

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
Chairman

22/7/96
Date

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31st May, 1996.

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.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS.

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

OBSERVATIONS/SUBMISSIONS.

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

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

The proposals are part of the 1996 Housing Construction Programme.

Section 2(7) of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1995 applies.

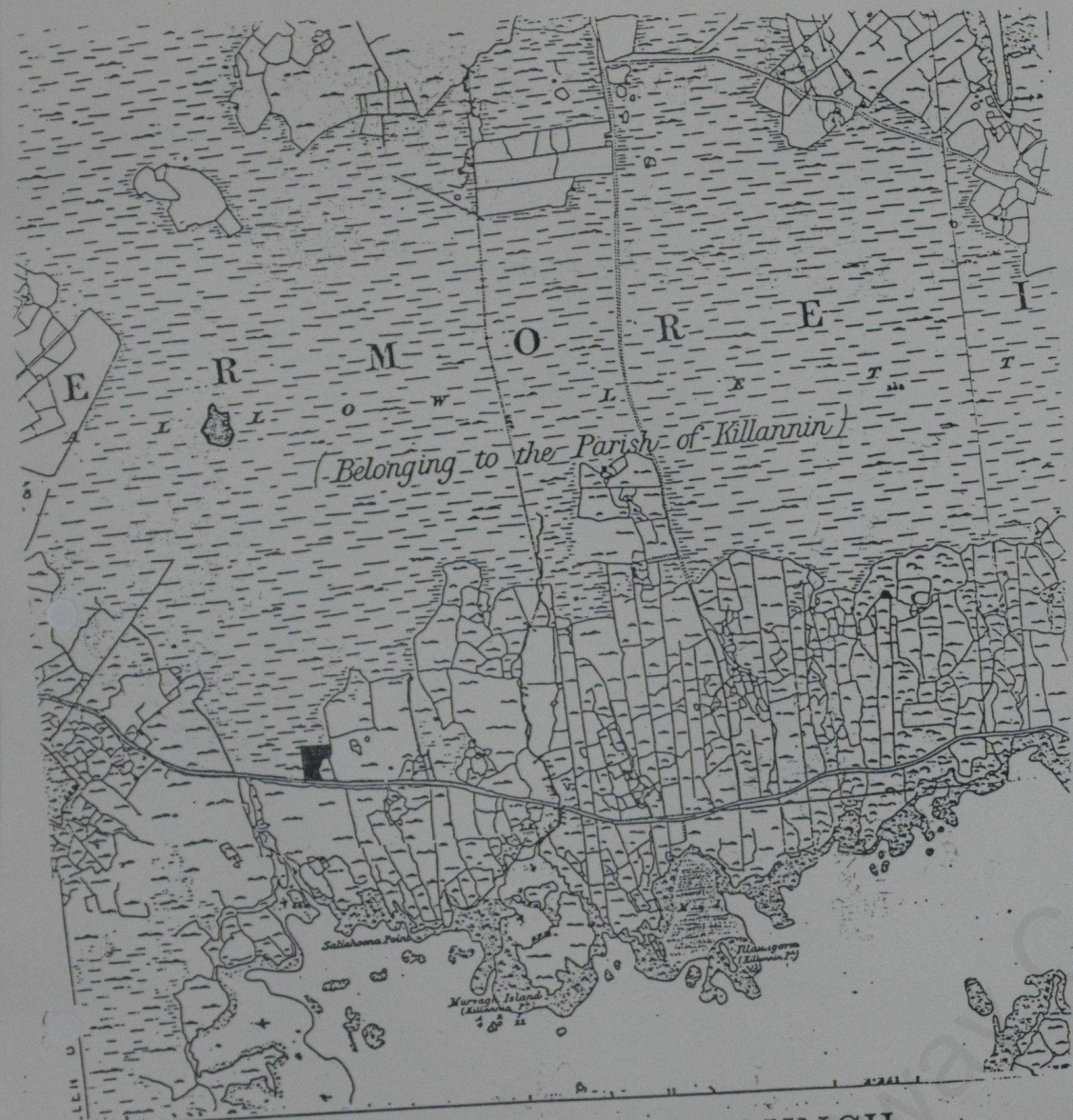
Mise le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
COUNTY SECRETARY.



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Cottage Site at Furnace, Lettermullen.
SITE No. 6436
AREA : 0.66 ACRES COLOURED RED
OWNER: Bridget O'Donnell, Furnace, Lettermullen.
APPLICANT: Mattie O'Donnell, Furnace, Lettermullen.
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Signed by MD Surveyed by: MD Date: Nov 95 1/2500



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Cottage Site at Lettercallow Lettermore.
 SITE No. 6274
 AREA : 0.68 ACRES COLOURED RED
 OWNER: Margaret Folan Lettercallow, Lettermore.
 APPLICANT Michael Curran, Trabane, Lettermore 1/2500 :
 Q.S. Sheet (Galway) 78 & 78/13 Scale: 1/10560



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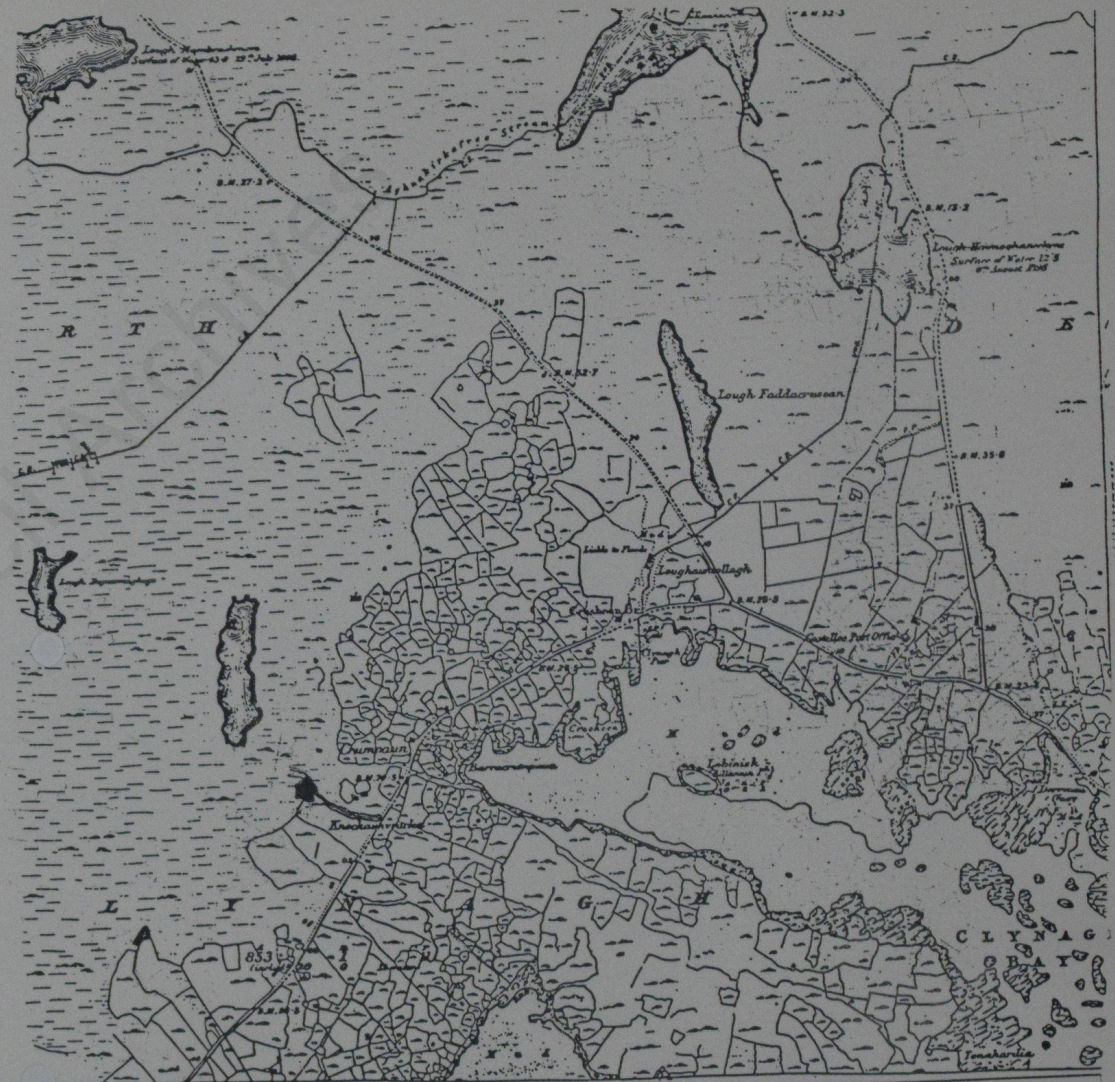
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Cottage Site at Lettermore
 SITE No. 6758
 AREA : 0.86 ACRES COLOURED RED
 OWNER:
 APPLICANT Tony Flaherty, Curryulka, Lettermore
 Extract Q.S. Sheet (Galway) 78 Scale: 1/10560
 Signed by M D Surveyed by: M D Date: Nov 95



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Cottage Site at Gortnarup, Clonbur
 SITE No. 6856
 AREA : 1.04 ACRES COLOURED RED
 OWNER: Michael Kyne, Ruffield, Clonbur, Co Galway
 APPLICANT: Ditto
 Extract O.S. Sheet (Galway) 27 & 27/9 Scale: 1/10560
 1/2500
 Surveved by: MD Date: Mar 96



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Cottage Site at Clynagh Carraroe
 SITE No. 6154 R.O.W. shown Yellow
 AREA : 0.72 ACRES COLOURED RED
 OWNER: Stephen Wallace, Clynagh, Carraroe,
 APPLICANT: Ann Wallace, Rossaveel, Ballinahown
 Extract O.S. Sheet (Galway) 78 & 78/16 Scale: 1/10560
 Signed by: MD Surveved by: HD Date: Nov. 9



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Cottage Site at Rusheenduff Renvyle

SITE No. 6703

AREA : 0.62 ACRES

COLOURED RED

OWNER: David McCarty, Rusheenduff, Renvyle

APPLICANT: Ditto

Extract O.S. Sheet (Galway) 9 & 9/8

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Signed by M D

Surveyed by: M D

Date: Nov. 95



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Cottage Site at Cloonmore, Tuam

SITE No. 6330

AREA : 0.50 ACRES

COLOURED RED

OWNER: Martin Costelloe, Cloonmore, Tuam

APPLICANT: Ditto

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Signed by M D

Surveyed by: M D

Date: Nov 95

CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

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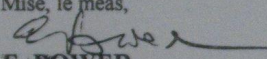
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CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

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 hAoine, an 14ú lá Meitheamh, 1996, ag tosnú ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,


E. POWER,
RUNAI SEALADACH

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1. Taking over of Group Water Schemes (report already circulated).
2. To consider report under Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 1994 in connection with the provision of single rural houses - Report attached.
3. To consider nominations for 1996 Business Award.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY
BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 27th MAY, 1996**

CATHAOIRLEACH: An Comhairleoir J. Mannion

I LATHAIR 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, D.
Nelson, Asst. Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh,
Co. Secretary, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, R.C.
Killeen, A/Co. Engineer, E. Power, A.O., P.
Carroll, M. Mullery, S.S.O.'s, O. Dempsey, Asst.
Engineer & E. Hourigan, A.S.O.

Thosnaigh an crinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY 3678

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

*Mr. G. Mannion & Family, Labane, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.
Ms. Sheila Brehony, Hollyhill, Gurtymadden, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Tess Keane, Perssepark, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
The McHugh Family, St. George's Square, Headford, Co. Galway.*

MINUTES 3679

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 19th April, 1996 were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Brennan.

On the proposal of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Callanan, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 22nd April, 1996 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Report of the Connemara Electoral Area Committee held on 29th April, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal by Councillor Mannion, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain.

The Report of the Ballinasloe Electoral Area Meeting held on 30th April, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor Brennan.

The Report of the Tuam Electoral Area Meeting held on 22nd April, 1996, was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Quinn.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Secretary stated that the Members of the Traveller Accommodation Committee for the Loughrea Area have been agreed:-

- Councillor Fahy
- Councillor Cunningham
- Councillor McClearn

The Council agreed to same.

SALE OF LAND AT GLENAMADDY 3680

On the proposal of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Callanan, the Council approved the sale of land at Glenamaddy to St. Brigid's Housing Association Ltd., in accordance with Notice dated 14th May, 1996 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION 3681

On the proposal of Councillor Mullins, seconded by Councillor Finnerty, it was resolved that Galway County Council hereby approve of the raising of overdraft to the extent of £3m on the Council's Revenue & Capital Accounts for the period of 6 months ending on 31st December, 1996, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment.

The Council also approved overdraft accommodation up to an amount of £3,600,000 in respect of the six month period ending 31/12/95. The overdraft limit of £3,000,000 was exceeded for 12 days during this period.

PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME 3682

The County Secretary stated that a report dated 13th May, 1996 was circulated to the Members outlining the current position regarding Council Plant and Machinery throughout the county. The Council have not replaced any plant over the last number of years due to the uncertainty of road grants. The recent 10 year road restoration programme confirms the Council's funding for roads over the next ten years. The total cost of proposed items of plant is £1.5m. The Council's current balance is £300,000 Cr., and it is proposed to borrow £1.2m for new plant as set out in the schedule.

PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Class of Plant	Current Usage			Items to be Scrapped	Proposed to Trade /Sale	Proposed to Purchase	Revised Proposed Plant Schedule	Average Age of Current Stock
	Council Owned	Hired	Total					
Lorry	20	-	20	3	11	11	17	10 Years
Pick Ups	11	35	46	-	5	21	27	7.5 Years
Vans	11	8	19	-	-	9	20	7.5 Years
Trench Loaders	2	-	2	-	2	2	2	14.5 Years
Loaders	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	14.5 Years
Tractors	3	-	3	-	-	-	3	20 Years
Road Suction Sweeper	-	2	2	-	-	1	1	-
Rollers	10	-	10	4	-	-	6	16.5 Years
Excavators	2	-	2	1	-	-	1	-
Patchmaster	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Compressors	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Sprayers	4	-	4	-	1	1	4	18 Years
Graders	6	-	6	2	-	-	4	15 Years
Gritters	2	-	2	-	2	2	2	17 Years

On the proposal of Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor Quinn the Council agreed to the raising of £1.2m for the purchase of plant and machinery as outlined in the report circulated.

The Councillors requested that a detailed evaluation be carried out to ensure that the Council receives value for money. The Members stated that all engineering areas are short of manpower and requested that temporary employees be taken on for 2/3/4 months of year.

The Manager stated that a detailed study has been carried out. A balance will be provided between our own fleet and hired plant, to ensure that the Council receives the best service possible. The Manager thanked Mr. P. Canney, A/S.E.E. Machinery for his report. The Works Programme for the year will be carried out in 3 ways, i.e. by its own staff, by contract work, or the employment of temporary employees.

It is planned that 20 people will be employed over the next month or two, for the Council to ensure that the monies for planned works programmes are spent wisely over the 12 months.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME 1996 3683

The Secretary stated that the Higher Education Grants Scheme 1996 was received on Wednesday, 22nd May, 1996. The closing date for same is 12th July, 1996. In order to advertise the scheme, it is necessary to bring this to the attention of the Council for consideration and adoption, prior to presenting same to Higher Education Committee.

The new scheme provides for the inclusion of certain undergraduate courses in Britain and other E.U. Member States.

Appendix 1, Paragraph 3 of the 1996 Higher Education Grants Schemes gives the following full-time undergraduate courses:-

"3.1 Full-time undergraduate courses of not less than two years duration in a university or third level institution which is maintained or assisted by recurrent grants from public funds in Britain, with the exception of the following:

- (i) Courses in -
Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine and teacher training courses including those leading to the award of Bachelor of Education;
- (ii) Courses in Colleges of Further and Higher Education;
- (iii) Courses provided in a college in Britain which are offered in private commercial third level colleges in the State, and which are validated by that British college;
- (iv) Courses in colleges in Britain akin to private commercial colleges in Ireland.

3.2 Corresponding full-time undergraduate courses to those at 3.1 in other E.U. Member States apart from the U.K.. The exclusions at 3.1 also apply."

The rates have been increased by approx. 1%.

The Council welcomed the new scheme, and requested that it be highlighted to students presently studying abroad that they may be eligible for a Higher Education Grant. Councillor Loughnane requested that the Council should seek to have the duration and limits of the scheme increased. Councillor Hussey stated that the Council should arrange payment of the Higher Education Grants as soon as possible, so as to avoid undue hardship on students and their families. Councillor Callanan requested that the Council accept the income for Farmers as assessed by the Revenue Commissioners.

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Quinn the Council agreed to adopt the scheme as presented.

ANNUAL MEETING 3684

It was proposed by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail and agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Council would take place at 2.30 p.m. on 22nd July, 1996, in the County Buildings.

TRANSFER OF N 65 STRENGTHENING GRANT 3685

On the proposal of Councillor Regan, seconded by Councillor McClearn, the Council agreed to write to the N.R.A. to transfer N 65 Strengthening Grant of £100,000 from Bridge Road, Portumna, to design work for Hearnbrook. The Loughrea Area Committee recommended same.

1996 BURIAL GROUND PROGRAMME 3686

The Council noted the 1996 Burial Ground Programme as set out in the report circulated to the Members dated 21st May, 1996. The Members wished to know the position in relation to the following burial grounds:-

- Kilcline, Newbridge - Limited space available. Proposed that Council investigate same and forward a report.
- Lettermore na Coille - Council to prepare plans for Cemetery at Lettermore na Coille and bring before Commemara Area Committee.
- Tra Ban & Lettermullin - It was stated that the local people are presently looking for land and plans will be drawn up when land agreement has been finalised.
- Kiltartan - It was stated that £10,000 has been allocated for the provision of extension to Kiltartan Cemetery. Discussions have taken place for the last 3/4 years. Requested a report on same for the next Loughrea Area Meeting.
- Kilballagh - Limited space now available.
- Kilcummin, Oughterard - Negotiations are on-going at present between land-owner and Galway County Council. It is hoped to proceed with same without delay.

Lackagh - Requested that works to be proceeded with without delay.

On the proposal of Deputy O'Cuiv, seconded by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, the Council were requested to erect a grid to prevent sheep from entering the graveyard at Lettermore na Coille.

Mr. D. Nelson, Assistant County Manager stated that there is a great demand for extension to cemeteries in the county. A prioritising of cemeteries has taken place. The practice of buying grave spaces in advance has been stopped due to the shortage of grave spaces.

Councillor Quinn requested that FAS schemes be allowed enter graveyards with a view to cleaning same, given that the Council do not have the man-power to carry out this work. Councillor O'Sullivan requested that the Council provide financial assistance to community groups who are interested in cleaning up cemeteries in their area.

Mr. Nelson stated that in accordance with the Public Health Act 1878, the responsibility of graveyards rest with the families. He stated that grant-aid, i.e. monies may be made available to local communities. Equipment cannot be provided because of insurance difficulties.

PROVISION OF MOORINGS

3687

An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail stated that Carraroe, Rossaveal and the Islands are not included in Bord Failte's recommendations. These locations have been on the Admiralty Charts for the past 200 years. He stated that a decision on this should be deferred pending clarification from Bord failte. Deputy McCormack requested details as to the kind of work involved and costing £2,000.

The Secretary stated that the work involves a large concrete anchor, a buoy and chain to be put in place and able to hold a large yacht/boat in position.

The Councillors stated that while the scheme provides for coastal areas, that a special case should be made for the Islands.

On the proposal of An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail, seconded by Deputy O'Cuiv, the Council agreed to defer this proposal pending the Islands being included in same.

The Manager stated that the implication is that the Council may lose the grant assistance currently on offer from Bord Failte. The Council agreed to defer this item for one month, pending a discussion with Mr. B. Flynn, Ireland West Tourism, and placed as an item on the next agenda.

COMMUNITY ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 1996 3688

The Members noted the details of the 1996 Community Roadworks Programme. On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, the Council approved the Community Roadworks Programme for 1996 as follows:-

<u>Area</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
Athenry:	Castlelambert	£7,500
	Lecarrow	£3,500
	Cregboy	£4,000
Clifden:	Footpaths Clifden Town	£15,000
	Footpath Ballyconneely Rd	£2,500
	West Quarter, Inishboffin	£3,000
Costello:	Footpaths Tully	£4,000
Gort:	Caherdoo, Kilcolgan	£1,400
Loughrea:	Ballyshea Cross, Craughwell	£2,500
	Kilcoolly	£3,600
Milltown:	Kilsallagh, Milltown	£7,000
	Straid	£2,500
Oughterard:	Footpath Cornamona	£4,000
Portumna:	Coolnageeragh & Cortnacoheen	£3,000
	Lissaniska, Killimor	£3,000
	Garryard Cross, Killimor	£1,500
	Ballinaluge	£2,000
Tuam:	Carnakib Road, Ower, Headford	£5,000
	Total:	£75,000

Mr. R.C. Killeen, Acting County Engineer stated that 33 applications were received, of which 6 were refused as the scheme is not for National Roads, and 2 were refused on contribution grounds. Money has been allocated to 18 of the remaining 27 applications, as set out above. The schemes selected were based on the merits and benefits of each individual proposal, and the practicalities of the schemes.

Senator McDonagh stated that money allocated under this programme is money well spent in the county and recommended an increase in the allocation provided for in the 1997 Estimates.

Monthly Meeting - 27/05/1996

The Councillors queried whether applications were received from the following areas:-

Ballinasloe	-	no application
Mounthelwell	-	1 application - refused
Tuam	-	1 application
Milltown	-	2 applications

Mr. Killeen stated that the works will be organised as soon as schemes are approved.

Deputy McCormack requested details regarding Gravel Hill, Corrandulla which has been on-going for the last three years. The area is in a very dangerous state. The local people were given a commitment that the hill would be taken away. This work must now be carried out, possibly under the Community Roadworks Scheme. Mr. Killeen said he would investigate same.

The Manager stated that provision would be made in the 1997 Estimates for an increase in funds for the Community Roadworks Scheme.

EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY 3689

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor McHugh, the Council agreed to extinguish the Public Right of Way on the County road 127 Carrowmore and Shrulegrove. The right of way to be extinguished measures 125 metres and is situated at Carrowmore and Shrulegrove and was part of an intersection of County Road 127 with the N 84. The right of way is a class 3 County Road and is now cut off since completion of new improved junction.

The Council agreed to transfer the section of road to the adjoining landowner and the landowner to be responsible for any transfer costs involved.

Deputy O'Cuiv requested that the County Council examine other locations where roads have been cut-off.

CONFERENCES 3690

On the proposal of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor W. Burke, the Council agreed to the attendance of Councillor E. Varley at the Galway Association Coventry's Annual Dinner Dance on 4th May, 1996 held in Coventry.

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:-

Monthly Meeting - 27/05/1996

Quality Local Government - Dublin Castle - 6/7th June, 1996

Councillor T. Byrne
Councillor J. Callanan
Deputy P. Connaughton

Border Regional Authority - Bundoran - 14/15th June, 1996

Councillor M. Cunningham
Councillor M. Fahy
Councillor M. Finnerty
Councillor J. Mannion

Mid West Regional Authority - Nenagh - 20/21st June, 1996

Councillor P. Finnegan
Councillor T. Hussey
Councillor M. Loughnane
Councillor J. Mannion

On the proposal of Councillor Callanan, seconded by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, the Council approved the attendance of the Chairman, Councillor Mannion, on the Spirit of Ireland promotional visit to Boston.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS 3691

The Manager stated that a letter dated 8th May 1996 was received from the Department of the Marine in connection with proposed works at the following piers:-

Bunowen
Crumpaun

On the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, the Council agreed that the Council contribute 25% towards the cost of the works and agreed to take over and maintain the completed works. The cost to the Council is £18,250.

The Manager stated that the Urban and Village Renewal Grants for 1996 are as follows:-

This is the second year of a Five Year Programme:

Villages

Village	Villages Total Expenditure	Grant	Council Contribution	Local Contribution
	£	£	£	£
Dunmore	28,000	21,000	3,500	3,500
Milltown	28,000	21,000	3,500	3,500
Killimor	28,000	21,000	3,500	3,500
Gort	28,000	21,000	3,500	3,500
Portumna	28,000	21,000	3,500	3,500
Kinvara	28,000	21,000	3,500	3,500
Ballygar	28,000	21,000	3,500	3,500
Headford	28,000	21,000	3,500	3,500
TOTAL	224,000	168,000	28,000	28,000

Towns

Town	Total Expenditure	Grant	Council Contribution	Urban/Town Authority Contribution
	£	£	£	£
Ballinasloe	20,000	10,000	NIL	10,000
Loughrea	20,000	10,000	5,000	5,000
Tuam	20,000	10,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	60,000	30,000	10,000	20,000

A grant of £168,000 has been allocated for 1996, the Council approved of same.

The Manager stated that Portumna Dump will close with effect from 1st July, 1996.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

3692

SPEED LIMITS

Councillor Gavin requested the position in relation to the revised Speed Limits which the N.R.A. have not approved.

The County Secretary stated that two revised speed limits have yet to be approved and they are being dealt with at present.

SURFACE DRESSING

Councillor Regan stated that there will be no surface dressing on roads under 1/1.5 kilometres. He stated that 20% of the roads in County Galway will not be included.

He stated that this was totally unacceptable and requested that these roads be included in the Roadworks Programme. Councillor Callanan agreed with Councillor Regan and proposed a request be sent to the Department to provide money for these roads.

Mr. R.C. Killeen, Acting County Engineer stated that the average length of road must be 1.5km. The purpose is to encourage community roadworks schemes and set down requirements for individual schemes which can be less than those lengths.

SUNDAY TRADING

Councillor Quinn stated that the proposal to extend trading hours on Sunday is going to be to the detriment of local shops. Sunday is normally a "rest" day. Councillor Quinn proposed that a letter be written to the Minister objecting totally to the extending of trading hours to large multiple stores on Sunday. This was seconded by Councillor Brennan.

Councillors Hussey and Ryan stated that they were not in support of the above motion.

Councillor Walsh requested clarification as to the size of shops involved, and opposed the motion.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that before making a decision on this issue, it is necessary to differentiate between multiple and ordinary shops. This will have a general effect on small shops and on society as a whole. On the proposal of Deputy O'Cuiv, seconded by Councillor Quinn, the Council agreed to defer discussion on this issue.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Councillor Brennan stated that the new traffic lights at the Galway Crystal Heritage Centre are causing traffic delays.

The Manager stated that this was a matter for Galway Corporation.

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain requested that in the village of Spiddal that a 30 mph sign be erected. He also stated that a Major Road Ahead sign be erected at the Moycullen Road junction as a number of tourist buses come from Moycullen to Spiddal and drive directly onto the main road. He requested that the above signs be erected as soon as possible.

On the proposal of An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, seconded by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, they requested that a deputation from Galway County Council meet with Galway Corporation to discuss the problem in relation to the Western Distributor Road, i.e. Knocknacarra Road, and go together to the Minister for the Environment to highlight the problems on this road. This road is one of the main access routes to Western Connemara.

The Manager stated that the Council have been working with Galway Corporation for the last few years. It is hoped that the LUTS Land Study will forward proposals to alleviate this problem.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On the proposal of Councillor Gavin, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, it was requested that a public meeting be held in Furbo to discuss the County Development Plan, as it relates to people in the Barna/Spiddal and Furbo areas.

The Manager stated that if there is a demand, that arrangements will be made to display the plan and hold a meeting at a convenient location.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

N.O.M. NO 15 - SOAK PIT - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3693

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"There is a dip at the carriageway edge which together with the raised tarmac frontage is causing the water to lodge. This dip will be raised to allow the water to flow to the adjacent road gully and soakpit. It is expected this work will be done before the end of June."

N.O.M. NO. 16 - CAR PARKING - CLLR. M. REGAN 3694

The following written reply was given to Councillor Regan:-

"The question of traffic obstruction and parking is a matter for the Gardai. However, the situation will be examined and referred to the Gardai."

N.O.M. NO. 17 - FIRE SERVICE - CLLRS. J. BURKE, T. HUSSEY, T. WALSH, K. QUINN, M. RYAN, P. FINNEGAN & SEN. P. CONNAUGHTON 3695

The following written reply was given to the above Councillors:-

"As explained on previous occasions, the Council cannot get involved in supporting an unofficial Voluntary Fire Service. This is one area where the Local Authority cannot be of assistance to the local community and the Council is against the establishment of voluntary fire brigades.

The Fire Services Act 1981 clarifies what bodies are Fire Authorities and responsible for the provision of fire services. Galway County Council is the statutory Fire Authority for Galway City and County and the public must be kept aware of this. For that reason the Council was obliged to put a notice in the paper advising the

community in the Glenamaddy area to call the official Fire Brigade in the event of a fire.

The cost of providing fire services in the county is very costly and for 1996 is estimated at £1.9m. There are 10 fire stations in the county and because of the nature of the service, it is necessary that training, equipment, vehicles etc. are the best. The Council's resources are limited and whatever resources are there are required for the Council's own fire service.

Glenamaddy is surrounded by 5 local authority fire stations within a distance of 13 - 18 miles of Glenamaddy. The number of fire incidents in Glenamaddy itself is very small. Incidents occurring outside of Glenamaddy must obviously be in the direction of one or other of the 5 local authority fire stations, thereby reducing the attendance time to reach the incident. For example, an incident occurring 7 miles from Glenamaddy in the direction of Castlerea would be responded to as quickly by the Castlerea Fire Brigade as one based in Glenamaddy. The same would apply to the other 4 fire stations.

The risk to life resulting from an outbreak of fire is the greatest concern of the residents of the Glenamaddy area. The installation of domestic type fire alarm systems in dwelling-houses would have the immediate results of significantly reducing this risk. Other basic measures can also be taken to greatly reduce the risks and the Council's Fire Officers are available to give advice on such safety measures.

N.O.M. NO. 18 - CLAY BANK - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3696

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"It may be possible to carry out the work later this year if maintenance funds allow."

N.O.M. NO 19 - KILTARTAN BURIAL GROUND - CLLR. M. FAHY 3697

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"I am to inform you that as a result of a bequest a sum of £10,000 was to be applied at the discretion of the executors of the will towards the cleaning, restoration, repair and maintenance of the old church and churchyard at Kiltartan. This has since progressed into the transferring of land in lieu of the bequest. Photographs of the Kiltartan Burial Ground and surrounding lands taken in February 1995 portray a grossly flooded expanse of ground. A major flood study is being undertaken at present by Jennings/O'Donovan, Civil Consultants, Sligo. Accordingly the Council are awaiting the outcome of this study before proceeding with the transfer.

It is now the policy of FAS not to include works in burial grounds as part of the Community Employment Schemes."

N.O.M. NO. 20 - LIGHTING - CLLR. M. FAHY 3698

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"This location will be considered along with other sites when drawing up the 1997 Public Lighting Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 21 - FLOODING - CLLR. M. FAHY 3699

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"It is a matter for the land owner to carry out any necessary drainage on his own land. Under section 76 of the Roads Act 1993 a landowner is obliged to take all reasonable steps to ensure that water is not obstructed from draining onto or through his land from a public road."

N.O.M. NO. 22 - SIGNS - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3700

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"This type of marking is not recommended as the proliferation of same would lead to their effect being diluted to the point of non effectiveness. Signs at the approach to the junction are to be erected indicating bends."

N.O.M. NO. 23 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3701

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"These roads will be repaired in the course of normal maintenance."

N.O.M. NO 24 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3702

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"This road will be repaired in the course of normal maintenance."

N.O.M. NO 25 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3703

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"The first 245 metres of this road is in the Council's charge. The remaining 254 metres is not. The public section is not on the programme for surface dressing for 1996 but it may be possible to tar it during the year otherwise routine pot hole filling will be carried out.

The estimate for tarring the non-public portion of the road is £3,500."

N.O.M. NO. 26 - ROADSIDE MARGINS - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3704

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"The margins cannot be trimmed now due to the adverse effect it would have on wildlife. The matter will be reviewed at the end of August."

N.O.M. NO. 27 - SURFACE DRESSING - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3705

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"Surface dressing has now been completed on Convent Road, Woodford."

N.O.M. NO. 28 - ROAD - DEP. P. McCORMACK 3706

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"A major transportation study which will particularly examine traffic on the western approach to Galway City is about to commence and this proposal will be examined in this study."

N.O.M. NO. 29 - ROAD - DEP. P. McCORMACK 3707

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"This section of road is on a realigned portion of the N18 National Primary route where the maximum speed limit of 60 m.p.h. applies. Speed control on these routes is a function of the Garda Siochana. It is not considered good practice to install physical speed control devices on an open section of a rural route."

N.O.M. NO. 30 - STREET LIGHTING - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3708

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"This section of road is located on a rural section of the N17 National Primary Route in an area where the maximum speed limit of 60 m.p.h. applies and there are no proposals for traffic route lighting at this location."

N.O.M. NO. 31 - ROADS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3709

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"This section of road is located on a rural section of the N17 National Primary Route in an area where the maximum speed limit of 60 m.p.h. applies."

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A continuous white line and ghost islands are already incorporated into the route in the area north and south of the N17/N63 junction and the appropriate road signs are also in place.

N.O.M. NO. 32 - SPEED RAMPS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3710

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"This section of road is located on a rural section of the N17 National Primary Route in an area where the maximum speed limit of 60 m.p.h. applies. An examination of the junction to Corrandulla will be undertaken to see if any improvements can be carried out for turning vehicles."

N.O.M. NO. 33 - LIFE BELTS - AN COMH. NI FHATHARTA 3711

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

"Tá lifebelts curtha ar fáil ag Trá an Dóilin. Cuirfear lifebelts ar fáil i dtránna san Ceathrú Rua, de réir mar a mbeidh gá cruthaithe leo.

Má cuireann tú liosta de na tránna ata i gceist agat ar fáil breathnófar isteach sa gcás.

N.O.M. NO 35 - FLASHING LIGHTS - AN COMH. NI FHATHARTA 3712

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

"Tá an láthair seo curtha san áireamh i gClár na mBóithre 1996. Tá luacha á lorg againn ó soláthraí éagsúla."

N.O.M. NO. 36 - FAIRGREEN, ROUNDSTONE - DEPUTY O'CUIV 3713

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

"Watermains are being replaced at this location. Once this work is completed it is proposed to do a clean up operation and some minor improvement works. There are no funds available to facilitate major improvement works at this location."

N.O.M. NO. 37 - ILLEGAL DUMPING - DEPUTY E. O'CUIV 3714

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

"Regrettably unauthorised dumping has taken place in Claremont, Oughterard and this dumping is the work of irresponsible members of the public. Such dumping is a serious offence, with serious consequences for the environment. Furthermore, the

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removal of this rubbish, policing and monitoring is a strain on the Council's already scarce resources.

The situation is being monitored by the Council and a clean up will be carried out in accordance with available resources. However, indiscriminate dumping can best be tackled by public co-operation with the Council in securing the prosecution of persons responsible."

N.O.M. 38 - FAIRGREEN, ROUNDSTONE - DEPUTY E. O'CUIV 3715

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

"The estimated cost of remedial works necessary would be in the region of £20,000. There are no funds available for this work at present."

N.O.M. NO 39 - SIGNS - CLLR S. O'NEACHTAIN 3716

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

"Works are in progress to improve signage at the junction in question"

N.O.M. NO. 40 - ILLEGAL DUMPING - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 3717

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

"Regrettably unauthorised dumping has taken place at Pier Road, Spiddal, and Loch na gCaoran Dubh, Spiddal and this dumping is the work of irresponsible members of the public. Such dumping is a serious offence, with serious consequences for the environment. Furthermore, the removal of this rubbish, policing and monitoring is a strain on the Council's already scarce resources.

The situation is being monitored by the Council and a clean up will be carried out in accordance with available resources. However, indiscriminate dumping can best be tackled by public co-operation with the Council in securing the prosecution of persons responsible."

N.O.M. NO 41 - JUNCTION - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 3718

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

"The improvement work at this junction is now underway."

N.O.M. NO. 42 - SPEED LIMIT - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 3719

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

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"This matter will be considered at the next Speed Limit Review."

N.O.M. NO. 43 - SPEED LIMIT - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 3720

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

"There is a 30 mile Speed limit at the Urban Boundary."

N.O.M. NO. 44 - ROAD - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 3721

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

"Funds are not available to upgrade the surface. However, some repairs will be carried out in the near future."

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted Approved + Signed

J. L. M. Hannon,
Chairman

24/6/96
Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

21u Bealtaine, 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 ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, de Luain, an 27u Bealtaine, 1996, ag tosnu ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

E. Power
E. POWER
RUNAI SEALADACH

CLAR

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the following Meetings:-
 - (a) Special Meeting held on 19th April, 1996.
 - (b) Monthly Meeting held on 22nd April, 1996.
2. Reports of Committee Meetings for consideration and adoption (copies attached):-
 - (a) Connemara Electoral Area Meeting held on 29th April, 1996.
 - (b) Ballinasloe Electoral Area Meeting held on 30th April, 1996.
 - (c) Tuam Electoral Area Meeting held on 22nd April, 1996.
3. Sale of Land to St. Brigids Housing Association Ltd, Glenamaddy. Section 83 Notice dated 14th May, 1996 refers.

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4. To approve overdraft of £3m for 6 months ending 31/12/1996. Report attached.
 5. To approve raising of loan of £1.2m for Plant Replacement Programme - Report Attached.
 6. (a) To fix date for Annual Meeting.
(b) To decide venue for June Meeting.
 7. To approve request to N.R.A. to transfer N 65 Strengthening Grant of £100,000 from Bridge Road, Portumna to design work for Hearnbrook, as recommended by Loughrea Area Committee.
 8. To approve 1996 Burial Ground Programme.
 9. To consider provision of moorings at certain Bays around Galway with the assistance of Bord Failte (EU) Grants - Report Attached.
 10. To note proposals for the Community Roadworks Programme 1996.
 11. To approve extinguishment of Public Right of Way on County Road 127 Carrowmore and Shrulegrove between extremities X and Y on map.
 12. To nominate 3 Members to attend the Convention on Quality in Local Government - Dublin Castle - 6/7 June, 1996.
 13. Manager's Business
 14. Chairman's Business

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Adjourned From Previous Meeting :

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE

- I will propose :

15

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

CLR. MICHAEL REGAN

- I will propose :

16

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.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. JOE BURKE CLR. T. HUSSEY CLR. PAUL CONNAUGHTON CLR. T. WALSH,
- I will propose CLR. K. QUINN, CLR. M. RYAN & CLR. P. PINNEGAN

17

That Galway County Council co-operate with Glenamaddy & District Fire Service, so that the fire cover of the Council is enhanced.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM

- I will propose :

18

That Galway County Council remove clay bank on the left hand turn leading from Brendan Downeys house and entering the Skehana/Gort Road.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY

- I will propose :

19

That Galway County Council proceed with the Purchase of Lands adjacent to Kiltartan Cemetery, Gort and also to implement a Fas Scheme to improve this Cemetery as soon as possible.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY

- I will propose :

20

That Galway County Council include in next years Estimate a light to be erected outside Rev. Canon Jennings' House in Peterswell Village.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY

- I will propose :

21

That Galway County Council repair gullet and lay water pipe to prevent further flooding at Druminalough, Peterswell - lands adjacent to Finbar Fahy, Tullira, Ardahan.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN

- I will propose :

22

That "Slow" signs be written on the road surface along the N59 National Secondary Road along the Drimnaheen - Loughannon stretch between Rosscahill-Oughterard. There are several dangerous bends in this area and residents request that the signs be positioned in the interests of safety.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN

- I will propose :

23

That road repairs be carried out as soon as possible on the Ower Road in Rosscahill and the Loughwell - Killagoola Road, Moycullen.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN

- I will propose :

24

That repairs are carried out on the Currawaiter-Tullykyne Road in Moycullen. The road has several pot-holed sections at present.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE

- I will propose :

25

That the Council surface dress the road at a specific location. (details supplied).

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE

- I will propose :

26

That roadside margins be trimmed at a specified location.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE

- I will propose :

27

That the Convent Road, Woodford be surface dressed.

CLR. PADRAIC MC CORMACK

- I will propose :

28

That Galway County Council be asked what plans it has for the construction of the Distributor Road from the Corporation Boundary at Ballymoneen towards Barna to link up with the Distributor Road the Corporation are building between the Ballymoneen Road and Bishop O'Donnell Road.

CLR. PADRAIC MC CORMACK

- I will propose :

29

That Galway County Council, on an experimental basis, install rubber strips on the approach to Carnmore and on each side of the road approaching from Oranmore and approaching Claregalway, as this is a very dangerous junction with cars passing at very high speed.

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH

- I will propose :

30

That street lighting be provided from the Kiniska Junction to the Roscommon Junction.

31 CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH
- I will propose :

That double continuous white lines be provided from Kiniska Junction to Roscommon Junction.

32 CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH
- I will propose :

That speed ramps be provided to slow down traffic on the main road and in particular traffic entering the Corrandulla Road from the Main Road.

33 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

Gur cguirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe "Lifebelts" ar fail ag na tranna ar An gCeathru Rua.

34 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

Go iarrfaidy Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ar Bord Slainte an Iarthair Ionad Slainte Nua a thogail ag An tulach, Baile na hAbhann.

35 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe "Flashing Lights" ar fail go Scoil Naisiunta Shailearna, Indreabhan.

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

That immediate improvement works would be carried out to the entrance to the "Fairgreen" in Roundstone, Co. Galway.

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

That action be taken by Galway County Council in relation to unauthorised dumping that has taken place in Claremount, Oughterard.

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

That remedial works would be carried out on the Ardnagreevagh Road to prevent the tide washing across it and therefore doing damage to the road.

39 CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council would take immediate steps to improve junction warning signs at the junction of Barna-Spiddal/Barna- Moycullen.

40 CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council would organise a clean up of illegal dumping at Pier Road, Spiddal and Loch na gCaoran Dubh, Spiddal.

41 CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN
- I will propose :

That the promised improvement of Lippa Road junction would be implemented immediately as to alleviate the obvious danger to traffic exiting from the County Road to the main Spiddal Barna Road.

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

That Galway County Council extend 30 mile speed limit on the Taughmaconnell Road, Ballinasloe to Ruane, Parkmore Crossroads.

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

That the 30 mile speed limit on the Shannonbridge Road be extended to the Urban boundary.

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

That immediate works be carried out to upgrade the surface and cut the hedges on road - details supplied.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 13th MAY, 1996****Cathaoirleach:-**

Councillor J. Mannion

Bail:-

Cllrs. J. Brennan, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy E. O'Cuiv, Cllrs. M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, 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.

Oifigigh:-

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, A/Asst. Co. Manager, E. Power, A/Co. Secretary, J. Crotty, A/Co. Engineer, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, D. Barrett, A.O., T. Connell, T. Murphy, C. Greene, S.S.O.'s, J. Forde, S.O., & R. O'Boyle, C.O.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY****3666**

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mrs. Mary Dunne, Cnocán Raithní, Moycullen, Co. Galway.
 Mr. Michael Quirke, Ballinaliskera, Killimor, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
 Mr. Liam Brogan & Family, Kilkerrin Road, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway.
 Mr. Tom Costello, Menlough, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
 Mrs. Maureen Fordam & Family, Carrowgariff, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
 Mrs. Bridie Reid, Cappacon, Moyglass, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
 The Walsh Family, Carrabeg, Headford, Co. Galway.
 Mrs. Bridie McGrath, Cregmore Cross, Claregalway, Co. Galway.

PRIOR NOTICE OF PLANNING DECISIONS**3667**

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain referred to the recent decision of the Protocol Committee recommending that Members be given prior notice only in the case of decision to refuse permission. He stated that it was unfair not to be given notification in all cases and it would result in councillors having to go to the office to get this information. He requested that the former policy of Members being notified of all decisions should apply. Cllr. Callanan supported An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain in this proposal.

Deputy McCormack wished to know how the recommendation of the Protocol Committee on prior notice was arrived at. In what way was the facility being abused by the Councillors. The prior notice was useful to the members, he stated.

Cllr. Byrne stated that he is on the Protocol Committee and he was advised that certain councillors sought prior notice on a number of applications for which applicants had not asked for prior notice. He added that he did not know why councillors wished to know the results of planning applications.

The Chairman, Cllr. Mannion stated that it was a unanimous decision of the Protocol Committee to recommend that prior notice be given to members only in the case of decisions to refuse planning permission and that the decision had been endorsed by the Council.

It was agreed that the matter would be referred back to the Protocol Committee.

DEPUTATIONS**3668**

It was agreed to refer the issue of reception of deputations back to the Protocol Committee for further consideration.

OTHER MATTERS ARISING**3669**

Cllr. McClearn referred to the fish kill at Lough Derg and noted that the Assistant County Manager had a meeting with the relevant bodies to organise the work schedule. He stated that the Shannon Regional Fisheries Board failed to carry out their task and he proposed that if monies were owed to this body by the County Council, that such monies should not be paid. Cllr. Regan seconded Cllr. McClearn proposal.

Cllr. Walsh expressed his regret at the death of the girl at the rock concert in Dublin. He was concerned that such a tragedy should take place at an entertainment venue.

It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Gavin that the Bushy Park Residents Association be allowed to address the Galway Rural Area Committee.

Cllr. Regan then referred to Dalystown House in Loughrea which had been demolished over the weekend. The councillor was advised that legal proceedings were being taken against the individuals concerned.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES 3670
(ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 1996 (S.I. NO. 101 OF 1996), AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT)
REGULATIONS, 1996 (S.I. NO. 100 OF 1996).

The A/County Secretary outlined the contents of the report on these Regulations which had been circulated to the members. He referred to the lowering of the planning permission and the E.I.A. threshold for forest development and outlined the new non-statutory procedures which were contained in the report.

The County Manager stated that Vivian Ryan from Coillte would like to address the members at a July council meeting. This was agreed by the members.

The Report was noted. In the discussion which followed, Cllr. Hussey welcomed the changes put forward in the Regulations and stated that this was the right direction to go. Cllr. Loughnane stated that it appeared that there was no provision in the regulations to prevent the planting of trees close to roads and houses. However, he welcomed the reduction in the acreage requirement for planning permission but added that problems still remain in this area.

Cllr. Quinn stated that she had spoken before to Vivian Ryan but felt that there was no follow up on the meeting. She would like if the Minister could be asked to address the Council and put forward this proposal. She added that there was too much land being planted for afforestation and felt that a lot of the land was good land. She suggested the setting up of a Land Agency.

Cllr. McClearn welcomed the reduction in the acreage requirements for planning permission. He stated that major improvements were being put in place and added that there was a legitimate right for people to use their land as they wished. He felt that the council should try to get more stringent controls in place.

Cllr. Byrne stated that there was a need to increase the timber acreage in the country. He felt that the changes contained in the regulations were going in the right direction.

PORTUMNA SEWERAGE SCHEME 3671

The A/County Secretary outlined the contents of the report which had been circulated to the members. He advised the members that the procedures contained in the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations, 1994 had been complied with and public notice was given. The contents of the County Secretary's report were noted.

Cllr. W. Burke welcomed the proposal on the sewerage scheme.

The County Manager stated that this was a very important project which was part of the Lough Derg scheme and included in the Operational Programme for Environmental Services. He added that the scheme would be progressed as speedily as possible by the Council.

HOUSING SERVICES REPORT PROGRAMME 3672

The County Manager referred to the Report on Housing Services, which had been circulated to each member, and gave an outline of the various services referred to therein. He said that the report was a comprehensive review of the Council's activities under the Housing Acts and the Plans for Social Housing.

The Chairman and Members of the Council in welcoming the report complimented the staff in the Housing Department on the preparation of a comprehensive document. In the course of the discussion that followed, the following matters were highlighted by Members:-

MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL DWELLINGS

The Members considered that the Council's record in relation to Housing Maintenance was very poor and that more of the repairs to Council Dwellings be carried out by contract. The Members noted that one in every three houses was repaired during 1995 and there was still a huge maintenance problem and that maintenance free materials be used as far as possible in house construction.

DEMOUNTABLE DWELLINGS

It was noted that the number of demountable dwellings was being reduced substantially in recent years. Concern was expressed that many of them are still without water and sewerage facilities. It was agreed that the use of demountable dwellings be eliminated as far as possible and that a submission be made to the Department of the Environment for special funds to help in achieving this.

HOUSING WAITING LIST

Concern was expressed at the number of people on the Council's waiting list. It was noted that Applicants in need of accommodation sometimes have to wait four or five years for Council housing. It was suggested that Applicants renting good accommodation for long periods should be given credit for time on the list in the allocation of tenancies.

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

The policy of providing rural houses was commended by the Members and it was recommended that this be continued with a view to providing accommodation for applicants in their own cultural domain. It was also recommended that the Council buy more houses especially in the rural areas. Members recommended that the Council

build up a land bank especially in the villages in order that future and existing need be met. Housing schemes being provided in Carna, Rosmuc and Carraroe were welcomed by Members.

HOUSING GRANTS

It was recommended that the house improvement grants be re-introduced. The abolishing of the Roinn na Gaeltachta grants was regretted. It was recommended that the funds being made available to the Health Boards under The Housing Aid for the Elderly Scheme should be given to Local Authorities for use under the Essential Repairs Grants Scheme. It was suggested that the Disabled Persons Grant Scheme be promoted, as it was a very important service to meet an existing need.

PLAN FOR SOCIAL HOUSING.

It was considered by Members that the Shared Ownership Scheme was not satisfactory and it was suggested that it be scrapped and replaced with a means tested grant scheme of £15,000 - £20,000. Members noted that the Improvements Works in Lieu of Local Authority Housing Scheme was much in demand, but concern was expressed at the delay in getting projects finished. It was suggested that the Council should assign more staff to the Housing Engineering Section, in order that the Improvement Works in Lieu Scheme be speeded up. It was suggested that the Council should develop more low cost housing sites.

OTHER MATTERS

In the course of the discussion reference was made by Members to the following matters:-

- It was stated that anti-social behaviour by tenants should not be tolerated.
- It was suggested that appropriate legal action should be taken against Tenants who keep animals unlawfully or who create any other nuisance.
- In relation to the differential rent scheme, hardship cases should be given urgent consideration.
- Tenants with large families be given a greater allowance when being assessed for rent.
- That stern action be taken in relation to rent arrears and that the Council should act immediately in cases where tenants owe more than £80.00 rent.
- Concern was expressed by Members at the delay in obtaining planning reports in connection with the construction of Council houses and also in relation to aspects of the plan for social housing.
- That the provision of halting sites is not an acceptable solution to the traveller problem in north Galway.
- It was suggested that since the travellers had now left the area, that the land the Council had acquired at the Greendoor, Portumna should be put up for sale immediately.

In reply the County Manager thanked the members for their contributions and he gave the following information in answer to the many matters raised.

- The Council will continue its policy of reducing the number of demountable dwellings and he accepted that great progress had been made in this regard.
- In relation to voluntary housing schemes, he said that the Department of the Environment was giving increased funding every year and he was anxious that the Council would maximise the potential for the provision of these schemes throughout the county. He encouraged the members to come forward with proposals in relation to this matter.
- 513 houses were repaired during 1995 and it is the Council's intention to repair some of its houses by contract during 1996.
- He said efforts were being made to improve efficiency in this regard - low cost maintenance features were now being used in new houses and tenants were being made aware of their responsibilities in relation to maintenance.
- He said that in some areas there was a scarcity of suitable contractors to carry out this work.
- The Council's allocation for Improvements in Lieu in 1996 was £40,000.00, but a request had been sent to the Department of the Environment for extra funding. He said that the Council were allowed to apportion 6% of the cost of any one project, towards the employment of consultants and he hoped to use this means in speeding up the scheme and meeting the existing demand.
- In relation to housing rents, he said that staff would look at other methods of payment and he indicated that the Council would adopt a tough approach on housing rent arrears in future.
- The increased number of "starts" and the voluntary housing schemes, should reduce Council waiting lists.
- He asked for the help of members in identifying and acquiring suitable sites for housing purposes.
- In relation to planning reports, he said that the number of planning applications was on the increase which was putting extra pressure on staff. He would discuss the streamlining of planning reports for local authority housing with the planning and housing staff.
- The Council will continue its activity in relation to Housing Estate Management.
- In relation to Shared Ownership, he said that it increased the options available to applicants for housing assistance, but he is aware that the take up on this scheme nationally, was low.

TAKING OVER OF GROUP WATER SCHEMES 3673

This item was deferred. It was agreed that it would be listed for discussion as the first item on the agenda at the next special meeting of the Council.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS 3674

The Council passed a vote of congratulations to Cllr. Michael Finnerty and his wife on the birth of their baby.

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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**

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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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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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