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## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

### MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT BALLINASLOE U.D.C. CIVIC OFFICES ON MONDAY, 24th MAY, 1999

#### CATHAOIRLEACH:

*An Comhairleoir J. Brennan*

#### I LATHAIR FREISIN:

##### Baill:

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

##### Oifigigh:

*Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, D. Nelson & J. Tierney, Asst. Co. Managers, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, J. Colleran, Co. Engineer, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, G. Mc Carthy, S.E. (Forward Planning), L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., E. Cummins, E.E., E. Power, A.O., B. McDermott & P. Carroll, S.S.O.'s and M. Creaven, A.S.O.*

#### **WELCOME**

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*Councillor Finnerty, Chairman, Ballinasloe Urban District Council welcomed the Members and Officials to the new Civic Offices and congratulated the Manager and all others involved in providing excellent office facilities in Ballinasloe.*

*The Manager also extended a welcome to the Members to the new Civic Offices and noted the co-operation between both bodies in the development of these offices, which will also include a One Stop Shop.*

*applies, the proposed development would be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard and would thus be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.*

*Councillor Loughnane informed the meeting that the applicant in this case is a member of the Garda Siochana who does not have a house of his own and he is in serious need of a house. The site of the proposal is close to the local Garda Station where he works and it is essential that he would live close to the Garda Station. He pointed out that the County Manager has responsibility for the emergency services and Garda Mulvey is part of the emergency services and needs to live close to the Garda Station. He stated that there is no other site available which is suitable. He realises that the roadway in question is a Regional Road but said that there are only limited restrictions on this route and that there are a number of houses built along this road. Councillor Loughnane said that this is not a heavily trafficked route and from a road safety point of view the proposed development would not be considered a traffic hazard.*

*Councillor Callanan pointed out that there is a restriction on this route and he does not know if the applicant fits into the category allowed.*

*Deputy Connaughton pointed out that the applicant is a community based Garda and has lived in Kiltullagh for years. He acknowledged the Class II restriction on this road, however, he said, compared to other Class II Routes, this roadway should only be considered a minor road.*

*Councillor McClearn stated that he could see no reason for the Class II restriction on this route. If the applicant was a landowner he would get planning permission on this route. Garda Mulvey is providing a service to the community he said. He regretted that this issue had to be the subject of a Section 4 Motion.*

*The Chairman said that he had spoken to the applicant who has resided in the area for the past 28 years. He is not conscious of any accidents on the road in question. He was told that there are no other sites available.*

*Councillor Fahy said that it was necessary to have the Garda living locally for the protection of the elderly.*

*Councillor Regan said the applicant has done a good job in the area and that he wished to support the Section 4 Motion.*

*Councillor Varley asked if there were alternative sites available.*

*Mr. L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., said that he is aware that there are other roads where sites could be available.*

*Councillor Loughnane said that there are no other sites available within a radius of 4 miles.*

**RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 1955 – PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT A DWELLINGHOUSE WITH GARAGE AND SEPTIC TANK IN TOWNLAND OF GREYFORD, KILTULLAGH TO CON MULVEY PLANNING REF: 99/489**

The Resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy.

Mr. L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. Planning, read the following report which had already been circulated to the members:-

LOCATION:

The site is located at Greyford, Kiltullagh

PLANNING HISTORY:

There is no previous applications on this site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed site is located on the Ballinasloe/Athenry road which is a restricted Class II route under the current County Development Plan. Under this restriction only persons who are replacing a substandard house or whose family owns land on the route and on which they reside and where the person has an essential housing need are exempt from this restriction. In this instance the applicant is a Garda living in a barracks and is required to vacate same on retirement. As the Barracks is not substandard and as neither he nor his family own land on the R348 he is not entitled to an exemption from this restriction. It has been pointed out to the applicant that he is free to apply for planning permission on the many side roads in the vicinity. The applicant does not deny that there are sites available on the side roads. As the application does not comply with the County Development Plan refusal of planning permission is recommended.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development is located on the R.348, a route restricted in the County Development Plan to particular categories of essential housing need which need has not been claimed in this instance.
2. Owing to the conflicting traffic movements it would generate on a heavily trafficked section of a regional route and where the maximum speed limit

A vote taken for or against the Resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:--

**AR SON:**

Cllrs. T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, T. Walsh. (24)

**IN AGHAIDH:**

Cllr. J. Brennan (1)

**GAN VOTAIL**

Cllr. E. Varley & J. Burke (2)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

**VOTE OF SYMPATHY**

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A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mrs. Mary Carr, Cartoor, Moycullen, Co. Galway

Mr. & Mrs. Sean O Conghaile, Bothuna, An Spideal, Co. na Gaillimhe.

**MINUTES**

5524

Minutes of Special Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, on the proposal of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Deputy Connaughton.

The Minutes of the Centenary Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1999 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, on the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Fahy.

The Minutes of Meeting held In-Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, on the proposal of Deputy McCormack, seconded by Senator McDonagh.

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, on the proposal of Councillor Varley, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

*The Report of the Tuam Area Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 1999 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Deputy Connaughton.*

*The Report of the Protocol Committee Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor McHugh.*

*The Report of the Protocol Committee Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1999 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Mannion.*

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

##### Protocol Meeting - 12/4/1999

*A number of Members questioned the identity of the Member whom it had been claimed had greater influence than other Councillors when dealing with Senior Council Officials on applications for planning permission.*

*Councillor McHugh stated that none of the Members of the Protocol Committee were aware of the identity of the Member and were only aware that an official of the Council had been approached on the matter.*

*Councillor J. Burke stated that he was aware of the official complaint of a member having influence or power over planning issues and which might be seen to imply collusion of some form. He stated that it was grossly unjust to officials of this Council who performed their duties in an unquestionable manner.*

*Councillor Gavin expressed concern at the lack of status given to the Chairman of the Council at official functions and the lack of recognition given to him as the first citizen of the County.*

*Deputy McCormack stated that the protocol expected to be given to the Chairman when invited to official functions should be outlined in writing to the organisers of such function.*

*The Chairman stated that in most cases great respect is given to the Chairman of the Council but there have been occasions when he was not happy with the way the Chairman was treated. He referred to his recent invitation to a function in honour of First Lady Hilary Clinton at N.U.I., Galway and to the fact that when he presented himself at the security entrance to the function, his name was not on the list of invitees. Additionally on gaining admittance and during the introductory stage of the function, no reference was made to the Chairman of Galway County Council. He stated that a procedure is required for the incoming Chairman to get the recognition he or she deserves.*

Senator McDonagh paid tribute to the Chairman who had performed his duties in an excellent manner on behalf of the Council.

The County Manager on behalf of himself and the Staff of the Council also paid tribute to the performance of the Chairman over the last year.

**MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT      5525  
PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF TUAM &  
ENVIRONS IN TOWNLAND OF KILLALOONTY  
PLANNING REF: 98/4652    APPLICANT: TOM LAVELLE  
CONSTRUCTION LTD.**

Mr Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E. outlined the details of Material Contravention set out in the following Report dated 21st May, 1999 which had been circulated to the members.

**“PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:**

The proposed development involves the construction of 42 houses as an extension to a previously permitted housing estate (planning reference no.'s 98/3135, 98/2721, 98/187).

**LOCATION:**                      Townland of Killaloonty

**PLANNING HISTORY:**

- 68032 - Outline Permission for 8 houses - J. Monaghan - adjacent to South.
- 14465 - Outline Permission for housing - J. Monaghan - granted on appeal - adjacent to South
- 43102 - Outline Permission for housing development - adjacent to South
- 70899 - Planning permission for 2 houses- contravention procedure granted 1994
- 98/187 - planning permission for dwellinghouse adjoining to South
- 98/2721 - Lavelle - variation to 70899
- 98/3135 - Lavelle - planning permission to extend housing scheme by 12 houses

**TUAM DEVELOPMENT PLAN:**

The proposed development is located on lands that are at present zoned for agricultural purposes. It is proposed that these lands will be zoned residential in the forthcoming Tuam Development Plan.

**ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed site is an adjunct to an existing permitted housing estate and is located adjacent to a second existing housing scheme. In addition a portion of the site fronts onto the Killaloonty road and it is proposed to front a number of houses onto this

road. The extension of the existing estate northwards is a logical progression of this estate and utilises the existing access onto the Galway road thereby reducing traffic on the somewhat narrow Killalooty road. The density of the estate is satisfactory with suitable and desirable provision of public open space. The development will be served by pump and rising main as an interim measure and will eventually be served by means of a public sewer to be laid on the Killalooty road.

**OBJECTION:**

*There is an objection re overlooking and devaluation of property, however, all rear gardens will have a minimum of 35 feet depth which is the standard requirements in the urban situations.*

**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 1st May 1999 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections. No objections have been 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 30th June 1999."*

*Cllr. Hussey proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Tom Lavelle Construction Ltd for planning permission for the construction of 42 houses, Planning Reference no. 98/4652 and having considered the report dated 21st May, 1999 on the matter, Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of section 26(3) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963, as amended by Section 39(d) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1976, as amended by Section 45 of the Local Government Act, 1991, hereby require that a decision to grant permission be made in the case of this application. Deputy Connaughton seconded this proposal. A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-*

**AR SON:**

*Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Senator J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, E. Varley & T. Walsh. (27)*



**IN AGHAIDH:**

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*The Chairman declared the Resolution carried.*

**COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – REVIEW OF PLANNING CONTROL POLICY 5526**

*It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Quinn and agreed to defer discussion on the County Development Plan - Review of Planning Control Policy.*

**DECLARATION OF ROAD TO BE PUBLIC ROAD 5527**

*On the proposal of Councillor Regan, seconded by Councillor Quinn, the Members approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedures having been complied with.*

*Road commencing at junction with L.P. 3105 via Árd Aoibhinn for a distance of 1137 metres in the townland of Cullairbaun to its junction with L.S. 7124 in Cullairbaun Td.*

**RAISING OF LOAN FROM HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY 5528**

*On the proposal of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Varley the Council adopted the following Resolution:-*

*"In accordance with the Local Government Act (No.2) 1960, it is hereby resolved that Galway County Council raise a loan of £5 million from the Housing Finance Agency plc for the purposes authorised under the Housing Acts."*

**CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/1998 5529**

*On the proposal of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Varley the Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31/12/1998 was approved by the Council, a copy of which had been circulated to Members.*

Gort Fire Station

The County Secretary stated that the Department of the Environment & Local Government had informed him that the Minister would be unable to attend the Official Opening of Gort Fire Station.

It was agreed that the Chairman would perform the official opening ceremony of the station on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 1999 at 12.00 noon.

Rural Towns and Villages Initiative

The County Secretary stated that the Department of the Environment and Local Government had notified the Council of funding approved for the following Water and Sewerage schemes under the Rural Towns and Villages Initiative:

Kilkerrin Sewerage	£500,000
Leenane Sewerage	£500,000
Dunmore Sewerage	£1,000,000
Craughwell Water	£1,600,000

County Development Board

The County Manager informed the Members that a County Development Board was proposed for each County & City, comprising of 25 Members, seven of which would be from the Local Authority.

In addition to a Director of Community & Enterprise, the staffing requirement of the Board would be a Grade VII, a Grade III and five Community Liaison Officers who would be based in the county. He stated that he was now seeking the formal approval of the Council to put the required staff structure in place.

On the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Cunningham the Members approved the staffing proposals outlined by the County Manager.

**CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

The Members paid tribute to the retiring Members of the Council, the Chairman and to the Manager and Staff and media for their work over the last year. The Members extended the good wishes of the Council to Councillor Ryan and Councillor Finnegan.

The Chairman thanked the Members for their comments and paid tribute to them for their work during his term of office as Chairman of the Council. He also paid tribute to the retiring Members who had dedicated so many years towards the betterment of

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the County. He thanked the Manger, Staff and the Members for their good work and added that Local Government in County Galway was in good hands.

The County Manager thanked the Members for their contribution to the development of the County over the last eight years and praised the Chairman for his work over the year.

He stated that there had been solid progress made in the County over the last eight years and praised the Members for the time and effort they put into conducting the business of the County. He stated that the Official Opening of the new Council Headquarters was a successful conclusion to the term of office of the Members. He paid special tribute to all retiring Members and to their service to the county over the years.

### Post Offices

Councillor Hussey referred to the threatened closure of rural post offices and stated that it would have serious adverse effects on rural communities if rural closures took place.

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain agreed with Councillor Hussey and added that he was delighted to hear the Minister state that the services of An Post should not be curtailed.

Councillor Regan stated that many shops are attached to post offices and they would also be adversely affected if the threatened closures took place.

Deputy Connaughton stated that there was a fear of less transactions taking place at post offices if Social Welfare payments were made direct to Banks together with the 5% discount offered to shops to sell stamps.

Deputy McCormack urged Members to contact the Minister to ensure that rural post offices stay open.

Councillor Gavin stated that no amount of emotion would keep post offices open, and unless post offices get extra business they won't stay open.

On the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Quinn the Members proposed that the following motion be forwarded to the Minister for Public Enterprise, Mary O'Rourke, T.D.

"That this Council supports the efforts of the Irish Postmasters Union to retain Welfare Payments at their Offices throughout the county, thereby strengthening the viability of those offices and ensuring their continued service, particularly to the Rural Community."

Thermo King

Deputy McCormack complimented the Union of Thermo King and the Labour Relations Commission in averting the recent threatened closure of Thermo King and praised the Workers and Management for reaching a realistic settlement.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

**N.O.M. NO. 11 – PARKING – CLLR. M. FAHY 5532**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

*"This shop is located on a busy National Route on which it would not be appropriate to promote car parking."*

**N.O.M. NO. 12 – RESERVOIR – CLLR. M. FAHY 5533**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

*"The Council have prepared a draft Assessment of Needs of the water and waste water infrastructure requirements for the County. The provision of a Regional Water Supply Scheme serving the town of Gort will be considered within the context of this Assessment."*

**N.O.M. NO. 13 – WATER SUPPLY SCHEME – CLLR. M. FAHY 5534**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

*"The proposed Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme will serve the Kilrickle area. The Assessment of Needs of water and waste water infrastructure for the County will take into account the water requirements of this area."*

**N.O.M. NO. 14 – ROAD REPAIRS – CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 5535**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

*"It is hoped to carry out remedial works during the course of this summer."*

**N.O.M. NO. 15 – PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MEASURES – SEN. J.MCDONAGH 5536**

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"Pedestrian safety measures will be put in place as soon as the lights which have been ordered are delivered at the agreed location. There are no other safety measures proposed."

**N.O.M. NO. 16 – TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING – SEN. J. MCDONAGH 5537**

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"There are no proposals for Traffic Route Lighting at this location. It would not have sufficient priority in the light of other needs and limited funding. The location will be examined with a view to improving lining if necessary."

**N.O.M. NO. 17 – FOOTPATHS – SEN. J. MCDONAGH 5538**

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"There are funds allocated in the roadworks programme for footpaths in Oranmore. The locations to be improved have yet to be finalised and this location will be considered as part of the overall situation in the village."

**N.O.M. NO. 18 – FLASHING LIGHTS – CLLR. P. MCHUGH 5539**

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"This location is not included in the 1999 programme. It will be considered when the next year's programme is being prepared."

**N.O.M. NO. 21 – REILIG – AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 5540**

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

"Cuirfear airgead ar fáil chun an obair seo a chur i gcrioch chomh luath agus is féidir."

**N.O.M. NO. 22 – BOTHAR – AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 5541**

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

"Déanfar scrúdú ar an áit agus beidh freagra ar fáil ag an chéad chruinniú eile."

**N.O.M. NO. 23 – BOTHAR – AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 5542**

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

*"Socrófar cruinniú idir an innealtóir áitiúil agus an duine atá luaite chun an scéal a phlé."*

**N.O.M. NO. 24 – ROAD REPAIRS – CLLR. J. CONNEELY 5543**

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

*"The carrying out of repairs to the above road is not the responsibility of Galway County Council as this road is not in charge of the Council. However, it may qualify for inclusion under a Local Improvement Scheme and I enclose herewith application form for completion and return in due course."*

**N.O.M. NO. 25 – ROAD REPAIRS – CLLR. J. CONNEELY 5544**

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

*"Further maintenance works will be carried out at this location in the near future."*

**N.O.M. NO. 27 – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – CLLR. S. O' NEACHTAIN 5545**

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

*"The Council's design team will assess the locations to establish whether or not they meet the warrant for pedestrian crossings."*

**N.O.M. NO. 28 – SIGHT DISTANCE – CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 5546**

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

*"The matter is being investigated and a report will be available for the next meeting."*

**N.O.M. NO. 29 – ROAD WORKS – CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 5547**

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

*"The drainage pipes installed require that the open stone surface currently visible be retained. It will not be possible to widen the road carriageway to any substantial degree over the newly piped drains."*

**N.O.M. NO. 30 – ROAD RESURFACING – CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 5548**

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

"This road is not on this year's roadworks programme for resurfacing. Pot holes will be filled shortly if possible next week."

**N.O.M. NO. 31 – LANEWAY AT ARD MUIRE- CLLR. P. 5549  
O'SULLIVAN**

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

"That part of the laneway at Ard Mhuire, Ballinasloe, is not in the ownership of Galway County Council and therefore the County Council cannot exercise any control over it. However, the laneway extends into the County Council's lands at Garbally Demesne.

The County Council agreed at its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 1998 to dispose of the land at Garbally Demesne to Ballinasloe Urban District Council and this being the case, the problem will be discussed with the Urban Council with a view to a resolution of the matter."

**CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN**

Submitted, Approved + Signed:-

J. Brennan  
Chairman

26<sup>th</sup> July 1999

Date

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNTY HALL, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 14TH MAY, 1999**

**Cathaoirleach:-**

Councillor J. Brennan

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

**Oifigigh:-**

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, D. Nelson, J. Tierney, Asst. Co. Managers, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, J. Colleran, Co. Engineer, R.C. Killeen, A/Deputy Co. Engineer, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., E. Power & D. Barrett, A.O.s, B. McDermott, E. Maloney, T. Connell & P. Carroll, S.S.O.s, E. Hourigan & M. Creaven, A.S.O.'s

**Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.**

**RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & 5506 COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 1955 - PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT A DWELLING-HOUSE WITH GARAGE AND SEPTIC TANK IN TOWNLAND OF GREYFORD, KILTULLAGH TO CON MULVEY PLANNING REF: 99/489**

A copy of Report dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, 1999 in relation to said motion was circulated to each Member. On the proposal of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor



Hussey, the Members agreed to defer a decision on the Section 4 Motion until the Monthly Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 1999.

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

**5507**

**Construction of 2 x 3 bedroomed houses with services at St. Joseph's  
Park, Killimor, in the townland of Garryad & Garryduff**

Mr. Tierney informed the Members that no formal objection in accordance with Part X of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations were received regarding the development. However, at a meeting with Council Officials and representatives of the St. Joseph's Park Residents Association held on 7<sup>th</sup> May last, the representatives stated that they objected to this proposal. The representatives requested that their objections outlined in their letter of 29<sup>th</sup> January 1999 to the Housing Department be considered before a decision is taken regarding this development. A copy of reports and enclosures dated 30<sup>th</sup> April, and 14<sup>th</sup> May 1999 were circulated to the Members..

Councillor Fahy said he could not understand the residents stand and asked who was going to be housed in the new development.

Councillor McClearn stated that the residents of St. Joseph's Park, Killimor signed a petition and indicated their concerns to the Housing Department in 1994/95. The residents requested that no more houses be built on the estate. He said that St. Joseph's Park is a unique estate, with the residents taking great interest and pride in the estate. The estate was the recipient of a Tidy Towns Award for Small Estates, and were awarded Amenity Grant aid from the Council on two occasions. This development will undo the works carried out by the residents over the years.

Councillor Regan said that all the facts may not be known to the Members and asked that a meeting in committee be arranged to re-examine the proposal.

In reply, Mr. Tierney said that the tenants of the houses will be defined in accordance with the scheme of letting priorities, i.e. people on the current housing list. He said that the proposed location of the two houses will cause the minimum disruption within the estate, and maximise the amenity/open space area available to the residents. He stressed that there is a need for local authority housing within the Killimor area.

Councillor McClearn proposed that this item be deferred to the next Meeting.

Councillor Fahy proposed that the Members of the Loughrea Electoral Area Committee meet in advance of the Monthly Meeting to discuss this proposal, and the proposed development be an item for discussion at next Planning Meeting. Councillor Regan seconded this proposal and the Members agreed to same.

**REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT 5508**  
**(PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994**

**Construction of 2 x 3 bedroomed houses with services and landscaping of open space at Forest View, Mountbellew in the townland of Barnswellgrove**

A copy of Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 was circulated to each Member. On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Hussey, the Members agreed to proceed with this development.

**REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT 5509**  
**(PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994**

**Construction of single rural houses with appropriate treatment facilities at:**

- Derrybrien South, Woodford, Co. Galway
- Streamstown, Clifden, Co. Galway
- Middlequarter, Inishboffin, Co. Galway
- Aughrusmore, Cleggan, Co. Galway
- Ervallah, Roundstone, Co. Galway
- Murvey, Roundstone, Co. Galway
- Lemonfield, Oughterard, Co. Galway
- Ballynahown South, Ballinahown, Co. Galway

A copy of Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 was circulated to each Member. The Members agreed to proceed with said developments, on the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Conneely.

**REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT 5510**  
**(PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994**

**Construction of an extension to existing dwelling at Gorteenacra, Athenry, Co. Galway**

On the proposal of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Fahy, the Members agreed to this development, a copy of Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1999, having been circulated to each Member.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT LOCAL GOVERNMENT 5511  
(PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994  
REGARDING SCHEDULE OF DEVELOPMENT  
AT ORANMORE**

The Members were circulated with copy of Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 on proposed development.

Mr. J. Tierney informed the Members that this is a pilot project in association with the local development association. The Council acquired land and intend constructing the following:-

- (1) Car-park
- (2) Revised access arrangements to schools including bus bay and bus shelter
- (3) New access road to convent building
- (4) Accommodation works at school boundaries
- (5) Playing fields and playground
- (6) And ancillary site works

He said that on receipt of the Members approval to this development, documents will be finalised and tenders sought as soon as possible.

Senator McDonagh welcomed this project for Oranmore, which is fast becoming one of the major satellite towns in the county and in great need of facilities. He complimented Mr. J. Tierney, the local development association and everyone involved in this project.

On the proposal of Senator McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Varley, the Members agreed to the proposed development at Oranmore.

The Manager acknowledged the co-operation received from the local development association which augurs well for further future developments being provided within the area.

**LOCAL ELECTIONS – ISSUE OF POLLING CARDS 5512**

A copy of Report dated 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1999 regarding the issuing of polling cards was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Quinn the Members agreed to the issue of polling cards for "L" electors for the forthcoming Elections.

The Members requested details on the Count procedure to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1999. Deputy Connaughton requested that people whose polling station has been

changed following the introduction of the revised Polling Scheme be advised of their new Polling Station.

Councillor Fahy queried the closing dates for the Supplementary Register and Postal Voters.

Mr. T. Kavanagh, County Secretary and Returning Officer for the Local Elections replied to the queries raised as follows. In the County area, there will be three ballot papers to be completed by each voter, and placed in one ballot box. There will be an additional ballot paper for people residing in Tuam and Ballinasloe towns, and there will be a separate ballot box for these ballots.

All the ballot boxes for both Galway City and County will be opened at 9.00 a.m. in Leisureland on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 1999, wherein the three voting papers will be separated, i.e. Euro, Local and Referendum. The Counting of the votes for County Council Elections will take place in the Tennis Club, commencing at 11.00 a.m. approx. The counting of the European Votes will take place in Bundoran, and the Referendum ballots in Leisureland.

In regard to changes in polling stations, Mr. Kavanagh said that everyone on the Voting Register will receive a polling card which will indicate the polling station where he/she must vote.

The latest day for receipt of requests for inclusion on the Postal Voters Register was 13<sup>th</sup> May 1999, and the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1999 for the Supplementary Register.

Senator McDonagh congratulated Mr. Sean McSweeney from Mayo, on his successful campaign to have photographs of the candidates for the European Election included on the ballot papers, which may be extended to all election ballot papers in the future.

Councillor Finnerty complimented the County Secretary and everyone involved in the preparation of the Supplementary Registers.

**DISPOSAL OF LAND AT PARKMORE, TUAM 5513**

On the proposal of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Quinn, the Council approved the disposal of 5.84 acres at Parkmore, Tuam to Tuam Stars Ltd., Parkmore, Tuam in accordance with Notice dated 30<sup>th</sup> April 1999, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, and in accordance with Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

**ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS – WATER & WASTE 5514**  
**WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**

Mr. D. Nelson said that in accordance with Circular Leeter L9/98, the Council is required to prepare an Assessment of Needs for Water Services Capital Work and to

update this assessment on a five yearly basis. The assessment sets out the infrastructure requirements over medium and long-term periods, being the years 2000, 2006 and 2018. It is a requirement that the views of the public be taken into account in finalising this document. A draft copy of the Assessment of Needs will go on public display for one month prior to submitting same to the Department of the Environment and Local Government. A copy of the Draft Assessment of Needs for the County can be viewed at local library and Area Offices, and the public are invited to make submissions. The final document will come back to the Members for consideration and approval, and will be more specific on prioritisation of projects.

The Members complimented Mr. Nelson, Mr. Ridge and Mr. Connell on a most comprehensive report on water services in the County.

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain urged that the Connemara Environmental Scheme proposed for the whole of Connemara be proceeded with, without delay. The Council/Department should not wait for Cohesion funding.

Councillor Gavin agreed with sentiments expressed by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain and requested an up-date on current position in relation to this scheme.

Councillor O'Neill said that Connemara is very dependent on tourism, thus dependent on having a good water supply within the region. He asked that a time-scale be put in place for the Connemara Project.

Councillor Loughnane welcomed the Minister's recent announcements regarding funding for the Rural Towns & Villages Initiative, in particular the £1.6m for Craughwell.

Councillor Loughnane noted the criteria used to assess the various water and/or sewerage schemes as (1) Public Health, (2) Environmental Impact and (3) Constraint on Development Potential. He highlighted the problem of sulphur in the Kilrickle area, and the need to get a supply of quality water in the area. Councillor Loughnane said that the report suggests that a lack of quality water poses a threat to public health. This should strengthen the Council's case with the Department for funding.

Councillor Hussey said that great strides have been made in the county over the years in bringing a water supply to thousands of householders within the County. He praised the voluntary work of Trustees of Group Water Schemes, in bringing a piped water supply to rural Galway. Councillor Hussey stated that many Group Water Schemes which have been in operation for more than thirty years, are now showing signs of wear and tear; and many trustees are willing to have schemes taken in charge by the Council. He also highlighted difficulties facing Trustees of private Group Water Schemes in complying with EU Directives and Regulations. Councillor Hussey requested that the Council circulate the Trustees with information as to how to have their Water Scheme taken in charge.

Councillor Conneely welcomed the Minister's announcement of funding of the following schemes and asked when work will commence on:

- Carna/Kilkerrin/Cashel Water Supply Scheme
- Leenane Sewerage Scheme.

He requested an up-date on the Tully/Clifden Sewerage Scheme, and details of Council's plans to up-grade Tullycross Water Scheme, and the water situation on Westport Road, Clifden.

Councillor Quinn welcomed the proposed extension of Sewerage Scheme in Dunmore. She requested an up-date on the Glinsk/Ballincurry Water Scheme.

An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail stated that priorities should be laid down by the Council, thus avoiding leap-frogging of various schemes. He stated that the quality of water supply in Carraroe area was poor and it will take years before improvements take place.

Councillor Callanan said that an objective of three sewerage schemes to commence each year, should be set and conveyed to the Department of the Environment.

Councillor Cunningham proposed that the Gort Regional Water Scheme be proceeded with as soon as possible. At present, there is an inadequate supply of water given the population of the town and the water needs of the fire service should a serious incident occur.

Councillor Fahy requested that a submission be forwarded to the Department of the Environment for funding for the Kinvara Sewerage Scheme.

Councillor Varley requested an up-date in relation to the Headford Sewerage Scheme.

Councillor Mannion requested details in regard to the installation of a booster pump to Clifden Water Supply.

Mr. Paul Ridge, S.E.E. summarised the details contained in the report. He complimented the Members on the work achieved during the lifetime of current Council. He stated that the report is for public consultation. The public are invited to participate in the assessment of needs and make contributions/submissions in relation to same. Upon receipt of submissions, a prioritised report will be prepared and presented to the Members. The final report must be submitted to the Department of the Environment by end of June 1999. Mr. Ridge replied to the Members' queries. He acknowledged the work of Trustees of Group Water Schemes in bringing a supply of water to rural areas. The Council adopt a policy of taking any schemes, off a public main, in charge, if the Trustees request same. The Council also encourages group schemes to take water from an available public supply.

Mr. Ridge indicated that the key elements of the Connemara Environmental Project will be discussed at a future meeting of the Council. The Connemara Environmental Project, treated as a whole given unique heritage, and culture of the area, is the most

attractive method of realising the necessary funds. However, if funding is not forthcoming within a certain time scale, the project will be re-assessed.

Mr. Ridge stated that the Contract Documents for the Carna/Kilkierrin Water Supply Scheme are being prepared for submission to the Department of the Environment. A revised preliminary Report on Clifden is being prepared for submission to the Department.

In regard to the quality of water in the Carraroe area, Mr. Ridge confirmed that the supply generally complies to E.U. water standards, however there is a problem with E-Coli. Mr. Ridge stated that the Council will be implementing initiatives to improve the water quality and monitoring of same within the coming months.

In regard to the Headford Sewerage Scheme, the Department of the Environment have requested a site investigation survey of adjoining site and this is being conducted at present.

In Clifden, there is a need to augment the existing supply. A new water reservoir has just been completed. Investigations are under way to develop a new borehole.

Deputy McCormack proposed that the Council contact the three Western Ministers and request them to pursue the Connemara Environmental Project at Ministerial level. An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain seconded this proposal.

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain requested that the road surface on the main Spiddal/Rossaveal Road be completed following recent pipe-laying. The carriageway on the Shanagurran Road also needs to be restored to original or improved level.

Mr. J. Colleran, County Engineer indicated that a significant amount of money will be spent in conjunction with road improvement money on both roads in coming months.

On the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain, the Members noted the Draft Report Assessment of Needs – Water Services Investment Programme as presented.

## **UPDATE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME 5515**

Mr. Tierney informed the Members that the Plans for the Pilot Affordable Housing Scheme for Tuam are being prepared. It is hoped that the plans will go on public display by end of May, with scheme commencing in September. The type of house and selling price for houses is yet to be finalised. The approved applicants for this scheme will be in place by commencement of the scheme.

An overall plan for the development of facilities at Parkmore and Dublin Road, Tuam is also being prepared. Partnership in the development of these lands may be sought, and the facilities to be provided include:-

- G.A.A. pitches
- Soccer and Training Pitches
- Athletic training/running track
- Public Park

Mr. Tierney said that a four year Multi-Annual Programme for period 2000-2003, incorporating Local Authority, Voluntary and Affordable Housing Schemes must be prepared and forwarded to the Department of the Environment. Earlier this year, Galway County Council adopted a Three Year Housing Programme, which must now be amended. The revised programme will shortly be presented to the Members for consideration.

Councillor Hussey thanked Mr. Tierney for his efforts in promoting the developments in Tuam.

Councillor Gavin said that the whole area of affordable housing is extremely important. He said that during the course of a recent radio interview the Minister indicated that the Department had monies available for provision of sites which Galway County Council had not applied for, and queried situation in relation to same.

Councillor Varley asked that the Council submit a letter to the Department of the Environment requesting that grants be made available for repairs for derelict sites/houses which would be subject to means test.

An Comhairleoir Ó Neachtain requested a break-down of area demand for rural houses and details of Council's land-bank to cater for existing/future requirements. He indicated that Údaras na Gaeltachta had land which may be suitable for small rural housing schemes with adequate facilities.

In reply to Councillor Gavin, Mr. Tierney stated that he did not hear the interview in question, but assured the Members that the Council is very active in regard to the disposing and acquiring land for housing purposes.

He said that a House Improvement grant Scheme was approved by the Members in March 1998, and forwarded to the Department for consideration. However, the Department have no plans to introduce same at present. He stated that people may receive funding in accordance with following schemes:-

- Improvements in lieu of Local Authority Housing
- Reconstruction Loan
- Essential Repairs Grant
- Disabled Persons Grant

Mr. Tierney said that following completion of current "Assessment of Housing Needs", the breakdown of demand for houses will be circulated to the Members. He indicated that a Meeting with Údaras na Gaeltachta would be arranged and the Council's need for land for housing purposes would be highlighted.



**NOMINATION OF ONE MEMBER TO CROSS 5516**  
**SECTORAL MONITORING COMMITTEE –**  
**INTEGRATED AREA PLAN FOR TUAM**

The County Secretary informed the Members that the Council is establishing a Cross Sectoral Monitoring Committee which will have responsibility for monitoring progress in achieving the objectives of the Integrated Area Plan for Tuam. The Council is requested to nominate one member to this Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor McClearn, that Councillor Walsh be nominated to the Monitoring Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor Regan, that Councillor McHugh be nominated to the Monitoring Committee.

A Vote was taken on the proposals as follows:-

**FOR COUNCILOR P. MCHUGH**

Cllr. J. Callanan, J. Conneely, M. Fahy, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, S. O'Neachtain, K. Quinn & M. Regan (9)

**FOR COUNCILLOR T. WALSH**

Cllr. J. Brennan, J. Burke, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllr. M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Senator J. McDonagh, Cllr. M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, E. Varley & T. Walsh (12)

The Chairman declared Councillor Walsh as the Council's nomination to the Cross Sectoral Monitoring Committee of the Tuam I.A.P.

**COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS SEMINAR ON 5517**  
**LOCAL & REGIONAL CO-OPERATION TO PROTECT**  
**CHILDREN FROM ABUSE**

A copy of Report from EU Committee of the Regions on the Protection of Children from Abuse was circulated to each Member.

The Members noted the contents of the Report and queried whether Local Authorities have the required expertise to assess this document.

## CONFERENCES

5518

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Fahy and agreed that the attendance of the following Members be approved at the conferences set-out hereunder, the cost of the conferences having been circulated to each Member.

**Association of Health Boards Annual Conference – Clontarf, Dublin – 30 April/1 May 1999**

Cllr. T. Byrne	Cllr. T. Walsh	Cllr. J. McClearn
Sen. J. McDonagh	Cllr. P. Finnegan	Cllr. J. Conneely
Cllr. E. Varley	Cllr. M. Cunningham	Cllr. K. Quinn
Cllr. M. Finnerty	Cllr. M. O'Neill	Cllr. M. Loughnane
Cllr. P. McHugh	Cllr. S. O'Neachtain	Deputy P. Connaughton
Cllr. M. Regan	Cllr. M. Mullins	

**Landfill Conference – Carrigaline Court Hotel, Cork – 29/30 April 1999**

Cllr. J. Brennan	Cllr. J. McClearn	Cllr. J. Mannion
Cllr. P. O'Tuathail		

**Employment Prospects in the New Millennium – Kilkee, Co. Clare – 14/15 May 1999**

Cllr. T. Byrne	Cllr. P. Finnegan
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**COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – REVIEW OF PLANNING CONTROL POLICY**

5519

The Chairman said that submissions were received from Council Members regarding Review of Planning Control Policy and Report dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 1999 details submissions received.

The Members agreed to the recommendations, as outlined:-

2. That the road frontage requirement be relaxed in the case of substantiated housing need.
5. That copies of the County Development Plan be issued to each Councillor.
6. That Councillors be informed immediately of the staff Members in the Planning Office designated to deal with Councillors.

The Members agreed that the following submissions 1, 3 and 4 be deferred until the next Meeting, for further discussion and consideration.

1. That the County Development Plan relating to second family dwellings where there is a genuine housing need, be implemented on all road categories and that the second family dwelling right be accepted where the family has been in ownership of the land for the lifetime of the applicant.
3. That the County Development Plan would contain one definition for essential housing need category to apply to all situations and that the definition would include sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces of the landowner.
4. That ribbon development be implemented exactly in accordance with Development Control Policy as outlined in 7.2.1. (ii) Page 55.

**MANAGER'S BUSINESS**

**5520**

**Piers & Harbours**

Mr. E. Power, A/County Secretary informed the Members that the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands had notified the Council of an offer of a grant in respect of the following:-

Location	Description	Total Cost	Dept. Cont.	Council Cont.
Inishboffin Harbour	Dredging of Inishboffin Harbour	£425,000	£320,000	105,000

It was highlighted in Report dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 1999 which was circulated to each Member, that in the above case and other offers, the Department's contribution is "capped" at the level of grant indicated or 75% of the cost, whichever is the lesser. Where the cost of the works exceed the estimated cost, the Council will be obliged to fund the over-expenditure from its own funds, and be responsible for the subsequent maintenance liability of the harbour. In the Council's 1999 Estimates, there is limited provision towards the co-funding of works on piers and harbours. The required contribution for the dredging of Inishboffin Harbour (which is based on Feasibility Study submitted in 1998) is £105,000, which is excessive and beyond the means of the Council.

The County Manager informed the Members that the Council is responsible for maintenance of harbour to the high water mark.

Deputy McCormack said that given the major works involved, the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands should fund the entire project, the Department of the Marine maintain the harbour, and proposed that the Departments be so informed. Councillor Gavin seconded this proposal, and the Members agreed to same.

The Members were also informed of notification from the Department of the Marine and Natural Resources regarding the following projects:-

Location	Description	Total Cost	Dept. Cont.	Council Cont.
Killary	Design and site investigation for Aquaculture landing facility	£50,000	£38,000	£12,000
Torrea Pier Kinvara Bay	Repair to Pier, provide slipway	£65,000	£49,000	£16,000
Spiddal Pier	Repairs	£25,000	£19,000	£6,000
Caladh Thaigh	Repairs	£30,000	£23,000	£7,000
Tramvarraderry (Rossaveal)	Repairs	£30,000	£23,000	£7,000
Ballinakill (Derryinver)	Landing facility	£60,000	£45,000	£15,000

On the proposal of Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Deputy McCormack, the Members agreed that the Council accept the offer of grant aid, subject to the following conditions:-

1. That Galway County Council seek clarification regarding the requirement for matching funds and maintenance of works on piers/landing facilities not yet in charge of the Council, namely Killary and Tramvarraderry (Rossaveal).
2. That Galway County Council request the Department of the Marine and Natural Resources to carry out the proposed works at Killary, Tramvarraderry (Rossaveal), Ballinakill (Derryinver) and Torrea Pier (Kinvara Bay) as these works require a level of expertise which is beyond the means of Galway County Council. The Council would be prepared to carry out the works proposed on the remaining piers, namely Spiddal Pier and Calladh Thaigh.
3. That the Council do not agree to take over responsibility for the completed works in respect of Killary and Tramvarraderry (Rossaveal) which are currently not in our charge until clarification is received regarding the future funding for completion of the works involved.

### **Road Opening**

The Members were informed that the Tuam Inner Relief Road, known as the Frank Stockwell Road (from Dublin Road to Roundabout) and Sean Purcell Road (from Vicar Street to Roundabout), will be officially opened on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 1999 at 4.00 p.m.

**Heritage Centre**

Aughrim – The Members were informed that a Manageress has been appointed to the Aughrim Interpretative Centre. The Centre will be opened for the period 14<sup>th</sup> June to 29<sup>th</sup> August 1999, incl.

Athenry – The Athenry Heritage Centre was officially opened by An Taoiseach, Mr. B. Ahern, T.D. on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1999.

Gort – The Members were informed that work has commenced on the Gort Heritage Centre, to be completed by end of August. The Centre will be available as a Tourist Centre in year 2000.

**Appointments**

The Manager informed the Members of his appointment to the National Traveller Consultative Committee, and to the Working Group to oversee implementation of recommendations of Efficiency Review of County Councils' Operations in the Non-National Roads Area.

**Monthly Meeting**

The Chairman reminded the Members that the next Meeting will be held in the U.D.C. offices in Ballinasloe, on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 1999 with a visit to Ballinasloe Landfill to take place prior to the Meeting.

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Submitted, Approved + Signed:

J. Brennan  
Chairman

26 July 1999  
Date