

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNTY HALL, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 25th JUNE, 1999

CATHAOIRLEACH:

An Comhairleoir J. Brennan
An Comhairleoir P. McHugh

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Deputy U. Burke, Cllrs. J. Burke, J. Conneely, N. Grealish, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. M. Hoade, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, S. Gavin, T. Mannion, M. Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, J. McClearn, T. McHugh, Senator J. McDonagh, Cllrs. M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O Foighil, P. O'Sullivan, T. Rabbitt, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Connolly, S. Walsh & T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, J. Tierney, D. Nelson, Asst. Co. Managers, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, J. Colleran, Co. Engineer, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent, J. Cullen, A.O., T. Murphy, A/A.O., P. Carroll, S.S.O. & M. Jordan, S.O.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir

ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH FOR YEAR 1999/2000

**Min. No.
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Mr Joe Brennan, outgoing Cathaoirleach was in the Chair.

He welcomed all to the Meeting and particularly the new members and wished them all the best over the next five years.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach asked for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Councillor Quinn and seconded by Councillor M. Connolly that Councillor McHugh be elected Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Deputy Connaughton and seconded by Councillor T. McHugh that Councillor T. Walsh be elected Cathaoirleach. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

For Councillor P. McHugh:

Councillors J. Callanan, M. Connolly, J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, T. Mannion, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, M. Regan, S. Walsh (18)

For Councillor T. Walsh:

Deputies U. Burke, P. Connaughton, Cllrs. J.J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Senator J. McDonagh, Cllrs. T. McHugh, M. Mullins, P. O'Foighil, T. Walsh. (9)

Abstained

Councillors J. Burke, N. Grealish & P. Hynes (3).

Councillor P. McHugh was then declared elected Cathaoirleach of Galway County Council for 1999/2000 and he was invested with the chain of office.

COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH THEN TOOK THE CHAIR

Ghlach an Cathaoirleach buíochas do na Comhairleoirí as ucht é a thoghadh mar Chathaoirleach ar Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe don bhliain mhílaoise. Dúirt sé gur onóir mhór dó a bheith ragnaithe mar Chathaoirleach den Chomhairle ag am chomh tabachtach leis seo.

Councillor McHugh thanked his fellow councillors who elected him Cathaoirleach for the millennium year. He paid tribute to former colleagues who retired from the council; Cllrs. Toddy Byrne, Joe Brennan, John Mannion, Deputy Padraic McCormack, Cllrs. Michael O'Neill, Peadar O'Tuathail, Evelyn Varley and in particular Cllr. Ryan and Cllr. Finnegan from his own electoral area who are not in good health at the moment. He also paid tribute to outgoing members of the County Council who were unsuccessful i.e. Tom Hussey, Willie Burke and Michael Finnerty. He welcomed all members of the council especially new members.

The Cathaoirleach mentioned a few of the major problems facing Galway County Council e.g. waste management, water supplies and roads. He also paid tribute to Mr. O'Donoghue, County Manager. He said he hoped to see more council staff operating at area level and bring local government closer to the people.

A number of councillors congratulated Councillor McHugh on his appointment as Cathaoirleach and wished him well during his term of office.

Mr. O'Donoghue, County Manager on behalf of staff and himself congratulated Cllr. P. McHugh on his election.

ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH FOR YEAR 1999/2000 **2**

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Connolly, seconded by An Comhairleoir Connie Ni Fhatharta that Councillor Quinn be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach. There was no other proposal. The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Quinn elected Leas-Cathaoirleach of Galway County Council for 1999/2000. Councillor Quinn thanked her proposer and seconder and welcomed all new councillors.

RETURN OF PERSONS ELECTED AT THE LOCAL ELECTIONS **3**

The Members of the Council noted the Return of Persons elected to Galway County Council at the Local Elections 1999, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The Cathaoirleach then adjourned the Meeting for a short period to allow photographs to be taken.

APPOINTMENT OF 6 MEMBERS TO THE WESTERN HEALTH BOARD **4**

When the Meeting resumed, a roll call was taken of the members present and it was established that all of the 30 Members of the Council were present at the appointment of Members to the Western Health Board.

The County Secretary stated that as 30 Members were present, any 5 Members could form a group and each group could nominate a Member as a Member of the Western Health Board in accordance with Rule 2 of the Second Schedule to the Health Act, 1970.

First Vacancy:

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Councillor Mullins as a member of the Western Health Board was then handed to the Cathaoirleach.

The group consisted of:

Councillors M. Mullins, T. McHugh, Senator J.
McDonagh, Cllrs. P. O'Foighil & T. Walsh.

The Cathaoirleach ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Councillor Mullins appointed as a Member of the Western Health Board.

Second Vacancy:

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Deputy U. Burke to be a Member of the Western Health Board was handed to the Cathaoirleach.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. J. McClearn, J.J. Mannion, S. Gavin
Deputies U. Burke & P. Connaughton.

The Cathaoirleach ruled that the nomination was valid and he declared Deputy U. Burke appointed as a Member of the Western Health Board.

Third Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Callanan be appointed a Member of the Western Health Board. As there were no further proposals in relation to the third vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Callanan appointed as a Member of the Western Health Board.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that Councillor J. Conneely be appointed a Member of the Western Health Board. As there were no further proposals in relation to the fourth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor J. Conneely appointed a Member of the Western Health Board.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain that Councillor Hoade be appointed a Member of the Western Health Board.

As there were no further proposals in relation to the fifth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Hoade appointed a Member of the Western Health Board

Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Quinn be appointed a Member of the Western Health Board. As there were no further proposals in relation to the sixth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Kathleen Quinn appointed a Member of the Western Health Board.

As a result of the foregoing, the Members appointed by Galway County Council as Members of the Western Health Board are as follows:

Western Health Board

- (1) Councillor Michael Mullins, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe,
- (2) Deputy Ulick Burke, Eagle Hill, Abbey, Loughrea,
- (3) Councillor Joe Callanan, Calla, Kilconnell, Balliansloe,
- (4) Councillor Josie Conneely, Ballyconeely, Connemara,
- (5) Councillor Mary Hoade, Cahernaheena, Headford,
- (6) Councillor Kathleen Quinn, Ussey, Ballymoe,

NOMINATION OF ONE MEMBER FOR THE GALWAY HARBOUR COMPANY 5

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Regan be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of the vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Regan nominated for appointment to the Galway Harbour Company.

APPOINTMENT OF 14 MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY GALWAY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE 6

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Cunningham, that 7 of the 14 Members to be appointed be Members of Galway County Council. This was agreed.

The Cathaoirleach declared that 7 members of Galway County Council would be appointed to the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

It was agreed that the 30 Members of the Council were present. The Cathaoirleach advised that the number of Councillors necessary to form a group was 5. Nominations from two groups were handed to the Cathaoirleach.

- (1) Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Cllrs. M. Mullins, T. McHugh, P. O'Foighil, T. Walsh
& Senator J. McDonagh

nominating Councillor T. Walsh as a Member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

- (2) Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Cllrs. J. McClearn, J.J. Mannion, S. Gavin, Deputies U. Burke & P.
Connaughton

nominating Cllr. Gavin as a Member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

The Cathaoirleach ruled that those two nominations were valid and accordingly declared Councillor T. Walsh and Councillor Gavin appointed as Members of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy, that Councillor O'Neachtain be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the third vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor O'Neachtain appointed.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that Councillor P. McHugh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the fourth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor P. McHugh appointed.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor O'Sullivan be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the fifth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor P. O'Sullivan appointed.

Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Joyce be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the sixth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Joyce appointed.

Seventh Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Connolly be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the seventh vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Connolly appointed.

Non-Members

Eight Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Mr. Thomas Glynn, T.U.I. Representative, 9 Beech Grove Renmore, be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the Eight vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Mr. Thomas Glynn appointed.

Ninth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that Mr. Tom Hussey, Patch, Glenamaddy be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the ninth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Mr. Tom Hussey appointed.

Tenth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that Mr. Pearse O'Malley, Cregg Lodge, Station Road, Oughterard be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the tenth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Mr. Pearse O'Malley appointed.

Eleventh Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Ms. Eithne Ni Donnacha, Cill Chiaran, Connemara, be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the eleventh vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Ms. Eithne Ni Donnacha appointed.

Twelfth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Mr. Walter Burke, Bridge Road, Portumna, be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the twelfth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Mr. Walter Burke appointed.

Thirteenth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Mr. John Molloy, Coolock, Castlegar, be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the thirteenth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Mr. John Molloy appointed.

Fourteenth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Mr. Thomas Reilly, 20 Trinity Road, Tuam be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the thirteenth vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Mr. Thomas Reilly appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 14 members appointed to the County Galway Vocational Education Committee by Galway County Council.

COUNTY GALWAY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- (1) Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, Ardeevin, Williamstown,
- (2) Councillor Seamus Gavin, Cnocán Raitni, Moycullen,
- (3) Councillor Sean O'Neachtain, An Spideal,
- (4) Councillor Paddy McHugh, Shop Street, Tuam,
- (5) Councillor Pat O'Sullivan, 7 Kilgarve park, Ballinasloe,
- (6) Councillor James Joyce, Lawrencetown, Ballinasloe,
- (7) Councillor Michael Connolly, Moyloughmore, Moylough,
- (8) Tom Glynn, 9 Beech Grove, Renmore,
- (9) Tom Hussey, Patch, Glenamaddy,
- (10) Pearse O'Malley, Cregglodge, Station Road, Oughterard
- (11) Eithne Ni Donnócha, CillChiarain, Connemara,
- (12) Walter Burke, Bridge Road, Portumna,
- (13) John Molloy, Coolock, Castlegar,
- (14) Thomas Reilly, 20 Trinity Court, Tuam,

**APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE RIVER FERGUS 7
JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**

First Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Cunningham be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the first vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Cunningham appointed.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Ni Fhatharta that Councillor Fahy be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Fahy appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the two Members appointed to the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee:

RIVER FERGUS JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE:

- (1) Michael Cunningham, Galway Road, Gort,
- (2) Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan

**APPOINTMENT OF 6 MEMBERS TO THE RIVER SUCK 8
JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**

It was agreed that the 30 Members of the Council were present. The Cathaoirleach advised that the number of Members required to form a group is 5. Nominations for 2 groups as follows were handed to the Cathaoirleach.

First Vacancy

Group consisting of the following Councillors;

Councillors J. McClearn, J.J. Mannion, S. Gavin, Deputies U. Burke
& P. Connaughton

nominating Councillor T. Walsh to be a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

Second Vacancy

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Cllrs. M. Mullins, T. McHugh, Pol O'Foighil, T. Walsh
& Senator J. McDonagh

nominating Councillor T. McHugh to be a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

The Cathaoirleach ruled that both nominations were valid and accordingly declared Councillor T. Walsh and Councillor T. McHugh appointed as members of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Callanan be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Callanan appointed.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Quinn be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Quinn appointed.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor M. Connolly be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor M. Connolly appointed.

Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor T. Mannion be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor T. Mannion appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 6 Members appointed by Galway County Council to the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee;

RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

- (1) Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, Ardeevin, Williamstown,
- (2) Councillor Tom McHugh, Kileloghans, Tuam
- (3) Councillor Joe Callanan, Calla, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe,
- (4) Councillor Kathleen Quinn, Ussey, Ballymoe,
- (5) Councillor Michael Connolly, Moyloughmore, Moylough
- (6) Councillor Tomas Mannion, Shruffane, Caltra, Ballinasloe

**APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE LOUGH
CORRIB NAVIGATION TRUSTEES**

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First Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Hoade be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Hoade appointed.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Regan be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Regan appointed.

LOUGH CORRIB NAVIGATION TRUSTEES

- (1) Mary Hoade, Cahernaheena, Headford
- (2) Michael Regan, Ballinakill, Loughrea

APPOINTMENT OF 7 MEMBERS TO THE WEST REGIONAL AUTHORITY 10

It was agreed that the 30 Members of the Council were present. The Cathaoirleach advised that the number required to form a group is 5.

First Vacancy

A nomination was received from the following group of Councillors:

Cllrs. J. McClearn, J. J. Mannion, S. Gavin, Deputies P. Connaughton
& U. Burke

nominating Councillor J. McClearn to be a member of the West Regional Authority.

The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor McClearn appointed.

Second Vacancy

A nomination was received from the following group of Councillors:

Councillors T. Walsh, M. Mullins, T. McHugh, P. O'Foighil &
Senator J. McDonagh

nominating Senator J. McDonagh to be a member of the West Regional Authority.

The Cathaoirleach declared Senator McDonagh appointed.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor T. Mannion be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor T. Mannion appointed.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Callanan and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Loughnane be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Loughnane appointed.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta appointed.

Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Regan be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Regan appointed.

Seventh Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Quinn be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Quinn appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the Members appointed to the West Regional Authority;

WEST REGIONAL AUTHORITY

- (1) Councillor Jimmy McClearn, Killimor, Ballinasloe
- (2) Senator Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore
- (3) Councillor Tomas Mannion, Shruffane, Caltra, Ballinasloe
- (4) Councillor Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla
- (5) Councillor Connie Ni Fhatharta, Cladnach, Ceathru Rua
- (6) Councillor Michael Regan, Ballinakill, Loughrea
- (7) Councillor Kathleen Quinn, Ussey, Ballymoe

**APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO THE E.U.
OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE OF WEST REGIONAL
AUTHORITY.**

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It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor T. Mannion be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor T. Mannion appointed.

**APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO THE LOCAL
TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE.**

12

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Hoade be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Hoade appointed.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor M. Connolly be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor M. Connolly appointed.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor O'Sullivan be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor O'Sullivan appointed. As a result of the foregoing, the following are the Members appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee:

- (1) Councillor Mary Hoade, Cahernaheena, Headford
- (2) Councillor Michael Connolly, Moyloughmore, Moylough,
- (3) Councillor Pat O'Sullivan, 7 Kilgarve Park, Ballinasloe

**APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO GALWAY
COUNTY & CITY ENTERPRISE BOARD**

13

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor O'Sullivan be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor O'Sullivan appointed. As a result of the foregoing, the following are members of the Galway County & City Enterprise Board:

- (1) Councillor Pat O'Sullivan, 7 Kilgarve Park, Ballinasloe

An Cathaoirleach Councillor P. McHugh is an ex-officio Member.

APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY STRATEGY GROUP

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It was agreed that 30 members were present. The Cathaoirleach advised that the number of Members required to form a group was 10.

First Vacancy

A nomination was received from the following Group of Councillors:

Councillors M. Mullins, T. McHugh, P. O'Foighil, T. Walsh, J. McCleam, J.J. Mannion, S. Gavin, Senator J. McDonagh, Deputies U. Burke & P. Connaughton

nominating Councillor T. McHugh to be a member of the County Strategy Group. The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor T. McHugh appointed.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor O'Neachtain be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. O'Neachtain appointed.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Rabbitt be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Rabbitt appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the persons appointed to the County Strategy Group:

- (1) Councillor Tom McHugh, Kilcloghans, Tuam,
- (2) Councillor Sean O'Neachtain An Spideal,
- (3) Councillor Tim Rabbitt, Dublin Road, Oranmore,

An Cathaoirleach Councillor P. McHugh is an ex-officio member.

APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO THE GALWAY RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

15

It was agreed that 30 members were present. The Cathaoirleach advised that the number of Members required to form a group was 10.

First Vacancy

A nomination was received from the following Group of Councillors:

Cllrs. T. Walsh, P. O'Foighil, , T. McHugh, J. McClearn, M. Mullins, J.J. Mannion, S. Gavin, Senator J. McDonagh, Deputies U. Burke & P. Connaughton

nominating Councillor T. McHugh as a member of the Galway Rural Development Company.

The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor T. McHugh appointed.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Joyce be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Joyce appointed.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Callanan be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Callanan appointed.

As a result of the foregoing the following are the persons appointed to the Galway Rural Development Company:

- (1) Councillor Tom McHugh, Kilcloghans, Tuam
- (2) Councillor James Joyce, Lawrencetown, Ballinasloe
- (3) Councillor Joe Callanan, Calla, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe

DURATION OF MEMBERSHIP

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On the proposal of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Fahy, it was agreed that all the appointments at this first Annual Meeting would be for the duration of the Council, with the exception of the nominations to the Athenry Community Council Trust Ltd. and the Athenry Heritage and Tourism Co. Ltd. which would be made annually.

**NOMINATION OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE ATHENRY
COMMUNITY COUNCIL TRUST LTD.**

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First Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Callanan and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Loughnane be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Loughnane nominated.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that Councillor Fahy be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Fahy nominated.

As a result of the foregoing the following are the persons nominated to the Athenry Community Council Trust Ltd.:-

- (1) Councillor Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle, Athenry
- (2) Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan

**NOMINATIONION OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE
ATHENRY HERITAGE & TOURISM CO. LTD.**

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First Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Cunningham be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Cunningham nominated.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Regan be nominated.

It was proposed by Deputy Connaughton and seconded by Deputy U. Burke that Councillor McClearn be nominated. A vote was taken with the following result:

For Councillor Regan

Councillor J. Callanan, M. Connolly, J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, T. Mannion, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhartharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, M. Regan, S. Walsh. (17)

For Councillor McClearn

Deputies U. Burke & P. Connaughton, Cllrs. S. Gavin, J.J. Mannion, J. McClearn, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, P. O'Foighil, T. Walsh & Senator J. McDonagh (10)

Abstain

Councillors J. Burke, N. Grealish & P. Hynes (3)

The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Regan nominated.

Councillor McClearn congratulated Councillor Regan but stated that he felt that Fianna Fail had not shown fair play with this vacancy.

As a result of the foregoing the Members nominated to Athenry Heritage and Tourism Co. Ltd. are as follows:

- (1) Councillor Michael Cunningham, Galway Road, Gort,
- (2) Councillor Michael Regan, Ballinakill, Loughrea

**APPOINTMENT OF 9 MEMBERS TO THE
COUNCILS' PROTOCOL COMMITTEE**

19

It was agreed that 30 members of council were present and the Cathaoirleach advised that the number of Councillors required to form a group is 4. Nominations from 3 groups were handed to the Cathaoirleach as follows:

First Vacancy

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Senator J. McDonagh, Cllrs. T. McHugh, J. McClearn and M. Mullins

nominating Senator J. McDonagh to be a member of the Councils Protocol Committee.

Second Vacancy

Group Consisting of the following Councillors:

Cllrs. T. Walsh, , P. O'Foighil, S. Gavin & Deputy U. Burke

nominating Cllr. P. O'Foighil to be a member of the Councils Protocol Committee.

Third Vacancy

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Cllrs. J. Burke, N. Grealish, S. Walsh & P. Hynes

nominating Councillor P. Hynes to be a member of the councils Protocol committee.

The Cathaoirleach ruled that those three nominations were valid, and accordingly, declared Senator McDonagh, Councillor O'Foighil and Councillor Hynes to be members of the Protocol Committee.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Callanan and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Loughnane be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Loughnane elected.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Cunningham be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Cunningham elected.

Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Quinn that Councillor Fahy be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Fahy elected.

Seventh Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Callanan be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Callanan elected.

Eight Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor O'Neachtain be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor O'Neachtain elected.

Ninth Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Quinn that Councillor Hoade be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Hoade elected.

As a result of the foregoing the following are the Members of the Councils Protocol Committee:

- (1) Senator Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore,
- (2) Councillor Pol O'Foighil, An Cnoc, Indreabhan,
- (3) Councillor Pat Hynes, Gort Road, Loughrea,
- (4) Councillor Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle Kiltulla,
- (5) Councillor Michael Cunningham, Galway Road, Gort,
- (6) Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardahan,
- (7) Councillor Joe Callanan, Calla, Kilconnell, Ballinasoe,
- (8) Councillor Sean O'Neachtain, An Spideal,
- (9) Councillor Mary Hoade, Cahernaheena, Headford,

The Cathaoirleach is an ex-officio Member of the Committee.

**FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCIES ON
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL**

20

A discussion took place in relation to the filling of vacancies that may arise on Galway County Council for whatever reason during the lifetime of the present Council. It was proposed by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor J. Burke that subject to statutory requirements, any vacancy arising on the Council would be filled by the nominee of the Party/Group of the Member that caused the vacancy. The Members agreed to this proposal and the Cathaoirleach declared it carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF 1 OR 2 MEMBERS TO CUMAS
TEO, PAIRTIOCHT CHONAMARA AGUS ARANN**

21

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Ni Fhatharta be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Ni Fhatharta appointed.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor O'Neachtain be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor O'Neachtain appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the following Members were appointed to Cumas Teo, Pairtiocht Chonamara & Arann;

- (1) An Comhairleoir Connie Ni Fhatharta, Cladnach, Cheathru Rua
- (2) An Comhairleoir Sean O'Neachtain, An Spideal

APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO CHOISTE REIGIUNDA CHONNACHTA & NA MI MFG.

22

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Ni Fhatharta that Councillor O'Neachtain be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor O'Neachtain appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain was appointed as a member of the Choiste Reigiunda Chonnachta & na Mi MFG.

APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO CHOMHDHAIL OILEAN NA hEIREANN - REGIONAL COMMITTEE

23

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor J. Conneely be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor J. Conneely appointed. As a result of the foregoing, An Comhairleoir J. Conneely was appointed as a member of the Chomhdhail Oileain na hEireann Regional Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF 1 NOMINEE TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

24

It was proposed by Councillor Callanan and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Loughnane be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Loughnane appointed as a member of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

**APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO GENERAL
COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS**

25

First Vacancy

It was agreed that 30 members of council were present and the Cathaoirleach advised that the number of Councillor required to form a group is 10. A nomination from the following Group of Councillors was handed to the Cathaoirleach as follows:

Cllrs. T. Walsh, M. Mullins, J. McClearn, T. McHugh, P. O'Foighil, J. J. Mannion, S. Gavin, Senator J. McDonagh, Deputies P. Connaughton & U. Burke

nominating Councillor P. O'Foighil to be a member of the General Council of County Councils. The Cathaoirleach declared the nomination valid and accordingly declared Councillor O'Foighil appointed.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Cunningham be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Michael Cunningham appointed.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Quinn that Councillor Fahy be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Fahy appointed.

As a result of the foregoing the following were appointed to the General Council of County Councils:

- (1) Councillor Pol O'Foighil, An Cnoc, Indreabhan
- (2) Councillor Michael Cunningham, Galway Road, Gort
- (3) Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan

**APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE
TO WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION**

26

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Quinn that Councillor Ni Fhatharta be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Ni Fhatharta appointed to the Western Regional Tourism Organisation.

**APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
COUNTY TOURISM COMMITTEE**

27

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor J. Conneely be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor J. Conneely appointed to the County Tourism Committee.

**APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO COUNTY
(LOCAL) RURAL WATER MONITORING COMMITTEE**

28

First Vacancy

It was agreed that the 30 Members of the Council were present and the Cathaoirleach advised that the number of Members required to form a group was 10. A nomination for the following group was handed to the Cathaoirleach as follows:

Cllrs. T. Walsh, M. Mullins, J. McClearn, , T. McHugh, P. O'Foighil, J. J. Mannion, S. Gavin, Senator J. McDonagh, Deputies U. Burke & P. Connaughton

nominating Councillor O'Foighil to be a member of the Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

The Cathaoirleach ruled that the nomination was valid and he declared Councillor O'Foighil appointed as a Member of the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Quinn that Councillor M. Connolly be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor M. Connolly appointed.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Cunningham be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Cunningham appointed.

As a result of the foregoing the following were appointed to the County (local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee:

- (1) Councillor Pol O'Foighil, An Cnoc, Indreabhan
- (2) Councillor Michael Connolly, Moyloughmore, Moylough
- (3) Councillor Michael Cunningham, Galway Road, Gort

NOMINATION OF MEMBER AS A DIRECTOR OF GALWAY ARTS CENTRE

29

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that Councillor Hoade be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Hoade nominated as a Director of Galway Arts Centre:

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS IN WHOSE PRESENCE DOCUMENTS MAY BE SEALED

30

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Quinn that all members be nominated, in order that documents may be sealed in the presence of any one of 30 Members. This was agreed and the Cathaoirleach declared the proposal carried.

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS FOR OPENING OF TENDERS

31

It was agreed that the existing procedure would continue and on the proposal of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Fahy the following regulations were adopted:-

Regulations for the Reception and Examination of Tenders

Tenders for the supply of goods, the execution of works or any other thing for which the County Council may lawfully have invited the submission of tenders in writing shall be received and examined as follows:-

- (a) The Tender of a person or firm shall be delivered in person by the individual or by some person (other than a member or officer or employee of the Council) acting for him or her or such firm, addressed to the Secretary, Galway County Council, at the Council's offices, County Hall, Prospect Hill, Galway, not later than 4.00 p.m. on the latest date specified in the advertisement for the receipt of tenders.

OR

The tender of a person or firm may be sent by prepaid post addressed to the Secretary, Galway County Council, P.O. Box 27, County Hall, Prospect Hill, Galway to reach the said office not later than 4.00 p.m. on the latest date for the receipt of tenders as specified in the advertisement.

- (b) All envelopes containing tenders must be endorsed "Tenders for". All tenders duly received or delivered in accordance with these regulations shall be immediately placed in a locked receptacle.
- (c) Tenders shall only be opened by the County Secretary or other Authorised Officer in the presence of any two Members of the Council. Tenders estimated not to exceed £100,000 in value may in urgent cases, be opened in the presence of one Member, where a second Member is not available.
- (d) Each such tender shall thereupon be numbered and initialled by the Member/s of the Council and by the County Secretary/Authorised Officer. Details of each tender received and opened as aforesaid shall be entered in the Register of Tenders. The total number of tenders received shall be recorded in the Register of Tenders.

TO FIX SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

32

It was agreed that the monthly meeting would continue to be held on the 4th Monday of each Month at 3.30 p.m. and the Special Meeting be held on the second Friday each month at 3.00 p.m..

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Cunningham and agreed that no meetings be held in the month of August in line with other Local Authorities. It was proposed by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor J. Burke to defer the finishing time of meetings to the Protocol Committee.

TO FIX DATES FOR MEETINGS OF AREA COMMITTEES

33

It was agreed that the number of Area Meetings per year would be referred to the Protocol Committee and the dates for next meetings were fixed as follows:

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| Loughrea | Thursday 2nd September in O'Deas Hotel at 3.00 |
| Tuam | Friday 3rd September, in County Hall at 11.30 |
| Oranmore | Monday 6th September, in County Hall at 3.00 |
| Conamara | Monday 30th August, in County Hall at 3.00 |
| Ballinasloe | Wednesday 1st September, in U.D.C. Office, Ballinasloe at 3.30 |

It was agreed that there would be no deputations at the first Area Meetings.

TO FIX DATE FOR SEMINAR FOR MEMBERS

34

This was fixed for Wednesday 7th July, 1999 in the Council Chamber, commencing at 10.00 a.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

35

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Cunningham and agreed that a Finance Committee be established consisting of nine members. It was agreed that this would be dealt with at the next meeting.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

36

It was proposed by Councillor T. Walsh and seconded by Deputy U. Burke that an Agricultural Committee be set up. Mr. Kavanagh, County Secretary pointed out to the Members that Agriculture was not a function of the County Council. It was agreed by the Members that due to the difficulties being experienced by farmers at present that an Agricultural Committee would be beneficial. Councillor Fahy proposed that the Minister be asked to establish a Regional Committee.

Deputy Connaughton enquired when S.P.C.s would be set up. The County Manager replied that the Department is compiling new guidelines on setting up the S.P.C. s and that the Industrial Relations issues are not yet finalised.

Councillor Gavin referred to the question of deputations being received in the absence of Councillors. It was agreed that this would be included as an item for the Protocol Meeting. Councillor Gavin also raised the matter of lack of discussion on Notices of Motion. It was agreed that this also be referred to the Protocol Committee.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

37

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mrs. Geraldine Kennedy, 34 Monaloe Avenue, Blackrock, Dublin 12.

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Submitted, Approved + Signed ²⁵ _____ 27th September 1999
Date

Paddy McHugh
Chairman