

received the following amounts under the Urban, Rural
and Village Operational Programme:-

Urban Grants	£ 30,000
Village Grants	£175,000

Total	£205,000
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The Council received full funding for their proposals under the village grants programme in the sum of £175,000. However, a reduction of £10,000 in the urban grants from the proposal submitted was noted by the Members. The County Manager indicated in response to queries from Councillors that local contributions would have to be received by the Council within two weeks and that the local contribution had to be cash.

On the proposal of Councillor McHugh, seconded by Councillor O'Neachtain it was unanimously agreed to change the date of the planning meeting from the 11th August, 1995 to 21st August, 1995, the meeting to commence at 11.00 a.m.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed:

John M. Hanrahan
Chairman

28/8/95

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

25 Iuil, 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 **Monday, 31st July, 1995**, commencing at **11.00 a.m.**

Mise, le meas,

B. DOYLE,
A/County Secretary.

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1. Review of the County Development Plan.
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY
ON MONDAY, 24TH JULY, 1995**

Cathaoirleach:- Councillor J. Mannion.

Baill:- Cllrs. J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy E. O'Cuiv, Cllrs. M. Fahy, S. Gavin, M. Loughnane, Deputy P. McCormack, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:- Messrs. D. O'Donoghue Co. Manager, P. Flood, Co. Engineer, J. Crotty, Deputy Co. Engineer, B. Callagy, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E.'s, T. Connell, S.S.O., B. Ginnelly, C.T. & B. Doyle, A/Co. Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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The Chairman introducing the topic stated that it was intended to proceed by going through the chapters one by one and omitting and adding additional material where necessary.

Mr. B. Callagy outlined the overall position as regards the contents of the County Development Plan. He stated that the plan was made up of two sections namely the development objective sections and the development control section. He then proceeded to commence at chapter 1. He referred to the main aims of the County Development Plan, the format, its legal basis under the Planning Acts, the scheduled towns, the planning research papers, the population overview and population settlement. Referring to the towns, he stated that most towns had remained static in population over the years.

Cllr. Gavin in referring to the village plans requested to know when they would be made available.

The County Manager stated that he placed very

important emphasis on forward planning and added that he had strengthened this particular division; once the County Plan was put in place and revised, action studies would be prepared for the relevant towns and villages extending out from satellite towns around Galway City. The relevant plans would then be brought to the members for adoption.

Cllr. Ryan stated that he was a rural Councillor and that there was concern that small towns and villages were not growing. He realised that Moycullen and Oranmore would eventually become part of Galway City. In referring to Ballygar he stated that out of 48 planning applications lodged, only 21 had been granted and he expressed his concern about this.

The Chairman then referring to chapter 1 requested the members to state if they were satisfied with page 1. This was agreed. Page 2 was then agreed.

On page 3 Deputy O'Cuiv had the following submissions. He stated that the statistics made it clear that Galway City was growing at an alarming rate compared with the County. He added that the growth of the City in relation to the province was becoming similar to that of Dublin. On looking at the statistics produced by NESC, urban growth in County Galway is very good but rural decline is of concern. With reference to the NESC report he stated that in 1966 47% of the population were in urban areas compared to 1991 where this had risen to 62%. In 1966 43% of population were in rural areas while in 1991 this had been reduced to 29%. He added that he did not agree with urbanisation. Referring to the figures quoted he stated that half of the population of Galway live within 10 miles of the City of Galway. Galway City was like a magnet attracting everything towards it and he requested that the statistics for rural areas from 1971 be shown. With regard to 1.8.1 of chapter 1, the Deputy stated that this section must highlight that rural parts of County Galway are in decline. On 1.8.2 he did not agree that urban growth is in a poor state in the County. Galway City had 52% of growth in 20 years. On 1.8.4 he added that decrease in population for the years 0-9 was of concern for schools in rural areas.

Mr. Callagy referred to a study that he had carried out in Ballinasloe and stated that the Environs population went up with the resulting loss in population in the town. He stated that the planning problem is where Environs increase in population, this results in the decline of the town. He added that a vibrant village is a compact unit which has all available services and referred to examples in the north of Ireland. Villages should be growing and not declining.

Cllr. O'Neill stated that people cannot go into villages and must build where they have land. He added that the theory was fine but it did not work in practice.

Cllr. Byrne stated that there had to be a recognition that members were in favour of rural areas and were concerned about such areas. He added that there was no statement on rural population decline in the plan and he would like to see included in the tables the population of the County as a whole, both rural and urban.

Cllr. J. Burke stated that he agreed with the previous members and added that the Council must address the decline of the rural population. This was of concern and he believed that the plan forces this decline. He added that rural people were entitled to live where they wanted to.

Cllr. Gavin stated that he agreed with Deputy O'Cuiv and Cllr. Byrne. He added that the whole thrust of national planning is towards growth centres and this making existing centres larger. Referring to Moycullen village, he stated that land within the village was too expensive and this leads to people looking for sites outside of its boundaries.

Mr. Callagy stated that proper planning requires villages to be planned. He stated that there is a provision in the plan for people to build on their own family lands and that it is an objective of the plan to acquire land banks in towns where there is demand for such land. In addressing rural decline one must look at the rural economy. He added that it is a planning principle that the character of the countryside must be kept in place and added that around Galway City, County roads had been overdeveloped.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that he agreed with the other Councillors comments on rural decline. He stated that there was not enough adherence given to the growth of the City and added that it would have repercussions for rural Galway and statistics should be available reflecting this growth. On the rural economy, he added that industry should be attracted to such areas. He would also like to have the importance of development in the Gaeltacht areas stressed and to preserve the culture and heritage of these locations. He added that he was not happy with the present document.

Cllr. Quinn stated that she agreed with a lot of what had been said. Rural areas were being forgotten. She added that it was good to see people building in the countryside where it was vital to retain the population. She expressed her disagreement with the concept of moving people into the City.

Senator McDonagh accepted there was a provision in the plan for landowners in relation to obtaining planning permission but the Council must look at people who live in a country area but who are not farm-owners. There is no provision in the current plan for such people and he would now like to see a clause confining permission to local people rather than local landowners.

Cllr. Callanan added his agreement with Senator McDonagh on this point. He further stated that he was in disagreement that people move into towns where they work. Such people should be allowed to build in their own home area.

Deputy O'Cuiv inquired how the plan could be written when the population analysis did not highlight the overgrowth of the City. He said that taking Mr. Callagy's definition of Environs, Galway City was now 52% of County Galway in population. He stated that the population analysis must be highlighted in the plan. Rural areas are decreasing at a rate of 1% per annum and this must be stated in the County Development Plan. He agrees with Mr. Callagy in relation to urban sprawl but where urban areas are growing, development will result as a consequence. He requested to know which was better for an individual in relation to quality of life, either urban living or rural living. The Deputy himself stated that he did not believe in urban living.

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Deputy O'Cuiv stated that he had no difficulty with 1.2(i) referring to the heavy typing but he was not in favour of the light type which commenced with the planning input to this strategy etc. On 1.2(ii) he had no objection, however he was not in favour of 1.2(iii) and requested its removal.

Cllr. J. Burke stated that it was desirable that land banks be provided in certain areas such as Tuam.

The County Manager stated that it would be wrong to remove this paragraph (1.2(iii)). This was an important strategy for the Council to have and would be self financing.

Mr. Callagy stated that where there was demand for land, then this objective would exist to provide a land bank in such areas.

Cllr. Byrne referring to the last sentence under 1.2(iii) on the top of page 2 requested that it be removed. This was agreed.

The proposal from Deputy O'Cuiv to remove the light type on 1.2(i) was agreed also.

The Chairman then referred to the heading on economic development objectives. Referring to 2.1 on employment, this was agreed by the members, 2.2 on agriculture was also agreed. Referring to 2.3(iii) headed manufacturing industry, Cllr. O'Neachtain spoke on the topic of dispersed development and requested that the sentence referring to this type of development be removed. This sentence was too restrictive and would severely restrict Udaras na Gaeltachta. It was agreed that this item be removed.

Deputy O'Cuiv referring to 2.4 on service industry stated that he was not in agreement with the contents of this section. A lot of people were operating from their homes and there was no need for them to be in major centres. He also stressed that security was a major item. He did not like the negative connotations which he felt were portrayed under his heading.

Cllr. Loughnane stated that many people worked from their homes and requested that the word "zone" be deleted from 2.4. This proposal was agreed. On 2.5 headed tourism, Cllr. Loughnane stated that the last plan did not have clou in relation to the protection of water sources. He stated that the most damage was being done by forestry developments on which the Council appear to have little power to control. He added that whole stretches of rivers had been ruined by forestry.

Cllr. Ni Fhatharta requested that the word "principal" be removed from 2.5(a). She stated that

the whole County depended on tourism and added that a lot of areas had been neglected.

Mr. Callagy stated that this paragraph was following Bord Failte's plan.

The members then agreed to remove the following from 2.5(a) "in principal tourism areas".

Deputy McCormack requested to know if 2.5 was purely aspirational.

The County Manager stated that the constraints were as set out on the bottom of page 2. He added that the general economic objective was to make the County more attractive and this was the vision they were following.

The members then dealt with item 2.6 on fishing. Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that it was very important to add a sentence on the improvement to the road access to Rossaveel as at present it did not have adequate access.

Mr. Callagy stated that this was a statement of policy.

It was agreed by the Members that 2.6(ii) include in its statement the improvement of the access roads to Rossaveel.

Under 2.7 on agriculture, Cllr. Ni Fhatharta requested that the improvement of slipways be included under 2.7(i). These slipways are required by fish farms.

Deputy O'Cuiv referring to 2.7(iii) stated that he would like to see the words "to minimise where practicable" added in to this section.

Deputy McCormack asked if there was any provision included to repair roads which were damaged by aquaculture and forestry developments and whether there was any provision to provide for a claw back of money spent on such works. He stated that the onus was on the developer to provide the access roads and the public should not be requested to cover the cost of infrastructure damaged as a result of such developments.

Deputy O'Cuiv opposed this provision. He stated that if we are getting sustainable development, then the infrastructure should be put in place.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that aquaculture should be enhanced and helped. The onus was on the Council to improve access roads and that it was important that jobs be kept in rural areas. Deputy McCormack stated that the forestry had no respect for the roads and that huge lorries were being brought in damaging

these roads. This was having a great affect on local people.

Cllr. Ni Fhatharta requested that slipways be included as well as piers and harbours.

Deputy O'Cuiv referring to afforestation under 2.8 stated that there were 2 major mills in the County which were worth £12 million and resulted in 95% profit for the local economy. This growth industry should not be destroyed. It provides employment in remote areas of the County. He had reservations about "adverse environmental aspects" contained in 2.8(i). He added that the roads were not a problem for the forestry but were a problem for the Road Authority.

Cllr. Quinn stated that she supported Deputy O'Cuiv. She added that forestry was a wonderful industry for Ireland and that Murray Timber Products located in the Ballygar area was a great employer. She stated that this firm allocated money where roads are damaged. She requested to know if Coillte do likewise.

Deputy McCormack stated that he could not support that the forestry operation had a right to destroy the road network and he wanted to know if Coillte gave money to the Council to repair road damage.

The County Manager stated that there must be a balanced approach to this development. He acknowledged Deputy O'Cuiv's submission but stated that the Council were getting a lot of complaints with regard to the standard of roads. He added they could not permit development irrespective of its consequence. The Council must ensure development is sustainable and that it did not damage the environment or the infrastructure. There was no point in having development and no road facilities. He added that he was not aware of the Council receiving funds for the repair of roads and bridges from Coillte.

Cllr. O'Neill stated that there needed to be some type of restriction on afforestation and he expressed his agreement with 2.8(i). He added that tourism is dependent on good roads and damaged roads destroy the landscape.

Mr. Callagy referring to 2.8(i) stated that "adverse environmental aspects" should be included in the proposal.

Cllr. Loughnane stated that he was guided by instances that he had come across. He referred to a house which had been surrounded by afforestation and as a result restricted its light and view together with being a fire hazard. He also referred to an

instance where a person had to leave their home as a result. He was in favour of leaving 2.8(i).

Cllr. Ryan stated that he was in agreement with Cllr. Loughnane and expressed the view that there should be some restriction of afforestation.

Deputy O'Cuiv referred to present forestry policy. He added that he had no difficulty with trees and finds them attractive and lead to a varied landscape.

Mr. Callagy stated that this item under afforestation was prepared and agreed by the members at a previous meeting. On 2.8(i) he stated that this was a general statement of protection and that it was the duty of the Planning Authority to make such statements.

The members then agreed to leave 2.8(i) as circulated.

Cllr. J. Burke suggested that the Council have discussions with Coillte with a view to lessening damage caused by afforestation.

Cllr. Byrne in referring to 2.8(ii) stated that he believed recent flooding in South Galway was contributed by forestry plantations on the Slieve Aughty mountains. He requested that the words "downstream drainage" be included in this paragraph. This proposal was agreed.

Cllr. Ryan asked if they were any controls on afforestation as certain planting had been taken right up to river banks.

Cllr. Loughnane then referred to a situation again where planting had been carried out up to the river bank. He stated that the Council should meet officials from Coillte to discuss the problem.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that there must be a balance and he understood the fears expressed. He would be in agreement with leaving 2.8(i) and 2.8(ii) in place provided that they added the following clause "seek funding for the provision of necessary road infrastructure". This proposal was agreed by the members.

References 2.8(i) to (vi) were agreed by the members.

Cllr. Loughnane in reference to woodlands requested the preparation of a list of suitable trees for preservation.

Mr. Callagy then proceeded to discuss 3.0 on natural resource objectives.

Deputy O'Cuiv requested the insertion of a new section under 3.2 which would deal with the unsightly

state of disused quarries. He proposed to add the following "to develop a plan in consultation with owners to rehabilitate old quarries and where possible to find alternative uses for them".

The County Manager stated that the emphasis should be on the owner rather than the County Council to carry out this development. This was agreed and accepted by the members.

Section 3.2 in relation to peat was agreed by the members. On 3.3 which dealt with water Cllr. J. Burke referred to clean air and spoke on blood spreading which he would like included under this heading.

Mr. Callagy stated an objective would be included in the rewriting of this provision. He then proceeded to deal with 4.0 on infrastructure objectives and then dealt in turn with 4.1 on road, 4.2 water supply and 4.3 main drainage.

On housing and community facilities objectives under 5.0, Deputy O'Cuiv proposed the deletion of 5.1(ii) and the amendment of 5.1(iii). In this latter sentence he requested the replacement of "substantiated eligible need" with "demand". This proposal was supported by Cllr. Ni Fhatharta.

The County Manager stated that the Council did not want a situation where they could not build in towns and villages as a result of this deletion.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that he wanted equality between rural and urban areas.

Mr. Callagy referring to Deputy O'Cuiv's submission under 5.1(iii) stated that this should be changed to housing need and not demand. It was agreed by the members that 5.1(ii) be deleted from the document.

Cllr. Fahy referring to 5.1(iv) requested that the traveling community be more clearly defined.

The Councillor was advised by the County Manager that as a Housing Authority, the Council must provide for people in need and this could not be qualified further.

Cllr. J. Burke suggested that provision be provided in this document whereby the Council would ensure that tenancy agreements be rigidly implemented.

He was advised by the Chairman that this was not a matter to be dealt with in the County Plan.

Cllr. W. Burke then spoke on the size of Council estates and stated that they were too large and this problem must be addressed.

The County Manager stated that draft guide-lines were issued in relation to this matter by the D.O.E. and a copy of same would be circulated to the members.

Cllr. Callanan stated that there should be a provision in the plan stating that the Council would provide water supplies.

Deputy O'Cuiv requested whether the objective outlined in the Department guide-lines would be incorporated into the development plan.

Section 5.2 which dealt with churches and burial grounds were then considered. Deputy O'Cuiv proposed that 5.2(iii) be amended with the insertion of the following "To locate new burial grounds in areas with adequate road access, parking facilities and visual screening preferably adjoining churches and where practicable to provide extra burial ground space as extensions to existing burial grounds". This proposal was agreed by the members.

On 5.3 dealing with education Deputy O'Cuiv proposed that 5.3(ii) be amended and that "in urban centres" be omitted. This proposal was agreed by the members.

The meeting then discussed 5.4 dealing with health and welfare. Deputy O'Cuiv proposed the replacement of 5.4(i) with the following "To locate community care facilities in the most convenient locations in communities taking into account usage of existing redundant buildings, availability of sites and community requirements". This proposal was accepted by the members.

On environmental services objectives 6.0, the County Manager stated that the implications of the cost of implementing the waste bill would be discussed at a further meeting by the members. The proposal under 6.1 on waste management had already been discussed by the members.

The fire services were considered under 6.2, the County Manager informed the meeting that the Council were in the process of preparing a 5 year plan for the fire services.

Cllr. J. Burke referring to the Glenamaddy fire service stated that it had been provided by the community. The Manager stated that the implications, cost wise and insurance, had to be looked at in such a case.

Cllr. Callanan stated that there may be inadequate fire cutting equipment in the Ballinasloe fire station. The Manager informed him that this matter would be looked at.

Heritage preservation and conservation objectives under 7.0 was agreed by the members.

On the objectives for the Gaeltacht Deputy O'Cuiv proposed the following additional paragraph be included under 8.1. "To actively ensure the preservation, to actively seek the preservation of the linguistic inheritance of the Gaeltacht and particularly to take into account the linguistic impact of all major developments". This proposal was agreed by the members.

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Submitted, Approved & Signed: _____

John M. Hannigan
Chairman

25/9/95

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

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Arus an Chontae,
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18 Iuil, 1995

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Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
County Secretary.

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1. Review of the County Development Plan.
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**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS,
GALWAY ON MONDAY, 24TH JULY, 1995**

CATHAOIRLEACH:- An Comhairleoir J. Mannion.

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Cllrs J. Burke, W. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputy E. O'Cuiv, Cllrs M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, M. Loughnane, J. McClearn, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, E. Varley and T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager, P. Flood, County Engineer, P. Ridge, G. Dunne, S.E.E.'s, J. Cullen, Acting Finance Officer, T. Murphy, A/A.O., C. O'Hara, S.O., and B. Doyle, A/County Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mr & Mrs Johnny Harte, Sean-Bhaile, Maigh Cuilinn, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Mr. Patrick Donovan & Family, Crowe Street, Gort, Co. Galway.
Ms. Bina Havis, Coralacken, Creggs, Co. Galway.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Callanan the Minutes of Special Meeting held on 2nd June, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposal of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan the Minutes of Special Meeting

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held in Committee on the 12th June, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposal of Councillor Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Councillor Finnegan the Minutes of Special Meeting held in Committee on the 26th June, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposal of Councillor Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Councillor O'Tuathail the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 26th June, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Members agreed that the letter received from the National Roads Authority in connection with the non-suitability of roundabouts for the proposed Loughrea Bye-pass would be included in the minute. The Members also requested that the County Secretary contact the National Roads Authority regarding the Council's invitation to attend a meeting of the Council. The Members asked that the following be listed on the agenda for that meeting:-

1. N.17 Kilclooney
2. N.18 Lydican
3. Loughrea Bye-pass (N6)
4. Aughrim-Cappataggle (N6)
5. Gort-Crusheen (N.18)
6. Resurfacing N6 (Continuation)
7. National Secondary Improvements particularly N59, N63, and N65 (Hearnsbrook)
8. Speed limits on National Roads
9. Design Team funding

On the proposal of Councillor Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Councillor Gavin the Minutes of the Udaras na Gaeltachta Meeting held on the 27th April, 1995 were noted.

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Fahy the Minutes of the Accommodation Committee Meeting held on the 26th June, 1995 were noted.

On the proposal of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Ni Fhatharta the Minutes of the Arts Committee Meeting held on the 4th July, 1995 were noted.

ALLOCATION OF ARTS GRANTS 1995

On the proposal of Councillor Regan, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, the recommendations of the Arts Committee for 1995 were unanimously approved as follows:-

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	£
1. Aisteoiri Inis Meain	400
2. Athenry Festival	1,800
3. Baffle Poetry Society, Loughrea	100
4. Ballinasloe Musical Society	300
5. Ceoltoiri Maghlocha	300
6. Clifden Arts Society	600
7. Clifden Community Arts Festival	5,700
8. Cois Cladaigh	300
9. Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann/ Killimor County Fleadh	500
10. Connemara Environmental Centre Sea Week/Bog Week	300
11. Connemara Live Arts	300
12. Cooley-Collins Traditional Music Festival, Gort	400
13. Derrybrien Schools Project	200
14. Druid Theatre Company	3,000
15. Duiche Arts Group, Clonbur/Cornamona	600
16. Eigse Inis Oirr/Comhar Aomhan Teo	300
17. Feile Chomórtha Gaeilín/Carna	350
18. Fleadh na gCuach, Kinvara	500
19. Galway Arts Centre	750
20. Galway Arts Festival	3,000
21. Galway Film Centre	400
22. Galway Youth Theatre	800
23. Gateside Community Arts, Tuam	500
24. Glenamaddy Theatre Festival	1,000
25. Glenamaddy Town Hall Theatre Programme	500
26. Glinsk Community Council	400
27. Gort All Ireland Open Dancing Festival	200
28. Gort Arts Group	500
29. Gort Heritage Committee National Poetry Competition	300
30. Inis Meain Synge Festival	500
31. Kiltartan Gregory Cultural Society, Gort (Programme)	250
32. Kinvara Community Council	600
33. Lackagh Folk Museum (Programme)	500
34. Letterfrack Film Society	200
35. Macnas	1,200
36. Moycullen Writers' Group	100
37. Music Matters, New Inn	300
38. National Childrens' Choir - Galway Branch	200
39. Oat Community Arts, Ballinasloe	1,000
40. Plearaca Chonamara/Plearaca Teo	2,000
41. Portumna Summer Festival	300
42. St. Brigid's School Arts Festival, Tuam	500
43. Tuam Mall Theatre (Programme)	2,000
44. Westshore Community Arts Group, Oughterard Arts Programme	250
	2,800
	£37,000

LEASE OF PLOT OF LAND AT THE SQUARE, CLIFDEN

3163

On the proposal of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Ni Fhatharta the Council approved of the lease of plot of land at the Square, Clifden to E.S.B. in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, details of which had been circulated to each Member.

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT BARNWELLS GROVE, MOUNTBELLEW

3164

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan the Council approved the sale of plot of land at Barnwells Grove, Mountbellew to Mr. Thomas Noone in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, details of which had been circulated to each Member.

SALE OF CLUAIN MHUIRE PROPERTY

3165

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan the Council agreed to the sale of the Cluain Mhuire Property to Galway Regional Technical College in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, details of which had been circulated to each Member.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

3166

REGULATIONS 1994 - PORTUMNA MARINA PUMPOUT FACILITY

On the proposal of Councillor W. Burke, seconded by Councillor Regan the Members approved of the proposal to provide a pump-out facility at Portumna. Queries raised by the Members were answered by the Officials in attendance.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

3167

REGULATIONS 1994 - CONSTRUCTION OF ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME

On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Fahy the Members approved of the proposal to proceed with the construction of the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme. Queries raised by the Members of the Council were answered by the Officials in attendance.

Councillor Walsh asked that the Department of the

Environment provide funding for the Williamstown Sewerage Scheme. It was agreed that the Council write to the Department of the Environment concerning funding for Williamstown Sewerage Scheme.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

3168

REGULATIONS 1994 - 1995 HOUSING

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME

On the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Cunningham the construction of rural and scheme houses as set out hereunder were approved by the Council:-

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

- * Gortnalavey, Creggs
- * Lettermuckoo, Camus
- * Waterdale, Claregalway
- * Lissard, Kilconnell
- * Roscrea, Moyard
- * Kilkieran, Carna
- * Cartron, Ballygar
- * Drumminamuckla, Woodford
- * Coose North, Woodford
- * Oughtagh, Glinsk
- * Newtown, Abbeyknockmoy
- * Carraroe North, Carraroe
- * Kilmore, Williamstown

The provision of scheme houses with services at the following locations:

- * St. Joseph's Park, Killimor - 2 houses
- * Liam Mellows Street, Tuam - 2 houses
- * Crowe Street, Gort - 4 houses
- * Parkmore, Tuam - 6 houses.

The Members unanimously supported the Notice of Motion passed by Donegal County Council that people availing of Disabled Persons Grants should not have to comply with tax clearance requirements. The Members discussed the phasing out of demountable dwellings.

RAISING OF A LOAN - HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY - DISABLED PERSONS GRANTS

3169

On the proposal of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Mullins the Members unanimously approved of the raising of a loan of £250,000 from the Housing

Finance Agency to fund Disabled Persons Grants.

ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) (AMENDMENT) 3170

REGULATIONS 1995

The Members noted the report submitted with the Agenda.

WASTE BILL 1995

3171

The County Manager indicated that the Waste Plan had been adopted by the Members of the Council. The main concern with regard to the Waste Plan was the cost involved in its implementation. The County Manager pointed out that the Council had been asked for its observations on the Bill and he felt that the Council should seek support for the costs involved from the Department of the Environment. The following matters were raised during the discussion.

- : an enhanced role in education, particularly at school level with regard to the problems of litter and waste disposal.
- : Because of the introduction of dump charges, dumping was out of control and the Council had a poor record in taking legal action against offenders.
- : The sourcing of refuse and the role of producer was the key to future waste minimisation policies.
- : The possible provision of an incinerator. Problems with regard to location of dump sites.
- : Employment of Litter Wardens.
- : Ban plastic bags in co-operation with R.G.D.A.T.A. and the major supermarket chains.
- : To make it financially feasible for people to segregate their rubbish.
- : Responsibility of farmers with regard to silage wrapping etc.
- : Reward scheme for return of litter to shops.

CONFERENCES

3172

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Regan, it was agreed that the following

Members be nominated for attendance at the following conference, details of the estimated cost of attendance at the conference having been circulated to each Member at the Meeting:

Seminar: Bord na Gaeilge - Gweedore, Donegal - 29 Sept./1st Oct.

Deputy McCormack
Councillor Byrne
Councillor O'Tuathail
Councillor Ni Fhatharta
Councillor O'Neachtain

Social Study Conference - "Northern Ireland - A New Beginning?" - Kilkenny - 5th/9th August, 1995

Senator McDonagh
Councillor J. Mannion
Councillor M. Fahy

It was noted that Councillor Byrne substituted for Councillor Mannion at Department of Environment Conference on 5th July, 1995.

It was also noted that Councillor Mullins would substitute for Councillor McClern at the Lough Derg Committee Meeting with Shannon Development on 27th July, 1995.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

3173

Councillor Ni Fhatharta indicated that people were concerned with the works carried out at Flannery Bridge in that no pipes or gullies to allow water to pass through same were provided. The County Engineer indicated that he would look at the matter again. In response to Councillor Cunningham, the County Manager indicated that the Council's contribution to Gort Heritage Project would be a maximum of £30,000.

Councillor O'Tuathail and Councillor Cunningham asked the County Engineer to attend to ragwort which was growing at Oranmore and Kilkerrin.

Councillor Fahy asked that a report concerning the New Age Travellers in the Gort Area be provided as soon as possible.

The Members congratulated Ms. Maire Ellis Ni Fhatharta, the Spiddal Rose on being selected to represent Galway in the Rose of Tralee Contest.

The Members voiced their disappointment concerning the coverage of the Connacht Final in the National

Papers in the week proceeding the game.

It was agreed that the Planning Meeting would be held on Monday, 31st July, 1995 at 11:00 a.m.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

3174

The County Manager introduced Mr. Jim Cullen who had recently been appointed as Administrative Officer to the Council. The Members welcomed Mr. Cullen.

The County Manager indicated that a Post Graduate Student was preparing a History of Galway County Council to mark the 100 years of its existence in 1999. He suggested that the matter be referred to the Protocol Committee for their attention as work progresses. On the proposal of Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor Ryan this was agreed.

The County Manager indicated that the Department of the Environment had approved £250,000 or 60% of the cost of the Land-Use Transportation Study for Galway City.

It was agreed that an update at preliminary report stage would be given to the joint Committee of the County Council and Corporation.

NOTICES OF MOTION

N.O.M. NO. 16 - CLEARING OF RUBBISH - DEPUTY

3175

P. McCORMACK

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-
The Council is taking action on this matter at present and you will be informed of developments in due course.

N.O.M. NO. 17 - ROAD - SEN. J. MCDONAGH

3176

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"A reply will be sent to you on this matter within the next few weeks."

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

3177

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"Consultation will be arranged with the Garda

Siochana regarding the matter in the coming weeks and you will be informed of developments."

N.O.M. NO. 19 - BOTHAR - AN TEACHTA E. O'CUIV

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N.O.M. 27 - KILTARTAN BURIAL GROUND - CLLR. M. FAHY 3186

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"The Council is currently investigating the suitability of lands for use as a burial ground at Kiltartan. At present the needs of the local community are served by the burial ground at Kilbeacanty."

N.O.M. NO. 28 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3187

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 29 - SIGN - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3188

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 30 - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - CLLR S GAVIN 3189

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"The provision of pedestrian crossing at above location is dependant on funds being made available by the N.R.A. No such funds were made available in the current year.

Quotations have been sought for the provision of school flashing lights at St. Annin's National School, Roscahill, and a recommendation will be made as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 31 - DUNMORE BURIAL GROUND - CLLR T HUSSEY 3190

The following written reply was given to Councillor Hussey:-

"Galway County Council has been endeavouring for some time to acquire land for the purpose of providing an extension to Dunmore Burial Ground. We are in the process of exhausting all avenues before proceeding with Compulsory Purchase Order. At present the needs

of the local community are served by the burial ground at Garrafrauns."

N.O.M. NO. 32 - SOAK PIT - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3191

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 33 - CAR PARK - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3192

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"There are no funds available under Burial Ground maintenance or improvement for the carrying out of the above works."

N.O.M. NO. 34 - CLOSTOKEN BURIAL GROUND - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3193

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

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

Councillor Loughnane asked that the County Engineer review the response to Notice of Motion No. 34.

N.O.M. NO. 35 - FLOODING - DEP. P. MCCORMACK 3194

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"This matter is being investigated by our technical staff at present and a further reply will issue as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 36 - FOOTPATH - DEP. P. MCCORMACK 3195

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"The above works are being carried out as a result of a N.O.M. fund allocation. The road workers had to be taken away in order to complete grant jobs. However, they will be returning to this location at the earliest possible opportunity in order to complete the works."

N.O.M. NO. 37 - SIGN - DEP. P. MCCORMACK 3196

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"This is an entrance to a private business and provision of adequate sight distance is a matter for the Company itself."

N.O.M. NO. 38 - ROAD - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3197

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"This location is being examined by our Design Team at present and you will be informed of developments in due course."

N.O.M. NO. 39 - ROAD - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3198

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 40 - NINE ARCHS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3199

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"These arches are located on what was formerly the old Galway-Tuam road. They are running parallel with the Tuam road and access can only be provided through private property."

"The Council has no plans for the carrying out of works at this location at present."

N.O.M. NO. 41 - ROADS - CLLR. P. MCHUGH 3200

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"Pot hole repairs are funded by maintenance monies and such works are carried out on a routine basis with roads selected in order of priority and as resources permit and with cognisance taken of overall maintenance works requirements."

N.O.M. NO. 42 - HEDGE CUTTING - CLLR. P. MCHUGH 3201

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"It will not be possible to carry out hedge cutting in the Tuam Engineering Area due to the limited funds available within the Tuam Engineering District. It should be noted that under the Roads Act 1993 land owners themselves are responsible for hedge cutting and a public advertisement to this effect was published in the Connacht Tribune and Tuam Herald over recent months."

"I enclose herewith copy of advertisement for your information."

N.O.M. NO. 43 - ROADSIDE WALL - CLLR. P. MCHUGH 3202

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 44 - SOLAS BREISE - AN COMH NI FHATHARTA 3203

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

"Beidh muid ag cuir solas nua suas ar Bothar Doire Fhearta an Ceathru Rua i mBliaana."

"Ni mheasann muid go bhfuil gá le solas eile ag an gcross bhothar."

N.O.M. NO. 45 - BOTHAR - AN COMH C NI FHATHARTA 3204

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

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

N.O.M. NO. 46 - BOTHAR - AN COMH C NI FHATHARTA 3205

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

"Ni bheidh muid indhon an obair seo a dhéanamh i mBliaana toisc ganntanas airgid."

Tá se de dhualgas ar fheilimearai an obair seo a dhéanamh feasta, seo chugat coip de fhograi a chuir muid sna páipeiri aitiuil ag tus na bliana."

N.O.M. NO. 47 - BOTHAR - AN TEACHTA E. O'CUIV 3206

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

"Beidh muid ag déanamh obair cothaíocht ag an láthair seo, de rear mar a bheidh airgead ar fáil. Ni bheidh muid in dhan obair deisiúcháin a dhéanamh mar níl an bothar seo sa chlár na mboithre 1995."

N.O.M. NO. 48 - FOOTBRIDGE - DEPUTY E. O'CUIV 3207

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

"The provision of foot bridge at above location is desirable but is dependant on funds being made available. No provision for same was made in the 1995 estimates."

N.O.M. NO. 49 - ROAD - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 3208

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

"There will be major works required at Kylebroughlaun and as no provision has been made under the 1995 Road Works Programme it will not be possible to carry out same."

Land has been acquired at Lippa and works will be carried out as soon as possible.

Lands will have to be acquired for Clydagh before any works can be carried out."

N.O.M. NO. 50 - N 84 ROAD - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 3209

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

"An application for funding for the above project was submitted to the N.R.A. However, no funds were provided in 1995. The location will again be included in the 1996 submission."

N.O.M. NO. 51 - CORAS SEARACHAIS - AN COMH O'NEACHTAIN 3210

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

"Cuireadh an reamh thuairisg i gcoir Sceim Searachas Cill Ronain go dtí an Roinn Comhshaoil i mí Nollaig 1994. Ta an Roinn Comhshaoil a scrudu faoi lathair."

N.O.M. NO. 52 - ROAD - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 3211

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

"This matter is being investigated at present and a further reply will issue as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 53 - FOOTPATH - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 3212

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

"No provision was made for the carrying out of the above works in the 1995 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 54 - KNOCKFERRY/KILBEG BRIDGE - CLLR. 3213

E. VARLEY

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"An application was submitted to the Department of the Environment seeking funding in the current year. However, no funds were provided."

N.O.M. NO. 55 - N 84 ROAD - CLLR. E. VARLEY 3214

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"The Annual Average Daily Traffic for the N84 is as follows:

1991	5,105
1992	5,564
1993	5,919
1994	4,475
1995	4,623

N.O.M. NO. 56 - ROAD - CLLR. E. VARLEY 3215

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"Land has been acquired at Lippla and works will be carried out as soon as possible. Routine maintenance will be carried out in due course.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

**Local Government Planning and Development Regulations 1994
Oranmore Sewerage Scheme**

I set out hereunder report on the above development. The nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof.

Background to the Scheme

It forms part of the overall strategy of Galway County Council to provide sewerage treatment facilities in all its towns and villages.

It will remove a major constraint on the development of Oranmore and it will also facilitate our planning objective of providing serviced locations as an alternative to ribbon development.

Description of present services provided

The village is serviced by a selection of septic tanks, open sewers and private treatment works. Significant nuisance is being caused by these facilities and the public health risk is high. The impact of these discharges on the environment is at total variance with our policy of improving and enhancing the environment.

Objectives

1. Our objectives are to eliminate the present problems with the existing facilities.
2. To dispose of the collected effluent in an environmentally efficient and cost effective manner.
3. To provide sufficient capacity in the proposed services to meet the development needs of Oranmore for the immediate future.