

Monthly Meeting - 22/1/96

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).

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3. *Material Contravention of the Development Plan for the scheduled town of Gort relating to application for Outline Permission for the erection of 4 No. dwelling-houses at Courtney Lane in the townland of Lavally, Gort, Co. Galway.*
Applicant: Mr. D. Fahey. Planning Ref.:- 95/1853
 4. *To fix date to consider discussion document - Profile of Galway County Council Traveller Population & Projected Accommodation Requirements - 1995-2000.*
 5. *Fix date for meeting for adoption of Draft County Development Plan.*
 6. *Nomination of Delegates for General Council of County Council's Annual Seminar - 26/1/1996.*
 7. *Presentation by Mr. B. Flynn, Ireland West.*
 8. *Presentation by Galway Rural Development Co. Ltd. in relation to LEADER II Programme.*
 9. *Business submitted by the County Manager.*
 10. *Business submitted by the Chairman.*

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Adjourned From Previous Meeting :

- 11 CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
- I will propose :
That a FAS scheme be provided in the Killeeney area, also to clean up the local cemetery.
- 12 CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :
That Galway County Council provide a FAS Social Employment Scheme to carry out improvement works at Coogan's Lake, Ballyboy, Ardrahan.
- 13 CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN
- I will propose :
That the road-side drain on the Clynagh Road, Moycullen which is producing flooding difficulties on the Road be examined, and some work carried out to improve the situation.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
- I will propose :

14 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. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :

15 That Galway Co Co seek urgent funding for the provision of traffic route lighting at Ardrahan - where this village road realignment has been completed since 1992 and yet no lighting has been provided. For safety reasons, lighting is urgently required on the N18 at Ardrahan.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :

16 That Galway Co Co provide housing for a family in urgent need of housing (details supplied).

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :

17 That Galway County Council provide a house for a mother and two children (details supplied).

CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN
- I will propose :

That a public light be restored (details attached)

CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN
- I will propose :

19 That Galway County Council submit further proposals for changes in Speed Limits as a result of the comments made by Mr. Tobin of N.R.A. at his meeting with Galway County Council.

CLR. PADDY MC HUGH
- I will propose :

20 That Galway County Council erect new Village Signs at Belclare, same to include a Direction Sign at Claretuan junction.

CLR. PADDY MC HUGH
- I will propose :

21 That Galway County Council carry out road strengthening and surface dressing to road (details enclosed).

CLR. PADDY MC HUGH
- I will propose :

22 That Galway County Council carry out improvement works to alleviate flooding outside private dwellinghouse at (details attached).

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

23 Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe carr chlos ag Tra an Doilin, An Cheathru Rua. Bionn go leor cuairteoir ag an tra seo i rith an Samhradh.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

24 Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe bothar Cnoc Leitirmeallain a dheisiu.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

25 Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Reilig Leitir Moir na Coille, Camus a meadu agus a glanadh.

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV
- I will propose :

26 Go gcuirfear caoi ar Bothar Chuan Na Loinge go bhfuil fíor droch chaoi air faoi lathair.

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV
- I will propose :

27 Go gcuirfear breis soilsi i Sraidbhaile Chill Chiarain i 1996.

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV
- I will propose :

28 Go gcuirfear sineadh le Reilig Leitir Mor na Coille, Camus, Co. na Gaillimhe.

CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN
- I will propose :

29 That Galway County Council would repair this road as a matter of urgency (details attached).

CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN
- I will propose :

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

CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN
- I will propose :

31 That Galway County Council would not allow as a matter of policy any further reduction in the number of its out-door road staff.

CLR. KATHLEEN QUINN
- I will propose :

32 That the area described below be included in the 1996 Estimates.

CLR. KATHLEEN QUINN
- I will propose :

33 That the following road be included in the 1996 Estimates.

CLR. KATHLEEN QUINN
- I will propose :

34 That the following area be included in the 1996 Estimates to eliminate flooding.

CLR. EVELYN VARLEY
- I will propose :

35 That Galway County Council provide monies for the Donaghpatrick/Lisdonagh/Knockroon Road. I am informed by the community that these roads are in dire need of repairs (details attached).

CLR. EVELYN VARLEY
- I will propose :

36 That Galway County Council provide public lighting at: (a) Concannons, Bridge Street, Headford (b) Headford GAA Pitch - near Dr. Costello's (c) Outside Ger Monaghan's house on Galway Road - it is extremely dangerous here and very dark.

CLR. EVELYN VARLEY
- I will propose :

37 That Galway County Council make Rafee Crossroads safe (near Cloughanover Community Council) - this is an extremely dangerous corner. I would ask that this work would be included when works are being carried out on the N84.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN COMMITTEE AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1996

Cathaoirleach:- Councillor J. Mannion

Baill:-

Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputies P. Connaughton & E. O'Cuiv, Cllrs. M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, J. McClellan, 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, B. Callagy & L. Kavanagh, S.E.E.'s, T. Connell, S.S.O., M. O'Halloran, C.T. & T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

3499

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mr. Pat Hoare, Ballinstack, Moylough, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

RATES SUPPORT GRANT

3500

The Secretary stated that at the Council's Monthly Meeting on 18th December, 1995, the Council decided to send a Fax to the Department of the Environment requesting an urgent meeting with the Minister to discuss the failure to include Galway County

Council in the distribution of additional rates support grant in 1995 and its consequential effects for 1996 and thereafter. He said a Fax was sent to the Department on 19th December, 1995. A Fax reply was received on the 12th January, 1996 and this was circulated to each Member. Copy of a letter dated 10th January, 1996 from the Department of the Environment giving details of the extra Rates Support Grant allocations in 1995 was also circulated to the Members together with extracts from Parliamentary Debates of 11th and 24th October, 1995. The Secretary stated that having regard to the circumstances surrounding the distribution of the extra Rates Support Grant, the Minister did not propose to meet a Deputation from the Council to discuss the matter.

Councillor Hussey said that Galway County Council was being victimised because it kept within budget. He said that six out of the eight counties not benefiting were on the western sea-board where the greatest need existed. He said the Minister should meet a Deputation. Deputy McCormack said that he felt that nothing could be gained in pressing the matter further at this point. He understood that the extra allocation was given to weaker counties. He complimented the Minister on his decision in relation to Mutton Island.

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain said that Galway County Council failed to get extra grant because it kept its books in order. He said it would effect future allocations to the Council and should be discussed at the Monthly Meeting.

Deputy Connaughton said that the important matter was that the Council would get increased funding from the Department in 1996 for all services and he believed that this would happen.

An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta referred to the damage caused by the storms last year and the failure of the Department to provide any funding.

Councillor Fahy proposed that the matter be put at the top of the Agenda for the January Monthly Meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Finnegan.

Councillor McHugh said that the Council was being left short of funds and this should not be tolerated. He said the Fiscal Studies Report should be studied by the Council and Officials to see what action should be taken.

Councillor J. Burke said that the Council was being treated unfairly by the Minister. He asked that the Finance Officer prepare a report outlining the Council's position as borne out in the Fiscal Studies Report.

An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail said that it was regrettable that the Council did not benefit from the additional allocation. However, in view of the likelihood of extra monies being made available in 1996, he proposed that the matter should not be pursued any further at this time. This was seconded by Councillor Brennan.

The County Manager stated that the Fiscal Studies Report which was published in 1992 had been debated by all Local Authorities. The implementation of the findings of that report would result in "robbing Peter to pay Paul" and the former Minister

decided to take no action on it. He said that the KPMG Professional Study on Local Government Financing was due to publish an interim report in a few months and that would be the appropriate time to debate the matter.

A vote taken on Comhairleoir O'Tuathail's Amendment resulted as follows:-

AR SON: Cllr. J. Brennan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Cllrs. M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan & T. Walsh. (12)

IN AGHAIGH: Cllrs. J. Burke, W. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputy E. O'Cuiv, Cllrs. M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, T. Hussey, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan (14).

The Chairman declared the Amendment lost.

A vote was then taken on Councillor Fahy's original Motion which resulted as follows:-

AR SON: Cllr. J. Callanan, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Cllrs. M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, & M. Regan (13).

IN AGHAIDH: Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Cllrs. M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan & T. Walsh. (14)

The Chairman declared the Motion lost.

After further discussion it was agreed unanimously that the Finance Officer, Mr. Lusby would prepare a document on the Fiscal Studies Report.

REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 3501

Chapter 10 - Heritage Areas

Mr. Callagy proceeded to outline the provisions that were contained in this chapter and to the various amendments that had been suggested by Councillors at previous meetings. He dealt in turn with the development control objectives and the development control policies contained in the chapter. The contents of the chapter was agreed by the elected members.

Chapter 12 - Environmental Protection

This chapter was discussed by Mr. Callagy and the contents of same was agreed by the elected members.

Chapter 9 - Scenic & Recreation Amenity Areas

Mr. Callagy outlined the provisions of the chapter and referred in particular to 9.2.6 on Rural Tourism. There had been changes made to this paragraph as requested by the members. Cllr. Cunningham requested to know the position in relation to the type of road which served such development. Mr. Callagy stated that this provision was restricted to scenic amenity areas as defined on the amenity maps. Deputy O'Cuiv referred to item (a) under 9.2.6 which related to the assimilation of the proposed development into the landscape and the location of same beside existing clusters. He stated that this particular provision was unnecessary and proposed that it be deleted. This proposal was agreed by the members. Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that in reference to 9.2.6 (d), it must be clear that there is a need for only one septic tank in these particular cases. Cllr. Gavin, in referring to 9.2.6 (f), which stated that an emurement clause would be inserted in particular circumstances, he requested to know what was the meaning of particular circumstances. Mr. Callagy stated that it would be used in a very restricted situation and that the last thing the Council wanted to see was an abuse of this particular provision. Cllr. Loughnane referred to a situation where the existing building was in stone and requested to know if an additional building would be required to be of the same material. Mr. Callagy stated that this situation related to the construction of existing buildings and not new extensions. The Chairman stated that he did not see the need for the inclusion of the emurement clause provision under Rural Tourism. Mr. Callagy advised the members that it should be left in. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that if this is being done as a farm development, the planning application must include the whole farm. Cllr. O'Neill requested to know if emurement clauses would stand up. Mr. Callagy advised the Councillor that it could, but it was open to challenge in the courts. Cllr. O'Neill asked why were emurement clauses only attached to some planning applications and what was the policy on renewing expired planning decisions. Mr. Callagy stated that the emurement clause was there to control development in scenic amenity areas. In relation to the renewal of planning decisions, such renewal will be forthcoming provided the circumstances have not changed since the previous development plan. Deputy McCormack requested clarification on the first paragraph of 9.2.6 and wished to know if other requirements would over-ride the road frontage requirement. Mr. Callagy stated that an application would be subject to the other particulars in Chapter 9. Deputy McCormack stated that he wished to have clarity on the interpretation of the paragraph. Mr. Callagy stated that the Council want to have control and they cannot open the flood gates in this particular situation. The provision on Rural Tourism was agreed by the members with the deletion of Clause (a).

The provision on Beneficial Tourism Development in 9.2.9 was then considered by the Council. Cllr. O'Neachtain referred to the ongoing development of a housing estate in Furbo. Mr. Callagy stated that the Beneficial Tourism Development provision was proposed for retention by some councillors and for exclusion by some other

councillors. He proceeded to outline the contents of the paragraph to the members. He added that the Council could include a clause that holiday home development be intended for rental. It would not be possible to include an emurement clause in such development. He stated that there was difficulty in the operation of the present plan in that permission for holiday homes was granted in one area while permission for an individual house may be refused close by. Cllr. O'Neill stated that local people were at an unfair disadvantage in these situations. Deputy McCormack stated that he had great difficulty with this provision and that he was not confident that it was a solution to the problem. He referred to several developments which had been granted under the present provision in the County Development Plan and stated that in his opinion, the developments could not be assimilated into the landscape. In particular, he referred to the 18 houses at Ballyconneely. He requested to know how does one decide when housing development is beneficial to an area and added that people coming and using such houses do not bring a benefit to the locality. Cllr. Gavin stated that he was in favour of the beneficial tourism provision but he had difficulty in assessing what was of benefit to the area. He felt that it could be taken as a contravention of the plan. Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that he was fully in favour of this provision being in the County Development Plan but that his view was now clouded by the development in Furbo and added that this provision was being black-guarded. Deputy O'Cuiv referring to provisions (i) and (ii) in the Beneficial Tourism Development stated that there may be other things which people want to do which would benefit tourism. He stated that paragraph (i) should be taken out and paragraph (ii) amended to cover tourism development outside urban areas. He added that the material contravention provision should not be built into the County Development Plan. He proposed to delete item (i) and put a general clause in place of (ii).

Cllr. O'Tuathail stated that developers were choosing the highly scenic areas in Connemara and destroying these areas with the types of developments mentioned. These developments should be put into towns. He proposed the deleting of the provision on Beneficial Tourism Development under 9.2.9 and to use instead the material contravention procedure in the planning acts. Mr. Liam Kavanagh, S.E.F. stated that he was unhappy with the Beneficial Tourism provision in the present plan. He referred to a number of applications which had been brought to the attention of the members, such as, development in Oranmore, Glenlo Abbey and further development in Roundstone. He stated that a holiday complex should be attached to the village structure and, in particular, parts of Connemara have too many holiday homes. He added that he could not quantify the beneficial tourism benefit to localities. Mr. Callagy stated that part (i) of the paragraph on Beneficial Tourism Development be included while part (ii) should be omitted completely. He added that Deputy O'Cuiv's proposal would be too difficult to control and too loosely worded. Deputy McCormack voiced his view that he had difficulty with the assimilation of the development at Ballyconneely. He requested to know how one decided when saturation point had been reached in respect to holiday homes. He stated that he would be opposing the inclusion of this provision in the plan. Deputy O'Cuiv suggested that the provision on rural tourism and beneficial tourism development be put under one heading, namely Tourism. Cllr. Ni Fhatharta stated that she saw the problems with Beneficial Tourism Development. She would like to get the statistics relating to the number of planning applications lodged under this provision and the

results of these applications. Was there ever an application for an interpretative centre in the Connemara area lodged, she inquired. Deputy Connaughton stated that he would be very concerned if the first part of the Beneficial Tourism Development namely, Tourism Infrastructure was removed. Would the material contravention procedure be used for the holiday homes, he inquired. Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that smaller schemes had brought great benefits to certain areas. Cllr. O'Neill proposed that the provision on tourism infrastructure in 9.2.9 be retained. It was proposed to retain 9.2.9(i) and this was agreed by the Council. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that if you leave Section (i) of 9.2.9 in, then other development will be excluded. Deputy McCormack proposed to delete 9.2.9(ii) and this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Gavin. This was agreed by the members. Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that he did not agree with the material contravention procedure and was disappointed that wording could not be found to avoid using this method. Mr. Liam Kavanagh referred to a number of planning applications which related to the Beneficial Tourism Development and outlined the particulars of the applications to the members.

9.2.10 Gaeltacht Areas

The Members then considered this paragraph in chapter 9. Cllr. O'Neachtain requested to know who could assess a linguistic impact study when it was submitted to the Planning Authority, the provision of which he welcomed. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that the provision in 9.2.10 should be included in the Gaeltacht chapter. Mr. Callagy advised the Deputy that this proposal will be implemented. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that there must be uniformity and the same number of houses included for proposed linguistic impact. The provision on the Gaeltacht area was agreed by the members. The Council members then dealt with Table 9B in Chapter 9 and Deputy O'Cuiv referring to the Rural Essential Family Housing Need Category under number (i) requested the removal of the word "farming" from the definition. Cllr. Varley stated that if the word "landowner" is only used, then this will leave an opening for foreigners who will come in and buy up land. It was proposed and agreed that the word "farming" be removed. Deputy O'Cuiv proposed that under Table 9B (iii)(c) that the word "emigrants" be replaced by the word "people". Mr. Callagy informed the members that the restriction in Category 1 would also apply to Category 2 areas.

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Submitted: Approved + Signed
 John M. Moanahan
 Chairman
 26/2/96
 Date.

CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig An Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

5 Eanáir, 1996

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Council **In Committee** which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on **Friday, 12th January, 1996,** commencing at **3.00 p.m.**

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH
County Secretary.

CLAR

1. Rate Support Grant
2. Review of the County Development Plan.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 18th DECEMBER, 1995

CATHAOIRLEACH:

An Comhairleoir J. Mannion

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

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

Oifigigh:

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, D. Nelson, Assistant Co. Manager, P. Flood, Co. Engineer, J. Crotty, Deputy Co. Engineer, J. Eising, Project Engineer, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, E. Power & B. Doyle, A.O.'s, J. Harrold, Arts Organiser, M. Flynn, Executive Planner & E. Hourigan, A.S.O.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

3459

The Council had learned of the sudden death of Mr. Gerry Heneghan, County Secretary, Kerry County Council and a Vote of Sympathy was passed to his wife Carmel and their five children. Mr. Heneghan worked for Galway County Council on two different occasions in the role of Staff Officer and Administrative Officer. The Members and Staff of Galway County Council were deeply shocked by his death and

on the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor W. Burke, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting until 4.00 p.m. as a mark of respect.

A Vote of Sympathy was also passed to:

Mr. & Mrs. Sean Canney, Claretuam, Tuam, Co. Galway.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

3460

Congratulations were conveyed to Mr. Brian Doyle on his appointment as County Secretary with Wicklow County Council. The Councillors also welcomed back Mr. Declan Nelson from Sick Leave.

MINUTES

3461

The Minutes of the Preliminary Estimates Meeting held in Committee on 3rd November, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Hussey.

On the proposal of Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor Quinn, the Minutes of the Estimates Meeting held on 13th November, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 27th November, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Councillor Gavin, seconded by Councillor Cunningham.

The Report of the Arts Committee Meeting held on the 14th November, 1995 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

PLANS FOR RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S HEADQUARTERS

3462

The National Building Agency had carried out a study of the County Buildings site, and prepared a report. A presentation of the report was made by Mr. Jack Eising, Project Engineer. The following sets out the options and recommendations made by the National Building Agency in the report.

History of County Buildings

The main building was the old County Infirmary for the period 1802 to 1924 before being taken over by the County Council. Extensions were added to the rear of the main building in the 1950's. The building to the left, in which the Housing, Environment and Sanitary Services Departments are, was constructed in 1838 as a Surgeons Residence.

At present, there are various other buildings both on site and within the city, to house various sections of the Council, i.e. pre-fabricated buildings for Motor Tax and Road Design in the lower yard, Law Agent's and Rates Offices in Woodquay Court, the Library Headquarters in Island House, and the County Library in Hynes Building.

The aim of the study was to have all services in one location. The report gave a number of options for the development and layout of the site.

Options for layout of Site

Option W

Main County Building in the top section.
Car parking in the middle section.
Commercial development in the lower yard.

The site known as the lower yard, where the Motor Tax and Road Design offices are at present, is included in the current Urban Renewal Scheme. In accordance with the terms of this new scheme, construction must be completed by 31st July, 1997. The offices in this section would have to be vacated immediately and re-housed in another location, in order for a developer to carry out the development within this time-scale.

Option X

Main County Buildings in the top section
Car parking in the middle area.

The lower yard to be retained for future extensions and proposed new County Library headquarters.

Option Y

Commercial Development to the front/top of the site.
County Council headquarters in the middle section.
Car parking facilities in the lower yard.

The County Buildings would lose its present setting and be incorporated into the landscape. The Council would also have limited space available for future development.

Option Z - variation of Option Y.

Options for Re-development of Site

Option 1

Demolish the existing buildings and provide a total new structure, with car-parking facilities to the rear of the new structure.

The lower yard to be retained. Access to the County Buildings would be as follows:-
pedestrian access from Prospect Hill
vehicular access from Bothar na mBan.

Option 2

Retain the existing main building (the Old County Infirmary), and add extensions to the front and rear in order to provide additional area. This would provide historical and architectural continuity to the new headquarters.

Option 3

Maintain both the main building (Old County Infirmary), and building to left (Surgeons Residence), and extend between both buildings and the rear of main building to give additional space. This would also provide a historical continuity to the site and a saving in construction costs.

The N.B.A. recommended that the Council appoint Design Consultants. The Council have advertised for same and the closing date for applications is 4.00 p.m. on 3rd January, 1996. The procurement of building will be by public tender.

Cost

Over 4,750 sq. metres of building will be constructed.
1,150 sq. metres to be retained.
5,900 sq. metres will be the total area of new buildings.
Estimated nett cost will be in the region of £5 million.

Time Schedule

Mr. Eising suggested the following time schedule:-

Design Consultants to be appointed in March, 1996. Three months for preparation of preliminary report. Six months for Detailed Design and Contract Documents. Construction to commence in Spring 1997. Construction to be completed in October, 1998.

He said that the Accommodation Committee having evaluated the various options, recommend that Option X and Option 2 be considered for adoption, being to retain the entire site for County Council headquarters, and the Council headquarters be in the top section, car parking in the middle and the lower yard for the proposed library building.

The Councillors thanked Mr. J. Eising for his presentation. They then proceeded to discuss various items in connection with the proposal.

The Councillors wished to know the kind of commercial development considered, the valuation of the lower yard site, the nature of the renovation work, and the area required for proposed new library headquarters.

Mr. Eising stated that any developer of commercial development on the site would require it to be strategically located. The lower site, however, could be used for housing and on the given space approx. 40 two-storey maisonettes could be constructed. He stated that the lower yard had not been valued.

Mr. Eising indicated that the renovation to the main building could involve the building being gutted and reconstructed to modern standards. There is a limit of four floors set by the Corporation. However, our accommodation needs will be met within three floors.

In regard to the proposed new library headquarters, an area of approx. 1,700 sq. metres may be required. The funding for this building will come from the National Library Council. The details of this are being discussed at present.

The County Manager highlighted to the Members that the existing accommodation is unsuitable to the Public, Councillors and Staff. The majority of the Staff are on the main site. The Council is currently paying rent for its offices in Woodquay Court (Law Agents and Rates Offices), Island House (Library headquarters), and Hynes Buildings (City Library). The Council's aim is to have all its services in one location, if possible.

He said the site was purchased by our Predecessors. Over the next 20/25 years, the Council's accommodation need will increase as further functions are devolved. The County Manager felt that it would be very short-sighted to dispose of any part of this site, and recommended that the entire site be retained.

The Manager pointed out that Mr. J. Eising has been appointed Project Engineer. Some professional staff, namely Architects, Quantity Surveyors, Mechanical and Electrical Engineers etc. will need to be appointed for the project.

The County Manager stressed that the Motor Tax Office (which is a pre-fabricated building) will not last for much longer, and that time is of the essence. He also stated that temporary accommodation may be located on the site in the lower yard while building is in progress.

The County Manager agreed that £5m is a considerable amount of money and a challenge to the Council in raising this type of money. This money will be raised ultimately by borrowing. Provision was made in the current estimates, and this amount will be increased over the next few years. The Council will also have to look at other ways of funding.

The County Manager stated that where facilities are provided for the Motor Taxation Department, they are 100% recoupable from the Department of the Environment. Rents paid in respect of the City and County Enterprise Board, whose offices are in Woodquay Court are recouped/refunded to the Council.

There may be increases in Rates, and other charges for goods and services. The Council will examine/discuss this at a later stage.

The Councillors requested that there be further discussion with regard to the raising of £5m. They requested that the Council consider other government departments coming onto the site and the possibility of charging for car-parking. They also stated that a deputation should meet the Minister for the Environment in order to request funding. It was also stated that commercial development of the site along Bothar na

mBan should be considered. The Councillors suggested that Architects should not be restrained by having to retain the main building as it was not a building of great beauty. A plaque could be erected at a later stage to mark the historical interest of the site.

On the proposal of Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, the Council agreed to retain the whole site in accordance with Option X of the N.B.A. report.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Council agreed to proceed with the appointment of Consultant Architects.

ACTION PLAN FOR URBAN/VILLAGE RENEWAL 1996-1999

3463

A Report had been circulated to each Member giving details of the proposed Action Plan for Urban and Village Renewal 1996-1999 and Ms. Mary Flynn, Executive Planner went through the Report.

She said the towns of Ballinasloe, Loughrea and Tuam were selected for urban co-funding. These towns will receive a grant of £10,000 each in 1995, and a local contribution of £10,000 is required to match same. The grants will be increased to £14,000, £18,000, £22,000 and £26,000 respectively for the following years with similar local contributions required. Plans are being prepared at present following consultation with the Urban District Council and Town Commissioners. The details will be presented to the Council in due course.

The Council received submissions from approx. 50 villages. A scheme was devised which awarded points to each village under the following headings:-

Chart 1 - Economic Indicators - Priority based on viability

1 point awarded in each case:

- A - Population Hierarchy
- B - Sewerage Rating
- C(1) - Operational Programme (Tourism)
- C(2) - Operational Programme (Transport)
- C(3) - Operational Programme (Human Resources) (FAS & Community Employment Schemes)
- D - Galway County Development Plan

Chart 2 - Priority List based on Community Input:

- P - County Enterprise Board List (2 points)
- Q - Area Engineers Priority list.
- X - Last Year's chosen Villages.

- Y(1) - Interest shown 1995 (2 points)
- Y(2) - Interest shown to-date (2 points) (meetings proposed or held)
- Z - Arts Officer List.

Table 1 of the report circulated to Members gives the towns/villages with the highest score. It was decided to have a basic theme for each year of the plan and the towns/villages recommended for grants were as follows:-

Theme	Towns/Villages
1996 - Entry Villages	Headford, Milltown, Dunmore, Ballygar, Portumna, Gort, Kinvara, Killimor
1997 - Tourism Centres	Clifden, Clonbur, Letterfrack/Tully/Fullycross, Oughterard, Spiddal, Cleggan, Roundstone, Kilronan
1998 - Smaller Villages	Glinsk, Kilkerrin, Clonberne, Gurteen, Cashel, Carraroe, Bearna, Ballinderreen
1999 - Agricultural Market Villages	Mountbellew, Craughwell, Eyrecourt, Oranmore, Moycullen, Glenamaddy, Athenry, Claregalway.

Ms. Flynn said that following the acceptance of this plan, the Council propose to write to a representative for each Village and confirm their interest in scheme. A total grant fund of £700,000 is allocated, i.e. £30,000 per village. The 12.5% matching funding will be requested from the successful villages. In the case of the villages listed for 1996, the monies will be requested early 1996.

The Council have advertised for Architectural/Landscape Architects in order to advise and liaise with the Council and the community. The closing date for completed applications is Friday, 5th January, 1996. A technical assistance grant of £15,000 is provided by the Department of Environment in connection with this scheme.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Mary Flynn for her presentation.

Councillor Callanan expressed disappointment that the villages of Caltra and Aughrim were excluded from the Scheme. Councillor Ni Fhatharta pointed out that Udaras operates Projects and FAS schemes in the Gaeltacht areas, and not City and County Enterprise Board. Therefore, the marking system is unfair. Councillor O'Neachtain reiterated this. He pointed out that the village of Kilronan on the Aran Islands did not receive a score under Tourism - C(1) - considering that during peak season approx. 1,000 tourists visit the island each day.

Ms. Flynn stated that she worked from a list of schemes which she received from Mr. O'Hora of FAS.

The County Manager emphasised the importance of this scheme, wherein it will act as a catalyst between work done by local authorities and the community. He stated that partnerships of this nature express very good value for money, by putting structures in place that will continue to be maintained over the years. He also stated that the Department requested last March, proposals for the next five years and it was imperative that the Council decide on the proposed plan.

Councillor W. Burke proposed the adoption of this report as presented. Councillor J. Burke seconded this proposal.

Councillor Callanan proposed that the plans for 1996 be allowed to go ahead, and the remaining years to be reconsidered. Councillor Ni Fhatharta seconded this proposal.

A vote taken on Councillor W. Burke's proposal resulted as follows:-

For: Cllrs. J. Burke, W. Burke, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan & E. Varley. (9)

Against: Cllrs. J. Callanan, Deputy E. O'Cuiv, Cllrs. T. Hussey, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn & M. Fahy. (9)

Abstained: Senator J. McDonagh

The Chairman used his casting vote in favour of the adoption of the report as presented and declared the proposal carried.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION 3464

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan, it was resolved that Galway County Council hereby approve of the raising of overdraft to the extent of £3m on the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts for the period of 6 months ending on the 30th June, 1996, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS) 1994 CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES UNDER THE 1995/96 HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 3465

A report dated 12th December, 1995 was circulated to each Member in accordance with the Local Government (Planning & Development Regulations) 1994. On the proposal of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Council agreed the construction of single rural houses at the following locations:-

- Boyounaghmore, Castlerea
- Kilrougter, Ballindooley
- Knock, East end, Inishboffin,
- Treananearla, Killeen, Killimor.

REPORT ON ROUNDSTONE WATER SUPPLY 3466

A report dated 11th December, 1995, in accordance with Local Government (Planning & Development Regulations) 1994, in connection with improvements to Roundstone Water Supply Scheme was circulated to each Member. On the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Deputy O'Cuiv, the Council agreed to proceed with the improvements to the Roundstone Water Supply.

LAND AT GORTYLOUGHLIN & KYLEBROGHLAN, MOYCULLEN 3467

On the proposal of Councillor Gavin, seconded by Deputy O'Cuiv, the Council approved the disposal of land at Gortyloughlin and Kylebroghlan, Moycullen to Mr. Michael Lee, Moycullen, in accordance with Notice dated 5th December, 1995 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, which had been circulated to each Member.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL'S ARTS PLAN 3468

On the proposal of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, the Arts Plan for Galway County Council - 1996-2000 was adopted.

CONFERENCES 3469

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

The substitution of Councillors Hussey, Byrne and McDonagh for Councillors Ryan, Varley and Ni Fhatharta at the Housing Conference in Loughlinstown on 27th September, 1995.

The substitution of Councillor Varley for Councillor Byrne at Conference in Bournemouth from 17th to 20th November, 1995.

The substitution of Councillor Walsh for Councillor McClearn at Conference in Ardilaun Hotel, Galway on 6th December, 1995 (Getting the Balance Right).

Attendance of Chairman, Councillor J. Mannion at Dr. Douglas Hyde Conference, Ballaghaderreen on 15/16th July, 1995.

At National Commemoration Service Ceremony, Dublin on 10/7/1995.
 At C.P.M.R. Conference, Letterkenny on 26-27/10/1995.
 At Shannon Aer Rianta 50 Years Celebration on 24/10/1995.

Approval to the attendance of previous Chairman, Councillor P. O'Tuathail at:

Village Renewal Conference held in Dublin on 1/4/1995
 Social Housing Launch held in Dublin on 2/5/1995
 Donal Carin Seminar held in Roscommon on 23/5/1995.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

3470

Mr. E. Lusby, Finance Officer stated that the notification of the Council's Rate Support Grant Estimate for 1996 had been received. It will be £8,005,500, which is £9,870 less than amount included in the Estimates. This figure is subject to the adoption of the national budget.

Mr. Lusby stated that it had come to his attention that an additional sum of £3.8m approx. was allocated to various local authorities throughout the country during 1995. No notification of the grant adjustment was given to Galway County Council. The situation is further compounded by the fact that the Rate Support Grant for 1996 has been apportioned on the revised base figure for 1995.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that the Council send a fax immediately to the Department objecting to the method of distribution of the additional rate support grant and requested that the Minister for the Environment receive a deputation immediately from the Council to discuss the matter. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Ryan and agreed by the Council. Some Members wished to discuss the matter further but the Chairman ruled that a special meeting would be held, if necessary, when the Council is notified about reception of a deputation.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY CHAIRMAN

3471

The Council wished to thank the Minister for Justice, Nora Owen, for opening the Re-furbished Galway Courthouse on 15th December, 1995.

Councillor Regan requested that a letter be written to the Minister for Justice requesting more Gardai in the Abbey/Moyglass area in light of the recent attacks on two elderly people in the area.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

N.O.M. NO 12 - GANTY CROSS - CLLR M LOUGHNANE 3472

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"As 1995 funds are fully allocated any improvements must await 1996 funding. Therefore it is intended examining this C.R. junction with a view to implementing some improvements along the lines suggested early in 1996."

N.O.M. NO 13 - FLOODING OF ROAD - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3473

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"Subject to the agreement of Mr. Conroy, the householder and landowner involved, the Council will construct a soak-away at the entrance to Conroy's private avenue, this being the only feasible solution."

N.O.M. NO 14 - ROAD - CLLR M CUNNINGHAM 3474

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"Galway County Council will carry out a survey of the area and investigate the possibility of carrying out improvements."

N.O.M. NO 15 - FAS SCHEME - CLLR M CUNNINGHAM 3475

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"A reply will be available for the next Meeting."

N.O.M. NO 16 - ROAD - CLLR M CUNNINGHAM 3476

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"An estimate for N.O.M. is being prepared and a further reply will issue in the near future."

N.O.M. NO 17 - ROAD - CLLR. M FAHY 3477

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"The provision of school flashing lights is not recommended at this location as the school is located within a speed control zone."

N.O.M. NO 18 - FAS SCHEME- CLLR M FAHY 3478

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"A reply will be available for the next Meeting."

N.O.M. NO. 19 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR M FAHY 3479

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"There is no serious flooding on this road. This road can be included for work when a FAS Scheme starts in Gort again."

N.O.M. NO 20 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR S GAVIN 3480

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 21 - ROAD-SIDE DRAIN - CLLR S GAVIN 3481

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"This will be investigated and a reply will be available for the next Meeting."

N.O.M. NO 22 - POT-HOLE- CLLR S. GAVIN 3482

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

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

N.O.M. NO 23 - FLOOD WATERS - CLLR M. LOUGHNANE 3483

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"Necessary adjustments to channel will be made as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO 24 - ROAD BEND - CLLR M LOUGHNANE 3484

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"The Area Engineer has examined the junction at Gloves and discussed the problem with the local residents who are concerned with poor sight line when exiting onto the main road (vehicles approaching from the right hand when exiting).

A low cost solution would involve:

- (1) to lower the high verge (bank) between carriageway edge and wall
- (2) repair/reconstruction of existing stone wall after removal of banks.
- (3) Cutting and removal of a small number of small trees and shrubs on the land.

In order to save costs it is proposed that

- (1) above is undertaken by Council out of 1996 estimate £500.
- (2) is undertaken by the local people and any materials required purchased out of N.O.M funding estimate £300 max.
- (3) undertaken by local people."

N.O.M. NO 25 - GALBOLEY ROAD - CLLR M. LOUGHNANE 3485

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"Funds are not available in 1995 to have this desirable work carried out."

N.O.M. NO 26 - N 63 - SEN. J MCDONAGH 3486

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"Funding has been sought annually in recent years from the National Roads Authority/Department of the Environment for the up-grading of the National Route N63 but regrettably no allocations have been made available for the carrying out of necessary works. Application for funding has again been made for 1996 and the Council must await notification of grant allocations.

Upgrading of section of road between Lackagh and Annagh Cross is desirable as are many other sections of this route which are deficient/critically deficient. Regrettably the carrying out of works is dependent on the allocation of an appropriate grant."

N.O.M. NO 27 - "SCHOOL FLASHING LIGHTS " - AN COMH C. NI FHATHARTA 3487

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

"Tá na scoileanna seo taobh istigh den teorainn luas 40 m.p.h. Cuirfeadh an láthair seo san áireamh I gcóir "School Flashing Lights" i scéim na mbóithre, amach anseo, de réir tosaíocht agus infhaighteacht airgid."

N.O.M. NO 28 - BOTHAR - AN COMH C NI FHATHARTA 3488

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

"Tá an bothar seo curtha san áireamh I sceim na mboithre 1996."

N.O.M. No 29 - BOTHAR - AN COMH C. NI FHATHARTA 3489

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

"Deanfar an obair seo go luath I 1996."

N.O.M. No. 30 - BOTHAR - AN TEACHTA E O'CUIV 3490

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

"Cuirfear an obair seo san áireamh de réir infhaighteacht airgid."

N.O.M. NO 31 - REILIG - AN TEACHTA E O'CUIV 3491

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

"Deanfar obair cobthala ar an Reilig in 1996 ma bhíonn airgead ar fáil."

N.O.M. NO 32 - BOTHAR - AN TEACHTA E O'CUIV 3492

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

"Tá an bóthar agus an droichead seo curtha san áireamh in iarratas don Roinn Comhshaoil ag lorg airgead I gcóir Damáiste Stoirme, ach ní fhuireamar aon ócabhair go dtí seo."

Is feidir an obair seo a cur san áireamh I Scéim na Bóithre 1996, má ta a dhothain airgead ar fáil."

N.O.M. NO 33 - GROUP WATER SCHEMES - CLLR. S. O'NEACTAIN 3493

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

"I am to inform you that the taking over of Group Schemes can only be considered in the context of available resources. No provision has been made for the taking in charge of Group Water Schemes in 1996."

N.O.M. NO. 34 - LAY-BYS - CLLR S. O'NEACTAIN 3494

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

"There are no funds available for this type of work."

N.O.M. NO 35 - BOTHAR - AN COMH S O'NEACTAIN 3495

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

"Deiseofar an bothar seo chomh luath agus is feidir."

N.O.M. NO 36 - ROAD WORKS - CLLR P. O'SULLIVAN 3496

"The County Road at Caherlisakill is long, straight and narrow with a bend at the north end and poor vertical alignment restricting line of sight. Improvements to the line of sight and widening of this road will involve design to standard and substantial funding."

N.O.M. NO 37 - ROAD SURFACE - CLLR P. O'SULLIVAN 3497

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

"Potholes will be repaired as soon as possible. Neither funds nor resources are available for more extensive works."

N.O.M. NO 38 - POT-HOLES - CLLR P. O'SULLIVAN 3498

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

"Potholes were repaired in the recent past. Resources are not available for additional works."

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Submitted, Approved + Signed:

John M. Donohue
Chairman

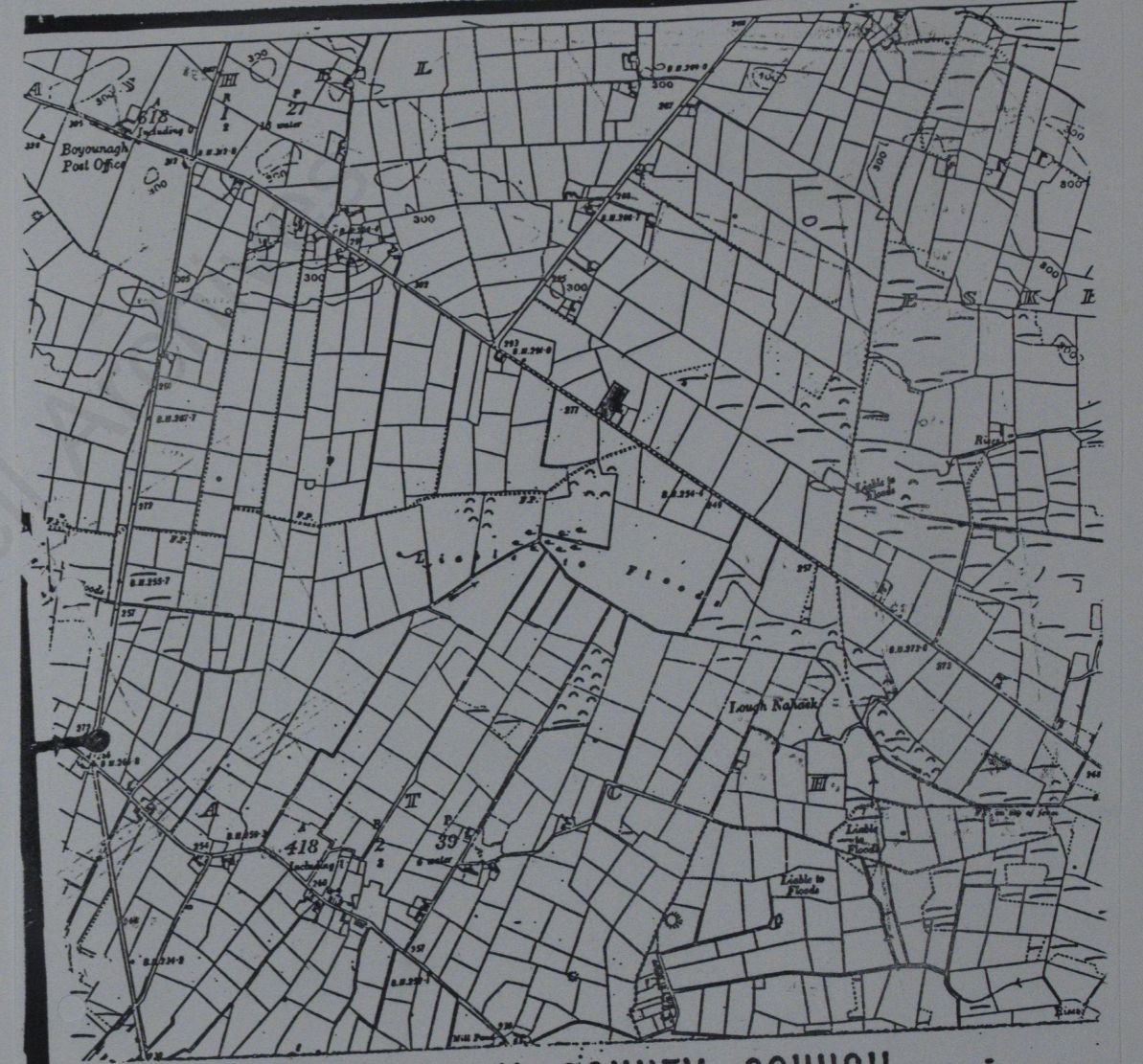
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GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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 SITE NO: 6335
 AREA: 0.63 Acres COLOURED RED
 OWNER: MICHAEL P. WALSH, MIDDLETOWN, BOYOUNAGH, CASTLEREA.
 APPLICANT: CHRISTINE TREACY, MIDDLETOWN, BOYOUNAGH, CASTLEREA.
 D.S.S. 18-2 SCALE: 1/2500
 SIGNED: SURVEYED BY: AG DATE: Sept.



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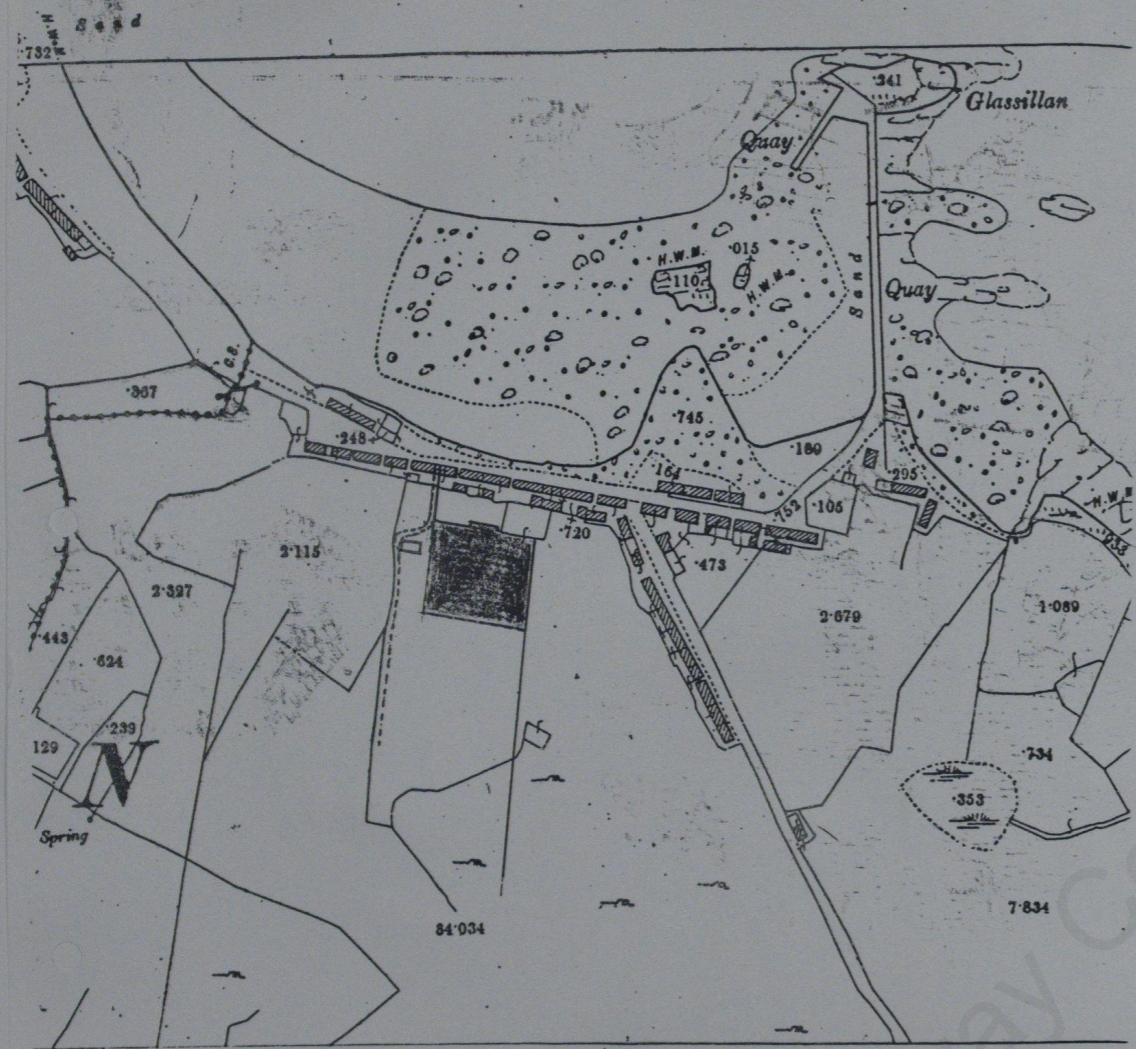
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 SITE No. 6419
 AREA: 0.51 ACRES COLOURED RED
 OWNER: Catherine Coyne East End Inishboffin
 APPLICANT: Wendy Coyne " " " "
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SUBJECT: Cottage Site at Treananearla Killimor,
 SITE No. 6765
 AREA: 0.918 ACRES COLOURED RED
 OWNER: Patrick Burke, Treananearla, Killimor
 APPLICANT: Ditto.
 Extract O.S. Sheet (Galway) 117-7 Scale: 1/2500
 Signed by _____ Surveyed by: AG & MW. Date: Oct 95



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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 SITE No. 6765
 AREA: 0.918 ACRES COLOURED RED
 OWNER: Patrick Burke, Treananearla, Killimor
 APPLICANT: Ditto.
 Extract O.S. Sheet (Galway) 117 Scale: 1/10560
 Signed by _____ Surveyed by: AG & MW. Date: Oct 95

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11 December 1995,

To the Chairman and Each Member of the Council

**RE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
REGULATIONS) 1994.**

Article 134 Report on Proposed Development

REPORT ON ROUNDSTONE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

Background to the Scheme

Roundstone is one of many towns and villages in Connemara which are serviced from their own local water supply. A common feature of these water supplies is the high colour content in the water, which is difficult to remove using conventional treatment. The County Council's long term strategy for servicing Connemara is to utilise Lough Corrib as a source and to distribute water from there throughout Connemara, this is considered to be the most economical method of dealing with the water supply problem in this area. In order to achieve this objective Galway County Council have prepared a scheme and submitted same to the DOE who in turn will submit it to the EU in order to avail of potential funding from the EU Cohesion Fund. When the Scheme is in place the water supply needs of Connemara will be catered for for the foreseeable future, however, in the interim period some localised problems exist within Connemara and it is considered necessary to address these problems by proposing and implementing short to medium term solutions. Roundstone is one of these areas experiencing difficulties due to the growth in population, occasioned largely by the development of holiday homes in this area. Galway County Council have prepared a preliminary report to carry out some improvements works in this area and the estimated

cost of carrying out these works is in excess of £400,000. We do not have the necessary funding to enable us to carry out all of these works so consequently it was decided to submit a portion of the works to the DOE for funding under the small schemes programme and we were fortunate to receive funding of £75,000. Using this £75,000 and £55,000 from our own resources it will be possible to carry out a minimum amount of essential work to affect some improvement in the water supply situation in Roundstone.

Description of the Proposed Works

It is proposed to improve the existing intake works at Creaghduff Lough and replace the existing 3kw pumps with new 15kw pumps which will be able pump 38 cubic metres of water per hour up into the existing reservoir and slow sand filters.

It will be necessary to construct an access road from the existing public road servicing Roundstone and Ballyconneely into the pumphouse in order that it will be possible for maintenance crews to access the pumphouse and intake works as desired. It will be necessary to filter this extra water when it is pumped up to the reservoir site and consequently a new slow sand filter will be provided at this location.

The estimated cost of the works is £130,000

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

The Planning Officer concludes that the proposed access road will not create significant visual intrusion and the inclusion of an additional tank at the existing reservoir and slow sand filter site will have no additional impact on the visual amenities of this area. The proposed development is in accordance with the County Development Plan and is also in accordance with the proper planning and development of this area.

Planning and Development issues which arise as a result of submissions of persons or bodies or observations made in accordance with this part of the regulations.

No submissions have been received.

The Local Authorities Intentions

It is the Council's intention to proceed with the development as planned without alteration.

B. Doyle,
Acting County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

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

12 Nollaig, 1995

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 18ú Nollaig, 1995, ag tosú ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathmona.

Mise, le meas,

B. O DUILL,
Runai Sealadach.

CLAR

1. *Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:-*
 - (a) *Minutes of Preliminary Estimates Meeting held In Committee on 3rd November, 1995.*
 - (b) *Minutes of Estimates Meeting held on 13th November, 1995.*
 - (c) *Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 27th November, 1995.*
2. *Report of Arts Committee Meeting held on 14th November, 1995 for consideration and adoption (copy attached).*

3. Presentation by Mr. J. Eising, Project Engineer of Plans for re-development of Council's headquarters.
4. To consider Action Plan for Urban/Village Renewal - 1996-1999 (copy to follow).
5. To Approve Overdraft Accommodation for the 6 months ending 30th June, 1996.
6. To consider report under Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 1994 in connection with Housing Programme 1995/1996 (copy attached).
7. To consider report under Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 1994 in connection with improvements to Roundstone Water Supply (copy attached).
8. Disposal of land at Gortyloughlin and Kylebroghlan, Moycullen to Mr. Michael Lee, Moycullen - Section 83 Notice dated 5th December, 1995 already circulated.
9. To Consider the adoption of Galway County Council's Arts Plan (copy attached).
10. Business submitted by the County Manager.
11. Business submitted by the Chairman.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Adjourned From Previous Meeting :

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE
- I will propose :

12

That steps be taken to make Ganty Cross, Craughwell a safer junction; such steps to include road lining, sign-posting and removal of hedgerows etc.

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH
- I will propose :

13

That Galway County Council implement plan to divert water from flooding private road and front of house at Gortacleva, Claregalway.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM

14 - I will propose
That Galway County Council raise road on the Gort side of Colie Fahy's house where the Bridge is. When people are turning at the cross, cars are not visible at that location and it is quite dangerous when they are travelling fast.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM

15 - I will propose :
That a FAS scheme be provided in the Killeeney area, also to clean up the local cemetery.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM

16 - I will propose :
That Galway County Council widen and make safe the turn on the Ardrahan side of Michael Colmans's House at Loughinwadda, Peterswell.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY

17 - I will propose :
That Galway County Council erect flashing lights outside Convent School on the National Primary Road at Clarenbridge Primary National School.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY

18 - I will propose :
That Galway County Council provide a FAS Social Employment Scheme to carry out improvement works at Coogan's Lake, Ballyboy, Ardrahan.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY

19 - I will propose :
That Galway County Council repair and raise road that is flooding at Kinnicha Co. Road at Gort and also that Glenbrack Drive - that FAS Social Employment Scheme be commenced as soon as possible.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN

20 - I will propose :
That repairs are carried out on the Clonsbinnia Road, Moycullen leading towards Mr. Mattie Walsh's house. The Road has been inspected by the Council Officials and is in need of repair.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN

21 - I will propose :
That the road-side drain on the Clynagh Road, Moycullen which is producing flooding difficulties on the Road be examined, and some work carried out to improve the situation.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN

22 - I will propose :
That pot-hole problems on the Killanin-Line Road be resolved as quickly as possible, as a number are very dangerous.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE

23 - I will propose :
That the County Council provide for the free flow of flood waters at a specified location (details attached).

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE

24 - I will propose :
That the Council co-operate with the local community for the removal of a road bend (details attached).

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE

25 - I will propose :
That the sight distance be improved at a detailed location (details attached).

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH

26 - I will propose :
That Galway County Council seek funding for the N63 - to be used on road from Lackagh to Annagh Cross - the scene of many fatal accidents in recent times and taking in Lackagh and Turloughmore Villages and the most densely populated area on the N63.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA

27 - I will propose :
Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe "school flashing lights" ar fail ag S.N. Sailearna, Indreabhán. Ta go leor tracht an bothar reigiunach seo.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA

28 - I will propose :
Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe an bothar

isteach go Oilean Muigh - Inis a dheisiu. Rinne an droch aimsir i 1994/1995 an damaiste don bothar agus an droichead.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

29

Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe linte ban ar an mbothar ag crosbothar Ros-a-mhil.

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV
- I will propose :

30

Go gcuirfear airgead ar fail gach bhliain, le cosan coisithe a thogail le taobh an bhothair an bealach ar fad ar o Seipeal an Chnoic, siar go Seipeal na Tullai.

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV
- I will propose :

31

Go gcuirfear caoi ar Reilig Mhaoiris, i gCarna, a bhfuil an-droch caoi air agus ata contuirteach an caoi a bhfuil se.

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV
- I will propose :

32

Go gcuirfear caoi ar an bhothair o Carna go dti Oilean Mhuigh Inse agus freisin go gcuirfear caoi ar an ndroichead idir an Morthir agus Muigh Inis.

CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN
- I will propose :

33

That Galway County Council would consider taking over Group Water Schemes in the county which have been in existence for 10 years or more.

CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN
- I will propose :

34

That Galway County Council would consider the laying of short lay-bys along congested county roads to allow passing traffic to flow and not to have to reverse to allow traffic to pass.

CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN
- I will propose :

35

Go gcuirfeadh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe caoi ar an mbothar o Bothar Aill a Phreachain sna Forbacha go ti Mhaire Bn. Ui Chuarraoin.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN
- I will propose :

36

That immediate works be carried out on the road named below.

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN
- I will propose :

37

That immediate steps be taken to improve the road surface on the Ballinasloe/Ahascragh Road near Mr. Dominic Costello's house at Killicpane.

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN
- I will propose :

38

That immediate works be carried out to remedy the surface i.e. potholes etc. on the Creggane Road, Ballinasloe and that this work be carried out prior to Christmas 1995.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN COMMITTEE AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON 11TH DECEMBER, 1995

Cathaoirleach:- Councillor J. Mannion

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

Oifigigh:- Messrs. T. Kavanagh, Deputy Co. Manager, P. Flood, Co. Engineer, B. Callagy & L. Kavanagh, S.E.E.s, T. Connell, S.S.O., B. Doyle, A/Co. Secretary & M. O'Halloran, C.T.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY 3456

Resolutions of Sympathy were passed with the following:-

- Mrs. Divilly, Morganure, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Michael Keating, Kilnadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 3457

CHAPTER 11- URBAN AREAS

Mr. Callagy, in referring to this chapter, stated that it had already been dealt with by the council members at a previous meeting. A submission had now been made by

Deputy O'Cuiv and he wished to comment on this document. He stated that the Deputy's proposal to abolish all zoning would not be acceptable and Mr. Callagy proposed that the zoning of areas be retained. Cllr. Loughnane stated that Craughwell was not adequately catered for in respect of speed limits and that there was great demand for development in this village. He stated that the limits there were too restrictive. Mr. Callagy informed the Councillor that in chapter 2 there was an objective to prepare a plan for Craughwell and in the preparation of this plan, a survey will be carried out of the whole area surrounding Craughwell village. Mr. Callagy then referred to the agriculture zoned land areas within villages and towns and stated that the proposal by Deputy O'Cuiv to delete the minimum site requirement would not be appropriate. He added that this provision applied to zoned areas and the minimum site requirement could be varied to three-quarters of an acre. Cllr. Hussey requested to know if a developer was required to put in a sewerage treatment plant, would this effect the density requirement. Mr. Callagy stated that the other option would be to require half an acre in agriculturally zoned land where an essential housing need had been claimed. Deputy McCormack stated that he would not agree to the requirement of a site over a half acre in such locations. Cllr. Loughnane stated that he would prefer to freeze an area of land and reduce the site size requirement. He added that ultimately there would be residential development in these areas. Cllr. Byrne requested clarification on the classification outlined. Mr. Kavanagh, Acting County Manager stated that the Council should encourage people to build in areas zoned residential where services are available and not in agriculturally zoned land.

The Chairman suggested that a half acre requirement be introduced in the agriculturally zoned areas. Cllr. Regan proposed that 75ft. road frontage be required together with the half acre site size. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Cunningham. Mr. Callagy then dealt with housing development in industrially zoned lands and commented on Deputy O'Cuiv's submission. Deputy O'Cuiv referring to zoning in towns requested to know if one was to build in an area other than industrially zoned land, would a material contravention be required. He was advised that such a procedure would apply in the case mentioned. Mr. Callagy then referred to 11.4.5 which dealt with Communal Land Use and in particular Table 11B. He stated that the table addressed Deputy O'Cuiv's enquiries and submissions. Cllr. Byrne stated that he did not see the point in providing for such zoning. He was advised that the zoning applies to areas which have communal facilities, such as, Churches, Community Halls, Schools. Cllr. Loughnane stated that he wanted Clarinbridge to be included under 11.0 (ii) which related to the Definition. Mr. Callagy informed the Councillor that Clarinbridge was included in Chapter 6 for the preparation of a proposed plan.

CHAPTER 1

Mr. Callagy referred to Chapter 1 which dealt with the introduction to the review of the County Development Plan. He outlined the changes which had been made as a result of requests by the council members at previous meetings. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that there had been a massive population decline in rural areas and this corresponded to the huge growth in population around the towns. He added that rural areas are declining and this point must be clarified in the County Development

Plan. Deputy O'Cuiv continued stating that it should be indicated that the core of the towns are declining and not the environs. Mr. Callagy stated that the population figures are based on urban areas given by the Census and advised the members that the environs of a village or town can be up to five miles around the relevant areas. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that he would like his submission to be further looked at in this case.

CHAPTER 2 - GENERAL OBJECTIVES

This chapter was considered by the members and agreed. Deputy Connaughton referred to 2.1(ii) under Town and Village Development and the proposal that the Council would provide serviced and partially serviced land banks. He enquired if the County Council would ever have enough funding to be in a position to implement this proposal. He expressed his agreement with the proposal but feared that it could not be implemented. Mr. Callagy advised that it was inserted in Chapter 2 as an objective. Deputy Connaughton requested to know what was the procedure where Coillte or a private operator decided to plant trees on land. Mr. Callagy informed the Deputy that Coillte were exempt from the planning procedures but that others must apply to the County Council for their comments where grants are been paid out by the Department. The Deputy expressed his objection to the planting of trees around a dwelling-house. Cllr. Callanan referred to incidents where planting of trees had been adjacent to dwelling-houses. He requested to know who was going to implement the provisions under 2.2.9 in Chapter 2. Cllr. McClearn referred to the clause on the seeking of funding where roads are destroyed. He stated that such people should be brought before the Courts for the destruction caused. Cllr. Quinn referred to the situation where peoples houses are enclosed by tree planting. Mr. Callagy advised the meeting that the objectives were outlined by the Council in order to request legislative action to address the problem in this area.

CHAPTER 3 - SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. Callagy outlined the contents of this chapter and the various changes which had been made. Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that in the Land Use Transportation Study, the emphasis should be made of the situation as regards the west of the city. He added that the access to and from this area required improvement and upgrading. Mr. Callagy stated that this study would deal with this aspect.

CHAPTER 4 - HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Mr. Callagy proceeded to go through this chapter and outlined the various changes which had been made at the request of the members. The Chapter was agreed acceptable by the elected members.

CHAPTER 5 - OBJECTIVES FOR GAELTACHT AREAS

Cllr. Gayin requested that Chapter 5 be included in Irish and in English. This was agreed acceptable to the members.

CHAPTER 6 - LAND USE PLANNING

Cllr. Cunningham requested that Clarinbridge be included under 6.6. on Villages on National Routes and Objectives for plans. This inclusion together with the contents of this chapter was agreed by the members.

CHAPTER 7 - RURAL AREAS

Mr. Callagy referred to the changes which had been made in this chapter. Deputy Connaughton requested to know if a person was entitled to get planning permission within the 40mph speed limit. Mr. Kavanagh, Acting County Manager, informed the Deputy that one could never state that a person was entitled to get planning permission. He would have to make a formal planning application and this would be considered on its merits and within the provisions of the County Development Plan. Deputy Connaughton asked if people had the same privileges within the 40mph speed limit as they had within the 30mph speed limit. The County Engineer stated that in this chapter the Council were dealing with non-national roads. Each application would have to be looked at in terms of Road Design and that by extending the development to the 40mph speed limit all that was been done was extending development in a linear direction resulting in it taking longer for traffic to get through the various towns. Cllr. O'Neachtain referred to objectives 7.2.1 and 7.2.2 which dealt with Ribbon Development and Backlands Development respectively. He stated that these objectives were not compatible and required clarification. Mr. Callagy informed the Councillor that backland development only applies to particular areas and not throughout the county. He referred the Councillor to the definition. Councillor Finnerty stated that he did not agree with Ballinasloe being included in the 7.2.1(ii) objective on ribbon development. He expressed his objection to the inclusion of 3 mile radius outside Ballinasloe and wished to have this reduced to 1½ miles. He proposed that the restriction around Ballinasloe would be 1½ mile radius. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Brennan. The Chairman proposed that the restriction around Clifden be 1½ miles and this proposal was seconded by Deputy McCormack. Cllr. Cunningham requested that the restriction around Gort be 1½ mile radius and this was seconded by Cllr. Byrne. Cllr. Joe Burke stated that there must be consistency and that the 1½ mile radius should apply to all towns. It was proposed by Cllr. Callanan that 1½ miles apply to all towns mentioned under this section and this was seconded by Cllr. Finnerty.

The Council then considered 7.2.3 on the Capacity of the Road System. Cllr. Brennan referred to the restrictions on the requirement of essential housing need. Mr. Callagy stated that this applies to exceptional cases and that it was agreed previously. It was agreed by the members to include Table 7B under development control policy in this section. Cllr. O'Neachtain referring to 7.2.8 on site requirements stated that the changes made were insufficient and unacceptable. Cllr. Joe Burke referred to the avenue into a site in lieu of road frontage. He requested to know can this be

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accommodated. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that he would like to see that a person could have a site 100 or 200 yards back from the road and that the land to the front, fronting the road be frozen. The Acting County Manager informed the Deputy that there were numerous difficulties with this provision which operated previously. Cllr. Byrne proposed that Table 7B be substituted with Table 9B and this was seconded by Cllr. Callanan.

CHAPTER 8 - MAJOR TRAFFIC ROUTES

Mr. Callagy proceeded to outline the changes which had been proposed at previous meetings. Deputy Connaughton stated that he required to lessen the restrictions on Class II Roads, in particular, the Ballinasloe/Portumna and Ballinasloe/Athenry roads. These roads have much less vehicular capacity. He stated that the Government requires that enterprises be encouraged and unless people have access to such routes, their business will not develop. He added that these routes are too restrictive and it is unlikely that money will be spent on these roads in the near future. He therefore felt that there should be a lessening of restrictions on a commercial indigenous activity associated with agriculture.

Cllr. Callanan expressed his support with Deputy Connaughton on this matter and in turn was supported by Cllr. Mullins. He added that there must be support for the local industry. Mr. Liam Kavanagh referred to the restrictions on the Ballinasloe/Portumna road. He stated that a planning application would be considered on its merits and that the traffic safety is a primary objective. The applicant must make a case to substantiate his need for siting at such locations. The Acting County Manager advised the members that nine out of ten planning applications are granted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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The Members agreed that legal opinion be sought in connection with the sale of houses originally provided for tourism development in Furbo which had been provided under the Beneficial Tourism Provision which will now be sold as private houses.

It was also agreed that the Meeting of the Council in Committee to consider the final chapters of the Development Plan be fixed at the December Meeting.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed:
John M. Morrison
Chairman
21/11/96
DATE

CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig An Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

4 Nollaig, 1995

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Council **In Committee** which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on **Monday, 11th December, 1995,** commencing at **2.00 p.m.**

Mise, le meas,

B. DOYLE,
A/County Secretary.

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- 1. Review of the County Development Plan.