

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNTY HALL, PROSPECT HILL ON 26th JULY, 1999

CATHAOIRLEACH:

An Comhairleoir P. McHugh

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

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

Oifigigh:

Messrs. D. Nelson, Deputy Co. Manager, J. Tierney, Asst. Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, R.C. Killeen, A/Deputy County Engineer, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., J. Eising, A/S.E.E., E. Power, D. Barrett & T. Connell, A.O.'s, J. McTaggart, A/C.F.O., E. Maloney, B. McDermott & P. Carroll, S.S.O.'s

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

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A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

*Mrs. Maureen Callanan, The Racecourse, Loughrea, Co. Galway
The Callanan Family, The Glebe, Moylough, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Muintir Uí Mhárta, Na Mínná, Indreabhan, Co. na Gaillimhe
James & Mary Lee, Rakerin, Gort, Co. Galway*

CONGRATULATIONS

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The Members congratulated Councillor Regan on his election as Chairman of the West Regional Authority.

MINUTES

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Minutes of Special Meeting held on 14th May, 1999 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, on the proposal of Councillor Callanan, seconded by an Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta.

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 24th May, 1999 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, on the proposal of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Callanan.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 25th June, 1999 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman on the proposal of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Deputy Connaughton.

SALE OF SITE AT CLARENBRIDGE

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On the proposal of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Senator McDonagh the Council approved the sale of site comprising 0.10 acres at No. 8 Clarenbridge, Co. Galway to Rachel Brennan, 11 Clarenbridge, Co. Galway in accordance with Notice dated 6th July 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 Members.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT OF AN CHOMHAIRLE
LEABHARLANNA FOR YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 1998**

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On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, the Council noted Auditor's Report of an Comhairle Leabharlanna for year ended 31st December 1998, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

**MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT
PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF LOUGHREA
& ENVIRONS IN TOWNLAND OF COSMONA
PLANNING REF: 98/1548 APPLICANT: JARDONELLE
LTD.**

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Mr Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E. outlined the details of Material Contravention set out in the following Report dated 22nd July, 1999 which had been circulated to the Members.

“APPLICANT: Jardonelle Ltd

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: The proposal relates to permission for the construction of 25 no. dwellinghouses with associated services.

LOCATION: The site is located in the townland of Cosmona, Loughrea off the Bullaun Road

PREVIOUS HISTORY Planning ref. no. 97/3310 - Permission refused for 22 dwellinghouse on the basis of zoning provisions and traffic hazard. A similar application under planning reference no. 98/982 was withdrawn

ASSESSMENT: The site is zoned for Agricultural use in the current Loughrea Town Plan. It is zoned for residential use in the Draft Loughrea Town Plan. Access to the proposed site is through an existing housing estate developed and completed by the same applicant under planning reference no. 97/834. The proposed development would increase the traffic flow through the existing development, however under planning reference no. 98/595 permission was granted to provide ramps on the main road through the existing estate. These ramps would have the effect of slowing traffic speeds and a condition would be attached to the proposed decision to grant planning permission to the effect that these ramps would be provided. The proposed development would be connected to the existing sewer, surface water drain and watermains.

RECOMMENDATION

Taking into account the demand for housing in the area, the suitability of the site for development and the likelihood that the land will be zoned for residential purposes in the new Development Plan for the Town of Loughrea, a grant of permission is recommended.

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 26th June, 1999 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections. None were received.

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

The latest date for a decision on this application is 24th August, 1999.”

Councillor M. Regan proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Jardonelle Ltd., for planning permission for the construction of 25 no. dwellinghouses with associated services, planning reference no. 99/548, and having considered the Report dated 22nd July, 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. Councillor J. McClearn seconded this proposal. A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

AR SON:

Deputy U. Burke, Cllr. J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. M. Connolly, J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughane, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, Senator J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. McHugh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O Foighil, S. O Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, M. Regan, S. Walsh & T. Walsh (28)

IN AGHAIDH:

The Chairman declared the Resolution carried.

**REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS
1994 REGARDING REALIGNMENT OF N6
NATIONAL ROUTE IN TOWNLANDS OF
BALLYEIGHTER, CLOGHAGALLA EIGHTER,
GARRYNAMISHAUN & COOLTYMURRAGHY**

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Realignment of the N6 National Primary Route in the townlands of Ballyeigher, Cloghagalla Eighter, Garrynamishaun and Cooltymurraghy for a distance of approx. 1,800 metres. The road to be constructed as a single-wide carriageway (9.0 metres) with a 2 x 2.5 metre hard shoulder and 2.0 metre verges.

Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager stated that it was hoped to go to tender with this development before the end of August 1999 and to commence works in October 1999.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Mullins, the Members agreed to this development, a copy of the Report having been circulated to each Member.

REPORT ON ASSESSMENT OF WATER NEEDS

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A copy of Report dated 19th July 1999 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Fahy, the Members approved the Report subject to further discussion on the report at a future meeting.

QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER – EPA REPORT 1997

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This item was deferred.

APPOINTEMENT OF MEMBERS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

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The number of members to be appointed was nine. A Roll Call was taken recording 29 Members present. The Secretary advised that the number of Members required to form groups was 4. Nominations for 3 groups as follows were handed to the Cathaoirleach.

First Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:-

*Cllr. J. McClearn, Cllr. T. Walsh, Cllr. J.J. Mannion & Deputy U. Burke
Nominating Deputy U. Burke to be a member of the Finance Committee.*

Second Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:-

Cllr. P. O Foighil, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cllr. T. McHugh & Deputy P. Connaughton

nominating Cllr. O Foighil to be a member of the Finance Committee.

Third Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:-

Cllr. J. Burke, Cllr. P. Hynes, Cllr. S. Gavin & S. Walsh

nominating Cllr. S. Walsh to be a member of the Finance Committee.

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The Cathaoirleach ruled that the three nominations were valid and accordingly declared Deputy U. Burke, Councillor P. O Foighil and Councillor S. Walsh appointed as members to the Finance Committee.

Fourth Vacancy:

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

Fifth Vacancy:

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

Sixth Vacancy:

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

Seventh Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane, 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.

Eight Vacancy:

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

Ninth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Quinn 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 persons appointed to the Finance Committee:

- (1) Deputy Ulick Burke, Eaglehill, Abbey, Loughrea, Co. Galway
- (2) Cllr. Pól O Foighil, An Cnoc, Indreabhan, Co. Galway
- (3) Cllr. Seamus Walsh, Glann, Oughterard, Co. Galway
- (4) Cllr. Sean O Neachtain, An Spideal, Co. na Gaillimhe
- (5) Cllr. Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla, Co. Galway
- (6) Cllr. Kathleen Quinn, Ussey, Ballymoe, Co. Galway

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- (7) Cllr. Joe Callanan, Calla, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe Co. Galway
- (8) Cllr. Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway
- (9) Cllr. Tomás Mannion, Shruffane, Caltra, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

The County Secretary stated that it was normal procedure that the Cathaoirleach be an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee. This was agreed by the Members.

On the proposal of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Callanan it was agreed that the terms of reference of the Finance Committee be extended to an examination of Information Technology requirements of Members.

NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO CROSS SECTORAL MONITORING COMMITTEE FOR TUAM INTEGRATED AREA PLAN

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On the proposal of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, the Members agreed to the nomination of Councillor P. McHugh as a Member of the Cross Sectoral Monitoring Committee for Tuam Integrated Area Plan.

APPROVAL OF ARTS GRANTS 1999

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The County Secretary stated that as there was no Arts Committee, a briefing session was held for Councillors prior to the Council Meeting in relation to the Grant recommendations as detailed in report circulated to each Member:-

Recommendations for award of Arts Grant 1999.

ARTFORM: DRAMA / THEATRE	GRANT RECOMMENDED
Aisteoiri Inis Oirr	500
Druid Theatre Company	3,000
Glenamaddy Arts and Historical Society (for Glenamaddy Town Hall Theatre)	850
Glenamaddy Theatre Festival	1,000
Tuam Mall Theatre	2,000
Sub Total:	7,350
ARTFORM: DANCE	
Gort Festival of Dancing	<u>250</u>
Sub Total:	250

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ARTFORM: LITERATURE	
<i>An Autumn Gathering at Coole</i>	800
<i>Baffle Festival, Loughrea</i>	600
<i>Clifden Writer's Group</i>	300
<i>Letterfrack Writer's Group</i>	250
<i>Scriobhneoiri Araimn</i>	1,500
<i>(Writers in Residence - co-funding partnership with the Arts Council and Údarás)</i>	
Sub Total:	3,450

ARTFORM MUSIC / CONCERTS	GRANT RECOMMENDED
<i>An T-Amhrán Beo, Kinvara</i>	300
<i>Clifden Arts Society</i>	600
<i>Cois Claddaigh Chamber Choir</i>	300
<i>Cooley-Collins Festival, Gort / Peterswell</i>	500
<i>Cumar, Ros Muc</i>	250
<i>East Galway School of Music, Glenamaddy</i>	350
<i>Eyrecourt - Meelick Arts</i>	400
<i>Galway County Fleadh at Oranmore</i>	400
<i>Glinsk Community Council</i>	600
<i>Inishboffin Music Group</i>	400
<i>Music for Galway</i>	500
<i>Roundstone Music Society</i>	250
Sub Total:	4,850

ARTFORM: FILM	
<i>Galway Film Centre</i>	500
<i>Letterfrack Film Society</i>	400
Sub Total:	900

ARTFORM: Community/Arts/Education/ Visual Arts	GRANT RECOMMENDED

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<i>BABORO Blackbox, Dyke Road, Galway</i>	500
<i>Caltra Festival (Youth Visual Arts Programme)</i>	875
<i>Comhairle Muintir an Chaiseal</i>	900
<i>Conamara Environmental Education Centre (sea week and bog week), Letterfrack/Renvyle</i>	1,000
<i>Galway Youth Theatre</i>	1,000
<i>Gort Arts Group</i>	500
<i>Kilkerrin Arts Society</i>	200
<i>Loughrea Travellers Community Development Group</i>	300
<i>Loughrea Youth Development Project</i>	300
<i>MACNAS Galway</i>	1,200
<i>Muintearas na n-oileáin, Tir na Fhia</i>	500
<i>St. Grellan's Youth Development Group, Ballinasloe</i>	750
<i>St. Mary's Youth Centre, Portumna</i>	400
<i>Turloughmore Fair (Community Youth Arts Project)</i>	625
<i>Youth in Action, Letterfrack</i>	500
Sub Total:	9,550
ARTFORM: FESTIVALS	
<i>Athenry Festival</i>	2,000
<i>Caltra Festival (Programme)</i>	300
<i>City of Tuam Festival</i>	500
<i>Clifden Community Arts Week</i>	7,200
<i>Coiste Turasoireacha Inis Meain</i>	300
<i>Dunmore Festival</i>	400
<i>Galway Arts Festival</i>	3,000
<i>Pléaráca Chonamara</i>	2,500
<i>Roundstone Arts Week</i>	750
Sub Total:	16, 950
ARTFORM: ARTS CENTRES	GRANT RECOMMENDED
<i>Galway Arts Centre</i>	400
<i>Kiltartan Gregory Cultural Society</i>	500
Sub Total:	900

Summary

➤	Drama/ Theatre	7,350
➤	Dance	250
➤	Literature	3,450
➤	Music / Concerts	4,850
➤	Film	900
➤	Community Arts/ Education/Visual Arts	9,550
➤	Festivals	16,950
➤	Arts Centres	900
➤	On-going Arts Programme	<u>5,800</u>

Total: 50,000

On the proposal of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Cunningham the Arts Grants as recommended for 1999 were approved by the Council.

The Members expressed their appreciation of the work carried out by James Harrold, Arts Officer. Councillor Gavin stated that while some of the grants were small they were a boost to the Groups. He stated that the Finance Committee should increase the allocation to £100,000 in the coming year as it would be money well spent and an acknowledgement of the efforts made by different Community Groups around the county.

TO APPROVE FOUR YEAR MULTI ANNUAL LOCAL AUTHORITY AND SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMME

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Report dated 20th July 1999 which was circulated with the Agenda was considered. On the proposal of Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Fahy the Members approved the Four Year Multi-Annual Local Authority and Social Housing Programme. It was further agreed that the Programme would be included for discussion at a future Meeting.

FIRE SERVICES ON OFF-SHORE ISLANDS

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A Report dated 22nd July, 1999 on Fire Safety on Off-Shore Islands and a Report on the recent fire fatalities on Inishboffin had been circulated to Members.

Mr. D. Nelson, Deputy County Manager expressed his sympathy to the bereaved families arising from the fire fatalities on Inishboffin on 6th July 1999. He stated that Galway County Council was the only Local Authority in the Country to have a fire

service with breathing apparatus on an off-shore island but that there are difficulties providing such a service on the Islands given the small population involved and the intensive training requirements.

He stated that the Department of the Environment were re-examining their policy on provision of emergency services for off-shore Islands and that the Council will also review its policy, and the possibility of providing basic equipment on the off-shore Islands will be examined. He added that a major publicity campaign on fire safety is to be launched which will include publicity on the use of smoke alarms.

Councillor J. Conneely welcomed the Chief Fire Officer's Reports but added that it was the responsibility of the Council to provide a fire service, that volunteers should be trained on Inishboffin on fire fighting and a Fire Engine should be provided for the Island.

Councillor J.J. Mannion stated that the people of Inishboffin were entitled to equality of service and that smoke alarms should be provided free of charge to the Islands' residents.

An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain stated that the absence of an adequate fire service throughout the county, including the off-shore islands, needed to be examined. He also stated that the Department of the Environment & Local Government should provide sufficient funding to give adequate services. He added that it was no good having a fire station in Fairhill, Galway City that cannot respond to incidents on time due to traffic congestion etc.

Councillor Gavin stated that the service should not be judged on this recent tragedy alone as accidents occur even with a good efficient service. He added that it was a question of resources and the Department have to provide adequate funding.

An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta stated that it was time to look at the location of fire stations as there were a lot of black spots in the County. She stated that the Council had an obligation to provide a service to the Islands and that concrete plans should be drawn up for the next five years.

An Comhairleoir O Foighil stated that the former Islands Committee had referred on a number of occasions to the need for fire fighting equipment and that while the Chief Fire Officer was to visit the Islands to assess the situation, there had been no advance in the provision of equipment. He proposed that Galway County Council and Udaras should meet with Aer Arann and the Co-Op to discuss the matter of deficiencies in the fire fighting services on the Islands' airstrips. He stated that 3-5 people needed to be brought up to a certain level of training.

Deputy U. Burke stated that the fire personnel were doing a good job within the limits of resources available to them. He stated that the Minister for Social and Community Affairs should be written to seeking the provision of smoke alarms similar to the community alert alarms system and that all Local Authority housing should include smoke alarms and chimney fire extinguishers as standard.

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Councillor *McClearn* queried why there were vacancies in fire personnel for some time and why these positions had not been filled.

Councillor *Quinn* queried why the private fire service in *Glenamaddy* was not recognised.

The County Secretary in reply stated that the Council would meet with *Udaras* as suggested by *An Comhairleoir O Foighil* and would raise the matter when discussions take place with the Department.

He agreed that there were difficulties in recruiting the full compliment of part-time fire-fighters in some areas and the Council would continue to advertise these vacancies. He added that in some areas it is intended to increase the fire personnel level.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the provision of appliances etc. was the responsibility of the Department with the Local Authority providing the running costs for the service. He stated that it was Department policy not to fund fire services on Islands where breathing apparatus was not part of the programme but that the Department were examining this policy. He said he would report back to the Members after Meeting with Department Officials.

MILLENNIUM EVENTS/PROJECTS

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The Deputy County Manager informed the Members of the Millennium Events Awards the purpose of which would be to assist local organisations and Voluntary Groups in marking and celebrating the Millennium by drawing up specific proposals for submission to the Council who will be assessing the applications. He stated that Mr. *Tony Murphy* has been appointed as the Council's Millennium Officer.

Councillor *Gavin* stated there was a need to compile a register of events in the County and that all events should be co-ordinated.

Councillor *O'Sullivan* stated that projects which have longer-term benefits rather than events such as fire works display should be undertaken.

It was agreed that the Members would be kept updated on the Millennium Projects and other relevant matters.

CONFERENCES

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On the proposal of Councillor *Loughnane*, seconded by Councillor *Fahy* it was agreed that the attendance of the following Members be approved at the conferences set-out hereunder, the cost of the Seminar having been circulated to each Member.

Rural Development from Agrarian Society to Information Technology Age – Cloone, Co. Leitrim – 20/21 August 1999

Sen. J. McDonagh
Cllr. M. Connolly
Cllr. S. Walsh
Cllr. M. Loughnane

Cllr. K. Quinn
Cllr. T. Rabbitt
Cllr. M. Mullins

Cllr. M. Hoade
Cllr. J. Conneely
Cllr. P. Hynes

Bord na Gaeilge Seminar – Dingle, Co. Kerry – 1st/2nd October 1999-09-03

Cllr. J. Joyce
Cllr. K. Quinn

Cllr. S. O'Neachtain
Cllr. C. Ni Fhatharta

Cllr. P. McHugh

**NOMINATION OF COUNCILLORS FOR TWO DAY
INDUCTION TRAINING COURSE TO BE ORGANISED
BY I.P.A. 71**

The County Secretary suggested that all new Councillors be nominated to attend a two day induction training course being organised by the I.P.A. on a regional basis in the period October – November 1999. The Members agreed to the proposal.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS 72

Western Regional Tourism Organisation

The County Secretary referred to the appointment of An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta to the Western Regional Tourism Organisation at the Council's Annual Meeting. He said that he had since been advised that Local Authorities no longer nominated Members directly on to Ireland West. This has been the position since the introduction of County Tourism Committees. There are three Local Authority Members on the County Tourism Committee and one of these is elected to Ireland West.

Councillor J. Burke stated that tourism was very important to the County and that the Council should insist on representation. The County Secretary stated that he would write to Ireland West on the matter.

Portumna Sewerage Scheme

The County Secretary stated that the Department of the Environment and Local Government had requested the Council to justify the extension of Portumna Sewerage Scheme to include Woodpark. He said that the Council could not justify an extension of the scheme on economic grounds.

Councillor McClearn stated that the Council Officials were washing their hands of this decision and sought a discussion on the matter.

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The Cathaoirleach stated that the decision should be discussed at Area Committee level and that further discussions could then be held at a Council Meeting if required.

Road Restoration, Portumna

The County Secretary explained that the Portumna Sewerage Scheme provided for the restoration of certain streets/roads and this enabled certain Council road funds to be re-allocated.

On the proposal of Councillor McClearn, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, the Council agreed to re-allocate funds from Abbey Street/Dominick Street and Church Road as follows:-

(a)	R355 – Ballinasloe Road from Portumna towards Boula	£55,000
(b)	R355 – Ballinasloe Road from Ballinalug towards Maheranearla	£25,000
(c)	8776 – Lackagh (This road is close to the village of Duniry)	£18,000
(d)	8811 – Stowlin (Link Road)	<u>£22,000</u>
	TOTAL	£120,000

National Roads – Advance Design Programme

The County Secretary referred to the substantial funding to be made available for National Routes and the need for a National Route Advance Design Programme. This would require a new stand alone design team to manage and advance the programme. Following discussions with the N.R.A. certain staffing levels were agreed.

On the proposal of an Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Councillor Cunningham the Members agreed to seek approval for eleven additional posts for a new Design Team comprising of one Senior Engineer, three Senior Executive Engineers, five Executive Engineers, one Grade V and one Grade III (Secretarial).

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

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Road Accidents

Councillor Cunningham referred to the number of road accidents in recent times and proposed that the Council write to the Minister for Education urging him to include road safety and driving care as part of Second Level Education curriculum.

It was agreed that a discussion on road safety would be held at a future Meeting.

Burial Grounds

Councillor McClearn referred to a reply he had received in relation to his Notice of Motion that the Council review its present policy relating to the sale of burial plots. He stated that the reply that the current policy is working satisfactorily was not acceptable to him and that there had been no input by Councillors in the policy.

Mr. D. Nelson, Deputy County Manager stated that the existing policy was required as some plots bought in the past were never used and therefore took up valuable scarce burial space. It was agreed that the matter could be discussed at a future Council Meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

N.O.M. NO. 18 – ROAD REPAIRS – CLLR. J. CONNEELY 74

The following written reply was given to Councillor Conneely:-

“Routine maintenance will be carried out at the above location in the near future.”

N.O.M. NO. 19 – ROAD REPAIRS – CLLR. J. CONNEELY 75

The following written reply was given to Councillor Conneely:-

“Routine maintenance work will be carried out at the above location in the near future.”

N.O.M. NO. 20 – ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – CLLR. J. CONNEELY 76

The following written reply was given to Councillor Conneely:-

“It will not be possible to resurface this road in the current year as it is not included in this year’s Roadworks Programme.

However, some work will be carried out as a result of Notice of Motion funds recently allocated by you.”

N.O.M. NO. 21 – TOILETS AT SQUARE, GORT – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 77

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

“It is doubtful if the toilets can be relocated to the Courthouse, but the matter will be investigated. If relocation is not possible, the Council would be in favour of putting stone facing on the existing structure.”

N.O.M. NO. 22 – TOURIST OFFICE, GORT – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 78

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

“It is not possible to carry out repairs to the above weigh-house as it is not in charge of Galway County Council.”

N.O.M. NO. 23 – ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 79

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

“A pedestrian count was recently carried out at the above location and it does not meet the criteria for the provision of a pedestrian crossing.”

N.O.M. NO. 24 – SEWERAGE SCHEME, KINVARA – CLLR. M. FAHY 80

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

“The Council are in the process of carrying out a hydrographic survey of Kinvara Bay, the result of which will be used in the preparation of the Preliminary Report for Kinvara Sewerage Scheme. The provision of a sewerage scheme for the village of Kinvara will also be examined in the context of the Assessment of Needs on water and waste water infrastructure for the County.”

N.O.M. NO. 25 – WATER SCHEME, CRAUGHWELL – CLLR. M. FAHY 81

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

“The Council is in the process of appointing consultants to prepare the necessary technical documentation for the water scheme in Craughwell.”

N.O.M. NO. 26 – DRUMACOO CEMETERY – CLLR. M. FAHY 82

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

“The Council is currently finalising the purchase of land to provide an extension to this burial ground. When this transaction has been completed the Council will proceed with the development of the extension as quickly as possible.”

**N.O.M. NO. 27 – DÓITEÁIN, INIS MÓR – AN COMH.
S. GAVIN**

83

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

"Is seirbhís deonach é an seirbhís dóiteáin ar Inis Mór cosúil leis an bád tarrthála. Faigheann na fir dóiteáin iocadh as freastal ar thine nó dul ar chúrsaí traenála. Níl aon phlean ann an socrú seo a athrú."

**N.O.M. NO. 28 – DRAFT ACTION PLAN, MOYCULLEN –
CLLR. S. GAVIN**

84

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"The Draft Action Plan for Moycullen will be presented for consideration to the Conamara Electoral Area Committee at a meeting on 30th August, 1999."

N.O.M. NO. 29 – SPEED LIMIT – CLLR. S. GAVIN

85

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"The relocation of above speed limit will be considered along with others when the next review of speed limits for the whole County takes place in the year 2001."

N.O.M. NO. 30 – HOUSE REPAIRS – CLLR. J. JOYCE

86

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joyce:-

"The pipe work in this house has been tested by the County Council's plumber and no leaks have been found.

The tenant has installed a shower in the bath without the approval of the County Council and in a manner which is likely to give rise to leakage when the shower is in use. The Council's standard tenancy agreement provides that no works such as this should be carried out without the consent of the County Council and that where such works are permitted the tenant will be responsible for the maintenance of the works."

N.O.M. NO. 31 – ROAD VERGES – CLLR. J. JOYCE

87

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joyce:-

"Verge trimming is being carried out in the Portumna Engineering Area as resources permit. It is not possible to make a further allocation available in the current year as all the funds have already been committed. The situation will be reviewed when preparing next year's Roadworks Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 32 – BRIDGE – CLLR. J. JOYCE

88

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joyce:-

"This project is included in this year's Roadworks Programme and work will be carried out as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 33 – BURIAL PLOTS – CLLR. J. McCLEARN

89

The following written reply was given to Councillor McClearn:-

"The current policy whereby plots are only sold as required is working satisfactorily. It allows for the orderly usage of scarce burial space and avoids future confusion over available space, plot ownership etc. It is not proposed to change this policy."

N.O.M. NO. 34 – DANGEROUS JUNCTION – SEN. J. MCDONAGH

90

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"The junction in question will be examined to determine the cost of improvement works and details will be forwarded to you as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 35 – ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – SEN. J. MCDONAGH

91

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"This location will be considered for inclusion in next year's Roadworks Programme. The widening of the road is not feasible having regard to the likely funding available."

N.O.M. NO. 36 – TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING – SEN. J. MCDONAGH

92

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"Traffic route lighting schemes will be considered for the above villages together with other villages and towns through the County when preparing next year's Traffic Route Lighting Programme for National Secondary Routes"

N.O.M. NO. 37 – SCÉIM UISCE – AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA

93

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

"Tá an scéim ullmhaithe ag baill Ghrupscéim Uisce Dhoire Choill scrudaithe ag an Comhairle. Is tionscadail ardchostais i an scéim, ag tógairt an cheartdeontais agus ranniocaíochtaí áitiúla san aireamh. Cuireadh faoi bhráid an Roinn Chomhshaoil agus Rialtais Áitiúil go raibh breis cisithe ag teastail chun dul i gceann an iarratais ar leith seo."

N.O.M. NO. 38 – BOTHAR – AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA

94

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

"Tá an obair thuasluaite déanta".

N.O.M. NO. 39 – BOSCAÍ BRUSCAIR BREISE – AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA

95

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

"Níl aon airgead curtha ar fáil sa chiste comhshaoil cun boscaí bruscar breise a chur ar fáil san áit seo agus tá oibrí den gcomháirle i láthair gach lá chun an baile a choimeád glan."

N.O.M. NO. 40 – PLANNING – CLLR. P. O FOIGHIL

96

The following written reply was given to Councillor O Foighil:-

"The basis for Enurement Clauses is contained in Section 28(6) of the 1963 Act as substituted by Section 39(h) of the 1976 Act. This provides that a Planning Permission may specify a purpose which dwelling may or may not be used or restricting the use to persons of a particular class or description and the provision to this effect to be embodied in an Agreement pursuant to Section 38 of the 1963 Act."

N.O.M. NO. 41 – SEWERAGE TREATMENT – CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN

97

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

"The provision of a sewerage scheme for the village of Spiddal is included in the Assessment of Needs. The Council is examining the collection system at present with a view to eliminating blockages caused by grease."

N.O.M. NO. 42 – COSÁIN – AN COMH. S. O'NEACHTAIN

98

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

"Níl aon airgead sa chlár na mbóithre i mbliana le haghaidh an obair seo."

Chuir muid iarratas chuig an Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreacht, Gaeltachta & Oileán ag lorg deontas le haghaidh cosáin a dheisiú ar an mbóthar R336 ach nior eirigh linn aon airgead a fháil i mbliana."

N.O.M. NO. 43 – PARKING – CLLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 99

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

"We are examining the traffic management options at this location at present and you will be informed of developments in due course."

N.O.M. NO. 44 – ROAD WORKS – CLLR. P. O' SULLIVAN 100

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

"Routine maintenance was recently carried out to the section of road in charge of Galway County Council. As the remaining section is not in charge of the Council, it is not our responsibility to carry out maintenance on same."

N.O.M. NO. 45 – PLOT OF GROUND – CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 101

"Galway County Council has no plans for this piece of ground. However, we understand that the local Tidy Towns Committee have plans for same and the Council would be willing to give them assistance on request".

N.O.M. NO. 46 – ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – CLLR. P. O' SULLIVAN 102

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

"This road is not included in this year's Roadworks Programme. Accordingly, it is not possible to carry out improvement works to same.

It will, however, be subject to routine maintenance".

N.O.M. NO. 47 – SIGNS – CLLR. K. QUINN 103

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"Signs for the above location have been ordered and will be erected as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 48 – SIGNS – CLLR. K. QUINN 104

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"Signs at this location were recently inspected and the Council considers that they are in a reasonable condition and are not in need of replacement at present."

N.O.M. NO. 49 – SIGNS – CLLR. K. QUINN

105

The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"Signs will be erected at this location as soon as possible."

Cathaoirleach:

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baili:

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed:

Paddy McHugh
Chairman

8th October 1999

Date

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

The meeting commenced with Cathaoirleach P. McHugh offering sympathy to the relatives of Mrs Eileen Coyne, and her two sons, Eugene McHugh and Maurice Connamon, who died tragically in the fire on 14/10/99. He explained that as the burial was taking place that day the matter would not be discussed in detail and a report from the Fire Service would be available to the next meeting. All the Members

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNTY HALL, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 9TH JULY, 1999

Cathaoirleach:

Cllr. P. McHugh

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Deputy U. Burke, Cllrs. J. Burke, J. Conneely, Cllr. 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. Mc Clearn, T. McHugh, Senator J. McDonagh, Cllrs. M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O' Neachtain, P. O Foighil, P. O'Sullivan, T. Rabbitte, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Connolly, S. Walsh & T. Walsh.

Oifighigh:-

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, D. Nelson, J. Tierney, Assistant County Managers, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, R.C. Killeen, A/Deputy Co. Engineer, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., D. Barrett, A.O., T. Murphy, A/A.O., B. McDermott, S.S.O., M. Jordan, S.O., A. Whelan & T. Kavanagh, C.O.'s.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

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joined in the expression of sympathy, as did the County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff.

The Cathaoirleach P. McHugh then called for a minutes silence as a mark of respect.

Resolutions of Sympathy were also extended to:

Mrs. Waters, Newtown, Gort, Co. Galway
Mr. Sean Moran, Cloonavarnogue, Headford, Co. Galway
Bn. Padraic O Droighnean, Baile an tSleibhe, An Spideal, Co. na Gaillimhe

IRISH LANGUAGE

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Councillor O'Foighil stated that, as a representative of the Gaeltacht and the Islands, he will be addressing the Council through the Irish language only from the end of the year. He enquired when the translation service for Council Meetings will be in place. The County Secretary explained that the post is in the process of being filled and the County Manager, stated that the service will be put in place as soon as possible.

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF TUAM AND ENVIRONS IN TOWNLAND OF BLACKACRE PLANNING REF: 98/3239 APPLICANT: TOM MCHUGH KILCLOGHANS LTD.

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Councillor T. McHugh declared his interest in this application and excused himself from the Meeting while the item was being discussed.

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

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: A housing development comprising of 44 detached houses, 38 semi-detached houses, 12 townhouses, a shop, offices and associated roads and services.

LOCATION:

The site is located on the Milltown road - N17 at the Northern outskirts of Tuam between the 30 mph and the 40 mph speed limits in the townland of Blackacre.

PREVIOUS HISTORY

Planning ref. no. 15180 - Permission granted to the IDA for Industrial Development.

ASSESSMENT: The site was part of the IDA land bank in Tuam but was sold off when it was considered superfluous to their needs. There are substantial lands zoned for Industrial use on the Weir Road and Airglooney. These lands at Blackacre were

zoned for Industrial development in the 1992 Plan because of their previous ownership and their planning history.

In the current Draft Development Plan, the lands are zoned for residential development in view of the demand for housing, the limitation in the serviced land available and the strategic role of Tuam as a development centre.

The development of 94 houses and a shop combined with office space on a site of 14.5 acres provides for a density of 7 per acre which is well within the requirements of the development plan. The houses are gathered round five cul-de-sac roads which open off a central distributor road. Provision has been made in a revised layout for a 5 metre clear set back from a drain at the North of the site so as to permit maintenance by the OPW.

A temporary pumping station and rising main will be installed to discharge effluent to the public drainage system pending the installation of further improvements to the Towns Collecting System under the strategic land initiative.

There are three objections to the development. The objections are based on diminution of visual and residential amenity due to the number of houses involved, the proximity of the houses to their properties, and the extra traffic arising from the development. While there is no doubt that there will be a significant impact on the locality, the housing density is well within acceptable limits. The road is a National Primary Road of adequate capacity and ancient views and prospects unfortunately cannot always be maintained and might well have been occluded years ago had industrial development gone ahead on the site.

RECOMMENDATION

Grant permission to materially contravene the present Tuam Development Plan.

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 2nd June, 1999 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections. None were received.

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

✓ The latest date for a decision on this application is 1st August, 1999."

Councillor J. Burke proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Tom McHugh, Kilcloghans Ltd. for planning permission for a housing development comprising of 44 detached houses, 38 semi-detached houses, 12 town

houses, a shop, offices and associated roads and services, planning reference 98/3239, and having considered the Report dated 9th July, 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. Councillor McDonagh seconded this proposal. A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

AR SON: Cllr. J. Burke, Deputy U. Burke, Cllrs. J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. M. Connolly, J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, N. Grealish, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, M. Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Foighil, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, M. Regan, S. Walsh & T. Walsh (27)

IN AGHAIDH: -----

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

APPROVAL OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME, 1999

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The County Secretary referred to Report dated 9th July, 1999 which had been circulated and outlined the main changes in the Scheme for 1999.

He said that there was an increase of 2.3% on Maintenance Grants and the income limits have increased by approximately 4.8% from those in the 1998 Scheme. Under the 1999 Scheme, independent mature students will receive the non-adjacent rate of maintenance, if applicable, regardless of their address. The delay in publishing the Scheme was in part due to the re-design of the Application Form and notes.

Councillor J. Burke enquired if there was a Higher Education Grants Committee and the County Secretary explained that it was replaced by S.P.C. Committees. Councillor Gavin thanked the staff of the Council for having the scheme ready for the meeting as it was just received in the office that day. He also said that Galway County Council was one of the best Councils for paying grants on time and he hoped students would get the grant as soon as possible if eligible. He also pointed out that the percentage grant increase in the scheme was not enough considering the high house prices in Galway. He felt that the Council should get a handling fee for handling money on behalf of the Department of Education. Deputy U. Burke agreed with Councillor Gavin and said that the Council should write to the Minister requesting a re-examination of the increase in maintenance grants and the income level. Senator McDonagh said that people had difficulty in filling out the grant forms and suggested that Career Guidance Teachers be brought into schools for a couple of weeks every summer to assist in filling out the forms. He also said that the distance of

15 miles for the adjacent grant should be reduced to 10 miles. Deputy Paul Connaughton pointed out that the most expensive part of College was the maintenance and for that reason it is impossible for many parents to send their children to college. Councillors O'Sullivan and Mullins agreed.

Councillor J. Burke requested the Manager to comment on the cost of handling the Higher Education Grants.

The County Manager explained that the expenditure in 1998 was £5.5M. However, the situation has now improved as the Council is recouped on a better basis than before. He said that he regretted that the scheme was late but will be administered effectively and efficiently.

It was proposed by Deputy U. Burke and seconded by Councillor S. Gavin that the Council write to the Minister for an increase of 25% on maintenance grants.

It was proposed by Deputy U. Burke and seconded by Senator McDonagh that the non-adjacent grant limit be reduced to 10 miles.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Gavin and seconded by Councillor J. Burke that the Council should be financially compensated for the handling of Higher Education Grants on behalf of the Department of Education.

The Cathaoirleach pointed out that the Council could not hold up the adoption of the Grants. Councillor Gavin enquired what the effect would be if the Scheme was not formally adopted. The Cathaoirleach explained that it would be the students who would be effected.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Gavin, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan and agreed that the Higher Education Grant Scheme for 1999 be adopted.

ERECTION OF MAST IN MONAGORMALLY, KILKERRIN

42

Deputy Paul Connaughton raised the proposed erection of a mast in Clonbern which is causing great concern in the community. He said that the erection of a 30ft Mast on farmland was not acceptable especially when there were two families living nearby, where children play. It will be located near a heritage area, near park and castle. He said there was no Statutory Body to say if it would be a danger to the community or monitor it.

Councillor T. Walsh asked why there was no representative from the Planning Office present and said that it was not only a planning matter but, also a serious health issue. He said there was grave concern about it and people were very worried.

Councillor Quinn said the proposed mast was causing great concern and many public meetings had been held. Councillor J. Burke said that there was already a good signal in this area.

Councillor Gavin said that the problem of masts was not just specific to the Clonbern area and that the Council should get guidelines from the Department on the erection of such masts and that a National Monitoring Body should be set up. Councillor Connolly and Councillor Mannion said that there was a worry of the dangers to the families living beside the site and they supported the position of the local community. Deputy U. Burke suggested that the Council write to the applicants asking them to withdraw or suspend the application.

The Cathaoirleach supported the speakers and said that notes would be taken of the points made. He asked that a letter be written to the Department of Environment about the need for a strategy on future development of masts .

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994 REGARDING
CONSTRUCTION WORKS UNDER THE COUNCIL
HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME**

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- (1) Single rural houses with appropriate treatment facilities at the following locations:
Ballybrone, Turloughmore, Co. Galway
Streamford, Woodlawn, Co. Galway
Cloonruff, Ballymoe, Co. Galway
Terranea, Cornamona, Co. Galway
Cappaghmagapple or Petersburgh, Clonbur, Co. Galway
Kilbeg Upper, Clonbur, Co. Galway
Clynagh, Carraroe, Co. Galway
- (2) Construction of 8 houses with services at Headford, Co. Galway
- (3) Construction of 4 houses with services at Kilcornan, Clarinbridge, Co. Galway
- (4) Construction of 12 houses with services at Tullyvoheen, Clifden, Co. Galway
- (5) Change of layout of previously approved scheme of houses at Carrowmanagh, Oughterard, Co. Galway
- (6) Demolition of existing house and construction of a replacement rural house with services at Pollagh, Moycullen, Co. Galway
- (7) Construction of extensions to County Council houses at the following locations:
Derrybrien East, Loughrea, Co. Galway
Derryvokeel, Peterswell, Co. Galway
- (8) Construction of houses at County Council Housing Estates at A, B & C as follows:-
 - (A) 12 houses with services at Pollroeback and St. Laurencefields, Loughrea, Co. Galway
 - (B) 16 houses with services at Caherroyn, Athenry, Co. Galway (12 houses at Caheroyan Drive and 4 houses at Caheroyan Avenue)

- (C) 2 houses with services at Turlough, Rosmuc, Co. Galway
- (9) Construction of 6 houses with services at Derrybeg, Tynagh, Co. Galway
- (10) Construction of extension to house at Gortnahorna (Cornfield), Clontuskert, Co. Galway

The works as proposed were approved on the proposal of Councillor J. Callanan and seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy

- (11) Construction of 2 No. houses at St. Joseph's Park, Killimor, Co. Galway

It was proposed by Councillor Fahy and agreed by the Members that the above item be deferred to enable Members of the Loughrea Electoral Area to discuss the matter further.

ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

44

A discussion took place on the establishment of an Agricultural Committee including the appointment of non-Council Members. The Meeting then adjourned for a short while to allow further consultation by Councillors and formulation of proposals.

The Meeting resumed and when the Cathaoirleach returned to this item it was agreed that a total of 15 Councillors would be appointed to the Committee and 1 representative from each of the Bodies, I.F.A., I.C.M.S.A., I.C.A. and Macra na Feirme.

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Fahy and agreed that the following be appointed to the Agricultural Committee:-

1. Cllr. Mary Hoade
2. Cllr. Tomás Mannion
3. Cllr. Michael Connolly
4. Cllr. Michael Fahy
5. Cllr. Michael Regan
6. Cllr. Kathleen Quinn
7. Cllr. Pat Hynes
8. Cllr. M. Loughnane
9. Cllr. Noel Grealish
10. Cllr. Seamus Walsh
11. Cllr. Pól O Foighil
12. Cllr. Tiarnan Walsh
13. Deputy Ulick Burke
14. Deputy Paul Connaughton
15. Cllr. Joe Callanan

Councillor Callanan commended the setting up of the Committee and said that the Members needed to take an interest in farming. Councillor T. Walsh said the committee was too big but was glad to see such interest in agriculture.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994 REGARDING NATIONAL ROUTE N6 IN THE TOWNLANDS OF BALLYEIGHTER, CLOGHAGALLA EIGHTER, GARRYNAMISHAUN. 45

This matter was deferred.

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS 46

(a) Having complied with the Statutory requirements, it was proposed by Councillor Fahy, seconded by Deputy U. Burke and resolved that the following road be declared a public road:

Road commencing at junction with Local Road LP4505 and extending east for a distance of 95 metres in the townland of Muggaunagh

(b) Having complied with the statutory requirements, it was proposed by Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Quinn and resolved that the following road be declared a public road:

Road commencing at junction with Reg. Road R347 and extending north for a distance of 138 metres in the townland of Rooaunmore.

(c) Having complied with the statutory requirements, it was proposed by Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Connolly and resolved that the following road be declared a public road:

Junction with LS 7309 in townland of Brierhill South to Joe Mannion's shed in townland of Brierhill South.

(d) Having complied with the statutory requirements, it was proposed by Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Hoade and resolved that the following road be declared a public road:

Road commencing at junction with National Road N18 and extending north for a distance of 202 metres in the townland of Tonroe.

Councillor Cunningham suggested that where Notice of Motion Money is used on roads that these particular Councillors be associated with the resolution.

An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta agus Ó Gabháin said that Bóithre Áise and L.I.S. roads should be taken in charge.

Councillor Gavin felt that Gaeltacht money should be made available earlier in the year.

The County Manager explained that money from the Department of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht can only be spent as it becomes available.

TO NOTE AUDITORS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/97 47

The Cathaoirleach and Members complimented the Finance Officer on the excellent work done on the financial accounts of the Council.

The County Manager explained that the Council's Accounts are audited by the Local Government Auditor and are brought before the Members. He said that it was an excellent report and praised the Finance Officer and the Staff of the Finance Section.

Councillor Gavin enquired if arrears were a problem in Galway County Council. The Finance Officer replied that the Council would like to have a full collection rate but that some customers of the Council, due to bad circumstances could not clear all their arrears in full. These customers, however, have agreements which are being kept in 99% of cases.

The Report was noted.

CONFERENCES 48

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Fahy that the attendance of the following Members be approved at the Conferences set out hereunder:

**"Mixed Housing, Mixed Communities" Conference - Royal Dublin Hotel,
O'Connell St, Dublin - 24th June, 1999**

Senator J. McDonagh, Cllr. M. Regan, Cllr. M. Loughnane

Humbert Summer School, Ballina, Co. Mayo- 18th to 21th July, 1999

Senator J. McDonagh, Cllr. Connolly, Cllr. Quinn, Cllr. Hynes, Cllr. Mullins, Cllr. Conneely.

GALWAY RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD. 49

With the permission of An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Callanan proposed the following motion for approval by the Council:

"This County Council calls on the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to approve the application from Galway Rural Development Company Ltd. for a Local Employment Service for County Galway, as with the Reform of Structural Funds, Rural Development initiatives of this nature are now more essential than ever."

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Loughnane and agreed.

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH UDARAS NA GAELTACHTA ACT 1979 FROM R. TEC TEO. 50

A Report dated 2nd July 1999 had been circulated to each Member. It was proposed by Councillor Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan and resolved to grant a remission of two thirds of the rate leviable to R. Tec Teo for a period of ten years from 1/1/1998, in accordance with the Udaras na Gaeltachta Act 1979.

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH UDARAS NA GAELTACHTA ACT 1979 FROM CRANN NA MONA 51

A Report dated 2nd July 1999 had been circulated to each Member. It was proposed by Councillor Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Councillor O'Foighil and resolved to grant a remission of two thirds of the rate leviable to Crann na Móna Teo for a period of ten years from 1/1/1999, in accordance with the Udaras na Gaeltachta Act 1979.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT BUDELLAGH AND CLOUGHBRACK, EYRECOURT 52

On the proposal of Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Mullins, the Members approved the disposal of site comprising of 2.29 acres approximately at Budellagh and Cloughbrack, Eyrecourt to Mr. Joseph Kearns, Main Street, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway in accordance with Notice dated 24th June 1999, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, a copy of which having been circulated to each Member.

SPECIAL MEETING - 9/11/1999

**TO FIX DATE FOR MEETING OF LOCAL
TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE**

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The date was fixed for the 26th July, 1999 at 11.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber.

**TO CONSIDER OFFER OF GRANT FOR
IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO PIERS AT:**

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- (1) Tuairín, an Cheathrú Rua
- (2) Ruisin na Maithníoch, Cárna
- (3) Cé na gCaisle, Leitir Caladh

The County Secretary referred to Report dated 5th July 1999 which had been circulated to each Member. He said that the grant offer of £60,000 was subject to a matching contribution from the Council of £60,000. He said that the question of co-funding had been brought to the attention of the Members on previous occasions where it was pointed out that while such grants are to be welcomed, the timing of these grants is of concern, as the Council has a genuine problem where the funding is made available after the Council's Estimates have been agreed.

He recommended that the Council inform An Roinn Ealaíonn Oidhreachta, Gaeltachta & Oileán that while it welcomes grant aid towards the improvement of piers, that it is obliged to limit its matching fund contribution to 25% of the cost of the projects in question.

Dúirt Comhairleoirí Ó Gabháin, Ó Foighil agus Ní Fhatharta gur aontaigh siad leis an tuairisc agus an fadhb atá ag an Comhairle.

The Members accepted that such offers of grant placed the Council in a difficulty but they did not wish to lose the grant. It was agreed to ask An Roinn to fund 75% of the works but not at the expense of losing the grant.

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Submitted, Approved + Signed:

27th September 1999

DATE

Chairman

Paddy McHugh