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SPECIAL MEETING - 12/07/1996

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

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JULY, 1996**

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**Bail:-** Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, J.  
Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. M.  
Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty,  
S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, J. McClearn,  
Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. McHugh, M. Mullins,  
C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail,  
K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley & T. Walsh.

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Manager, T. Kavanagh, Asst. Co. Manager, P.  
Flood, Co. Engineer, J. Crotty, Deputy/Co. Engineer,  
E. Lusby, Finance Officer, J. Dunne, S.E.E., O.  
Dempsey, Asst. Engineer, V. Raine, Exec. Solicitor, D.  
Barrett, A/Co. Secretary, P. Carroll, S.S.O., M. Loftus,  
E. Hourigan, A.S.O.'s & M. Moran, C.O.

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The problems facing us are as follows:-

- prison places and drugs in prisons
- offences committed by people on bail
- delays in the Courts
- crime, particularly the increase in volume and the Garda response
- structure of the Garda Force and on-going re-organisation of the Gardaí
- serious drug problem - supply and demand
- modernising and codifying our laws.

#### PRISONS

During the period 1989-1993, no new prison places were made available. In September 1996, 25 places will become available in Castlereagh, and a further 68 places at the Curragh Prison, from October. In January 1997, it is hoped that building will commence on the Castlereagh Main Prison (125 places) and the Mountjoy Women's Prison (60 places). At present, there are plans being drawn up for a major long-term project for a new remand centre at Wheatfield which will provide 400 places.

#### BAIL

The Minister stated that the Referendum on the reform of the bail laws will be held next November, 1996. At present, bail can only be refused on grounds that the person is likely to abscond, or interfere with evidence or witnesses. However, the proposed referendum hopes to allow a judge the discretion to refuse bail in further circumstances. The people will voice their opinions in November.

#### THE COURTS

At present, the Courts are being modernised under the Court Refurbishment Programme, of which Ballinasloe and Galway are examples of the fine work involved.

#### GARDAI

The Minister stated that the number of Gardaí to be recruited will be increased by 400 between now and the end of the year. A further 200 Gardaí will be freed up as we take in an equivalent number of civilians for clerical type work in the force.

The regionalisation of the Gardaí which is almost six months in place, is the first radical re-organisation of the Gardaí since the foundation of the Gardaí in the 1920's, will have an effect more profound and long-lasting. The new Garda Commissioner, Pat Byrne will implement this process of change, when he takes up his appointment on 20th July.

#### DRUGS

The Minister stated that without doubt, a very large proportion of crime is now drug-related. The Minister introduced the Drugs Package of July, 1995. This package

included the establishment of the Garda National Drugs Unit and the Memorandum of understanding between Customs and the Gardaí. The Drug Trafficking Bill allows for the detention for questioning of drug traffickers for up to seven days and restricts the right to silence in drug-trafficking cases which is shortly to become law.

The Departments of Health and Education are taking actions to tackle the demand reduction and educational side of drugs. The Minister for Health announced progress on more treatment clinics and more GP's taking on addicts. The Minister for Education has a comprehensive education package for both Secondary and Primary Schools.

Last March, the Minister opened the first ever secure drug-free unit in the Training Unit in the Mountjoy Prison complex and we will also have a new drug treatment centre in Mountjoy.

The Minister stated that the Government has made Drug Trafficking one of the themes of Ireland's Presidency of E.U. which began on 1st July. It is intended that the implementation of practical measures at home will have a steady and lasting effect to ensure the drug problem does not increase, as we move this debate onto the European stage.

In conclusion the Minister stated that the above issues are now finding their way onto the Councils agendas, and public representatives fully understand the need for appropriate action combining immediate with medium and long term planning. The Minister thanked the Members and wished them well in the difficult tasks lying ahead of them.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council presented the Minister with a gift of Clarinbridge Crystal.

Councillor McClearn gave the Minister an eleven point submission on crime in rural Ireland.

The Minister then left the Courthouse.

#### **DISPOSAL OF LAND AT GLENNAGLOGHAUN SOUTH, MONIVEA 3772**

On the proposal of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Senator McDonagh, the Council approved the disposal of land at Glennagloghaun South, Monivea to Mr. Noel McEvoy, in accordance with Notice dated 21st June, 1996, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, which had been circulated to each Member.

#### **ADDRESS BY MR. V. RYAN, COILLTE REGIONAL OFFICER 3773**

Mr. V. Ryan, Coillte Regional Officer outlined Coillte's activities as follows:-

Coillte Teoranta - The Irish Forestry Board was established under the Forestry Act 1988 and commenced trading on 1st January, 1989. Coillte is a limited company registered under the Companies Acts. All shares are held by both the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

#### PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES OF COILLTE

The principal objectives of the company as specified in the Forestry Act 1988 are:-

- to carry on the business of forestry and related activities on a commercial basis.
- to establish and carry out woodland industries.
- to participate with others in forestry and related activities consistent with its objectives, designed to enhance the effective and profitable operation of the company.
- to utilise and manage the resources available to it in a manner consistent with the above objectives.

Coillte is a community based organisation, and its commercial progress strives to embrace harmonious community relations and effective and sensitive management of our valuable national forest resource.

#### COILLTE AND THE FORESTRY INDUSTRY

In County Galway, Coillte employs either directly or on contract some 284 people. These are mostly employed in the rural areas of the county.

Two of the major sawmills in the country - ECC Teo. and Murray Timber Industries are in Galway as well as several smaller saw-mills, all providing rural based employment. The forest industry in the county also includes hurley manufacture, fencing post production, pallet construction, furniture manufacture, as well as activities like the production of nursery seedlings, and the manufacture of forest machinery. The figure within the county for employment related to forestry is estimated at 1,200. This additional employment has been created through private sector planting, timber harvesting and extraction and haulage of timber.

#### COILLTE AND TOWNS/VILLAGES IN CO. GALWAY

Coillte is an important element in the life of a large number of towns and villages in County Galway, i.e. Mountbellew, Monivea, Cong, Woodford, Ballygar, Oughterard, Portumna, Gort and Loughrea through the unique location of a number of its plantations. The woods are a focus for outdoor recreation and an important focal point for the towns to enhance their attractiveness and presentation in the tidy towns competitions. Coillte has plantations in a number of exceptionally important sites and the management of these areas reflect their visual and amenity importance, e.g. Kylemore, Inagh Valley & Inchoigoill Island on Lough Corrib.

The rail transport of timber from Coillte forests sought the re-opening of rail links with Tuam and Gort through Athenry. This project attracted almost £5m in EU support, and will reduce the traffic pressure on primary routes.

#### RECREATIONAL USE OF FORESTS AND FORESTRY EDUCATION

Within the tourism industry strong growth has occurred in the area of hill and distance walking i.e. The Western Way and O'Sullivan Beare, and other walks come through Coillte Forests. The Forest Park located at Portumna is an important recreational facility. At present the O.P.W. are restoring Portumna Castle which will enhance the area further.

Coillte is very supportive of institutions such as Galway R.T.C. initiating forestry courses within the county.

#### COILLTE AND GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Coillte and Galway County Council have developed many liaisons both at official and local level. A number of meetings have taken place with the Council Engineers to deal with controversial issues. The following steps have been introduced to help alleviate/solve the problems:-

These steps are:-

- A code of practice on the use of County Roads by Coillte.
- Detailed meetings with the Council Engineers to identify the most suitable routes for timber haulage.
- Co-operation with the application for funding of non-national roads from the E.U. and the exchequer.

While roads are the most obvious interface between the Council and Coillte, there are other links, i.e. fire-fighting. The Draft County Development Plan has included a number of points relevant to forestry. This development is welcomed by Coillte and Mr. Ryan is pleased to have been afforded the opportunity of making a submission in connection with same.

#### COILLTE - THE FUTURE

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Mr. Ivan Yates, launched the "Strategic Plan for the Development of the Forestry Sector in Ireland", which covers the development of forestry into the next century. The plan identifies the development of the Farm Partnership schemes as a means of achieving the afforestation objectives of the plan and supporting a strong rural based forestry sector with farmer involvement. The attainment of these targets will require sustained commitment on the part of many interests and groups.

Mr. Ryan stated that the role which the Council has in the implementation of the above plans have been strengthened, and he looks forward to the development of improved consultations with Galway County Council as envisaged by the Plan.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Ryan for his presentation and for the information leaflets/packs which were circulated to each Member.

The Members, while expressing appreciation of the work of Coillte and the contribution of the forestry industry to the economy of County Galway, expressed concerns relating to the following matters:-

#### AFFORESTATION - FARMING COMMUNITY

Deputy Connaughton requested that consultation should take place with local residents when tree planting was proposed. He said that many small farmers were unhappy that Coillte had out-bid them for the purchase of land which they badly needed to make their holdings viable. While he was aware that Coillte were obliged to manage their business profitably, he suggested that in the interests of good relations with local communities they should endeavour to co-operate and assist bona fide farmers attempting to meet their needs for additional land. He also suggested that Coillte should assist local farmers in the matter of fencing their properties where these adjoin Coillte lands.

Councillor Callanan said that Coillte should have a policy in the matter of land. He suggested that the policy might provide that good lands not be planted, that planting should take place only on marginal lands and that good lands in the ownership of Coillte should be sold back to adjoining farmers who might require it for their normal farming purposes. He said that every 70-80 acres of land planted means that another family has gone from the land. He expressed agreement with the point raised by Deputy Connaughton in relation to fencing.

Councillor Regan stated that the development of the forestry industry is proving to be very expensive for the local communities, i.e. high cost/price of land, destruction of roads and the timber being loaded and removed to other parts of the country for processing.

Councillor McClearn said that Coillte should be conscious of the unique situation which applies in the west of Ireland where holdings are small and there is not much land on the market. He suggested that in order to avoid resistance to afforestation such as had occurred in Leitrim, Coillte should have a stated commitment not to plant trees in any case where it would endanger a family home or where such planting would destroy scenic views and beauty spots.

Councillor Loughnane said that there was need to bring afforestation within the planning process in order to prevent trees being planted too close to people's homes and too close to water courses where pollution can be caused.

#### AMENITIES

Councillor McClearn said that the Deer Herd at Portumna Forest Park had been decimated in recent times and he urged the preservation of the herd in view of its importance as a tourist attraction for the park.

Councillor Loughnane said that in some cases Coillte had acquired lands which were part of old demesnes and contained structures of architectural interest such as cut stone walls, gates etc. which were often damaged by forestry contractors. He suggested that Coillte should co-operate with the County Council for the protection and repair of such items and for their exploitation for amenity purposes.

#### ROADS

An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta pointed out that Coillte has been very beneficial to people living in the Gaeltacht area, however as Galway County Council is spending a great deal of money on roads that a contribution should be made towards their up-keep.

The following roads were mentioned in particular, i.e.

**Rossaveal/Oughterard Roads  
Shanfeistin Road, Connemara  
Galway/Headford/Cong Road  
Curragh Line**

Councillor Ryan requested that Coillte help farmers repair private roads as the contribution under the L.I.S. can be very expensive. He also stated that the roads in winter-time are very often left in a dangerous state with debris everywhere.

Councillor Finnerty requested that Coillte should ensure that private contractors employed by them operate within the weight restrictions and where possible, only have one, single trailer.

Councillors Fahy and Cunningham stated that the large amount of forestry developments in the north and south Galway areas, e.g. Gort/Ardrahan, was one of the contributing factors to the flooding of the area whereby people had to leave their homes, etc.

Prior to Mr. Ryan's response, Mr. P. Flood, County Engineer made the following comments. He said that damage to the roads caused by over-laden vehicles taking timber from the forests was a serious problem in the county. He requested that Coillte should only certify for payment purposes vehicle loads that are within the legal limit as the County Council does with vehicles carrying road and other materials to County Council works. He stated that the County Council are in the process of setting up a system of mobile weighbridges and that special emphasis would be placed on roads in the South Galway and Connemara areas where large sums of money are being spent on road repairs/upkeep due to heavy vehicle damage. He also suggested that Coillte should actively discourage the use of the roadside as a work-place by forestry contractors as this was a hazard to road users and reduced the efficiency of the public road network. He also referred to the possibility of damage to the public roads arising from tree planting too close to them, the trees tended to adsorb moisture from the road structure, thereby causing subsidence. With regard to the matter of forestry management generally, he said that care should be taken to avoid planting where it would obscure scenic views such as views of the lake in the Cornamona area and

planting close to streams and water courses should be avoided as this can lead to increased acidity in the waters. He said that where clear felling has taken place in an area of forestry the land is left in an unsightly condition and he suggested that evergreen hedges should be planted close to public roads so that such unsightly areas can be screened from the public view particularly in the areas of scenic amenity in the county.

Mr. Ryan responded to the matters raised by Members as follows:-

FARMING COMMUNITY

Mr. Ryan stated that the amount of land purchased by Coillte in County Galway is quite small and that they are not dominant in the market. Forestry is a valid and legitimate use of land and the forestry industry is second only to dairying in providing a good return from land. The benefits of forestry were highlighted in a recent ESRI report which compared an area in Wicklow with a long-standing forestry industry to an area in East Mayo. The report concluded that the average earnings of farmers in the Wicklow area had increased and that the population of the area not involved in forestry had stabilised and increased.

He stated that Coillte have always strived to maintain good relations with its neighbours. He said that fragmentation of holdings is a feature of County Galway and that Coillte had facilitated the restructuring of holdings where this was possible.

In reply to a reference to the possible location of a timber processing factory at Tynagh, he said that while Tynagh had lost out to Waterford in the siting of the OSB factory, the decision was in the hands of the American Parent Company based in Portland, Oregon and they had opted for the Waterford location. He stated that the volume of forestry output is increasing sufficiently to support another industry and it is an objective of the West Regional Authority to secure this industry for the area.

Mr. Ryan stated that the guidelines for the planting of trees and proximity to houses etc., are stated clearly in the new Strategic Plan.

Mr. Ryan said that farmers are responsible for keeping control of their stock. Agreements have been reached with adjoining landowners who have contacted Coillte and he welcomes such in the future.

AMENITIES

Mr. Ryan said that the Deer herd number in Portumna Forest Park reached 600. This number was too great for the Park, given the area etc., the maximum number is 100. The net result was that a number of Deer had to be put down. However, Coillte have now embarked on a plan to manage the herd and bring it to the optimum level for vibrancy but this will require culling from time to time to maintain the herd at the correct level.

Mr. Ryan stated the repair of old demesnes will be examined. He highlighted that Coillte are more than willing to work with local communities regarding Tidy Town Competitions etc.

ROADS

Mr. Ryan said that the matter of over-weight vehicles is an area that needs to be addressed, as Coillte are in favour and support the legal weights.

In regard to the suggestions made for "sites after felling", he stated that they would be considered, and while he agreed the debris on the site appears unsightly, it is important for the fertilisation, etc. of the site. The practice of loading and leaving debris on the side of the road is an area not encouraged by Coillte.

The flooding issue is a difficult matter. Mr. Ryan stated that a recent study showed that an answer to the problem was more planting as the growing of certain trees has an impact of slowing down the amount of run-off. This is a relatively new practice, and works well in some areas.

Mr. Ryan hoped he had answered all the queries/points raised. However, if any Member wished further information, he would reply to them directly.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, thanked Mr. Ryan for his presentation.

MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL GROUNDS

3774

An Comhairleoir Ní Fhatharta stated that at present a large number of people are dissatisfied with the way grave-yards are maintained. She requested that some type of plan be put in place for the maintenance of graveyards. It was suggested that FAS schemes be used for the cleaning of grave-yards and consultation to take place with FAS with a view to remedying this problem.

Councillor Regan stated that this problem is highlighted during the months of May/June/July and August. He stated that in some areas FAS employees are doing this work. He also stated that Students under the Social Welfare Student Job Scheme could be employed in doing this work, i.e. cutting grass in the cemeteries.

Councillor Loughane requested that an area for waste materials be set aside in every cemetery. He stated that the people do not demand a great deal, just enough that the cemeteries do not turn into meadows. He requested the cemetery in Mountpleasant, Loughrea be cleaned.

Councillor Gavin requested clarification on what is meant by maintenance, i.e. grave area or the entrance to burial grounds.

Mr. D. Nelson, Acting County Manager stated that a report would be prepared on Burial Grounds setting out the Council's policy etc., and presented to the Members.

**MANAGER'S BUSINESS**

**3775**

Mr. D. Nelson, Deputy County Manager informed the Members that the Department of the Marine has approved the sum of £48,750 (75%) under the EU funded Operational Programme for Environmental Services 1994-1999 towards a £65,000 protection scheme for Tawin Island.

**SUNDAY TRADING**

**3776**

The Council agreed to defer discussion on Sunday Trading to the next meeting.

**CONFERENCES**

**3777**

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Callanan, the Council agreed that the following Members be nominated for attendance at the following conference:-

**Seminar - Social Study Summer School - Inchageela, Co. Cork - 3rd/7th August**

Councillor S. O'Neachtain  
Councillor M. O'Neill

Councillor P. O'Tuathail  
Councillor J. Mannion

**CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN**

Submitted, Approved + Signed:

John M. Mannion  
Chairman

26/8/96  
Date

**CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**(Galway County Council)**

Oifig An Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

5 Iúil, 1996

**CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/**

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionólfar in dTeach Chúirte Béal Átha na Slua, De hAoine, an 12ú lá Iúil, 1996, ag tosnú ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

**D. BARRETT,  
RUNAI SEALADACH**

**CLAR**

1. Disposal of plot of land at Glennagloghaun South, Monivea to Noel Mc Evoy. Section 83 Notice dated 21st June, 1996 refers.
2. Address by Mr. V. Ryan, Coillte Regional Officer.
3. Maintenance of Burial Grounds.
4. Sunday Trading.

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**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY  
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE ABBEYGLEN HOTEL,  
CLIFDEN ON MONDAY, 24th JUNE, 1996**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** An Comhairleoir J. Mannion

**UILLATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Baill:**

Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne,  
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, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P.  
McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S.  
O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P.  
O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Ryan, M. Regan, E.  
Varley & T. Walsh.

**Oifigigh:**

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, T.  
Kavanagh, A/Asst. Co. Manager, E. Power,  
Co. Secretary, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, P.  
Flood, Co. Engineer, C. Wallace & E.  
Hourigan, A.S.O.

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**VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

3730

On the proposal of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Hussey, the Council extended a vote of thanks and congratulations to the Chairman, Councillor J. Mannion and Family for his work at local level and wished same to be recorded.

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

3731

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the family and relatives of the late Mr. Tom Callanan, Chairman of the Galway Hurling Board.

On the proposal of Councillor Mullins, seconded by Deputy O'Cuiv, the Council extended a Vote of Sympathy to the family of Detective Garda McCabe and Garda O'Sullivan who was injured, Adare, Co. Limerick, and the citizens of Manchester

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following the recent bombing. They also asked that a letter be written to Mr. Gerry Adams, requesting that the I.R.A. call off their action and introduce an immediate cease-fire in order for Sinn Féin to take their seat at the Forum. This motion to be circulated to all Local Authorities.

**MINUTES 3732**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 13th May, 1996 were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Ryan.

On the proposal of An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, seconded by Deputy Connaughton, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 27th May, 1996 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The report of the Loughrea Electoral Area Meeting held on 10th May, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Councillor Ryan.

The Report of the Arts Committee Meeting held on 5th June, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Senator McDonagh.

The Report of the Islands Committee Meeting held on 18th April, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Councillor Gavin.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Meeting of 27th May, 1996 - Minute No. 3692**

On the proposal of Councillor Gavin, seconded by Deputy McCormack, it was requested that the revised speed limit on the Church Road, Moycullen be put in place immediately. This has been an issue for the past 4 years.

**Minute No. 3692**

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain stated that the reply received from Galway Corporation regarding the Knocknacarra road is unsatisfactory. On the proposal of An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, seconded by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, a Deputation was requested with Galway Corporation to discuss this problem.

**Minute No. 3686**

Councillor Callanan asked that his request that Boyounagh Cemetery be extended be recorded.

**SALE OF HOUSE AT ARDCLOON, DUNMORE 3733**

On the proposal of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Quinn, the Council approved the sale of house at Ardcloon, Dunmore to Agnes Forde, in accordance with Notice dated 6th May, 1996 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member.

**SALE OF HOUSE AT LIAM MELLOWS TERRACE 3734**

On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, the Council approved the sale of house at 4 Liam Mellows Terrace, Tuam to Mrs. Josephine Mannion, in accordance with Notice dated 10th May, 1996 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 which had been circulated to each Member.

**SALE OF HOUSE AT TONABRUCKY, RAHOON 3735**

On the proposal of Deputy McCormack, seconded by Senator McDonagh, the Council approved the sale of house at Tonabrocky, Rahoon to Kathleen Mullins and Rita Lally, in accordance with Notice dated 30th May, 1996, under section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, which had been circulated to each Member.

**AUDITORS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/1994 3736**

On the proposal of Councillor Brennan, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, the Auditors Report for year ended 31st December, 1994 was noted. The Council conveyed its appreciation and thanks to the Finance Officer and Staff.

**PROVISION OF MOORINGS 3737**

The Acting County Secretary referred to report dated 18th June, 1996 which had been circulated to each Member and stated that this matter was discussed at the last Monthly Meeting and deferred pending consideration of moorings for the Islands. Following discussions with Bord Fáilte and Udaras na Gaeltachta, it was agreed that Udaras would give a grant for two mooring facilities at the islands provided the County Council would maintain same. The Council is agreeable to this.

On the proposal of Deputy McCormack, seconded by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, the Council agreed to proceed with the provision of moorings at the following locations on condition that Udaras na Gaeltachta would fund the 25% contribution for Moorings in the Gaeltacht.

Leenane	8 Moorings	Fahy Bay	8 Moorings
Clifden	8 Moorings	Roundstone	4 Moorings
*Kilkieran	12 Moorings	*Sruthan	8 Moorings
*Kilronan	8 Moorings	*Kiggaul Bay	4 Moorings

\*Great

Man's Bay 4Moorings

Note: \* Refers to Gaeltacht Areas.

The Members welcomed the co-operation between Udaras na Gaeltachta and the Council for the development of the Gaeltacht, and hoped it continues under future Udaras Authorities. On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail, the Council agreed to consider mooring facilities for the coastal areas of South Galway, i.e. Clarinbridge, Kinvara and Oranmore, in the future.

The County Manager paid tribute to Udaras na Gaeltachta for their co-operation in this and other projects. He stated that the Council will look at other possible locations along the coast-line where mooring facilities may be provided.

On the proposal of Councillor Gavin, seconded by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, the Council extended a vote of thanks to An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, Chairman of Udaras na Gaeltachta.

The Manager and Staff wished to be associated with same.

**ALLOCATION OF ARTS GRANTS 1996 3738**

On the proposal of Senator J. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, the recommendations of the Arts Committee for 1996 Grants were unanimously approved as follows:-

**ARTS GRANTS 1996**

1.	Athenry Festival	£ 1,800
2.	Ceoltoiri Maghlocha	£ 300
3.	Clifden Arts Society	£ 600
4.	Clifden Community Arts Festival	£ 6,000
5.	Cois Cladaigh	£ 300
6.	Comhar Caomhan Teoranta, Inis Oirr	£ 300
7.	Conamara Environmental Education Centre	£ 1,000
8.	Coole Autumn Gathering, Gort	£ 500
9.	Cooley - Collins Traditional Music Festival, Gort	£ 500
10.	Deadwide Writers, Tuam	£ 300
11.	Derrybrien Theatre Project	£ 300
12.	Druid Theatre Company	£ 3,000
13.	Duice Arts Group, Cong/Clonbur/Cornamona	£ 600
14.	Fleadh na gCuach, Kinvara	£ 1,000
15.	Galway Arts Centre	£ 750
16.	Galway Arts Festival	£ 3,000
17.	Galway Film Centre	£ 200
18.	Galway Youth Theatre	£ 1,000
19.	Gateswide, Tuam	£ 500
20.	Glenamaddy Theatre Festival	£ 950
21.	Glenamaddy Town Hall Theatre Programme	£ 850
22.	Glinsk Community Council	£ 600
23.	Gort Arts Group	£ 500
24.	Inishbofin Community Arts	£ 500

25.	Kiltartan Gregory Cultural Society	£ 250
26.	Kinvara Community Council/An tAmhran Beo	£ 300
27.	Lackagh Folk Museum	£ 500
28.	Letterfrack Film Society	£ 200
29.	Maam Valley Craft Group	£ 100
30.	Macnas	£ 1,200
31.	Muintearas, Lettermore	£ 400
32.	Oat Community Arts, Ballinasloe	£ 1,000
33.	Pat Keane Commemoration Society, Kinvara	£ 200
34.	Plearaca Chonamara	£ 2,000
35.	Plearaca Teoranta	£ 1,000
36.	Portumna Poetry Group	£ 200
37.	Renvyle County Fleadh	£ 500
38.	Roundstone Youth Theatre	£ 500
39.	Skehana Festival	£ 300
40.	St. Brigid's Arts Festival, Tuam	£ 500
41.	Tuam Literature Festival	£ 1,700
42.	Tuam Mall Theatre	£ 1,700
43.	Westshore Arts Group, Oughterard	£ 250
	<b>Arts Programme</b>	<b>£ 1,850</b>
		<b>£40,000</b>

**COUNTY STRATEGY GROUP**

3739

The Acting County Secretary stated that the Council has been asked to nominate three Members to the County Strategy Group, which is established to facilitate the co-ordination of local development initiatives. On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Hussey, the Council agreed to the nominations of Councillors O'Neachtain, J. Brennan and Senator J. McDonagh to this Group.

A meeting of the County Strategy Group is scheduled to take place in City Hall at 2.30 p.m. on 27th June, 1996.

**DESIGNATION OF CLIFDEN UNDER THE PILOT TAX RELIEF SCHEME FOR CERTAIN RESORT AREAS**

3740

A Report on this matter which has been circulated to Members was considered. On the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Deputy McCormack, the Council agreed to forward a submission to the Department of Tourism and Trade requesting that the town of Clifden be considered for inclusion in the scheme. A copy of the outline of the case for the inclusion of Clifden in the Pilot Tax Relief Scheme for Certain Resort Areas to be included in the submission.

The Chairman and Councillor O'Neill thanked the Manager and Staff for preparing a very detailed report. The benefits of its success would not only be to Clifden but to the surrounding areas of Ballyconneely and Roundstone etc.

Councillor Hussey stated that while he fully recommended and supported the Motion, he requested that the Council should discuss the inclusion of places in East Galway, such as Loughrea, Athenry, Ballinasloe and Portumna under the Urban Renewal Tax Relief Scheme. He stated that Investors should be attracted/encouraged into these towns and the Council should consider the inclusion of these towns in future Urban Renewal or other Programmes.

Councillor J. Burke agreed with Councillor Hussey regarding the promotion of towns like Loughrea/Athenry/Ballinasloe and Portumna. These towns offer a different type of holiday to tourists. The towns are rich in history, heritage and architecture and new investment should be encouraged in these towns.

The Manager stated that Clifden, the capital of Connemara should be included in the Pilot Tax Relief Scheme for certain resort areas. The inclusion of new resorts is considered during the preparation of the Finance Act and whether the scheme should apply to the Clifden area or the town can be discussed with the Department of Finance.

The Manager stated that an application has been made to have Tuam included in the Urban Renewal Tax Designated Scheme. The Urban and Village Renewal Schemes will make a significant improvement to towns and villages in the County and it is hoped it will act as a catalyst for future development. Under the LEADER Programme, the money available is limited, therefore grants to various groups are small.

On the proposal of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the Council agreed to discuss the various schemes in place at present, i.e. LEADER, etc. and requested to include it on a later agenda.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES - TAKING IN CHARGE OF ROADS**

3741

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that under the Local Improvement Schemes, the people pay a contribution of 10% towards the repair of roads leading to dwelling houses. These roads are mainly in isolated parts of the County. He requested that once the schemes have been carried out and roads brought up to standard, the Council should take the road in charge and be responsible for the maintenance of same.

Councillors Gavin and O'Neachtain stated that at present there is a waiting list of five years for applications under the Local Improvement Scheme. They requested that special consideration be given to L.I.S. roads on the Islands, as the Islanders have no real way of keeping the roads in good repair.

On the proposal of Deputy O'Cuiv, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, it was proposed that the Council would adopt, in principal, that L.I.S. roads leading to dwellings would be taken in charge by the Council.

The Council agreed that prior to making a definite decision on this proposal that a report would be prepared indicating the number of such L.I.S. roads that would be serving houses and the cost implications of taking these roads in charge. It was agreed to request increased funding from the Department for L.I.S. schemes, in order to deal with the number of applications on hand.

The County Manager stated that this report would be prepared and will be presented to the Council in approx. 2 months time.

#### MANAGER'S BUSINESS

3742

##### Ballinasloe Courthouse

The County Secretary stated that the Minister for Justice, Nora Owen, T.D., will officially open the refurbished Ballinasloe Courthouse on Friday 12th July, 1996 at 12.30 p.m.

##### Meeting of 12th July, 1996

It was agreed that the Special Meeting of the Council scheduled for 12th July, 1996 will take place in Ballinasloe. It was hoped that the Minister would pay a courtesy visit and address the Council Meeting.

##### Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme - Stage I

The Secretary confirmed that approval was received from the Department of the Environment to carry out works to replace defective water distribution mains in Tuam Town. This work will facilitate the connection of Stage I of the Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme when completed. The estimated cost is £338,350. The Manager stated that the work will commence as soon as possible.

##### N65 Transfer Request

The Acting County Secretary read letter from the N.R.A. dated 7th June, 1996 regarding the request to transfer of the Strengthening Grant of £100,000 at Portumna to commence design work on the N65 at Hearnbrook. The N.R.A. stated that within the current Operational Programme for Transport, it would not be possible to provide the necessary funding to undertake major improvement works at Hearnbrook. The N.R.A. cannot accede to the Council's request to transfer the strengthening grant at Portumna, to N65 at Hearnbrook.

Councillor Regan stated that unless money is provided for the N65 at Hearnbrook, the work will not be done within the next 20 years. He requested that the Council re-submit same at a later stage. Councillor McClearn asked that the problem relating to Hearnbrook be put back on the next agenda for Loughrea Area Meeting, and the relevant Engineering personnel should be present and see where the Council can go from here. The people in the Hearnbrook area will not tolerate the current situation, given the number of accidents, etc. that have occurred on this road.

Councillor W. Burke welcomed the decision that £100,000 will be spent on Bridge Road, Portumna. In regard to Hearnbrook, the money allocated would only be a drop in the ocean. The Council should prepare an overall strategy and priority list.

Councillor Walsh stated that the Members and Officials should have more power of decision in determining how, where, and why the money allocated to the Council should be spent.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that the N.R.A. has written off National Secondary Routes. He stated that the money should be accepted under protest and that the Council should pass a Resolution that Galway County Council is not happy with the funding of National Secondary Routes.

The County Manager stated that within the E.U. Operational Programme £20m has been allocated to the Country to be spent on National Secondary Routes within the next five years. This money could very easily be spent within Galway County alone.

#### CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

3743

Deputy McCormack raised the matter of BSE and possible pollution problems that may arise as a result of the non-collection and disposal of dead animals. He stated that while this problem is a national issue, a solution may take approx. two years to resolve.

The Manager stated that the responsibility of disposing of animals lies with the owners of the animals.

Councillor Callanan and Deputy Connaughton requested that the Council investigate a new source of water supply for the Ahascragh Group Water Supply or possibly connecting to the Ballinasloe Water Supply Scheme.

Councillor Regan requested that following the recent tragedy in Co. Laois that the Council install Fire/Smoke Alarms in all Local Authority houses. The County Manager stated that he would ask the Chief Fire Officer to draw up An Educational Programme for the public and when prepared, to present same to the Council.

Councillor Brennan highlighted the inappropriate application form issued by the Department of Social Welfare for security devices for the elderly. He requested that a letter should be sent to the Department of Social Welfare for a simpler application form to be devised.

#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS

N.O.M. NO. 14 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C.  
NI FHATHARTA

3744

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

"Níor árdaiodh na bóithre seo níos mó ná troigh ag pointe ar bith. Tógfar ballaí mar seo go leir chun cosc a chur ar ainmhithe feirme dul amach ar na bóithre."

**N.O.M. NO. 15 - SIGNS - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3745**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"This junction will be examined and the necessary signs erected."

**N.O.M. NO. 16 - ROAD - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3746**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"It may be possible to improve sight distance at this location later this year if funds permit."

**N.O.M. NO. 17 - FUNDING - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3747**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"Funding is being sought from the N.R.A. for improvements at Glenbrack and Peterswell Cross. An examination is being carried out of the situation at Loughtshaughnessy."

**N.O.M. NO. 18 - STREET LIGHTING - CLLR. M. FAHY 3748**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"The provision of additional public lighting in Killimor will be considered as part of the 1997 programme."

**N.O.M. NO. 19 - TRAFFIC ISLAND - CLLR. M. FAHY 3749**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"A detailed traffic management design is being prepared for the village of Kilcolgan including the N18/N67 junction."

**N.O.M. NO. 20 - FAS SCHEME - CLLR. M. FAHY 3750**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"There are no plans to carry out road realignment work at this location. Accordingly it is not possible to restore walls as the responsibility for their maintenance rests with the landowners involved."

**N.O.M. NO. 21 - MOYCULLEN SEWERAGE SCHEME 3751  
- CLLR. S. GAVIN**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"The Moycullen Sewerage Scheme, as now functioning is at or near capacity. It may be possible to permit additional development but each planning application will be dealt with on its merits."

With regard to plans for improvement of the scheme, I am to inform you that the Council has engaged Consultants to prepare a submission to the Department of the Environment for Stage 2 of the Moycullen Sewerage Scheme. The review of the capacity of the Treatment Plant will include examination of the need to extend the system along the Spiddal Road from Moycullen Village.

The Council has engaged Consultants also to carry out an ecological survey of Ballyquirke Lake to identify the causes and sources of nutrient enrichment in the Lake."

**N.O.M. NO. 22 - SPEED LIMIT - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3752**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"The speed limit on the Church Road will be put up within the next few days. The position of the speed limit on the Mountain Road is at the village boundary and it is not proposed to relocate it at present. If further development should occur in the area this will be reviewed."

**N.O.M. NO. 23 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3753**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"The Laragan road will be repaired in the course of routine maintenance. Work on the Tummasragh road will be completed in the coming weeks."

**N.O.M. NO. 24 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3754**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"This road is not in charge of the Council. It serves an access to the Earls Park reservoir and land holdings. It is a gravel road and the estimated cost of tarring it is €6,000."

**N.O.M. NO. 25 - ROAD - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3755**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"This road will be tarred inside the next two weeks."

**N.O.M. NO. 26 - SIGNPOSTING - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3756**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"Signs have been ordered and will be erected within the next few weeks."

**N.O.M. NO. 27 - ROAD - DEPUTY P. MC CORMACK 3757**

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"This is a County Road and there are no funds available for the removal of bends on such roads. Responsibility for overhanging trees rests with the landowner."

**N.O.M. NO. 28 - BAUNMORE CROSSROADS - SENATOR J. MCDONAGH 3758**

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"The land on the right hand side of the junction exiting from Liscaninane will not be made available. It would be possible to improve the junction on the left hand side exiting from Bawnmore school. The land would be available. The estimated cost of improvement is £1,500."

**N.O.M. NO. 29 - SIGNAGE - SENATOR J. MCDONAGH 3759**

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"This matter is being investigated and a reply will issue for the next meeting."

**N.O.M. NO. 30 - SPEED SIGNS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3760**

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"Loughgeorge is a rural area on the N.17 Galway to Tuam road and it is therefore not proposed to provide signs.

The location is not included in the present proposals for speed limit revisions."

**N.O.M. NO. 31 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 3761**

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

"Ni bóthar poiblí e seo, agus de bhár gaimhntanas airgid, nil an Comhairle in-ann bóithre nua a thogáil. Nil an bóthar ag freastal ar dhá gholtas agus teach chonai.

**N.O.M. 32 - CEIBH - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 3762**

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

"Tá cúram an chéibh ar an gComhairle. Déanfar obair deisiucháin dó i gceann cúpla seachtáin."

**N.O.M. NO. 33 - SOILSE POIBLI - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 3763**

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

"Nil an láthair seo luaithe sa chlár soilse poiblí 1996 toise gantannas airgid".

**N.O.M. NO. 34 - GLASSILAUN BEACH - DEPUTY E. O'CUIV: 3764**

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

"It is not possible to provide toilets and extend the car park. The estimated cost of the work would be £200,000. There are no funds available for this work."

**N.O.M. NO. 35 - ROAD REPAIRS - DEPUTY E. O'CUIV 3765**

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

"Routine repairs will be carried out to this road in the near future."

**N.O.M. NO. 36 - ROAD REPAIRS - DEPUTY E. O'CUIV 3766**

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

"This road is not in the charge of Galway County Council. The estimated cost of repairs to this private road is £30,000."

**N.O.M. NO. 37 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 3767**

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

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"This is a National Primary road and funding has therefore to be provided by the N.R.A. A sum of £600,000 was sought in 1996 but was not allocated. The Council will continue to seek funds for this work."

**N.O.M. NO. 38 - ROAD - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 3768**

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

"The Council has requested approval from the N.R.A. to transfer £100,000 from the strengthening grant to commence the work of realignment at Woodstock. No decision has yet been made by the N.R.A. Substantially more funding will be necessary to realign this road."

**N.O.M. NO. 39 - LAY-BY - AN COMH. S. O'NEACHTAIN 3769**

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

"Nil aon airgead ar fáil leis an obair seo a dhéanamh faoi láthair."

**N.O.M. NO. 40 - ROAD - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 3770**

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

"The road is not in charge of the Council. It serves the Egan home and at least one other landowner. It measures 500 metres in length and the estimated cost of tarring it is £4,500."

**CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN**

Submitted: Approved: Signed:

John M. Macaon  
Chairman

22/7/96  
Date

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

(Galway County Council)

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Arus an Chontae,  
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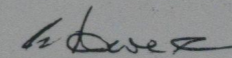
18 Meitheamh, 1996

**CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/**

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith I lathair ag cruinniú Míosiúil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar san Abbeyglén Hotel, Clifden, de Luain, an 24ú Meitheamh, 1996, ag tosnu ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,



**E. POWER  
RUNAI SEALADACH**

**CLAR**

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the following Meetings:-
  - (a) Special Meeting held on 13th May, 1996.
  - (b) Monthly Meeting held on 27th May, 1996.
2. Reports of Committee Meetings for consideration and adoption (copies attached):-
  - (a) Loughrea Electoral Area Meeting held on 10th May, 1996.
  - (b) Arts Committee Meeting held on 5th June, 1996.
  - (c) Islands Committee Meeting held on 18th April, 1996.
3. Sale of House to Agnes Forde at Ardclon, Dunmore. Section 83 Notice dated 6th May, 1996 refers.

4. *Sale of House to Mrs. Josephine Mannion at 4 Liam Mellows Terrace, Tuam, Co. Galway. Section 83 Notice dated 10th May, 1996 refers.*
5. *Sale of House to Kathleen Mullins & Rita Lally at Tonabrocky, Rahoon. Section 83 Notice dated 30th May, 1996 refers.*
6. *To note Local Government Auditors Report for year ended 31st December, 1994 - Report attached.*
7. *Provision of Moorings - Report to follow.*
8. *To approve Arts Grants for 1996 as recommended by Arts Committee - see Arts Committee Meeting Report of 5th June, 1996.*
9. *Nomination of 3 Members to the County Strategy Group - Report attached.*
10. *Designation of Clifden under the Pilot Tax Relief Scheme for certain resort areas - Report to follow.*
11. *The Taking In Charge of Roads which have been repaired under the Local Improvement Schemes.*
12. *Manager's Business*
13. *Chairman's Business*

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Adjourned From Previous Meeting :

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :

14

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ballaí a thógail nuair ata an bothar níos airde na an balla. Tarlaíonn se seo go minic nuair a ndéantar obair deisiúchain ar an mbothar (samplaí le seo). Is Trasna o tigh Sean O Donnchu, Gleann Mor, An Cheathru Rua. 2. Ag Tigh McNulty, Tulach, Baile na hAbhann.



COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :

15 That Galway County Council look at the junction at the Old Road entrance at Labane from Gort, leading to the Ballymaquiv/Labane Hall Road. Some signage should be posted as both roads are used as if they had the right of way. Possibly a Field Sign from the Gort side would help the situation or any other suggestions which the Council might have.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :

16 That Galway County Council make safe part of the roadway at the entrance to Matthew Sheil's Residence at Ruanmore, Ardahan. It is very dangerous and I would ask that it be included in the 1996 programme.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :

17 That Galway County Council seek special funding from N.R.A. for accident-prone locations i.e. junction at Glenbrack, Peterswell Cross, and Loughtshaughnessy, Gort.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :

18 That Galway County Council give priority to extension of Street Lighting in 1997 Estimates for the Village of Killimor.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :

19 That Galway County Council put in and install a traffic island at the N.18 Junction at Kilcolgan at road leading to Ballinderreen, Kinvara, as a matter of urgency to improve safety at this location.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :

20 That Galway County Council organise a Fas Social Employment Scheme for Circular Road at Gort, Bufile walls - improve road etc.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :

21 That information be given to the adequacy of the Moycullen Sewerage system in view of the present and projected

population expansion of the area. Are there any plans for improvement and is it intended to extend the system along the Spiddal Road from Moycullen Village?

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :

22 That the 30 mph speed limits on the Church Road near Moycullen Village be re-positioned to the new position at Claughaun as agreed nearly 4 years ago. It is also believed that the location of the 30 mph limits on the Spiddal (Mountain Road) must be examined and positioned further from the village.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :

23 That repairs be carried out on the Laragan Road in Rosscahill and that works commenced on the Tumnasragh Road in Moycullen be completed as soon as possible. One Section is in a poor state of repair.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE  
- I will propose :

24 That the road at Earlsparck, Loughrea from John Joe Forde's house towards the reservoir be surface dressed.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE  
- I will propose :

25 That the road at Ballyshea, Craughwell in the Loughrea Engineering Area be surface dressed this year.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE  
- I will propose :

26 That adequate sign-posting for Loughrea, Craughwell and Athenry be provided in the Kiltulla area.

CLR. PADRAIC MC CORMACK  
- I will propose :

27 That a dangerous turn near the house of Michael Connolly, Cahermorris, Coxrandulla on the New Line Road be removed to improve the sight distance. I will also ask that the overhanging trees at this location be cut to improve the view.

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH  
- I will propose :

28 That Galway County Council carry out vital improvement

works at Baumore Crossroads so as to create better view and avert serious accidents. The view needs to be improved on the right-hand side coming from Liscaninane and on the left hand side coming from Baumore School.

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH  
- I will propose :

29

That clear way markings be provided to prevent parking on the hard shoulder outside the Garda Station and on the the hard shoulder for a distance of approx. 100 yards towards Galway.

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH  
- I will propose :

30

That speed limit signs for village and also village signs with village names be provided.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :

31

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe bothar a thogail isteach ag an tra inDaighis, Leitirmeallain. Baineann go leor daoine uasaid as an tra seo.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :

32

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe an ceibh ag Sruthan, An Cheathru Rua a dheisiu. Baineann go leor baid uasaid as an ceibh. Murar bhfuil curam an ceibh ar an Comhairle iarraim oraibh e sin a chuir in iul dom.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :

33

Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe solas ar fail ag droichead Beal a Daingean.

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV  
- I will propose :

34

That toilets and an extended car park would be provided at Glassilaun Beach, in Lettergesh, Connemara, Co. Galway, as this is one of the most used beaches in Connemara.

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV  
- I will propose :

35

That repairs would be carried out to the Barnogue Road, as far as the graveyard, as a matter of priority.

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV  
- I will propose :

36

That a price be given to me for the repair of the road as far as the house of Joseph Conneely, Moyard, Co. Galway.

CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN  
- I will propose :

37

That Galway County Council would seek the improvement of this section of road as a matter of urgency (details supplied)

CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN  
- I will propose :

38

That Galway County Council would urgently request the N.R.A. to align the road from Galway to Moycullen at corcullen where a bad corner is a major traffic accident point.

CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN  
- I will propose :

39

Go ndeanfadh Comhairle Condae na Gaillimhe leataobh bheaga (lay-by) ar bhóthar Bhaile Liam, An Spideal mar nil dhacharr in ann dul thar a cheille air.

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN  
- I will propose :

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That the roadway, details attached, be resurfaced.

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 14th JUNE, 1996**

**Cathaoirleach:-** Councillor J. Mannion

**Baill:-** Cllrs. J. Brennan, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy E. O'Cuiv, Cllrs. M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finerty, S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley & T. Walsh.

*Lumington →*  
*see attendance book →*

**Oifigigh:-** Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, A/Asst. Co. Manager, E. Power, A/Co. Secretary, J. Crotty, Deputy/Co. Engineer, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, D. Barrett, A.O. & C. Greene, S.S.O.

**Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.**

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY 3722**

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mrs. Dorothy O'Brien, Baunswellgrove, Mountbellew, Co. Galway.

**TAKING OVER OF GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES 3723**

The Acting Assistant County Manager briefed the members on the report on Taking in charge of Group Water Supply schemes, which had been circulated to the members on 19th March 1996.

He stated that guidelines were being drawn up on the requirements to be met by Group Water Supply Schemes, in order to have schemes considered for taking in charge. The Trustees would be required to submit the following:

- as constructed drawings of the Scheme would have to be submitted.
- a leak detection survey would have to be carried out and the report on same submitted by a qualified firm.
- A certificate on the condition of the scheme would have to be submitted by a competent Civil Engineer.
- A certificate on the condition of the mechanical and electrical installations would have to be submitted by a competent mechanical engineer.

He informed the members that second grants are available from the DOE of £1,600 per house or 75% of the cost of improvement works to Group Schemes whichever is the lesser. He also stated that consideration is being given to the provision of financial assistance to schemes connected to public water supply schemes, where additional pumping costs are incurred. Provision for same would have to be made in the Estimates.

A discussion on the taking in charge of Group Water supply schemes followed, during which the following points were made:-

- In most cases, Schemes want to be taken over when trustees have passed away, are no longer in a position to manage the scheme or where the pipework etc. is in poor condition. There are however many schemes which do not want to be taken in charge. Individual members gave details of Group Schemes in their areas, where there were particular concerns.
- The issue of water quality in the County, was discussed with particular emphasis on the difficulties encountered by Group Schemes with private sources.
- There are many costs facing members of Group Schemes particularly those off public mains, i.e. water charges to Council, pumping costs and maintenance costs. It was considered that some Group Schemes may not have resources to upgrade the schemes to the required standard.
- A query was raised regarding the water charges that would be chargeable to consumers by the Council, if taken in charge. It was suggested the Council may benefit from additional water charges income, following take over.
- There was general consensus on the view that Group Schemes off public water supplies should be prioritised for taking in charge and that such schemes should be brought up to standard prior to being taken in charge. The costs to be incurred by the County Council following take over should then be reduced.
- Some members queried the position regarding particular proposed Group Schemes, which had been approved by the Council but have not yet been approved by the Department of the Environment. It was considered that the administration and approval of Group Schemes should be the responsibility of the Council and devolved from the Department.

- A number of members voiced concern about water management in the County and the frequent wastage of public water due to leakages on Group Schemes.
- Further information of the number of schemes which have made requests to be taken in charge was requested by some members.
- The proposed financial arrangements for those schemes who incur pumping costs were welcomed.
- Group Water Supply schemes should be incorporated into Regional Schemes as they are developed.
- It was suggested that the costs involved in taking in charge Group Schemes served from Public Water Supply Schemes should be determined and that cost proposals for same be put forward at the Estimates meeting for consideration. A Programme should now be put in place to advance same. Those schemes off private sources should be considered in due course, especially where the quality of the water is not up to the standard.

In reply to the matters raised, Mr. Kavanagh stated that approximately twenty to thirty schemes have applied to be taken in charge in the past number of years. He spoke of the additional costs to consumers generally as management and maintenance costs of water schemes were likely to increase in the future. He added that there was a lesser chance that Group Schemes off private sources would be taken in charge, and that some schemes would incur considerable costs in bringing the scheme up to standard prior to take over.

Mr. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer restated the cost burden on Group Schemes due to the need for investigation of the scheme and the need to bring the Scheme to a good standard prior to being taken in charge. Only schemes which were of an acceptable standard could be considered for taking in charge.

The County Manager informed the members that the Council will carry out a detailed examination of five to ten Group Schemes connected to public mains. A detailed report will be brought before the Council on the estimated cost of bringing the schemes up to standard. This will be done prior to the preparation of the Estimates.

The Manager complimented the Group Scheme Trustees for their voluntary efforts but stated that standards may not have been sufficiently high in some schemes, particularly where supervision by the Council was absent. The need for compliance with the EC directives on water quality was a serious consideration.

He confirmed that there was no funding available from the Department of the Environment for taking in charge of Group Schemes but that there are second grants available from the Department, which may allow a greater effort to be made with regard to leakages.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994 IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF SINGLE RURAL HOUSES -**

3724

A Report dated 31st May 1996 on the provision of nine rural houses had been circulated to the members in accordance with the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 1994. It was noted that the public consultation process has been complied with and that no submissions were received. It was agreed that the construction of the following houses proceed as proposed:-

Furnace, Lettermullen	Lettercallow, Lettermore
Lettermore	Gortnarup, Clonbur
Clynagh, Carraroe	Emlaghmore, Ballynahinch
Dawros Beg, Letterfrack	Rusheenduff, Renvyle
Cloonmore, Tuam	

**1996 BUSINESS AWARD**

3725

The following were nominated for the 1996 Business Awards:

**Telemara International Ltd., Carraroe Industrial Estate  
Mr. Pat McDonagh, Supermac's Ltd.**

**SLI NA SLAINTE**

3726

Sli na Slainte is a joint venture project between Croi, the Heart Foundation and the Oranmore Development Association and Galway County Council. The County Manager informed the Members that on Sunday 23rd June 1996 the Exercise Project would be launched in Rinville Park, and invited all Members to attend the launch.

**ISLANDS STUDY**

3727

The County Manager informed the Members that a Socio-economic study of the four islands in the Council's administrative area is being commissioned. Cllr Gavin asked if it would be ready in time for the deadline for its submission. The Manager stated that it would be further discussed at the Islands meeting on Inis Oirr on Monday 17th June.

**BEALACH NA GAELTACHTA**

3728

The County Manager informed the Members that a grant of £90,000 has been approved by Bord Failte for the Bealach na Gaeltachta Walking Route.

CONFERENCES

3729

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

Conference on Environmental Protection - Ballybunion - 5th/7th July

Councillor McClearn,  
Deputy McCormack  
Councillor Byrne

Health Board Conference - Ennis - 3rd/4th May, 1996

Senator McDonagh substituted for Deputy Connaughton  
Senator McDonagh substituted for Cllr O'Neill.

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Submitted, Approved + Signed:

John M. Harney  
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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:

Furnace, Lettermullen,  
Letterallow, Lettermore,  
Lettermore,  
Gortnarup, Clonbur,  
Clynagh, Carraroe,  
Emlaghmore, Ballynahinch,  
Dawros Beg, Letterfrack,  
Rusheenduff, Renvyle,  
Cloonmore, Tuam.

Site maps are attached.