

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

(Galway County Council)

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

19 Marta, 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 25u Marta, 1996, ag tosnu 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 12th February, 1996.
  - (b) Monthly Meeting held on 26th February, 1996.
2. Reports of Committee Meetings for consideration and adoption (copies attached):-
  - (a) Report of National Monuments Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13/2/1996.
  - (b) Report of Ballinasloe Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 08/03/96.

- (c) Report of Arts Committee Meeting held on 06/02/96.
- (d) Report of Protocol Committee Meeting held on 08/03/96.
3. To approve Draft Standing Orders for Area Committees - copy enclosed.
4. To approve sale of house to Patrick & Cathy Holden at Lackafinna South. Section 83 Notice dated 8th March, 1996 refers.
5. To approve sale of house to Henry & Marian Mullins at Marian Park, Portumna. Section 83 Notice dated 13th March, 1996 refers.
6. To approve sale of site at Garbally Drive, Ballinasloe to John & Mary Harvey. Section 83 Notice dated 29th February, 1996 refers.
7. To approve change in membership of Islands Committee.
8. Maintenance of Council Houses - Report attached.
9. Waste Management Education Programme - Report attached.
10. Taking over of Group Water Supply Schemes - Report attached.
11. Official Re-opening of Ballinasloe Courthouse.
12. Manager's Business
13. Chairman's Business

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COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Adjourned From Previous Meeting :

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council proceed with the implementation of a sewerage scheme for Craughwell Village as a matter of great priority as there is an urgent need for same to stop pollution of this village.

CLR. PADRAIC MC CORMACK  
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council provide a fire service based in Carraroe as there is a building available on the Udaras na Gaeltachta estate.

CLR. SEAN O'NECHTAIN  
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council would now prepare a plan for a sewerage connection between Barna and Galway City. Assistance from private developers in this regard should be facilitated wherever it is offered.

CLR. MICHAEL O'NEILL  
- I will propose :

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That repairs be carried out to a bridge on the Derrinver to Letter Road, opposite Lacey's house in Derrinver.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. JOE BURKE  
- I will propose :

18

That Galway County Council erect extra signs on the 3 major entrance roads to Tuam. These signs to be the same as the Twinning Sign with Straubing already erected on 2 entrance roads.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council remove clay banks on the bad turns between Shanalish Cross and Lurga School to relieve dangerous situation at bends.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council widen the turn on the road leading from Cappavarna to the Killamoran Road on the left hand side. This is a very dangerous turn with no view of on-coming traffic.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council would carry out a comprehensive detailed analysis of the pollution in the Tubber Group Water Supply Scheme, which would held in tracing their source - this should start no later than April and continue for May and June. Also that the Chlorination system be installed in the interim. In the long-term view, I would aksed that it would be connected to the new Gort GWS.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council provide extra car parking at Drumacoo Burial Ground, Ballinderreen which is critical for parking.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :

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That Galway County Council install pipe and repair drain gullet on Co. Road at Kilcrimple, Gort - where water from the Co. Road is flooding farmyard of Pake Kelly, Kilcrimple, Gort.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :

24 That Galway County Council rebuild fallen walls on the Dromore-Ballinabuckey Co. Road, Peterswell. (Adjacent lands owned by Brendan Burke, Ballinabuckey, Peterswell).

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :

25 That a road-side drain near Mr. Michael O'Halloran's land on the Drum Road be examined in the interests of safety and a report given as to what can be done.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :

26 When it is proposed to position the proposed sign "Major Road ahead" on the Spideal Road from Moycullen Village. This sign will indicate the N59 National Secondary Road through the village. Gardai accept that this is necessary.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :

27 When is it planned to position the "Concealed Exit" sign at Kylebroughlawn corner near Moycullen Village. This was promised some years ago but the badly needed work has not been carried out to-date.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE  
- I will propose :

28 That surface dressing be carried out at a specific location (details supplied).

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH  
- I will propose :

29 That Galway County Council erect signs at the area approaching Annagh Crossroads. There are roads converging there from Tuam and Athenry onto the main Galway/Roscommon Road and it is a highly dangerous location.

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH  
- I will propose :

30 That Galway County Council seek funding from N.R.A. for low cost improvement measures scheme to improve safety on the N17 at Lachtgeorge and again seek crucial funding for Traffic Route Lighting to prevent further carnage at this lethal location.

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH  
- I will propose :

31 That Galway County Council take in charge a small area known as Glenside/Cregboy, Claregalway. (details attached)

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :

32 Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe carr chlos ag Reilg Cladhna, An Cheathru Rua. Nil aon ait le haghaidh carranna ag an Reilg.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :

33 Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe cosan ar an bothar reigiunach ag Cor na Ron, Indreabhan. To go leor tracht ar an mbothar seo agus nil aon ait le haghaidh daoine ata ag siul.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA  
- I will propose :

34 Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ballaí a thogail nuair ata an bothar níos airde na an balla. Tarlaíonn sé seo go minic nuair a ndéantar obair deisiúcháin ar an mbothar (samplaí le seo). 1. Trasá tigh Sean O Donnchu, Gleann Mor, An Cheathru Rua. 2. Ag Tigh McNulty, Tulach, Baile na hAbhann.

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN  
- I will propose :

35 That Galway County Council upgrade and surface road (details attached).

CLR. EVELYN VARLEY  
- I will propose :

36 That Galway County Council carry out works to alleviate flooding. Details enclosed.

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 8th MARCH, 1996**

**Cathaoirleach:-** Councillor J. Mannion

**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, J. McClearn, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, 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, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., T. Connell, S.S.O., & E. Power, A/Co. Secretary.

**Thosnaigh an crinniú leis an paidir.**

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS ANTENNAE 3583**

The County Secretary referred to the Draft guidelines on telecommunications antennae and support structures which had already been circulated to the members. He stated that Forbairt would be in a position to speak to the Council on aspects relating to the structures. Deputy Connaughton welcomed this proposal. Cllr. Gavin referring to the guidelines circulated stated that this was an expanding industry and the companies involved would be competing so the requirement to group together the antennae structures may not always be possible. He stated that the lack of information in this area was causing problems. He added that minimum distances from dwellinghouses should be written into the County Development Plan and that grouping be encouraged in areas.

Cllr. Walsh stated that there was sincere and extreme worry about these structures and in particular he referred to the Ballymoe area. He added that these fears must be allayed and continued, stating that there was a genuine feeling that a health risk existed. Cllr. Finnegan stated that the provision of telecommunications antennae should not be included in the draft plan. He added that there were fears that damage

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would be done and he hoped that the Forbairt official could explain the matters to the council.

Cllr. McClearn informed the Council that the argument needed to be broadened out and requested to know if profit was being put before peoples health and the environment. He wished to know were such large masts and in such quantities necessary and added that the risk to peoples health must be addressed.

Cllr. Hussey stated that it was desirable to have a high quality telecommunications system but not at the expense of peoples health particularly in the Ballymoe situation. He added that the County Council have to be careful in the type of policy it adopts. Cllr. Joe Burke stated that there was a genuine fear about these structures. He stated that they spoil the landscape and referred to the application at Belclare, Tuam. He stated that it was unfair to make decisions without the full knowledge. He added that there was a legitimate fear and the Council should recognise this.

Cllr. Quinn stated that she had attended many meetings in Ballymoe and that people there expressed concern about the future for their children. She stated that the structures spoil the landscape but that health was the more important aspect. Deputy Connaughton stated that you cannot have the area dotted with masts and that it was important that the Council obtain professional input into this matter.

Cllr. Tiarnan Walsh requested that people from Ballymoe group be present at the next meeting. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Joe Burke. The County Manager stated that the Council now have the guidelines and he stressed that it is national policy to have a modern telecommunication system. He added that the Council failed to get anyone from the various departments to address the Council on this issue. He continued stating that the Council had one meeting with the Regional Manager of Telecom on the aspect of co-locations. He will now address the other developers in this field. He stated that the difficulty existed that there were two systems of communication in operation which had different base systems.

The Council then addressed item no. 2 on the agenda - S. Cunniffe - Planning Ref. No. 95/1547.

Cllr. Fahy referred to this application which was a refusal for planning permission. He stated that planning permission should have been granted as the site was located close to Gort. He added that one entrance would be used to the proposed house and proposed that permission be granted in this case.

Cllr. Byrne seconded Cllr. Fahy's proposal. He stated that this type of application should be looked at in the context of the Draft County Development Plan.

Cllr. Cunningham stated that a housing need existed and that only one entrance was proposed. He felt that discrimination existed in this case. The County Manager informed the members that the planning decision had been issued and that the applicant did not avail of his right to appeal to An Bord Pleanála, an independent appeal board.

Cllr. Fahy then spoke on Planning Ref. No. 95/1339. In this case, permission was granted but the Councillor stated that it was unfair to have an emurement clause attached as a condition. He added that there was not a question of speculation involved as no other house would be built on the farm. He proposed that the condition be deleted.

Cllr. Cunningham stated that he supported the Councillor and added that it was unfair to have this condition included.

The County Manager advised the Council that the planing application was dealt with in accordance with the proper planning and development of the area taking into account the County Development Plan. He added that the applicant had a right to appeal the condition to An Bord Pleanala which is an independent appeals body set up for this particular purpose. This avenue was not availed of by the applicant in this case.

**CONFERENCES**

**3584**

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:-

**TEAMA Conference - Letterkenny - 11/12th April, 1996**

Councillor J. Mannion  
An Comhairleoir S. O'Neachtain  
Councillor P. O'Sullivan  
Councillor K. Quinn  
Councillor M. Regan  
Councillor T. Walsh  
Councillor M. Mullins.

**International Housing Conference - Ballyconnell - 20/21st March, 1996**

Councillor J. Mannion

**CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN**

Submitted: Approved: Signed:

*J. Mannion*  
Chairman

22/4/96

Date

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4 Marta, 1996

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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 8ú lá Márta, 1996, ag tosnú ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

**T. O CAOMHANAIGH,  
RUNAL.**

**CLAR**

1. Telecommunications Antennae - D.O.E. Draft Planning Guidelines - (report enclosed).
2. Advance Notice:  
Planning Ref. No. 95/1547. Applicant: Stephen Cunniffe, Lavally, Gort.  
Planning Ref. No. 95/1339. Applicant: John Healy, Ballinabucky, Peterswell - submitted by Cllr. Michael Fahy.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1996**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** An Comhairleoir J. Mammion

**I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Bail:**

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, 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, Assistant Co. Manager, P. Flood, Co. Engineer, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, E. Lusby, Finance Officer & E. Hourigan, A.S.O.

*Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.*

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

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A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

The Heron Family, Inishmore, Aran Islands.  
Mr. Eamonn Hannon, C.E.O., Western Health Board.  
Lucy Bn. Ui Thuathail, Anach Mheain, Beal a Daingean.  
Mrs. Margaret O'Shea & Family, Bridge Street, Headford.  
Mrs. Margaret-Clarke & Family,  
Mrs. Belinda Fahy & Family, The Lodge, Castleboy, Kilchreest, Loughrea.

The Manager on behalf of the Staff wished to be associated with same.

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**MINUTES**

3546

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 12th January, 1996 were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Ni Fhatharta.

On the proposal of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Councillor O'Tuathail, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 22nd January, 1996, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Report of the National Monuments Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9th January, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Ryan.

The Report of the Ballinasloe Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 29th January, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Callanan.

The Report of the Loughrea Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 30th January, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

The Report of the Connemara Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 17th January, 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 Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 22nd January, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Deputy P. McCormack, seconded by Senator McDonagh.

The Report of the Tuam Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 2nd February, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Deputy Connaughton.

**MATTERS ARISING**

FAMINE EXHIBITION

The Council complimented Galway Corporation on hosting the forthcoming Famine Exhibition in Leisureland during the Summer period.

A Conference commemorating the Famine will be held on 17th and 18th May, 1996 in Athenry. It is hoped that as many people as possible will attend this conference.

CAPPATAGGLE ROAD

The Cappataggle Road has been allocated £400,000 in the 1996 Road Grants allocation. The Members requested that the County Engineer draft proposals as to how this money will be spent, whether on hard shoulders etc.

The County Engineer stated that the road was surveyed in the past few months and the engineering team were looking at the best options available. He stated that £6-£8 million would be required for major improvements on the road. The sum of £400,000 would be spent effectively including proper design standards and sight distance to allow for over-taking to take place, and provision of hard-shoulders would be looked at. The Members urged that works should commence on this road as soon as possible and the various options be brought before the Council for consideration.

SPEED LIMITS

The Members expressed dissatisfaction with the N.R.A. over their refusal to approve speed limits for various areas in the County. The Council's proposals were supported by the Gardai Authorities. At the meeting held with the N.R.A. on 20th November, 1995, the Council were requested to submit justification for speed limit extensions. The Members wished the following also to be included:-

Ballygar - N63 - Speed limits to be re-submitted to N.R.A., and the Council to impress upon N.R.A. the need for funds for this road.

Kinvara - (a) 40 mile speed limit beyond Dungaigue Castle  
(b) 30 mile speed limit to Thatch Cottage

Gort - 30 m.p.h. limit to Lisk Factory and a further extension of 40 m.p.h. zone.

N18 - Gort to Crusheen Road extension to 30 m.p.h. limit.

Abbeyknockmoy - Speed limit and 40 m.p.h. to Blackwater.

The County Secretary stated that the speed limits not approved were brought before the Area Committees. The decisions not agreed to by Area Committees will be re-submitted to the N.R.A. for review. At present, the Council are in the process of strengthening our case to justify this review. Any further comments or submissions from the Members to be forwarded to Mr. Colm Wallace, S.S.O. Engineering.

The Members asked when all the revised speed limits on County Roads will be erected, as there is growing dissatisfaction in various areas of the county, i.e. Moycullen.

Councillor McClearn asked that where there is no disagreement with N.R.A., can the speed limits on National Roads be erected. The County Secretary stated that bye-laws would have to be made for those speed limits. Councillor McClearn requested that this be considered. The County Secretary stated that he would re-examine the situation.

GORT ROAD/CRUSHEEN ROAD

Councillor Cunningham and Councillor Fahy on behalf of the small farmers in the Beagh/Tubber/Crusheen area asked that no further design work would take place on the Gort/Crusheen by-pass without consultation.

KILBEG/KNOCKFERRY BRIDGE

Deputy McCormack proposed the following motion:-

"In light of the study carried out by Harewood Associates and Sean Barrett on the Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge Project that Galway County Council strongly recommend to the Department of the Environment to directly fund site investigation, environmental impact statement and cost benefit analysis applied for by Western Development Association Ltd., and a copy of the recommendation be given to all Members of Galway County Council, for the next meeting of the Council."

This was seconded by Councillor Varley. Councillor Gavin stated that the Bridge Committee are very angry with the response given to this project. He requested that the motion would be put to the meeting and for the document to be discussed prior to being submitted to the Taoiseach as there are a lot of factors to be taken into consideration. He also requested that the observations of the Bridge Committee be forwarded with the report.

The County Manager stated that there was no problem with the resolution proposed. He said that the Council would forward a copy of the updated report to the Department of the Taoiseach. He also stated that the Bridge Committee could make any observations on the report to the Taoiseach.

The Chairman declared the Motion carried.

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Senator McDonagh requested that the Public Lighting Programme for 1996 be implemented immediately.

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The Manager stated that the report has been adopted by the Council. An application will be made to the Department of the Environment for funds to carry out this work.

**MILLSTREAM PARK ESTATE**

Councillor Finnegan requested that the taking in charge of the Millstream Park Estate, Tuam be considered.

**SALE OF HOUSE AT MOYODE, ATHENRY 3547**

On the proposal of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Council approved the sale of house at Moyode, Athenry to Joseph and Elizabeth Haugh, in accordance with Notice dated 16th January, 1996 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member.

**DECLARATION OF ROAD TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD 3548**

On the proposal of Deputy McCormack, seconded by Councillor O'Tuathail, the following road was declared a Public Road, the necessary statutory requirements having been complied with:-

<u>Engineering Area</u>	<u>Description</u>
Tuam	Road commencing at junction with Co. Road 138 and extending north approximately for a distance of 71 metres in the Townland of Cloonboo.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEV.) REGULATIONS 1994 - CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES UNDER THE 1995/96 HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 3549**

A report on the proposed development dated 9th February, 1996 was circulated to each Member in accordance with the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations, 1994. On the proposal of Deputy McCormack, seconded by Councillor Ni Fhatharta, the Report was approved.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1994 3550**

The County Secretary referred to report dated 20th February, 1996 circulated to each Member. He stated that the Local Government Act 1994 (Commencement) (No. 4) Order which was made by the Minister on 21st December, 1995, brought Part VII of the Act into operation with effect from 1st January, 1996. Part VII of the Act enables Local Authorities to make bye-laws for or in relation to the use, operation, protection, regulation or management of any land, services or any other thing whatsoever provided by or under the control or management of the Local Authority. These provisions update the mechanisms provided under old legislation for the making of

bye-laws. In addition the Minister has made "Bye-law Regulations" providing for certain procedural matters relating to the making of bye-laws in addition to those set out in the Act. Generally, the Minister's sanction will not be required for the bye-laws.

**LOCAL ELECTIONS**

The County Secretary stated that Commencement Orders had also been made by the Minister bringing Sections 20, 22 and 23 of the 1994 Act into operation. These Sections deal with:-

**Section 20 - Year of Election to all Local Authorities**

An election of Members of every Local Authority shall be held in the year 1998 and every fifth year thereafter.

**Section 22 - Provisions relating to the Conduct of Local Elections**

In this respect the Minister has made new Local Election Regulations 1995. These replace the 1965 Regulations. Some of the changes are:-

1. Candidates Deposits increased from £5, £10 to £25, £50.
2. More flexibility in relation to times of the Count.
3. Minor changes in format of Ballot Paper.
4. Increased penalties for Offences.
5. Deposit refunded when candidate's votes exceed 1/4 of quota.

**Section 23 - Deals with the right to vote at Local Elections - restates the general provisions regarding the right to vote at Local Elections.**

Part II of the 1994 Act, relating to Local Authority Membership will come into operation for the 1998 Elections. It updates and consolidates the law relating to eligibility for Local Authority Membership, disqualifications, term of office, casual vacancies etc.

Councillor Callanan stated that in accordance with the Regulations, disabled voters must renew their eligibility every year. He proposed and was seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan that a disabled person on the register who is over 80 years of age need not re-apply. It was agreed to forward this proposal to the Department of the Environment.

**COUNTY TRAVELLER COMMITTEE 3551**

The Council considered that two representatives from each Electoral Area would form the Committee. On the proposal of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Callanan, the Council agreed to refer this back to the Area Meetings and Protocol Committee.

**CONFERENCES**

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On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Hussey, the Council approved of the following:-

British Assoc. of Councillors Seminar - Belfast - 16/18 Feb. 1996  
Councillor J. Mannion

European Citizens Rights Conference - Dublin - 4/3/1996  
Councillor J. Mannion

Housing Conference - Waterford - 24/26 April, 1996  
Cllr. J. Callanan  
Cllr. M. Cunningham  
Cllr. T. Byrne  
Cllr. J. Mannion

L.A.M.A. Conference - Letterkenny - 11/12th April, 1996  
Cllr. J. McClearn  
Deputy P. McCormack  
Senator J. McDonagh  
Cllr. P. O'Tuathail  
Cllr. M. Ryan  
Cllr. E. Varley  
Cllr. T. Hussey  
Cllr. P. McHugh

**MANAGER'S BUSINESS**

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**HOUSING**

The Manager stated that the Council has been notified that a programme for the provision, by way of new building or acquisition, of 70 houses has been authorised for 1996. A detailed programme will be submitted to the Council for consideration.

**ROADS**

The Manager stated that details of the 1996 Grant Allocations for both National and Non-National Roads had been received. He said that the County Engineer is preparing the Road Works Scheme at present and the Area Chairpersons will call a meeting of the various Area Committees and details will be circulated to the Members as soon as possible.

**COURTHOUSES**

The Manager stated that a design team to undertake an initial comparative study has been appointed. A preliminary report is being prepared in relation to the Court facilities in Tuam and its findings will be brought before the Tuam Area Committee.

A preliminary report is also being prepared for a major refurbishment of Clifden Courthouse. Discussions are also taking place between Ireland West and the County

Council relating to the provision of a new Tourist Information Office and Council Office in Clifden.

The refurbishment to Ballinasloe Courthouse should be completed within the next two months. He said this item would be on the agenda for the next meeting in order to discuss the Official Opening.

The refurbishment work in Headford Courthouse should be completed in the next week or two.

At present 90% of the work on the roof is completed on the Portumna Courthouse and the Council will then re-assess the situation.

**LOUGH DERG COHESION FUND SCHEME APPLICATION**

The Manager stated that £600,000 has been allocated to commence detailed planning for Portumna Sewerage Scheme. A grant of £300,000 for up-grading of the Ballinasloe Sewerage Scheme has been allocated to Ballinasloe U.D.C.

**NATIONAL TREE WEEK**

The County Secretary stated that National Tree Week will take place from 3rd-9th March, 1996 and notice dated 19/2/1996 giving details of activities was circulated to the Members.

**COSPOIR**

A letter dated 1st February, 1996 from the Department of Education stated that on 7th November, 1995, Mr. Bernard Allen, T.D., Minister for Sport announced the appointment of a working group to examine and make recommendations on the future role and structure of Cospoir, the National Sports Council. All submissions/recommendations to be received by 15th March, 1996.

**POLLING SCHEME**

Members were requested to have all submissions submitted by 1st March.

**AREA COMMITTEES**

On the proposal of Councillor Fimmerty, seconded by Councillor Hussey, the Council agreed that the Protocol Committee consider draft Standing Orders for area meetings, including the reception of deputations.

**CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

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Councillor Callanan requested the Council to ensure that the number of rural houses being built be maintained.

The Council asked that the situation in relation to Eyrecourt Courthouse be examined.

On the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Quimm, the Council agreed to write to the Minister to request an additional allocation of monies for

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Essential Repairs Grants. At present, people have to wait 1½ to 2 years before repairs can be remedied.

Councillor Gavin stated that the next meeting of the Islands Committee will be held on Thursday, 14th March, 1996 at 11.15 a.m.

The Council agreed that a meeting of the Protocol Committee would take place on Friday, 8th March, 1996 at 2.00 p.m.

The Council agreed that a meeting of the Casual Trading Committee would take place on Tuesday, 19th March, 1996 at 3.00 p.m.

Councillor Regan requested that a survey be carried out between Galway County Council and Clare County Council regarding the Tubber Group Water Scheme which experienced difficulties with drinking water during the Summer 1995.

Councillor Mullins requested an up-to-date report on the road problems in the Bullaun area. The County Engineer stated that he would reply to Councillor Mullins.

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**N.O.M. NO 11 - PROPOSED WATER SCHEME - GORT 3555**  
**- CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"I am to inform you that until the survey is completed, it is not possible to assess its impact on the proposed water scheme for Gort.

Lough Cutra is proposed as a source for the water scheme and as a buffer zone to reduce the severity of flooding. If it is used as a buffer zone it will not impact on the Water Scheme."

**N.O.M. NO 12 - PUBLIC LIGHT - CLLR P. FINNEGAN 3556**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

This location will require the provision of a new pole and light. It has not been included in the 1996 public lighting programme but will be considered in the preparation of the 1997 public lighting programme."

**N.O.M. NO 13 - SIGNS - CLLR P. MCHUGH 3557**

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"The village signs will be up-graded and relocated. An advance direction sign will be provided at Claretuan junction."

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**N.O.M. NO 14 - TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - 3558**  
**BARNA- CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN**

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

"There are no specific grants for traffic calming measures on Regional Roads. Even if there were the road in Barna is considered too narrow to accommodate any such scheme. However, during this year the Council will look at ways of improving signage and road marking."

**N.O.M. NO 15 - ROAD - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3559**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

This location was recently inspected and there were no stones located outside Mr. Regan's property."

**N.O.M. NO 16 - ROAD - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3560**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"This road is considered to be in a good state of repair and does not require strengthening. However, routine maintenance will be carried out within the next few weeks."

**N.O.M. NO 17 - FOOTPATH - CLLR. M. FAHY 3561**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"It is proposed to resurface the Ballyhugh footpath when the housing scheme currently in progress is completed."

**N.O.M. NO 18 - SEWERAGE SCHEME - 3562**  
**CRAUGHWELL - CLLR. M. FAHY**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"The matter is being investigated and a full reply will be available for the next meeting."

**N.O.M. NO 19 - FLASHING LIGHTS/REMOVAL OF 3563**  
**CLAYBANK - CLLR. M. FAHY**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

(a) The provision of school flashing lights at above location is not considered a priority under the 1996 school flashing lights programme.  
The removal of clay banks will require excavation and hard coring

between the edge of the tar surface and the existing wall. Associated works are also likely to include the rebuilding of road side walls due to the likely widening.

The extent of the scheme and cost involved are considerable and will require grant allocation phased over a number of years. The commencement of the works is not considered a priority under the 1996 programme.

**N.O.M. NO 20 - ROAD - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3564**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

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

**N.O.M. NO 21 - BOTHAR - AN COMH O'GABHAIN 3565**

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

"Bheidh muid ag deanamh obair deisiúchain ag an láthair seo i gceann cúpla seachtain."

**N.O.M. NO 22 - ROAD - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3566**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"Routine maintenance will be carried out at the above location as resources permit."

**N.O.M. NO 23 - FIRE SERVICE - CARRAROE - DEPUTY P. MCCORMACK 3567**

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"A report is being prepared on the number of call-outs to fires in the Carraroe district and will be available for the next meeting."

**N.O.M. NO 24 - SIGNS - SENATOR J. MCDONAGH 3568**

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"The 'Yield Right of Way' sign will be erected at Castletambert in the near future. Appropriate road markings will be laid on the approaches to the school in Castletambert. Statutory school signs are in place, but adjustments will be made to improve visibility."

**N.O.M. NO 25 - SIGNS - SENATOR J. MCDONAGH 3569**

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"Cartmore Cross is the intersection of C.R. No. 173 Athenry to Turloughmore road with regional road No. R.339, Galway to Monivea Road.

Following an examination of the signage it is proposed to renew existing road markings on the approaches and to lay new markings as appropriate, when weather permits."

**NOM NO 26 - BOTHAR - AN COMH C NI FHATHARTA 3570**

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

"Déanfar an obair seo i gceann cúpla seachtain."

**NOM NO 27 - BOTHAR - AN COMH C NI FHATHARTA 3571**

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

"Tá muid ag cur an clár oibre na mboithre le chéile faoi láthair agus tá muid ag scrúdú cás na mboithre seo chomh maith le boithre eile agus má bhíonn ár ndóthain airgid ar fáil beidh muid sásta iad a chur sa chlár."

**NOM NO 28 - BOTHAR - AN COMH C NI FHATHARTA 3572**

"Beidh muid ag scríobh chuig Roinn na Gaeltachta mar gheall ar an abhar seo go gairid."

Mhol an Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta an rún seo. Dúirt sí go raibh na daoine go brath go mór ar an scéim seo cun bóithre a dheisiú. Iarr sí ar an Aire Roinn Ealaíon, Cultúir agus Gaeltachta teacht chuig cruinniú cun an scéim a phlé le na comhloiri as an nGaeltacht. Chuidigh an Comhairleoir Gabhan leis an rún. D'iarr a Teachta Ó Cuiv na "matching funds" a chur sna meastachain boithre.

**N.O.M. NO 29 - BOTHAR - AN TEACHTA E. O'CUIV 3573**

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

"Nil an Comhairle Contae sásta an bothar thuas luaite a thógail faoi churam mar nil muid indhon na boithre ata faoi churam againn cheana fein a dheisiú."

**N.O.M. NO 30 - CLIFDEN BEACH - DEPUTY E O'CUIV 3574**

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

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"A detailed report requesting funding for the carrying out of works at above location has now been prepared and will be submitted in the coming days to both the Department of the Environment and the Department of the Marine."

**N.O.M. NO 31 - ROAD - DEPUTY E. O'CUIV 3575**

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

"The taking in charge of the above road is not recommended as we are unable to maintain our existing road network."

**N.O.M. NO 32 - SEWERAGE CONNECTION - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 3576**

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

"I am to inform you that the matter of a sewerage connection between Barna and Galway City is being investigated at present and a full reply will be available for the next meeting."

**N.O.M. NO 33 - ROADWORKS - BARNA - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 3577**

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

"The culvert at B. Joyce's will be investigated and appropriate action taken as required."

The water flowing on to the road at Furrymelia West is due to a private development and this matter is being pursued with the developer."

**N.O.M. NO 34 - ROAD - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 3578**

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

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

**N.O.M. NO 35 - SIGN - CLLR. M. O'NEILL 3579**

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

"The above sign will be erected as soon as possible."

**N.O.M. NO 36 - OUGHTERARD CEMETERY - CLLR. M. O'NEILL 3580**

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

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"I am to inform you that a site adjacent to the burial ground has been identified. Trial holes to determine suitability will be carried out in the next few weeks."

**N.O.M. NO 37 - REPAIRS TO BRIDGE - CLLR. M. O'NEILL 3581**

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

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

**N.O.M. NO 38 - FLASHING LIGHTS - CLLR. T. WALSH 3582**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Walsh:-

"The provision of school flashing lights at above location is not considered a priority under the 1996 school flashing lights programme."

Councillor Walsh stated that the reply to his Notice of Motion No. 38 regarding the erection of flashing lights at Kilcroan National School in Ballymoe Parish was inadequate. He stated that his request should be taken seriously. The County Secretary stated that he would re-examine same.

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John M. Morrison  
Chairman

25/3/96

Date