minutes of Loughrea Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 26th July, 1995.
3. Material Contravention of the County Development Plan relating to application for Outline Permission chun Eastat Tionscail le hionad tairgáiochta agus foirgnimh talmhaiochta a fhorbairt in the townland of Cloonbur. Applicant: Ugaras na Gaeltachta. Planning Ref: 70417. (Report to follow)

4. To consider report on Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 1994, in connection with the construction of houses under the 1995 Housing Construction Programme.
 5. To approve the payment of grants to Residents Associations, County Council Estates.
 6. Strategic Plan.
 7. To consider submission on Local Government Finance.
 8. Sale of Site No. 24, Ard Aoibhinn, Athenry. Section 83 Notice 5th October, 1995, already circulated.
 9. Sale of Site No. 23, Fairgreen, Tuam. Section 83 Notice dated 5th October, 1995, already circulated.
 10. Sale of House to Robert Kelly, Ballinderry, Cummer, Tuam. Section 83 Notice dated 27th September, 1995, already circulated.
 11. To consider Remission of County Rates in accordance with the Industrial Development Act 1986 - Popular Homes Ltd, Ballygar.
 12. To consider report on Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 1995.
 13. Business submitted by the County Manager.
 14. Business submitted by the Chairman.
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COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Adjourned From Previous Meeting :

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH

- I will propose :

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I wish to propose that Galway County Council erect new bigger school signs and Yield Right of Way Signs (details attached).

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
- I will propose :

16 That Galway County Council provide lighting on the road leading from Ennis Road, Gort to the Gort Golf Club. A great number of new houses have been built on this road and I am requesting, if possible to have one or two lights provided, or that it would be included in the 1996 programme.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :

17 That Galway County Council clean and surface road after the completion of FAS Scheme at Peterswell, and also remove clay banks at Peterswell Fourcrossroads to improve visibility at this very dangerous junction.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :

18 That Galway County Council remove clay banks on the Carnane County Road and at Carnane-Caherpeak County Road dangerous bends, at Carnane, Kilcolgan, to improve safety and visibility.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :

19 That Galway County Council carry out repairs on footpath at Rinvilla West, Oranmore - also signs be provided to slow down Motorists, and also that measures be taken to alleviate flooding between Kelly's Cross and Creggana Cross.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN
- I will propose :

20 That signage to indicate a major road ahead (N.59 National Secondary Route) be positioned on the Spiddal Road into Moycullen Village, in the interests of safety as many cars and tourist buses use this road.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN
- I will propose :

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

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN
- I will propose :

22 That works are carried out at Barna Pier.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE
- I will propose :

23 That signs be erected at (a) Dunsandle Cross for Kiltulla, Bookeen, Loughrea and Athenry. (b) St. Clerans Cross for Loughrea, Athenry, Kilchreest and Craughwell. (c) Killiland Cross for Kiltulla. (d) Duanes Cross, Kiltulla for New Inn, Attymon, Loughrea and Athenry.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE
- I will propose :

24 That the rumble strips and flashing lights be provided at Kilreekil as suggested, following public meetings and Council discussion nearly three years ago.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE
- I will propose :

25 That adequate signage be provided at a specified location.

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH
- I will propose :

26 That Galway County Council take cognisance of the fact that another very serious accident has occurred at Turloughmore Health Centre. Taking this incident & many others into consideration, I propose that the Council make a further submission to the N.R.A. to undertake the very necessary improvement works before a possible fatality occurs.

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH
- I will propose :

27 That Galway County Council have old well filled in to prevent annual flooding and as a safety and health measure (details attached).

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

28 Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe bothar Aine Bn. Ui Dhionncha Bothar Aird Thoir Carna a dheisiu.

29 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe bothar Cloch Mor, Baile na hAbhann, a dheisiu. Te reilig Muighris ar an mbothar seo agus ta an bothar go dona.

30 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe plean le cheille chun an bothar on gCeathru Rua trid Doire Fhearta a leathnu. Ta go leor tracht ar an mbothar seo agus ta se an-caol.

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

That improved signage would be provided in the Cleggan area and particularly at Cleggan Crossroads, as you approach from both the Clifden and Leenane side.

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

That Galway County Council clean a closed drain at Tully Old School near Renvyle, Co. Galway, as it is causing flooding on the road there.

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

That an immediate replacement be provided to the bridge in Inishnee.

34 CLR. SEAN O'NEACTAIN
- I will propose :

Go gcuirfeadh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe caol ar na casain coise o Bhothuna go Droichead an Chnoic. Ta droch bhail ar na casain seo agus in aiteacha ta na casain o mhaith ar fad. Ba choir an fheabhsuchan seo a bheith i meastuchain Ceantair Innealltoireachta Chasta do 1996.

35 CLR. SEAN O'NEACTAIN
- I will propose :

Go gcuirfeadh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe caol ar an damaiste stoirme a deanadh an Gamhradh seo caite ag an Iamhach Mhoir, Tra an Spideal. Ta na claidhleach leagtha agus se gur tugadh talamh go haitiul chun obair fheabhsuchain a dheanamh nil tada deanta go foill.

36 CLR. SEAN O'NEACTAIN
- I will propose :

Go gcuirfeadh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ar fail liosta beacht do na tograi ar fad ata aontaithe ag an gComhairle le FAS chun sceimeanna fostaiochta Pobail a eagrú ar fud an chondae. Bheadh me ag iarraidh an liosta sin do reir ceantair innealltoireachta.

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

That all approach roads to Ballinasloe be swept and cleaned on a regular basis i.e. at least once every two weeks.

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

That the following works be carried out on above named road at Killoran, Ballinasloe: 1. Restoring of fencing and further fencing along roadsides 2. That steps be taken to improve bridge - in dangerous situation 3. That the road be included for remedial works in the 1996 works Programme.

39 CLR. TIARNAN WALSH
- I will propose :

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

40 CLR. TIARNAN WALSH
- I will propose :

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.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD IN COMMITTEE AT THE COUNTY
BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 20th OCTOBER, 1995**

Cathaoirleach:- Councillor J. Mannion.

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

Oifigigh:- Messrs. D. O'Donoghue Co.
Manager, P. Flood, Co. Engineer,
T. Kavanagh, A/Asst. Co. Manager,
T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent, E. Lusby,
Finance Officer, B. Callagy,
L. Kavanagh, S.E.E.'s, T. Connell,
Senior Staff Officer,
B. Ginnelly, C.T. and
B. Doyle, A/Co. Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

3342

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Monaghan Family, Carrantubber, Kilkerrin, Co. Galway.
Mr. John Mannion, Leekemeille, Moylough, Ballinasloe,
Co. Galway.
Mr. & Mrs. Denis Toher & Family, Ower, Headford, Co.
Galway.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

3343

It was agreed to discuss the submission on Local Government Finance. The County Finance Officer outlined the following points which had been agreed by the Estimates Committee:-

1. Local Authorities should operate on the basis of a sound financial structure which would include

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 20/10/95

further raising of finances on a local level in conjunction with Block Grants from the State.

2. All services performed by the Local Authority (including any new services) should be clearly defined to be either:-

(i) **Local Services**
the full control of which would rest with the Local Authority and which would be financed by a combination of locally raised finance and State Block Grants.

(ii) **Agency Services**
being services which the Authority performs on behalf of the State or other body e.g. NRA, VEC's, etc. These services would include National Roads, Higher Education Grants, Courthouses, etc. and the full cost including administration and cost of money should be recouped to the Local Authority by the responsible body.

3. **Waiver Schemes** - The loss of income to the Local Authority resulting from waiver of service charges to customers who cannot afford to pay is in effect a method of wealth redistribution and is a cost appropriate to the State. Waiver Schemes impact unfairly on Authorities where a high proportion of customers benefit.
4. The distribution of any State Block Grant (Rate Support Grant) should be fairly based on a needs and resources formula and take account of each Authority's capacity to raise local finance.
5. The implementation of Multi-Annual Budgets to provide for a proper financial planning process.
6. Account must be taken of the annual on-going maintenance and operation costs of Capital investment in infrastructural services including EU funded Sanitary Services projects.

The Members discussed the question of local taxation and the appropriate method that may be introduced. However, there was no agreement on this point and it was agreed to defer further discussion to the monthly meeting.

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CHAPTER 9 - SCENIC & RECREATIONAL AMENITY AREAS

The chapter was introduced by Mr. Callagy who proceeded to deal with the various sub headings. On the submission made by Deputy O'Cuiv, Mr. Callagy stated that he was not in agreement with the Deputy's request to delete the last two sentences in the first paragraph

under definitions.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that all of Connemara was zoned as Scenic Amenity and added that if indigenous development was facilitated, there was no difficulty with the zoning.

Reference 9.0 on definitions was then agreed by the members.

Mr. Callagy then dealt with 9.1 which pertains to beneficial uses and the planning research papers.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that it was the objective to achieve the best quality of life for the people who lived in the area. Other reasons must then be looked at on why the area should be preserved. He added that local people want to know where they stand in relation to the Development Plan.

Mr. Callagy stated that he understood the Deputy's views and agreed with the proposal that local consideration was important.

Cllr. Byrne stated he could see no problem with the paragraph except that the local interest should be considered paramount.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that it was more important to preserve these areas for the local people and that the local interest was the national interest.

Mr. Callagy informed the members that tourism was the third highest revenue industry in the country and its importance must be stressed.

The meeting then considered 9.2 which related to development control objectives and Mr. Callagy proceeded to go through the document.

Cllr. Byrne stated that it was a reasonable objective to restrict development which would interfere with views and prospects of special amenity value.

Reference 9.2.1 on Scenic Amenity Areas was then agreed by the members together with 9.2.2 on Recreation Amenity Areas and 9.2.3 on Building Development Guide-lines.

Deputy O'Cuiv referred to the layout of the plan, he stated that it needed to be more user friendly. In this particular case he was referring to 9.2.4 on signage.

Mr. Callagy stated that the reason this paragraph was inserted in the chapter was to facilitate the person who reads this chapter only. He added that an index will be put in place when the plan is adopted.

Reference 9.2.5 on Development Centres was then

considered by the members.

Cllr. Joe Burke stated that they had discussed this section before and had indicated that tourism was rural based and that it was national policy to develop tourism.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that if they were serious about developing the tourist industry, they must make provision for tourist development projects in the plan. He added that one of the major complaints was that there was a lack of facilities.

Cllr. O'Neachtain asked if the beneficial tourist provision in the present plan was left out purposely in the draft. He added that the major complaint was a lack of tourist facilities and he expressed his disagreement with the omission of the provision on beneficial tourism.

Mr. Callagy pointed out the exceptional cases provision in 9.2.5, which provide for the developments mentioned.

Deputy McCormack stated that he supported Mr. Callagy and added that the beneficial tourism provision caused a lot of trouble. He stated that some of the developments granted under the provision could not have been assimilated into the landscape and the planners were as much to blame as the Councillors who put the provision in the plan. He added that the interpretation of the provision in the plan was also incorrect and requested that such development in future should come before the members for observation.

Cllr. O'Neill stated that under the terms of the present County Development Plan, a person from outside could come in and build up to 20 houses and a local person would be refused permission for one house. He stated that the provision of holiday homes undermined the local community who provided B & B facilities in the area.

Cllr. Byrne stated he had argued strongly against this provision before but now felt that it could be looked upon on its merits.

Cllr. Loughnane stated that the term beneficial should be explained. He felt that it must be beneficial to the overall situation and that the interpretation in the old plan was loose. Applications for permission should not have been granted as the development did not assimilate into the landscape. He added that Councillors were not to blame for this provision and he stated that there should be a provision on beneficial tourism included in this plan.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that he believed in the merits of developing tourist centres and that it would be anti development if you leave out the beneficial tourist provision. You must have tourism related

infrastructure to facilitate tourism.

Mr. L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. referred to the background which lead to the introduction of this beneficial tourism provision in the present County Development Plan. He stated that it was difficult to interpret the Councillors wishes in certain cases and added that the primary consideration was the proper planning and development of the County.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that in reference 9.2.5. he was of the opinion that this provision had been taken out. He added that he could not understand why specific proposals on beneficial tourism development was required. He added that such development should be considered in these areas on its merits.

Deputy McCormack stated that he welcomed Mr. Kavanagh's statement on the difficulties involved but added that he still had his own views on the provision. He stated that beneficial tourism applications should come before the Council for discussion and he asked did this provision relate to pitch and putt courses.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that he could name projects which benefited under the beneficial tourism provision in the plan and that the Council must look at the overall merit of the provision.

Cllr. Ni Fhatharta stated that she supported the beneficial tourism development provision and would like to see it maintained in the County Development Plan. She would like to know how many applications were applied for, the decisions by the Local Authority and the appeal decisions. She stated that she knew of areas where these types of development had been of benefit to the localities.

Cllr. McHugh stated that he supported the beneficial tourism provision in the County Development Plan and he stated that the idea was that the community groups would benefit from this provision. He opposed omitting it from the plan. He added that the development of cottages alone was not beneficial tourism in his view.

Cllr. O'Tuathail stated that before this provision was written in the plan he was against it and he would be voting against its retention. He added that beneficial tourism projects should be dealt with on their merits like all planning applications.

Cllr. O'Neill stated that beneficial development should be treated like all other developments.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that there was demand for this type of development and that if it was in the right format it could be left in.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that he opposed reference 9.2.5 on development centres. He stated that appropriate

commercial tourism development should be allowed in an area. He added that everyone wants to see good development.

Cllr. Joe Burke stated that it was national policy to develop tourism development and that there was no development being allowed in rural areas.

Mr. Callagy stated that there were two issues; the development centres and beneficial tourism. On the development centres, the purpose was not to allow total development along roads and that the objective was to protect scenery in the national and local interest. He then referred to the exceptional case provision in this paragraph which would be decided after full assessment. He added that the beneficial tourism provision was initially related to tourism infrastructure but this was amended by the Councillors to read in its present format. He added that the material contravention procedure could be used for such projects.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that you cannot have a plan where the material contravention procedure is the standard practice.

The County Manager stated that the officials will come back with another draft taking into account the discussion held at the meeting.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that there seemed to be a big difference between the views of the Councillors and the planners.

The paragraph on state agencies 9.2.6 was then considered by the members.

Mr. Callagy referred to the document and stated that he was not in agreement with Deputy O'Cuiv's proposal to delete this objective.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that the policy of a certain state agency should not automatically be written into the plan for the Council to follow and in this instance he referred to the natural heritage areas.

Cllr. McHugh seconded Deputy O'Cuiv's proposal.

Mr. Callagy stated that if Government Departments have objectives, it was reasonable that the Local Authority should observe these objectives.

Cllr. Brennan stated that he had no objection to the paragraph on state agencies.

The Council then considered 9.2.7 on Agri Tourism.

Mr. Callagy stated that representations were received from the farming organisation pertaining to this provision.

Deputy McCormack stated that it was a very important provision and should be carefully written.

Deputy O'Cuiv referring to this heading stated that the requirement of road frontage and septic tank standards must be looked at in relation to the rebuilding of ruins and also a provision should be inserted so that the house cannot be sold.

The Council then agreed that Mr. Callagy would look at the definitions included under agri tourism and revert to the members at a later date.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

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The County Manager informed the meeting that the Council had received correspondence from the Department of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht concerning funding being made available as follows:-

- : deontas nach rachaidh thar £50,750 no 87.5% de chostas na hoibre, cibe acu is lu, chun oibreacha deisiuchain (faoi mar a sonraíodh i litir an 6 Deireadh Fomhair uaibh) a chur i grich ag ce Bearna, agus
- : deontas nach rachaidh thar £8,750 no 87.5% de chostas na hoibre, cibe acu is lu, chun oibreacha deisiuchain (faoi mar a sonraíodh i litir an 6 Deireadh Fomhair uaibh) a chur i grich ag ce Paddy Jack, Leitir Meallain.

The Members welcomed the provision of the finance.

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Submitted Approved + Signed: _____

John M. Hancock
Chairman

27/11/95
Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

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Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

13 Deire Fomhair, 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, 20th October, 1995**, commencing at **3.00 p.m.**

Mise, le meas,

B. DOYLE,
A/County Secretary.

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1. Review of the County Development Plan.