

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT MERLIN PARK, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 28th JULY, 1997

CATHAOIRLEACH: An Comhairleoir M. Finnerty

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, J. Mammion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. McHugh, 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, A/Asst. Co. Manager, J. Colleran, Co. Engineer, D. Barrett, A/Co. Secretary, P. Carroll, A/A.O. and E. Hourigan, A/S.O.

The Chairman expressed his thanks, on behalf of the County Council, to the Western Health Board for making their Board Room and facilities available to the County Council for their Meetings. Councillor Hussey in his capacity as Chairman of the Western Health Board, welcomed the Members and Staff.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

4363

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

- Mrs. Mary Sinclair, Urrachree, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Michael Bermingham, Liskevin, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

MINUTES

4364

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 13th June, 1997 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, on the proposal of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Mannion.

On the proposal of Councillor Regan, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 23rd June, 1997 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee held on the 11th June, 1997 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Councillor Regan, seconded by Councillor Fahy.

The Report of the Tuam Area Committee held on the 14th July, 1997 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Quinn.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Casual Trading Bye-Laws - Minute No. 4293

Councillor Gavin said he had seconded the Resolution for the adoption of the Casual Trading Bye-Laws. Difficulties had arisen for Traders, whose conditions of work have worsened and they took the view that consultation should have taken place with them prior to adoption of the Bye-Laws. He queried whether Members of the public could seek a copy of Minutes of 13th June, 1997.

Mr. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager replied stating that the Council is obliged to consider all submissions made by individuals. These submissions were circulated to the Members and duly considered in accordance with the legal requirements. There is no legal provision for going back to the people who made the submissions. In regard to the Minutes, once approved by the Council these can be examined by Members of the public.

Over-hanging Branches - Minute No. 4299

Councillor Gavin stated that this is a very serious problem in some parts of the county. He highlighted an incident whereby an open sky-light of a bus was shattered by over-hanging branches. He asked if anything could be done to prevent such occurrences.

Mr. J. Colleran, County Engineer said that legally it is the responsibility of the Landowners. However, the County Council would like to obtain information as to where the trees complained of are located so that the matter can be taken up with the Landowners.

Oranmore Development Plan

Councillor Byrne enquired if the Council is proceeding to the next stage with the Oranmore Development Plan as agreed by the Area Committee. The County Manager replied that the necessary public notice would be advertised next week.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL 4365

Councillor Mannion proposed that this item be adjourned to the next Monthly Meeting. Senator McDonagh seconded this proposal.

Councillor J. Burke said that he had been approached by the Fine Gael Representatives concerning the new agreement put forward by Fianna Fail over the filling of vacancies caused by the retirement, resignation or death of sitting Councillors. He said that Fianna Fail Councillors had signed the agreement and the Progressive Democrat Councillors were agreeable to sign. Councillor J. Burke proceeded to read the text of the agreement, which outlined a commitment to the filling of Casual Vacancies on this Council and future Councils agreeing to the principle that the co-opted Councillor belong to the party or group of the out-going Member. It would guarantee that the Party losing a Member in mid-term, would hold the seat by agreement of the other parties. Councillor J. Burke said that he and his fellow Progressive Democrat Councillors agreed to Councillor Mannion's proposal to adjourn this item to the next meeting to enable full consideration to be given to the matter.

Councillor T. Hussey proposed that the vote for the co-option of a person to fill the casual vacancy in the membership of Galway County Council arising from the cessation of the Membership of Deputy Eamonn O'Cuiv be taken. Councillor O'Sullivan seconded this proposal.

The Chairman called for a vote on Councillor Mannion's proposal that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

Some Members queried whether the co-option could be deferred and asked what was the legal position. Mr. Barrett, A/County Secretary quoted Article 87 (2) and (3) of the Local Election Regulations 1965:-

- (2) A casual vacancy shall be filled by the choice by the local authority of a person to fill such vacancy, but not otherwise.
- (3) Such choice shall be made, after due notice, at the next meeting of the local authority after the expiration of a period of fourteen days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon after the expiration of the said period as circumstances permit. For the purposes of this sub-article due notice means not less than three days notice given in writing to every member of the local authority."

REPORT ON REGISTER OF ELECTORS

Councillor Ryan said that the document referred to by Councillor J. Burke was produced prior to the commencement of to-day's meeting and not all the Members had seen or read the document. Therefore, an adjournment to the next meeting seemed reasonable.

Councillor Regan stated that the vote must proceed to-day as there were no extenuating circumstances and Members were informed at the Annual Meeting that this item would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councillor McHugh said that the Law Agent's view should be sought.

Councillor Hussey then proposed an adjournment for fifteen minutes to enable the Councillors who so wished to discuss the proposed agreement. Councillor Finnegan seconded this proposal.

A number of the Members called for the vote on Councillor Mannion's proposal to proceed while other Members put forward the view that Councillor Hussey's proposal should be voted on first.

Referring to the question as to whether or not the matter of the co-option could be adjourned, Mr. T. Kavanagh, A/Assistant County Manager said that the Members could decide to adjourn the co-option and this had happened previously.

The Chairman ruled that he was calling for a vote on Councillor Mannion's proposal. The vote taken resulted as follows:-

AR SON:

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

IN AGHAIDH:

M. Loughnane (1).

GAN VOTAIL:

Cllrs. J. Callanan, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, T. Hussey, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn and M. Regan. (11)

The Chairman declared Councillor Mannion's proposal that this item be deferred to the next Monthly Meeting carried.

REPORT ON REGISTER OF ELECTORS

4366

Mr. D. Barrett, Acting County Secretary said that a report on the Register of Electors dated 22nd July, 1997 was circulated to the Members and is self-explanatory.

The Chairman welcomed the report which explained some problems at the last election. He also said that a list of the Compilers is attached for information purposes.

The Members welcomed the Report also. Councillor Walsh said that some of the difficulties experienced by the Electorate were highlighted by him at the Special Meeting held on 13th June, 1997. He said that he regretted any embarrassment caused to the Compilers, by his comments and that he fully accepts that the person concerned carried out his job conscientiously. There were certain grey areas in the matter of who is entitled to be on the Register and his main concern was that there would be consultation with the person concerned before a name is removed.

Deputy Connaughton stated that people who reside in an area all their lives and have been on the register of electors should not be removed without being notified prior to their removal. He hoped that there will be fewer problems in the forthcoming Presidential Election.

Councillor O'Sullivan agreed with the comments made by Deputy Connaughton. He stated that notification of people prior to their removal from the Register is a matter which should be written into the legislation and the Council should consider making this proposal to the Minister.

Deputy McCormack stated that difficulties arose following the recent constituency changes, and it is imperative that the appropriate Registers are forwarded to the Presiding Officer.

Councillor Loughnane stated that if a person is wrongly removed from the Register of Electors the person responsible must be reprimanded.

Councillor Gavin stated that the onus is on each individual to check if their names are on the current register of electors and praised the staff of the Council for the compilation of the Register considering the large volume of work and the time-scale involved.

POLLING SCHEME

4367

Mr. D. Barrett, Acting County Secretary said that the report dated 21st July, 1997 was circulated to the Members and outlines proposed changes to the Draft Polling Scheme recommended for adoption by the Members, all the statutory procedures have been completed and the Council may now make the new Polling Scheme. He said that the existing Polling Scheme had been comprehensively reviewed by the five Electoral Area Committees and that the Council had adopted the Draft Polling Scheme incorporating the changes recommended by the Committees.

The Draft Polling Scheme, with a summary of the proposed changes were circulated to Dail Returning Officers and Dail Deputies for the areas concerned, Ballinasloe U.D.C., Tuam Town Commissioners and Loughrea Town Commissioners, and a period was allowed for receipt of proposals for alterations in the proposed scheme.

Two submissions were received and submitted to the Area Committees for consideration as agreed by the Members at the Monthly Meeting held on 26th May, 1997. The recommendations in respect of each area are set out hereunder:-

Submission 1: Sean O'Domhnaill, County Registrar, Circuit Court Office,
(copy attached) Courthouse, Galway.

Observations/Recommendations: The polling stations which the County Registrar has recommended for closure have also been agreed for closure by the Connemara Electoral Area Committee.

Submission 2: Deputy Noel Treacy, T.D., Dail Eireann, Dublin 2.
(copy attached)

Observations/Recommendations: For ease of reference, I have numbered the submissions 1-16 and the recommendations are as follows:

1. Transfer townland of Esker from Fohenagh Polling Station to Ballymacward Polling Station. Remainder to stay at Fohenagh Polling Station.
2. No change to draft polling scheme.
3. Transfer the following townlands from Ballymacward Polling Station to Gurteen Polling Station:
Corskagh Trench: Killooaun: Killooaun(Browne): Killooaun (Eyre)
4. Leave Brackloon Polling Station open.
5. Transfer the townland of Ballygrammy from Gurteen Polling Station to Ballymacward Polling Station.
6. No change to draft polling scheme.
7. No change to draft Polling Scheme at Attimon Polling Station is nearer to the townlands listed.
8. Corgerry Polling Station to close while Garbally Polling Station to remain open.
9. No change to draft polling Scheme.

10. *Transfer townland of Kilconiron from Craughwell Polling Station to Carrowbaun Polling Station. Transfer the following townlands from Ballynamanagh Polling Station to Carrowbaun Polling Station. Blackgarden; Carrowalough; Cloghastookeen; Cloonoo East and West; Boherduff*
11. *No change to draft polling station.*
12. *For a number of Elections/Referenda, certain voters had to vote in St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, when they could more conveniently vote in St. Ita's School, Loughrea. The Council prepared the 1997/1998 Register in a way which enabled this to be done quite simply and notified the County Registrar in writing. The change was not put into effect by the County Registrar.*
13. *The townland of Clonkela is officially known as Muingbawn and voters in this townland have been included to vote at Tiernascragh Polling Station.*
14. *No change to draft polling Scheme.*
15. *No change to draft polling Scheme.*
16. *No change to draft polling Scheme.*

It is also recommended by Loughrea Area Committee that the draft polling scheme be amended by transferring the townlands of Carrowgariff North and South from Ardrahan Polling Station to Kinvara Polling Station.

In accordance with Article 4(3) of the Electoral (Polling Schemes) Regulations, 1964 "the authority (Galway County Council) shall consider any proposals for alterations in the scheme, notified to them.... and may then make the scheme in accordance with the Draft Scheme or with such amendments of the Draft Scheme as they consider proper."

When the scheme has been made, public notice of the fact must be given indicating copies of the scheme are available for inspection and that the Minister for the Environment will consider representations regarding the scheme made to him within two weeks of publication of the notice."

Having considered the submissions and the recommendations of the Area Committees, it was proposed by Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Brennan and resolved that Galway County Council in accordance with the Electoral Acts 1992 to 1997, hereby adopt the Polling Scheme for County Galway, in accordance with the Draft Scheme circulated to the Dail Returning Officers, Dail Deputies, Ballinasloe U.D.C., and the Commissioners of the towns of Loughrea and Tuam as amended at this Meeting, and affix the Seal of the Council thereto.

Deputy McCormack welcomed this scheme stating that it has been a long time in coming. He queried whether these changes will come into operation for the next

election as it was extremely hard to explain to the Electorate the delays involved. He highlighted the case of residents in the Maree/Oranmore area.

Councillor Loughnane asked whether this scheme goes on display to the public, and queried the process for future changes. He also queried changes in relation to St. Brendan's Home in Loughrea, whereby only people resident there should be able to vote there.

Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager replied stating that an advertisement/notice will be placed in the local newspapers, and the Minister for the Environment will consider representations regarding the scheme within two weeks of publication of the notice. In regard to amendments, he said that the same process is involved. Mr. Kavanagh said that the changes queried in relation to St. Brendan's Home have been provided for in the Polling Scheme and it is a matter for the Returning Officer to implement them. The Council will write to him again regarding same.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT(PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) 4368
REGULATIONS 1994 - DEVELOPMENT AT DOLAN,
ROUNDSTONE**

The Members were circulated with Report dated 17th July, 1997 regarding the proposed demolition of an existing dwelling and the construction of a replacement dwelling house with appropriate treatment facilities at Dolan, Roundstone, Co. Galway.

On the proposal of Deputy McCormack, seconded by Councillor Ryan the Council agreed and noted the Report.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT(PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) 4369
REGULATIONS, 1994 - DEVELOPMENT AT
BALLYNASHEEOGE, TURLOUGHMORE**

The Members were circulated with Report dated 17th July, 1997 regarding the proposed provision of septic tank and percolation area to serve demountable dwelling at Ballynasheeoge, Turloughmore, Co. Galway.

On the proposal of Deputy McCormack, seconded by Councillor Ryan the Council agreed and noted the Report.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Quinn, the Council agreed the revised remuneration for Coroners as outlined in Report dated 22nd July, 1997 which was circulated to each Member and in accordance with letter from the Department of Justice dated 14th May, 1997.

The own-expenses involved was approved by the Council, on the proposal of Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Quinn.

SALE OF LEASE HOLD INTEREST ON LAND AT SALTHILL, GALWAY 4370

On the proposal of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Regan, the Council agreed the sale of the Lease Hold Interest in land at Salthill opposite the Townland of Lenaboy to Galway Corporation, in accordance with Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 dated 27th June, 1997 and Report of 22nd July, 1997, which were circulated to each Member.

SALE OF LAND AT ABBEYKNOCKMOY, TUAM 4371

In accordance with the Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 dated 16th July, 1997 which was circulated to each Member, the Council agreed the sale of 2.5 acres at Abbeyknockmoy, Tuam to the Western Health Board, on the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Quinn.

SALE OF LAND AT POOLBOY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BALLINASLOE 4372

On the proposal of Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan the Council agreed the sale of 2.05 acres at Poolboy Industrial Estate to Mr. Francis Kelly, in accordance with Notice under Section 83, of the Local Government Act, 1946 dated 27th June, 1997, which was circulated to each Member.

NOMINATION OF MRS. ROSEMARY SCALLON AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE 4373

Mr. D. Barrett, Acting County Secretary informed the Members that nominations for the Presidential Election cannot be validly made until the date for submission of nominations has been formally determined in accordance with statutory requirements.

On the proposal of Councillor Brennan it was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda when the date has been fixed. He also expressed his dismay that Mrs. Robinson's announcement of her resignation was not made in Ireland.

REVISED REMUNERATION FOR CORONERS 4374

On the proposal of Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Quinn, the Council agreed the revised remuneration for Coroners as outlined in Report dated 22nd July, 1997 which was circulated to each Member and in accordance with letter from the Department of Justice dated 14th May, 1997.

The over-expenditure involved was approved by the Council, on the proposal of Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Quinn.

CAPPATAGGLE GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

4375

A Report dated 22nd July, 1997 on the Cappataggle Group Water Supply Scheme was circulated to each Member.

Deputy Connaughton said that it is everyone's basic human right to have a good clean water supply. Galway County Council are now prioritising schemes for 1998 onwards. He proposed that given the problems experienced by this Group that they be placed number one on this priority list. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Callanan.

Councillor W. Burke said that the people of Cappataggle want the Local Authority representatives to resolve this issue. The shortfall, i.e. £200,000 is not a lot of money and the Department of the Environment should be asked to provide the necessary funding.

Mr. D. Nelson, Assistant County Manager said the Council is currently processing the 37 schemes approved by the Department of the Environment. The priority recommendations and strategy programme for the county for 1998 will be put before the Council, in September/October 1997. He said the costs of the scheme is more than 50% of the grants for the entire county. In regard to the 37 schemes approved by the Department of the Environment, he said that some are completed and the current allocation from the Department does not cover the full amount of commitments in respect of these schemes.

Councillor Hussey said that if it is proposed to give Cappataggle priority over all other Group Schemes, such a proposal should be put formally on an Agenda for consideration by the Members.

Deputy Connaughton said that in the interest of fair play, that Cappataggle be placed No. 38 on the priority list. He proposed the motion that the Cappataggle Group Water Supply Scheme be given number one priority on the priority list of schemes for 1998 and that it be an item on the next agenda. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Callanan and agreed.

The Chairman welcomed the people from Cappataggle who were present at the Meeting and said that while it was not the practice of the County Council to receive Deputations without prior notice, he had acceded to the request of Councillor Callanan that a Member of the Group be permitted to address the Meeting. A Representative of the Cappataggle Residents Group addressed the Meeting. He stated that the people of Cappataggle had been waiting 25 years for a water supply scheme and expressed the hope that the Council would now take steps to assist in the provision of a Group Water Scheme.

The County Manager stressed to the Members the importance of a strategy programme in relation to Group Water Schemes. He said the staffing levels in the section will be increased shortly to deal with the increased work-load involved.

N6 - AUGHRIM/CAPPATAGGLE ROAD

4376

Deputy Connaughton complimented the staff on the excellent job carried out to-date on the N6 - Aughrim/Cappataggle Road. He queried when the re-alignment will be completed as he believed that the road will be more dangerous than heretofore unless the work is fully completed. He asked:-

1. Were design plans available for the land yet to be acquired?
2. Have copies of the plans been sent to the N.R.A. in order to include this road in its funding allocations for 1998.

He stressed the importance of funding given that Structural Funding ceases in 1999.

Mr. J. Colleran, County Engineer stated that approx. 1.2 km of the route was realigned and opened to traffic. It had been agreed with the N.R.A. to complete the design of the overall scheme and to devise a smaller scheme to the East of Aughrim where the Council will carry out improvement works as soon as the necessary land can be acquired. Negotiations have commenced with the landowners and it is hoped that these will be successfully concluded shortly.

Discussion with the N.R.A. as to design matters have proceeded in tandem with land acquisition, and a completed Design and Preliminary Report will be submitted to the N.R.A. in sufficient time to avail of the allocation of funds for 1998.

Councillor J. Burke queried whether the access road to the Aughrim Interpretative Centre will be enhanced by the proposed works.

Mr. Colleran, County Engineer replied that this was not the primary purpose of the scheme but that the design would facilitate turning off in a more orderly fashion for people travelling eastwards or driving through the village.

Councillor Callanan asked if a meeting could be arranged with the people of Aughrim, local Landowners, Mr. F. Gilmore and County Engineer to discuss the plans for the Cross. Mr. J. Colleran said that a meeting could be arranged.

Councillor Byrne stated that a large number of motorists do not obey the signage on this road and are thereby creating a hazard on the road.

The County Manager appealed for the co-operation of landowners in providing the necessary land for the scheme. He said that he would like to see agreement with the Landowners finalised by October in order to strengthen the Council's hand in seeking funds for the completion of the work.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

4377

West of Ireland Holidays Ltd.

Mr. O'Donoghue, County Manager said that following the presentation by West of Ireland Holidays' Ltd. at the Meeting of 23rd June, 1997 and discussions held, West of Ireland Holidays Ltd. are prepared to allow three Members from participating Local Authorities on to the Board of the West of Ireland Holidays Ltd. and provision had been made in the Estimates for a contribution. On the proposal of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor W. Burke, the Council agreed to make a contribution of £6,500 per annum to West of Ireland Holidays Ltd. for the period of 5 years commencing in 1997 provided that three Members from Local Authorities contributing, are appointed to membership of the Board of the Company.

Correspondence from Carmarthenshire County Council

The County Manager informed the Members that correspondence had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council referring to their efforts to promote the use of the Welsh language and expressing interest in the measures taken by Galway County Council to promote the use of Irish. They wish to explore the possibility of establishing a working-in-partnership link with this Council in the matter of the projection and promotion of the Welsh and Irish languages. They have suggested a meeting between representatives of both Councils for the purpose of exchanging ideas and to investigate ways of accessing resources through partnership for this purpose and they have invited representatives from the Council to visit Carmarthenshire in mid September.

On the proposal of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Ryan the Council agreed to defer the matter to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Post of Assistant County Manager

Mr. O'Donoghue, County Manager informed the Members that Mr. John Tierney has been recommended by the Local Appointments Commission for the post of Assistant County Manager with Galway County Council. Mr. Tierney will take up duty on the 1st October, 1997.

Croi - West of Ireland Cardiology Foundation

A letter dated 15th July, 1997 from Croi - West of Ireland Cardiology Foundation was circulated to each Member. Mr. D. Barrett, Acting County Secretary said that Croi are requesting this Council to support the case being made by them to Mr. B. Cowen, Minister for Health to review the decision of the former Minister for Health and to approve the location of a new Cardiac Surgical Centre, to serve the West of Ireland in Galway. On the proposal of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Deputy McCormack, it was agreed that the Council should write to the Minister endorsing the case being made by Croi.

Deputy McCormack said that the former Minister for Health, Mr. Noonan assured that Galway County Council is next in line for Cardiac facilities and assured him this would be delivered.

Study Risks and Safety at Sellafield

On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Varley, the Council agreed to contribute a sum of £700 for a study on Risks and Safety at Sellafield to be commissioned jointly by the U.K. Nuclear Free Local Authorities and Irish Local Authorities as requested in a letter dated 14th May, 1997 from Councillor B. Connolly to all delegates to the General Council of County Councils, in which had been circulated to all the Members.

General Council of County Councils

A letter dated 7th July, 1997 from the General Council of County Councils relating to recent developments effect Local Government was circulated to each Member. The Members noted its contents.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

4378

Unauthorised Signage

Councillor Gavin expressed concern over the positioning of unauthorised signs relating to properties for sale at various road junctions which were causing hazards. He requested that the situation be examined. The County Engineer, Mr. J. Colleran said that he would investigate same.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

N.O.M. NO. 17 - FOOTBRIDGES - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE

4379

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"It is not proposed to provide a footpath between the existing bridge walls and the road carriageway at above location as the existing road carriageway widths are too narrow at present. The proposal of providing a footbridge outside the existing bridge and over the railway line would be very expensive and it would also need the approval of Iarnród Eireann. No funding for the carrying out of the above works has been provided in the 1997 Road Works Programme."

Councillor Loughnane said that there is an urgent need for this work as it is used as an access route to three secondary schools in the town. He requested that a costing of the works involved be prepared and placed on the next agenda.

The Chairman suggested that this item be on the agenda once the Area Committee formally proposed this. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Byrne and agreed. The County Engineer said that a costing will be prepared and placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Loughrea Area Committee.

N.O.M. NO. 18 - WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 4380

The following written reply was given to Councillor M. Cunningham

"I wish to inform you that proposals for the replacement of the existing source with a supply from Galway City via Oranmore and Derrydonnell were submitted to the Department of the Environment in 1994.

The feasibility of servicing this scheme from the Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme has also been examined and a report on same is currently being considered by the Department of the Environment.

There are no proposals at present to extend the Athenry Sewerage Scheme at Raheen."

N.O.M. NO. 19 - PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGES - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 4381

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"It is not proposed to provide a footpath between the existing bridge walls and the road carriageway at above location as the existing road carriageway widths are too narrow at present. The proposal of providing a footbridge outside the existing bridge and over the railway line would be very expensive and it would also need the approval of Iarnród Eireann. No funding for the carrying out of the above works has been provided in the 1997 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 20 - PARKING - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 4382

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"Submissions have been received regarding a proposed one way system in Athenry and are being examined at present. The proposal for the construction of a by-pass from Ballygurrane to Byrnes Mechanical Engineering Ltd., is being examined by our technical staff at present and a further reply will issue in due course."

N.O.M. NO. 21 - GRASS TRIMMING - CLLR. M. FAHY 4383

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"Grass trimming will be carried out on county roads as far as funds allow."

N.O.M. NO. 22 - TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - 4384
CLLR. M. FAHY

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"There are no proposals at present for traffic calming measures at Ardrahan. The matter will be examined by the Council Design team and funding will be sought for whatever measures are considered necessary."

N.O.M. NO. 23 - CAHERFINISKER G.W.S. - CLLR. M. 4385
FAHY

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"With reference to the above Notice of Motion, I wish to inform you that the Caherfinisker Group Water Supply Scheme is one of the thirty seven schemes approved for construction in the current year.

Tenders for the Caherfinisker Group Water Supply Scheme were opened on 20th June, 1997, and have been forwarded to the Group Scheme's Consulting Engineer.

A recommendation on the successful tender will be submitted to the Council in due course."

N.O.M. NO. 24 - LAY-BYES - CLLR. S. GAVIN 4386

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"There are no funds available for this proposal at present".

N.O.M. NO. 25 - SIGN - CLLR. S. GAVIN 4387

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"There is a sign indicating the narrow road already in place. The situation with regard to a sign at the bridge and the height of the "Stop" sign will be reviewed."

N.O.M. NO. 26 - SIGNS - CLLR. S. GAVIN 4388

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"This is similar to many locations around the county and the Council considers that crowding every location with signs is not desirable and would be counter-productive.

There is a legal obligation on drivers to exercise due care and have regard to driving conditions."

N.O.M. NO. 27 - COASTAL EROSION - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 4389

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 28 - GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 4390

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"I wish to inform you that Galway County Council have not received a request from the Trustees of the Maree Group Water Supply Scheme to be taken in charge by the Council.

All functions relating to Group Water Supply Schemes were devolved from the Department of the Environment to local authorities earlier this year. It is proposed to draw up a multi-annual programme for the "Taking in Charge of Group Water Supply Schemes" in the near future in line with the policy of the Department of the Environment."

N.O.M. NO. 29 - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 4391

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"The Council's Design Team will assess the location to see if a warrant exists for a pedestrian crossing and a report will issue following the assessment."

N.O.M. NO. 30 - ROAD - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 4392

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"This matter will be considered and a reply will issue for next meeting."

N.O.M. NO. 31 - ROAD MARKINGS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 4393

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"This matter will be considered and a reply will issue for next meeting."

N.O.M. NO. 32 - SIGNS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 4394

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"Use of "Chevron" sign is governed by Departmental Regulations which specify that it is to be used specifically to indicate a sudden change in road direction.

The recommended method of indicating a minor road turnoff from a National route is by green edge delineators and/or studs (cats eyes) for a specific distance on either side of the junction.

Locations where particular difficulties are being experienced can be dealt with on this basis if brought to the attention of the relevant Engineers."

**N.O.M. NO. 33 - AIT PAIRCEAIL - AN COMH. C. 4395
NI FHATHARTA**

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

"Táimid taréis socrú a dheanamh leis an úinéir talún, agus tá an aistriú ag dul ar aghaidh."

**N.O.M. NO. 34 - BRU UISCE - AN COMH. C. 4396
NI FHATHARTA**

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

"Is mian liom a chur in iúl duit go bhfuil a lán uisce ag dul amú sa Grúp Scéim Béal a Dainean atá ceangailte leis an córas uisce poiblí, an Cheathrú Rua.

Iarradh ar an Grúp Scéim cúpla uair beart a dhéanamh chun an dul amú a laghdú ach fós, níl aon dul I bfhéabhas maidir le seo.

Beimid I dteagmháil leis agus grúp scéim arís an tseachtain seo."

**N.O.M. NO. 35 - BOTHAR - AN COMH. C. 4397
NI FHATHARTA**

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

"Níl an bothar seo faoi chúram an Chomairle. Tá iarratas I gcoir deontas curtha chuig Roinn na Gaeltachta, agus deiseófar an bothar seo má cuirfear deontas ar fáil."

**N.O.M. NO. 36 - COSAN COISITHE - TEACHTA E. 4398
O'CUIV**

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

"Breanófar ar an scéal agus cuirfear freagra ar fáil ag an gcéad chruinniú eile".

N.O.M. NO. 37 - STREET LIGHTS - DEPUTY E. O'CUIV 4399

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

"Provision has not been made for these lights in the 1997 Public Lighting Programme. The location will be considered when the 1998 Programme is being compiled."

N.O.M. NO. 38 - ROAD SURFACING - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 4400

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

"This work has been carried out."

N.O.M. NO. 39 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 4401

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

"There are various constraints preventing improvements at this location. The matter is presently being considered and a more detailed report will issue later in the year."

N.O.M. NO. 40 - ROAD WORKS - CLLR. K. QUINN 4402

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"It is not possible to identify the exact location from the details given. If you contact the Area Engineer giving further details of the location the matter can be dealt with."

N.O.M. NO. 41 - STREET LIGHTS - CLLR. K. QUINN 4403

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"This location will be considered when the 1998 Public Lighting Programme is being prepared."

N.O.M. NO. 42 - ROADS PROGRAMME - CLLR. K. QUINN 4404

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"It is not possible to identify the exact location from the details given. If you contact the Area Engineer giving further details of the location the matter can be dealt with."

N.O.M. NO. 43 - SIGN - CLLR. E. VARLEY 4405

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"The Council would be prepared to erect the signs provided the local community paid the cost of purchasing them."

N.O.M. NO. 44 - LITTER BINS - CLLR. E. VARLEY 4406

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"Litter bins will be provided as soon as possible after the annual holidays."

N.O.M. NO. 45 - POTHOLES - CLLR. E. VARLEY 4407

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"There are no funds to provide new footpaths but the most seriously damaged portions will be repaired. The roadway will be resurfaced if Notice of Motion funds are provided as you have already indicated."

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed: _____

Michael Finneerty

Chairman

25th August, 1997

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS,
GALWAY ON MONDAY, 14 JULY, 1997**

CATHAOIRLEACH:

(a) *An Comhairleoir W. Burke*
(b) *An Comhairleoir M. Finnerty*

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

*Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, T. Byrne,
J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton,
Cllrs. M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan,
S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, J.
Mammion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack,
Sen. J. McDonagh, 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,
A/Asst. Co. Manager, J. Colleran, Co. Engineer,
D. Barrett, A/Co. Secretary, R.C. Killeen,
A/Deputy Co. Engineer and E. Hourigan,
A/S.S.O.*

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH FOR 1997/98

4351

Councillor W. Burke said that it had been a great honour and privilege to be Chairman of Galway County Council. His sincere thanks were expressed to the Manager and Staff for their co-operation and assistance to him during his year as Chairman. He said that amongst the successes achieved by the County Council in the previous twelve months he was particularly pleased that a decision had been taken to raise the necessary finance for the construction of the new County Buildings and that the County Development Plan had been fully reviewed and adopted. He said that this Meeting, being the last in the present County Buildings is a historic and poignant occasion; when the Members and Staff returned again it would be to a modern headquarters which everybody could be proud of and he felt sure that all would agree that a good decision had been made in the matter. He thanked the Leas-Cathaoirleach, Senator McDonagh for his help and support and wished him well.

The Members of the Council paid tribute to Councillor W. Burke and expressed their appreciation of the work carried out by him as Chairman of Galway County Council during the course of the year.

Councillor W. Burke thanked the Members for their support and co-operation and said he was humbled by their comments.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff paid tribute to Councillor Burke for the manner in which he had discharged his duties as Chairman and in particular for the manner in which he had helped to raise the profile of the County Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Mullins, seconded by Deputy Connaughton that Councillor Michael Finnerty be elected Cathaoirleach for 1997/98.

It was proposed by Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Pat O'Sullivan be elected Cathaoirleach for 1997/98.

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

FOR COUNCILLOR M. FINNERTY

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, Cllrs. M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, and M. Regan. (11)

Councillor M. Finnerty was then declared elected Cathaoirleach of Galway County Council for 1997/1998 and was invested with the Chain of Office.

Councillor M. Finnerty then took the Chair.

Councillor Finnerty addressed the Members. He said that this was a proud occasion for him and he expressed his sincere thanks to the Members who had proposed and seconded his election as Chairman and to all the Members who had voted for him. He wished Councillor O'Sullivan well and expressed the view that he would be an excellent Chairman at some time in the future. Councillor Finnerty thanked his Wife and the Members of his Family for their support. He welcomed his fellow Councillors from Ballinasloe U.D.C., Mrs. Lily Broderick, Mr. Sean Tully and Mr. Sean Óg Hurley and his colleagues from Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, Ms. Geraldine Lyons, Ms. Anne Marie Whyte and Ms. Myrtle Swanick and thanked them for coming to celebrate this occasion with him - the first occasion on which a Member of

Ballinasloe U.D.C. had become Chairman of Galway County Council. He also expressed his thanks to St. Ephrem and Mr. Bob Tucker of Portiuncula Hospital. He congratulated Councillor W. Burke on his term as Chairman and said he welcomed the opportunity to work with the County Manager and the Council's Staff in the coming twelve months which would present many challenges such as the devolution of functions relating to Group Water Schemes and the matter of the funding of Local Authorities. He welcomed the decision taken to provide the new County Buildings and said that the public and the County Council's Staff were entitled to proper and suitable offices for the transaction of business.

**ELECTION OF LEAS-CHATHAOIRLEACH FOR 4352
1997/1998**

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Gavin that Councillor Michael O'Neill be elected Leas-Chathaoirleach.

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

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:-

FOR COUNCILLOR M. O'NEILL:-

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, Cllrs. M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, and M. Regan. (11)

The Chairman declared Councillor M. O'Neill elected Leas-Chathaoirleach.

The Members of the Council congratulated Councillor O'Neill on this appointment. Councillor O'Neill thanked all who voted for him.

**APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES 4353
ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL
FOR YEAR 1997/1998**

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

As a result of the foregoing, the Members of the County Council's General Council for 1997/1998 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 4354

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 1997/1998 are as follows:-

1. Cllr. Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla.
2. Cllr. Kathleen Quimm, Ussey, Ballymoe.
3. Padraig 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 4355

The following replacements were agreed:-

It was proposed by Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan and agreed that Councillor K. Quinn would replace Councillor T. Hussey as a full Member of this Committee.

It was proposed by Senator McDonagh, seconded by Deputy Connaughton that Mr. John Joe Duggan, Liscaninane, Claregalway would replace Senator J. McDonagh as a full Member of this Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Mullins, seconded by Deputy Connaughton and agreed that Mr. Michael Conneely, Monivea would replace Councillor M. Mullins as a full Member of this Committee.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Hussey, it was agreed that the remaining outgoing full members be re-appointed to the National Monuments Advisory Committee for 1997/1998.

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. Kathleen Quinn, Ussey, Ballymoe, Co. Galway.
5. Mr. John Joe Duggan, Liscaninane, Claregalway.
6. Cllr. Michael Finnerty, Tobergrellan, Ballinasloe.
7. Mr. Michael Conneely, Monivea, Co. Galway.
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, Kimvara.
21. Mr. John Joe Duggan, Claregalway.
22. Mrs. Anna McHugh, Ballybane, Headford.
23. Mr. Jim Cronin, Mountbellew.
24. Mr. Hubert Birmingham, Church Street, Dunmore.
25. Mr. John Rabbitte, Kiltulla, Castlegar.
26. Mr. Brigid Moran, Glenamaddy.
27. Mr. Pat O'Hora, Kilcreaventy, Tuam.
28. Ms. Treasa McMahan, Ballydoita, Moycullen.

APPOINTMENT OF 30 MEMBERS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS COMMITTEE 4356

It was proposed by an Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain and agreed that an tUas Máirtín Ó Conghaile, An Scoil Cuimsitheach, An Cheathru Rua would replace an tUas. Tomás O Moncháin on the Committee.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Hussey, it was agreed that the remaining out-going Members be re-appointed to the Higher Education Grants Committee for 1997/1998. As a result of the foregoing, the Members appointed to the Higher Education Grants Committee for 1997/1998 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, Rathanlon, Ardrahan.
19. Mr. Jim O'Malley, Clifden.

20. Mr. Máirtín Ó Conghaile, 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", Baumore, 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 1997/1998 4357

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Senator McDonagh that Councillor McClearn be the Council's nominee to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. for 1997/1998.

It was proposed by Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Cunningham be the Council's nominee to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. for 1997/1998.

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. 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, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quimm, and M. Regan. (11)

The Chairman declared Councillor McClearn to be appointment as the Council's nominee to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. for 1997/1998.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS 4358

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

Deputy O'Cuiv on his appointment as Minister of State at the Department of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht.

Deputy Frank Fahy on his appointment as Minister of State at the Department of Health.

Deputy Ulick Burke, former Member of Galway County Council on his election as the second Dail Deputy for East Galway.

Deputy Robert Molloy on his appointment as Minister of State at the Department of the Environment (with special responsibility for Housing and Urban Renewal).

Councillor Hussey on his appointment as Chairman of the Western Health Board.

Councillor Mullins and Fiancee Mary on their forthcoming marriage.

Councillor Ryan on completion of a successful term as Chairman of the Western Health Board.

The Manager, on behalf of the Staff, and on his own behalf wished to be associated with the votes of Congratulations expressed. He also congratulated Councillor Fimmerty and Councillor O'Neill on their new appointments.

Mr. O'Donoghue welcomed Mr. P. Coughlan, member of Kerry County Council to the Meeting.

CAPPATAGGLE GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME 4359

On the proposal of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Callanan, the Members agreed that the problems associated with the Cappataggle Group Water Supply Scheme be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

SEANAD ELECTIONS 4360

Councillor Hussey requested whether facilities could be made available for the Seanad Elections on 28th July, 1997.

Mr. O'Donoghue said that suitable arrangements would be made and the Members would be notified of same.

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 4361

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan it was agreed that the nomination of Mrs. Rosemary Scallon, otherwise known as Dana, for the Presidential Election be placed on the agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.