

SPECIAL MEETING - 13/05/1996

The Council also passed a vote of Congratulations to the Galway Senior Hurling Team on winning the National Hurling League Final.

LAND-FILL SITE ON INIS MOR

3675

Cllr. Seamus Gavin requested that the operation of the land-fill site on Inis Mor be examined by the Council. The Manager indicated that the resolution of refuse problems on the island of Inis Mor required the co-operation of the local island community. He stated that the Council's engineering staff would have the matter examined.

SIGNS - BARNA GOLF CLUB

3676

In response to a query from Cllr. Seamus Gavin, the Manager indicated that the developer of the Golf Club should make a planning application for the erection of the signs.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GENERAL
COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS**

3677

The Acting Assistant County Manager referred to the above conference which would be held in Galway on 23rd, 24th and 25th May, 1996. It was proposed by Cllr. Michael Ryan and seconded by Cllr. S. O'Neachtain that Galway County Council contribute £1,000 to the General Council of County Councils towards the cost of running this conference.

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Submitted Approved + Signed:

J. M. Kavanagh
Chairman

24/5/96
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PORTUMNA SEWERAGE SCHEME

**Report for Council under Local Government Planning and
Development Regulations, 1994**

This report on the above development covers the nature and the extent of the development and the principal features thereof:

Background to the Scheme

Galway County Council has prepared, with 4 other Counties a proposal for the protection and improvement of the water quality in Lough Derg. This proposal has been submitted to the EU through the Department of the Environment for funding under the European Cohesion Fund. The provision of municipal waste water treatment plants is an important element within this overall project.

These waste water treatment plants will have phosphate nutrient removal facilities incorporated into them as part of the treatment process. This will help to reduce the rate of eutropication in Lough Derg.

The EU Cohesion Fund have approved an initial stage of the Lough Derg Catchment Protection Scheme under which Galway County Council have received approval to proceed with the preparation of the necessary planning documents for Portumna Municipal Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Description of the present service provided in Portumna

Portumna has an existing collection system which discharges into a pumping station at Shannon Park and from there it is pumped into a treatment works at Rinnmaher. The Collection System and Treatment Works are old and significantly overloaded. They do not have phosphate removal facilities either.

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The inadequacies in the system manifest themselves in an unacceptable rate of overflow at the Pumping Station in Shannon Park and the discharge of an untreated nutrient rich effluent into Lough Derg.

Objectives of the Proposed Scheme

Our objectives are to eliminate the present problems by extending and upgrading the existing Collection System and by the provision of a new pumping station in close proximity to the existing station at Shannon Park. This effluent will be pumped to a new treatment works which is located in forestry land to the rear of the Green Isle Foods factory. Nutrient removal facilities will be included in the scheme and treated effluent will be discharged into Lough Derg.

Evaluate the likely implications of the proposed development with respect to the proper planning and development of the area in which the development will be situated.

The Planning Officer has indicated that the proposed development is in compliance with the proper planning and development of the area and complies with the County Development plan.

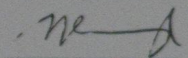
Issues arising with regard to planning and development on foot of submissions from persons or bodies or observations made in accordance with these regulations.

No submissions have been received from interested bodies or persons.

The Local Authority's intentions

It is the Council's intention to proceed with the development as proposed.

Section 2 (7) of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 applies.


T. Kavanagh,
County Secretary.

7th May, 1996

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(Galway County Council)

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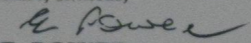
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CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, **De Luain, an 13ú lá Bealtaine, 1996**, ag tosnú ar a **3.30** a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,


E. POWER,
RUNAI SEALADACH

CLAR

1. To note:
(A) European Communities (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations, 1996 (S.I. No. 101 of 1996).
and
(B) Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 1996 (S.I. No. 100 of 1996). Report to follow.
2. To consider report under Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 1994 in connection with Portumna Sewerage Scheme - Report to follow.
3. To consider report on Housing Services- Report circulated.
4. Taking over of Group Water Schemes.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY
BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 22nd APRIL, 1996**

CATHAOIRLEACH: An Comhairleoir J. Mannion

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, T. Byrne,
J. Callanan, Deputies P. Connaughton, Cllrs.
M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M.
Finnerty, S. Gavin, M. Loughnane, 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, D.
Nelson, Asst. Co. Manager, P. Flood, Co.
Engineer, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, E.
Lusby, Finance Officer, R. Killeen, L.
Kavanagh, P. Martyn, M. Dolly, S.E.E.'s,
D. Barrett, E. Power, A.O.'s & E. Hourigan,
A.S.O.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

3630

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Cllr. T. Hussey & Family on the death of his Sister-in-law.

Mrs. Anne Hanley, Staff Officer, Personnel Department on the death of her brother.

The Tierney Family on the death of Patrick, a former Overseer with Galway County Council.

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Maire & Colm Ó Catháin, Leitir Meas, An Spideal, Co. na Gaillimhe.

The Manager on behalf of the Staff joined in the expression of sympathy.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS 3631

A vote of Congratulations was extended to:

Déanann Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe comhghairdeas ó chroí le Seosamh Mac Donncha, Uachtaráin tofa Cumann Luth Chleas Gael. A reception will be held in the Council Chamber to honour him when he has taken up office.

Mr. John Donnelly, President of I.F.A. An invitation to address the Council to be made at a suitable date and time.

Mr. Paul O'Grady, Tuam, on becoming President of the Vintners Association.

Beagh G.A.A. and Community Development Association on the official opening of their Pitch & Playing facilities, including John Moylan, for his endeavours and work.

Francis Barrett and his Trainer and Manager, Michael "Chick" Gillan and Fr. Crosby on his recent outstanding achievement and to wish him luck in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

St. Brigid's Community School in Loughrea.

MINUTES

3632

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 8th March, 1996 were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Callanan.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 25th March, 1996 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Report of the Connemara Electoral Area Committee held on 8th March, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail.

The Report of the Galway Area Committee Meeting held on 22nd March, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor McHugh, seconded by Councillor Varley.

The Report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 25th March, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 26th March, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Ryan.

The Report of the National Monuments Advisory Committee Meeting held on 12th March, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Ryan.

The report of the Islands Committee Meeting held on 14th March, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Gavin, seconded by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta.

The Report of the Casual Trading Committee Meeting held on 19th March, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

The Report of the Employment Committee Meeting held on 28th February, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor McHugh.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Councillor Loughnane stated that deputations were received from the Ballygurrane Residents Association, Athenry, the Athenry Road Residents Association, Loughrea and the Caheroyan Drive Residents Association, Athenry. There were some serious allegations made by the Deputations. In light of the new Standing Orders Procedures, consideration should be given to an interchange of views between the Members and the Deputations, especially for serious points raised.

Councillor Byrne supported the Residents of Caheroyan in their plea to have the matter righted, as it is uncalled for, that tenants may be disrupted.

The Chairman stated that a full report of the queries raised by the Deputation would be issued at the next Area Meeting.

On the proposal of Deputy McCormack, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, the Council agreed to issue a press release following the adoption of the Roads Programme. The Press Release to include a full list of the roads to be done in a particular year.

Councillor Fahy complimented all involved on the Traveller Committee down through the years.

Senator J. McDonagh thanked the County Manager and Staff of the Council for taking on board the proposal of the National Monuments Committee to hold a special conference on the Famine. Councillor Ryan wished to be associated with same.

Councillor Ryan wished to know when the changes for Casual Trading will be finalised. The County Secretary stated that Casual Trading takes place in various

locations throughout the County. Bye-laws are being prepared and the Casual Trading Committee will consider the draft and the matter referred back to the Members.

Councillor Gavin stated that the changes introduced by FAS on 15th April, 1996 will have a serious effect on the Council and other groups who operate Social Employment Schemes.

SALE OF HOUSE AT BARNABOY, TURLOUGHMORE 3633

On the proposal of Councillor McHugh, seconded by Senator McDonagh, the Council approved the sale of house at Barnaboy, Turloughmore to John & Teresa Connelly, in accordance with Notice dated 12th April, 1996 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member.

SALE OF HOUSE AT DERREW, BALLINAHOWN 3634

On the proposal of Deputy McCormack, seconded by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, the Council approved the sale of house at Derrew, Ballinahown to Sarah McDonagh, in accordance with Notice dated 12th April, 1996, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member.

SALE OF SITE AT SLIEVEANEENA, MOYCULLEN 3635

On the proposal of Councillor Gavin, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, the Council approved the sale of site at Slieveaneena, Moycullen to Peter & Mary Barrett, in accordance with Notice dated 12th March, 1996 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1995 3636

A copy of the Abstract and a report of the Finance Officer dated 9th April, 1996 was circulated to each Member. The report included full details of receipts and expenditure on revenue and capital accounts for the year. On the proposal of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Quinn, the Council approved of the expenditure and receipts for each of the Programme Headings listed.

COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 1995 3637

A draft of the 1995 Annual Report had been circulated with the Agenda. The Secretary stated that it was decided to circulate the draft report in case Members may wish to make any corrections. On the proposal of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Brennan, the Council agreed the Draft Annual Report for 1995.

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE 3638

The Council agreed the appointment of the following Members to the Traveller Accommodation Committee.

TUAM AREA: Cllr. P. Finnegan
Cllr. J. Burke
Cllr. T. Walsh

LOUGHREA AREA: Cllr. M. Fahy
Cllr. J. McClearn
Cllr. W. Burke

BALLINASLOE AREA: Cllr. J. Callanan
Cllr. J. Brennan

GALWAY AREA: Cllr. E. Varley
Cllr. P. McHugh

CONNEMARA AREA: Cllr. P. O'Tuathail
Cllr. J. Mannion

The Chairman stated that if Cllr. W. Burke did not wish to be on the Committee that Cllr. M. Cunningham would replace him. The Council agreed to same.

The Meeting of the Traveller Accommodation Committee was fixed for Monday, 20th May, 1996, at 4.00 p.m. in the County Buildings.

SUBMISSION TO INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ISLAND DEVELOPMENT 3639

The County Secretary stated that the submission has to be made within a short period of time. A meeting of the Islands Committee took place on Thursday, 18th April, 1996 and a copy of the Minutes was circulated to the Members at today's meeting. The County Secretary read the important points as follows:-

- That funding for Piers/Harbours and Air/Ferry services be included but not prioritised.
- That this is only an initial study and that finance is required for a comprehensive study of the long-term requirements and that the Department be put on Notice accordingly.
- That funding was required to do preparatory work on access i.e. feasibility studies.
- That our list of proposals should have 2 columns:-
1st Column for 1996 2nd Column for subsequent years
- The 4 piers on Inishmore should be included.
- That protection walls are required on Inishboffin Pier.

- That £100,000 (not £505,000) be included for Inishboffin airstrip for 1996 - balance other years.
- That Rosaveel be mentioned.
- That Calla Mor Pier, Inis Meain be mentioned.
- That the bad value for money of the subsidy for the boat service to the Aran Islands be brought to the attention of the Inter-Departmental Committee.

Cllr. Gavin stated that development required at Kilronan Pier should be singled out and the other three piers be mentioned. He stated that it is a very worthwhile submission and thanked everyone involved, i.e. the County Manger, the County Secretary, M. Dolly and M. Flynn in the compilation of same.

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain stated that the amount of money allocated for the islands is very small. He stated that the powers to deal with island-related problems and grant proposals should be devolved to the various local authorities, rather than requesting submissions to be forwarded to the Department.

Deputy McCormack stated that the proposals will be significant development for the islands. The ESB intend to supply electricity to the three islands from the mainland, and with the investment of £5m, will bring several benefits to the islands. The submission, subject to the changes outlined, were approved on the proposal of Councillor Gavin, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain.

LACKAN (ARDRAHAN) CERTIFIED DRAINAGE SCHEME 3640

The County Secretary stated that this is a small drainage scheme and approval to same is a reserved function in accordance with the Arterial Drainage Act. On the proposal of Councillor Cunningham, the Council noted the scheme as proposed by the Office of Public Works.

CONFERENCES 3641

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Fahy, 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:-

Famine Conference - Athenry - 17th/18th May, 1996.

Deputy McCormack	Cllr. C. Ni Fhatharta
Cllr. P. McHugh	Cllr. M. O'Neill
Cllr. S. O'Neachtain	Cllr. M. Finnerty
Cllr. J. Callanan	Cllr. P. O'Tuathail
Cllr. P. O'Sullivan	Cllr. T. Byrne

Conference - Moving Ahead in Europe - Westport - 30/4 & 1/5/1996

Cllr. M. Ryan Cllr. J. Mannion
Cllr. M. Cunningham Cllr. T. Walsh

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

Deputy P. Connaughton Cllr. M. Loughnane

Seminar - General Council of County Council's - Galway - 23/25th May, 1996

Cllr. J. Mannion

Councillor O'Sullivan substituted for Councillor Finnegan at Conference on Rural Development in Limerick on 29/30th March, 1996. Councillor Finnegan substituted for Councillor O'Sullivan at LAMA Conference in Letterkenny on 11/12th April, 1996.

**HOUSING (REGISTRATION OF RENTED HOUSES) 3642
REGULATIONS 1996**

The County Secretary stated that a new system of registration of privately rented houses came into operation on 1st May, 1996. Houses are registered with the Housing Authority. The Local Authority will draw up a register of rented accommodation which will be open for public inspection. A fee of £40.00 will be charged for each registration and this amount will be payable annually. Some types of rented houses are exempted, i.e. Holiday Homes, Lettings by a Minister of the Government, a Housing Authority, a Health Board or an approved Body, etc. Full details of the Regulations were circulated to each Member in a report issued by the County Secretary dated 11th April, 1996.

Deputy Connaughton stated that it must be made clear to the public that the new regulations are issued by the Department of the Environment and not the County Council. He stated that people feel that this is an invasion of privacy, and queried whether the information given will be forwarded to the Revenue Commissioners.

The County Secretary pointed out that the information available to public inspection is as follows:-

Address of Flat/property
Description of same
Date of receipt of Application/Registration

The public will not have access to the name and address of the landlord or the rent received. The register will be available for inspection in the Housing Department. There is no requirement to give the information to the Revenue Commissioner.

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain requested that the items requested for registration should be clarified with the Minister. It was also stated that where flats become available, that it would be advisable to notify the Local Authority and this should be on the application form.

Councillor J. Burke welcomed the new regulations. However, where there is a large number of flats in one house, he suggested that a smaller fee be charged. Councillor O'Sullivan recommended that the exemption for Holiday Homes be withdrawn. Councillor McHugh queried as to how Galway County Council will police non-compliance of regulations, and implement the regulations without any increase in resources from the Department of the Environment.

Mr. Neslon, Assistant County Manager pointed out that this was another set of regulations being brought into force. He stated that the standards laid down for a Holiday Home do not compare with those laid down for a house. Holiday Homes are covered by other legislation and must be registered with Bord Failte. In regard to the policing of the regulations, the Council, upon receipt of complaints from tenant(s) will investigate same and take appropriate action. He also stated that all accommodation must be structurally sound and fit for occupation. Mr. Nelson stated that it was difficult to access the costs of implementing these regulations, and at present, it is being taken on board as part of our normal duties, which will be reviewed over a period of time, and a report will be issued in a few months time.

Councillor J. Burke proposed making a recommendation to the Minister that where there are multiple flats in one house, that a sliding scale should apply. This was seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan.

ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN 1996 3643

The Chairman and Members of the Council formally thanked Ms. C. Greene and Ms. C. Nevin in organising the 1996 Environmental Campaign. The Manager appealed to everyone to take part in the campaign "Clean Up Galway Week - 4th - 11th May, 1996".

Councillor Ryan stated that as the dumps in Glenamaddy, Dunmore and Ballygar are closed, that skips should be provided at different locations, especially for Clean Up Week. The Councillors raised the problem of indiscriminate dumping, and litter problems created outside certain shops and possible use of video for taking prosecutions against litter offenders.

The County Manager stated that skips would be provided during clean-up week 4th-11th May, 1996. However, due to financial constraints, cannot be provided on an ongoing basis. He also stated that the Minister for the Environment is introducing further legislation to deal with the problems of litter, with increased penalties etc. He thanked the Members for their comments and strongly urged everyone to take part in the 1996 Litter Campaign.

REFURBISHED CITY LIBRARY

3644

On the proposal of Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor Varley the Council agreed to invite the Minister for the Environment to open the refurbished City Library.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

3645

The Manager informed the Members that approval had been received for improvements to the Inishboffin Water Supply Scheme. Works on the scheme will commence as soon as possible.

The Manager stated that Ms. Cecily Kennedy has been appointed to the post of Internal Auditor. Her duties will include the evaluation of procedures and systems currently in place and to ensure that money is spent effectively and maintaining the value for money concept.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

3646

The Council agreed to write to the Department of the Environment, Ballina to request immediate replacement of the two Engineers who deal with the processing of plans.

The Council also agreed to write to Mr. G. Adams requesting him to reinstate the Ceasefire, a letter from Tuam Town Commissioners requested support for this motion.

On the proposal of An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, seconded by Councillor Gavin, the Council agreed to write to Galway Corporation requesting them to formulate proposals for the alleviation of traffic problems on the Knocknacarra Road, west of Galway.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

N.O.M. NO. 18 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. M CUNNINGHAM

3647

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"Routine maintenance will be carried out at the above location under the 1996 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 19 - ROAD WIDENING - CLLR M FAHY

3648

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"The widening and realignment of local roads is not considered a priority whilst funds remain scarce. Priority must be given to strengthening, surface restoration or surface dressing works. In the circumstances it is most unlikely that provision for the above works will be made in the 1997 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO 20 - ROAD - CLLR. M FAHY

3649

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"No provision has been made for the carrying out of the above works in the 1996 Road Works Programme. However, if funds allow the work will be carried out during 1996. Otherwise provision will be made for the carrying out of the works under the 1997 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO 21 - ROAD WIDENING - CLLR. M FAHY

3650

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"The estimated cost of carrying out the above works is £18,000. No provision for same has been made in the 1996 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO 22 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. S GAVIN

3651

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"Routine maintenance will be carried out at the above location under the 1996 Road Works Programme."

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

3652

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"Works are presently in progress at the above location."

N.O.M. NO. 24 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. S GAVIN

3653

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"Routine maintenance will be carried out at the above location under the 1996 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO 25 - FLOODING - CLLR M LOUGHNANE 3654

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 26 - ROAD - DEPUTY P MCCORMACK 3655

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"The carrying out of works at above location is dependant on funds being made available by the National Roads Authority, as this is the National Secondary Road N59. No funds were made available for this location in the current year."

N.O.M. NO 27 - INFORMATION SIGN - SENATOR J. MCDONAGH 3656

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"If a suitable sign is provided to the Council which is acceptable to the Monuments Committee same will be erected at a suitable location."

N.O.M. NO. 28 - WATER SCHEME IN CAHERWALTER - SENATOR J. MCDONAGH 3657

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"Work will shortly commence on the provision of a new watermain from the Water Reservoir to the Dublin Road. This should increase the water pressure in the Caherwalter area.

The work is being carried out with the aid of grant assistance from the Department of the Environment under the Small Schemes Programme."

N.O.M. NO 29 - GRUP SCEIM UISCE - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 3658

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

"Nil a dothain airgead ag an Chomhairle I mbliana chun grup sceim uisce a thogail ar laimh. Beidh an abhar a phle ag crinniu an Chomhairle Chontae go luath."

N.O.M. NO 30 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 3659

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

"Tá muid ag scrudu an cás seo fao láthair o thaobh comhartha oiriunach agus linte bothar a chur ar fail".

N.O.M. NO. 31 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 3660

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

"Beidh an Chomhairle Condae ag cur comharthai oiriunacha agus line bóthair ar fail ag an láthair seo chomh luath agus is feidir."

N.O.M. NO 32 - DRAIN - DEPUTY E. O'CUIV 3661

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

"The above work will be carried out as soon as possible".

N.O.M. NO. 33 - FOOTPATH - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 3662

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

"No provision has been made for the provision of footpath at above location under the 1996 Road Works Programme. The provision of footpaths at this location is not considered a priority."

N.O.M. NO. 34 - ROAD - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 3663

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

"The above road is not included in the 1996 Road Works Programme. However, routine maintenance will be carried out as resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 35 - ROAD - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 3664

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

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"The above road is not included in the 1996 Road Works Programme. However, routine maintenance will be carried out as resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 36 - CAR PARKING - CLLR. M. REGAN 3665

The following written reply was given to Councillor Regan:-

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

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Housing (Registration of Rented Houses) Regulations, 1996.

The above Regulations which introduce a new system of registration of privately rented houses come into operation on the 1st. May, 1996.

The Regulations require the landlord of a house which is let solely as a dwelling for rent or other valuable consideration to have the house registered by the local authority and to supply certain information to the authority. A "House" for the purpose of the regulations includes a house let in its entirety as a whole house, a self contained flat or apartment, a non self-contained flat, a single room or as the case may be.

The local authority is required by the Regulations to keep a register of such rented houses and to have the register available for public inspection at a designated office during office hours. Certified copies of entries in the register will be provided on request to members of the public on payment of a fee of £5.00.

Landlords Obligations under the Regulations.

Where a house is already let on the 1st. May, 1996, the landlord is obliged to apply for registration within 2 months of that date and in the case of a house which is let after the 1st. May, 1996 application for registration must be made within one month of the date of letting.

A separate application for registration must be made in respect of each house on the prescribed application form and each application must be accompanied by a fee of £40.00. An annual fee of £40.00 is payable in respect of each house while it is registered.

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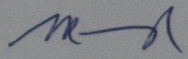
Landlords are required to furnish information regarding each house let as prescribed in the Regulations.

Failure to comply with any requirement of the Regulations will constitute an offence under Section 34 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1992 for which there is a maximum fine on conviction of £1,000.00 and an additional penalty of up to £100.00 per day on conviction for a continuing offence.

Houses for which Registration is not Required:-

The regulations do not apply to houses let as follows:-

- (a) For the bona fide temporary convenience of the landlord or tenant.
- (b) For holiday purposes.
- (c) Lettings by a Minister of the Government, a Housing Authority, a Health Board or an approved Body.
- (d) Lettings of student accommodation by recognised educational Institutions or Bodies approved by the Minister for Education where the accommodation has been provided by such Institutions or Bodies.
- (e) Lettings made to certain relatives of the landlord as prescribed in the Regulations.
- (f) Lettings where the "house" is part of a building or within the curtilage of a house in which the landlord is normally resident and provided there are not more than two "houses" within the building and the curtilage of the building.
- (g) Letting of dwellings which are already the subject of Regulation under Part 2 of the Housing (Private Rented Dwellings) Act 1982.


T. Kavanagh,
County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

**Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.**

16 Aibreáin, 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 thionólfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, de Luain, ar 22ú Aibreáin, 1996, ag tosu ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O CAOMHANAIGH,
Runai.

CLAR

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the following Meetings:-

- (a) Special Meeting held on 8th March, 1996.
- (b) Monthly Meeting held on 25th March, 1996.

2. Reports of Committee Meetings for consideration and adoption (copies attached):-

- (a) Report of Connemara Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 08/03/1996.
- (b) Report of Galway Area Committee Meeting held on 22/03/96.
- (c) Report on Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 25/03/1996.
- (d) Report on Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 26/03/1996.
- (e) Report of National Monuments Advisory Committee Meeting

held on 12/03/1996.

- (f) Report of Islands Committee Meeting held on 14/03/1996.
- (g) Report of Casual Trading Committee Meeting held on 19/03/96.
- (h) Report of Employment Committee Meeting held on 28/02/96.
- 3. Sale of House to John & Teresa Connelly at Barnaboy, Turloughmore, Co. Galway. Section 83 Notice dated 12th April, 1996 refers.
- 4. Sale of House to Sarah McDonagh at Derrew, Ballinahown, Co. Galway. Section 83 Notice dated 12th April, 1996 refers.
- 5. Sale of Site to Peter & Mary Barrett at Slieveaneena, Moycullen, Co. Galway. Section 83 Notice dated 7th March, 1996 refers.
- 6. To note Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31/12/1995 and to approve outturn figures therein - Report enclosed.
- 7. To approve Draft Annual Report for 1995.
- 8. (a) Appointment of Members to Traveller Accommodation Committee: Tuam and Loughrea Electoral Area - 3 Members each Ballinasloe, Galway and Connemara Electoral Areas - 2 Members each.
(b) Fix date for first Meeting of Committee.
- 9. To approve submission to the Inter-Departmental Committee on Island Development - Report attached.
- 10. To approve Lackan (Ardrahan) Certified Drainage Scheme proposed by Office of Public Works.
- 11. Five Year Roads Restoration Programme.
- 12. Nomination of Members for attendance at Famine Conference in Athenry on 18th May, 1996.
- 13. To note Housing (Registration of Rented Houses) Regulations 1996 - Report attached.
- 14. Launch of Environmental Campaign 1996 - Report attached.
- 15. Official opening of Refurbished City Library.

- 16. Manager's Business
- 17. Chairman's Business

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM

- I will propose :

18

That Galway County Council resurface and repair potholes from Castledaly Cross to Skehills and Fallons Residences at Ballybacha Hill, Castledaly.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY

- I will propose :

19

That Galway County Council give greatest priority in the 1997 Roads Estimates to the widening of the Tubber Road at Gort leading on to New Gort Livestock Mart, and also on the new G.A.A. pitch - with the provision of a footpath from the town to the pitch.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY

- I will propose :

20

That Galway County Council raise road at Currenruie Bridge, The Burring. This road is the only entrance to Shanebough Village, and sea tide covers this bridge almost every day by a foot of water. Children have to go through same to get to school. Urgent improvement works are required as soon as possible.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY

- I will propose :

21

That Galway County Council widen entrance junction at County Road leading to Mr. Larry Kerins house at Dunally, Peterswell. Vehicles can only enter this road from one side due to uneven ground which requires a J.C.B. to improve entrance.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN

- I will propose :

That repairs be carried out on the Coismeigmore Road near Furbo. This road is in a poor condition at the present time.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN

- I will propose :

23

That repairs be carried out on the Parishtown Road section leading to Mr. Thomas Gibbon's House. The road needs immediate attention.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN

- I will propose :

24

That road repairs be carried out on the Pillagh-Tamhnachai

Beaga Road in Moycullen as quickly as possible.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE

- I will propose :

25

That a soak pit be constructed to prevent flood water accumulating at a specific location.

CLR. PADRAIC MC CORMACK

- I will propose :

26

That a dangerous hill and bend on the Moycullen/Oughterard Road at Rosscahill be removed. Details supplied.

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH

- I will propose :

27

That Galway County Council seek to have information memorial sign placed on "Leach Chuimhne" at Cartymore Cross for the information of Tourists.

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH

- I will propose :

28

That Galway County Council examine the Water Scheme in Caherwalter, Loughrea with a view to having increased pressure provided on this scheme.

CLR. CONNIE NI FEATHARTA

- I will propose :

29

Go dtogfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Grup Sceim Uisce Leic/Curryulka (Leitir Moir) ar laimh. Ba mhaith le muintir na haite go mbeadh an Comhairle Chontae freagrach as an sceim uisce.

CLR. CONNIE NI FEATHARTA

- I will propose :

30

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe crosbothar An Tulach/Ros a Mhil nios sabhailte. Bionn go leor timpisti ag an crosbothar seo ar an bothar reigiunach.

CLR. CONNIE NI FEATHARTA

- I will propose :

31

Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe crosbothar ag crosbothar Caladh Thadhg, An Cheathru Rua, ag taispeaint an príomhbhothar agus an taobh-bhothar.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV

- I will propose :

32

That work be carried out immediately on the clearing of a closed drain at Tully Old School, Renvyle, Co. Galway.

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN

- I will propose :

33

That a footpath be provided on the roadside - details supplied.

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN

- I will propose :

34

That immediate steps be carried out on the road - details supplied.

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN

- I will propose :

35

That immediate steps be taken to rectify the disastorous state of the surface of road - details supplied.

CLR. MICHAEL REGAN

- I will propose :

36

That Galway County Council assess the issue of car-parking at Monivea Village, Athenry. Considerable difficulty is being experienced in the village by residents and commuters through the village as a result of no parking facilities being provided by the local nite-club.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 19th APRIL, 1996

Cathaoirleach:-

Councillor J. Mannion

Baill:-

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

Oifigigh:-

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, D. Nelson, Asst. Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, P. Flood, Co. Engineer, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, P. Martyn, R.C. Killeen, G. Dunne, S.E.E.'s, D. Barrett, A.O., C. Wallace, S.S.O., J. Forde, S.O. & E. Hourigan A.S.O.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

3623

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mr. James Kyne & Family, Kilkeel, Headford, Co. Galway.
Mr. Michael Kelly, Ardeevin, Williamstown, Co. Galway.

FISH KILL ON LOUGH DERG

3624

Cllr. W. Burke stated that at present a large number of fish, mainly Bream, are being washed up along the shores of Lough Derg. This is a very serious situation for families who are involved in Angling Tourism. Tests were carried out by Mr.

McCarthy of U.C.G. over the past three weeks, but no results have been issued to date.

Cllr. J. McClearn reiterated the case. He requested that the various bodies involved in the control and management of the lake establish a co-ordinated approach and put in place adequate resources to clean the lake and ensure the fish are disposed of properly. He stated that Mr. E. Cusack of the Shannon Regional Fisheries will make boats and man-power available to Galway County Council. Cllr. McClearn stated that the research centre at Abbotstown was not involved and wished to know why these facilities were not being utilised in this particular problem.

Mr. Declan Nelson, Assistant County Manager stated that it is acknowledged that there is a number of State Agencies involved in the management of Lough Derg. Galway County Council have been in contact with all the agencies concerned. He stated that the ESB owns all fishing rights, and control and management of the lake. Shannon Regional Fisheries Board is responsible for certain fishing aspects. Galway County Council has responsibility in relation to the Pollution Acts, licensing, sampling and the water quality used for drinking purposes. Mr. Nelson stated that the water quality at all in-take points is satisfactory.

Mr. Nelson pointed out that salmon and trout do not appear to be affected in this instance, which indicates that there isn't a pollution problem. He said that he would contact Mr. Cusack regarding his offer of boats and manpower, to help in the removal of dead fish. Mr. Nelson also pointed out that dead fish have also been reported at Terryglass and Scarriff lake and this problem is not just confined to the Galway County Council area.

Deputy Connaughton proposed that a deputation with representatives from the Loughrea Town Commissioners, Councillors and staff meet senior officials of the Department to discuss Loughrea Sewerage Scheme. Councillor Burke seconded this motion and the Council agreed to same.

TUAM AREA MEETING

3625

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it was agreed that the next meeting of the Tuam Electoral Area will take place in the County Buildings on Monday, 22nd April, 1996, at 12.00 noon.

ROAD WORKS PROGRAMME 1995

3626

The County Secretary advised that both the National Roadworks Programme and the Non-National Roadworks Programme were considered by the Area Committees of the Council. The Non-National Roadworks Programme was approved by the various Committees subject to minor amendments in the Costelloe engineering area. In the case of National Roads, the programme was also approved with the exception of N59 Moycullen and N65 Portumna where members requested that a letter be sent to the National Roads Authority requesting the transfer of strengthening grants at those

locations to realignment works at N59 Woodstock, Moycullen and N65 Hearnbrook respectively.

In the case of the N59 Woodstock, Moycullen, the County Engineer informed that it would cost approximately £1m. to make any useful impact, particularly in dealing with the bend at Corcullen. He also advised that sections of the pavement near Clydagh Junction was falling apart and that work was urgently required at this location in order to prevent serious difficulties arising later on in the year.

The County Engineer also said that the N.R.A. advised that the maximum National Secondary grant that the Council could expect to get over the next four to five years would be in the order of £1m. per annum and that the type of funding required for the carrying out of the above realignment works would not be available.

In the case of the Bridge Road, Portumna he advised that a very serious situation exists on the section between Portumna and the Bridge and that emergency repairs have been carried out at this location over the last couple of years but that a more permanent solution is now required. He strongly recommended that the grants for the N59 and N65 be spent at the locations as recommended in his Roadworks Programme.

He also advised that it was hoped to commence the Transportation Study by September and that the situation at Moycullen would be examined under this Study. He further advised that road factors were not involved in a fatal accident which occurred at this location.

Cllr. Gavin informed that there was tremendous anger locally over the way the road at Corcullen was left. He advised that loose stones are left on the side of the road since 1991 and he strongly felt that a start should be made stretching from Walshes to Sullivans. Land is available and many accidents have occurred in recent years. There is no margin and cars and vans are just inches apart when passing one another when going in opposite directions. He said that a start was required at Woodstock in the current year, otherwise the local people would lose confidence in the elected members.

Cllr. O'Neachtain agreed with Cllr. Gavin's comments and added that a fatal accident had occurred at this location since the last meeting. He stated that Corcullen has been mentioned at every meeting since 1991 and that any funds coming from the National Roads Authority should be directed towards Corcullen. He also stated that it was imperative that a design be put in place as otherwise there was no hope of getting the realignment works carried out.

Cllr. Gavin proposed and Cllr. O'Neachtain seconded a motion that a letter be sent to the N.R.A. seeking the transfer of the N59 East of Moycullen grant of £100,000 to realignment works at Woodstock and this was agreed unanimously.

Cllr. W. Burke strongly objected to the transfer of the £100,000 N65 Strengthening Grant for the Bridge Road, Portumna to design works at Hearnbrook. He advised that the Chief Executive Officer of the N.R.A. gave a commitment that the above

funds would be spent at the Bridge Road and that Mr. Tobin visited the site along with the County Engineer during his recent visit to Galway. He said that the money was urgently required at this location where a serious accident was just waiting to happen if something wasn't done soon. He agreed that Hearnbrook needs to be done but not at the expense of the Bridge Road and he strongly objected to a letter going forward to the N.R.A. requesting the transfer of funds.

Deputy Connaughton referred to a public meeting which was held in the hall in Killimor recently, where politicians were criticised for not making sure that funds became available for the carrying out of improvement works at Hearnbrook. He said that it was imperative that a design would be carried out, as without the design there is no hope of funds coming forward for the carrying out of roadworks. He asked the County Engineer if design could be carried out by the present Design Team during the current year.

Cllr. McClearn stated that funds were required for the Bridge Road, Portumna but as the proposed Portumna Sewerage Scheme would be going through this location, he was not willing to support the roads programme as this would result in the carrying out of works which would later have to be redone, thus resulting in a waste of public funds. He said that £100,000 was needed to design Hearnbrook and that the Council would have no chance of attracting funds for the carrying out of roadworks without having a proper design in place.

Cllr. M. Cunningham, Cllr. M. Fahy and Cllr. M. Finnerty also stated that the carrying out of realignment at Hearnbrook was urgently required.

Cllr. P. McHugh referred to the fact that many of the National Secondary roads were substandard. A notice of motion reply received by him some time back advised that it was impossible to provide a white line on a section of the N84 as the section in question was not wide enough which speaks for itself. He stated that, by and large, there were very little difficulties with National Primary roads with the exception of one or two black spots. However, this could not be said of the National Secondary routes and major funding was urgently required in order to bring them up to an acceptable standard. The Council had produced an excellent five year plan but it was of little use if adequate funding was not made available.

Cllr. McClearn said that proposals should be brought back to the next Loughrea Area Committee meeting regarding the redistribution of funds for Dominick Street and Shannon Road, Portumna. He also requested that Councillor's Notice of Motion funds be increased to £7,500 per Councillor.

Cllr. C. Ni Fhatharta informed that the total funding in the Connemara Electoral Area was down on last year mainly due to the loss of the supplementary grant. She welcomed the provision of school flashing lights at Tully School and asked whether this was coming out of the 1995 or 1996 Programme. She also requested that the 1996 Programme should be circulated to each member of the Council as soon as possible.

Duirt si go raibh gá caoi a chuir air droichead Ros ag an gCheathru Rua.

Cllr. C. Ni Fhatharta also asked what was the position regarding mobile weighpads and informed that a road which was recently repaired in the Rossaveal area was now being used by large lorries and that the road would be destroyed if something was not done to stop overladen lorries.

Cllr. Cunningham welcomed the provision of a pedestrian crossing in Gort and also school flashing lights. He asked that a speed sign advising motorists to reduce speed be erected on a severe bend on the Galway road, Gort.

Cllr. Finnegan welcomed the inclusion of Kilnalag Junction in the Roadworks Programme. He asked when work was going to start at Kilclooney. He referred to the need to carry out realignment works on regional roads as some of these roads were now carrying very heavy traffic loads. He asked that the Council implement an environmental programme now to eliminate difficulties later on in the Summer, particularly in relation to ragwort, weeds, briars etc. He welcomed the provision of school flashing lights at Claregalway. Dunmore also requires school flashing lights.

Cllr. O'Sullivan wanted to know when work was due to commence at Cappataggle and whether it was going to be done by contract or direct labour.

He said that local improvement schemes were five years behind and something needs to be done urgently in order to address this serious situation. He wanted to know if road making materials were being supplied from one company and also referred to the need to bring the engineering areas into line with electoral areas. He felt that hedgecutting should be carried out as a service to the local Community.

Cllr. Varley welcomed the N84 grant of £300,000 and complimented the Council on the work carried out with the £110,000 which was provided in 1995. She stated that something needs to be done as a matter of urgency in order to advise the public not to be dumping plastic bags along the N84 as they were most unsightly.

Cllr. Callanan also referred to the five year backlog on Local Improvement Schemes and recommended that a once-off grant be sought from the Department in order to clear the backlog. He asked when work was proposed to commence at Cappataggle. He requested that the hedgecutting programme be resumed as in previous years.

Cllr. Fahy referred to a meeting with the I.F.A. recently at which he was informed that the I.F.A. made no deal with the D.O.E. regarding hedgecutting. They advised him that it was the responsibility of the County Council to cut grass and hedges as the County Council owns the lands and that farmers have no right to take grass without the Council's consent. He complimented the County Engineer on providing traffic route lighting at Ardrahan and also welcomed the provision of school flashing lights outside Kiltartan. School flashing lights were urgently required at Clarinbridge as motorists did not respect the speed limits. He informed that the National Secondary road between Kilcolgan and Kinvara was very narrow and was in urgent need of realignment. He welcomed the provision of the pedestrian crossing in Gort and wanted to know when works would commence.

Cllr. Quinn welcomed both the National and Non-National Roadworks Programmes. She asked when work, which commenced at Horseleap some years ago, would be completed and asked that the hedgecutting programme be resumed. She also advised that more funds needed to be provided for maintenance works.

Deputy O'Cuiv welcomed the increase in grants but advised that this was still far short of what was required. Regional roads required realignment and county roads needed increased funding. He stated that the five major cities were receiving approximately 40% of the total funds being allocated by the N.R.A. with only 10% of the road network. He referred to realignment works being carried out by Mayo County Council at Glencorrib and wondered why Galway County Council cannot do the same on the N84, particularly at Cloughanover. Similar works were also required between Corrandulla Cross and Headford as a number of accidents have occurred at this location and that a landowner cannot get out of her house due to inadequate sight distance and high speed of traffic.

Ghlac an Cllr. O'Tuathail buiochas leis na fir oibre agus duirt sé go ráibh suil aige go mbainfai usaid mhaith as an tairgead. Diarr sé freisin rin a chur go Roinn na Gaeltachta ag lorg deontais na mbóithre aise a chur arais sa chiste. Diarr se freisin an mbeadh na droichead in ann na lorries mhóra a Iompar. Tá airgead breise ag teastail le haghaidh cosain I gCois Fharraige.

Diarr se £4,000 a chuir arais sa chiste le haghaidh bothar Doirin Glas.

Cllr. J. Burke requested that the hedgecutting programme be reintroduced as the Council was imposing charges and it was vital that something be given back to the public in exchange. He referred to the five year backlog on local improvement schemes and stated that funding is urgently required from the D.O.E. to clear the backlog. He welcomed all the funds being spent by Galway County Council in the Tuam area such as the Tuam Sewerage, the Inner Relief Road and the Outer Relief Road in particular. He stated that the above projects, when completed, will turn Tuam into an employment centre and will make Tuam a very attractive place for visitors.

Senator McDonagh requested that the hedgecutting programme be recommenced and that a deputation be sent to the Minister seeking a once-off payment to clear the backlog of local improvement schemes. He asked that road at Corbally to Cahernahona be included in the Roadworks Programme.

The County Engineer informed that the National Roads Grant was up £1.3m on 1995 and Non-National was up £1m. on 1995 and this was a welcome trend. He stated that the money available was not adequate to carry out all the works required but that it was vital that available money be spent usefully. He complimented the Minister on introducing the 10 Year Restoration Programme and looked forward to a substantial improvement by the end of the programme. Heretofore, the emphasis was to maintain road surfaces, now the emphasis is on reconstruction or restoration works together with surface dressing. Realignment work is a luxury we cannot afford as we are struggling to keep the present road structures in reasonable condition.

He said that the Urban Renewal Programme will contribute to the improvement of paths in the villages. The school flashing lights being provided at Scoil an Tulla was under the 1995 Programme and the 1996 Programme would issue shortly for the Non-National roads. Works will be carried out on the bridge at Ross Island in the current year and the remainder of the works will be completed in 1997.

He advised that the Council purchased mobile weighpads some years ago and due to a legal test case, the Gardai are no longer able to use them until such time as a concrete base is provided. The Council now proposes to provide platforms at strategic locations throughout the County. The County Engineer also advised that he would examine the situation regarding the bad bend at Galway Road, Gort to see if it can be included under low cost accident measures. Regarding hedgecutting, he advised that the I.F.A. were already aware that the responsibility for the cutting of hedges rests solely with landowners as a result of the Roads Act, 1993. However, where Area Engineers are maintaining verges, they will trim the face of the hedge. The E.S.B. and Telecom also carry out hedgecutting throughout the County.

Regarding the Cappataggle project, the County Engineer advised that discussions have taken place with the N.R.A. The work will comprise mainly of the provision of hard shoulders and also the setting back of fences to improve sight distance where safe to do so and in accordance with good design practice. Some of the work will be done by direct labour and the remainder by contract.

Road materials are advertised each year and we deal with an excess of 30 suppliers. The price is based on mileages etc. and we purchase from the most advantageous tenderer.

Regarding Clontuskert/Kiltormer, the County Engineer advised that Mr. Martin, Senior Executive Engineer, would look at changes in the restructuring of the area. Regarding the Kiltartan/Kilcolgan road, the County Engineer advised that this was a National Secondary road and that the carrying out of realignment on such roads is dependant on funding being made available by the N.R.A. No such funds were made available in the current year.

The Council has carried out substantial bridge programme works in recent years. The majority of bridges were stone arch and were strengthened and are capable of taking very heavy loads. He was concerned for metal bridges as in the case of defects, the bridge might just collapse, unlike the stone work bridges.

Regarding the Galway Transportation Study, he advised that a notice has gone to the E.C. Journal this week and he expected that a contractor would be appointed by August/September at the latest. In the meantime, the Council will carry out traffic surveys themselves during August/September so that this information will be available to the eventual consultant.

Regarding the N84, the County Engineer advised that no funding was provided in the current year by the N.R.A. for the carrying out of realignment works.

Cllr. C. Ni Fhatharta proposed that where local people are giving land free to remove bends, that additional allocations be provided to facilitate such projects and this was supported by Cllr. S. O'Neachtain.

Cllr. McClearn proposed that a letter be sent to the N.R.A. requesting a transfer of £100,000 strengthening grant for the Bridge Road - Portumna for the carrying out of design on the N65 Hearnbrook and this was seconded by Cllr. Mullins. Cllr. W. Burke proposed that no letter be sent to the N.R.A. requesting the transfer of £100,000 strengthening grant for the Bridge Road, Portumna to the N65 Hearnbrook and this was seconded by Cllr. J. Burke. Following a debate, it was agreed that the matter be referred back to the next Loughrea Area Committee for consideration.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Ryan which was seconded by Cllr. E. Varley, the 1996 Roadworks Programme for National and Non-National Roads was adopted subject to:

1. A letter being sent to the N.R.A. seeking the transfer of the N59 strengthening grant of £100,000 East of Moycullen to the carrying out of realignment and improvement work at Woodstock.
2. That the question of the transfer of the N65 strengthening grant of £100,000 for the Bridge Road Portumna to Hearnbrook be referred back to the Loughrea Area Committee.
3. Budgets already provided for Shannon Road and Dominick Street be re-allocated.

4 Year Restoration Programme

Mr. O'Donoghue, County Manager stated that this plan is based on the 5 Year Plan which was adopted by the Council and forwarded to the Department.

On the proposal of Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Deputy O'Cuiv, the Council agreed to forward the plan to the Department.

BRIDGE OVER OWENRIFF RIVER AT GLANN ROAD, 3627 OUGHTERARD

On the proposal of An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail, the Council agreed to proceed with development as described in report dated 1st April, 1996, which was circulated to each Member of the Council.

HOUSING REPORT

3628

The Council agreed to defer discussion on the Housing Report, until Monday, 13th May, 1996.

On the proposal of Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor McHugh, the Council agreed to the 1996 Housing Programme as outlined hereunder:-

Rurals	40
Purchases	8
Aran	2
Ballygar	4
Glenamaddy	2
Oughterard	2
Portumna	4
Woodford	2
Clarenbridge	4
Kinvara	2
Total	70

GROUP WATER SCHEMES

3629

The Council agreed to defer discussion until Monday, 13th May, 1996.

The Councillors were requested that where information on specific group schemes were required that a list be furnished to the County Secretary by Monday, 22nd April, 1996.

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Submitted, Approved + Signed:

John M. Mooney
Chairman
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CHUIG AN CATHAOIRLEACH AGUS GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

**PROPOSED BRIDGE OVER THE OWENRIFF RIVER AT
GLANN ROAD, OUGHTERARD**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)
REGULATIONS 1994 REPORT PREPARED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 134**

LOCATION: Glann Road, Oughterard

EXTENT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WILL INCLUDE:

- (1) Demolition and removal of the existing bridge.
- (2) Construction of a new single span bridge (existing overall clearance to be retained) and foundations.
- (3) Construction of new approach road and embankment to the west (approximate length 70 metres) and reconstruction and widening of approximately 30 metres of road to the east.
- (4) Ancillary works including watermain and service ducts in the bridge.

**EVALUATION WITH RESPECT TO PROPER PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT OF AREA**

The existing bridge is constructed of steel beams and composite (steel and concrete) deck. The steel is severely corroded and is not safe for present legal axle loads. The road width is inadequate and requires widening to enable two way traffic over the river. It is not possible to widen the existing bridge and replacement is the only feasible alternative. The development is in accordance with proper planning and development of the area.

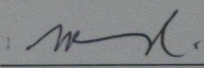
OBSERVATIONS AND SUBMISSIONS: Planning Ref. No: LA 50

In accordance with Part X of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 1994 notice was published of the proposed development. No submissions were received.

PROPOSED:

It is proposed to proceed with the development as described.

Section 2 (7) of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act 1955 applies.

Signed: 
County Secretary.

CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig An Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

12 Aibreán, 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 ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De hAoine, an 19ú lá Aibreáin, 1996, ag tosnú ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

**T. O CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAL.**

CLAR

1. Adoption of Road Works Programme 1995 - already circulated and further Report attached.
2. To consider report under Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 1994 in connection with construction of Bridge over Owenriff River at Glann Road, Oughterard - Report attached.
3. Housing - Report to follow.
4. Taking over of Group Water Schemes - deferred from Meeting of 25/03/1996.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY
BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 25th MARCH, 1996**

CATHAOIRLEACH: An Comhairleoir J. Mannion

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. 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. Nelson, Deputy Co. Manager, J.
Crotty, Deputy Co. Engineer, T. Kavanagh,
A/Asst. Co. Manager, E. Power, A/Co.
Secretary, R.C. Killeen, G. Dunne, S.E.E.'s, D.
Barrett, A.O., T. Murphy & P. Carroll, S.S.O.'s,
B. McDermott & C. Nevin, S.O.'s & M.
O'Halloran, C.T.

Thosnaigh an crinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

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A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

*Mrs. Nora Nevin & Family, Nutgrove, Tynagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
The Gibbons Family, Ballycrissane, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Padraic Donnellan & Family, Ardagh, Glinsk, Ballymoe.
The relatives of the deceased arising from the tragedy in Dunblane, Scotland.*

MINUTES

3586

Councillor Byrne stated that he was in attendance at the Special Meeting held on 12th February, 1996, but his name was missing from the Minutes although recorded in the Attendance Book. It was agreed to amend this Minute accordingly. The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 12th February, 1996 were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy Connaughton subject to this amendment.

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Callanan, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 26th February, 1996, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Report of the National Monuments Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13th February, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Ryan.

The Report of the Ballinasloe Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 8th March, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Callanan.

The Report of the Arts Committee Meeting held on 6th February, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

It was noted that the name of Councillor Regan should have read Councillor Ryan in the Report of the Protocol Committee Meeting held on 8th March, 1996. The Report of the Protocol Committee Meeting held on 8th March, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Brennan, subject to this amendment.

MATTERS ARISING

CAPPATAGGLE ROAD

Members requested that most of the money allocated to the Cappataggle Road be expended on provision of hard shoulders. The Deputy County Engineer stated that the County Engineer had not yet finalised his draft proposal as to how this money was to be spent.

DEPUTATIONS

The Acting Assistant County Manager clarified the position regarding the reception of Deputations at meetings of Area Committees. He confirmed that it would be acceptable for T.D.s and Members to meet Council Officials with individual constituents as heretofore.

PRIOR NOTICES

Deputy McCormack requested clarification in respect of the item on Prior Notices listed under Any Other Business of the report of the Protocol Committee Meeting of 8th March, 1996. The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that complaints had been received that representations had been made by Councillors on individual planning applications without being asked by the applicant to do so. The Protocol Committee expressed dissatisfaction with this practice and asked the County Manager to issue a letter to each Councillor on the matter.

COUNTY TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Regan the recommendation of the Protocol Committee on the composition of the County Traveller Accommodation Committee was approved by the Members.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ANTENNAE

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This matter was discussed at a previous meeting and the members asked that arrangements be made for an expert to address them on the subject. It was also agreed that a speaker representing the people of the Ballymoe district be allowed address the Council.

The Chairman introduced Professor Walton, UCG and Dr. Payne, Ballymoe to the members.

Dr. Payne addressed the Council. She stated that the proposed mast at Ballymoe was going ahead despite rumours that it wasn't. She represents the people of East Galway, where 95% of the community do not want the masts erected. They are concerned about the long-term effects of radiation levels which promote cancer. She then gave some technical information which in her opinion indicated that the guidelines used world-wide are false. She spoke on the IRPA Guidelines, which stated that unnecessary exposure should be minimised and gave an objective to protect human health. Serious effects have been found in animals. Every persons absorption is different. There is a lack of knowledge on environmental conditions, the possible effects on persons on medication and effects on the neuro system.

She said the responsibility for the protection of workers should be assigned to a Department or individual. There is no-one to measure non-ionising radiation. The siting and careful analysis of the health and environmental impact of the masts is necessary. The BANANA concept should be followed: - "Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Antennae". The school at Ballymoe has radon levels of 500. This is 3.5 times the accepted limit. No one came to test the radon level before Esat made their application. No EIS was carried out. Animals have been used to determine human safe levels. The IRPA Guidelines are without foundation. 95% are against the mast. Does this mean nothing in a so called democracy, she asked.

Professor Walton then addressed the Council.

He said there was a huge increase in the popularity of mobile phones. They are the victims of their own success. We are going to have to put up with masts if we want to use mobile phones.

The Esat system is a digital system. 150 masts are needed around the country. Currently, Eircell have more aerials but they are smaller (350 when complete). Esat operates at about 950 megahertz. The radiation levels between this and Chernobyl are very different. The ordinary T.V and Esat are almost at the same wavelength. Masts need to be 37.5m high in rural areas and 20m high in urban areas.

The IRPA is an international organisation made up of the worlds best experts on the subject who continually review and issue guidelines. These guidelines are adopted by most countries in the world. The IRPA recommend a limit of .46 miliwatts per square metre for the public. If 50 metres from the mast - it is .001 miliwatts per square metre. 1/460 of the limit set by the IRPA.

Cllr. Joe Burke could not understand how these two people could have different views on the same subject. He felt that where an EIS was required, the IRPA should see this. He mentioned that there is an existing mast in Tuam and felt that this should be used by Esat who intend siting another one 5 miles away in Belclare.

Cllr. T. Walsh stated that Dr. Payne's address outlined the anxiety of the people of the area. We need more debate and more understanding on the topic.

Cllr. Gavin welcomed both speakers. Dr. Payne's speech came from fears of a community she knows well. Professor Walton has taken an overall view. He asked Professor Walton if our fears can be allayed.

Cllr. O'Sullivan asked if one is subjected to the radiation levels from these masts over 25 - 30 years, is one more at risk. Is there anyway we can get definite information about this.

Deputy Connaughton wanted clarification on whether only animals were used for tests or both animals and humans. Is one likely to get as much radiation from a radio mast as from these masts.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that the basic issues are risks, length of exposure and the strength of signal. Are these figures available of actual exposure to different frequencies. Can different signals interact with each other and cause harm or do they work on their own. Are people in urban areas more at risk than people in rural areas.

Professor Walton replied and said that the IRPA are continually reviewing the guidelines and don't make any changes unless they have to. The NRPD in Britain have reviewed their guidelines in the past two years and set the limit at 10 times higher than the IRPA. The limits set by the IRPA represent exposure year in year out, 24 hours a day. He said that a study carried out in respect of occupants of the US embassy in Moscow who were exposed to radiation levels which were 15 times the

maximum predicted by Esat, their health when compared to others in the US embassy's elsewhere, was no different.

The IRPA works closely with the WHO and both produce the guidelines. The radiation levels from a microwave oven is a lot more than from an Esat transmitter. A radio transmitter in the average house is comparable with Esat.

The risks from radon gas is serious and is known to cause lung cancer. There are no known risks from non-ionising electro magnetic radiation.

Cllr. Quinn proposed that an independent study be carried out to allay the fears of the people of Ballymoe. Dr. Payne's presentation should not be dismissed.

Cllr. Hussey welcomed and congratulated both speakers. He said there appeared to be a conflict of interest and it was difficult to decide what course of action to take. He supports the views of the people of Ballymoe. There needs to be a lot more analysis into the health aspect of these masts.

Cllr. O'Neachtain said he could not understand why a body at national level has not been set up. He called on the Government to ensure that such an authority is established to give an assessment of the situation. As these masts are all over Europe, he doesn't think they will have any major effects.

Cllr. Callanan stated that there is no guarantee of no risks years down the road. By putting up another mast where there are three or four already must put people at higher risk.

Cllr. Brennan agreed that something should be done at National level. A lot of people are living in fear. One's health takes precedent over a growing economy.

Cllr. Finnegan stated that he was opposed to dealing with the subject of masts when discussing the County Development Plan until the risks, if any, of such masts are clarified. He didn't think the matter was properly researched. A fully comprehensive study of the environment should be carried out where these are being erected. If the public make submissions that they don't want these masts, then that section of the Development Plan should be taken out.

Cllr. Mullins said that it was worrying that both speakers differ on the subject. This is a matter of great concern. He supports the idea that a Government appointed body or independent body carry out a study on these.

Dr. Payne was then allowed to address the Council to clarify a few points. She stated that just because England's accepted level of radiation is higher than here, does not mean that we're safer. These masts are not the same as T.V. signals because the masts are constantly repeating pulsing waves. We can reject the T.V., microwave, radio. We don't have to have them in our homes if we don't want them. The signals from the masts are around even if we don't want them. She read a letter she received from Padraig Flynn which stated that a research programme regarding radiation

levels and the effects on health was carried out and a blueprint would be available shortly.

Professor Walton asked why we needed an inquiry when the levels were lower than the safety standards. He felt that an authoritative body in Ireland would largely adopt the IRPA Regulations. He hoped that a few different masts would be sited together and doesn't see why they can't be. There is a huge amount of thought given to this at IRPA level. The television is pulsed as well as masts. Radiation levels from masts may be uninvited but so are levels by radio and T.V. which could be more dangerous.

The Chairman thanked both speakers for addressing the Council.

DRAFT STANDING ORDERS FOR AREA COMMITTEES 3588

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, the Council approved the Draft Standing Orders for Area Committees, which had been circulated to each Member.

SALE OF HOUSE AT LACKAFINNA SOUTH 3589

On the proposal of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Callanan, the Council approved the sale of house at Lackafinna South, Loughrea to Patrick and Cathy Holden in accordance with Notice dated 8th March, 1996 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member.

SALE OF HOUSE AT MARION PARK, PORTUMNA 3590

On the proposal of Councillor McClearn, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, the Council approved the sale of house at Marian Park, Portumna to Henry and Marian Mullins in accordance with Notice dated 13th March, 1996 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member.

SALE OF SITE AT GARBALLY DRIVE, BALLINASLOE 3591

On the proposal of Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan, the Council approved the sale of site at Garbally Drive, Ballinasloe to John & Mary Harvey, in accordance with Notice dated 29th February, 1996 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member.

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO ISLANDS COMMITTEE 3592

The Acting County Secretary stated that there were two vacancies on the Islands Committee arising from the resignation of Ms. Aileen Murray, Inishboffin and an tAthair Pdraig O'Standun, Inis Maan. The Islands Committee recommended that Mr. Terry McDermott be nominated to replace Ms. Aileen Murray and recommended that Mr. Pól Ó Foighil be nominated to replace an tAthair Pdraig O'Standun.

On the proposition of An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, the Council approved of the appointment of Mr. Terry McDermott and Mr. Pól Ó Foighil to the Islands Committee.

MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL HOUSES 3593

Deputy O'Cuiv referred to the Housing Maintenance Report which had been circulated to Members dated 20th March, 1996 and stated that there should be a general debate on the whole issue of housing and an update provided in respect of all housing activity.

During a brief discussion on the report, it was agreed that a comprehensive report on all aspects of Housing be prepared and discussed at a future meeting.

The Deputy County Manager stated that he intended to present the 1996 House Construction Programme at the April Meeting of the Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME 1996 3594

The Acting County Secretary gave details of the Environmental Awareness Programme 1996 which had been circulated to Members dated 20th March, 1996. On the proposition of Councillor Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Councillor McClearn, the Environmental Awareness Programme 1996 was approved by the Council.

GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES 3595

It was agreed to defer this item.

BALLINASLOE COURTHOUSE 3596

On the proposition of Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan, it was agreed that the Council extend an invitation to the Minister for Justice, Mrs. Nora Owen, T.D., to officially reopen Ballinasloe Courthouse.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS 3597

HOUSING

The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that the Council had been notified that £2.635m had been allocated by D.O.E. for the provision of houses in 1996.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL REPORT ON ISLAND DEVELOPMENT

The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that the report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Island Development had recently been issued. The Council had been asked to make submissions to the Inter-Departmental Committee on the priority needs of the Islands. The Council's proposals will be put before the Members for consideration at the April Monthly Meeting. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that the report should cover all facets of island development.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

3598

The Council agreed that the April Planning Meeting of the Council would take place on the 19th April, 1996.

B.S.E. SCARE

The Members discussed the recent B.S.E. scare in Britain and its implications for the Irish economy. During the discussion the Members said that it was important that Irish cattle are properly marketed to show that this country has no connection with livestock from the U.K. and that it was imperative that the Department of Agriculture rigidly imposes its rules to protect the Country's investment and to ensure a disease free herd.

CONFERENCES

3599

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

Seminar - Western Regional Conference - Roscommon - 16th April, 1996

Councillor M. Loughnane
Councillor M. Mullins
Councillor C. Ni Fhatharta

Seminar - Western Health Board - Ennis - 3/4th May, 1996

Councillor J. McClearn
Councillor M. O'Neill
Councillor P. O'Sullivan

Seminar - General Council of County Council's - Galway - 23/25th May, 1996

Councillor M. Cunningham
Councillor M. Regan
Councillor K. Quinn
Councillor M. Finnerty
Councillor M. Ryan
Senator J. McDonagh

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

N.O.M. NO. 14 - CRAUGHWELL SEWERAGE SCHEME - 3600
- CLLR. M. FAHY

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"Work has commenced on the preparation of a Preliminary Report for Craughwell. On completion of same, it will be submitted to the Department of the Environment for approval to proceed further with the detailed planning of the scheme."

N.O.M. NO. 15 - FIRE SERVICE-CARRAROE - 3601
- DEPUTY P. MC CORMACK

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"The number and types of calls in the Carraroe area would not warrant establishing a fire brigade in the present financial climate. The costs of establishing a fire brigade are substantial and the annual running costs would have to be met from revenue funds which are limited.

The number of incidents in 1995 was significantly higher than that for previous years and cannot be treated in isolation. The main reason for the increase in 1995 resulted in an exceptionally hot and dry summer (gorse, bog fires) and cold winter months (chimney fires)."

N.O.M. NO. 16 - SEWERAGE CONNECTION - CLLR. 3602
O'NEACHTAIN

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

"Discussions are at an advanced state with the developers of land in Barna to provide a connection from the development to Galway Corporation sewerage system at Knocknacarra. Proposals are also being considered for the provision of a main sewer to serve the long term needs of Barna Village."

N.O.M. NO. 17 - REPAIRS TO BRIDGE - CLLR. 3603
M. O'NEILL

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

"Repairs will be carried out in the near future."

N.O.M. NO. 18 - SIGNS - CLLR. J. BURKE - 3604

The following written reply was given to Councillor J. Burke:-

"A third sign will be erected at above location in the near future similar to the two already in place."

N.O.M. NO. 19 - ROAD - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3605

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"It is not possible to remove clay banks at this location due to high retaining walls. In addition land would have to be acquired and walls and fences replaced. No provision has been made for this work under the 1996 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 20 - WIDENING OF ROAD - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3606

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"No provision has been made in the 1996 Road Works Programme for the carrying out of above works."

N.O.M. NO. 21 - TUBBER G.W.S. - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3607

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"The source of Tubber Group Water Supply Scheme has been intensively investigated by Galway County Council with a view to identifying cause of intermittent water pollution. One possible source of pollution has been identified and will be dealt with. It is not possible to say at this stage that this is the sole or prime cause of pollution which regularly occurs during the summer months."

Investigation by Environment Section will continue.

Disinfection by chlorination or ultra violet light should be regarded as essential in the case of all Group Water Supply Schemes irrespective of the apparent quality of the water. All group water supplies in the county were required by Galway County Council to provide disinfection equipment. The installation and proper operation of this equipment is the responsibility of the Group Trustees."

N.O.M. NO. 22 - DRUMACOO BURIAL GROUND - CLLR. M. FAHY 3608

"It is hoped to provide a surfaced parking area at this location later on in the year funds permitting."

N.O.M. NO. 23 - FLOODING - CLLR. M. FAHY 3609

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"The above works will be carried out in the near future."

N.O.M. NO. 24 - ROAD-SIDE WALLS - CLLR. M. FAHY 3610

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"The maintenance of road side walls and fences is the responsibility of the land owners."

N.O.M. NO. 25 - ROAD-SIDE DRAIN - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3611

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"This matter is being examined at present and a further reply will issue in due course."

N.O.M. NO. 26 - SIGN - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3612

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 27 - SIGN - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3613

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"It is proposed to erect the above sign within the next few weeks."

N.O.M. NO. 28 - SURFACE DRESSING - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3614

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"It is proposed carrying out the above works in the current year."

N.O.M. NO. 29 - SIGNS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3615

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"All signs at above location will be examined and improved where considered necessary."

N.O.M. NO. 30 - FUNDING FOR N 17 - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3616

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"A Low Cost Accident Scheme was carried out at the above location during 1995 which consisted of improved lining and signing.

No funds were made available by the N.R.A. for Traffic Route Lighting at any location in 1996. A further request will be submitted to the N.R.A. in the coming weeks seeking funding for Traffic Route Lighting for this location."

N.O.M. NO. 31 - TAKING IN CHARGE OF AREA - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3617

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 32 - REILIG CLADHNACH - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA:- 3618

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

"Ce go bhfeadfai feabhas a chur ar charr chlos na reilige sa chaol go bheidfi tuille charanna a pharcail meastar nach bhfuil an obair seo prainneac go leor san mblian seo.

De thoradh mheadu reilige An Leitir Mhor agus reilige an tSeanbhaile meastar nach mbeidh an oiread sinn eileamh ar Reilig an Chladnaigh as seo amach."

N.O.M. NO. 33 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 3619

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

"Ni aon airgead curtha ar fáil ins na meastúcháin I mbliana le haghaidh an obair seo."

N.O.M. NO. 34 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 3620

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

"Tá muid ag scrudu an cás seo faoi láthar agus beidh freagra againn le

haghaidh an chéad cruinniu eile."

N.O.M. NO. 35 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 3621

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

"This is a private road serving private houses. The junction is substandard and would require substantial funding to bring same up to the acceptable level for sight distance. This project is not suitable for N.O.M. funding due to the high costs involved. In any event this is a matter entirely for the land owner and/or developer."

N.O.M. NO. 36 - FLOODING - CLLR. E. VARLEY 3622

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

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

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted Approved + Signed:

John M. Hannigan
Chairman

22/4/96
Date