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9th February, 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:

Bohoona West, Spiddal,  
Camus Oughter.

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.

Mise le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
COUNTY SECRETARY.



## GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: PROPOSED COTTAGE SITE AT CAMUS OUGHTER,  
SITE No. 5660

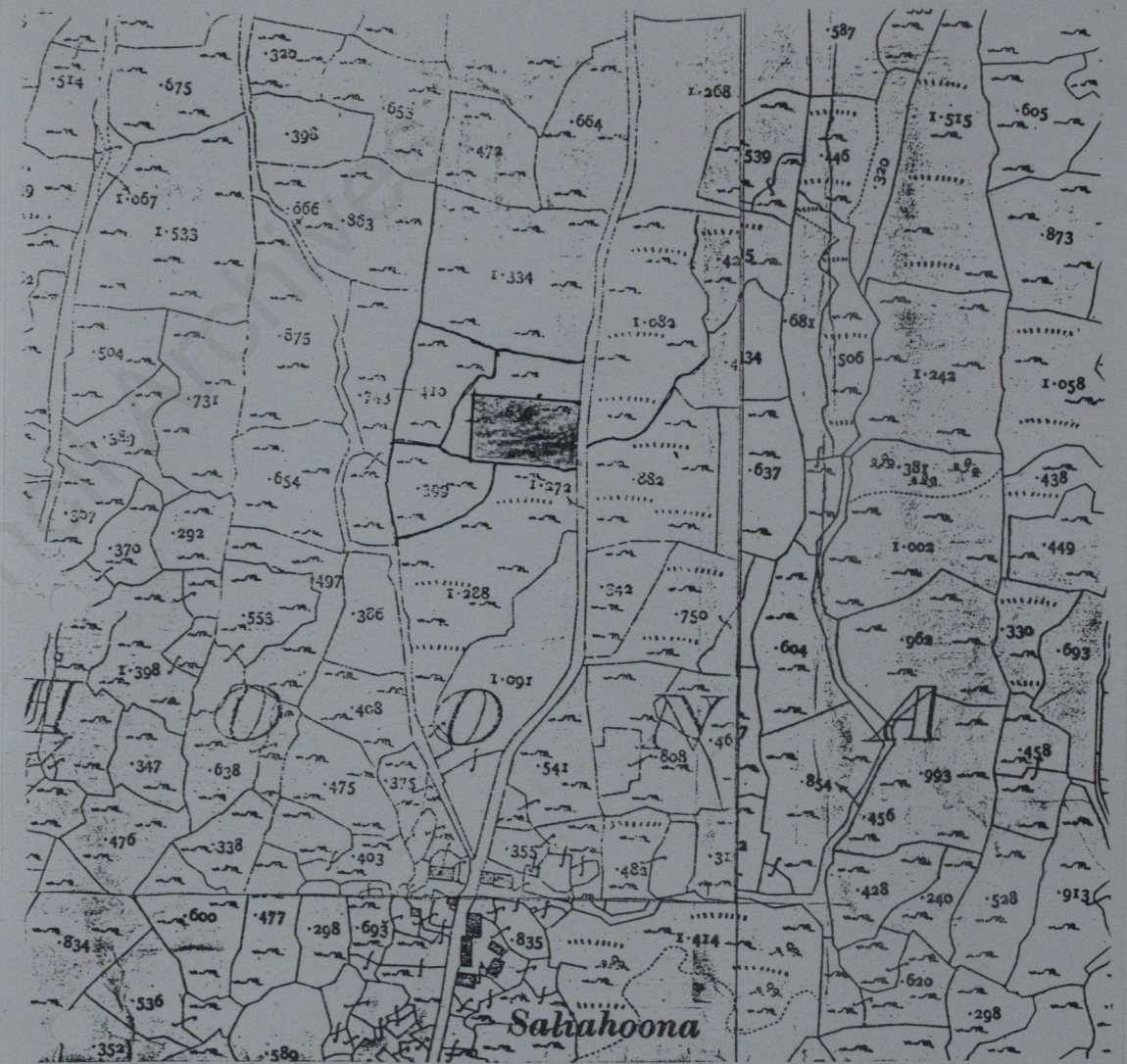
AREA: 1.00 ACRES COLOURED RED

OWNER: JOHN FLAHERTY, CAMUS OUGHTER, CAMUS

APPLICANT: DITTO RIGHT OF WAY SHOWN COLOURED YELLOW

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Signed by \_\_\_\_\_ Surveyed by: MOC JH Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Cottage Site at Bohoona West, Spiddal

SITE No. 6320

AREA: 0.37 ACRES COLOURED RED

OWNER: Margaret Kilmartin, Salahoona, Spiddal.

APPLICANT: Maureen Keady, Salahoona, Spiddal

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Signed by M D Surveyed by: M D Date: July 95

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

*(Galway County Council)*

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

20 Feabhra, 1996

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

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith I lathair ag cruinniu Miosiul de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, de Luain, an 26u Feabhra, 1996, ag tosmu ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

**T. O CAOMHANAIGH,**  
**Runai.**

**CLAR**

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the following Meetings:-
  - (a) Special Meeting held on 12th January, 1996.
  - (b) Monthly Meeting held on 22nd January, 1996.
2. Reports of Committee Meetings for consideration and adoption (copies attached):-
  - (a) Report of National Monuments Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9/1/1996.
  - (b) Report of Ballinasloe Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 29/01/96.

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- (c) Report of Loughrea Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 30/01/96.
  - (d) Report of Connemara Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 17/01/96.
  - (e) Report of Galway Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 22/01/96.
  - (f) Report of Tuam Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 2/02/1996.
3. To approve sale of house to Joseph & Elizabeth Haugh at Moyode, Athenry. Section 83 Notice dated 16/1/1996 refers.
  4. To declare road to be a public road - details in copy of advertisement attached.
  5. To consider attached report dated 9/2/1996 under S. 134 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 1994 in connection with construction of 2 Rural Houses.
  6. To note Commencement Orders under Local Government Act 1994. Report dated 20/2/1996 attached.
  7. To decide composition of County Traveller Committee.
  8. To nominate delegates for attendance at National Housing Conference, Waterford on 24/25/26 April, 1996.
  9. Manager's Business
  10. Chairman's Business

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COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Adjourned From Previous Meeting :

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :

- 11 That Galway County Council provide the up-to-date information on the proposed Water Scheme for Gort and if the survey being carried out (Re: Flooding) will have effects on the proposed water scheme i.e. delays or any other relevant problems.

CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN  
- I will propose :

- 12 That a public light be restored (details attached)

CLR. PADDY MC HUGH  
- I will propose :

- 13 That Galway County Council erect new Village Signs at Beiclare, same to include a Direction Sign at Claretuam junction.

CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN  
- I will propose :

- 14 That Galway County Council would put in place a traffic calming plan for Barna Village.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :

- 15 That Galway County Council report or give orders for the removal of stones on the road leading to Rinerush from the residence of Joe Regan at Lisatunna. They interfere with machinery on that road and are dangerous.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
- I will propose :

- 16 That Galway County Council strengthen the road leading to the yard of Michael Ward, Corr, Ballycrissane, Portumna, Co. Galway.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :

- 17 That Galway County Council repair footpath outside Johnny Sullivan's house and along the Ballyhugh Road at Gort.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :

- 18 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. MICHAEL FAHY  
- I will propose :

- 19 That following deputations from Clarenbridge, that priority to their two requests be given immediate priority (a) flashing lights to be erected outside Convent School on the N18 National Primary Road. (b) The removal of claybanks on the Link Road commencing at Water Tower to Casey's Cross.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :

- 20 That work be carried out on the Allenspark and Tumnasragh - Clooniffe Roads in Moycullen. Both roads are in need of attention.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN  
- I will propose :

- 21 Iarraim ar Chomhairle Chondae na Gaillimhe obair dheisiuchain a dheanamh ar Bhothar Seanaghurraín sa Spideal.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN

- I will propose :

22 That a bad section of the Gorthacarnaun Road in Rosscahill be repaired as soon as possible. This section has caused a lot of difficult in recent times.

CLR. PADRAIC MC CORMACK

- I will propose :

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

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH

- I will propose :

24 That Galway County Council provide "Yield Right of Way" signs at Castlelambert and also "Slow - Children Crossing" and new school signs in same area of local school.

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH

- I will propose :

25 That Galway County Council carry out an examination of the signs that are currently in situ at Cartymore Cross, Athenry, with a view to improving the signage at this particular location and in so doing prevent serious accidents in the future.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA

- I will propose :

26 Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe "Aire paisti ag trasnu" ar dha taobh den bothar ag S.N. Charna. Bionn go leor tracht ar an mbothar seo.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA

- I will propose :

27 Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe airgead ar fail in 1996 don ceantar innealltoireacht Casla le na boithre seo leanas a dheisiu: (a) Bothar Gleann Mor, An Cheathru Rua. (b) An bothar idir Tir a Fhia agus Tra Bhain.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA

- I will propose :

28 Go ndeanadh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe iarrtas ar an Roinn Ealaion, Culturi & Gaeltachta athbhreithniú a dheanamh ar an gcinne a thog siad maidir le Sceim na mBoithre Aise. agus go d'iarraidh siad ar an Aire Ealaion,

Cultuir & Gaeltachta teacht ag cruinniú le na gComhairleoirí Contae as an nGaeltacht agus Conamara chun an cas seo a ple.

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV

- I will propose :

29 Go nglacfaí Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe curam an bhothair chomh fada le teach Mhairtín Uí Chathain, Gabhla, An Caiseail, Co. na Gaillimhe, a bhfuil caoi mhaith air.

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV

- I will propose :

30 That Galway County Council would carry out work to improve the sea wall, Slipway and surroundings at Clifden Beach, Clifden, Co. Galway.

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV

- I will propose :

31 That the road as far as the house of Michael O'Malley, Ardagh, Clifden, Co. Galway, would be taken in charge. This road was recently repaired under Local Improvement Scheme 9/91, and is in good repair.

CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN

- I will propose :

32 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. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN

- I will propose :

33 That the following road works be undertaken at Barna as a matter of urgency (details supplied).

CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN

- I will propose :

34 That the road between Paddy's Cross and Shannafhreachog (Furbo) be repaired as it is badly pot-holes at the moment.

CLR. MICHAEL O'NEILL

- I will propose :

35 That a beach sign be erected at the entrance to Lettergesh Beach.

36 CLR. MICHAEL O'NEILL  
- I will propose :

That land be acquired, which is available for purchase, for the extension of Oughterard Cemetery. This cemetery has now only 26 graves remaining and will be full inside the next two years.

37 CLR. MICHAEL O'NEILL  
- I will propose :

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

38 CLR. TIARNAN WALSH  
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council erect flashing lights at the following location (details attached).

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY  
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY  
BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY,  
1996**

**Cathaoirleach:-**

Councillor J. Mannion

**Bail:-**

Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, J. Callanan,  
Deputies P. Connaughton & E. O'Cuiv, Cllrs. M.  
Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S.  
Gavin, T. Hussey, M. Loughmane, J. McClearn, Deputy  
P. McCormack, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, 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, P. Flood,  
Co. Engineer, D. Nelson, Asst. Co. Manager, E. Lusby,  
Finance Officer, B. Callagy & L. Kavanagh, S.E.E.'s,  
T. Murphy, A/A.O., T. Connell, S.S.O., M. Donoghue &  
B. Ginnelly, C.T.'s & T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary.

**Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.**

**RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY**

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*A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-*

Mrs. Bridie Kenny, Hillswood, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. Cummins, Ballygar, Co. Galway.  
Mr. & Mrs. Paddy Murphy, Ballinduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.  
Mr. & Mrs. Sean O'Neill & Family, Furzypark, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

3542

The County Secretary outlined the process which the members had gone through in considering the Review of the County Development Plan which commenced in November, 1994 and up to and including the present, 26 meetings in total had been held on this subject. He then referred to the agenda for the meeting and stated that the notice of motion from Deputy McCormack in relation to the Knockferry bridge would be dealt with first.

Deputy McCormack stated that the erection of a bridge crossing between Kilbeg and Knockferry should be included in the plan as an aspiration. Senator McDonagh seconded the Deputy's proposal. He indicated that a survey had been carried out of the proposed crossing and a statement should be included in the plan on this aspect. Cllr. Hussey stated that he had no objection but the proposal would be of no value unless the money was provided for its implementation. Cllr. Callanan expressed his agreement with Cllr. Hussey in regard to the money being made available for the project.

The members then agreed to include the statement on the Kilbeg/Knockferry crossing in the Draft Development Plan. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that it was equally valid that a strategic corridor be provided from the East to the West of the County. He added that there was a need for access from Northern Connemara as well as the South and suggested that the notice of motion be amended to include the provision of a strategic corridor. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Finnegan and agreed by the Council.

The members then considered the adoption of the Draft County Development Plan.

Cllr. Byrne stated that a very comprehensive document had been put in front of the Councillors which had resulted in long hours of hard work in its compilation. He stated that he was happy with the contents of the document before him which goes into the whole economy of the County. He added that many contentious items had been dealt with over the review period. The Plan was more than guidelines for planning permission and went down many roads of development which would be of extreme importance to the County in years ahead. He referred to the changes in the draft which included the removal of planning constraints around Galway City, the extension of the essential housing need category, the allowance of planning up to the 40 mph speed limit in towns which will help the towns grow he stated. He added that there were many improvements in this plan from the previous document.

Deputy O'Cuiv advised the meeting that he would like to echo Cllr. Byrne's comments. He requested that a minor point be clarified as to whether a 4 bedroomed B & B could be extended to include 5 bedrooms. He wished to know if this could be covered in the draft document. He stated that there had been a lot of suggestions made by the members on the review of the County Development Plan and added that planners should see this as a genuine interest in the development of the County and not a criticism. He complemented the County Manager on the list of seminars/meetings that will be arranged for the public input in the consideration of

the draft document. In relation to the appendices, he requested to know the status of these documents in relation to the draft plan and the text in general.

Deputy McCormack expressed his agreement with a great deal of what had been said by the previous Councillors. He stated that he had certain reservations about holding the review meetings in committee. He then referred to the recreational and amenity areas set out in Chapter 9 under 9.2.2. and added that development of certain projects was necessary on National and Secondary Roads. He argued for the location of pitch and putt courses on National Routes because this location was required for tourism reasons. He indicated that he had great difficulty with an application for such a course under the last County Plan and pointed out that he would like to see the situation rectified in the present draft. He referred to other counties and stated that such courses are located on National Primary Routes. He added that everything had been presented in a very thorough manner and that many of the Councillors were not in a position to go through all of the material. He then referred to the provision on rural tourism under 9.2.6 in Chapter 9 and requested to know if this was an official wording of which he did not agree with.

Cllr. Callanan requested to know the position relating to ribbon development, forestry development and the 100 ft. road frontage requirement. Cllr. Gavin stated that in Chapter 9 in 9.3.5 Views of Special Amenity Value and Special Interest, this could be catered for under 7.3.5 under Assimilation of Development and requested to know if this would be accepted. Cllr. O Neachtain seconded Cllr. Gavin's suggestion.

Cllr. Hussey complemented the officials on the document presented at the meeting. He added that Galway was a unique County as far as planning was concerned in relation to amenity areas and Gaeltacht areas. He felt that it was only right that time should be taken by all members to discuss the review. He then referred to the Council's road signage and requested the inclusion of a programme to update County's network of signs. Cllr. O'Tuathail referred to planning applications for housing development under company names. He wished to know if the people behind the companies could be identified. Cllr. O'Neachtain referred to the many aspects of the County as a whole. He continued stating that there was a huge problem with the growth of Galway City. The Chapter on the Gaeltacht was historic and of importance to the Gaeltacht area. He added that the linguistic impact study requirement was to be welcomed. He stated that people should be allowed to develop in their own areas and that local indigenous development should be catered for. He also welcomed the roads proposal relating to the Galway/Spiddal road.

Mr. Callagy referred to the draft guidelines on telecommunications antennae which had been circulated to the members. He advised the meeting that this document contained Department of the Environment draft planning guidelines for telecommunications antennae and support structures. He informed the members that an objective was included in the draft plan at page 51 on this subject but stated that the guidelines were still of draft form. He added that the Council were obliged to take cognisance of the guidelines and a brief statement would be later included in the appendices when the draft plan is put on display. The Chapter on the Gaeltacht will be bilingual and a map of the Gaeltacht area will also be indicated in this Chapter. Mr. Callagy referring then to the number of enquiries raised by the members

commenced at Deputy O'Cuiv's query on the status of the appendices, stating that under the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1963, the Development Plan must provide for development objectives for the County. The appendices set out guidelines and are not specific objectives. In relation to the provision of B & B's Chapter 9 provides that only residential development will be allowed in scenic amenity areas and that other types of development would be considered on their merits. On Deputy McCormack's question about the pitch and putt course, this aspect was covered under Chapter 9 and Table 8B which refers to commercial development along National Routes. He stated that there has to be a special case made for the location of such development on a National Secondary Road. In relation to semi ruinous farmhouse buildings, Mr. Callagy stated that such buildings would have originally been farmhouses.

Deputy McCormack stated that he did not want a farmhouse to eliminate other buildings and added that it may be difficult to even prove that it was a farmhouse in its previous use. He stated that he would prefer if the paragraph heading was Semi Ruinous Farm Buildings.

Mr. Callagy replied that farmhouse would cover most buildings. With regard to Cllr. Callanan's query on ribbon development, Mr. Callagy stated that the proposal was to restrict existing development or proposed development within 1 1/2 miles of major towns. On Cllr. Gavin's query relating to 9.3.5, Category 3 in the Amenity Chapter, this area was located west of the Corrib and was not of high scenic amenity value. The members agreed that this category should be omitted from the plan. Cllr. Hussey's proposal on signage was not included in the draft plan as such a proposal would be very difficult to design for the whole County and would require considerable financial backing to undertake. Mr. Callagy referred to Cllr. O'Tuathail's questions on formal planning applications being made in a company's name. He advised the Councillor that the Council would accept a legal company as an applicant in a planning application. To identify the people behind the company then it would be necessary to check with the company's registry office. Regarding the road frontage requirement, Mr. Callagy stated that 100 ft. minimum road frontage was the guideline for rural areas. He added that a person buying a site should be entitled to a reasonable frontage along a road and that people in the second family dwelling category would be allowed as exceptions to this requirement. Cllr. McHugh referring to the minimum site requirements in respect of road frontage queried the provision that there should be two qualifications namely expired planning permissions and claims for second family dwelling. He felt that this provision should be open with no qualifications.

Cllr. O'Neachtain proposed that access from a site should be onto a road and not as set out in the plan as a public road. Cllr. Ryan stated that he was of the view that the road frontage should be 75 ft. He was advised by Mr. Callagy that the requirement of 75 ft. was agreed for agriculturally zoned land only. Deputy Connaughton stated that you would often get people living in rural areas owning a good deal of land but having only 90 ft. frontage. He requested that such people be facilitated. Mr. Callagy stated that if you reduce the road frontage you will then have to increase the depth of the site in order to accommodate the percolation area. Deputy Connaughton stated that most buyers will not purchase unless the site has 100 ft. road frontage.

Mr. L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. stated that the Council were being reasonable over the years and referred to a particular planning case. He added that the minimum site size requirements are set out in S.R. 6 1991 and that the reduction of the site frontage will require the depth of the site to be increased. Cllr. Hussey stated that the Council had still an opportunity to make minor amendments and he proposed that the plan, as circulated, be adopted.

Cllr. Finnegan referring to the antennae structures stated that if the guidelines are being included in the plan, they should be included in a negative manner. He added that there was fear about these structures and they should not be facilitated without question. Mr. Callagy referring to the guidelines issued by the Department of the Environment stated that they made reference to health and safety and quoted the relevant passage.

Cllr. Gavin referred to the document, which stresses the national good. He stated that they will be getting more of such structures over the coming years. A minimum distance should be set down from a dwellinghouse in the location of such antennas and proposed that such distances be included in page 51. He added that people are going to object to planning applications for these structures and agreed with Cllr. Finnegan that there was a lot of fear about them. Cllr. McHugh referred to his request that an official from the Department come and speak to the Council on the topic. This had not been done and he stated that there will be a great number of applications lodged for these structures.

Cllr. Quinn stated that she was concerned about these masts which were an eyesore and would affect people. She proposed that a study be carried out on these structures.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that there were two issues involved, (1) visual and (2) radiological. The advantages must be balanced with the disadvantages of these structures and he stated that it was easy to assess the structures on visual grounds but in relation to the radiological aspect they would have to look at the different types of towers being constructed. You have to weigh up the dangers with the best scientific evidence available. He added that people should not be allowed to live close to such towers and suggested that an official from the Radiological Protection Institute be requested to attend and address the Council on this matter.

Mr. Callagy stated that the guidelines were in draft form only and that the Council could make recommendations to the Department for consideration in the finalising of the guidelines. The County Manager stated that it was Government policy to develop a communications system for the whole country and the draft guidelines circulated were for comment by the members. He added that a submission would be sent to the Department of the Environment for inclusion in the guidelines. He added that prior to obtaining planning permission, the relevant applicant must first obtain a licence from the Department of Communications for such structures. Cllr. Regan stated that he felt very strongly about the safety aspect and referred to a particular instance. He felt that there should be some form of testing carried out. Cllr. McClearn stated that such structures should not be situated close to dwellinghouses. He added that there should not be a situation where there are several masts located in neighbouring



localities. Cllr. Finnegan stated that it would be wise not to include this provision in the plan at the moment.

The County Manager stated that the draft plan will go on public display and the inclusion of this provision could then be commented on by the general public. Cllr. McHugh requested to know if new material could be added to the plan while on display. The County Manager informed the meeting of the procedure necessary for the adoption of the County Development Plan, and the required public display period. Cllr. Callanan then proposed that the minimum road frontage be 75 ft. with 1/2 acre in site size. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Regan. The amendment was agreed by the Council members.

Cllr. O'Neachtain proposed that backlands be lands that do not have frontage onto an existing road. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Ni Fhatharta. Cllr. Finnegan proposed that the objective on the antennae structures be deleted until further information is available to the Council. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. McHugh.

The County Manager recommended that this objective remain in the draft plan so that it may be considered when processing and deciding on planning applications. Deputy Connaughton requested that the Council draw up minimum requirements relating to antennae structures. The County Manager advised the members that a draft document would be prepared for submission to the Department. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that the objective on antennae structures should be included in the draft plan so as to inform the general public. The County Manager stated that the Draft County Development Plan will be on public display and the public will have an opportunity to comment on the provision relating to the antennae structures. The Council then agreed to leave the provision on the antennae structures in the Draft Plan.

Cllr. McHugh in referring to expired planning permissions required that a clear statement be made as regards the renewal of such permissions. There should not be a requirement that an S.R. 6 be carried out in these cases. The County Manager stated that once planning permissions expire, the renewal of such applications will be considered on their merits having regard to the proper planning and development of the area.

Deputy Connaughton referred to signage stating that there was nothing in the plan dealing with this subject. The County Manager in referring to Auhrim advised the Council that an advanced sign will be located indicating the various facilities in the town. This will be used as a pilot scheme initially.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hussey, seconded by Cllr. Ryan and agreed that the Draft Plan as circulated be amended as follows:

1. The inclusion of the following objective on the Kilbeg/Knockferry proposed bridge crossing:

**"IMPROVED ROAD ACCESS TO CONNEMARA"**

(a) It is an objective of Galway County Council to erect a bridge over the Corrib at Kilbeg/Knockferry in the interest of tourism and the economy of the surrounding areas.

(b) To create an improved road access to North Connemara from the Northeast of the County mainly via the N84, R334, R345 and R336".

2. The reduction of the minimum road frontage from 100 ft. to 75 ft.

3. The amendment of the definition on backlands development as set out in 7.2.2. Objective No. 2, replacing the word "public road" with "existing road" to read as follows:

**"BACKLANDS DEVELOPMENT"**

To prevent the piecemeal and disorderly development of backlands.

**(i) Definition**

Backlands are defined as lands which do not have a frontage onto a road.

**(ii) DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICY**

The Planning Authority will strictly control backlands development particularly in the rural environs of Galway city and other major towns and villages where such development would seriously injure the amenities, or depreciate the value, of property in the vicinity.

The Planning Authority will consider exceptional cases on their overall merits where a standard frontage development is foregone for a backlands site which is more acceptable to the Planning Authority".

It was then proposed by Cllr. Hussey, seconded by Cllr. Ryan and resolved:-

"That having completed the Review of the County Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway, exclusive of the scheduled towns of Athenry, Clifden, Gort, Loughrea and Tuam, and the environs of Loughrea and Tuam, and having examined and agreed amendments to the draft of the proposed Development Plan for the said area, Galway County Council hereby adopt the Draft as amended and direct that same be published".

**EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD FOR REVIEW OF  
THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN** 3543

The County Secretary referred to the report which had been circulated to each Member. He stated that it was proposed to seek an extension of time from the Department of the Environment to 31/12/96 to accommodate the Review of the County Development Plan.

Cllr. Callanan proposed that an application be made to the Minister for the Environment to extend the statutory period for the making of the Review of the County Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway to 31/12/96 in accordance with Section 20(1)(A) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963 as inserted by Section 43(1)(f) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1976 and Section 41(c) of the Local Government Act 1991. This was seconded by Cllr. Connaughton and agreed by the Council.

**CONFERENCES** 3544

On the proposal of Cllr. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. M. Fahy, it was agreed that the following members be nominated for attendance at the following conferences, details of the estimated cost of attendance at the conferences having been circulated to each member at the meeting:

**Tourism Development Conference, Killarney 1st - 3rd February, 1996**

Cllr. J. Mannion

**A.M.A.I. Conference, Bundoran 9th & 10th February, 1996**

Cllr. J. Mannion

**Colmcille Winter School - 23rd - 25th February, 1996.**

Cllr. J. Callanan                      Cllr. J. Mannion  
Cllr. M. Cunningham              Deputy P. Connaughton

**DISCUSSION DOCUMENT ON TRAVELLER POPULATION AND  
ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS**

Mr. Nelson explained the Council's proposals as outlined in the Discussion Document.

He said that since the Document had been compiled, a number of changes had taken place and that 192 families were now housed in the County area and 23 families were accommodated in Halting Sites.

He said the majority of families housed by the Council had integrated successfully in the communities where they were housed.

Mr. Nelson referred to an application made to the Department of the Environment for funding towards the refurbishment of traveller sites, and said that approval had been received to carry out works at:

1. Creggane, Ballinasloe
2. Ballydavid, Athenry
3. Gortbride, Loughrea.

He said that Consultants would be appointed to carry out the design work on these projects. He referred to Creggane, Ballinasloe; Gortbride, Loughrea; Greendoor, Portumna; Ballydavid, Athenry and Tuam as the areas most in need of attention in relation to traveller issues.

During the discussion on the document by the members of the Council, the following points were made:

- A. Creggane, Ballinasloe is a major problem area; too many people at the one location; poor maintenance by the Council; no walls or boundaries to the houses; local people very concerned and feel let down by the Council.
- B. Five families are housed successfully in Killimor. The families have settled well and are involved in the Community but the Council is now suggesting that children from the Greendoor attend school in Killimor against the wishes of the people.
- C. No obvious need for a further halting site in Tuam and local opinion very much of this view. Existing halting site is not always full.
- D. Group housing is a better option than halting sites.
- E. Too many travellers in Council Estate in Ahascragh and they are bringing caravans into the rear of houses. Council tenants very concerned about this situation.
- F. Williamstown area has done enough for travellers and there would be much opposition to any Council developments in that area.
- G. Travellers should not be allowed to have scrap around their dwellings.
- H. The provision of houses for travellers in Moyne Park has not been a success; it is too far from facilities and two of the three houses are vacant and now vandalised.

SPECIAL MEETING - 12/02/1996

In relation to the Ballygar Halting Site, Councillor O'Sullivan enquired as to how much rent was being paid by the occupants and he also wanted to know the amount spent on maintenance of this site.

The projected high number of marriages in the Travelling Community was noted.

It was proposed by Councillor Fahy, Seconded by Councillor Mullins and agreed that Galway County Council should have its own Committee on travellers and that the Joint Committee on Travellers be disbanded.

**CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN**

Submitted, Approved + Signed:

John M. Mannion,  
Chairman

25/3/96  
Date

**CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**(Galway County Council)**

Oifig An Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

6 Feabhra, 1996

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

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, **De Luain, an 12u la Feabhra, 1996**, ag tosnu ar a **3.00** a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

**T. O CAOMHANAIGH,  
RUNAI.**

**CLAR**

1. To adopt the Draft County Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway in accordance with Sections 19, 20 and 21 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963, as amended by Section 37 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1976.

2. To adopt Resolution for a further extension of time for Review of County Development Plan - see enclosed report dated 5/2/1996.
3. Telecommunications Antennas - D.O.E. Draft Planning Guide-lines - already circulated.
4. Notice of Motion - Deputy P. McCormack  
I will propose that "the desire of Galway County Council to erect a bridge across the Corrib between Kilbeg and Knockferry be an objective of the Galway County Development Plan."
5. To consider discussion document - Profile of Galway County Council Traveller Population & Projected Accommodation Requirements - 1995 - 2000.

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

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

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** An Comhairleoir J. Mannion

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

**Oifigigh:** Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, D. Nelson, Assistant Co. Manager, P. Flood, Co. Engineer, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., A. Comer, Draughtsman Technician, E. Power, A.O., T. Connell, S.S.O. & E. Hourigan, A.S.O.

*Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.*

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY** 3502

*The Members and Staff of Galway County Council extended their deepest sympathy to the Families of the two teenagers who died in tragic circumstances over the weekend. The families are Michael & Mary Fleming on the death of their Son, Tommy; and Bernard & Maureen Mitchell on the death of their Daughter, Margaret.*

*Resolutions of Sympathy were also passed with the following:-*

- Johnny & Ann Marie Higgins, Ruanemore, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.*
- Francis Donohoe, Ballyturn, Gort, Co. Galway.*

Mrs. Patricia Flaherty & Family, Bradella, Shrule, Co. Galway.

Mrs. Mary Kenny, Tooreen, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Mr. Michael Higgins, Cloonlara, Williamstown, Co. Galway.

The Stewart Family, Rossmore, Woodford, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Ms. Nora Walsh, High Street, Dummore, Co. Galway.

Mrs. Kathleen Geoghegan & Family, Drumharsna, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

The Keogh Family, Maam, Co. Galway.

A minutes silence was observed by the Council as a mark of respect.

#### RETIREMENT

3503

On the proposal of Councillor Regan best wishes were conveyed to Mr. William Malone, former Executive Engineer, Loughrea Area on his retirement from Galway County Council.

#### MINUTES

3504

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 20th November, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Hussey.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 1st December, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Gavin.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 11th December, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Brennan.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 18th December, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor O'Neachtain.

Councillor Varley stated that in the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 20th November, 1995 with the National Roads Authority that she mentioned the need for road improvements on the following roads:-

The Galway/Headford Road, the bad bends on the Corrandulla/Tuam Road and the Cloughanover/Kilconieran Road and that these be noted.

Referring to the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the Monday, 18th December, 1995, Minute No. 3493, Councillor O'Neachtain wished to have discussed the merits and de-merits of taking over Group Water Schemes. The Council agreed that this would be an item on the Agenda for one of the Planning Meetings in the near future.

#### REPORTS ON MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

3505

The report of the National Monuments Advisory Committee Meetings held on the 21st November, 1995 and 12th December, 1995 were considered. They were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Ryan.

#### MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT 3506

PLAN IN TOWNLAND OF LAVALLY, GORT - APPLICANT - MR. D. FAHEY - PLAN. REF. 95/1853

Mr. L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer gave the following report:-

**DESCRIPTION:** The proposal is for the erection of 4 dwelling-houses.

**LOCATION:** The proposed site is located on Courtney Lane which is a lane-way running to the rear of the buildings on the Southern side of George's Street and the Western side of the Ennis Road.

At present the site is accessed by a lane-way. This is capable of being widened and will open up lands which are at present undeveloped yet very close to the town centre. The junction with George's Street is approximately 20 ft. wide which is satisfactory.

**COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICY:** At present this land is zoned agricultural with adjacent lands zoned commercial.

#### PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 22115 - Application for outline permission for the erection of a dwelling-house granted on the 8th November, 1976.  
Applicant: Mrs. Diviney

Ref. No. 38212 - Application for outline permission for the erection of a dwelling-house granted on the 18th May, 1981.  
Applicant: Mr. P. Diviney.

**PROPOSAL:** The current application is for outline permission for the erection of 4 dwelling-houses.

**ASSESSMENT:** The land is eminently suited to residential development and will result in the strengthening and consolidation of the town centre. It will ensure a satisfactory balance between residential and commercial usage. The land is drainable to the public sewer.

**STATUTORY CONSIDERATION:** A decision to grant permission cannot be made unless a resolution is passed by the members, requiring that such a decision be made in accordance with Section 26 (3) of the 1963 Planning Act as substituted by Section

39(d) of the 1976 Planning Act, as amended by Section 45 of the Local Government Act, 1991.

Public notice of the Council's intention to consider deciding to grant this permission was given on 13th December, 1995 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections if they so wished. There were no submissions made by the Planning Department.

If a resolution is passed requiring that a decision to grant permission be made, such a decision will issue, otherwise a decision to refuse permission must issue.

The latest date for a decision on this application is the 2nd February, 1996."

The Council agreed that Gort Town is growing very rapidly and were in favour of more development of this nature in Gort.

Councillor Cunningham proposed:-

"That having considered the Planning Application made by Mr. D. Fahey for outline permission for erection of 4 no. dwelling-houses at Courtney Lane in the townland of Lavally, Gort, Co. Galway, Planning Ref. No. 95/1853, and having considered the report by the County Engineer on the matter, Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(3) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as amended by Section 39(d) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, as amended by Section 45 of the Local Government Act, 1991, hereby require that a decision to grant permission be made in the case of this application."

This proposal was seconded by Councillor Regan. A vote taken for or against the motion resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:** Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, Deputy P. McCormack, Senator J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley & T. Walsh. (26)

**IN AGHAIDH:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Chairman declared the Resolution carried.

**TO FIX DATE FOR CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION DOCUMENT - PROFILE OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TRAVELLER POPULATION & PROJECTED ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS 1995-2000** 3507

The Council agreed to hold a Special Meeting on the 12th February, 1996 at 3.00 p.m. in order to consider the above item.

**TO FIX DATE FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN** 3508

The Council agreed to hold a Special Meeting on the 12th February, 1996 at 3.00 p.m. in order to consider the above item.

The County Manager explained that when adopted, the Draft Development Plan will be on display for the public for a period of three months. It is the Council's intention to hold public meetings throughout the county. This is to explain to the public the underlying factors relating to the development plan.

**DELEGATES FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL SEMINAR** 3509

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Hussey, it was agreed that the following Delegates be nominated to attend the General Council of County Council's Annual Seminar to be held in Shannon, Co. Clare on the 26th January, 1996.

Councillor M. Cunningham  
Councillor M. Finnerty  
Senator J. McDonagh

**PRESENTATION BY MR. B. FLYNN, IRELAND WEST** 3510

Mr. Brian Flynn, Regional Tourism Manager gave an oversight view of Ireland West Tourism's activities.

The role of Ireland West Tourism can be classed as follows:-

**Servicing:** Ireland West have two full-time Tourist and 16 Seasonal Offices. There are approx. 30 Tourist information points in the County. The offices deal with written enquiries and rooms reservation service.

**Development:** Ireland West Tourism produce Regional Plans which promote development and provision of wide range of tourist products and amenities. It administers the ERDF and agree and monitor

tourist schemes and standards.

**Marketing:** Ireland West Tourism promote the region at various Trade Workshops/exhibitions, both here and abroad. It also assists in promoting new marketing ideas. It produces promotional literature, e.g. "Magic of Ireland West", "Top Visitor Attractions", "Golf Guides", etc.

Ireland West Tourism is funded as follows:- (comparing 1988 with 1995)

1988 WRTO	- 31%	1995 WRTO	- 56%
L.A.'s	- 12%	L.A.'s	- 11%
Membership fees	- 7%	Membership Fees	- 9%
Bord Failte	- 50%	Bord Failte	- 24%

The aim of Ireland West Tourism is, where possible, to be self-sufficient.

Budget for the whole region is £981,000, of which £252,000 comes directly from Bord Failte.

The Local Authority Funding can be broken down as follows:-

#### GALWAY

Galway Borough Corporation	-	£22,200
Galway County Council	-	£31,000
Ballinasloe U.D.C.	-	£ 2,500
		<b>£55,700</b>

#### MAYO

Mayo County Council	-	£39,000
Ballina U.D.C.	-	£ 3,500
Castlebar U.D.C.	-	£ 3,500
Westport U.D.C.	-	£ 4,000
		<b>£50,000</b>

#### ROSCOMMON

Roscommon County Council	-	£16,000
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Mr. Flynn gave the following figures highlighting the regions recent performance and future expectations.

RECENT PERFORMANCE	1987	1994
Total Visitors	1,074,000	2,206,000
- Overseas	486,000	920,000
Total Revenue	£117m	£275m
Overseas	£76.2m	£157m

#### REGIONAL TARGETS - (FIGURES FROM C.S.O.)

	1993	1994	+/-
Overseas			
Visitors	818,000	1,129,000	38%
Revenue	£151m	£212m	40%
Jobs	13,000	17,500	35%

E.U. Operational Programme for Tourism 1994-1999 sets out the following Programme Structure:-

- Sub-Programme 1 - Natural/Cultural Tourism.
- 2 - Product Development i.e. Special Interest Activities, Accommodation related development, Tourist Information & Heritage Projects.
- 3 - Marketing
- 4 - Tourism Training
- 5 - Technical Assistance

Emphasis has been placed on Product Development, and improving and developing new and existing markets. The promotion of Tourism is also dealt with under the Agri-Tourism Scheme 1995-1999, Leader II, County Enterprise Boards, Small Business subsidised Loans Scheme and the Resort Tax Relief Schemes.

Mr. Flynn stated that information packs will be available for Councillors and will be distributed at the next Council meeting.

The Councillors thanked Mr. Flynn for this presentation.

Dúirt an Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta nach raibh sí sásta leis an méid a bhí déanta ag Ireland West cun turasoireacht a cothú san nGaeltacht. Cllr. Ni Fhatharta stated that the only visitor attractions featured in the Brochure circulated was the Spiddal Craft Centre and Pearses Cottage. She said that special emphasis should be placed on the Gaeltacht area, given the uniqueness of the Irish language, music and culture. The blue flag beaches in the Gaeltacht area, i.e. Tra an Doilin, the Golf Courses, etc. should be promoted, given that a large number of people visit the Gaeltacht and the Aran Islands. Cllr. O'Neachtain reiterated same. The problem of inadequate sign-posting was also highlighted.

Mr. Flynn stated that in regard to the promotion of the Gaeltacht area, further promotional material is available and will be included in the information packs for the Councillors.

Some Councillors queried the level of support given to local groups in promoting festivals, etc. Mr. Flynn stated that the marketing of small groups abroad is very difficult. The local groups must be willing to spend and promote the area at trade shows, etc. in order to accrue the benefits of same. If the local groups submit plans

and they are feasible, Ireland West will include them. The County Enterprise Board and the Leader Groups will help and provide assistance to local groups.

The Councillors wished to know the future of Thoor Ballylee, and the Interpretative Centre in Aughrim. Mr. Flynn stated that the Interpretative Centre in Aughrim incurred a loss of £53,259, and he will be speaking to the County Manager in the near future about this. The Interpretative Centre is very well run and hopefully with improved sign-posting, the centre will see an increase in visitors.

In regard to Thoor Ballylee, a sum of £325,000 E.U. money was spent to deepen the moat surrounding the tower. However, the flooding of 1995 caused serious damage, and as a result, Mr. Flynn is unable to get insurance to cover same.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Flynn for his presentation and looked forward to having him back sometime in the future.

#### **PRESENTATION BY GALWAY RURAL DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD. IN RELATION TO LEADER II PROGRAMME**

Mr. Eamonn Keely, Chairman of the Galway Rural Development Company stated that the Company was set up two years ago, by the coming together of four groups, namely:

County Council, County Enterprise Board, Teagasc & I.C.A.

Its aim was to secure funding under the LEADER Programme for County Galway. At present, the company has 16 Board Members, representing the following:-

Mid-West Farmers (3)	Elected Members (5)
I.C.A. (1)	I.F.A. (1)
I.C.M.S.A. (1)	County Council (1)
County Borough Corporation (1)	West Regional Tourism (1)
Teagasc (1)	F.A.S. (1)

However, the contract was only signed with Department of Agriculture on 7th December, 1995, prior to this it did not have a status. The Group's plan was only accepted a month prior to this.

The Group's plan, it is hoped will be a broad based bottom up development that will improve and enhance not only local economic development but also confidence and self-esteem to the people in the various areas. It will also lay the basis for self sustaining developments and will exploit many national resources in the area.

The aims of Galway Rural Development Company are to work closely with groups and development agencies in order to maximise the total funding available for the area, and to ensure that many worthwhile projects come to fruition.

The Budget allocation is £2.831 million until 1999.

#### **GALWAY LEADER II PROGRAMME**

Leader II is the Rural Development Initiative of the European Union aimed at providing support to rural communities which are under threat. The support includes training, community development, financial assistance or technical assistance and is available to community groups, co-operatives, producer groups, individuals and companies based in the Galway area.

The Galway Leader will not duplicate or compete with the programmes of other agencies. The Programme area covers County Galway, with the exception of Galway City, Gaeltacht and the Islands.

The range of eligible projects will include:-

- Community and Group Tourism Schemes
- Provision of Local Services, particularly those involving new technology
- Small scale manufacturing businesses
- Cultural and Amenity related
- Food Development and Processing
- On-Farm Enterprises
- Town & Village Enhancement Programmes

Assistance may be in the form of:-

- Technical assistance (feasibility studies, consultancies)
- Grants on capital investment
- Grants for marketing
- Grants for training
- Interest/rent subsidies
- Employment Grants

#### **OPERATING PROCEDURES & REGULATIONS**

A project can be considered for aid only where the work involved commences after the promoters' formal application is acknowledged. Neither the submission of an application form and commencement of work, nor an acknowledgement of the application may be taken that the project is eligible for or will be awarded grant aid. Applications will be received up until 31st December, 1999.

- Grant aid up to a maximum of £50,000 per project may be given.
- Projects must be within the range of £100,000.
- Leader II is designed to fund projects that are not eligible for grant aid from other public sources. A project will not receive aid from Leader II if it has received funding from other grant schemes for the same purpose.
- Grant aid is made upon completion of project.
- Small scale Local Authority activities can attract funding up to 50% of the total costs, in addition to the Local Authority contribution.
- Leader may support community based projects aided by the National Lottery or Local Authorities provided that public aid does not exceed 50% of total cost.



- Leader may grant aid the cost of materials for projects already in receipt of aid through FAS, Community or Social Employment Schemes.

#### AREAS FOR GRANT AID AND MAXIMUM GRANT LEVELS

1. Animation and Capacity Building - 100%
2. Feasibility Studies and Market Research - 80%. (£5,000 max. per study)
3. Training - 100%  
Recruitment Assistance - £100 per week - £5,000 maximum per person in a newly created job.

Most of the other/remaining elements of the programme are the development of natural resources, preservation of the environment, tourism information centres - funded up to a maximum of 50%, activities in relation to accommodation - maximum grant 20%.

#### MATCHING FUNDING

The Galway Leader will only accept costs, i.e. paid invoices and receipts, as matching funding. Donations of building equipment, etc. cannot be considered for matching funding.

However, for community based projects, voluntary labour is acceptable in certain circumstances as a source of private matching funds, both for capital works and technical support (such as feasibility studies and market research). Voluntary labour contributions refer to actual work carried out and/or supervision by appropriately qualified persons. The amount to be agreed with Leader Programme and subject to certification.

The following are some of the activities which are excluded from Leader funding:-

- Second Hand Equipment
- Purchase of land or buildings
- Hotels
- Golf Courses
- Sea-Angling Boats

The Councillors queried whether various projects would receive funding under the current Leader II Programme.

Mr. Keely pointed out to the Council that approx. 30 meetings have been held or are scheduled to be held in the County, explaining the Leader Programme.

Mr. Neilan stated that there is great interest in the programme. Each application received must be accompanied with a fee for £20 to cover administration costs.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Keely and Mr. Neilan for their presentation, and complimented them on their achievements to-date.

#### BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY MANAGER 3512

The County Secretary, Mr. T. Kavanagh, read out a letter from the National Roads Authority dated 29th November, 1995 regarding the Loughrea Bye-pass. The Councillors noted the contents of same.

Mr. Kavanagh read out a letter from the Department of Education regarding an amendment to the Higher Education Grants Scheme 1995. It stated that Paragraph 5.1 of the scheme be amended by the Local Authority to read as follows:

#### NATIONALITY

"Candidates must hold E.U. nationality or have official refugee status or have been granted humanitarian leave to remain".

This was agreed by the Council on the proposal of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan.

#### CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS 3513

Mhol an Comh. O'Neachtain iarratas a chur chuig Aire, An Roinn Ealaion, Cultúir agus Gaeltachta deontais deisuichan tiithe a athchurú. Chuidigh an Comh. Ní Fhátarta le sin.

#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS

#### N.O.M. NO 11 - FAS SCHEME - CLLR M. CUNNINGHAM 3514

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"Maintenance of Burial Grounds under Community Employment Schemes are not allowed by FÁS.

The Council have no plans for the carrying out of a Community Employment scheme in the Killeeney Area at present. However, if detailed proposals are submitted by the local community the matter will be reconsidered."

#### N.O.M. NO 12 - FAS SCHEME - CLLR M. FAHY 3515

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"The carrying out of works at above location will be considered under the 1996 Road Works Programme."

**N.O.M. NO 13 - ROADSIDE DRAIN - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3516**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"The above drain will be opened as soon as possible".

**N.O.M. NO 14 - GORT WATER SCHEME - Cllr M. CUNNINGHAM 3517**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"I wish to inform you that a reply will be available for the next meeting."

**N.O.M. NO 15 - LIGHTING - CLLR M. FAHY 3518**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"An application for funding for the carrying out of the above works in 1996 has been submitted to the N.R.A. However, the Council has not yet been notified of the 1996 Road Grant allocations."

**N.O.M. NO 16 - HOUSING - CLLR M. FAHY 3519**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"David & Rita Dunleavy are approved applicants for re-housing in the Gort area and will be considered for any vacancy which may arise in the Gort area."

**N.O.M. NO 17 - HOUSING - CLLR M. FAHY 3520**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"Miss Helen Burke is an approved applicant for re-housing in the Gort area and will be considered for any vacancy which may arise in the Gort area."

**N.O.M. NO 18 - PUBLIC LIGHT - CLLR P. FINNEGAN 3521**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

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

**N.O.M. NO 19 - SPEED LIMITS - CLLR P. FINNEGAN 3522**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

"This matter will be placed on the Agenda for the next Area Meeting."

**N.O.M. NO 20 - VILLAGE SIGNS - CLLR P. MCHUGH 3523**

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

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

**N.O.M. NO 21 - ROAD ROADWORKS - CLLR MCHUGH 3524**

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"This location will be considered along with others when preparing the 1996 Road Works Programme"

**N.O.M. NO 22 - FLOODING - CLLR P. MCHUGH 3525**

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"Localised ponding takes place at the above location as a result of a little hollow on the road. This matter will be attended to as soon as possible under routine maintenance."

**N.O.M. NO 23 - CARR CHLOS - AN COMH C. NI FHATHARTA:- 3526**

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

"Beidh muid ag deanamh fiosruchan chun a fhail amach an mbeidh an Comhairle indhon an talamh a bheidh ag teastail a cheannacht ag costas reasúnta."

**NOM NO 24 - BOTHAR - AN COMH NI FHATHARTA 3527**

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

"Déanfar obair deisiúchan ag an láthair seo chomh luath agus is feidir."

**N.O.M. NO 25 - REILIG - AN COMH. NI FHATHARTA 3528**

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

"Déanfar obair cobhala ar an Reilig I 1996, ma bhíonn airgead ar fáil."

**N.O.M. 26 - BOTHAR - AN TEACHTA E. O'CUIV 3529**

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

"Déanadh obair deisiuchan ag an láthair seo roimh an Nollaig."

**N.O.M. NO 27 - SOILSI - AN TEACHTA E. O'CUIV 3530**

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

Ni raibh muid indhon an láthair seo a chur sa chlár soilse poiblí 96 toisc easpa airgid."

**N.O.M. NO 28 - Reilig - AN TEACHTA E. O'CUIV 3531**

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

"Ta an Comhairle Chontae ag iarraidh piosa talamh a cheannach, chun an reilig a mheadu. Ta an Dliodor Chontae ag dealail leis an uineiri."

**N.O.M. NO 29 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR S. O'NEACHTAIN 3532**

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

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

**N.O.M. NO 30 - TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN - CLLR S. O'NEACHTAIN 3533**

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

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

**N.O.M. NO 31 - OUT-DOOR ROAD STAFF - CLLR S. O'NEACHTAIN 3534**

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

"On the basis that the amount of funding being made available for roads at present will continue into the future, it is agreed that the level of out-door road staff should be maintained at the present level. This is continually under review having regard to the level of resources available at any given time for roads."

However, replacement of workers retiring will not necessarily take place in the area where the vacancy arises, as it is intended to rationalise the distribution of the workforce amongst the engineering areas based on work-load."

**NOM NO 32 - SQUARE, BALLYGAR - CLLR. K. QUINN 3535**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"Ballygar has been included in the 1996 Village Renewal Programme. An application has been sent to FÁS for the carrying out of a Community Employment Scheme in Ballygar which is presently awaiting notification of approval from FÁS."

**N.O.M. NO 33 - ROADS - CLLR K. QUINN 3536**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"It will not be possible to include the above road under the 1996 Surface Restoration Programme due to shortage of funds. However, routine maintenance will be carried out in due course."

**N.O.M. NO 34 - CREGGS VILLAGE - CLLR K. QUINN 3537**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"A recent flooding problem on the Glenamaddy road, Cregg, has been recently remedied and the situation will continue to be monitored."

Our Sanitary Services Section are presently preparing a preliminary report for meeting the surface and waste water requirements for the village of Creggs and you will be informed of developments in due course."

**N.O.M. NO 35 - ROADS - CLLR E. VARLEY 3538**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"This location will be considered along with others when preparing the 1996 Road Works Programme"

**N.O.M. NO 36 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - CLLR E. VARLEY 3539**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"Locations (a) and (b) above are included in the 1996 draft Public Lighting programme. It was not possible to include location (c) due to shortage of funds."

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N.O.M. NO. 37 - ROAD - CLLR E. VARLEY 3540

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"The carrying out of works at above location is dependant on funds being made available by the N.R.A. in 1996. The Council has not yet been notified of the 1996 Road Grant allocations."

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted Approved + Signed:

John M. McDonnell  
Chairman

26/2/96

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

16 Eanáir, 1996

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith I lathair ag cruinniú Míosiúil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionólfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, de Luain, an 22ú Eanáir, 1996, ag tosnu ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O CAOMHANAIGH,  
Runai.

CLAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:-
  - (a) Special Meeting held on 20th November, 1995.
  - (b) Special Meeting held on 1st December, 1995.
  - (c) Special Meeting held on 11th December, 1995.
  - (d) Monthly Meeting held on 18th December, 1995.
2. Reports of National Monuments Advisory Committee Meetings held on 21st November, 1995 and 12th December, 1995 for consideration and adoption (copies attached).