

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

### **MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT PORTIUNCULA HOSPITAL, BALLINASLOE ON MONDAY, 22ND JUNE, 1998**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** *An Comhairleoir M. Finnerty*

**I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Baill:**

*Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllr. 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, J. Colleran, Co. Engineer, R.C. Killeen, A/ Deputy Co. Engineer, D. Barrett, A/Co. Secretary, J. O'Shaughnessy, C.F.O. & P. Carroll, S.S.O.*

***Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.***

### **RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY**

**4929**

*The Members extended their deepest sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Joe Lambert, former Councillor. All the Members paid tribute to the late Councillor Lambert, as a colleague and for his work as a Councillor. The County Secretary joined in the expression of sympathy on behalf of the Staff. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, the Meeting adjourned for 15 minutes as a mark of respect.*

### **MINUTES**

**4930**

*The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 8th May, 1998 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Hussey.*

*The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 25th May, 1998 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, on the proposal of Councillor Mullins, seconded by Councillor Finnegan.*

*The Report of the Meeting of the Casual Trading and Control of Horses Bye-Laws Committee held on 25th May, 1998 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Cunningham.*

*The Report of the Meeting of the Casual Trading and the Control of Horses Bye-Laws Committee held on 12th June, 1998 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan.*

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

#### **Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 25th May, 1998**

*Councillor Gavin sought clarification of when the proposed works at Inver Pier, Rosmuc, approved by the Council as part of the improvements to Small Piers in the Gaeltacht, could be carried out and that particular attention should be given to repairing the access road to the pier.*

*The County Engineer stated that the works would be done as soon as possible and he would examine the prioritisation of repairs to the access road.*

#### **DISPOSAL OF LAND AT PARKMORE, TUAM 4931**

*On the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Hussey, the Council approved the disposal of 1.173 hectares of land at Parkmore, Tuam to Tuam Voluntary Housing Agency Ltd. in accordance with Notice dated 4th June, 1998 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966 - a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.*

#### **CONSIDERATION OF REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT(PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994 - DEVELOPMENT OF NEW BURIAL GROUND AT LACKAGH, TURLOUGHMORE 4932**

*The Members were circulated with Report dated 16th June, 1998 regarding the development of a new Burial Ground at Lackagh, Turloughmore.*

*Senator McDonagh welcomed the proposal adding that there had been great co-operation between the Local Community and the County Council in advancing this project.*

Councillor Brennan sought clarification on the progress being made on the take over of burial grounds by Community Groups.

The Deputy County Manager stated there was an on-going programme of improvements to and provision of burial grounds and that the development of linkages with Community Groups had been very successful.

The Council agreed to the development on the proposal of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Ryan.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT UNDER LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT)  
REGULATIONS 1994 - DEVELOPMENT OF  
THE SQUARE, CLIFDEN**

**4933**

The Members were circulated with Report dated 16th June, 1998 regarding the development of the Square, Clifden consisting of provision of civic space (plaza), paving, kerbing, landscaping, bus drop-off, loading/unloading zone, etc.

Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager stated that two submissions had been received namely:-

Submission A: Maura O'Toole, Clifden Market Traders Association in relation to traffic, the expense and design of the plaza, misuse of funds and the absence of provision for Friday market traders.

Submission B: Peadar O'Scanaill relating to the loss of car-parking spaces in the Square.

With regard to Submission A, the Acting Assistant County Manager advised that from discussions with representatives of the Casual Traders, including Maura O'Toole, it was clear that their main objection was the absence of provision for Friday casual trading in the Square. He further advised that the Council at its Meeting on 12th June, 1998 had agreed to amend the Bye-Laws to permit Friday Casual Trading in the Square and public notice of the proposed amendment will appear in this week's local papers.

With regard to Submission B, the Acting Assistant County Manager referred to the Planning Officer's Report dated 16th June, 1998 which dealt with the loss of car-parking. The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that Officials also met with Mr. O'Scanaill. While there would be a loss of car-parking space the development proposed was very good for Clifden, and was part of the Urban and Village Renewal Scheme.

Councillor Mannion stated that no tables should be allowed on the new plaza and that the outline of the project should be laid out for a period of 2 weeks commencing on 24th August to see how the system would work.

*Councillor Conneely stated that no seating should be allowed on the plaza and that public toilets should be provided at the Square.*

*The Acting Assistant County Manager confirmed that tables and chairs would not be allowed on the plaza and that the temporary setting out of the work would be done as requested.*

*The Council agreed to the development on the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Conneely.*

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994 - ROAD WORKS ON NATIONAL ROUTE N59** **4934**

*The Members were circulated with Report dated 11th June, 1998 regarding road works on the National Route N59 in the townlands of Aubwee, Tooreeny and Clydagh namely:*

*Realignment of the N59 from Pollagh townland to Clydagh townland and ancillary works such as fencing, drainage and a new bridge adjacent to Quinn's Bridge.*

*Councillor O'Neachtain stated that the realignment of the N59 was now more urgent. He added that the road was prone to accidents which will reoccur unless the full section from Galway to Moycullen is realigned.*

*Councillor Gavin stated that the new bridge adjacent to Quinn's Bridge would be expensive to complete and that funds may not be available for any further sizeable works on this section of road. He also queried why there was drifting of works from one section to another.*

*The County Engineer stated that progress to date had been efficient and that a lot of effort had been put into acquisition of land most of which was now done. The cost of land acquisition had been high however and much of the budget had been spent on land acquisition. He stated that while he will be able to complete the bridge works, extra funds will be required to carry out earth works and a submission for extra funds had been forwarded to the N.R.A.*

*With regard to drifting of works, he stated that the Council does not have continuous ownership of land and are carrying out works only in sections where land acquisition has been finalised.*

*Councillor O'Neachtain asked about the position regarding acquisition of land at Killeen.*

*The County Engineer stated that contact had been made with local landowners regarding land acquisition. Road design is being prepared at present for submission to the National Roads Authority for approval.*

*The Council agreed to the development on the proposal of Councillor O'Neachtain, seconded by Councillor Gavin.*

## **CONTROL OF HORSES BYE-LAWS**

**4935**

*Mr. D. Barrett, A/County Secretary stated that eleven submissions were received and which were circulated to Members and must now be considered by the Council.*

*Mr. Barrett went through the submissions received, all of which he said had been considered by the Control of Horses Bye-Laws Committee and summarised them as follows:-*

### **Submission No. 1**

*From: Association of Irish Riding Clubs Ltd.*

*The Association of Irish Riding Clubs Ltd., prior to the publication of the Draft Bye-Laws expressed support in principal for the provisions of the Control of Horses Act, but expressing concern that there would be a consistent approach by Local Authorities in the making of Bye-Laws and concern with regard to restrictions which might be imposed on their Members, particularly with regard to the use of horses on public roads.*

### **Submission No. 2**

*From: Show Jumping Association of Ireland*

*The submission from the Show Jumping Association of Ireland, Connacht Region. Submitted before the publication of the Bye-Laws expressed concern at the imposition of a licence fee on their members and suggesting that such fees would be waived.*

### **Submission No. 3**

*From: Irish Pony Society Western Area*

*The submission received prior to the publication of the Draft Bye-Laws requesting exemption for their members from the licensing provisions.*

### **Submission No. 4**

*From: Mr. Owen Ward, 25 Tirboy Estate, Tuam, Co. Galway*

*Submission referring to the difficulties experienced by members of the Traveller Community in renting land and requesting that the County Council arrange for the provision of land on which Travellers might keep their horses.*

### **Submission No. 5**

*From: Tuam Travellers Education and Development Association*

*Submission on behalf of members of the Travelling Community who are signatories to the submission which requests that Travellers be exempted from the provisions of the Control of Horses Act, that the Local Authority make land available for rental to Travellers for the keeping of horses and that grants and loans be made available to travellers to enable them to meet the requirements of the Control of Horses Act.*

**Submission No. 6**

*From: Irish Traveller Movement*

*Submission from the Irish Traveller Movement regarding the impounding of horses, the issue of the availability of land to Travellers with horses and the Traveller culture and traditional rights, together with a covering letter received from the Department of Agriculture and Food.*

**Submission No. 7**

*From: Concerned Horse Enthusiasts Group*

*Concerning the principle, nature and implementation of the Bye-Laws*

**Submission No. 8**

*From: Councillor Pat O'Sullivan*

*Submission suggesting various amendments to the Bye-Laws*

**Submission No. 9**

*From: Ballinasloe Fair and Festival Company*

**Submission No. 10**

*From: Mr. Christopher Costello, Gardenia House, Lilscappaul, Macney, Ballinasloe*

*Horses Hunts*

**Submission No. 11**

*From: Councillor Joe Burke*

*Provision of land for Travellers' horses.*

*Deputy Connaughton while acknowledging that the Control of Horses Act was an extremely necessary one country-wide, he saw some problems in the operation of the Draft Bye-Laws. In particular he sought clarification on the requirement that a shelter be provided for a horse, stating that most horse owners have only one horse or pony and that most ponies are well looked after without need for a shelter. He also stated that the £25 registration fee was an unnecessary cost on children owning horses or ponies.*

*Councillor O'Sullivan stated that while some of the submissions had been accommodated in the second Draft of the Bye-Laws, he was not happy with a number*

*of aspects of the Bye-Laws. With regard to exempted persons, he sought clarification as to whether a person who has a horse in a stable would be exempted.*

*Councillor Callanan welcomed the proposed Bye-Laws but was not in favour of the provision where a person who has no land but takes good care of his/her pony had to pay a fee whereas a person owning land does not need to pay a fee. He felt that if the horse/pony is registered with an appropriate body, a fee should not be sought in these cases. He also added that implementation of the Bye-Laws should be carried out in a sensitive and flexible manner.*

*Councillor McClearn queried the position regarding Hunts and Pony Shows. He asked if the Organisers of these events register themselves will this be sufficient notice. He also felt that the definition of "land owners" was restrictive and should be redefined to include land on an eleven month basis.*

*Councillor Loughnane stated that persons who look after horses should not have a problem with the Bye-Laws but that built shelters may not be necessary. He stated that every horse in the country should be identifiable by an identifying mark.*

*Councillor J. Burke stated that not all Travellers should be penalised for the actions of a few and he felt that funds should be sought to enable land to be purchased by the Council and leased to groups of Travellers for horses to be housed and grassed. He added that the Bye-Laws should be introduced as quickly as possible in order to deal with loose horses. He also felt that the Bye-Laws should provide for responses to complaints regarding the Control of Horses.*

*Councillor Finnegan stated that he was not in favour of extra regulation on licensing where there are existing regulations in force such as registration of Members of Clubs, etc.*

*An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta stated that the requirement to provide shelter for horses should not apply in the case of Connemara ponies who were well used to hard climates. She also stated that all foals need blood tests before registering them and she was against the introduction of a second fee.*

*Councillor Ryan stated that he understood that the initial purpose of the Bye-Laws was to deal with horses out of control but now the Bye-Laws have been extended more than had been intended.*

*Mr. D. Barrett, A/County Secretary stated that the Draft Bye-Laws which were before the Members for consideration had been amended so that there was no requirement that buildings be provided to shelter horses and that the specifications for stabling which had been in the original Draft Bye-Laws had been deleted. Referring to the suggestion that the definition of "landowner" contained in the Draft Bye-Laws be amended to include persons renting land on the 11 months system, he said that such widening of the exemptions would undermine the effectiveness of the Bye-Laws..*

*It was agreed to defer adoption of the Control of Horses Bye-Laws until the next meeting at which Members would be given replies to the various queries raised by them.*

## **FIRE SERVICE**

**4936**

*Mr. John O'Shaughnessy, Chief Fire Officer informed the Members that there is a five year capital programme for the development of Fire Stations. The Five Year Programme is now 1½ years in operation and is behind schedule. He stated that a new Fire Station is under construction in Gort while negotiations are taking place for the purchase of fire station sites at Athenry and Clifden. He stated that it had been agreed to carry out some necessary renovations at nearly all the fire stations this year, including upgrading and provision of toilet and shower facilities in all stations where this is necessary.*

*Referring to fire appliances, he stated that the oldest is 20 years but with only 75,000 road miles, a machine of this age remains reliable for some years. He refuted media reports that the fire service was using antiquated fire engines and added that in the last fourteen years, there has been no break-down of a fire engine and that an appliance of between 15-20 years is not antiquated. He also stated that a plan to replace old appliances is included in a Five Year Programme. Fire appliances were purchased from Devon Fire and Rescue Service, and while they are 14-15 years old, they have low mileage and are in excellent condition. He added that it is considered that the overall fleet is in reasonably good condition, while he recognised that replacements are necessary and efforts to have capital funding provided will continue.*

*An Comhairleoir O Tuathail complimented the Chief Fire Officer on his Report but stated that there was no fire service in the South Connemara area and that the closest service was 45 miles away. He stated that the people of South Connemara deserve and need to have a fire service.*

*Councillor Loughnane stated that he was disappointed that a second fire appliance was not being provided in Loughrea. He also stated that insurance cover for firemen was inadequate and should be addressed.*

*Councillor Mullins requested that a copy of the Chief Fire Officer's Report be circularised together with an inventory of fire appliances by station, their age, mileage etc. He also queried the position regarding repair of the shower/toilet facilities at Ballinasloe Fire Station.*

*Councillor Callanan referred to the need for smoke extraction for Mountbellew, Loughrea and Ballinasloe Stations.*

*Councillor Regan stated that the Loughrea Fire Service covered a huge area and a second appliance is required for Loughrea.*



*The Chief Fire Officer replied to the Members queries stating that land had been bought for provision of a second bay in Loughrea under the Fire Services Capital Programme. With regard to the shower facilities in Ballinasloe, he stated that finance was not available previously as only £20,000 had been provided countywide for these repairs. He stated that funding was not available to construct a station in South Connemara which would cost £500,000 in year one and £50,000 operational costs annually.*

*An Comhairleoir O Tuathail stated that an application for provision of a fire service in South Connemara should be submitted to the Department of the Environment. Before doing this, the Acting Assistant County Manager said that a Report would have to be prepared on the viability and need for a fire service in South Connemara and such a Report would be prepared as soon as possible.*

**PRESENTATION**

**4937**

*A presentation was made to Sr. Seraphina, FMDM on the occasion of her Golden Jubilee with the FMDM Order by the Chairman of Galway County Council and Ballinasloe U.D.C.*

*A presentation was also made by the Chairman of Galway County Council and Ballinasloe U.D.C. to pupils of Creagh National School on the occasion of winning the ESSO All-Ireland Wildlife Challenge.*

**CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

**4938**

**Loughrea Bye-Pass**

*Councillor McClearn requested that the County Engineer prepare a full report on Loughrea Bye-Pass and that it be discussed at the next Meeting of the Council.*

**Mast at Tonabrucky**

*An Comhairleoir O Neachtain stated an examination of the health implications of a further mast at Tonabrucky should be carried out and that the Council owned the land where the proposed development will take place.*

*The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that the planning application for this development was on further information.*

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**N.O.M. NO. 11 - LAY-BYES - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM**

**4939**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-*

*"This road is not on the 1998 Roadworks Programme, thus it will not be possible to construct laybys.*

*The limited resources available for verge cutting are utilised on the national primary, national secondary, regional and the busier local roads. It may not be possible to visit the Cloughnaceava Road but it will be reconsidered late in the year as the Verge Cutting Programme evolves."*

**N.O.M. NO. 12 - REMOVAL OF PUMP - CLLR. T. BYRNE 4940**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Byrne:-*

*"The pump was removed without the premission of Galway County Council. The Council are at present investigating the circumstances involved and I shall revert to you on this matter."*

**N.O.M. NO. 13 - PROVISION OF WATER TAP - CLLR T. BYRNE 4941**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Byrne:-*

*"The Council will provide a water tap at the Pier in Kinvara."*

**N.O.M. NO. 14 - REPAIRS TO LAMPS - CLLR. T. BYRNE 4942**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Byrne:-*

*"The lamps are considered to be beyond economic refurbishment. There are no funds available at present to replace them with aesthetically suitable traditional type lanterns."*

**N.O.M. NO. 15 - REPAIR WORKS - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 4943**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-*

*"Repair work will be carried out at this location over the next few weeks."*

**N.O.M. NO. 16 - TRAFFIC LIGHTS - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 4944**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-*

*"A traffic study conducted earlier this year indicated that this junction does not meet the necessary traffic volumes to warrant traffic lights. It is proposed to provide a yellow box junction and left and right turn lanes at this location later in the year. It is believed that this will improve traffic movement at the location."*

**N.O.M. NO. 17 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - CLLR. 4945**  
**M. FAHY**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

*"The house referred to fronts onto the N6. It is on a straight section of the road. The view at the exit from the property is obscured by hedges and branches. The Council could not erect barriers on the hardshoulder of a National Primary Route.*

*The resolution of the problem is a matter for the property owner and not the Council."*

**N.O.M. NO. 18 - CAHERFINISKER G.W.S. - CLLR. M. 4946**  
**FAHY**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

*"The Caherfinisker Group Water Scheme is presently being constructed. The parameters of the scheme have been set down and grant aid has been allocated accordingly."*

**N.O.M. NO. 19 - S.E.S.'s - CLLR. M. FAHY 4947**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

*"There is no change in the Council's policy in relation to Community Employment Schemes and we will continue to sponsor them as heretofore.*

*The Council had two year schemes in both Gort and Loughrea which finished on June 5, 1998 and June 19, 1998 respectively. Applications for two further two year schemes have been submitted to FAS and will be placed before the August Monitoring Committee Meeting. When they are approved they should commence later in the year.*

*In the event of a six month break all who participated on the expired schemes would be eligible for the new schemes provided they have been in receipt of Unemployment Assistance or Benefit for all of the six months."*

**N.O.M. NO. 20 - ROAD RESURFACING - CLLR. P. 4948**  
**FINNEGAN**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

*"This road is not included for resurfacing in the 1998 Roadworks Programme. Routine maintenance will be carried out."*

**N.O.M. NO. 21 - ROADSIDE FENCE - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN 4949**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

*"There are no funds available to finance a fully stock proof temporary fence at present. It will not be possible to do any work at this location until the necessary funds are provided under the five year National Plan for Secondary Routes."*

**N.O.M. NO. 22 - FLOODING - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN 4950**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-

*"Remedial works to alleviate flooding will be undertaken at this location shortly."*

**N.O.M. NO. 23 - TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 4951**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

*"Craughwell village is presently being examined with a view to installing a traffic calming scheme. As carriageway width is restricted it will not include solid islands."*

**N.O.M. NO. 24 - ROAD MARKING - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 4952**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

*"A major road marking scheme will shortly be put in place and it will include the white line requested."*

**N.O.M. NO. 25 - SPEED LIMIT - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 4953**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

*"This location is not very built-up and a 40 mile speed limit is not considered to be necessary. The existing 30 mile limit is considered adequate."*

**N.O.M. NO. 26 - FOOTBRIDGE - CLLR. J. MCCLEARN 4954**

The following written reply was given to Councillor McClearn:-

*"A bridge has been designed for this location. The estimated cost of the bridge alone is £60,000. The approaches on either side to the bridge would cost an additional £60,000. There is no provision made for this work in the 1998 Roadworks Programme."*

**N.O.M. NO. 27 - KYLEBROUGHLAN G.W.S. - DEPUTY 4955**  
**P. MCCORMACK**

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-

*"The Council are in discussions with the trustees of the Kylebroughlan Group Water Scheme with regard to the design of the project."*

**N.O.M. NO. 28 - TRAFFIC LIGHTS - SENATOR J. 4956**  
**MCDONAGH**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

*"The Council will examine the possibility of providing traffic lights to regulate the traffic at the junction."*

**N.O.M. NO. 29 - FLASHING LIGHTS - SEN. J. 4957**  
**MCDONAGH**

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

*"This school is on a County Road within a 30 mile speed limit. It is unlikely to be considered for flashing lights in the near future given the level of funding for these lights."*

**N.O.M. NO. 30 - TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - SEN.- 4958**  
**J. MCDONAGH**

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

*"This junction will probably be improved in 1999 if the National Secondary Roads Plan goes ahead with the level of funding anticipated. The level of funding will dictate whether or not improvements can be carried out"*

**N.O.M. NO. 31 - ROAD SAFETY - CLLR. P MCHUGH 4959**

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

*"Additional signage and road markings will be provided at the junction. Removal of the bend might be a suitable subject for the Community Involvement in Roadworks Scheme. It could be considered next year if the local community wished to submit an application when the scheme for 1999 is advertised later this year."*

**N.O.M. NO. 32 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - CLLR. P. 4960**

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

*"The Council was pursuing the possibility of land acquisition to carry out the improvement works when a landowner died. The matter of Title to the land does not appear to have been finalised yet."*

**N.O.M. NO. 33 - HEADFORD TREATMENT PLANT - 4961  
CLLR. P. MCHUGH**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-*

*"Contract Documents for the site investigation works were submitted to the Department of the Environment in 1993 and approval is awaited."*

**N.O.M. NO. 34 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. J. CONNEELY 4962**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Conneely:-*

*"Routine maintenance work will be carried out on this road in the near future".*

**N.O.M. NO. 35 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. J. CONNEELY 4963**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Conneely:-*

*"This road is included in the 1998 Roadworks Programme. Work will be carried out later in the year."*

**N.O.M. NO. 36 - STREET LIGHTS - CLLR. J. CONNEELY 4964**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Conneely:-*

*"This location is not included in the 1998 Public Lighting Programme. There is an existing public light across the road from Voughan's premises."*

**N.O.M. NO. 37 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - 4965  
AN COMH. S. O'NEACHTAIN**

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

*"A major realignment scheme for the Kentfield/Killeen section of the N59 is to be sent to the National Roads Authority before the end of June, 1998. Some surface improvement will be carried out at Killeen House in the next 8 weeks."*

**N.O.M. NO. 38 - SPIDDAL BEACH - AN COMH. S. 4966  
O'NEACHTAIN**

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

*"I would be obliged if you would indicate any particular works which you feel should be considered for the upgrading of the Beach."*

**N.O.M. NO. 39 - LIGHTING - CLLR. K. QUINN 4967**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"The person referred to should make a formal application and submit copy of quotation from E.S.B. We do not foresee any difficulty in taking the light in charge provided it is erected to the required standard and is situated at a location acceptable to the Council."

**N.O.M. NO. 40 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. K. QUINN 4968**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"This road will be considered when the five year roads plan is being reviewed."

**N.O.M. NO. 41 - FLASHING LIGHTS - CLLR. K. QUINN 4969**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"This location is not included in the year's Programme for Flashing Lights. It will be considered when the 1999 Programme is being compiled."

**N.O.M. NO. 42 - FLOODING - CLLR. E. VARLEY 4970**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"Remedial action to alleviate flooding will be undertaken shortly."

**N.O.M. NO. 43 - FLOODING - CLLR. E. VARLEY 4971**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"Remedial action to alleviate flooding will be undertaken shortly."

**N.O.M. NO. 44 - HEDGE-CUTTING - CLLR. E. VARLEY 4972**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"Verge trimming will be carried out by the Council but cutting of hedges and bushes is the responsibility of the land owner."

**CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN**

Submitted Approved + Signed:

Michael Ansell

Chairman

20/7/98

Date

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**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY  
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNCIL OFFICES,  
TUAM ROAD, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 12TH JUNE, 1998**

**Cathaoirleach:-**

Councillor M. O'Neill

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

**Oifigigh:-**

Messrs. D. Nelson, Deputy. Co. Manager, J. Tierney,  
Asst. Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, J.  
Colleran, Co. Engineer, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., B.  
McDermott, T. Connell & P. Carroll, S.S.O.'s, E.  
Hourigan, A/S.O. & C. Kenny, C.O.

**Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.**

**RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY**

**4919**

The Members extended their deepest sympathy to Canon P. Carroll, Parish Priest,  
Ardrahan and formerly of St. Patrick's Church, Galway.

A Resolution of Smypathy was also passed with:-

Family of late Dr. Francis Noone, Gort, Co. Galway  
Christy Keane, Killigan, Loughrea,  
Seamus Walsh, Retired School Principal, Monksfield, Salthill, Galway



**DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING 4920**

The County Secretary stated that the Annual Meeting must be held between the 25th June and 28th July, 1998.

On the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Loughnane, the Members agreed to hold the Annual Meeting on Monday, 20th July, 1998.

The Members also agreed to hold the July Monthly Meeting on the 20th July, 1998, on the proposal of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Mannion.

**HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME 1998 4921**

A Report dated 8th June, 1998 enclosing a copy of the Higher Education Grants Scheme for 1998 was circulated to each Member. The Scheme was considered and adopted by the Council, on the proposal of Councillor Gavin, seconded by Councillor Loughnane.

Councillor Gavin stated that he welcomed the scheme. However, a 1.5% increase (or £28.00) to the maintenance grant is extremely small, given the situation that the academic year for most third level colleges is now approximately 8 months. Based on a survey conducted by the Students Union of Ireland, it costs £504 per month for a student to survive in a third level institute. The low level of grants being offered to students may result in students withdrawing from College. Councillor Gavin requested that the Minister for Education be informed of the Council's views as to the low level of grants being made available to students.

Councillor Loughnane agreed with the sentiments expressed by Councillor Gavin. He requested that the distinction between students living within a certain radius of the colleges be removed, and that the courses covered by the Grants Scheme be extended to include courses in Britain and other EU States. Councillor Loughnane complimented the Council Staff for their efficient processing of Grant applications. He asked that meetings with Department of Education Officials be arranged at various intervals to discuss the scheme.

Deputy Connaughton stated that Fees for all Third Level Students should be abolished and proposed that increased resources be allocated to the scheme.

**MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF TUAM AND ENVIRONS APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION FOR A HOTEL & LEISURE CENTRE, OFFICES, RESTAURANT, CAR SHOWROOM WITH GARAGE 4922**

**BUSINESS UNITS, ALL WITH ASSOCIATED CAR-PARKING  
AND SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS - APPLICANT: ROYAL  
ROCK(TUAM) LTD. - PLANNING REF: 98/878**

A Report dated 8th June, 1998 was circulated to each Member. Mr. Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E., Planning outlined the nature of the development as follows:-

**“Planning History**

1. 97/1958 Planning ref. for shopping centre, hotel and offices, appeal withdrawn.

On part of this site

2. 67468 Planning granted for retention of fill 1992
3. 65890 Planning granted for 38 kv line 1992
4. 63847 Planning granted for warehouse 1991
5. 60074 Planning refused warehouse (public health) 1990
6. 42608 Planning granted for warehouse Section 4 motion.
7. 41852 Planning refused warehouse 1982

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

The site of the proposal is located on the Galway approach road to Tuam town the N17, approximately 1.5 miles from the centre of the town. The site is 6.1 hectares in area and is open, flat and of low landscape quality. Peripheral lands are agricultural/bog, with developments associated with these uses. Towards the town, land use changes from green field sites to small industrial/commercial mass, low-medium density housing.

The current proposal is the second on this site in recent months - it is an attempt to address the reason for refusal on the recent application while acknowledging the existing zoning - industrial - on the site.

The proposal includes for

- a hotel (68 bed) with a function room 735m<sup>2</sup>, conference centre 140m<sup>2</sup> and leisure centre
- offices (1300 m<sup>2</sup>) located overhead the restaurant and in a block - 2 storey between the hotel and restaurant
- 54 business units 5290 m - (no retail storage 80m<sup>2</sup>) aspect, except wholesale
- a restaurant, suggestive of a fast-food roadside diner type (470 m<sup>2</sup>)
- car show room with garage 850m<sup>2</sup>.

The site has been laid out with hotel, offices, restaurant and car showroom to the front and business units to the rear. The car park has been distributed throughout the site and not in an expansive manner (515 spaces). There is a balance of lands to the rear of the site.

### **Tuam and Environs Development Plan Policy**

The Tuam plan has designated the lands, the subject of this application for industrial purposes. In this regard, therefore, the business units being of a light engineering, service distribution, wholesale nature are acceptable uses. As commercial uses are also included in this zoning objective the restaurant use/car sales are also acceptable. The hotel use and the office uses are included for in other zoning objectives and do not comply with the prevailing objective and are therefore contrary to the Tuam plan. In addition access is onto the N17 at a point where the maximum speed limit applies, the restrictions on vehicular entrances on controlled routes as defined in the County Development Plan therefore applies. A decision to grant planning permission therefore, cannot be made unless passed by material contravention process.

### **Assessment**

The current proposal differs substantially from the previous application - 95/1958 in that it does not represent a primarily retail context which would be in direct competition with the retail uses within the town and in conflict with the Local Authority application for I.A.P. status.

The Tuam plan by virtue of zoning invites 'industrial' uses onto this site - 42% of the floor area space of the proposal would be dedicated specifically to such uses. In addition, a further 10% would be acceptable under this zoning objective. The balance - hotel, office use would be contrary to the zoning with the hotel being the bulk of this space.

The hotel is of medium size - 68 bed but does also have a large function room and leisure centre which will have an operational status independent from the overnight hotel facilities.

It is accepted that Tuam town lacks a modern hotel facility which will provide for function room activities i.e. weddings, dinner dances etc., most of which are forced to go to alternative venues in nearby towns/Galway city. To grant permission for the proposed hotel would provide for an option in Tuam town for such events - it will also increase the bed space for tourists/travellers in the area - which will add to the local tourist economy.

The location of the hotel is on the periphery, ideally it would be preferable if this development were located more centrally - however, in view of the scale of such development, and car park demands, there would be limitations to site choices in the town. The nature of the use - a hotel/leisure centre is not part of a critical combination for the success of a town centre, as is retailing use, and therefore a peripheral location is unlikely to cause any negative impact to retailing or displacement in the town. On

the contrary, the hotel is likely to enhance the image of the town and be a contribution to the community and an expansion of existing facilities.

The restaurant is acceptable within the zoning objective. It is of large scale 300 seater. The layout, location and size all suggest that this will operate on a fast food/roadside diner operation. This development is unlikely to cause any displacement within the town. There is no development of a similar nature/scale operating within the town. This type of restaurant appeals mostly to road users who are attracted by the convenience and the speed of service and would not reroute their journeys to stop within a town, look for parks, etc. In addition, this premises will also service the workers employed on site.

The office use is 1300m<sup>2</sup>. The nature of these uses will be such that they do not depend on town centre locations i.e. are not professional service and may appeal to corporate uses which would have a preference for a green field site and are not dependent on a specific location. There is a possibility that these could have some draw from the town but the town is likely to have the advantage of I.A.P. status which will give it fiscal advantage to business. On balance, the impact is not likely to be detrimental - the draw may be more from Galway city where there is a demand for such space and where supply is limited.

The business uses are acceptable within the zoning, the location away from any likely conflicting use i.e. residential is necessary. The location of such uses would not cause any displacement within the town and can only be seen as reinforcing the local economy providing for space for uses which normally cause nuisance in residential areas, have difficulty acquiring space because of small scale nature and are best located in groups - for possible co-dependency and sharing of services ( i.e. admin.).

The car sales showroom is not a critical aspect of centre town retailing, because of the space requirement. These uses are normally located on the edge of the commercial areas. The existing proposal does not include for a petrol station nor would one be considered appropriate by the Planning Authority.

### **Constraints**

#### **(1) Roads**

The development although zoned for industrial purposes is outside of the speed limit by approximately 200m. There have been requests made to extend the speed limit but none granted. The next review would not be for 2 years (by N.R.A.).

The policy with respect to the controlled routes as defined in Chapter 8 therefore apply. The plan states specifically that no new vehicular access points should be permitted (N17) pg. 67. The development therefore would be contrary to this policy constituting a new entrance and with substantial volumes of traffic.

The Road Design have recommended refusal on this point - they would object to the development on the basis of the road status. With respect to the arrangement for the

filtering of traffic and sight distances they have no objection but would require modification to the proposed access arrangement which can be dealt with by condition.

The issues to consider relate to accepting the notion that the speed limit should be brought out as far as the site. As the plan has zoned these lands and other lands outside of the speed limit for a specific purpose, the plan is therefore contradictory having a restrictive policy along the roads onto which the sites would access. This bank of land is immediately outside of Tuam and only 200m from the speed limit and therefore represents a logical extension to the built-up area. It is because of these arguments that the Planning Authority would consider recommending a grant of permission for the proposal.

**(2) Tuam and Environs Plan** As the lands are zoned for industrial purposes - the hotel and office use would not be provided for in such a class of use. However, the case for accepting these uses have been made previously in this report. In short, it is considered that the hotel would be an advantage to the town and would serve a niche not already serviced in the immediate area. It is considered that the offices will not cause displacement if they have no direct dependence on visiting public (professional services type). In addition it is desirable that buffer uses exist between the hotel and the business units to ensure the viability and attractiveness of the hotel.

### **Objections**

The Planning Authority have received no objections to the proposed development.

### **Statutory Consideration**

A decision to grant permission cannot be made unless a resolution is passed by the members requiring that such a decision be made in accordance with Section 26(3) of the 1963 Planning Act as substituted by Section 39 (d) of the 1976 Planning Act as amended by Section 45 of the Local Government Act 1991.

Public notice of the Council's intention to consider deciding to grant permission was given on 11 May 1998 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections if they so wished. No objections were received.

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

The latest date for a decision on this application is 10th July, 1998."

Councillor J. Burke welcomed this development and complimented the Developer, and the Council Staff involved. He stated that Galway County Council nominated Tuam as a growth centre seven years ago, and the infrastructure of the town has been enhanced. The Members agreed to the sentiments expressed by Councillor J. Burke.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Royal Rock (Tuam) Ltd., for planning permission for the construction of a new hotel with function room and leisure centre, offices, restaurant, car showroom with garage, business units for use as wholesale, service, distribution or light manufacturing, all with associated car-parking and site development works at Kilmore, Tuam - Planning Ref. No. 98/878, and having considered the Report dated 10th June, 1998 on the matter, Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(3) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963, as substituted by Section 39(d) of the 1976 Planning Act as amended by Section 45 of the Local Government Act, 1991 hereby require that a decision to grant permission be made in the case of this application. Councillor P. Finnegan seconded this proposal. A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:**

Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley & T. Walsh (24).

**IN AGHAIDH:** -----

The Chairman (Cllr. O'Neill) declared the Motion carried.

**DRAFT LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**4923**

Mr. D. Nelson, Deputy County Manager informed the Members of the Draft Litter Management Plan. He stated that under the terms of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, the Council must prepare a Litter Management Plan, and give public notice of its proposal to do so. The plan must provide for the following:-

1. Specify objectives to prevent and control litter.
2. Specify measures to encourage public awareness including educational measures directed at young people.
3. Specify the measures to be undertaken in order to attain the objectives of the plan.

Mr. Nelson said that the Draft Plan would be put on public display and submissions invited.

**DRAFT CASUAL TRADING BYE-LAWS 1998**

**4924**

The County Secretary informed the Members that in accordance with the provisions of the Casual Trading Act 1995, Galway County Council adopted Casual Trading Bye-Laws for the Galway Health District which came into effect on 1st July, 1997.

Since the introduction of the Bye-Laws, representations and discussions have taken place regarding the designated trading areas. The Casual Trading Act provides for a review of the Casual Trading Bye-Laws which requires going through the full legal consultation process.

The Council's Casual Trading Committee at its Meeting of 25th May, 1998, considered representations made and other matters and recommend the following amendments to the designated trading areas as follows:-

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|--------------------|---|---|
| <b>Loughrea</b>    | <b>- Barrack Street</b>                 | <b>- Reduce Bays from 14 to 11</b>  |
|                    | <b>- West Bridge</b>                    | <b>- Reduce Bays from 8 to 7</b>  |
|                    |   | <b>- Trading bays at Barrack Street, Loughrea to be numbered 2,4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, &amp; 14 instead of 1 - 11</b>                                  |
| <b>Gort</b>        | <b>- The Square</b>                     | <b>- Provide an additional 4 bays making a total of 12 bays</b>   |
| <b>Clifden</b>     | <b>- Market Street/<br/>Main Street</b> | <b>- Provide 10 bays at Market Street/<br/>Main Street and terminate casual trading in the car-park</b>   |
|                    |   | <b>- Restrict trading days to Fridays only</b>  |
|                    |   | <b>- Three of the trading bays to be provided at Market Street to be smaller than normal bays, and a reduced fee of £150.00 per bay per annum will apply.</b> |
| <b>Mountbellew</b> | <b>- The Square</b>                     | <b>- Reduce the number of bays from 37 to 35</b>  |
| <b>* Clause 25</b> |   | <b>- Prohibiting parking in certain times/areas</b>   |

A Report dated 5th June, 1998 regarding the proposed amendments was circulated to each Member.

Deputy Connaughton queried the operation of the Casual Trading Bye-Laws; and whether the scheme was welcomed throughout the County. Councillor Hussey asked whether restricted hours of trading for Fast Food Outlets were included in the Bye-Laws.

Councillor Brennan welcomed the report and the proposed changes for the Clifden Trading area.

The County Secretary replied stating that the reduction in fees, were welcomed by Traders in the county. In regard to Fast Food Outlets (Mobile Vans), the hours of trading are be 10.30 a.m. to 12 midnight. Other restrictions may be placed on Fast Food Shops as a condition of their planning application.

On the proposal of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, the Members agreed that the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 1997 be amended in accordance with the changes outlined above and as set out in the Draft Galway County Council Casual Trading Bye-Laws 1998, which will now be published.

**NOMINATIONS TO BOARD OF ATHENRY COMMUNITY TRUST LTD. AND ATHENRY HERITAGE & TOURISM COMPANY LTD. 4925**

The County Secretary informed the Members that the Council agreed to contribute £31,000 to the Athenry Heritage Project. This project is due for completion in July. It has been agreed that the Council would be represented on the Athenry Community Trust Ltd. and Athenry Heritage & Tourism Company Ltd. A Report dated 5th June, 1998 was circulated to each Member.

Councillor Loughnane and Senator McDonagh were proposed for nomination to the Athenry Community Trust Ltd. this was agreed by the Members, on the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

On the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, the Members agreed to the nomination of Councillor W. Burke and Councillor J. McClearn to the Board of Athenry Heritage and Tourism Company Ltd.

**GALWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - ERNST & YOUNG 1998 BUSINESS AWARD 4926**

A copy of correspondence received from Galway Chamber of Commerce regarding the 1998 Business Award was circulated to each Member and noted.

**MANAGER'S BUSINESS 4927**

**Local Elections**

The County Secretary informed the Members that written confirmation has been received from the Department of the Environment and Local Government stating that the Local Elections and European Parliament Elections will be held on Friday, 11th June, 1999.



**Polling Scheme**

The County Secretary stated that the Department of the Environment propose to defer further consideration of the Council's revised polling scheme until the Council has reviewed the scheme in light of the changes in the boundaries of the Dail constituencies of Galway East and Galway West contained in the Electoral (Amendment)(No. 2) Bill 1998 and any changes which may be recommended by the Committee reviewing the Local Electoral Areas.

Deputy McCormack stated that the review of Galway County Council's Polling Scheme has being on-going for the past two years. He highlighted the problem of voters/residents in the Maree/Oranmore area. Deputy McCormack proposed that Galway County Council insists that the Polling Scheme recommended by the Council be implemented for the next election.

Councillor McClearn seconded Deputy McCormack's proposal. He said that approval to make the changes must be obtained from the Department of the Environment. Councillor McClearn highlighted other areas namely Raheen N.S., Gurtymadden, Duniry N.S., where similar problems exist. He stated that the functions of Local Authorities are being further eroded, whereby Councillors are unable to help the people of their constituencies. Councillor McClearn proposed that a letter be written to the Minister for the Environment and convey very strongly the Council's objection. This is now an embarrassing matter for Councillors he said.

**Craftsmen and General Operatives Strike**

The County Secretary informed Members that the Craftsmen and General Operatives Union have indicated that National Strike action will take place on 22nd August 1998.

Management will have a meeting on Monday, 16th June, 1998 to discuss emergency procedures.

**Williamstown Sewerage & Tuam Regional Water Supply Schemes**

The Secretary informed the Members that the Minister for the Environment and Local Government will officially open the Williamstown Sewerage Scheme at 9.00 a.m., and the Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 14th July, 1998.

The Members will be formally notified of same.

**Operation of Planning Office**

Councillor J. Burke stated that the Manager confirmed at a previous meeting, that twelve additional staff will be allocated to the Planning Office. Councillor J. Burke highlighted particular areas of concern regarding planning applications. He said that requests for further information were issued within days of expiration of two month period, for decision on a planning application. Councillor J. Burke asked if the additional staff have been employed.

The County Secretary replied stating that some additional staff have taken up duty. He refuted Cllr. Burke's statement that twelve extra staff were to be employed. He said the number of permanent Technical Staff approved by the Department is six. The Manager has requested that this number be increased to twelve - three extra permanent and three temporary positions.

Mr. Nelson, Deputy County Manager informed the Members that the major difficulty encountered by the Council and other organisations is the shortage of qualified persons, and the duration of contract being offered to attract personnel. Mr. Nelson stated that in order to process a planning application, reports from various officers are required. Requests for further information are sought based on reports received. However, the planning process is kept under review.

Councillor McHugh suggested that the allocation of staff to the Forward Planning Section be deferred.

Deputy McCormack requested that all planning applications be thoroughly checked at the counter, prior to accepting same. Where reports, etc. are not included that it be highlighted to the applicant to remedy same. It is imperative that only completed planning applications be accepted either by post or by counter staff.

Deputy Connaughton proposed that where requests for further information are issued and the necessary information is forwarded to the Planning Office within a reasonable period, that such application be considered by the Planning Officer and not treated as a new application. Councillor Brennan seconded this proposal.

Councillor McClearn stated that a few months ago the issue of Prior Notices was raised with the Members. He said that if the situation in Planning Office continues, the Members will have no choice but to issue Prior Notices in respect of every applicant coming to the Members.

In response to Councillors comments, Mr. Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E. Planning stated that meetings have been arranged with the Planning Officers to streamline current operations. He said that Planning Seminars were held throughout the county informing Architects, Builders, etc. of necessary requirements when making planning applications. However, some difficulties have arisen with applications completed by Professional people from outside the county. Mr. Liam Kavanagh confirmed that where possible applications are dealt with once requests for further information have been received.

The County Secretary stated that applications are checked by the Staff, and many are returned to the Applicant where same are found incomplete. However, some omissions/errors may not be discovered until applications are being processed by other officers.

He confirmed that the employment of Consultants for the drafting of certain Town Plans will help the staffing situation. He said that the situation in the Planning Section will be reviewed.

**N59 Moycullen Road - Corcullen/Killeen/Woodstock Area**

Councillor Gavin stated that no improvement works were carried out on the N59 Moycullen for many years. In March 1997 monies were allocated to National Secondary Roads and work commenced on this road. He said that Galway County Council were unfairly criticised by people who were not aware of the full facts of the situation. In order to set the record straight, Councillor Gavin queried the pace of work carried out in this area to-date.

Mr. J. Colleran, County Engineer stated that the acquisition of land for necessary improvement works was not carried out prior to notification of receipt of monies. As a result, work is carried out as circumstances allow, while there are on-going negotiations regarding the purchase of land.

Mr. Colleran confirmed that agreements have been reached for the purchase of necessary lands and works will now be carried out on a continuous basis. Mr. Colleran stated that machinery was not paid for, if left idle, and all costs are strictly monitored.

**CONFERENCES**

**4928**

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan, and agreed that the attendance of the following Members be approved at the Conferences set out hereunder, the costs of the Conferences having been circulated to each Member:-

**LAMA Conference - Kenmare - 4/5 September, 1998**

Deputy P. McCormack	Cllr. T. Hussey	Cllr. J. McClearn
Deputy P. Connaughton	Cllr. P. McHugh	Cllr. M. Ryan
Cllr. P. O'Tuathail	Cllr. J. Callanan	Cllr. E. Varley
Cllr. M. Cunningham	Cllr. K. Quinn	Cllr. M. Mullins
Cllr. T. Walsh		

**CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN**

Submitted. Approved + Signed:

Michael Finerty  
Chairman

20/7/98  
Date

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

### **MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT MERLIN PARK, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 25th MAY, 1998**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** *An Comhairleoir M. Finnerty*

**I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Baill:**

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

**Oifigigh:**

*Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, D. Nelson, J. Tierney, Asst. Co. Managers, J. Colleran, Co. Engineer, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., D. Barrett, A.O., B. McDermott & P. Carroll, S.S.O.'s*

**Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.**

### **MINUTES**

**4876**

*The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 14th April, 1998 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, on the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Hussey.*

*The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 27th April, 1998 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, on the proposal of Councillor Regan, seconded by Councillor Quinn.*

*The Report of the Joint Meeting of Galway County Council and Galway Corporation held on 27th April, 1998 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Councillor Regan, seconded by Councillor Quinn.*

*The Report of the Connemara Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 12th March, 1998 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by An Comhairleoir O Tuathail.*

*The Report of the Loughrea Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 6th April, 1998 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Cunningham.*

*The Report of the Tuam Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 6th April, 1998 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan.*

*The Report of the Ballinasloe Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 6th April, 1998 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor Callanan.*

*The Report of the Galway Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 6th April, 1998 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Gavin, seconded by Deputy McCormack.*

*The Report of the Tuam Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 19th March, 1998 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Quinn.*

*The Report of the National Monuments Advisory Committee Meeting held on 10th March, 1998 was considered. It was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Ryan.*

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

##### ***Report on National Monuments Advisory Committee Meeting - 10th March, 1998***

*Referring to Tullykyne Castle and to the fact that the Council were taking appropriate action with regard to this dangerous structure, Councillor Gavin asked what was meant by the term "appropriate action". The County Secretary stated that the taking of appropriate action would be carried out by the Council serving a letter of notice obliging the owner to make the structure safe.*

##### **DISPOSAL OF SITE AT KYLESALIA, ROSMUC**

**4877**

*On the proposal of An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, seconded by An Comhairleoir O Tuathail, the Council approved the disposal of site No. 5770, area of plot 0.96 acres at Kylesalia, Rosmuc to Mrs. Maureen McGlashin, 22 St. Bernard's Avenue, Pontefract, West Yorkshire, in accordance with noticed dated 7th April, 1998 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966 - a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.*

**DISPOSAL OF LAND AT POOLBOY, BALLINASLOE 4878**

*On the proposal of Deputy McCormack, seconded by Councillor Callanan, the Council approved the disposal of 0.290 hectares of land at Poolboy, Ballinasloe to Joseph Staunton and Anne Staunton, Portnick, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway in accordance with notice dated 12th May, 1998 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 - a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.*

**DISPOSAL OF LAND AT POOLBOY, BALLINASLOE 4879**

*On the proposal of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Deputy Connaughton, the Council approved the disposal of 19 acres and 3 roods at Poolboy, Ballinasloe to Ballinasloe Urban District Council, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway in accordance with notice dated 12th May, 1998 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 - a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.*

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994 4880**

*The Members were circulated with Report dated 13th May, 1998 regarding construction of Septic Tanks and Percolation Areas to existing dwellings at the following locations:*

<i>Loughcurra North, Kinvara, Co. Galway</i>	<i>Caladhulaim, Lettermullen, Co. Galway,</i>
<i>Teachmore, Lettermullen, Co. Galway</i>	<i>Maumeen, Lettermore, Co. Galway,</i>
<i>Curryulka, Lettermore, Co. Galway</i>	<i>Pointa, Keeraunbeg, Carraroe</i>
<i>Keeraunbeg, Carraroe, Co. Galway</i>	<i>Clynagh, Carraroe, Co. Galway</i>
<i>Lettermuckoo, Camus, Co. Galway</i>	<i>Cellar, Rosmuck, Co. Galway</i>

*The Council agreed to the development on the proposal of Deputy McCormack, seconded by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta.*

*The Members were also circulated with Report dated 13th May, 1998 regarding construction of extensions to existing dwellings at the following locations:*

<i>Camus Eigher, Co. Galway</i>	<i>Bunnacornane, Trabane, Lettermore</i>
<i>Lettercallow, Lettermore, Co. Galway</i>	<i>Kilcahill, Claregalway, Co. Galway</i>
<i>14 O'Keefe Park, Glenamaddy</i>	<i>Mace, Carna, Co. Galway</i>
<i>Ballyboggan, Athenry, Co. Galway</i>	<i>Gurteenacra, Athenry, Co. Galway.</i>

*The Council agreed to the development on the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Quinn.*

*Councillor Loughnane queried how many occupants of demountable dwellings were disabled persons.*

*Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager replied stating that the intention was that occupants of demountable dwellings were able bodied persons and requested Members to let him know of any cases where disabled persons were living in demountable dwellings.*

**DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 1997**

**4881**

*On the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the Draft Annual Report 1997 was approved by the Council.*

**PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 98/854**

**4882**

*Councillor Cunningham referred to a planning application made for 14 no. dwellinghouses and associated services at Cuscarrick, Loughrea. He stated that in order to grant permission for this planning application it would necessitate a material contravention of the development plan due to zoning restrictions and proposed that it be included on the agenda of the next Planning Meeting as a Material Contravention of the Development Plan rather than wait until the Review of the Loughrea Town Plan is finalised.*

*Councillor Regan seconded the proposal stating that Loughrea was a developing town with good water and sewerage infrastructure.*

*Councillor McClearn stated there were five to six planning applications for group developments in Loughrea and that these should be granted permission where they satisfied all planning criteria other than zoning.*

*Councillor J. Burke stated that he agreed with the proposals for group housing in Loughrea but as the Tuam Town Plan would follow the Loughrea Town Plan, he would object if Material Contraventions to the Development Plan were not allowed in Tuam pending finalisation of the Town Plan for Tuam. He also stated that where the development was not suitable and seen to be bad development, it should not be supported.*

*The County Manager stated that in principle he had no difficulty with the proposal, but that he wanted development to be good and orderly. He stated that the process for Review of the Town Plan for Loughrea and other towns had commenced and would be completed as quickly as possible. He also stated that material contraventions to the Development Plan have taken place which involved good development proposals but that bad proposals have also been submitted over time. He added that where a proposed development is seen as a bad development, it will not be brought before the Members.*

*Councillor W. Burke queried details of this particular planning application. Mr. L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. Planning stated that he was awaiting a reply to further information sought in respect of an application on adjoining land, that the present application*

was breaking zoning requirements, and that a decision on this application would have to await the determination of the other application. He stated that three to four Material Contraventions have been granted, that up to 100 planning applications had been granted in Loughrea in recent times and that the Council are reacting reasonably with regard to applications due to the delay in the Town Plan.

Councillor McClearn stated that there was a belief held in Loughrea that an embargo on planning existed pending the Town Plan been updated.

The County Manager stated that he would have the Planning Officer contact the applicant on adjoining land to advance a decision quickly. He also stated that an Official had been appointed to liaise with developers when they are granted planning permission and to ensure that when development is completed, that it can be readily taken in charge by the Council. He added that additional staff will be employed in the Planning Section, that planning applications were at their highest level ever and County Galway had the second highest number of applications in the country.

Referring to agents who submit planning applications, he stated that a seminar was held some months ago at which up to 100 agents attended and were advised on planning requirements. While the majority of agents were excellent, a few were providing a bad service to their clients and these agents will be written to informing them of problems with their applications.

Deputy McCormack stated that while some fault lay with the agents, efforts should be made to identify errors in the application on the first rather than the last date for a decision.

Councillor Loughmane queried whether there was a difficulty in the Planning Section regarding knowledge of soil types as a recent grant of planning permission might not have been entitled to a grant due to the site soil type.

Councillor W. Burke queried whether the water supply was adequate in Loughrea and what plans are there to upgrade the water supply.

Councillor Walsh stated that a number of planning applications in areas such as Glenamaddy had run into problems due to poor/inadequate water supplies and added that it would be terrible if lack of water pressure could prevent the development of a house in these areas.

Councillor McClearn stated that where a request for further information is replied to immediately, that it should be dealt with quickly.

Referring to the question of staffing, the County Secretary said that an exercise had been carried out as to the technical staffing requirements in the Planning Section in the light of all the extra activity and substantial increase in the number of planning applications. He said that the present approved compliment of technical staff was six. However, in recent years it was necessary to employ additional temporary staff. The heavy workload at the moment, including building control and architectural services requires a compliment of twelve technical staff. Because of a possible downturn in



the number of planning applications in the future, it is recommended that three of the extra posts be permanent and three temporary.

On the proposal of Deputy McCormack, seconded by Councillor Regan, the Council approved the creation of three extra permanent technical posts in the Planning Section.

**HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME 1998**

**4883**

The County Secretary stated that the Higher Education Grants Scheme 1998 had not yet been received by the Council and it was agreed to defer this matter to a further meeting of the Council.

An Comhairleoir O Neachtain stated that the 15 mile residence limit in the previous schemes which determined whether an applicant would be awarded the adjacent or non-adjacent rate of maintenance grant was outdated and proposed that the Minister for Education should now review the scheme in this regard prior to the 1998 Higher Education Grants Scheme being put into operation and reduce the residence limit from 15 miles to 5 miles.

The proposal was seconded by Deputy McCormack and agreed by the Council.

Councillor Callanan queried whether farm accounts could be submitted directly by farmers when making a grant application.

Mr. P. Carroll, S.S.O. confirmed that this was correct.

**MANAGER'S BUSINESS**

**4884**

**Improvements to Small Piers in Gaeltacht**

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands has allocated a sum of £45,000 in 1998 for improvements to small piers in the Gaeltacht in the charge of Galway County Council. He added that the grant is subject to a maximum of £15,000 per pier or 50% of expenditure whichever is the less and that the Council is required to provide 50% co-finance for the project. A list of proposals involving total expenditure of £90,000 was circulated and the approval of the Council to these proposals set out hereunder was requested:-

PIER REF. NO.	NAME/LOCATION	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	ESTIMATE (£)
	Paddy Jacks Pier Lettermullen	Complete works on collapsed pier wall (work commenced under Gaeltacht grant 1997)	15,000
61	Inner Pier,	Repair damage to sea wall.	20,000

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	<i>Mace</i>	<i>Provide splash walls, ladder, grabrail and light.</i>	
144	<i>Spiddal New Pier, Spiddal</i>	<i>Essential repairs to haunching on South facing side (storm damage and erosion by waveaction).</i>	7,000
47	<i>O'Loughlins Pier, Cashel</i>	<i>Provide concrete deck to pier. Provide handrail and grabrail.</i>	10,000
142	<i>Lochan Beg Pier, Spiddal</i>	<i>Essential repairs to slipway. Repair/replace winch</i>	10,000
79	<i>Inver Pier, Rosmuc</i>	<i>Provide concrete deck, handrail and grabrail. Repair access road.</i>	15,000
129	<i>Calladh Thadhg Pier, Carraroe</i>	<i>Provide concrete deck. Essential repairs to undermined sections of pier. Provide handrail and grabrail.</i>	13,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>90,000</b>

*Deputy McCormack queried whether £15,000 would be sufficient to complete repairs to Paddy Jacks Pier, Lettermullen.*

*The County Engineer stated the needs of any of these piers is greater than the sums proposed and that efforts were been made here to achieve the best spread of funds for essential works which would conserve piers.*

*Councillor Gavin welcomed the proposal but expressed concern at the need to provide matching funds of £45,000 which had not been allowed for in the Estimates.*

*An Comhairleoir O Neachtain stated that the new pier at Spiddal was unsatisfactory for boats and that funds should be put into the repair of the old Pier.*

*An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta welcomed the proposal adding that it was the first major allocation of funds that had been made available towards piers in Connemara for some time and that efforts should be made to carry out the proposed work before the Winter months.*

*On the proposal of Councillor Gavin, seconded by An Comhairleoir O Neachtain, the proposed improvements to small piers in the Gaeltacht - a list of which had been circulated was approved by the Council.*

**Tidy Towns Competition**

*Mr. D. Nelson, Assistant County Manager stated that late applications for the Tidy towns Competition would be accepted.*

The County Manager stated that the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands had sanctioned grant expenditure of £519,350 towards Island Development for 1998, subject to the Council contributing of £180,500 and which had previously been agreed and recommended by the Islands Committee.

## **CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

4885

### Fire Service

Councillor Regan stated that there was only one fire engine in Loughrea where there are 12 part-time fire-fighters and proposed that a second fire engine be provided in Loughrea.

Councillor Callanan seconded the proposal and added that there should be showers in all fire stations.

Councillor Mullins asked what were the plans for the development of the fire service in Ballinasloe.

It was agreed to list the fire service for discussion at a future meeting at which the Chief Fire Officer would attend.

### Spiddal Sewerage Scheme

An Comhairleoir O Neachtain stated that a study of future needs needed to be carried out taking into account industrial development in the area and the capacity of the sewerage scheme to cope with future development. He also requested that when the laying of the water main is completed that the Cois Farrage Road will be repaired to a satisfactory level.

### Meetings

Councillor Gavin queried the position of the Islands Committee when the SPCs are in place and recommended that the Islands Committee should be kept in place until the Local Elections. Deputy McCormack supported Councillor Gavin and queried whether the Honorary Members of National Monuments Advisory Committee could be included on the new SPCs. The Chairman stated that he would raise these matters with the Chairmen of the SPCs.

Councillor Walsh stated that he understood that a full Roads Meeting of the Council would be held in addition to the meetings of the Roads SPC. The Chairman confirmed that a full meeting of the Council could be held to discuss roads.

The Chairman stated that he would be unavailable for the Special Meeting of the 12th June, 1998, which would be chaired by Vice-Chairman Councillor O'Neill. He also

stated that the June Monthly Meeting of the Council would be held in Portiuncla Hospital, Ballinasloe on 22nd June, 1998 at 4.00 p.m.

Local Improvements Scheme

Deputy Connaughton stated that an examination of applications should be made to determine their eligibility prior to the introduction of the new system as outlined in a Circular, which had been circulated, detailing the 1998 Grant allocations for Local Improvements Scheme. Councillor Loughnane queried how the backlog of applications would be dealt with and expressed concern that applicants whose application is on hands for more than 3 years will be told that they have to make a fresh application if they wish to be considered for funding in the post 1999 period.

The County Manager stated that a report would be prepared for discussion at a future meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

**N.O.M. NO. 13 - TRAFFIC PROBLEMS - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 4886**

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

"The priority at this junction was changed some time ago. When all factors are taken into account the present arrangement is considered to be the safest and there are no plans to change it.

Routine maintenance work will be carried out to the roads in the Carra area.

**N.O.M. NO. 14 - BUS STOPS/BUS SHELTERS - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 4887**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"A bus bay at the Square will be included on the draft Traffic Plan for Gort which is being prepared at present. The provision of bus shelters is a matter for Bus Eireann.

If Bus Eireann or other bus companies consider there is a need for a bus stop at Ceannahabhann they should seek permission from the Council to erect same. Again the provision of a shelter at the location is a matter for Bus Eireann."

**N.O.M. NO. 15 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 4888**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

*"This matter will be investigated and a reply will be made available for the next meeting".*

**N.O.M. NO. 16 - ROAD - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 4889**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-*

*"This road will be inspected to assess if it is up to the required standard for taking in charge or how much it would cost to bring it up to standard."*

**N.O.M. NO. 17 - GROUP WATER SCHEME - CLLR. M. FAHY 4890**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-*

*"The water source for the proposed Peterswell Group Water Scheme was approved by Galway County Council in 1994. The design for the Scheme has not been submitted to the Council as of the present date."*

**N.O.M. NO. 18 - FOOTPATH - CLLR. M. FAHY 4891**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-*

*"This is along the old Galway road and a footpath would not be considered to be of sufficient public utility. Any available funding will have to be expended where priorities are higher."*

**N.O.M. NO. 19 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. M. FAHY 4892**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-*

*"All roads west of the school are not public roads and they do not serve dwellings. There is a gate across one of these roads. The Council is therefore not responsible for repairs to such roads."*

**N.O.M. NO. 20 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN 4893**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-*

*"This road is not included in the 1998 Roadworks Programme for re-surfacing. Routine maintenance will be carried out as funds allow."*

**N.O.M. NO. 21 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN 4894**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-*

*"This road is not included in the 1998 Roadworks Programme for re-surfacing. Routine maintenance will be carried out as funds allow."*

**N.O.M. NO. 22 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - CLLR. P. FINNEGAN 4895**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan:-*

*"This is National Secondary Road N83. The carrying out of realignment or improvement works on such routes is funded by National Roads Authority. No grant was made available for this section of the N83 in the current year. The Council is at present preparing a 5 year plan for National Secondary Roads and this location will be included in same. It is hoped to have the plan placed before Area Committees of the Council in the near future."*

**N.O.M. NO. 23 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. S. GAVIN 4896**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-*

*"This road will be repaired as part of routine maintenance works."*

**N.O.M. NO. 24 - SCHOOL FLASHING LIGHTS - CLLR. S. GAVIN 4897**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-*

*"Quotations have been sought for the lights and it is hoped they may be in place before the end of summer."*

**N.O.M. NO. 25 - ROAD - CLLR. S. GAVIN 4898**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-*

*"This section of road is in very poor condition and is therefore not suitable for taking in charge. However, if Councillors wish to have same considered under Notice of Motion an estimate of cost will be prepared."*

**N.O.M. NO. 26 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 4899**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-*

*"This road is in good condition and it does not need any structural work. It is not included in the 1998 Road Works Programme for resurfacing."*

**N.O.M. NO. 27 - LISALONDOON GWSS - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 4900**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-*

*"There are no proposals set out in the Multi Annual Programme for the taking in charge of Lisalondoon Group Water Supply Scheme."*

**N.O.M. NO. 28 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 4901**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-*

*"This road is classified as a Class 1 county road. Despite the new development on the road there are not sufficient grounds to upgrade it to a regional road. The surface of the road is in reasonable condition."*

**N.O.M. NO. 29 - LAND ACQUISITION - DEPUTY P. McCORMACK 4902**

*The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-*

*"Negotiations are ongoing for the acquisition of land in the Oranmore area for the provision of pitches/open spaces and a meeting of the negotiating parties took place on Friday 22nd May, 1998. A further meeting will take place in approximately 3 weeks."*

**N.O.M. NO. 30 - ROAD WORKS - DEPUTY P. McCORMACK 4903**

*The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:-*

*"Both of these roads are included in the 1998 Road Works Programme and it is expected that work will start around mid June. In the meantime patching will be carried out."*

**N.O.M. NO. 31 - SIGNS - SEN. J. McDONAGH 4904**

*The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-*

*"There are warning signs in place at this junction and delineators were recently erected to define the junction. This is considered adequate."*

**N.O.M. NO. 32 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - SEN. J. McDONAGH 4905**

*The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-*

*"Improvement work is now underway on this stretch of road."*

**N.O.M. NO. 33 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 4906**

*The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-*

*"School warning signs are in position. Pedestrian crossing facility at this location is not warranted. Road markings at this location were recently improved."*

**N.O.M. NO. 34 - COMHARTA SCOILE - AN COMH C. NI FHATHARTA 4907**

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

*"Cuirfear na comharthaí seo in áit chomh luath agus is féidir."*

**N.O.M. NO. 35 - SCEIM UISCE - AN COMH C. NI FHATHARTA 4908**

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

*"Fuair an Chomhairle tuarascail agus an leagann amach ar an Sceim Uisce Doire Choill, Casla ata molta on innealóir Grup Sceime ar an 20u la de Bealtaine, 1998. Ta an Chomhairle ag fanacht don liníocht den sceim faoi lathair. Nuair a mbeidh an eolas seo faighte ag an Comhairle scrudofar an sceim."*

**N.O.M. NO. 36 - BOSCAI BRUSCAR - AN COMH C. NI FHATHARTA 4909**

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

*"Nil aon airgead curtha ar fail sa ciste comhshaoil le haghaidh boscai bruscar breise a chur ar fail san áit seo."*

**N.O.M. NO. 37 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. J. CONNEELY 4910**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Conneely:-*

*"Repairs were carried out recently but substantial funding is required to bring the road up to an acceptable standard. It is not included for improvement in the 1998 Road Works Programme."*

**N.O.M. NO. 38 - WATER SCHEME - CLLR. J. CONNEELY 4911**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Conneely:-*



*"The extension of the Water Scheme to Letterard is included in the proposed Carna Kilkerrin Regional Water Supply Scheme. The Preliminary Report for this Scheme was submitted to the Department of the Environment on October 1990 and approval of this Report is awaited."*

**N.O.M. NO. 39 - ROUNDSTONE SEWERAGE - CLLR. J. 4912  
CONNEELY**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Conneely:-*

*"A Preliminary Report on Roundstone Sewerage was submitted to the Department of the Environment in 1994. The proposed sewerage treatment set out in the Report consists of preliminary screening. It is not intended to extend the collection system until a treatment system is put in place."*

**N.O.M. NO. 40 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - CLLR. S. 4913  
O'NEACHTAIN**

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

*"This section of road is in very poor condition and is therefore not suitable for taking in charge. However, if Councillors wish to have same considered under Notice of Motion, an estimate of cost will be prepared."*

**N.O.M. NO. 41 - LUTS STUDY - CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 4914**

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

*"The Galway Transportation and Planning Study will evaluate the difficult access to and from the South Connemara area at a stage of the Study prior to its completion. This will enable both authorities to take early action to improve the situation."*

**N.O.M. NO. 42 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. S. 4915  
O'NEACHTAIN**

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

*"The side of the road will be repaired as part of routine road maintenance work."*

**N.O.M. NO. 43 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. P. 4916  
O'SULLIVAN**

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

*"This road serves both the Portumna and Ballinasloe Engineering Areas. The Portumna section is included in the 1998 Road Works Programme and these works will be carried out in due course. The Ballinasloe section is not included in*

the 1998 Road Works Programme but minor repairs will be done as resources permit."

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

4917

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

"The problem is primarily grass growing in the centre of the road and this will be removed as soon as resources permit."

**N.O.M. NO. 45 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. T. WALSH**

4918

The following written reply was given to Councillor Walsh:-

"It is hoped to carry out some repair work to this road in the course of the current year."

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Submitted, Approved + Signed:

Michael Finerty  
Chairman

22<sup>nd</sup> June '98

Date