

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1996

Cathaoirleach:-

Councillor W. Burke

Baill:-

Cllrs. 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. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley and T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:-

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, D. Nelson, Asst. Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, B. Callagy, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E.'s, T. Connell, S.S.O. & M. O'Halloran, C.T.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

REVIEW OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 3927

The Council commenced dealing with the submissions received in respect of the Draft County Development Plan.

Submission No. 47 from Bushypark Residents Association was considered by the members. Mr. Callagy outlined a summary of the submission which requested that Woodstock wood located near Bushypark be zoned as a recreational amenity area. The Planning Officer's comments recommending the proposal and that the purchase of the area be considered by the County Council was agreed by the members.

Submission No. 48 from Coiste Forbartha Charna was then considered by the members. Mr. Callagy outlined a summary of the submission which dealt with the

provision of parking and other matters in Carna and recommended the preparation of a plan for the village. This was agreed acceptable by the members.

The next submission from Cumas Teoranta dealt with development centres and signage. The Planning Officer outlined his comments on the submission which related to the selection method of development centres and consideration of the needs of half parishes. He stated that the submission did not require an amendment to the Draft Plan. Cllr. O'Tuathail in referring to Camus requested to know if assistance could be given to the community in the form of a recognition of their requirements as outlined in the submission to the Draft Plan. Mr. Callagy stated that the matters raised in the submission could be more appropriately dealt with at area office level.

The County Manager advised the members that the County Council assisted communities in the preparation of action plans and encouraged them in this direction. He added that an objective could be included in the Plan in this respect.

The members then considered Submission No. 50 from Una Fleming which dealt with the Connemara coastline. The Planning Officer outlined a summary of the submission which related to a request to zone the entire coastline from Barna West as an area of High Scenic Amenity. Mr. Callagy stated that the area was so zoned already but a special statement relating to the coastline could be included in the Plan excluding all buildings within 300ft. of the high water mark. He added that special consideration could be given to family housing need or infill development within the established built-up areas of coastal villages, such as, Roundstone, Cleggan or Leenane. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that it should be clearly set out in the Plan that villages within scenic areas were exempt from the requirement of the essential housing need category. He was advised by Mr. Callagy that this was so included.

Cllr. O'Tuathail proposed that there should be no change and that the 300ft. should not be accepted. He added that the Council have allowed holiday homes close to the seashore. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that in areas of High Scenic Amenity, the Planning Authority are only allowing permission for defined categories and that the only circumstances where a house is allowed near the seashore is in cases where there is no other land available to the applicant. He stated that there was more visual damage to the amenity of an area by houses located near the road than those located near the sea. It was proposed by Cllr. O'Tuathail to exclude the Planning Officer's recommendation providing for the exclusion of all buildings within 300ft. of the high water mark. This proposal was agreed acceptable by the members.

Mr. Callagy then proceeded to outline the details on Submission No. 51 from Cathal Mulkerrins which dealt with amenity zoning. The submission requested the deletion of the family housing need policy as outlined in Section 8.3.3 of the Draft County Development Plan. Mr. Callagy stated that the continuous dilution of the policy in regard to the family housing need claim over the past 30 years had led to a serious deterioration of the scenic amenity of Connemara. It had undermined the local and tourism value of a priceless and irreplaceable natural asset, he continued. The Planning officer recommended that the exemption clauses for family housing need should be reduced and that the Planning Authority should acquire alternative lands in selected centres. Deputy McCormack stated that he was unhappy with the statements

regarding the unwarranted political interference referred to in the submission. Deputy O'Cuiv expressed his opposition to the submission and to the Planning Officer's recommendation. He stated that he wanted life in Connemara. Mr. Callagy advised the meeting that the landscape had been degraded as far as amenity was concerned.

Deputy McCormack stated that you have to allow for the increased prosperity of the county which in turn has led to development in the countryside. It was agreed by the members to exclude the Planning Officer's recommendation on the submission with the result that no amendment was made to the Draft Plan.

Submission No. 's 52 and 53 from Coiste Pobail Carna and from Peter Sweetman were then considered by the members. Mr. Callagy summarised the details of the submission which related to the inclusion of Cashel in infrastructure proposals as set out in Chapters 2, 4 and 5 and *proposed amendments to Chapter 9*. There was a request for an oral hearing and at this hearing further clarification was received by the Planning Authority in respect to a number of the proposals. Mr. Callagy referred to the various points raised in the submission and the Report of the Oral Hearing which was circulated. He stated that to zone the village would not be a practical objective. In regard to Table 9B of Chapter 9, the inclusion of persons working in the area, rather than employed in the area, was acceptable. With respect to the definition of "assimilate", he stated that the overall quality of the landscape must be taken into account. In regard to Cashel's inclusion in the Gaeltacht, this will be checked with Roinn na Gaeltachta. The submission referred to the exclusion of a Regional Road in the map schedule, the Planning Officer advised the meeting that this was an omission and that a correction would be included in the Draft. As to the inclusion of Cashel in the Sanitary Services Programme, this was a matter for the Sanitary Services priority listing decided by the Department of the Environment and the County Council. The submission also dealt with *burial grounds and street lighting* which were not in the present instance appropriate for the Development Plan.

In regard to Mr. Sweetman's own submission, a valid point was made in respect to the scenic amenity objective which only referred to views from roads. Mr. Sweetman made the point that the overall amenity value of the area should be taken into account. The Planning Officer recommended that a statement on this matter be included in the Development Plan. This was agreed acceptable by the members.

The members then considered Submission No. 54 from Udaras na Gaeltachta which considered Chapters 2, 3 4, 5 6, 7 and 11 of the Draft Development Plan. Mr. Callagy advised the members that all of the proposed recommendations by Udaras were discussed with the Planning Authority and included among them, the proposal to increase the status of the Regional Road from Galway to Spiddal to a National Road together with a requirement of a more detailed map of the Gaeltacht area. He stated that there was no major difficulty with the details in the submission. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that a list of townlands in the Gaeltacht area should be included in the appendix of the Development Plan. This would be of great assistance to the people in the areas. This proposal was agreed by the members.

Submission No. 55 from Michael Grealish, Oranmore on the zoning of land at Oranmore to industrial/residential was then considered by the members. The Planning

Officer submitted his report. He stated that the lands were presently unzoned and were located beside the Dublin Road Roundabout. He added that it was not a valid point made in the submission that this would be a logical extension of the existing zoning at Carrowmoneash. The present industrial zoning was based on long established industrial development in that area and furthermore, access to these lands could not be allowed onto either the dual carriageway or the single carriageway. He advised the members that in relation to the residential development, basic strategy for Oranmore is to keep all residential development on the village side of the bypass road. The proposed residential development of these lands would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area and the Planning Officer recommended that the proposed zoning should not be permitted. Cllr. Cunningham noted the Planning Officer's recommendation and requested that this matter be postponed until the Oranmore Action Plan was prepared. In the meantime, he requested a meeting with the Planning Officer. Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that the zoning was in a very desirable location and the site was not too small. Deputy McCormack stated that it was logical for this area to be zoned residential and industrial. He added that he would like more clarification on when the Action Plan for Oranmore would be adopted.

Mr. Callagy stated that the proposed zoning would be removed from the industrial zoned area and would be located along a dual carriageway, access onto which is severely curtailed. Deputy McCormack requested to know the status of the Oranmore Action Plan taken in conjunction with the County Development Plan. Mr. Callagy informed the Deputy that when the detailed development plan for Oranmore is prepared, it will be brought before the members. Cllr. Cunningham stated that the members should deal with the submissions here, and added that existing industrial land adjoins Mr. Grealish's property, the subject of the submission and he proposed that it be rezoned. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Loughnane.

Mr. Callagy stated that this would make the industrial development very scattered and would be contrary to the proper planning to maintain zoning as compact as possible. Cllr. Byrne stated that it was reasonable to zone this land for industrial purposes. Cllr. Cunningham referring to the Oranmore Village Plan requested to know what authority this Plan would have. The County Manager advised the members that the Council were looking at towns and villages within commuting distance of Galway city for which Action Plans must be prepared and the Council have commenced preparing such plans for Barna and Oranmore. These plans will provide a basis for orderly development within the towns and villages and will encourage people to come and live in them. The strength and weaknesses of the various locations will be identified and planning objectives will be clearly set out. The Action Plans will be brought back before the Council in draft form and where a variation of the County Development Plan is necessary, then the procedures will be set in place. The County Manager added that the members were fully part of the process and the strategy was to plan for the orderly development of the towns and villages in the county, to maximise their potential and to create a vision for these locations. Cllr. Cunningham accepted what the County Manager had stated. He proposed that the sites the matter of the submission be zoned commercial/industrial. Mr. Callagy strongly recommended that the zoning should only be industrial. He stated that the needs for shopping should be within the bypass location. Cllr. Cunningham proposed that the zoning be for

industrial/commercial with the definition of commercial to be specified. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Regan.

Submission No. 56 from the Presentation Sisters, Oranmore on the rezoning of lands at Oranmore for amenity and community facilities to residential and commercial use was then considered by the members. Mr. Callagy outlined a summary of the submission and recommended that the draft Plan zoning should be retained pending the detail study of the Oranmore Development Plan currently being prepared by planning consultants. He stated that this would give a better opportunity to examine all the points raised in the submission in greater detail. It would also enable detail discussion among the interested parties including the Planning Authority, the School Authorities and the Community Development Association for that area. Cllr. Byrne stated that it was important that Oranmore be planned properly for the future. He added that the Sisters of Mercy had given over 120 years service to the area and that it was not right to develop the village at the expense of one body. He proposed that no changes be made until all sides have met. Cllr. Cunningham expressed his agreement with the Planning Officer's recommendation together with the statement from Cllr. Byrne.

Cllr. Hussey stated that he had sympathy with the nuns who had made a great contribution to the area. He added that Oranmore was a town which will develop over the next number of years and to avoid it being overdeveloped, the Council should look at other towns, for instance, Athenry, for future development. Mr. Callagy stated that there was presently a Land Use Transportation Study in progress and this study will look at Athenry and other towns and villages. Cllr. Cunningham then referred to a late submission from Thomas Considine relating to zoning matters in Oranmore. He requested that it be examined.

Submission No. 57 from Gerard and Margaret McNulty on the retention of existing residential zoning at Rinville West was then considered by the members. The Planning Officer stated that the Planning Authority would have no objection to the proposal and recommended that the residential zoning included in the 1990 Development Plan be retained. Cllr. Regan proposed the retention of the existing zoning and expressed his agreement with the Planning Officer's recommendation. Deputy McCormack stated that he agreed with the Planning Officer's recommendation. He then mentioned a planning file on which there were difficulties with obtaining planning permission even though it was zoned on lands stated as residential. He requested to know the status of residential zoning. Mr. Callagy advised the Deputy that because an area was zoned residential does not automatically mean that you will be granted planning permission. In this regard, he referred to the difficulties with the area not being serviced. Mr. Callagy advised the meeting that this submission was only dealing with land located adjacent to Mr. McNultys Health Farm.

Submission No. 58 from the Oranmore Community Development Association on Oranmore Zoning Plan was then considered. The Planning Officer stated that this was an excellent and very comprehensive submission. It included details which could be properly considered in the context of the detailed action plan currently being prepared. The Planning Officer recommended that the existing zoning plan be retained and that the other matters raised in the submission be considered in conjunction with the

Oranmore Community Development Association in the preparation of the Oranmore Action Plan. This was agreed acceptable by the members.

Submission No. 59 from Dermot Joyce dealt with the rezoning lands at Oughterard from industrial to residential. The Planning Officer advised the members that the rezoning to residential development was recommended and was already included in the Draft County Development Plan. This was agreed acceptable to the members.

Submission No. 60 from Mrs. Bridie Welby on the zoning of lands at Moycullen for residential purposes was then dealt with. The Planning Officer advised the meeting that the proposed zoning had already been included in the Draft Development Plan. The Planning Officer's recommendation therefore was agreed acceptable by the members.

Submission No. 61 from Tom Moloney on the residential zoning at Oughterard. Mr. Callagy advised the members that the proposed zoning of this area would be a logical extension of the land use. He stated that the rezoning was recommended and was already included in the Draft Plan. The Planning Officer's recommendation was agreed acceptable by the members.

The Council then dealt with Submission No. 62 from Coiste Pobail, Moycullen on the phosphorous pollution of the sewerage system. Mr. Callagy stated that this was more properly a matter for Sanitary Services and prioritisation by that section. Cllr. Gavin stated that Moycullen was a growth area as indicated in the Development Plan. He added that the services in the village were not capable of catering for the demand and that the 20 year plan proposal was too long. This village should be included in a 5 year plan. He proposed that Moycullen be placed on a 5 year plan for sewerage services.

The County Manager advised the meeting that a report will be submitted on the sewerage services. He stated that the biggest challenge facing the Council was the modernisation of its water and sewerage services. This will take major funding and must be looked at strategically and has become a major priority for the Council. The whole county must be looked at in this regard.

Deputy McCormack requested to know if the cohesion fund application included the Aran Islands and Moycullen. The Deputy was advised that the Aran Islands was part of the application and that he will be informed at a later date if Moycullen was also included.

Cllr. Gavin stated that he welcomed the County Manager's statement. He added that there was a strong concern that pollution would result from a lack of services. The Chairman stated that a special Sanitary Services Meeting would be held in the next number of months dealing with this topic.

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Submitted, Approved + Signed:

Wilhe. Paul

Chairman

23rd November 1996

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1996

CATHAOIRLEACH: *An Comhairleoir W. Burke*

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. 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. Mannion, Deputy P. McCormack, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Ryan, M. Regan, E. Varley & T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:

Messrs. D. Nelson, Deputy Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, A/Asst. Co. Manager, J. Cullen, A/Co. Secretary, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, R. Killeen, A/Co. Engineer, J. Dunne, S.E.E., C. Nevin, S.O. & E. Hourigan, A.S.O.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

3883

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mrs. Kate Niland & Family, Ballyturn, Gort, Co. Galway.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

3884

The Council passed a Vote of Congratulations to the following on their recent achievements in the All-Ireland Hurling and Camogie Finals.

Galway Junior Hurling Team
Galway Minor Hurling Team
Galway U21 Hurling Team
Galway Ladies Camogie Team

A Vote of Congratulations was passed by the Members to Mr. Cyril Farrell, on being appointed Manager of the Galway Hurling Team.

MINUTES

3885

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 9th August, 1996 were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Callanan.

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

The Report of the Loughrea Electoral Area Meeting held on 23rd July, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor McHugh, seconded by Councillor Ryan.

The Report of the Office Accommodation Committee Meeting held on 9th August, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Hussey.

The Report of the Protocol Committee Meeting held on 14th June, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Ryan.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

MINUTE NO. 3845

The Councillors again expressed concern about the roadside verges and requested steps be taken to help alleviate the problem on National and County Roads. They stressed the need for a set policy and consensus on the matter and the need to avoid different approaches in different areas.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Prior Notice - Planning Decisions

The Members sought clarification to the proposal outlined in the Report of the Protocol Committee as to why the Council would issue notifications for a trial period of six months, on applications refused and granted, on the understanding that the facility would not be abused. The Members felt that the previous practice was quite satisfactory, and requested that the Council revert back to same.

Councillor Gavin proposed that where a person approaches a Councillor requesting help, that a form be signed by them, and handed into the Planning Office. Councillor O'Neachtain stated that there would be problems with this proposal and highlighted cases of people living on the Islands. He stated that if a Councillor wishes to obtain prior notice on planning, a written notice by the applicant is not needed and proposed that the Council goes ahead and adopts same.

It was agreed to proceed on the basis of the Protocol Committee's report and that the situation be reviewed after the six month trial period.

FIX DATE FOR OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING 3886

It was proposed by the Chairman, Councillor W. Burke, seconded by Councillor Ryan, and agreed that the October Monthly Meeting would take place at 3.00 p.m. on 18th October, 1996, in the County Buildings.

FIX DATES FOR ESTIMATES MEETINGS 3887

Mr. E. Lusby, Finance Officer, outlined the statutory dates for the holding of the Estimates Meetings i.e. 1st October to 16th November, 1996. The Finance Committee proposed the following dates:-

Preliminary Estimates Meeting held In-Committee - 4th November, 1996
Statutory Estimates Meeting - 11th November, 1996

Councillor Loughnane proposed that no Estimates Meeting be held In-Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Quinn.

Mr. Lusby stated that the reason for the Preliminary Estimates Meeting to be held In-Committee was to provide as much information as possible to the Members regarding the various items included in the Estimates, and advised that no decisions were taken at the Preliminary Meeting.

Mr. D. Nelson, Deputy County Manager explained that there is a requirement to hold the statutory Estimates Meeting in accordance with the dates laid down by the Minister, i.e. 1st October to 16th November, but that the Council may hold as many Estimates Meetings In-Committee as it wishes.

Councillor Loughnane withdrew his proposal.

On the proposal of Councillor Gavin, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Members agreed to meet In-Committee on 11th November, 1996 to consider the Estimate of Expenses. It was also agreed that the Statutory Estimates Meeting would be held on the 15th November, 1996.

TO NOTE AUDITORS REPORT FOR WEST REGIONAL AUTHORITY FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/1995 3888

The noting of the Auditor's Report for the West Regional Authority was proposed by Councillor Regan and seconded by Councillor Cunningham.

TO CONSIDER REPORT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS) 1994 3889

The Members had been circulated with this report dated 3rd September, 1996 regarding the provision of single rural houses with appropriate treatment facilities at the following locations listed below. On the proposal of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan, the Council agreed and noted the report.

Doonreaghan, Cashel
Attrowerty, Letterfrack
Mountmary, Ballygar
Carrowroe West
Derryinver, Letterfrack
Gammoughs, Cleggan
Dawrosmore, Letterfrack

NOMINATE MEMBER TO ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP 3890

Mr. Kavanagh, Acting Asst. County Manager informed the Members that the Minister for the Environment had launched the National Road Safety Campaign 1996 on the 16th May, 1996. New measures were announced including the establishment of working groups in each County and County Borough area. It was suggested that one elected member or a member from each electoral area be nominated to this working group.

On the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Gavin, the Council agreed to nominate one member from each electoral area, at the relevant area meetings and the nominations to be ratified by the Council.

DRAFT LITTER ACTION PLAN 3891

The Draft Litter Action Plan which was circulated to Members was introduced by Mr. D. Nelson, Deputy County Manager who briefly outlined its contents, referring specifically to the Council's activities in the area of community involvement in litter prevention and litter abatement.

The Members welcomed and adopted the plan on the proposal of Councillor Gavin, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain. The Members stated that everyone must

be made aware of the litter problem and become responsible for same. The following areas were highlighted by the Members as needing particular attention.

Deputy Connaughton highlighted cases where some private refuse collectors are operating at a loss. The dumping charges were increased recently and as a result the private operators are unable to recoup this increase from their customers. It was requested that where possible, advance notice of any proposed increase in charges to be given to private operators.

The Members complimented the Environment Section on its Clean Up and Litter Awareness Campaign that is conducted yearly, which has helped to create a greater awareness amongst schools and community groups. It was stated that people should be made more aware of the penalties/fines involved if prosecuted for illegal dumping etc.

Deputy McCormack asked when a report on alternative systems to land-fill sites for the disposal of rubbish would be presented to the Council. He stated that there is no alternative site available to the city within a twenty mile radius of Galway City and the existing dump at Carrowbrowne has only a few more years.

Councillor Ryan stated that there is no private refuse collection in his area, and following the closure of the dumps in Glenamaddy, Dunmore and Ballygar the disposal of rubbish is becoming an ever increasing problem. He requested that skips be provided in the Moylough/Kilkerrin/Loughrea areas to help alleviate this problem. Councillor O'Sullivan reiterated same and requested that the Council should make it attractive to people to dispose of their litter correctly.

Mr. D. Nelson, Deputy County Manager thanked the Members for their comments. He stated that individual action plans are prepared on an annual basis and presented to the Council. In 1997, he stated, particular emphasis will be placed on the problem of litter outside Take-Away food outlets, bus shelters, cash dispensers (A.T.M.'s), etc. He said that at present, the onus is on local authorities to prove that someone has committed an offence under the Litter Act 1982. However, the 1996 Litter Bill will provide greater lee-way to local authorities for prosecutions.

Mr. Nelson also confirmed that Galway County Council are implementing the objectives laid out in the Council's Waste Disposal Plan. The Environmental Protection Agency will be responsible for the licensing of land-fill sites, which may come into force later this year or early 1997. The E.P.A. will set out precisely the work local authorities must carry out on existing landfill sites and remedial works on those sites no longer in use. The principle "The Polluter Pays" will be evident in increased charges.

Alternatives to land-fill sites are being examined at present, and consultants have been appointed to study waste disposal plans for the entire Connacht Region wherein all options will be considered. A report will be presented to the Council in due course.

The Deputy County Manager complimented and paid tribute to the various community groups, Tidy Town Committees, Youth Clubs, Schools, etc. within the County for their work on improving their environment, and same is evident by their success in recent Tidy Town and Village Competitions, especially towns of Milltown, Mountbellew and Portumna.

VISIT TO COILLTE FOREST AREAS

3892

An invitation from Mr. Vivian Ryan, Regional Officer, Coillte was extended to the Members and Officials of Galway County Council to a tour of forest areas in Mountbellew and Ballygar. On the proposal of Councillor Gavin, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, the Council agreed to visit same on Wednesday, 30th October, 1996.

TO CONSIDER REPORTS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

3893

On the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Senator McDonagh, the Council agreed to adjourn discussion on these reports. A Special Meeting to be allocated for the discussion of these extremely important reports when the Review of the County Development Plan is completed.

PROGRESS REPORT ON HOUSING MAINTENANCE

3894

Mr. D. Barrett, Administrative Officer, Housing Section gave a brief outline of the Progress Report on Housing Maintenance to the Members. A copy of the report dated 16th September, 1996 was circulated to the Members.

The Members welcomed and noted the contents of the report. They complimented the housing staff on their achievements given the limited financial resources available to them. The Members queried the state of the current housing stock, in particular, demountable dwellings. Councillor Mullins stated that demountable dwellings were a short-term solution to serious housing problems which existed a few years ago. He requested that a deputation should meet the Minister and request a once-off allocation of monies to provide alternative accommodation to demountable dwellings.

Councillor Mullins proposed that the Council should seek funds to eliminate demountable dwellings once and for all. This was seconded by Councillor Hussey.

On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, it was also requested that a submission be sent to the Department for the introduction of a scheme for the phasing out of demountable dwellings and the scheme to include certain dwelling houses in rural areas. This would help relieve the pressure on the Council for Essential Repair Grants.

Mr. D. Nelson, Deputy County Manager said that the problem in relation to demountable dwellings was that the people do not want to move to another area, and given these circumstances all the Council can do is phase out the use of demountable dwellings.

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain stated that the Council should, where possible, plan for small housing estates in rural areas which will cater for problems of rural areas. He queried the situation regarding the Council's land-bank and emphasised the need for forward planning.

Mr. Barrett thanked the Members for their comments. In regard to the queries raised, he stated that according to figures of March, 1996 that Galway County Council has 1585 houses. He stated that the request for repairs vary from major work such as replacing windows to minor work. He pointed out that a certain percentage of the housing stock is old and in need of replacement.

He stated that the Council's policy of phasing out demountable dwellings is on-going. Most demountable dwellings are occupied by elderly people who are not willing to take housing elsewhere. The Council, he stated, are presently drawing up a programme to provide water and sewerage facilities to demountable dwellings. This expenditure will be met from capital monies, and is approved by the Department of the Environment.

Mr. Barrett stated that the Council does have a land-bank which is continually reviewed. The Council has some sites in the Connemara area, but wishes to increase same where possible. Mr. Barrett informed the Members that the houses being built at present are all fitted with PVC windows and hard-wood doors etc. and it is hoped that on-going maintenance problems will be reduced in the future.

IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN LIEU OF LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING

3895

A report dated 16/9/1996 on the current situation on Improvement Works in Lieu of Local Authority Housing was circulated to the Members. Mr. D. Barrett, Administrative Officer, Housing Section gave a brief synopsis of the report. He said that the scheme was introduced in 1991 and enables the County Council to improve or extend privately owned dwelling-houses for eligible applicants, as an alternative to the provision of local authority houses. Difficulties have arisen in dealing with applications for these works, i.e. delays seeking planning permission, etc. and also there is a limit as to the amount of money to be spent on each case. Mr. Barrett said that the Council is considering a suggestion that applicants should seek planning permission and get contractors themselves.

On the proposal of Councillor Mullins, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain the Members welcomed the report and the above suggestion. The Members stressed that where possible, an applicant should know within six months of applying, whether their application is successful in principle or not. Deputy O'Cuiv requested that additional funding be sought from the Department to deal with the applications on

hands, as the Council is being faced with an increased number of applications each year.

CONFERENCES

3896

The following Members were nominated and agreed to attend the Conferences outlined below on the recommendations of the Finance Committee, on the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan:-

General Council of County Council's Seminar - Killarney - 5/10/1996

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

A.M.A.I. Conference - Arklow - 16/19th September

Senator J. McDonagh substituted for Councillor T. Byrne.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1996 PEOPLE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

3897

The following nominations were agreed by the Council:-

Mr. John Maughan, Manager of Mayo Senior Football Team was proposed by Councillor Gavin, seconded by Councillor Varley.

Mr. Niall Johnson, C.E.O. of West of Ireland Cardiology Service was proposed by Councillor Gavin, seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

Dr. Kieran Daly, Cardiology Department, University College Hospital was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Callanan.

Mr. P.J. Fahy, Managing Director of C.D.S. Teo, Cornamona was nominated on the proposal of Deputy O'Cuiv, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain.

Mr. Pat McDonagh, Managing Director of Supermacs was proposed by Councillor Mullins, seconded by Councillor Callanan.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

3898

Clifden Courthouse

Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager, informed the Members that a preliminary report on Clifden Courthouse was received and forwarded to the Department of Justice. The Members noted same.

Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge

Mr. Kavanagh read a letter from the Department of the Environment on the Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge Project, wherein it states that the cost of the scheme, including site investigation etc. could be met by the Council's own resources supplemented by the annual discretionary improvement grant from the Department of the Environment. The Members noted the correspondence which had been circulated.

Islands

Mr. Kavanagh stated that a grant of £60,000 was notified by the Department of the Taoiseach for the Islands.

£20,000	-	Feasibility Study for Kilonan Pier
£20,000	-	Feasibility Study for dredging of Inishboffin Harbour
£20,000	-	Feasibility Study for improvement works for Cleggan Pier.

The Members expressed dissatisfaction at the grant allocated, i.e. £60,000 out of a £1m grant allocation, considering that 50% of the Island population is on Galway Islands. They requested that a letter be sent immediately to the Minister, Mr. Donal Carey outlining same.

Reservoir on Inis Oirr

Mr. Kavanagh informed Members that the Council received approval to prepare Contract Documents for the construction of 300,000 gallon reservoir on Inis Oirr. The max. grant allocated is £250,000. The Members noted the correspondence and welcomed same.

Housing

Galway County Council received approval for 10 extra houses onto existing housing allocation. The Members welcomed and noted the correspondence.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

3899

Headage Payments

On the proposal of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it was requested that a letter be sent to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry to request that Headage and Premium Payments be paid immediately. This will ease the burden on farmers seriously affected by the reduction in cattle prices arising from the B.S.E. crises.

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain raised the issue of allocation of monies to the Connemara sewerage and water schemes under the Structural and Cohesion Funds, and requested same to be an item on the next agenda.

Deputy O'Cuiv requested that Local Improvement Schemes be an item on the next agenda.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

N.O.M. NO. 15 - TRAFFIC COUNT - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3900

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"Galway County Council will carry out a traffic count at this location in the near future."

N.O.M. NO. 16 - ROAD LINING - CLLR. M. FAHY 3901

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"This is the National Secondary route N.18 and the road at this junction is too narrow to facilitate the provision of a traffic island. The statutory signs are in place on the county roads approaching the junction."

N.O.M. NO. 17 - DRUMACOO CEMETERY - CLLR. M. FAHY 3902

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"I am to inform you that works were carried out in 1994 including the widening of the access road to allow for extra car parking. There is a double gate at the burial ground entrance to allow access for a wheelchair, the key for which is available from the burial ground caretaker, Mr. Thomas Keenan, Drumacoo, Kilcolgan (Phone number 796130). No other funds can be made available to finance further works on this burial ground."

N.O.M. NO. 18 - TRAFFIC ISLAND - CLLR. M. FAHY 3903

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"This location is being examined with a view to preparing a low cost accident scheme for 1997."

N.O.M. NO. 19 - ROADSIDE VERGES - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN 3904

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

"There are no plans to carry out the above work in the current year. However, the situation will be reviewed for 1997."

N.O.M. NO. 20 - LITTER BINS - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3905

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"I am to inform you that five new litter bins have recently been placed in Annaghdown.

I also wish to advise that a draft litter action plan has now been prepared for the County. Following its adoption the Council will be reviewing its arrangement for both the provision and emptying of litter bins throughout the County".

N.O.M. NO. 21 - WORKS AT DOIRE LOCHAIN THJAR - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3906

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"This work will be carried out by the end of this year."

N.O.M. NO. 22 - ROAD WORKS - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3907

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"There are no proposals to carry out work at either of these locations this year. It is hoped to carry out surface dressing on a number of short sections on the Collinamuck Porridgetown road as part of the Road Restoration work."

N.O.M. NO. 23 - ROAD WORKS - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3908

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"There are no plans to provide hard-shoulder at above location.

A footpath was provided from Lough Cutra to the school and a path was provided on the South side from the school to the serving houses".

N.O.M. NO. 24 - ROAD - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3909

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"This matter is being investigated at present and a reply will be available for the next meeting."

N.O.M. NO 25 - VILLAGE SIGNS - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3910

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"This matter is being investigated at present and a reply will be available for the next meeting."

N.O.M. NO. 26 - ROUNDSTONE WATER SUPPLY - DEPUTY P. MC CORMACK 3911

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"I refer to your Notice of Motion in connection with the Roundstone Public Water Supply.

I attach herewith a Report on the recent contamination of the Roundstone Public Water Supply.

To date, all requests for information by the public have been promptly dealt with and copies of water analysis reports have been provided on request.

REPORT ON ROUNDSTONE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

Background

On 28th August 1996, Galway County Council were notified by the Western Health Board that samples of drinking water taken from the Roundstone Public Water Supply indicated that the water was unfit for human consumption due to the presence of faecal organisms i.e. E.Coli.

Alternative Arrangements

Arrangements were made to notify the public immediately and within 24 hours an alternative supply of drinking water was made available in the centre of Roundstone village. This was further extended to serve some old persons' dwellings in Roundstone and other areas.

Testing of Water

Testing of all Public Water Supplies is carried out on a routine basis by the Western Health Board acting as agents for Galway County Council. Where incidents of contamination occur, or where there are known areas of risk, the level of sampling is increased and is also supplemented by sampling by the Council's Laboratory Staff. Samples were taken in Roundstone almost on a daily basis since the first

unsatisfactory result was received and are continuing in order to determine the specific causes of the faecal contamination.

Roundstone Water Supply Scheme

The Water Supply Scheme in Roundstone was designed and constructed many years ago, when the demand for water was met by the capacity of the Scheme. While some improvements have been carried out in recent years, the only long term solution is a major upgrading of the treatment and distribution system. A Preliminary Report was submitted to the Department of the Environment in May 1994 and approval to proceed is awaited. The water and sewerage requirements of Roundstone are also included in the EU Cohesion Fund application entitled the "Connemara Environment Project" submitted to the Department of the Environment in 1994.

Present Situation

Analysis of samples taken on 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th September from the Roundstone Public Water Supply in Roundstone Village indicate that there is no Coliform content and thus the water is free from bacteriological contamination. Some levels of Coliform have been found in Inisnee Group Water Supply Scheme and this is being addressed by the Group Trustees in consultation with the Council.

The Water Tanks used for providing the alternative supply have been left in the area to facilitate consumers who wish to continue using the alternative supply, until clear results are reported on all schemes involved."

N.O.M. NO. 27 - ROAD SAFETY MEASURES - SEN. J. 3912 MCDONAGH

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"Accident reduction measures have been taken at this location over the last number of years and the frequency of accidents has dropped over that time."

N.O.M. NO. 28 - DEMOUNTABLE DWELLING - SEN. J. 3913 MC DONAGH

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"The Council has recently received approval from the Department of the Environment to provide funds for the provision of water and sewerage facilities in demountable dwellings where this is feasible. A programme of works is being drawn up at present and Mr. O'Brien's application will be considered in the context of this programme."

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

N.O.M. NO. 29 - ROADSIDE DRAINS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3914

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"This matter is being investigated at present and a reply will be available for the next meeting."

N.O.M. NO. 30 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 3915

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

"Cuirfear an bóthar seo san áireamh nuair a mbeidh Clár na mbóthre 1997 á ullmhú."

N.O.M. NO. 31 - SOLAS POIBLI - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 3916

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

"Cuirfear an láthair seo san áireamh nuair a mbeidh Clár Soilsí Poiblí 1997 á ullmhú."

N.O.M. NO. 32 - DROICHEAD - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 3917

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

"Tá struchtúr an droichead seo ar fheabhas. Níl aon airgead curtha ar fáil sna meastachan i mbliana le haghaidh an droichead a leathmu."

N.O.M. NO. 33 - UPDATED REPORTS - DEPUTY E. O'CUIV 3918

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

"This can be arranged if agreed by the Council. It might be advisable for the Council to agree on what months each report should be submitted. If necessary, I could draft a proposed schedule for the Council's approval."

N.O.M. NO. 34 - CLYDAGH JUNCTION - CLLR. S. O'NEAHTAIN 3919

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

"It is intended to carry out these works within the next 6 months provided agreement can be reached with the landowner."

N.O.M. NO. 35 - FOOTPATHS - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 3920

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

"These footpaths will be repaired in the coming weeks and the costs will be recouped from Telecom Eireann."

**N.O.M. NO. 36 - INIS OIRR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY - 3921
CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN**

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

"I wish to inform you that a Preliminary Report on the provision of additional storage facilities and the enhancement of the existing source was forwarded to the Department of Environment in April, 1994."

In light of the difficulties encountered in 1996, a proposal to advance an element of the works proposed in the Preliminary Report i.e. to provide additional storage capacity on the Island, was submitted to the Department of the Environment on 21st August 1996. This proposal was submitted in order to ensure that the situation which occurred this Summer will not be repeated while awaiting by the EU to the Connemara Environment Project Cohesion Fund Application."

Approval has recently been granted by the Minister for the Environment to prepare contract documents for a 300,000 gallon reservoir and ancillary work on Inis Oirr."

N.O.M. NO. 37 - ROAD WORKS - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 3922

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

"This matter is being investigated at present and a reply will be available for the next meeting."

**N.O.M. NO. 38 - ROAD AT KILL, KILTORMER - CLLR. 3923
P. O'SULLIVAN**

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

"The question of improving sight distance at the junction in question can be considered under the 1997 Community Involvement in Roadworks Scheme provided an application is submitted by the local community. The scheme will be advertised in the local papers within the next few weeks. In the meantime, it would be beneficial if the relevant landowners would cut their hedges."

N.O.M. NO. 39 - LITTER BINS - CLLR. E. VARLEY

3924

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"I am to inform you that five new litter bins have recently been placed in Annaghdown.

I also wish to advise you that a draft litter action plan has now been prepared for the County. Following its adoption the Council will be reviewing its arrangement for both the provision and emptying of litter bins throughout the County."

N.O.M. NO. 40 - VERGE TRIMMING - CLLR. E. VARLEY

3925

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"Due to lack of funds, there are no plans to carry out verge trimming at the above location at present."

N.O.M. NO. 41 - ROAD - CLLR. E. VARLEY

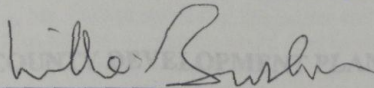
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The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"This is a junction with a non-public road. Accordingly the Council has no plans to carry out improvement works at this location."

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Submitted, Approved + Signed:



Chairman

18/10/96

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNTY BUILDINGS,
GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER, 1996**

Cathaoirleach:-

Councillor W. Burke

Bail:-

Cllrs. 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, J. Mannion, 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. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley and T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:-

Messrs. D. Nelson, Deputy County Manager, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, E. Power, A/County Secretary, B. Callagy, S.E.E., T. Connell, S.S.O. & B. Ginnelly, C.T.

Thosnaigh an crinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

3881

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mr. John Dempsey, Laughhill, Moylough, Co. Galway.

REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

3882

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Council must consider the submissions received on the Draft County Development Plan and that the submissions must be examined within three meetings. He stated that they would first deal with submissions numbers 1 - 16 on the rezoning of lands from community facilities to residential at Seapoint, Barna and he outlined the Planning Officer's report and recommendation which was to defer the entire rezoning proposals for consideration in the Barna Action Plan.

Cllr. O'Neachtain expressed his agreement with the Planning Officer's comment in respect to the submissions numbers 1 - 16 and added that the problems associated with zoning in Barna have come to light. He continued stating that the Review of the County Development Plan afforded people in the area to come forward with their submissions in a very democratic manner. This particular area is under pressure for further development. He added that the area must have community facilities and that the detailed action plan for this location must have the same public input. He was personally delighted that this exercise had taken place and felt that there had been great public involvement in the Review of the Draft County Development Plan.

Cllr. Gavin stated that everything had been expressed by Cllr. O'Neachtain and added that Barna was one of the most interesting areas in the County with a great deal of discussion on same. He stated that there were very traditional views voiced in some of the submissions whereby the natives of the area expressed one particular view while others took a different outlook in their submission. He added that a detailed plan of Barna should look at the overall situation of this area and requested to know the timetable for the preparation of this plan and the situation regarding the public participation.

Mr. Callagy advised the meeting that when the County Development Plan is completed, the plan for Barna village will then be considered. He added that the preliminary work had already started.

Cllr. Gavin wished to know if it would create problems with the County Development Plan in the sense of a separate plan. Mr. Callagy advised the Councillor that the Action Plan for Barna would be incorporated in to the County Development Plan where necessary.

Cllr. Gavin requested clarification on how planning applications would be dealt with after December when the County Development Plan is adopted and the Action Plan is being prepared. He was advised by the Deputy County Manager that applications would be dealt with in accordance with the new County Development Plan.

Mr. Callagy complimented the groups who made submissions on the Barna area. He stated that their submissions were not incompatible and highlighted the groups constructive approach. They suggested alternatives in relation to community facilities and examined other areas. The contentious area was around the national school. Regarding the zoning, Mr. Callagy stated that this matter could be addressed in more detail in the Action Plan but the community would need to talk to the school trustees and the parish priest on this matter together with the Department of Education. Cllr. Gavin expressed his agreement with this proposal and added that the group had found Mr. Callagy very constructive in his approach also.

The Planning Officer's recommendation on submission numbers 1 - 16 was agreed acceptable by the members.

The Council considered submission numbers 17 - 27 which related to the zoning of lands for amenity purposes at New Village, Barna. The Planning Officer's recommendation was to rezone the lands for agricultural use subject to a statement

that buildings would be prohibited within 300 ft. of the high water mark as outlined in the zoning.

Cllr. O'Neachtain proposed acceptance of this recommendation and this proposal was seconded by Deputy McCormack. Cllr. Gavin expressed his agreement with the proposal as outlined. Cllr. Ni Fhatharta congratulated the Council on meeting the groups in the area and in accepting their submission.

The Council then dealt with submission numbers 28, 29 and 30 which referred to the rezoning of lands for amenity purposes at Freeport, Barna.

Mr. Callagy advised the members that this was a similar submission to that of number 17 - 27 and his recommendation was to rezone the land to residential development subject to a stated objective for an integrated development plan for the area. The plan would allow for visual amenity along the foreshore as part of the residential development layout. Finally the development density should not exceed 6 houses per acre. This proposal was agreed acceptable by the members.

Submission number 31 from Edward and Ruth Fagan & Others in relation to the rezoning of land for community facilities at Freeport, Barna was then considered by the elected members.

Mr. Callagy advised the meeting that the area in regard to this submission was located around the national school. He stated that this was a good submission which had far reaching proposals. Mr. Callagy stated that it would be premature to change the zoning at this location and that the question was too complex to be decided on in the context of the County Development Plan. He felt that it could be considered in more detail in the Action Plan being prepared for Barna which was at a preliminary stage at the moment. At present, the proposed rezoning would only benefit the landowners at the expense of the community needs. He added that liaison will be required between the local education authorities, the Department of Education, community representatives and the Planning Authority before any rezoning decisions are made in regard to this location. Cllr. Gavin voiced his agreement with the proposal to defer this matter to the proposed Action Plan for Barna.

Cllr. O'Neachtain also expressed his agreement to defer this matter but he questioned the value of the zoning of land for community facilities. He added that if the local people were in a position to come up with alternatives to this site, it would be to the betterment of the community and that additional needs would have to be taken into consideration. The siting of the school at this location must be questioned. He felt that there should be a new community zoning area in the Barna village.

The Council members then dealt with submission number 32 from the Barna Residents Association which related to with the Barna zoning plan.

Mr. Callagy referred to the number of meetings he had held with the Residents Association and pointed out the main aspects of their submission which dealt with the village bypass road, public transport and shelters, public sewerage scheme/housing density, the expansion of the national school and parking demand, the community

facilities/amenity area and an enterprise zone. He added that this was a well thought out and comprehensive submission by the Residents Association. He added that many of the matters raised would be better examined in a detailed action plan for the area and that the present County Development Plan only provides broad zoning proposals for the Barna area. For the present he recommended the inclusion of a statement in the County Development Plan on the housing density for the area, this being 6 houses to the acre.

Cllr. Gavin referring to the Barna community groups stated that they agreed on the housing density for the area, this being 6 houses to an acre and were against urban sprawl. The Planning Officer's recommendation was proposed acceptable by Cllr. Gavin and this was seconded by Cllr. O'Neachtain.

Mr. Callagy outlined the details in regard to submission no. 33 which referred to a strip of land along the foreshore in Barna. He stated that it was proposed to rezone this land for agricultural use subject to a statement prohibiting buildings within 300 ft. of the high water mark and the recommendation was similar to that included in submission number 17 - 27. Cllr. Gavin expressed his agreement with this proposal. Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that he agreed with the overall trust of the recommendation and that the agricultural zoning was fair. The elected members agreed with the Planning Officer's recommendation.

Submission Number 34 from Coiste Pobail Barna on the Barna Zoning Plan was then considered by the elected members

Mr. Callagy summarised the submission which related to an objection to the Barna Residents Association submission on the Enterprise Centre at Freeport and the community facilities at Seapoint.

Mr. Callagy stated that it criticised the lack of a detailed Development Plan and resulting system of development control policy and requested the retention of the 1985 residential zoning in its entirety. The submission requested that New Village, Lacklea and Freeport be rezoned residential, that Barna sewerage scheme be connected to Galway City, that secondary sewage treatment units be allowed instead of septic tanks in agricultural zones. It requested that the Barna Bypass Road be used as a local distributor road, that the existing small beaches in plan area be maintained the same size and that community facilities zoning at the school be changed to residential.

The Planning Officer made a comment on all the aspects of the submission and made the following recommendation that the Council defer rezoning at the national school for consideration under the detailed Action Plan for the area and in regard to the rezoning proposal to be included the 1985 residential zoning, this should await a detailed Barna development plan. In regard to the rezoning of the community facilities at the school to that of residential, he proposed that the present zoning should be retained until the question can be examined in more detail in the development plan for Barna. He also requested that the rezoning of the amenity at Seapoint be deferred as recommended in submission numbers 28, 29 and 30.

Cllr. Gavin referring to the connection of Barna to the City sewerage scheme and to the bypass road stated that these were crucial points and at meetings held in the area great concern was voiced about them. He requested to know what was going to happen with lack of funding for such projects.

Cllr. O'Neachtain referring to the preparation of an Action Plan requested that the road layout be one of the first priorities of this plan. The Councillor added that a sewerage link to Galway City was also a necessary development for the area.

Deputy McCormack stated that he had attended meetings in Barna and that the people there were expressing a desire that the area be serviced with a sewerage scheme connected to Galway City.

Mr. Callagy stated that if a sewerage scheme was put in place, there would be a higher density of houses in the Barna area with resulting increase in traffic. In regard to the small beaches, it was agreed that the wording be amended to read as follows "existing small beaches in plan area not to be developed" rather than enlarged. The Planning Officer's recommendation on submission number 34 was agreed acceptable by the members.

Mr. Callagy then referred to submission number 35 from Barna Fianna Fail Cumann which dealt with the Barna zoning plan. A summary of the submission considered the bypass road system, the sewerage system, the land use zoning, the community centre, pier and beaches and the enterprise zone. He outlined his comments on the various headings and submitted his recommendation which was that the proposed zoning changes at New Village, Seapoint, Freeport be accepted. The other proposals he recommended for consideration in the more detailed Action Plan for Barna. In regard to the roads and sewerage questions, this would require further discussion and liaison and the remaining topics would be considered in the Action Plan.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that the people living in this area were concerned about the lack of a proper road system. He felt that there was a lack of planning in this area and added that the Council should note the proposals in the City Plan which would affect the County in this regard. He added that chaos will result if the road system is not addressed.

Cllr. Gavin expressed his support for Cllr. O'Neachtain. He questioned the cost of preparing an Action Plan for the village and wished to know if the cost is provided for in the estimates.

Mr. Callagy advised the Councillor that it would depend on who was preparing the plan and that it is proposed to do the work in-house rather than appointing consultants in the preparation of the Barna Plan.

The Council then agreed with the Planning Officer's recommendation on submission number 35.

Submission number 36 from Simon J. Kelly on the Barna Zoning Plan was then considered by the members. Mr. Callagy went through the submission and summarised

it as follows. It dealt with the route of Galway/Furbo bypass road, the sliproads for existing development on the R336 and the sewerage system in the village.

He stated that the points raised in the submission were valid and would be examined in more detail in the context of the Action Plan for Barna village. This was agreed acceptable by the members.

The Council members then dealt with submission number 37 and 38 from Coiste Forbartha na Forbarcha and Caroline Geraghty and others (Furbo Environs) which dealt with Forbarcha and its environs. Mr. Callagy stated that he had met the people from the area who subsequently made the submission on which he gave a summary of the main points. They dealt with Furbo being excluded as a development centre, the rezoning of Furbo and its environs, the use of Gaeltacht names in the Plan, the upgrading of the R336 as a matter of urgency, the linguistic impact statement applying to 2 houses or more instead of 4 houses as is in the Draft Plan. Mr. Callagy outlined his recommendations which were to exclude Furbo as a development centre. He added that Ballinahown could also be excluded on the grounds of existing low density development and low development demand together with the absence and probably low priority for Government funding for sewerage infrastructure for the area. He proposed to include Barna and its environs in Category 2 as a High Scenic Amenity Area. This area to include the inhabited location along the coast as far as Barna Plan boundary. He proposed to include the amendments to the R336 roadway together with providing for the linguistic impact statement as a requirement in excess of 2 houses instead of 4.

Cllr. Gavin stated that the *linguistic impact requirement comes into play in the Furbo area*. He requested to know if permission could be refused for the lack of a linguistic impact requirement when processing a planning application. He added that he did not particularly like to have a village zoned.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that the Furbo area was under pressure from developments expanding out from Galway City. He noted its inclusion as a high amenity area. In reference to the linguistic impact statement which he said should have been brought in years ago, he supported the proposal to provide for such a study when 2 or more houses are being built.

Deputy O'Cuiv referring to the development centre issue stated that if it relates to urban type development he would be in favour of it but if it would lead to Furbo not having a centre as a community, he would be opposed to such a proposal. He added that he would like to identify an area in which development is in terms of community facilities and used the example of a chemist being part of a village structure.

The Deputy stated that he was delighted that communities were requesting the strengthening of the Irish language and requested to know if permission could be refused where a language impact deficiency exists in the application. In relation to commercial development, he accepted that there was a right to limit such development.

Cllr. Ni Fhatharta referring to these submissions stated that they should also have been circulated in Irish. She added that people living in the Gaeltacht area feel that the

linguistic impact statement is of great importance to them. Deputy O'Cuiv added that in Wales everything is produced bilingual in both the Welsh language and the English language. Mr. Callagy in replying to Cllr. Gavin stated that it was national policy of the Government to strengthen the Irish language and he felt that they should include a linguistic impact provision in the County Development Plan. He expressed his agreement with Deputy O'Cuiv's point on development centres and added that it was not the intention of the Planning Authority to refuse permission for the example referred to by the Deputy. He added that it would be advisable to obtain legal advice on the linguistic impact statement requirement. He acknowledged Cllr. NI Fhatharta's point regarding the replies in Irish and expressed his regret that the time-scale did not allow for such a submission. The members agreed with the Planning Officer's recommendation in regard to submission numbers 37 and 38.

The Council then dealt with submission numbers 39, 40 and 41 from Cashel House Hotel, Zetland House Hotel and R. Jocelyn which related to the amenity zoning in the Cashel area.

Mr. Callagy outlined the submission on which the writers expressed their fear that changing the amenity classification of the Cashel area would mean that the amenity value of the area would be more seriously affected. He also advised that the amenity zoning classification had been altered but the amenity preservation objective was still the same. The change in zoning only means that industrial development namely the Udaras and Co-Ops and commercial development would be permissible in locations where it would not detract from the scenic amenity value. However, he added that at a more detailed level the widening of exceptional clauses will lead to further development of the area and the slow erosion of its amenity value. The Planning Officer recommended that there be no action taken under this submission.

Deputy O'Cuiv, referring to the two classifications of amenity in the Connemara area, stated that he did not understand why there should be two types of zonings. He requested to know what was the difference. Mr. Callagy stated that the only difference existed in the physical features and the allowance of industrial/commercial development in the high amenity zoning. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that it causes confusion in having the two areas and requested to know if the Udaras would be allowed to built in the Outstanding Scenic Amenity area. Cllr. O'Neill expressed his agreement with the Deputy and requested to know was the Council suggesting that there would be no industrial development in the Outstanding Scenic Amenity area. Cllr. Mannion expressed his agreement with the points raised. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that the same conditions should apply to both areas and that a division was being created between the two classifications which did not exist.

Mr. Callagy stated that the distinction was made to allow for the role of the Udaras, who were more restricted in site selection. He added that the area of Outstanding Scenic amenity was a far more vulnerable landscape and had to be protected. Cllr. O'Neill stated that you are directing people out of one area and into another area as a result of this categorisation. Mr. Callagy informed the meeting that he would re-examine these categories of zoning and revert to the members at a later stage. The recommendation from the Planning Officer in regard to submission numbers 39, 40 and 41 was agreed acceptable by the members.

Submission No. 42 from Paid O Donnchu, Na Forbacha which dealt with the Gaeltacht was outlined by Mr. Callagy. The submission considered Gaeltacht place names in Irish, the linguistic impact provision and the category 2 zoning in the Furbo area. Mr. Callagy stated that it was an excellent submission on the Irish language policy and included a copy of the UK Welsh office circular entitled "The Welsh Language Development Planning Control". He referred to his recommendation on the use of Irish stating that all signage should be in Irish together with all Gaeltacht place names in the Plan. In respect to the linguistic impact statement, he stated that this should apply to all planning applications for housing development in the Gaeltacht area including single homes and also to all commercial/industrial development. He proposed including an objective in this regard, the contents of which he outlined to the members.

Cllr. O'Neachtain stated that it was very interesting to see how far the Welsh have gone to preserve their language and culture. He agreed with the proposal that linguistic impact statements should apply to all developments in the Gaeltacht areas and added that signs should be in Irish in the Gaeltacht, in a sense they should reflect the ethos of the area. He proposed acceptance of the Planning Officer's recommendation.

Cllr. Ni Fhatharta expressed agreement with the Planning Officer that a linguistic impact statement should apply to all types of development in the Gaeltacht areas.

The Council members agreed with the Planning Officer's recommendation on submission number 42.

Submission number 43 from the I.F.A. Connemara Branch dealt with Derelict Sites, Forestry, Turf Cutting and Consultation. The Planning Officer outlined his comments on the submission and recommended that the following objective be included in Section 2.2.8 "to have regard to the social impact of afforestation in respect of spacial isolation of dwellinghouse and to have regard to the wealth and employment creation potential of afforestation in rural areas particularly in areas of low agricultural quality".

Cllr. T. Walsh referring to the comments on turf cutting which was highlighted in the submission expressed his disagreement with the particular statement. He stated that turf cutting was a means of livelihood and while some activities are unsuitable for some bogs you cannot make a decision to ban it completely. He added that it infringes on the rights of people to provide fuel for themselves. Mr. Callagy advised the Councillor that it was only a comment made on the submission and that it would be omitted if wished. The Chairman added that there was no recommendation to ban turf cutting.

Cllr. T. Byrne requested to know what the definition of exempted development was and stated there should be a list of developments in the Plan which were exempted by law. Cllr. Ni Fhatharta seconded this proposal. Mr. Callagy stated that it would be included. Cllr. Callanan expressed his agreement with the comments of Cllr. Walsh in relation to turf cutting.

Deputy O Cuiv stated that he was in agreement with the recommendation on forestry and added that it should be included in the Plan. He stated that forestry had provided

200 jobs in his area. He informed the meeting that there was a problem in Connemara with respect to turf cutting with certain areas being destroyed by it. He felt that it was a question that the I.F.A. should have addressed.

Cllr. Quinn stated that she welcomed afforestation for marginal type of land but would be against it being located on good land as it would take away from farmers livelihood. She expressed the view that a land agency should be established.

Mr. Callagy stated that turf cutting was a matter to be dealt with by the Office of Public Works and the comments viewed in the submission related to Connemara only. The Planning Officer's recommendation on submission number 42 was accepted by the members.

Submission no. 44 from Kieran Walsh, Clonbur which dealt with development in Outstanding Scenic Amenity Areas in particular near Clonbur was outlined by Mr. Callagy. He stated in a summary of the submission that it considered the abuse of family housing need claim, redevelopment of ruins of farm buildings, destruction of stone walls, unsympathetically designed new buildings, Section 4 planning resolution and other matters. Mr. Callagy stated that it was a reflective submission on which he had made a recommendation for no change in the Draft Plan. The acceptance of the Planning Officer's recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

Deputy McCormack stated that there was a conflict in the submission by Mr. Walsh regarding the preserving of areas of amenity. He stated that he did not believe Mr. Walsh was serious in his comments on Section 4's as it was the democratic way to do things and was not anti-Government as the Government itself brought it in. Deputy McCormack requested to know if the people who made submissions would be replied to in respect of their submission being incorporated into the Plan or not. The Chairman informed the Deputy that the people who made submissions will be advised of their outcome in due course.

The Council then dealt with submission number 45 from Joe Raftery of Roundstone which dealt with general comments on planning control and local reaction to planning matters. Mr. Callagy referring to the submission stated that 11 out of the 12 points made were noteworthy but referred to details on planning control and not necessarily the Development Plan. The remaining point contrasts length of Appendix H on Farm Waste with that of the Aquaculture extract. Mr. Callagy stated that the standards for agricultural activities were produced by the Department of Agriculture while aquaculture activity is largely exempted development because of its location outside of the County Council area. He also recommended that there be further discussion on a separate occasion about the proposed planning control suggestions and added that there were no amendments required to the Draft Plan. The Planning Officer's recommendation was agreed acceptable by the members.

Submission no. 46 from Priscilla McNamara, Ballyconneely in regard to amenity zoning. Mr. Callagy stated that this submission related to the experimental removal of the family housing need clause and the enurement clause in areas zoned amenity in the Ballyconneely/Roundstone area for the duration of the Plan. He recommended against

the inclusion of such a proposal. The adoption of the Planning Officer's recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Mannion.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON 18/09/1996
CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

CATHAOIRLEACH:

As Cathaoirleach: *W. Bush*

ILATHAIR PREISIN:

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Cllr. J. Brennan, J. Bush, T. Byrne,

J. Callahan, D. Collins, P. Connolly,

J. Conboy, J. Crotty, J. Doherty,

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Submitted, Approved + Signed:

Willie Bush

Chairman

18/10/96

Date

Thoroughly discussed and approved.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

3831

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:

Mrs. Gerie Kely, Airglorney, Tuam, Co. Galway,
Naomh Bean Uí Fíneáil, An Chéir, An Spidéal.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

3832

The Council passed a Vote of Congratulations to the Mayo Senior Football Team on their success in the All-Ireland Senior Football Semi-Final and wished them every success in the All-Ireland Final against Mayo.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

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

CATHAOIRLEACH: *An Comhairleoir W. Burke*

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. Mannion, 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.
Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley & T. Walsh.*

Oifigigh:

*Messrs. D. Nelson, Deputy Co. Manager, T.
Kavanagh, A/Asst. Co. Manager, E. Power,
A/Co. Secretary, J. Crotty, A/County
Engineer, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, D.
Barrett, A.O., T. Connell, S.S.O., L.
Kavanagh & D. Faherty, S.E.E.'s, M.
Mullery, S.O. & A. Comer, Asst. Planner.*

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

3831

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

*Mrs. Gertie Kiely, Airglooney, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Noirin Bean Uí Fhoighil, An Phairc, An Spideail.*

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

3832

The Council passed a Vote of Congratulations to the Mayo Senior Football Team on their success in the All-Ireland Senior Football Semi-Final and wished them every success in the All-Ireland Final against Meath.

The Council also passed a Vote of Congratulations to Councillor Michael Mullins on his recent Engagement, and wished him and his Fiancee every good wish for their future happiness together.

MINUTES

3833

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 12th July, 1996 were proposed for adoption by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Hussey and agreed by the Council.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 22nd July, 1996 were proposed for adoption by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Mannion and agreed by the Council.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 22nd July, 1996 were proposed for adoption by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan and agreed by the Council.

The Report of the Connemara Electoral Area Meeting held on 15th July, 1996 was proposed for adoption by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain and agreed by the Council

The Report of the Galway Electoral Area Meeting held on 8th July, 1996 was proposed for adoption by Senator McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Varley and agreed by the Council.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

MINUTE NO. 3788 - HOUSING MAINTENANCE

Councillor Gavin referred to this Minute and requested that Housing Maintenance be listed on the next agenda of the Council.

The Deputy County Manager in response referred to the comprehensive report on the housing activities of the Council which had been presented at the June Meeting of the Council. He indicated that a report would be prepared updating the housing maintenance aspect of this report for the Members. It was agreed that this item would be listed on the agenda for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

MINUTE NO. 3809 - TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Councillor Loughnane referred to the reply he received on the Notice of Motion No. 18 of the Meeting dated 22/7/1996. He indicated that this matter needed to be discussed and it was agreed that the issue of traffic calming measures at Kilcolgan would be referred to the next meeting of the Loughrea Area Committee.

SALE OF DWELLING AT GARDENFIELD

3834

The sale of the dwelling to Gardenfield Old School Restoration and Preservation Committee in accordance with the Section 83 Notice dated 2nd August, 1996 was proposed by Councillor Finnegan, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, and agreed by the Council.

SALE OF HOUSE AT BRACKLOON, DUNMORE

3835

The sale of house to Martina Gleeson in accordance with the Section 83 Notice dated 4th July, 1996 was proposed by Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Hussey and agreed by the Council.

SALE OF HOUSE AT KNOCKBOY, GURTEEN

3836

The sale of house to Patrick & Mary O'Connor in accordance with Section 83 Notice dated 4th July, 1996 was proposed by Councillor Mullins, seconded by Councillor Loughnane and agreed by the Council.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS) 1994**

3837

The Members had been circulated with this report concerning the provision of single rural houses with appropriate treatment facilities and extensions to dwelling-houses with appropriate treatment facilities listed below. The report was noted and agreed by the Council.

**PROVISION OF SINGLE RURAL HOUSES WITH APPROPRIATE
TREATMENT FACILITIES:-**

*Derrygoolin South, Whitegate
Ross, Kylebrack
Curry Eighter, Cumber
Carrownurlaur, Ballindine
Killeaney, Inishmore
Rossaveal
Ardmore, Kilkerrin*

*Cooltymuraghy, Aughrim
Magheramore, Killimor
Lismacteige, Kiltormer
Foorgloss, Ballyconneely
Doonreaghan, Cashel
Ballinahinch, Recess
Ard East, Carna*

**EXTENSION TO DWELLING-HOUSES WITH APPROPRIATE TREATMENT
FACILITIES:-**

*Liss, Abbeyknockmoy
Carrownurlaur, Milltown
Killasolan, Mountbellew.*

*Parkmore, Milltown
Sheeoun Park, Athenry*

TO NOTE AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE RIVER SUCK 3838
JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE FOR YEAR ENDED
31/12/1995

The noting of the Auditor's Report was proposed by Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Mannion, and agreed by the Council.

TO NOTE AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE WEST 3839
REGIONAL AUTHORITY FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/1994

The noting of the Auditor's Report was proposed by Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Quinn and agreed by the Council.

QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER IN IRELAND 1994 3840

Members had been circulated with a report outlining the main issues contained in the Environmental Protection Agency's Fourth National Report on the Quality of Drinking Water in Ireland 1994.

The Deputy County Manager outlined to the Meeting the relevance of the Quality Of Drinking Water For Human Consumption Regulations 1998 and the role of Galway County Council in relation to monitoring of drinking water. The role of the Environmental Protection Agency in relation to the compilation of results and the production of Annual Report was also outlined. The general findings of the 1994 E.P.A. Report were highlighted and the Deputy County Manager indicated that the majority of public schemes in Galway were satisfactory. In relation to Group Water Schemes, it was pointed out that the 1994 Monitoring Programme covered 215 schemes of the total of 450 schemes in County Galway. Exceedances of the parameters resulted from contamination of supplies from septic tanks and slurry pits which are improperly sited or badly maintained. It was pointed out, however, that over half the Group Scheme supplies showed no exceedances at all.

The Deputy County Manager referred to the difficulties for the Council in taking Group Water Schemes in charge. He referred again to the high cost of bringing the schemes up to the appropriate standard.

In the discussion which followed reference was made to the perceived improvement in water quality in Group Schemes in the County. Reference was also made to the fear among some consumers of the level of chlorination in water supplies. By way of clarification Mr. D. Faherty, S.E.E. advised that there was no change in the quality of drinking water in private schemes. He referred to external factors such as low rainfall which would have an impact on the water quality in such schemes. The results of the Council's monitoring of water supplies was available to consumers and in instances where difficulties arise in relation to the supply the Public are advised

immediately through the use of the Local Radio and Press. In relation to the chlorination of water supply, Mr. Faherty advised that chlorination was the standard form of water treatment world-wide. It was the only practical method of treating water supply and every public supply was treated in this way.

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain considered that the Council should have a policy in relation to the taking over of Group Water Schemes in order to ensure that the appropriate standard of water quality in these schemes is achieved and maintained. He considered it appropriate that all functions and responsibility in relation to Group Water Schemes should be devolved to Local Authorities. He called on the Government to assign responsibility for all matters associated with Group Water Schemes to Councils and to make available sufficient funding to allow them to carry out these functions and to take over Group Water Schemes.

In response the Deputy County Manager indicated that the Council did not have sufficient resources at present to take over Group Water Schemes. The cost to the Council of bringing these schemes up to the adequate standard would be considerable. He advised Members that seven schemes had been selected for a detailed examination to determine the feasibility and cost implications of taking these Group Schemes in charge. He indicated that a report on this matter would be placed before the Council for its September Meeting. He also referred to the Department of the Environment Grants which had been made available to Group Schemes to carry out improvements to the existing Group Scheme Network.

Concern was expressed by the Members that the quality of water in a number of Group Schemes. Particular reference was made to the Ballinacurry/Glinsk Group Water Scheme, the Corofin Group Water Scheme and the Group Water Scheme in Liss, Headford. It was agreed that the condition of these schemes would be investigated and a report would be prepared for the Council for its consideration. Concern was also expressed that the quality of drinking water in the Williamstown Public Supply was unsatisfactory. Reference was made to the availability of information in the event of difficulties arising with water supplies and it was considered that the public should be advised of any difficulties as early as possible.

Mr. Faherty, S.E.E. indicated that the report before the Council was the Environmental Protection Agency's Report for 1994. The details of the Council's monitoring for 1995 was already submitted to the E.P.A. and these would appear in the E.P.A.'s 1995 Report in due course. He emphasised that the information on the Council's monitoring was available to the public and could be readily accessed. The Deputy County Manager also emphasised that there was no difficulty for any member of the public accessing information in relation to the water quality testing results. Tests were being carried out on an on-going basis and any information in relation to same is readily available to the Public.

Concern was also expressed that all the Group Schemes had not been tested and that the format of the E.P.A. Report was not user-friendly. The work carried out by Farmers in recent years in relation to the protection of water sources was highlighted and it was considered that this work contributed to the improvement in water quality.

The work of the Environment Section in relation to the monitoring of water quality was commended and the Staff were complimented.

PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR TELE-COMMUNICATIONS ANTENNAE AND SUPPORT STRUCTURES

3841

The Members had been circulated with a Report on the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures. The Acting County Secretary outlined the main elements of the Report highlighting the aim of the guidelines, the reference made to the Development Plan and Development Control Policies in the guidelines. He indicated that it was proposed to incorporate the terms of the guidelines in the review of the County Development Plan.

Councillor Gavin expressed concern at the lack of national policy and he considered that some form of legislation was necessary in relation to an Independent Monitoring System of Telecommunications Antennae. He also highlighted the need for uniformity of Planning Authorities policies in relation to such telecommunications installations and antennae.

Mr. Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E. indicated that there was a limit on the duration of planning permission for such masts as circumstances and equipment may change over time. Deputy Connaughton queried if any difficulties were foreseen in relation to the sharing of facilities. In response Mr. Kavanagh indicated that the Council's objective was to require Operators to share masts and discussions had been held with Operators to achieve this objective. The monitoring of any emissions from the telecom equipment was also queried and Mr. Kavanagh indicated that at present the Operators were required to submit results taken by Independent Specialists to demonstrate compliance with the International Radiation Protection Association's Standards.

The Acting County Secretary also pointed out that it was planned to introduce legislation later this year to set up an independent regulator for the telecommunications sector. This independent regulator would be responsible on a nation-wide basis of emissions of non-ionising radiation for mobile telephone base station towers and MMDS masts. Accordingly, in these circumstances Planning Authorities need not include monitoring arrangements as part of the conditions of any planning permission.

The contents of the report and the guidelines for Planning Authorities were noted by the Council.

KILBEG/KNOCKFERRY BRIDGE PROJECT

3842

The Members had been circulated with a report dated 20th August, 1996 on this item. Deputy McCormack referred to the Notice of Motion which he had before the July Meeting of the Council and to the reply to same. He referred to the updated cost benefit study which concluded that the project was not economically feasible. He

indicated that the revised report was based on notional figures of traffic movements and not on actual figures. In the circumstances he considered the conclusions of the Consultants to be invalid. He indicated that he had had discussions with the Department of the Environment who indicated that the funding of the site investigation, environmental impact assessment and cost benefit analysis study for the Kilbeg/Knockferry Project was a matter for Galway County Council. He proposed that the Council fund this study and that £140,000 be allocated from the Council's discretionary grant allocation.

The Acting County Engineer indicated that the Consultants who carried out the recent updated feasibility report were satisfied that the project could not be considered economically feasible. He also emphasised that the benefits arising from the Kilbeg/Knockferry Crossing would be enjoyed by a relatively small number of users at a very high cost to the public. The Acting County Engineer considered that even having regard to the increased traffic volume figures quoted by Deputy McCormack, the benefit to the public from the proposed project would still be very limited. He also emphasised that the construction of a bridge also necessitated the construction of approach roads. It would be necessary to determine the cost of the bridge works together with the costs of construction of approach roads in order to determine the total construction costs of any bridge project. He also referred to the Department's Circular governing the use of discretionary grants and he indicated that the Council would not be permitted under the terms of the Department's Circulars to allocate £140,000 to a non-Local Authority project.

In the discussion which followed, reference was made to the commitment given by the present Taoiseach to make necessary funds available to build the Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge Project. Councillor McHugh called on Deputy McCormack to use his influence with the Government to honour this commitment. Councillor Varley rejected the Consultant's conclusion that the project would be uneconomic. She considered that the project when completed would enhance employment opportunities in the construction and tourism sectors. Senator McDonagh noted that there were many diverse views on the project. However, private investment and business interests continue to support the project proposal. He indicated that he was supporting Deputy McCormack's proposal. Councillor Gavin also supported the motion and indicated that he was formally seconding the motion. Deputy Connaughton who indicated his support for the motion called for the Department of the Environment to make additional funds available to have the study carried out. An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain considered that there were other priorities for the use of discretionary road grants and should funding be made available, it should be specific for this project and not impact upon the Council's general discretionary grant allocation. Deputy O'Cuiv also considered that the Department should make specific funds available to meet the £140,000 cost of undertaking the study.

Deputy McCormack in response to the debate indicated that he had supported the project for many years. The Department of the Environment suggested that the County Council should make a case for an additional £140,000 on Discretionary Grants. He reiterated his dissatisfaction with the traffic volumes on which the updated study's conclusion were based. He indicated that he would accept the results of a further study and cost benefit analysis to determine the viability of the project

and accordingly, he was seeking the allocation of the necessary funds to have this study carried out.

Deputy O'Cuiv suggested that a specific allocation from the Department to fund the study might be acceptable and he sought clarification on this point. The Chairman proposed that an application be made to the Department of the Environment for an additional special allocation of £140,000 in 1996 to fund the site investigation, E.I.S. and cost benefit analysis study. This proposal was seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan.

The Deputy County Manager referred to the Department's Circular in relation to the use of Discretionary Road Grants. He indicated that the Council was obliged to comply with the criteria set out by the Department and he noted that the project as proposed does not at present meet the criteria.

Following further discussion some Members considered that there was scope to use the Discretionary Grants to fund the study. It was agreed that the Department of the Environment would be asked to clarify the position regarding the use of the Discretionary Road Grant allocation for a non-local authority project.

CONFERENCES

3843

Seminar - Culture & Communication - Gweedore - 27/29th September, 1996

It was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee that Councillor K. Quinn, M. Regan and M. Ryan attend Bord na Gaeilge's National Seminar in Gweedore Gaeltacht, Co. Donegal.

A.M.A.I. Conference - Arklow - 17/19th September, 1996

It was agreed by the Council to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to the nomination of Councillors E. Varley, T. Walsh and T. Byrne to attend the A.M.A.I. conference in Arklow on the 17th to 19th September.

L.A.M.A. Conference - Belfast - 4/6th October, 1996

It was also agreed by the Council to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Councillors J. Mannion, J. Callanan, M. Cunningham and Deputy P. Connaughton be nominated to attend the L.A.M.A. Conference in Belfast.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

3844

Specific Grants for Improvement Works on Non-National roads 1996 Allocation

The Acting County Secretary read the correspondence from the Department of the Environment dated 14th August indicating that an additional allocation of £150,000

had been made to the Council for the Galway/Monivea Road Scheme. The position was noted by the Council.

Pilot Renewal Scheme for Traditional Seaside Resorts

The Acting County Secretary referred to the Council's submission to have Clifden designated under the above scheme. He read a reply to the Council's submission received from the Department of Finance which stated "that the Pilot Renewal Scheme for Traditional Seaside Resorts applies from 1 July, 1995 for a three year period. Until the scheme is firmly established and the experience from this pilot scheme can be assessed it would be inappropriate to consider including any additional resorts. However, those areas seeking inclusion in the scheme have been noted and will be borne in mind in the context of any future review of the scheme. In this respect, the Minister for Tourism and Trade, Mr. Enda Kenny, TD stated in reply to a Parliamentary Question on this issue that he would be positively disposed towards giving the Government a progress report on the scheme at the end of this year."

The correspondence was noted by the Council.

Letter from An Taisce - Blue Flag Beaches in County Galway

The Acting County Secretary advised the Members that correspondence had been received from An Taisce complimenting the Council and its Staff on the high standard of the Galway's Blue Flag Beaches. The correspondence was noted by the Council.

Athenry & Gort Heritage Projects

The Acting County Secretary informed the Members that Bord Failte had allocated a grant of £235,500 to Galway County Council to facilitate the development and operation of a heritage centre in Athenry. This grant represented 75% of the project costs of £314,000. The Acting County Secretary also advised the Members that Bord Failte had allocated a grant of £279,893 to develop and operate a heritage centre in Gort. The grant in this case also represented 75% of the project cost of £373,190. The Members noted the correspondence and welcomed the allocation for the projects.

Correspondence from Coillte

The Acting County Secretary read correspondence from the Regional Manager from Coillte inviting the Members and Officials of Galway County Council on a tour of the forest areas of Mountbellew and Ballygar during the month of October. The Council accepted the invitation subject to finalising an agreed date for this tour.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

3845

Councillor Byrne enquired as to the up-to-date position regarding the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. It was agreed that a progress report on the operation of the scheme in 1996 would be available for the Council's Special Meeting on the 6th September.

Notice of Motion No. 32 - Removal of Travellers' caravans, vans etc.

The following Motion was submitted by Councillor McHugh:-

"That the County Council take whatever steps are necessary to ensure the removal of Travellers' caravans, vans etc. from County Council property adjacent to the Par 3 Golf Course in Headford."

The following reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"A notice has been served on the Travellers parked in the Council's chip depot site at Headford requesting them to move to Tuam Halting site."

Councillor McHugh enquired as to what action the Council proposed to take if the notices which had been served were not adhered to. The Deputy County Manager indicated that the matter was being examined and that he would advise him further at the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 6th September.

Hedgecutting

Concern was expressed by Members about site distance and visibility on roads being impeded by lack of verge and hedge trimming. Members rejected the contention that financial constraints restricted such work being undertaken and called for the problem to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

The Acting Assistant County Manager advised the meeting that there was no provision in the 1996 estimates for hedgecutting and that hedgecutting was the responsibility of landowners. However, some funds had been provided for verge trimming which was being undertaken where financial resources were available.

It was agreed that a report would be prepared for consideration at the September Meeting of the Council.

N.O.M. NO. 15 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN 3846

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

"The estate is not in charge of the Council and it is therefore not possible to carry out the repairs. The matter of compliance with Planning Permission by the developer is being pursued by the Planning Section."

N.O.M. NO. 16 - SIGNS - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3847

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

"The location will be examined and signs will be erected if deemed appropriate."

N.O.M. NO. 17 - ROAD WORKS - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3848

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"There are no funds available in the current year to carry out the above works. However, subject to funding being available it is hoped to carry out the work early in 1997".

N.O.M. NO. 18 - TRAFFIC LIGHTS - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3849

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"The last traffic census carried out at this junction showed that lights were not warranted at this location and there are therefore no proposals to erect them."

N.O.M. NO. 19 - HEDGE TRIMMING - CLLR. M. FAHY 3850

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"Hedge cutting is the responsibility of the landowner. Verge trimming is carried out as funds allow but priority is given to using available funds on the carriageway itself."

N.O.M. NO. 20 - FOOTPATH - CLLR. M. FAHY 3851

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"There is a proposal under consideration to create a recess along part of the footpath and re-align the kerb."

N.O.M. NO. 21 - ROAD WORKS - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN 3852

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

"This road will be considered when the 1997 programme is being prepared subject to the availability of funding."

N.O.M. NO. 22 - FLOODING - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN 3853

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

"This work will be carried out in the near future."

N.O.M. NO. 23 - WATER SUPPLY - SEN. J. McDONAGH 3860

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

N.O.M. NO. 23 - ROAD RESURFACING - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN 3854

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

"There are no funds available for this work. Before resurfacing the area between the school and the wall new pipes would have to be laid under the parking area. The total cost of the work is estimated at £4,800. This would be a suitable job on which to expend Notice of Motion funds."

N.O.M. NO. 24 - SIGNS - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3855

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"The stop line will be renewed at the junction when the lining is being done for the Killanin Road."

N.O.M. NO. 25 - SIGNAGE - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3856

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"The signage will be erected in the near future."

N.O.M. NO. 26 - REMOVAL OF CLAY - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3857

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"The mound of clay is on private property."

N.O.M. NO. 27 - MOAG RIVER - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3858

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"This section of stream will be cleaned in the near future."

N.O.M. NO. 28 - ROAD REPAIRS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3859

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"The road was surface dressed recently. The road will be considered when application is being made for E.U. Co-Financed Specific Non National Road Improvement Grant in 1997."

N.O.M. NO. 29 - WATER SUPPLY - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3860

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"Annagh Hill is an isolated high point which is being supplied at present by means of Mid-Galway Group Water Supply Scheme (4" pipe) which is connected to the 300 mm Regional Supply Trunk Main.

The water pressure to the small number of houses could be improved by -

- (a) installing a booster on the 4" pipe.
- (b) having separate connections for the domestic and agricultural pipework.

The householders concerned should contact the Group Scheme Trustees regarding same."

N.O.M. NO. 30 - SIGNS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3861

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"Signs have been erected recently."

N.O.M. NO. 31 - VERGE TRIMMING - CLLR. P. MCHUGH 3862

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"Verge trimming is carried out as funds allow but priority is given to using available funds on the carriageway itself."

N.O.M. NO. 32 - REMOVAL OF TRAVELLERS' CARAVANS, VANS, ETC. - CLLR. P. MCHUGH 3863

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"A notice has been served on the Travellers parked in the Council's chip depot site at Headford requesting them to move to Tuam Halting site.

N.O.M. NO. 33 - ROAD WORKS - CLLR. P. MCHUGH 3864

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"It is proposed to put a soakpit in place in the near future."

N.O.M. NO. 34 - SCEIM UISCE - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 3865

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

"Tá orm a chur in iúl duit go bhfuil togra curtha faoi bhráid an Roinn Comhshaoil trina gcuirfí cabhair dheontais ar fáil chun an obair piopa a fheabhsú I seirbhís Uisce Phoiblí Thír an Fhia/Leitir Móir.

Má ghlactar leis an togra seo, beidh an chomhairle ansin in ann cabhair a thabhairt do na scéimeanna grúpa molta I Leitircaladh."

**N.O.M. NO. 35 - BRIOGÁID DÓITEÁIN - AN COMH. C. 3866
NI FHATHARTA**

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

"Is mór an costás a bhaineann le bunú bhriogáid dóiteáin agus chaithfí na costais bhliantúla reatha a íoc ón chiste ioncaim, a bhfuil teorainn leis.

Ar a laghad, meastar go mbeidh £250,000 de costás caipitiúil ar an seirbhís dóiteáin seo agus £30,000 de costas bhliantúla.

Is mian liom a chur in iúl duit go mbeidh an Priomh Oifigeach Stáisiúin Sásta dul amach go dtí An Cheathrú Rua chun labhairt leis na daoine mar gheall ar coisctheacht dóiteáin agus sábháilteacht ó dhóiteáin más mian leo."

**N.O.M. NO. 36 - SOILSE - AN COMH. C. NI 3867
FHATHARTA**

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

"Tá na soilsí orduithe ón gConraitheoir, agus táimid ag súil go gcuirfear suas iad go luath."

N.O.M. NO. 37 - MONGA ROAD - DEPUTY E. O'CUIV 3868

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

"It is proposed to carry out this work shortly."

N.O.M. NO. 38 - ROAD REPAIRS - DEPUTY E. O'CUIV 3869

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

"Repairs have now been carried out."

N.O.M. NO. 39 - PIOPA - AN COMH. S. O'NEACHTAIN 3870

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

"Tá orm a chur in iúl duit go bhfuil tuairisc á hullmhú faoi láthair agus déanfar tuilleadh machnaimh ar an ábhar ag am na Meastachán."

**N.O.M. NO. 40 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. S.
O'NEACHTAIN**

3871

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

"Cuirfear an obair seo san áireamh nuair a mbeidh muid ag ullmhú clár na mbóithre 1997, má tá a dhóthain airgid ar fáil."

**N.O.M. NO. 41 - PIPE LAYING - CLLR. S.
O'NEACHTAIN**

3872

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

"The Council has a policy of co-ordinating the opening of roads with E.S.B. and Telecom Eireann as far as this is possible. Such co-ordination of road openings is not always feasible due to the nature of the work programme and budgetary constraints of the statutory agencies at any given time."

**N.O.M. NO. 42 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. P.
O'SULLIVAN**

3873

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

"This road is in reasonable condition except for some rough spots in places and further improvement works are not warranted at this time. A bonfire was staged at this location and those responsible should clean up the debris and make the bonfire location less unsightly."

N.O.M. NO. 43 - ROAD WORKS - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 3874

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

"The location has been inspected and there are no fallen walls or other debris in evidence."

N.O.M. NO. 44 - ROAD WORKS - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 3875

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

"This road was surface dressed recently and verges were trimmed. It is now in good condition and there is no need for further work at present."

N.O.M. NO. 45 - ROAD WORKS - CLLR. K. QUINN

3876

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"Consideration will be given to the inclusion of this road when the 1997 road restoration programme is being compiled subject to availability of funds."

N.O.M. NO. 46 - SIGNS - CLLR. K. QUINN 3877

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"A number of warning signs (No. 104) will be erected as appropriate."

N.O.M. NO. 47 - ROAD WORKS - CLLR. K. QUINN 3878

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"This road will be considered subject to the availability of finance when the 1997 Roads Programme is being drawn up."

N.O.M. NO. 48 - SIGN - CLLR. E. VARLEY 3879

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"All the statutory signs are in place and it is not Council policy to erect signs other than those."

N.O.M. NO. 49 - VERGE TRIMMING - CLLR. E. VARLEY 3880

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"Verge trimming will be carried out at the junction. A hedge is interfering with visibility but it is the responsibility of the landowner."

Thonagh an cruinniu leis an poitir.

RESOLUTION UNDER THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT ACT, 1955 3823

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Submitted Approved + Signed:
Mr. Michael Connolly
Mr. Pat Donnellan, Ballinacree, Moylough, Ballinacree, Co. Galway

RESOLUTION UNDER THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT ACT, 1955 3824
- PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 70/1981 - LAURENCE KELLY

Willie Ryan
Chairman
20/9/96
Date

Councillor Gavin acknowledged that Section 4's were no longer being submitted and he accepted that this site was along the National Secondary Road but felt that a

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 9th AUGUST, 1996

Cathaoirleach:- Councillor W. Burke

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, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Cllrs. P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley and T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:- Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, D. Nelson, Asst. Co Manager, E. Power, A/Co. Secretary, J. Crotty, A/Co. Engineer, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., J. O'Shaughnessy, C.F.O., T. Connell & C. Greene, S.S.O.'s and A. Whelan, C.O.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SMYPATHY 3823

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

- Mr. Michael Gilhooley, Cussane, Athenry, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Michael Conway, Lake Road, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Pat Donnellan, Ballinstack, Moylough, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 3824
- PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 96/1061 - LAURENCE KELLY

Councillor Gavin acknowledged that Section 4's were no longer being submitted and he accepted that this site was along the National Secondary Road but felt that a

number of points should be stated. He stated that there was an existing exit from the site onto the road and there were proposals to move the exit well back. He added that the applicant was a friend of the family concerned. The present access point was being used for all types of machinery and he stated that having a house there would not increase the traffic level. He continued, stating that the applicant was a young man living in the area and that there were no other sites available to him within the village. He felt that the owner would have received planning permission had he lodged a planning application in his own name. There were no objections from third parties to the application. The Councillor added that there were a number of examples where planning permission was granted for access onto this road which were at a more dangerous location. He felt that there was strong consideration to granting planning permission on this site. Deputy McCormack supported Councillor Gavin's comments on the motion. He stated that the Councillors should not be ashamed to put down a Section 4 motion. It was a legitimate right of Councillors to lodge a Section 4 Motion. He stated that the Council should consider this as a case where permission should be granted for the proposed development. He had read the report and acknowledged that Class II control applies on this road. He felt that this control does not apply to everyone on this route. Deputy McCormack then formally seconded the motion.

Mr Liam Kavanagh Senior Executive Engineer read the report which had been circulated to the members.

Proposed Development: Outline permission to erect dwellinghouse and septic tank

Townland: Deerfield or Gortnavea

Planning Reference No: 96/1061

Location:

The site is located on the N59 Galway to Clifden National Secondary Road approximately 1.5 miles on the Oughterard side of Moycullen.

Planning History:

No previous applications on the site.

Planning Considerations:

The site is located on the Galway to Clifden National Secondary Road at a point where the maximum speed limit applies. Class II control applies on this road and the County Development Plan, Table 8B, stipulates that individual houses only shall be permitted which are in the essential housing need category. The applicant has made no claim for housing need and has indicated that he is a prospective buyer of the site.

Recommendation:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would contravene the policy of the County Development Plan with regard to major traffic routes in that it would result in an additional vehicular access onto the N59 a Class II Control Route as defined in Chapter 8 of the County Development Plan where it is the policy of the Planning Authority to restrict same in the interests of traffic safety.
2. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard because the traffic turning movements generated by the development would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic on the N59 where the maximum speed limit applies.

FURTHER INFORMATION WAS NOT REQUESTED IN THIS CASE

DECISION PERIOD WAS EXTENDED TO 27/8/1996 IN THIS CASE

LATEST DATE FOR DECISION TO ISSUE: 20/8/1996

Mr Kavanagh stated that the policy had been consistent to restrict development on National Routes and that even in the present Draft County Development Plan this policy is maintained. He would not agree with Councillor Gavin's comments regarding the use of an existing access. He added that even to widen or improve an agricultural access permission is required for such works. Mr. Kavanagh stated that there was a direct relationship between the number of accidents on roads and the turning movements associated with such roads. To come within the terms of the County Development Plan an essential housing need must be claimed by the applicant to gain an access onto this class of road. The applicant in this case was buying the site. Mr. Kavanagh then referred to the National Road Authority's policy which had been clearly outlined to the members and he noted that the National Roads Authority had written to the Council in relation to the present application expressing its concerns as to the control of development fronting National Routes. Councillor O'Tuathail stated that development was being allowed on National Secondary Routes in other counties and requested to know why was Galway so restrictive in this area. Deputy McCormack stated that the County Council had granted planning permission for a housing development not far from this site and he was familiar with the entrance at the forestry which facilitated the proposed housing development. He added that there was no logic in saying that one house would cause additional traffic hazard. Mr. Kavanagh referring to the housing development stated that this group of houses was granted under the beneficial tourism provision and in accordance with the wishes of the Council Members. When that particular land was being developed at a later stage the landowner would not allow the developer full access to the site which would where have been landlocked. Deputy McCormack stated that it was unfair to blame the Councillors adding that the blame rests with the Planning Officers who recommended that permission be granted. Councillor Finnegan stated that he did not welcome the reappearance of Section 4's on the Agenda. He felt that Section 4's should not be brought before the Council as there had been bad experiences in the

past with them. Councillor Gavin stated that he had tried to outline the position as best he could. He stated that Deputy McCormack outlined the problems of lack of consistency in relation to planning and that this could be seen along the N.59 road. As regards the increase in traffic the whole farming scene had changed. He added that the application was genuine and that the applicant was a person who wished to live in the area with no other site available to him. Councillor Brennan stated that he accepted that this was a genuine case but felt that even if the Section 4 was passed it would not be implemented by the Manager. Deputy McCormack stated that this was an unfair statement and that it was the Councillors right to put down a Section 4.

A vote was taken as follows:

AR SON: Cllrs. T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputies P. Connaughton & E. O'Cuiv, Cllrs. M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, T. Hussey, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Cllrs. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan & T. Walsh. (22)

IN AGHAIDH: Cllrs. J. Brennan & W. Burke (2)

GAN VOTAIL: Cllrs. J. Burke & P. McHugh (2)

The Chairman declared the motion passed.

REDEVELOPMENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS 3825

The Design Team's preliminary report on the redevelopment of the County Buildings was circulated to the Members. The Chairman welcomed Mr A Weychert of A & D Weychert Architects who then addressed the meeting. He gave a presentation on the proposed new County buildings to the elected members. He outlined the various stages of construction plus the layout of the building and the offices contained therein. The following submissions were made by the elected members.

Councillor McClearn referred to the overall cost of the construction of the new buildings and requested to know if the construction could be carried out in two phases. He also highlighted the cost of accommodating staff while the building was under construction. Councillor Ni Fhatharta requested to know if there had been a staff input into the new building and what was the position in relation to creche facilities. In regard to the location of the Council Chamber which was close to the public road she enquired if the impact of the noise from the passing traffic had been taken into account. She recommended that a decision on the project's approval be postponed. The Architect stated that creche facilities had been considered in their plan. The present building had been surveyed and examined from a structural point of view and the retention of the building would be too expensive. Councillor O'Sullivan also expressed his concern as to the location of the Council Chamber close to the public road. Councillor Callanan queried the entrance location and the overall design of the building. Councillor Finnegan referred to the implication for the estimates and wished to know what increases in charges would result in

facilitating the construction of the new county buildings. Councillor Byrne referred to the cost factor for renting office accommodation while the construction was in progress. Councillor McHugh requested to know if it was worth retaining the existing front wall and could the building be carried out in a phased basis. He also enquired if Council staff had been consulted. The Architect stated that it was not possible to build the proposed development on a phased basis and in relation to the existing front wall he felt that it should be retained. Councillor Fahy stated that a decision should be made to proceed with the proposed development and he paid tribute to the Manager in coming forward with the proposals. He added that the building was for the people of the county of Galway and proposed that the members give the go ahead for it immediately. Deputy O'Cuiv requested details on the loan and other financial arrangements and he wanted to know if they would be put before the Council before being finalised. He queried the cost involved in retaining the existing wall, and whether there should be facilities for a creche within the plan. In relation to the motor tax office he felt that the greatest number of people would be coming to this office and that it was unrealistic for most people to come to the main part of the building for car tax. He referred to the quality of the glass roof being proposed and felt that the layout of the Council Chamber should be re-examined. The Architect stated that they were proposing to put a deeper counter in the motor tax office and that in time more transactions would be dealt with by post and so reduce the number of people actually coming into the office itself. He then gave details on the type and quality of glass roof that would be provided. Councillor Burke stated that the existing wall should blend in rather than stand out in the final design and he felt that the motor tax public should have an independent access. Councillor Quinn welcomed the proposal. She would like to see the creche facilities included. She felt that if the cost of retaining the front wall was too expensive it should be omitted.

The Manager conveyed his thanks to the members and the Accommodation Committee for their contributions. The members were aware of the unsatisfactory state of the present building and its facilities. The structural report prepared by the Design Team demonstrated that the present building did not comply with the Building Regulations. This was a challenging project to be undertaken by the Council. It would be a modern building to befit the County. He stated that the budget for the project had been set at £5.5 m. He added that the Architect had worked under strict guidelines and budgetary controls. Staff had been consulted about the plan of the building and there had been a positive feedback from the staff about the project. The next stage in the project would be the detailed design of the building and planning application submission. The Council's approval in principle to the raising of a loan of £5.6million was now being sought. This would allow the Council to go to the financial institutions and obtain the best financial package available. At that stage the Council members would be further consulted.

The County Manager also stated that the question of the creche facilities would be examined but only a small number of staff had expressed interest in this facility. In relation to the filing space within the building the Manager advised members that there was a Five Year Strategic Plan for technology which would reduce filing through the use of modern techniques in this area. The public will be encouraged to post in their motor tax applications rather than attending at the Motor tax office

themselves. The primary objective of the Council is to provide quality service and customer satisfaction that befits the organisation. He noted that the Devolution Commission Interim Report anticipated that more functions will be devolved to the County Council particularly after 1999. The Council must maximise the site potential and the Architect has taken this into account. The loan for the project has to be accommodated within the estimates. While the Council had not gone to the financial institutions as yet, it was broadly estimated that the Council may have to provide a sum of between £400,000 and £500,000 in the Estimates each year to finance the project. Once formal proposals were received and examined, this figure would become more definitive. Obtaining alternative accommodation whilst the building is being constructed is being examined and costed. An early estimate here would be £½ million. The County Manager pointed out that the Council will have to seek formal planning permission from Galway Corporation.

Councillor Walsh proposed that the Council go ahead in principle with the development. Councillor Ni Fhatharta withdrew her proposal that a decision on the development be deferred. She however wanted the creche proposal to be examined. Councillor Ryan seconded the proposal to go ahead in principle with the project. Councillor McClearn stated that he agreed that accommodation is required but was not in agreement with the proposal to go ahead with the development. Councillor Walsh stated that the Councillor was being unfair to the Council and that proposals for a new headquarters was going on for a long number of years. He felt it was now time to proceed and that decisions were not being rushed. Councillor Byrne recognised the need for a new headquarters and stated that he was impressed with the presentation made by the Architect but he questioned the financial implications of the proposal. Councillor O'Sullivan also questioned the financial implications that would result on the County Council and requested to know if this would be borne alone by the County Council.

The County Manager advised that the cost of the new building would be borne in full by the County Council and there were no subsidies or grants available other than the recoupment from the Department of the Environment for the provision of the Motor Tax section of the building. If the Council were not going ahead with this project then there would be no alternative but to lease or rent accommodation. Deputy Connaughton stated that the Council requires a new and better headquarters and that the building would be for the people of County Galway.

The Council accepted the unanimous recommendation of the Accommodation Committee that the re-development of the County Buildings proceed to the planning application stage of the project subject to the following matters being examined:

1. Greater use of stone in the exterior walls in lieu of plaster finish
2. Provision of car-parking spaces to facilitate the public.
3. The internal layout of the Council Chamber.
4. Facilities to allow for translation services in the Council Chamber.

and decided that the provision of creche facilities would also be examined.

A decision was taken to approve in principle the raising of a loan of £5.6 million in respect of the proposed development to facilitate negotiations with various financial institutions to secure the most economically advantageous borrowing terms for the Council.

**PRESENTATION BY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF
CAMP (COMPUTER AIDED SYSTEM)**

3826

The Chief Fire Officer made a presentation on the Computer Aided Mobilisation project for the Fire Service. He outlined the background to the project which involved the fire service in the counties of Connaught and Donegal and the ambulance service of the Western Health Board.

The members were informed that the project entails the provision of a control centre in Castlebar adjacent to the Fire Station which will have a staff of up to 20 persons when it is fully operational. It will have trained control operators to deal with emergency calls for the emergency services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the Western Region and the Western Health Board area. Computers will be availed of by the control operators to assist in identifying the correct location of an incident and dispatching the appropriate response and in monitoring the progress of incidents.

A new communications system will be provided throughout the CAMP West region and Western Health Board area. The communication system when fully implemented will provide improved radio coverage and support additional technological developments such as geographic information systems and automatic vehicle locations systems.

He stated that the benefits to each participating Fire Authority are enormous. This development will put in place a modern, reliable mobilisation and communications system. This system will minimise the response time for the Fire Service.

The Chief Fire Officer informed the members that the Capital cost of the project which would be funded in full by the Department of the Environment had been estimated to be £3.5 m. The annual operating costs for Galway had been estimated at £121,000. The members were also advised that tenders for the construction of the control centre in Castlebar were being examined. It was planned to progress the project to ensure the early commissioning of the mobilisation system.

The Chairman thanked the Chief Fire Officer and Mr. Finian Joyce, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Mayo.

FIRE PREVENTION

3827

The Acting County Secretary presented a report on this item to the members. Councillor Ni Fhatharta stated that Radio na Gaeltachta should be used in the media

promotion of fire prevention. Also a seminar should be held in the Gaeltacht area. The programme was unanimously adopted by the members.

The County Manager stated that there was a greater emphasis placed on fire prevention and noted that 45% of all call outs involved chimney fires. The County Manager complimented the Chief Fire Officer on the budgetary control which resulted in the running of an efficient service within the present resources. He added that the Council had sought approval to invite tenders for a Fire Station at Gort and also noted that there was a need to upgrade the Galway Fire Station. Councillor O'Neachtain stated that there was a glaring omission in the service to the Connemara area which needs to be addressed. Deputy Connaughton welcomed the discussion on the fire services.

CONTROL OF HORSES BILL

3828

The Assistant County Secretary advised the members that the explanatory memorandum had been circulated for information purposes only. It was agreed that a further discussion would take place when the legislation was enacted.

PLANNING GUIDELINES

3829

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

3830

The County Manager stated that approval from the Department of the Environment had been received for a small Sewerage Scheme in Leenane. The project had been allocated a grant of £75,000.

He also advised that approval had been received to carry out harbour works at Ardmore at an estimated cost of £30,000. As the Department of the Marine would fund 75% of the cost of the works, the Council agreed to contribute 25% of the costs.

The Manager advised members that the Department of the Environment had given approval to the Council to invite tenders for a new Fire Station in Gort based on an overall estimated cost of £290,000.

The Manager then outlined the timescale for dealing with the Draft County Development Plan. It was agreed that the first meeting take place on 6th September at 2.00 p.m.. He stated that a report would be submitted to the members before this meeting which will address the submissions received by the County Council.

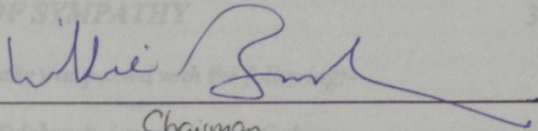
Councillor Ni Fhatharta referred to the Improvement Works in Lieu of Local Authority Housing. She stated that certain schemes had been approved in 1995 and the work still remained to be carried out. She had now being advised that it would take a further seven weeks before development started and stated that it was not acceptable that this continue. Councillor Callanan supported Councillor Ni

Fhatharta stating that the scheme was not working as it should be. He enquired if there was some way that the applicants could draw up the plans themselves. The Assistant County Manager acknowledged that there were difficulties in this area and stated that the Council was a victim of its own success. The proposed works had been advertised for tender but in some cases there was no response to the advertisement. The Council was not in a position to do the work by direct labour and every effort was being made to resolve the present difficulties. He stated that he would keep the members advised on the matter.

Councillor O'Neachtain referred to the Inishere Water Supply situation. He stated that the Council should seek approval from the Department of the Environment to provide new reservoir to accommodate additional storage capacity. He added that the local people do not think that the water provided is suitable for drinking despite assurances being given by the Council. Councillor Gavin agreed with Councillor O'Neachtain in this regard and asked what could the Council do. The Assistant County Manager stated that the Council has to prioritise its resources. He informed the members that works had been carried out in Inishboffin, Inishmore and Inishmeain over the past three years. He stated that water tanks had been put in place in Inishere, the water was fit for consumption and this was confirmed by the Health Board. Councillor O'Neachtain stated that the Council should go to the Department of the Environment to get the money for next year. The people on the island will not use the water and felt that the Council had to do something about it. The Assistant County Manager stated that he would contact the Department of the Environment in regard to this matter.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed:



Chairman

20/9/96

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

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

CATHAOIRLEACH:

An Comhairleoir W. Burke

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. Finnerly, S. Gavin, T. Hussey,
M. Loughmane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn,
Deputy P. McCormack, Sen. J. McDonagh,
Cllrs. P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta,
S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P.
O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Ryan, M. Regan, E.
Varley & T. Walsh.*

Oifigigh:

*Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, D.
Nelson, Asst. Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh,
Co. Secretary, P. Flood, Co. Engineer, R.C.
Killeen, S.E.E., A. Comer, Asst. Planner, C.
Lynch, C.E.O., E. Power, A.O., C. Wallace,
S.S.O. and E. Hourigan, A.S.O.*

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

3791

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mrs. Curley, Duniry, Kylebrack, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Mrs. O'Connor, Maher, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Mrs. Della Keane & Family, Mannin, Clostoken, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Mrs. Ailish Taylor, Clonfert Avenue, Portumna, Co. Galway.

MINUTES

3792

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 14th June, 1996 were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Ryan.

On the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Deputy Connaughton, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 24th June, 1996 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Report of the Tuam Electoral Area Meeting held on 24th June, 1996 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor McHugh.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Item No. 3729

Item No. 3729 should read as follows:-

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

Senator J. McDonagh substituted for Deputy P. Connaughton

Famine Conference - Athenry - 18th May, 1996

Senator J. McDonagh substituted for Councillor M. O'Neill

AMENITY AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY GRANTS 1996 3793

The County Secretary said that there were 96 Amenity Grant Applications and 46 Economic Activity Grant Scheme Applications, which is higher than previous years. As a result of this, many groups will be unsuccessful.

Councillor Gavin welcomed the grant recommendations as outlined. He stated that a lot of good work is done under these schemes throughout the county, and local groups often have difficulty in availing of monies under the National Lotteries Schemes. He requested that the money allocated for both schemes be increased in the 1997 Estimates.

Deputy Connaughton stated that these grants are very important from the County Council's point of view, in that they provide a linkage between the Council and the local communities. He requested that the Council issue a Press Release about the unsuccessful groups, and explain why they did not receive funding this year.

The Members stated that they were disappointed that sporting organisations, particularly the G.A.A. were excluded from funding. It was stated that the G.A.A. makes a very important contribution to local communities throughout the county. The Members requested that a Member of Staff be assigned to liaise with local communities and advise on funding etc.

The Members complimented the City and County Enterprise Board on the way applications were processed and evenly distributed throughout the County.

In response to the query regarding the G.A.A., the County Secretary said that where the lands were vested in the G.A.A., no grant assistance is given, as no other sporting activities can take place on these grounds.

The Manager stated that the schemes are very important and beneficial to the local communities. He said that the number of applications are increasing every year which is an indication of the worthwhile work being carried on in the County. He complimented all local groups and voluntary organisations throughout the county. He said that the County Strategy Group is involved in various facets throughout the county. The Manager said that while there is limited financing, the appointment of a Liaison Officer would be considered.

On the proposal of Councillor Gavin, seconded by Deputy Connaughton, the Council agreed to the recommendations presented to the Council as follows:-

AMENITY GRANTS SCHEME 1996

1. Abbeyknockmoy Community Centre Committee	£2,000
2. Ballinderreen Community Council	£500
3. Ballinafad Recess Bun na gCoic Community Council	£400
4. Beagh Integrated Rural Development	£500
5. Ballyconneely Community Council	£1000
6. Caltra Sportsfield and Community Project	£500
7. Carrabane Foroige Club	£400
8. Castleblakeney Community Development Group	£2,000
9. C.B.S.F. 2nd Galway Tuam	£1,000
10. Cleggan/Claddaghduff Community Council	£300
11. Clifden Childrens playground	£500
12. Cloughanover Community Centre	£800
13. Coiste Pobal An Cheathru Rua	£500
14. Coiste Pobal na Tulai	£750
15. Comhairle Pobal na n-Oilean Teo, Lettermore	£500
16. Comhairle Pobail An Spideal	£500
17. Comharchumann Chonamara Tiar Teo	£500
18. Corofin Enterprise Group	£1,500
19. Dublin Road Residents Association, Tuam	£400
20. Duniry Development Association	£1,000
21. Dunmore Community Council	£1,500
22. Facilities Committee Moycullen Community Council	£500
23. Glinsk Community Council	£1,000

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24. Gortanumera Development Association	£1,000
25. Gurteeny Development Scheme, Woodford	£500
26. Headford Par Three Committee	£750
27. Inishbofin Development Company Ltd. (sign-post, map)	£1,500
28. Killegnet Ballinakill Historical Society	£500
29. Kilkerrin Community Council	£500
30. Kilkerrin Community Development Centre Ltd.	£1,000
31. Killimordaly Community Council	£500
32. Killimor Development Society	£250
33. Kinvara Community Council Ltd.	£500
34. Kinvara Tidy Towns Committee	£250
35. Lawrencetown Parish Pastoral Council	£1,250
36. Letterfrack Tidy Towns Committee	£250
37. Loughrea Tidy Towns Committee	£750
38. Milltown Community Council	£500
39. Milltown Development Co. Ltd.	£750
40. Mountbellew Regional Development Co-Op	£1,000
41. Newbridge Development Association	£750
42. Oughterard Tourist & Development Association	£1,000
43. Portumna & District Development Company Ltd.	£750
44. St. Joseph's Park Residents, Killimor	£300
45. Sonas Senior Citizens Club, Moycullen	£1,500
46. Tidy Towns Committee - Dunmore	<u>£400</u>
Total	£35,000

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY GRANTS SCHEME 1996

1. Ballinasloe Chamber of Commerce	£3,500
2. Coiste Forbartha Chorr na Mona	£1,000
3. Comhar Caomhan Toeranta, Inis Oirr	£1,000
4. Forum (A Rural Development Partnership)	£3,000
5. Galway Wool Processing Society Ltd.	£1,000
6. Glinsk Community Council	£5,000
7. Inishbofin Development Company	£2,500
8. Oranmore Community Development Association	£3,000
9. Williamstown Parish Council	<u>£10,000</u>
Total	£30,000

UPGRADING OF N63 TO NATIONAL PRIMARY STATUS

3794

Deputy Connaughton stated that given the number of traffic accidents and importance of the N63 to the economic life of County Galway that a request be made to the N.R.A. to upgrade the road to National Primary status and increase the amount of funding for this road. Councillor Quinn supported this motion.

The County Engineer stated that there is no objection to request to the change in status of the road. He said that the N63 is one of the main roads from Galway to Belfast/Northern Ireland. However, a change in status does not mean that the N.R.A. will provide extra funding for this road.

On the proposal of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Quinn, the Council agreed that a special case be made to the N.R.A. for the upgrading of the N63 to National Primary Road status.

SUNDAY TRADING

3795

Councillor Quinn wished to discuss the proposal being considered by the Government to extend Sunday Trading. She said that approx. 90% of traders at present who do not open for business on Sunday will be forced to do so if Sunday Trading is permitted. She stated that Sunday is a family day and extended trading should not be allowed, and a letter be sent to the Government stating same.

Councillor Walsh objected to Councillor Quinn's request that Sunday Trading be banned. He stated that public demand will determine whether shopkeepers open for business on Sundays or not, and it is not up to the Council to interfere.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that every other Member of the E.U. has a limit on Sunday Trading. He said that while everyone understands the shops opening coming up to Christmas, he wished to highlight the following:-

- Workers have very little choice regarding Sunday work
- Sporting events may suffer as a result of shops opening on Sundays
- Marginal gain for business
- Small shops pressured into opening.

He also stated that the Government should consider all reports carefully and legislate accordingly.

Councillor McClearn stated that this is a complex issue. However, Sunday Trading would not be very attractive to the Multiple Stores, if the employees were paid the appropriate over-time rates.

Councillor Gavin stated that this could be discussed all day and it would be difficult to put forward a recommendation on same, as there are too many factors to be considered.

The Council agreed to cease discussion on same.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

3796

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail, the Council approved the Chairman's visit to Milwaukee, U.S.A.

N59 STRENGTHENING GRANT - EAST MOYCULLEN

The County Secretary read the proposed reply to the N.R.A. as follows:-

"I refer to your letter dated 7th June, 1996.

The work required to be carried out at Woodstock involves the continued realignment of the N59 Galway-Moycullen Road which for the most part is over soft ground. The preparation of a design and contract documents for this would take a considerable time to complete, consequently it is not envisaged that work would commence at this location in the current year. A request for funding to carry out a full design at this location will be sent to the N.R.A. as soon as possible.

With regards to the allocation of £100,000 for strengthening the N59 East of Moycullen, the County Engineer is of opinion that it is absolutely essential that this strengthening work is carried out without delay. The pavement has subsided to such an extent that the bottoms of cars are hitting the road. Warning signs have been erected to warn road users of the dangers."

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain objected to the above reply and stated that the issue was being side-stepped and put on the long-finger. Councillor Gavin agreed with An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain's statement that the issue was being deferred. This matter was discussed approx. 4 months ago. The road is in a very dangerous condition i.e. from the Barna Road junction up to Corcullen Corner, wherein the road level is lower than the land on both sides, and if road is improved to any great extent it will result in creating a greater danger. Councillor Gavin asked if the Council was in a position to spend this money at present.

Mr. Flood, County Engineer, said the first thing to be done is a survey which will take approx. 2 months. The Council is unable to spend this money on design this year but recommends that the money be spent on strengthening as the road is sub-siding. The existing plans were prepared in the 1980's. These plans must be updated, to include the necessary ground-works for the extension to Corcullen and removal of dangerous corner, prior to being submitted to the N.R.A. Mr. Flood also stated that monies in respect of Lydican/Kilclooney were only received this year. He said that the N.R.A. determines where the money is to be spent and all monies must be spent and claimed by October, 1996.

Deputy McCormack said that the work at Woodstock should recommence as soon as possible, and this is the first time money has become available for this work. Deputy McCormack proposed the motion that the Council should spend this money i.e. £100,000 in accordance with the advice of the County Engineer.

Councillor Gavin seconded this motion based on engineering advice.

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain opposed this motion. He said that this money should be spent on the commencement of the re-alignment of the road, as adopted by the Council, and the decision of majority of Area Committee should not be over-turned.

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain stated that this decision should be relayed to the N.R.A.

The County Manager stated that the amount of money provided for roads under the operational programmes could be spent in County Galway, and would hardly make an impact on the County. He said that works must commence immediately, in order to spend the money and claim for it by October, and he recommended the advice of the County Engineer.

A vote was taken on Deputy McCormack's Motion and it resulted as follows:-

ARSON:-

Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Cllrs. P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley and T. Walsh. (12)

IN AGHAIDH:-

Deputy E. O'Cuiv, Cllrs. P. Finnegan, M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain and K. Quinn. (7)

GAN VOTAIL:-

Cllr. J. Callanan (1)

The Council voted in favour of Deputy McCormack's motion that the Council spend this £100,000 in accordance with the recommendations of the County Engineer.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

3797

Deputy McCormack requested that his Notice of Motion that provision be made in the 1997 Discretionary Grants for the allocation of a sum of £140,000 to be allocated to the Western Developments Associates Ltd. for site investigation, E.I.S. and cost benefit analysis study for the Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge Project be placed on the agenda. The Council agreed to same.

The Chairman informed the Members that Mr. P. Flood, County Engineer had tendered his resignation and will be retiring officially at the end of October. He said that as Mr. Flood has annual leave to take, this was the last Council Meeting he would be attending. On behalf of the Members and on his own behalf, the Chairman thanked Mr. Flood and wished him good health and happiness in his retirement. The Manager and Staff wished to be associated to the good wishes extended to Mr. Flood.

Mr. Flood thanked the Chairman, Members, Manager and Staff for their good wishes.

On the proposal of An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, seconded by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, the Council agreed that a letter be written to the Department of the Environment requesting funding for the up-grading of the Inishere Water Supply. The supply is being polluted at present by salt water entering the public supply system. This situation is intolerable and cannot continue.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

N.O.M. NO 7 - ROAD MARKINGS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3798

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"A clearway is not considered an appropriate solution. Our Road Design team will examine the matter with a view to improving overall road safety at the junction."

N.O.M. NO 8 - HEDGE CUTTING - CLLR. M. FAHY 3799

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"Hedge cutting is the responsibility of the landowner. Verge trimming will be carried out where possible as funds allow."

N.O.M. NO 9 - KILMACDUAGH CEMETERY - CLLR M FAHY 3800

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"FÁS do not consider it appropriate to use Community Employment Schemes for this type of work.

N.O.M. NO 10 - DANGEROUS BEND - CLLR. M. FAHY 3801

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"There are no funds available to carry out this work."

N.O.M. NO 11 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR P. FINNEGAN 3802

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

"This road was not included in the roads programme for 1996. However it is on the Council's four year Restoration Programme for 1998 which was recently submitted to the Department of the Environment. This road will be re-examined when the Council is preparing its 1997 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO 12 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN 3803

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

"This road will be considered when the 1997 programme is being formulated."

N.O.M. NO. 13 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN 3804

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 14 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. S. O'GABHAIN 3805

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

"Déanfar obair dheisiuchain ar an mbóthar seo i gceann cúpla seachtaine."

N.O.M. NO. 15 - ROAD MARKING - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3806

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"This job has been passed on to the contractor and it is expected it will be carried out shortly."

N.O.M. NO. 16 - HEDGE TRIMMING - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3807

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"Hedgetrimming is the responsibility of the landowner. The responsibility for roadside verges rests with the Council. Because of scarcity of funds in recent years verge maintenance has had to be curtailed in favour of general maintenance of the carriageway. Verge trimming will be done as far as funds permit.

Notice will be published in the local press in September pointing out landowners responsibilities under the Roads Act, 1993. The Council will serve notices requiring land owners to cut hedges or trees as necessary especially where roads have been restored or repaired."

N.O.M. NO. 17 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3808

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"This road is scheduled for surface dressing in 1997 on the five year programme."

N.O.M. NO 18 - TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - 3809

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"Traffic calming measures are not proposed for Kilcolgan. It is proposed to seek funding from the N.R.A. under the Low Cost Accident Reduction Measures Scheme. The provision of improved signage, lining channelisation etc. in the village of Kilcolgan and in particular the N18/N67 junction will be included in the submission for 1997.

The Council received no funding under the scheme in 1996."

N.O.M. NO. 19 - KILBEG/KNOCKFERRY BRIDGE - 3810
DEPUTY P. MC CORMACK

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

"No discretionary grants for 1997 can be allocated at this time.

Secondly the original 1986 cost benefit study was updated in January, 1996 at the request of the Department of An Taoiseach. The updated study considered that the project cannot be deemed economically feasible. Even with the most optimistic economic forecast the report states that Knockferry crossing does not meet the basic requirements for public capital investment projects. In fact the updated report also states that it falls far short of these requirements.

Even if the project were economically viable it would not rank as a top priority in the County Council's programme when set against jobs such as the Galway City Western Approach Road.

Furthermore the County Council would not be permitted under the terms applying to the Discretionary Grants to allocate £140,000 to a non Local Authority project."

N.O.M. NO. 20 - ROAD - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3811

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"This junction will be examined by our Road Design team with a view to improving overall road safety."

N.O.M. NO. 21 - ROAD MARKINGS - SEN. J. 3812
MCDONAGH

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"It is proposed to highlight the intersection of the Kiniska road with the N17 by the use of road markings and reflectors before the end of the year."

N.O.M. NO. 22 - BRIDGE - SEN. J. MCDONAGH

3813

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"The bridge will be examined by the Road Design team. If repairs are necessary these will be considered for the 1997 Bridge Repair Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 23 - SCEIM UISCE - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA

3814

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

"Ta "Tuarascail Roimhre" no "Preliminary Report" curtha isteach go dti an Roinn Comhshaoil le tamall maith anois (1992) ach nil an Tuarascail ceadaithe ag an Roinn fos.

Ar a laghad, meastar go mbeidh £4 millun de costas caipitiuil ar an sceim a leathnu."

N.O.M. NO. 24 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA

3815

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

"Nil an bóthar seo curtha sa chlár deisiúchan bóithre 1996 ach beidh muid ag scrúdú an cás seo nuair a bheidh muid ag cur an clár le haghaidh 1997 le chéile.

Beidh muid ag cur comhartha chevron ar fáil ag an láthair seo go gairid."

N.O.M. NO. 25 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA

3816

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

"Tá níos mó obar le déanamh ar droimchlí na bóithri sa sráidbhaile. Táimid ag súil go ndéanfear sin i 1997. Cuirfear na linte síos nuair a bheadh an obar críochnaithe."

N.O.M. NO. 26 - LETTERFRACK WATER SUPPLY - DEPUTY E. O'CUIV

3817

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

"There is no provision in the 1996 Estimates for improvements to the Letterfrack Water Supply. A report on the work necessary together with an estimate of the cost of same is being prepared by the County Engineer."

N.O.M. NO. 27 - BREIS SOILSE - AN TEACHTA 3818
E. O CUIBH

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

"Tá ga le breis soilse I gCill Chiaráin. Cuirfear san áireamh iad nuair atá clár oibre na bliana 1997 á chur le chéile."

N.O.M. NO. 28 - ROAD WORKS - DEPUTY E. O'CUIV 3819

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

"It is proposed to carry out repairs to the Shanakeela Upper Road in the near future as far as funds allow. Cahir road is in a reasonable condition. Routine maintenance will be carried out as necessary subject to budgetary consideration."

N.O.M. NO. 29 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. S. 3820
O'NEACHTAIN

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

"This road will be repaired inside the next few weeks."

N.O.M. NO. 30 - ROAD - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 3821

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

"There are fifty five such junctions on the R336 between Spiddal and Tully Church. The majority require sight distance improvement. Consideration will be given to allocating funding to the Puirin Road junction and others when the 1997 roadworks programme is being prepared."

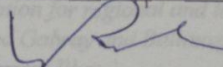
N.O.M. NO. 31 - ROAD MARKINGS - CLLR. S. 3822
O'NEACHTAIN

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

"Agreement will have to be obtained from the Garda Síochána and it is proposed to take the matter up with them."

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted: Approved: + Signed:



Chairman

26/8/96

DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 22ND JULY, 1996

CATHAOIRLEACH:

- (a) An Comhairleoir J. Mannion
(b) An Comhairleoir W. Burke

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

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Oifigigh:

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, D.
Nelson, Asst. Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh,
Co. Secretary, P. Flood, Co. Engineer, R.C.
Killeen, S.E.E., A. Comer, Asst. Planner, C.
Lynch, C.E.O., E. Power, A.O., C. Wallace,
S.S.O. and E. Hourigan, A.S.O.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH FOR 1996/97

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Councillor Mannion thanked the Manager and Staff for their consistency and support given to him as Chairman. It was an honour and a privilege for him to be elected Chairman of Galway County Council. He said that there were a number of successes during his year, namely:-

- The Strategic Plan
- Bank of Ireland sponsored the Arts Awards for the county for the first time
- Improved grant allocation for regional and local roads
- Opening of refurbished Galway and Ballinasloe Courthouses
- Draft County Development Plan

He also thanked the Members for their support and co-operation, particularly in passing the Draft Development Plan. He paid tribute to the Leas-Chathaoirleach, Councillor Varley and thanked her for her co-operation and assistance during the past year.

The Members of the Council expressed their appreciation of the work carried out by Councillor Mannion representing Galway County Council during the course of the year.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Gavin, that Councillor W. Burke be elected Cathaoirleach for 1996/1997.

It was proposed by Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Loughnane that Councillor Cunningham be elected Cathaoirleach for 1996/1997.

A vote was taken on the above proposals, and it resulted as follows:-

FOR COUNCILLOR W. BURKE

Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley and T. Walsh. (17)

FOR COUNCILLOR M. CUNNINGHAM

Cllr. J. Callanan, Deputy 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, and M. Regan. (13)

Councillor W. Burke was then declared elected Cathaoirleach of Galway County Council for 1996/1997 and was invested with the Chain of Office.

Councillor W. Burke then took the Chair.

Councillor W. Burke thanked all those who voted for him. He congratulated Councillor J. Mannion on his year as Cathaoirleach. Councillor W. Burke stated that it was 10 years since a Councillor from the Loughrea Electoral Area held the post of Cathaoirleach. He looked forward to working with the Manager and Staff during the forthcoming year and to the challenges that lay ahead, amongst them are:-

- Adoption of County Development Plan
- Re-development of County Buildings
- Speed limits
- Priority List for Housing Applications

**ELECTION OF LEAS-CHATHAOIRLEACH FOR
1996/1997**

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It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy McCormack, that Senator McDonagh be elected Leas-Chathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan that Councillor O'Sullivan be elected Leas-Chathaoirleach.

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:-

FOR SENATOR J. MCDONAGH:-

Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley and T. Walsh. (17)

FOR COUNCILLOR P. O'SULLIVAN

Cllr. J. Callanan, Deputy 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, and M. Regan. (13)

The Chairman declared Senator McDonagh elected Leas-Chathaoirleach.

The Members of the Council congratulated Senator McDonagh on this appointment. Senator McDonagh thanked his proposer, seconder and all who voted for him.

**APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES
ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL
FOR YEAR 1996/1997**

3780

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Hussey that the out-going representatives be re-appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the Members of the County Council's General Council for 1996/1997 are as follows:-

1. Councillor M. Cunningham, Galway Road, Gort.
2. Senator J. McDonagh, Turloughmore.
3. Councillor M. Finnerty, Tobergrellan, Ballinasloe.

**APPOINTMENT OF 30 MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY
LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**

3781

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Hussey, the out-going Members of the County Libraries Committee were re-appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the Members of the County Library Committee for 1996/1997 are as follows:-

1. Cllr. Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla.
2. Cllr. Kathleen Quinn, Ussey, Ballymoe.
3. Pdraig O Ceidigh, Uasal, An Phairc, An Spideal.
4. Mr. Paddy Grealish, Ennis Road, Gort.
5. Cllr. Michael Fahy, c/o The Thatch, Ardrahan.
6. Mr. Leo Hallissey, Renvyle, Connemara.
7. Cllr. Paddy McHugh, Beaghmore, Caherlistrane, Belclare P.O., Tuam.
8. Mr. Justin Mitchell, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
9. Mr. Patsy Geraghty, St. Michael's Square, Ballinasloe.
10. Mr. Patrick Pettit, Barna, Glenamaddy.
11. Mr. Justin Flannery, Blackrock, Peterswell.
12. Mr. Paudge Conneely, Aillebrack, Clifden.
13. Cllr. Michael Mullins, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe.
14. Cllr. John M. Mannion, Clifden.
15. Mr. Sean Tully, Derrymullen, Ballinasloe.
16. Mr. Frank Donohue, Coolfin, Abbey, Loughrea.
17. Mr. Frank Rushe, Mountbellew.
18. Cllr. Patrick Finnegan, 9 Curragh Park, Tuam.
19. Mrs. Margaret Counihan, Streamstown, Peterswell.
20. Mr. Jimmy Geoghegan, Claremount, Oughterard.
21. Mr. Nioclas O'Conchubhair, Lettermore.
22. Mr. Tony Leahy, Masonbrook, Loughrea.
23. Ms. Kathleen Fallon, Kilgarve, Creagh, Ballinasloe.
24. Cllr. Evelyn Varley, The Square, Headford.
25. Mr. Joe Donoghue, "La Rochelle", Bel Air Drive, Tuam.
26. Ms. Noelle Hayes, Brendan Street, Portumna.
27. Senator Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore
28. Cllr. Tiernan Walsh, Ardeevin, Williamstown.
29. Cllr. Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough.
30. Mr. Maurice Whelan, Scoil Mhuire, Moycullen.

APPOINTMENT OF TEN MEMBERS TO THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 3782

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Hussey, it was agreed that the outgoing full members be re-appointed to the National Monuments Advisory Committee for 1996/1997. It was agreed that Mr. Michael Forde, Lodge, Headford replace Councillor P. McHugh.

On the proposal of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Deputy McCormack, it was agreed that Mr. Martin Concannon of Ballinvoher, Turloughmore, Co. Galway, become an honorary member, to fill the vacancy as a result of the death of Prof. Thomas O'Neill, R.I.P.

As a result of the foregoing, the Members appointed to the National Monuments Advisory Committee for 1996/1997 are as follows:-

Full Members

1. Cllr. Michael Cunningham, Galway Road, Gort.
2. Mr. Michael Forde, Lodge, Headford, Co. Galway.
3. Mr. James Joyce, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
4. Cllr. Tom Hussey, Patch, Glenamaddy.
5. Senator Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore.
6. Cllr. Michael Finnerty, Tobergrellan, Ballinasloe.
7. Cllr. Michael Mullins, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe.
8. Ms. Erin Gibbons, Market Street, Clifden.
9. Cllr. Evelyn Varley, The Square, Headford.
10. Mr. Pierce Joyce, St. Bridget's Road, Portumna.

Honorary Members

1. Ms. Fidelma Mullane, Udaras na Gaeltachta.
2. Mr. Larry Kilcommins, Creggs.
3. Mr. Martin Concannon, Ballinvoher, Turloughmore.
4. Mr. Tom Kenny, Ballygar.
5. Rev. J. Kelly, P.P. Ardrahan.
6. Mr. Thomas Creaven, Fairgreen, Tuam.
7. Mr. Michael Conneely, Culicar, Monivea.
8. Rev. P.K. Egan, P.P. Portumna.
9. Mr. Norman Morgan, Bride Street, Loughrea.
10. Prof. Etienne Rynne, U.C.G.
11. Mr. Michael Fahy, Gort Road, Loughrea.
12. Mr. Garry O'Loughlin, 63 Cruachan Park.
13. Mr. Miko Kelly, Church View, Tuam.
14. Mr. Frank Burke, N.T., Abbey.
15. Mr. Eoin Kennedy, 27 Hollygrove, Lisbeglawn, Renmore.
16. Mr. Paul Gosling, Dept. of Archaeology, U.C.G.
17. Mrs. Mary McDonagh, 15 Devon Gardens, Salthill.
18. Michael Uas Breathnach, Vocational School, Gort.
19. Jackie Ui Cionna, Member of Civic Trust.
20. Mr. Jeff O'Connell, Kinvara.
21. Mr. John Joe Duggan, Claregalway.
22. Mrs. Anna McHugh, Ballybane, Headford.
23. Mr. Jim Cronin, Mountbellew.
24. Mr. Hubert Bermingham, Church Street, Dunmore.
25. Mr. Martin Lynch, The Square, Athenry.
26. Mr. John Rabbitte, Kiltulla, Castlegar.
27. Mr. Brigid Moran, Glenamaddy.
28. Mr. Pat O'Hora, Kilcreaventy, Tuam.
29. Ms. Treasa McMahon, Ballydoita, Moycullen.

APPOINTMENT OF 30 MEMBERS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS COMMITTEE 3783

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Hussey, it was agreed that the out-going Members be re-appointed to the Higher Education Grants Committee for 1996/1997. As a result of the foregoing, the Members appointed to the Higher Education Grants Committee for 1996/1997 are as follows:-

1. Cllr. Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle Kiltulla.
2. Cllr. Kathleen Quinn, Ussey, Ballymoe.
3. Mairtin O Curraoin, B.A., Baile Eamonn, An Spideal.
4. Cllr. Michael Cunningham, Galway Road, Gort.
5. Cllr. Michael Fahy, c/o The Thatch, Ardrahan.
6. Mr. James Joyce, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
7. Cllr. Paddy McHugh, Beaghmore, Caherlistrane, Belclare P.O., Tuam.
8. Mr. Cathal O'Malley, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe.
9. Mr. Seamus O Donoghue, Kilkerrin Road, Glenamaddy.
10. Mr. Patsy Clancy, Searfin, Furbo.
11. Mr. Michael Walsh, Ashford, Cong, Co. Mayo.
12. Mr. Joe Brennan, Sarsfield Road, Ballinasloe.
13. Mr. Eamon McLoughlin, Cleggan.
14. Mr. Gerard Kelly, 12 Kilgarve Gardens, Creagh, Ballinasloe.
15. Cllr. Jimmy McClearn, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
16. Mr. Brian Hynes, The Green, Dunmore.
17. Mr. Patrick J. Gilmore, Carrownagurraun, Tuam.
18. Mr. John C. Fahy, Rathanton, Ardrahan.
19. Mr. Jim O'Malley, Clifden.
20. Tomas O Monachain, Principal, Comprehensive School, Carraroe.
21. Mr. Charlie Mullen, Bridge Road, Portumna.
22. Sr. Brid Brennan, Presentation Convent, Headford.
23. Mr. Seosamh de Burca, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.
24. Mr. John Joe Conwell, Gortanumera, Portumna.
25. Mr. Patrick Burke, "Barken", Baunmore, Claregalway.
26. Cllr. Tiernan Walsh, Ardeevin, Williamstown.
27. Cllr. Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough.
28. Mrs. Barbara Walsh, Kylebroughlawn, Moycullen.
29. Maire T. Ui Chuinneagain, Carna.
30. Ms. Ann Ruane, Divilly, Tiaquin, Colemanstown, Ballinasloe.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD. FOR 1996/1997 3784

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy McCormack that Councillor McClearn be the Council's nominee to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd for 1996/1997.

It was proposed by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Councillor Hussey that An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain be the Council's nominee to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. for 1996/1997.

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:-

FOR COUNCILLOR J. MCCLEARN:-

Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley and T. Walsh. (16)

FOR AN COMHAIRLEOIR S. O'NEACHTAIN

Cllr. J. Callanan, Deputy 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, and M. Regan. (13)

The Chairman declared Councillor McClearn as the Council's nominee to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. for 1996/1997.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

3785

The Members unanimously passed a Vote of Congratulations to the following:-

Cllr. P. O'Sullivan, on being appointed Principal of Aughrim N.S.

Cllr. M. Ryan, on being appointed Chairperson of the Western Health Board.

Cllr. P. O'Tuathail on being appointed Chairperson of the West Regional Authority.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

3786

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

The Phelan Family, The Market House, Main Street, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary.

Family of Mr. P. O'Connor, former E.E., Galway County Council.

The Morrin Family, Breassy Road, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

Mr. Thomas Faughnan, Saughnan, Corduff, Aughamore, Carrickonshannon, Co. Leitrim.

INSURANCE COVER

3787

Councillor Mullins queried the type of insurance cover offered to Councillors by the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. and referred to document circulated to each Member for 1996/1997. The Secretary stated that there are two schemes available. Plan A covers Councillors while on official business and Plan B covers the Councillor whether on official business or not, subject to certain exclusions. He stated that any Member who wishes to change to Plan B can do so, by informing him in writing. The Members requested clarification of both schemes in writing. On the proposal of Councillor Regan, seconded by Councillor McClearn, the Council agreed that a deduction of £55.00 be made in respect of Plan B. Anyone that wishes to opt out of this plan to contact the County Secretary.

HOUSING MAINTENANCE

3788

Councillor Gavin said that the question of Housing Maintenance needed to be discussed. It was agreed that the matter would be put on an agenda for one of the Planning Meetings.

ANNUAL REPORT

3789

Councillor Mannion complimented the Members and Staff on the 1995 Annual Report.

COUNTY ENTERPRISE BOARD

3790

Councillor J. Burke stated that LEADER and ADM Management Boards are amalgamating. As a former Member of LEADER, he wished to thank everybody for their assistance over the years.

On the proposal of An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, seconded by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, it was requested that a letter be written to the Minister objecting to the low funding received by the Galway City and County Enterprise Board.

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Submitted Approved + Signed: _____

W. J. Burke

Chairman

26/8/96

Date