

Resolutions of Sympathy were also extended to:

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNTY HALL, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1999

WELCOME

Cathaoirleach:

Cllr. P. McHugh

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Bail:

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

Oifighe:-

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, D. Nelson, J. Tierney, Asst. Co. Managers, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, J. Colleran, Co. Engineer, F. Dawson, Director of Community & Enterprise, T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent, L. Kavanagh, G. McCarthy, L. Gavin, F. Gilmore, S.E.E.'s, J. Eising, A/S.E.E., R. Timlin, A/Exec. Engineer, A. Comer, Asst. Planner, E. Power, A.O., T. Murphy, A/A.O., M. Jordan, S.O. & C. Mac Aodh Bhui, Oifigeach Gaeilge

P.J. Rudden, M.C.O'Sullivan Consultants

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

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The Members and Manager extended their sympathy to Councillor Sean O'Neachtain on the recent death of his father. They also extended sympathy to former Councillor Tom Hussey on the death of his brother.

Resolutions of Sympathy were also extended to:

Mrs. Kathleen Healy & Family, Cregg, Craughwell, Co. Galway
Mrs. Catherine Kilkelly & Family, Currenroe, Burrin, Co. Galway
Mr. John Conneely, Kinvara West, Kinvara, Co. Galway
Mr. Bert Helebert & Family, Cloughballymore, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway
Mr. Michael Forde & Family, Killeeneen, Craughwell, Co. Galway
Mr. Martin Keane, Ahanish, Dooras, Kinvara, Co. Galway
Mr. James Lyons, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mr. Tom Helebert, Ballindereen, Co. Galway

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The Chairman and the Members welcomed Frank Dawson who had taken up duty with the Council as Director of Community & Enterprise.

PRESENTATION OF GALWAY TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING STUDY

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The Cathaoirleach suggested that the presentation on the Galway Transportation and Planning Study should be given today and the debate could take place at a later date. This was agreed by the Council. Councillor Ni Fhatharta requested that the Consultants be present at the subsequent meeting. Deputy U. Burke said that the study only relates to Galway City and environs and hoped that East Galway would not be excluded. He also said that he hoped that it was not too late to adjust the study and that it should be possible to make submissions outside the area mentioned in the report. Cllr J.J. Mannion agreed and said that the areas outside the city environs are confined to the wilderness.

Malcolm Buchanan and Peter Lutman from Colm Buchanan and Partners gave a presentation on the Galway Transportation & Planning Study. Malcolm Buchanan was the first speaker. He told the Council that due to the unprecedented growth in the Galway Region over the past ten years it is necessary to Plan in order that the region can cope with the increasing economic prosperity. The growth has put a strain on amongst other things the public transport services. Acting together in 1996 Galway County Council and Galway Corporation commissioned Buchanan and Partners in association with Ryan Hanley and Company to carry out a study aimed at defining the best transport arrangements to cater for this development plan and for the regions general growth. The study area covers Galway City and its hinterland, an area of about 30 kilometers radius including Rossaveel, Oughterard, Headford, Tuam, Athenry, Loughrea and Gort. The study period covers the period up to 2016 and includes an investment strategy up to 2006.

Mr. Buchanan said that due to increased incomes there is an increase in car ownership which leads to the traffic congestion in Galway City. The study showed that people use cars primarily because they are more convenient than public transport.

Available Transport Systems

Mr Buchanan listed walking, cycling, buses, rail, taxis and roads as the available transport systems. He explained that the bus network is over complicated and offers a poor service. The disused rail network would be expensive to bring back into service. The roads system is of variable quality. Most congestion occurs during the peak periods and within the Corporation area. Outside this area the worst congestion tends to occur on the radials during peak periods e.g. at Loughrea, Claregalway and on the R336.

The Scale of New Development 1996-2016

Mr Buchanan explained that the population of the region is forecast to grow by 31,000 between 1996 and 2016 which will result in an increase of land take for housing, industry and recreation up to 75 hectares per annum

Location and form of New Development

Over 950 hectares of land have already been allocated for development in the current statutory Development Plans. If all this land is used for housing it will be difficult to serve by bus and therefore result in more car dependency.

The Ardaun Corridor

Six alternative ways of locating the new development land within the region were considered and compared. As a result it is proposed that as much development as possible should be concentrated in a new, self sufficient, public transport served corridor – the Ardaun corridor. The Ardaun corridor was selected as an excellent site likely to be attractive to residents, close to new jobs and capable of being laid out in a way which would encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport. Adjacent to the site are development areas likely to be attractive to inward investors. It is anticipated that the Ardaun corridor could accommodate about 40% of the growth or 6,700 new homes between 1996 and 2016. The Ardaun corridor will be laid out around a public transport spine so that there is a good alternative to the car for local trips to work, school and shops and for travel to the city centre. It will be designed as a self contained community which will at the same time complement and reduce the pressure on Galway city centre. It is also proposed that the largest concentration of new jobs should be in a 25 hectare business part at the western end of the Ardaun corridor, a new rail freight terminal and the existing or relocated airport. Within the Ardaun Corridor every house will be within 300 metres of a bus stop and connected to it by a network of footpaths. A network of cycleways will link housing to jobs, shops and schools. Schools will be located to serve neighbourhoods thus minimising the distances to be travelled and encouraging walking and cycling.

Galway City

In addition to the Ardaun corridor, the expansion of the rest of Galway City is expected to amount to 2,800 homes.

Tuam

Over the same period 1996-2016 expansion is also planned for Tuam where about 2,250 new homes are expected to be built. These will be accompanied by new jobs.

Athenry, Gort, Loughrea and Oranmore

Growth will continue in each of these towns. Typically about 1,000 new homes are anticipated in each during the period to 2016

The smaller towns and villages

Significant numbers of new homes are expected in many of the smaller towns and villages such as Oughterard, Headford, Claregalway, Moycullen, Barna, Craughwell and Spiddal.

With the addition of the Ardaun corridor considerably more land will be scheduled for development than is likely to be needed by 2016. Mr Buchanan recommended that in future Statutory Plans and in the granting of permissions, development in the Ardaun corridor and at Tuam should be encouraged. Some public sector infrastructure investment in the preferred development locations is necessary.

New and Better Bus Services

Peter Loughnane explained that the existing urban bus network will be replaced by a simpler, more frequent and user friendly Citybus Network. The Ardaun corridor busway will justify a higher frequency superbus service and higher capacity vehicles with reduced fares for short journeys.

Bus Priority

Bus priority schemes will be introduced to improve the present service. The means of bus priority will include

- With flow lanes
- Contra-flow lanes
- Bus activation of signals
- Exemption from banned turns
- Some new construction e.g. an improved crossing at the Salmon Weir Bridge.

An inter urban bus station is proposed in the Fair Green with new arrangements proposed for Eyre Square to handle the cross-linked urban service. The western side will be pedestrianised as part of the Millennium Plan. Other improvements mentioned by Mr Loughnane were new parking bays for 20 tour buses in the Fair Green area. Better urban and rural bus services will reduce the need for special school bus services. A requirement for school buses will remain especially in rural areas. The University should encourage students to use buses rather than cars. It is proposed that the bus depot should be relocated to the industrial area south of Lough Atalia road. It is also proposed that rural bus services within the region should be provided by:

A number of fixed routes which will serve the bulk of the population and generally provide a half hourly day frequency

Dial a bus services to cover areas away from the main roads.

Rail & Air

Mr Lutman said that it was proposed that the rail freight yard in Galway be replaced by a new rail freight terminal close to the new airport at the eastern end of the Ardaun corridor. A proposal to relocate the existing airport to land owned by the Department of Defence and Galway Corporation at Oranmore has been considered as part of the study. It was concluded that this was a cheaper and better option to meet the increasing demand from within the region for air travel.

Improved Road Network

Mr Buchanan said that control of development around Galway City Centre and the concentration of growth in the Ardaun Corridor will change traffic patterns away from the present, radially dominated pattern. The major growth in traffic demand will be for movement around the built up area of Galway City rather than to and from it. Demand on the radials from the surrounding hinterland will, however, continue to grow and must be provided for if congestion is not to worsen. A comprehensive programme of junction improvements is also planned. It is also necessary to improve radial routes by upgrading dual carriageways.

Western Approach Road

It is proposed that Galways other significant radial road the R336 towards Barna and Spiddal, should be relieved by a new single carriageway road running parallel to it and located on higher ground, further away from the coast and the built up area. This will be linked to the recently opened Western Distributor Road.

An Outer By-Pass

The new Western Approach Road will lead into a new Outer By-pass, connecting via the N59 Oughterard Road across the Corrib and round the northern side of the built up area as far as Briar Hill, where it will link through to the N6. The N6 Dublin Road and the N17 Tuam Road tie-in to be considered further as part of work to be carried out on behalf of the National Roads Authority.

Parking Policy in City Centre

The land use strategy is designed both to reduce the pressure on the city centre of Galway and a limit can therefore be set on the amount of parking to be provided for. This limit will be; 4000 off street spaces and 1000 on-street spaces. It is proposed that parking control should be switched from limiting length of stay to varying the price (e.g. higher hourly charges for long-stay non-residential parking).

Park & Ride

Any further parking space required for the city centre will be provided on park-and-ride sites, which the 1998 Finance Act encourages. Initially two search areas for such sites are proposed;

- the Sean Mulvoy roundabout area
- the Doughiska roundabout area.

However, it is recognised that the best sites may not be available and others may be worth consideration. These sites will be connected to the city centre by dedicated buses.

Mr Buchanan said that the strategy will best be implemented through a joint planning and transport committee comprising all the relevant senior local officials and chaired alternately by the City or County Managers or their nominated representatives. Representation on the committee will continue to include the Department of Environment and Local Government. Additions will include the bus operators and the rail operator.

The summary report is available for a fee of £5.00 while the larger document will cost £55.00.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Messrs. Buchanan and Lutman for the excellent presentation and he requested that the Presentation on Draft Waste Management Plan for the Region of Connacht and the Presentation on the Thermal Treatment Scoping and Siting Study Addendum Report should be given today and comments could be made at a later meeting.

PRESENTATION ON DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR REGION OF CONNACHT 169

P.J. Rudden from M. C. O'Sullivan presented the Draft Waste Management Plan for the Region of Connaught. He explained that the Draft Plan for Galway fully complemented the Draft Plan which he was presenting today. He outlined the National Recycling and Landfill Diversion Targets which must be achieved within the next 15 years and confirmed that the recommendations contained in the Connaught and Galway Draft Plans are set out within this framework. Mr Rudden then proceeded to outline the base waste management data and facilities for the Connaught Region. He described future necessary development for waste minimisation, regulation, recycling, recovery and final disposal. He also made reference to the future management of Construction/Demolition Waste and Municipal Sludges. Mr Rudden in conclusion outlined the following recommendations which are contained in the Draft Plan, to address the current waste management problems and ensure Government targets are met.

Mr Rudden referred to the Thermal Treatment Scoping and Siting Study presented to the Council on 10th September, 99 and confirmed that the current Addendum Report

Waste Minimisation

Employment of Environment Education Officers in each area
Employment of Regional Industrial Waste Management Officer

Waste Regulations

Employment of Waste Regulation Officers in each Local Authority area
Control of Construction Waste Disposal
Enforcement of Packaging and other Waste Management Regulations

Collection/Recycling

Door to Door (Kerbside) collection in larger urban areas
Improved and Extended Bring Bank Network in rural areas
Source segregation for Commerce/Industry
Provision of Recycling Stations
Green Waste Recycling in each County
Materials Recovery facilities

Recovery

Thermal Treatment in Galway City or Environs (capable of Municipal Sludge Treatment)
Biological Treatment of Source Segregated organic waste

Interim Landfill Policy

Continued use of existing facilities subject to E.P.A. Licence

Landfill Policy Longterm

Two residual landfills to serve the region, one in Mayo/Roscommon and one in Galway.

Funding

1. Polluter Pays Principle as main cost recovery
2. Government Grant for waste Reduction, Planning and Regulation functions
3. Procurement of E.U. Cohesion Funding
4. Public/Private Partnership

It was agreed that both the draft plan for the Connaught and Galway City Region would go on public display for statutory period.

PRESENTATION ON THERMAL TREATMENT SCOPING & SITING STUDY ADDENDUM REPORT

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Mr Rudden referred to the Thermal Treatment Scoping and Siting Study presented to the Council on 10th September, 99 and confirmed that the current Addendum Report

was prepared at the request of Council in order to be more specific in terms of areas suitable for thermal treatment. Mr Rudden outlined the steps taken to compile the report and made reference to City/County Development Plans, Transportation and Planning study, future growth areas and road infrastructure, railways and airports and the planning and procurement framework.

He proceeded to outline the study area and applied the appropriate exclusion area criteria which when applied revealed the remaining locations within the study area suitable for thermal treatment. He then informed the members of four sites at Galway Docks, Castlegar, Brockagh and Coolagh/Ardraun which would be suitable for thermal treatment. In conclusion Mr Rudden explained that as the provision of this type of facility would be subject to public procurement rules and probably be a public/private partnership development that it was not possible to present the members with a definitive list of suitable areas.

The Cathaoirleach said that the Council would discuss Waste Management in the County after the week of the 25th of October on return from the Study Tour.

The County Manager requested that the Waste Management Plan go on public display as there were a number of queries from the public. The Cathaoirleach recommended putting it on public display.

Cllr Joe Callanan said that the Council needed clarification on the effect the proposed Thermal Treatment sites would have on sites identified for landfill. The Manager said that the documents would be put on display and after the trip to Europe will decide on these sites. The Manager said that the proposed sites would not be entered until after the trip to Europe. The Council agreed that the Draft Waste Management Plan should go on public display. Following the receipt and examination of submissions, the matter will be put on the Agenda for a future meeting of the Council for the adoption of the Plan.

Mr. Nelson, Assistant County Manager said that the plans will be on display for a minimum of two months.

MINUTES

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The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 9th July, 1999 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, on the proposal of Councillor Mullins, seconded by Councillor Ni Fhatharta.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 26th July, 1999 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman, on the proposal of Councillor Mullins, seconded by Councillor Ni Fhatharta.

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 30th August, 1999 was approved by the Council, on the proposal of Councillor Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Councillor Conneely.

The Report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on 1st September, 1999 was approved by the Council, on the proposal of Councillor Mullins, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan.

Deputy Burke asked if the new Councillors were allocated any Notice of Motion money. The County Manager informed the Council that the new Councillors will receive half the normal allocation.

A number of Councillors said that there were difficulties in relation to verge trimming.

The Cathaoirleach explained that under the Roads Act landowners are responsible for hedge cutting and said that a copy of the Section will be circulated to the new Councillors.

The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on the 6th September, 1999 was approved by the Council, on the proposal of Councillor Hoade, seconded by Councillor Rabbitte.

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT 172
PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF TUAM &
ENVIRONS IN TOWNLAND OF PARKMORE
PLANNING REF: 99/2312 APPLICANT: WHITE DRIVE
DEVELOPMENTS LTD.

Mr. Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E. outlined the details of Material Contravention set out in the following Report dated 4th October, 1999, which had been circulated to the Members.

“APPLICANT: White Drive Developments Ltd

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Development of 75 no. residential units and ancillary roads and services in the townland of Parkmore, Tuam

LOCATION: The site of the proposed development is located at Parkmore, Tuam on the Dublin Road. It is within the Tuam Town Development Plan area. The site proposed to be developed is 3.8 hectares (9.4 acres). The lands at present are zoned for community facilities in the current Tuam Town Development Plan. The proposed zoning in the Draft Town Development Plan for Tuam is residential with a small portion of the rear part of the site zoned for community facilities.

ASSESSMENT: The site is a large field which forms part of the old racecourse. It is also adjacent to local authority housing. The housing layout is generally linear in nature with predominantly semi-detached house types other than a number of detached houses at the Dublin Road end of the site and sixteen two bedroom townhouses in semi-detached format. The housing density is approximately eight houses/acre which is within the maximum density allowed in the Tuam Town Development Plan. The site depths are approximately 26 metres which are marginally

short of the 30 metres stipulated in the Tuam Town Development Plan but are within the spirit of the residential guidelines of the Minister for the Environment. There will be a maximum distance between the proposed houses and the Parkmore Local Authority Estate houses of 23 metres. This is acceptable on amenity grounds.

OBJECTIONS: There are objections from the Racecourse Tenants Association. These relate to traffic hazard, residential amenity, wall finishes, planting scheme, and inadequate public notice. In relation to the objections, the Road Design Section are in agreement with the proposal subject to specific design conditions the separation distances between houses, in conjunction with rear wall heights and finishes should ensure that residential amenity is not diminished. The public notice while located above eye level is visible to interested parties.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that permission be granted to materially contravene the Tuam Town & Environs 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 20th August 1999 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections. None were submitted.

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 19th October 1999."

Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillor K. Quinn, Councillor T. Walsh and the Cathaoirleach, Councillor P. McHugh all expressed the view that the observations of the Parkmore Residents Associations should be taken in to consideration. Mr. L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. Planning, advised the meeting that appropriate conditions to reflect the issues raised will be attached to the decision to grant permission.

Councillor K. Quinn proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by White Drive Development Ltd., for Planning Permission for the construction of 75

no. residential units and ancillary roads and services, planning reference no. 99/2312 and having considered the Report dated 4th October, 1999, on the matter, Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(3) of the Local Government (Planning & Development), Act 1963, as amended by Section 39(d) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1976, as amended by Section 45 of the Local Government Act, 1991, hereby require that a decision to grant permission be made in the case of this application. Deputy P. Connaughton seconded this proposal. A vote taken resulted as follows:-

AR SON:

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, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. McHugh, T. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O Foighil, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, S. Walsh & T. Walsh (23)

IN AGHAIDH -----

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried.

**MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT 173
PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF TUAM &
ENVIRONS IN TOWNLAND OF KILLALOONTY
PLANNING REF: 99/2780 APPLICANT: MR. TOM LAVELLE**

Mr. Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E. outlined the details of Material Contravention set out in the following Report dated 4th October, 1999, which had been circulated to the Members.

APPLICANT: Mr. Tom Lavelle

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The proposed development involves an extension to a previously permitted housing estate (planning reference no.'s 98/4652, 98/3135, 98/2721, 98/187). The proposal involves the construction of one detached house and 2 no. semi-detached houses.

LOCATION: Townland of Killaloonty

PLANNING HISTORY:

68032 - Outline Permission for 8 houses - J. Monaghan - adjacent to South.

14465 - Outline Permission for housing - J. Monaghan - granted on appeal - adjacent to South.

43102 - Outline Permission for housing development - adjacent to South.

70899 - Planning Permission for 2 houses - contravention procedure granted 1994.

98/187 - T. Lavelle Construction applied for Permission for housing development. The application was withdrawn.

98/2721 - T. Lavelle granted permission for variation to previously granted permission (reference no. 70899) to alter site layout and change of house type on 14th September, 1998.

98/3135 - T. Lavelle granted Permission to extend housing scheme to include 12 additional houses on 18th January, 1999. (Material Contravention).

98/4652 - T. Lavelle granted Permission to construct 42 houses as extension to previously granted development on 5th July, 1999. (Material Contravention).

TUAM DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The proposed development is located on lands at present zoned for agricultural purposes. The site area is 0.148 hectares and is just a small triangle of land omitted from previous application 98/4652. It is proposed that these lands will be zoned residential in the forthcoming Development Plan for the town of Tuam and Environs.

ASSESSMENT:

The proposed site is adjacent to an existing permitted housing estate. The inclusion of this small area of land 0.148 hectares is logical and should complement the development as it completes the site outlined in previous reference no. 98/4652. The proposal does not encroach on any existing open space granted under the previous permission. The proposal also meets the requirements of the Development Plan for the town of Tuam and Environs for rear building line, front building line, side building line and site size.

OBJECTIONS:

No objections or submissions were received.

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 3rd September, 1999 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections.

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 2nd November, 1999."

Deputy P. Connaughton proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Mr. Tom Lavelle for planning permission to build an extension to housing scheme comprising 1 no. detached and 2 no. semi-detached houses, planning reference no. 98/2780, and having considered the Report dated 4th October, 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 T. Mannion 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, N. Grealish, P. Hynes, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. McHugh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Foighil, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, M. Regan, S. Walsh, & T. Walsh (24)

IN AGHAIDH: _____

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried.

**REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS
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(a) Clifden Square – Civic Works

On the proposal of Cllr J. J. Mannion, seconded by Cllr J. Conneely the Council approved Civic works at Clifden Square

(b) Widening of Cashla Bridge

On the proposal of Cllr Ni Fatharta, seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh the Council approved widening of Cashla Bridge

(c) Tarrea Pier, Kinvara – Construction Works

On the proposal of Cllr M. Cunningham, Seconded by Cllr M. Fahy the Council approved construction works at Tarrea Pier, Kinvara.

(d) Housing Programme

- (i) 16 houses at Parkmore, Tuam under Affordable Housing

On the proposal of Cllr K. Quinn, seconded by Cllr M. Connolly the Council approved the construction of 16 houses at Parkmore, Tuam under the Affordable Housing Scheme.

- (ii) 2 houses at Carrowmacowan, Tuam

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh the Council approved the construction of 2 houses at Carrowmacowan, Tuam, Co. Galway.

- (iii) 1 house at Inishboffin

On the proposal of Cllr. Cllr J. Conneely, seconded by Cllr S. Walsh the Council approved the construction of one house on Inishboffin.

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

On the proposal of Deputy U. Burke, seconded by Cllr. M. Regan the Council approved the construction of 2 houses at St. Joseph's Park, Killimor, Co. Galway.

Deputy U. Burke enquired about the adequacy of funding of the Council's land bank. Mr. J. Tierney replied that the funds were not a problem but acquiring land was a difficulty.

Cllr T. McHugh said that he welcomed the construction of 16 houses in Tuam and complimented Council Officials on their efficiency in progressing the Housing Programme.

PUBLICATION OF DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR **175**

- (a) **Oranmore**
- (b) **Claregalway**

A report dated 20th September, 1999, had been circulated to the Councillors for consideration. It was noted that the Draft Development Plans for Oranmore and Claregalway had been prepared and should now be put on public display for a minimum period of three months.

It was proposed by Councillor Rabbitt, seconded by Councillor Grealish and agreed by the Council that the Draft Development Plan for Oranmore be published.

It was proposed by Councillor Grealish, seconded by Councillor McDonagh and agreed that the Draft Development Plan for Claregalway be published.

**PUBLICATION OF DRAFT DEVELOPMENT
PLANS FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWNS OF:**

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- (a) **Gort**
- (b) **Athenry**

A report dated 1st October, 1999, had been circulated to the Councillors for their information and consideration. It was proposed by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Regan and agreed that the Draft Development Plan for the scheduled town of Gort be published.

It was proposed by Councillor Burke, seconded by Councillor Hynes and agreed that the Draft Development Plan for the scheduled town of Athenry be published. It was noted that the Draft Plans would be put on public display for three months.

Councillor Joyce stated that there was a need to prepare development plans for towns in the Ballinasloe Electoral Area. Gus McCarthy, Senior Executive Planner, indicated that this matter would be examined.

**APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES IN
ACCORDANCE WITH UDARAS NA
GAELTACHTA ACT 1979 FROM ECC TEO, CLONBUR**

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A Report dated 21st September 1999 had been circulated to each Member. It was proposed by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, seconded by An Comhairleoir O Foighil and resolved to grant a remission of two thirds of the rate leviable to E.C.C. Teo for the period 1/1/1995 to 31/12/2004, in accordance with the Údaras na Gaeltachta Act 1979.

**FIVE YEAR TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION
PROGRAMME 2000-2004**

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Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager said that the Plan will be on display for the statutory period of two months. The programme in relation to the Ballinasloe area was presented to the members of Ballinasloe U. D.C. who will play their part in implementing it subject to the Council and other Local Authorities doing likewise.

Cllr Joyce asked if Galway County Council had any obligation in meeting needs of travellers after they are housed.

Mr. J. Tierney said that it can be the responsibility of either the Council or the U.D.C. depending on who provided the house. He also said that the Council notified the appropriate groups last January, when preparing the Five Year Traveller Accommodation Programme and invited submissions. However, all of these groups would have a further opportunity of making observations now that the Draft would be put on display. Finally he confirmed that a report on submissions received on the Draft would be submitted to the Members before the end of the year.

**TO NOTE AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR RIVER FERGUS
JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE FOR YEAR ENDED
31/12/1998** 179

On the proposal of Councillor Mullins, seconded by Councillor Callanan the Auditor's report for the year ended 31/12/98 for River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee was noted.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS – WATER SERVICES 180

This matter was deferred.

**QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER – EPA
REPORT 1997** 181

This matter was deferred.

TO NOTE PLANNING ACT 1999 182

A report on the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1999 had been circulated to the Members for consideration. It was noted that this Act is incorporated into the new Planning Bill 1999. The Planning Act 1999 was noted by the Council on the proposal of Councillor Callanan and seconded by Councillor Cunningham. It was agreed by the Council that the matter of planning refusals for discussion at area meetings of the Council, be referred to the Council's Protocol Committee for consideration.

TO NOTE PLANNING BILL 1999 183

This item was deferred. It was agreed that a report and presentation on the Bill would be provided at a Planning meeting of the Council.

**POLICY IN RELATION TO SALE OF BURIAL
PLOTS** 184

This matter was deferred.

MILLENNIUM EVENTS AWARDS 185

T. Murphy informed the Council that the National Millenium Committee has recently announced that £3M will be made available for an events awards scheme whereby local organisations, voluntary groups and social millenium committees would get

assistance to mark and celebrate the Millenium. These awards will be administered, promoted and monitored by Local Authorities and the maximum award available per event is £4,000. Mr Murphy outlined the different types of events that would qualify under the scheme and he informed the meeting that between £70,000 and £80,000 will be made available to Galway County Council.

TO NOMINATE TWO MEMBERS TO LOUGHREA HERITAGE & DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD. 186

Mr Kavanagh explained that the Articles of the Company only provides for two vacancies.

Cllr Hynes said that there should be cross party membership of the Loughrea Heritage and development Co. Ltd.

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor Fahy and seconded by Councillor Callanan that Councillor Loughnane be appointed to the Loughrea Heritage and Development Co. Ltd.

It was proposed by Councillor Mullins and seconded by Councillor T. McHugh that Deputy U. Burke be appointed to the Loughrea Heritage and Development Co. Ltd.

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows;

For Councillor Loughnane

Cllr. Callanan, Cllr M. Connolly, Cllr J. Conneely, Cllr Cunningham, Cllr M. Fahy, Cllr Hoade, Cllr Joyce, Cllr T. Mannion, Cathaoirleach P. McHugh, Cllr Ni Fhatharta, Cllr O'Sullivan, Cllr Quinn, Cllr Rabbitt, Cllr Regan, Cllr S Walsh.(15)

For Deputy U. Burke

Deputy U. Burke, Cllr Gavin, Cllr Grealish, Cllr P. Hynes, Cllr J. J. Mannion, Senator McDonagh, Cllr T. McHugh, Cllr Mullins, Cllr O'Foighil.(9)

The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Loughnane elected.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Councillor J. Callan and seconded by Cllr. M. Cunningham that Cllr Regan be appointed to the Loughrea Heritage and Development Co. Ltd.

It was proposed by Cllr O'Foighil, seconded by Deputy U. Burke that Cllr. P. Hynes be appointed to the Loughrea Heritage and Development Co. Ltd.

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows;

For Cllr. Regan

Cllr. Callanan, Cllr M. Connolly, Cllr J. Conneely, Cllr Cunningham, Cllr M. Fahy, Cllr Hoade, Cllr Joyce, Cllr T. Mannion, Cathaoirleach P. McHugh, Cllr Ni Fhatharta, Cllr O'Sullivan, Cllr Quinn, Cllr Rabbitt, Cllr Regan, Cllr S Walsh.(15)

For Cllr P. Hynes

Deputy U. Burke, Cllr Gavin, Cllr Grealish, Cllr P. Hynes, Cllr J. J. Mannion, Senator McDonagh, Cllr T. McHugh, Cllr Mullins, Cllr O'Foighil.(9)

The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Regan elected.

NOMINATION OF 5 MEMBERS TO INTER COUNTY RAIL COMMITTEE 187

This matter was deferred.

ENUREMENT CLAUSES IN PLANNING PERMISSIONS 188

This matter was deferred.

REVIEW OF SPEED LIMITS 189

This matter was deferred.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

The following Submitted, Approved + Signed:

Paddy McHugh
Chairman

22nd November 1999
Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNTY HALL, PROSPECT HILL ON 27th SEPTEMBER, 1999

CATHAOIRLEACH:

An Comhairleoir P. McHugh

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

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

Oifigigh:

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, D. Nelson, J. Tierney, Asst. Co. Managers, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, J. Colleran, Co. Engineer, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, E. Power, T. Connell, A.O.'s, J. Eising, A/S.E.E., B. McDermott & P. Carroll, S.S.O.

Thosnaigh an crinniú leis an paidir.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

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The Chairman proposed that the Meeting be adjourned due to the death of Pat Finnegan, former Councillor of Galway County Council. He requested that a number of items be dealt with at the Meeting prior to the Members paying tribute to the late Mr. Finnegan. This was agreed by the Members.

The following dates were agreed for Meetings as set out hereunder:-

<i>Finance Committee -</i>	<i>12th November 1999 at 2.00 p.m.</i>
<i>Estimates Meeting -</i>	<i>15th November 1999 at 3.30 p.m.</i>
<i>Protocol Committee -</i>	<i>18th October 1999 at 12.00 noon</i>
<i>Monthly Meeting -</i>	<i>18th October 1999 at 2.00 p.m.</i>

Galway Transportation and Planning Study (GTPS) & Regional Waste Management Study

It was agreed that the County Secretary would contact Galway Corporation regarding a joint presentation to Members of Galway County Council and Galway Corporation on the GTPS Study and Regional Waste Management Study, both of which are to be presented to a Meeting of Galway Corporation to be held on Monday 4th October 1999.

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 1998

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On the proposal of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Cunningham the Members approved the Draft Annual Report 1998.

INTER COUNTY RAIL COMMITTEE

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It was agreed that the Party Whips would decide on the nomination of 5 Members to the Inter County Rail Committee and report back to the next Meeting.

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The Chairman extended his sincere sympathy to Pat Finnegan's wife Teresa, her children Emer, Sinead and Deirdre and to his mother, brother and sisters on the recent death of Pat. He had served with him as a Member of Galway County Council up to the June Local Elections, when Pat retired from politics due to ill health having given 20 years service to the people of Galway and in particular North Galway. He had served the people of North Galway in a quiet, effective and determined manner and had particular affiliation to his native village of Williamstown.

Councillor Callanan stated that Pat Finnegan had been a well regarded Member of the Council and was well thought of in North Galway.

Deputy Connaughton stated that he had been a credit to both his Party and Community and that it was sad that this was the second tragedy that had befallen the Finnegan Family.

Councillor Loughnane stated that Pat Finnegan was an extremely sincere person and had been non personal in his approach to politics. He was a past Chairman of the Council and had put himself forward as a candidate to Dail Eireann.

Councillor T. Walsh stated that Pat had been born near him in Williamstown and while they had been political rivals, they have the utmost respect for one another.

An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta stated that Pat had been a man of great character who bore his illness with dignity.

Deputy Burke stated that he had known Pat Finnegan since 1979 and that Pat had also been a Member of Galway VEC until recently. As well as being an efficient and effective Councillor he had been a dedicated and esteemed member of the teaching staff of St. Jarlath's.

Councillor J.J. Mannion stated that he had been a former pupil of Pat Finnegan at St. Jarlath's and Pat had been a very dedicated teacher at the school. Other Members also joined in the expression of sympathy.

The County Manager expressed his sympathy and the sympathy of the staff of the Council to the wife and family of Pat. He said Pat had made a significant contribution to Local Government matters during his twenty years service and bore his illness with great courage and dignity. He added that he had been delighted that Pat had been able to be at the Official Opening of the new County Hall in April last.

A silent prayer was offered in respect of Pat Finnegan following which the Meeting was adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION

N.O.M. NO. 22 – DRAINAGE – CLLR. J. CONNEELY 132

The following written reply was given to Councillor Conneely:-

"This road is not in charge of the Council."

N.O.M. NO. 23 – RESURFACING ROAD – CLLR. J. CONNEELY 133

The following written reply was given to Councillor Conneely:-

"This road is not in charge of the Council".

N.O.M. NO. 24 – INVER G.W.S. – CLLR. J. CONNEELY 134

The following written reply was given to Councillor Conneely:-

"There is ongoing discussions with the trustees of the proposed Inver Group Water Scheme. The Council are awaiting the submission of the necessary technical documentation from the schemes trustees. From a preliminary assessment of the schemes works it appears that the proposed scheme will be high cost."

N.O.M. NO. 25 – PLAYING PITCH IN GORT – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 135

The following written reply was given to Councillor Conneely:-

"The Council is not responsible for the playing pitch. However, there is a drain between the Council's property and the pitch which needs to be cleaned up and piped. This would cost an estimated £15,000. There are no funds in this year's Roadworks Programme to carry out the work. It will be considered in the course of the preparation of next year's roads programme."

N.O.M. NO. 26 – SIGN – CLLR. M. FAHY 136

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"A yield sign has been erected at this junction recently and white stop lines will be painted on as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 27 – CURRENRUE G.W.S. – CLLR. M. FAHY 137

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"The Department of the Environment and Local Government has informed the Council that there is no additional grant aid available for the Currenrue Group Water Supply Scheme."

N.O.M. NO. 28 – GRASS CUTTING – CLLR. M. FAHY 138

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"A budget of £8,700 has been allocated for verge trimming in the Gort area this year. Verge trimming is carried out in order of priority. Substantial additional funds would be required to carry out verge trimming on all the roads in the area."

N.O.M. NO. 29 – TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – CLLR. M. HOADE 139

The following written reply was given to Councillor Hoade:-

"Phase 1 of a low cost accident reduction scheme which involves signing and lining will be carried out in 1999."

Phase 2, which involves sight distance improvement will be carried out in 2000 subject to National Roads Authority approval and funding."

N.O.M. NO. 30 – LIGHTING – CLLR. M. HOADE 140

The following written reply was given to Councillor Hoade:-

"The provision of public lighting at this location will be considered when the public lighting programme for the year 2000 is being prepared."

N.O.M. 31 – TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING – CLLR. M. HOADE 141

The following written reply was given to Councillor Hoade:-

"There are no funds in the current year to provide traffic route lighting at Clonboo. Priority on traffic route lighting schemes is normally given to areas within the 30 m.p.h. limit and then the 40 m.p.h. speed limit."

N.O.M. NO. 32 – DALY'S JUNCTION – CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 142

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"Verge trimming will be carried out as part of routine maintenance."

N.O.M. NO. 33 – ROAD WIDENING – CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 143

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"This matter is part of a land acquisition transaction and negotiations are ongoing."

N.O.M. NO. 34 – FOOTPATHS – CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 144

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"The footpaths in the vicinity of the Arch have now been repaired."

N.O.M. NO. 35 – FOOTBRIDGE – CLLR. J. J. MANNION 145

The following written reply was given to Councillor J.J. Mannion:-

"This proposal involves considerable negotiations with the owners of property and while it is a very desirable project there are no funds currently available for this proposal."

N.O.M. NO. 36 – PUBLIC TOILETS – CLLR. J.J. MANNION 146

The following written reply was given to Councillor J.J. Mannion:-

"The provision of public toilets in the vicinity of Clifden Square is actively being considered."

N.O.M. NO. 37 – ROAD RESURFACING – CLLR. J. J. MANNION 147

The following written reply was given to Councillor J.J. Mannion:-

"The roadworks on the section of this road which were included in the 1999 Roadworks Programme have now been carried out."

N.O.M. NO. 38 – ROAD – SEN. J. MCDONAGH 148

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"The road in question is included for improvement in the draft five year roads plan for the year 2004. In the meantime routine maintenance will be carried out."

N.O.M. NO. 39 – ROAD – SEN. J. MCDONAGH 149

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"The section of road referred to is in general similar to many other sections of Regional road. Major re-alignment would be required which would cost a considerable amount of money. There are no funds available at present to carry out such work."

N.O.M. NO. 40 – ROADS – SEN. J. MCDONAGH 150

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"This matter will be investigated and a reply will be issued to you shortly."

N.O.M. NO. 41 – COSAIN – AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 151

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

"Cuirfear costas ar an obair agus déanfar éileamh ar airgead ó Roinn na Gaeltachta."

N.O.M. NO. 42 – TREOIR LUAIS – AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 152

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

"Nil gá le treoir luais ag an láthair seo".

N.O.M. NO. 43 – BOTHAR – AN COMH. C. NI 153
FHATHARTA

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

“Déanfar an obair seo chomh luath agus is feidir”.

N.O.M. NO. 44 – PARKING – AN COMH. S. O’ 154
NEACHTAIN

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

“The parking at Barna Pier is being investigated with a view to drafting Bye-Laws to relieve the current difficulties.

N.O.M. NO. 45 – BOTHAR – AN COMH. S. O’ 155
NEACHTAIN

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

“Níl airgead ar fáil chun obair a dhéanamh ag an láthair seo. Tá seans ann gur féidir obair feabhasacháin a dhéanamh faoin scéim atá ag an gComhairle Chontae chun bóithre áitiúla a fheabhsú. Seo chugat foirm mas mian le muintir na h-áite iarratas a chur isteach faoin scéim seo.”

N.O.M. NO. 46 – AN COMH. S. O’NEACTAIN - 156

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

“Ba chóir go mbeadh áiseanna éagsúla i láthair ar na tránna, chomh maith le uisce glan, chun brath gorm a fháil agus níl an ciste ann chun na háiseanna seo, mar shampla leithris, boithre, áit phairceála a chur ar fáil ar tránna breise.”

N.O.M. NO. 47 – FOOTPATHS – CLLR. P. O’SULLIVAN 157

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

“There is no provision for these works in the current Road Works Programme. However, this location will be considered along with others for next year’s programme.”

The following written reply was given to Councillor S. Walsh:

“This matter will be investigated and a reply will issue to you shortly.”

N.O.M. NO. 48 – FLOODING – CLLR. P. O’SULLIVAN 158

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

“When inspected there was no evidence of flooding on the public road at this location”

N.O.M. NO. 49 – ROAD WORKS – CLLR. P. O’SULLIVAN 159

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

“Works will be carried out in the current year to alleviate flooding at this location.”

N.O.M. NO. 50 – FLOODING – CLLR. T. WALSH 160

The following written reply was given to Councillor T. Walsh-

“It is hoped to carry out remedial work next year as part of the maintenance programme.”

N.O.M. NO. 51 – WATER SUPPLY – CLLR. T. WALSH 161

The following written reply was given to Councillor T. Walsh-

“The Council are in the process of carrying out improvement works to the water supply which services the town of Glenamaddy. The works involve the provision of additional reservoir capacity and it will address the present demand on the Scheme.”

N.O.M. NO. 52 – ROAD WORKS – CLLR. S. WALSH 162

The following written reply was given to Councillor S. Walsh-

“There are no funds provided in the 1999 Roadworks Programme to carry out this work. It will be considered when next years programme is being prepared.

N.O.M. NO. 53 – ROAD MARKINGS – CLLR. S. WALSH 163

The following written reply was given to Councillor S. Walsh-

“It is hoped to carry out this work shortly”.

N.O.M. NO. 54 – ROAD – CLLR. S. WALSH 164

The following written reply was given to Councillor S. Walsh-

“This matter will be investigated and a reply will issue to you shortly.

N.O.M. NO. 55 – ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – CLLR. T. WALSH 165

The following written reply was given to Councillor T. Walsh-

"This road is included in the draft five year plan for the years 2000 – 2003 inclusive."

SEPTEMBER, 1999

Cathaoirleach:

Clr. P. McHugh

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Baili:

Deputy U. Reilly, J. Burke, J. Callanan,
Deputy Paul Conroy, Clr. J. Costello,
M. Conroy, C. Cunningham, M. Fealy, S.
Gavin, M. Walsh, M. Walsh, P. Hayes, J.

Submitted Approved + Signed:

Paddy McHugh
Chairman

18th October 1999

Date

Thoirigh an cruinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

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Resolutions of Sympathy were extended to:

- Mrs. Maureen Molloy, Main Street, Oughterard, Co. Galway
- Koddy & Nora Kenny, Carronee, Oughterard, Co. Galway
- Mrs. Mary Manton, Crough Road, Ballinacree, Co. Galway
- Mr. Miko Ryan & Family, Greenhouse, Croughwell, Co. Galway

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNTY HALL, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1999

Cathaoirleach:

Cllr. P. McHugh

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

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

Oifigigh:-

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, D. Nelson, J. Tierney, Asst. Co. Managers, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, J. Colleran, Co. Engineer, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, E. Power, D. Barrett, A.O.'s, G. McCarthy, S.E.P., N. Burke, A/S.E.E., F. Gilmore, L. Gavin, S.E.E.'s, E. Maloney, P. Carroll, S.S.O.'s & C. Mac Aodh Bhui, Oifigeach Gaeilge

P.J. Rudden, M.C.O'Sullivan Consultants

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

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Resolutions of Sympathy were extended to:

Mrs. Maureen Molloy, Main Street, Oughterard, Co. Galway.
Roddy & Nora Kenny, Carnmore, Oranmore, Co. Galway
Mrs. Mary Manton, Creagh Road, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mr. Miko Ryan & Family, Greenhouse, Craughwell, Co. Galway

Mr. Tommy Warde & Family, Ballinamona, Kylebrack, Loughrea, Co. Galway
Mrs. Frances Kelly, Rushlake, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mr Paddy Collins, Vermount, Menlough, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mrs. Martha O'Donnell, Gloves South, Athenry, Co. Galway
Mr. Paddy Mitchell, Sonnagh, Kilchreest, Loughrea, Co. Galway

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT 107
PLAN FOR SCHEDULED TOWN OF LOUGHREA &
ENVIRONS IN TOWNLAND OF CAHERWALTER
PLANNING REF: 99/322 APPLICANT: JARDONELLE LTD.

Mr. L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. outlined the details of Material Contravention set out in the following Report dated 8th September, 1999 which had been circulated to the Members.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: A housing development of 60 no. dwellinghouses, comprising 52 no. semi-detached dwellinghouses with 8 no. detached dwellinghouses, with all associated roads and services

LOCATION: The site is located on the Danesford Road in Loughrea within the area of the Loughrea Town Development Plan in the townland of Caherwalter.

PREVIOUS HISTORY Under previous reference no. 97/1232 planning permission was refused for 58 no. dwellinghouses on this site on zoning grounds.

ASSESSMENT: The lands of the proposed development are zoned for Agricultural Development in the current Development Plan for the Town of Loughrea and Environs. Under the Draft Development Plan for Loughrea the lands are zoned for Residential use. There is a housing development nearing completion immediately to the South of the proposed development which also required a Material Contravention of the Loughrea & Environs Town Plan under planning reference no. 97/1090. The proposed development would discharge to the existing sewer and the existing surface water disposal system. There is no objection from the Sanitary Services Section. The density proposed is acceptable to the site and is within walking distance from the centre of the Town. The Road Design Section has no objection subject to conditions which have been incorporated into a revised layout submitted to the Planning Authority on 7th May 1999.

OBJECTIONS: There was 1 No. objection submitted by the Caheronaun Park Residents Association. This is a housing estate located to the South West of the proposed development across the public road. The objection relates to:-

- (a) Lack of visibility exiting the Caheronaun Estate
- (b) Debris placed on the public road by an adjacent developer
- (c) The narrowness and lack of carrying capacity of the existing road

In view of the amount of land proposed for residential development in this area, the Road Design Section have carried out a survey of the existing road and have prepared a design for a new road improvement line along this road. The front boundary of the proposed development would be set back to accommodate the proposed road line and this would improve the sight distance for those exiting from Caheronaun Park. It is intended, in view of the amount of land zoned for residential development in the Draft Loughrea Town Plan, that works on the road improvement line would be carried out in line with future developments.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that permission be granted to materially contravene the Loughrea Town & Environs 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 31st July 1999 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections. Only one submission was received from the Caheronaun Park Residents Association relating to the issues contained in their objection as already set out above.

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 29th September 1999."

A general discussion took place on the submission by the Caheronaun Park Residents Association regarding road improvement works. It was agreed that the road would be included for consideration in the Roadworks Programme 2000.

Councillor Cunningham proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Jardonelle Limited for planning permission for housing development of 60 no. dwellinghouses, comprising 52 no. semi-detached dwellinghouses with 8 no. detached dwellinghouses, with all associated roads and services, planning reference 99/322, and having considered the Report dated 8th September, 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 Loughnane seconded this proposal. A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

AR SON: Deputy U. Burke, Cllrs. J. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, N. Grealish, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, M. Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, Senator J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. Mc Hugh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Foighil, P. O'Sullivan, T. Rabbitt, K. Quinn, M. Regan, J. Conneely, S. Walsh & T. Walsh (28)

IN AGHAIDH: -----

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

NOMINATION OF THREE MEMBERS TO REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

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The number of Members to be nominated was three. A Roll Call was taken recording 28 Members present. The Secretary advised that the number of Members required to form groups was 10. Nomination form for one group was handed to the Cathaoirleach.

First Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Cllr. M. Mullins, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. P. O'Foighil, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. T. Walsh, Cllr. J. McClearn, Deputy U. Burke, Cllr. P. Hynes and Cllr. J. Burke nominating Cllr. J. McClearn to be a member of the Regional Assembly.

The Cathaoirleach ruled that the nomination was valid and accordingly declared Councillor McClearn nominated as a member of the Regional Assembly.

Second Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Callanan, 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.

Third Vacancy:

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

NOMINATION OF ONE MEMBER TO L.A.M.A.

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On the proposal of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Cunningham the Members agreed to the nomination of Councillor Fahy as a member of L.A.M.A.

**REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS
1994 REGARDING OUGHTERARD R.W.S.S. –
SLUDGE FACILITIES**

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Installation of Sludge Handling and Sludge Dewatering facilities in the Water Treatment Plant at Lough Buffy, Oughterard.

On the proposal of Councillor Gavin, seconded by Councillor Walsh the Members agreed to the development, a copy of the Report having been circulated to each Member.

**CONSIDERATION OF FOUR YEAR MULTI
ANNUAL LOCAL AUTHORITY & SOCIAL
HOUSING PROGRAMME**

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A copy of Report dated 30th August, 1999 had been circulated to each Member. Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager outlined details of the Draft Four Year Programme and stated that he expected to be notified of the starts allocated by the end of September.

Deputy Connaughton stated that there was a serious housing problem and queried whether the Council has sufficient land available to construct the number of houses as proposed in the Programme. With regard to Affordable Housing, he queried the time span of the pilot project and whether there should not be more affordable houses than were proposed in the programme. Referring to Shared Ownership, he stated that it had never got off the ground in County Galway and that there was no great benefit accruing to persons seeking Shared Ownership.

Councillor Callanan stated that there needed to be more activity in improvements in lieu, which he saw as a good scheme.

Councillor Hynes stated that more funds needed to be allocated to facilitate people seeking assistance under the improvements in lieu scheme and that there was a big backlog of applications.

Councillor Mullins asked what efforts the Council were making to acquire and reconstruct unoccupied houses in the County and queried how many houses will be allocated to those living in demountable dwellings.

Councillor Loughnane stated that the Report as presented was not acceptable and required further details. He stated that given the interest in Improvements in Lieu, there should be 50 approvals a year.

Councillor J. Burke queried whether the proposed Affordable Housing measures were dependent on new legislation. He added that construction of 45 rural houses a year would not meet the demand of people wishing to live in County Galway and that the Council need to build 70-100 houses yearly to stop the rural areas becoming a wasteland.

An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta referred to the problem whereby the Council had not got land to build on in the Gaeltacht area of Connemara and queried how the Council intend to deal with this problem.

Councillor Fahy stated that there were 900 applications before the Western Health Board in regard to Special Housing repairs for the elderly and that the Council should have full responsibility for housing in the County. He stated that the Minister for the Environment & Local Government should be required to introduce a direct grant for needy cases involving urgent housing repairs.

Councillor Gavin stated that the implication of an applicant waiting up to ten years for a house was bad and that persons who it was never considered would be on a housing list will be forced to in the years to come.

Councillor McClearn stated that the Bill introducing Affordable Housing may be challenged and as a result the Affordable Housing Programme may be in jeopardy. He asked whether the type of Project as implemented in Tynagh, whereby Local Authority housing was provided on a derelict site, would continue elsewhere.

Deputy U. Burke praised the Housing Section for the work it carried out with the limited resources provided. He stated that the provision of serviced sites, particularly for young people, in small towns and villages in the County should be examined, as many rural areas are under threat. He added that the design of houses should become more variable than in the past and that there should be smaller housing estates built in the future.

Councillor Walsh stated that he did not want a ceiling on the number of houses to be built and that persons who so wish should be allowed to live in rural Ireland.

Mr. Tierney, Assistant County Manager stated that it was hoped to have sufficient land available two years in advance of construction and that the Council is trying to buy land to cater for all types of housing. Referring to Affordable Housing, he stated that the Programme had not been prepared, in anticipation of the forthcoming Bill, and that it was hoped to carry out the Programme irrespective of the forthcoming legislation. He stated that a pilot project had been prepared for Tuam, the planning process for which would come before the Council at the next Council Meeting. He added that a realistic figure had been proposed and that more would be provided if feasible.

He stated that the Affordable Housing Scheme may supersede the Shared Ownership Scheme. With regard to rural housing he stated that he was conscious of the need for and demand for rural housing and added that the number to be built would meet 15% of the need each year, subject to availability of sites and Contractors. Referring to the number proposed under the improvements in lieu scheme, he stated that this was an indicative figure and could change upwards. Referring to the acquisition of vacant houses he stated that there could be title difficulties here but he would examine the potential of acquisition of derelict sites. He stated that many of the demountable dwellings were provided on a temporary basis which the Council were trying to reduce, and he informed the Members that the Department had provided funds towards the provision of water and sanitary services for forty to fifty demountable dwellings.

He would examine the question of provision of services sites but would like to provide all together like that proposed for Affordable Housing rather than on a one-by-one basis. He added that he would come back before the Members each year to inform them of what has been accomplished in the Programme.

Deputy Connaughton stated that the Housing SPC should be involved in the Programme.

The County Manager stated that the Department are preparing revised guidelines for SPCs which the Council are awaiting.

On the proposal of Councillor McClearn, seconded by Councillor Callanan, the Members approved the Four Year Multi Annual Local Authority and Social Housing Programme.

NATIONAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO 2006

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A copy of Report dated 30th August 1999 had been circulated to each Member.

The County Manager stated that a number of discussions had been held with the N.R.A. regarding roads projects and the need to put in place a frame-work to accelerate the roads projects, details of which were contained in the Report before the Members. He expected a huge increase in the allocation towards National Primary and Secondary roads and sought to put appropriate structures in place to maximise the potential arising from these increased funds.

Councillor Conneely stated that he was disappointed that the N63 was not included in the Plan.

Deputy Burke queried whether there would be a delay in commencement of Loughrea Bye-Pass due to the recently announced upgrade of the Galway/Dublin route and added that Consultants should give priority to this stretch of the route.

Deputy Connaughton stated that there was no mention in the report of the commitment made of expenditure of £200,000 every year for the next few years on the N63.

Councillor Joyce stated that proper speed limit signs should be erected on entrances to dual carriageway to avoid confusion over the legal speed limit permitted.

Councillor Hynes asked how long it would take to commence and carry out works on Loughrea Bye-Pass.

The County Manager stated that following a meeting with the N.R.A. it is hoped to have technical approval for the Loughrea Bye-Pass very shortly. Design would commence once Consultants were appointed and it was hoped to advertise for Consultants for the second phase by the end of November. He agreed that it was difficult to recruit technical staff and that advertisements had been placed in U.K. publications.

The County Engineer replied to the different queries raised by Members. He stated that due to skilled staff shortages, some 10-12 large consultancy firms were contracted to carry out work that the Council is not in a position to do. He confirmed that the speed limit of 60 mph applies to dual carriageways. Referring to the N63 he stated that works were in progress this year, that land needed to be acquired in the area and that £200,000 would be spent on works past the Annaghhill turn.

Deputy Connaughton stated that he was not happy with the value the Council were getting from the £200,000 and that he had understood that the turn in question would have been removed.

The County Engineer stated that if land acquisition goes through this year, the works on the turn will be carried out next year and the road widened to proper standards.

An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta stated that it was extremely important that an Advance Design Team be in place for the next six years. She agreed that the N.R.A.'s response to National Secondary works was disappointing but that she as a Member of the N.R.A. would continue to push for inclusion of National Secondary proposals.

**SALE OF SITE AT NO. 18 ARD AOIBHINN
ATHENRY**

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On the proposal of Deputy Burke, seconded by Councillor Cunningham the Council approved the sale of site comprising 0.073 acres at No. 18 Ard Aoibhinn, Athenry to Mary Fitzgerald and Michelle Fitzgerald, 21 Oakfield, Oranmore, Co. Galway in accordance with Notice dated 27th 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.

**APPROVAL OF OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION
FOR 6 MONTHS ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1999**

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On the proposal of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Deputy Connaughton it was agreed that Galway County Council approve overdraft accommodation in the maximum sum

of £3m for the period of six months ending on 31/12/1999, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government.

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR MOYCULLEN

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A Report was circulated to the Members for consideration. It was noted that the Conamara Electoral Area had recommended to the Council that the Draft Development Plan for Moycullen be put on public display.

Councillor Gavin proposed and Councillor J.J. Mannion seconded, and it was agreed by the Council that the Draft Development Plan for Moycullen be put on public display for a minimum period of three months.

**EXTENSION OF TIME FOR REVIEW
OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR SCHEDULED
TOWNS OF:**

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- (a) **Clifden**
- (b) **Gort**
- (c) **Loughrea and Environs**

A report dated 10th September, 1999, had been circulated to the members for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Ní Fhatharta, seconded by Councillor Cunningham and agreed that an extension of time for the review of the scheduled Town Plans of (a) Clifden, (b) Gort and (c) Loughrea and Environs be sought from the Minister for Environment and Local Government as follows:-

Clifden Town Plan	-	30 th May, 2000.
Gort Town Plan	-	30 th May, 2000.
Loughrea Town & Environs Plan	-	29 th February, 2000.

WASTE

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Draft Waste Management Plan/Waste Thermal Treatment Proposal

The County Manager informed the Members that the Draft Waste Management Plan, a copy of which had been given to the Members was a joint plan formulated by Galway County Council and Galway Corporation. He stated that it was required to put the draft plan on public display for a period of two months before its adoption.

A presentation was made by Mr. P.J. Rudden, M.C. O'Sullivan, Consulting Engineers on the Draft Waste Management Plan for Galway City and County. Mr. Rudden referred to the urgent need for a Waste Management Plan and the requirement to do

so and to comply with Government policy. There is a serious lack of recycling capacity which has to be improved.

The National policy over 15 years is both ambitious and realistic seeking to raise the level of recycling from 7% to 35%, with the principal objective of eliminating landfill as much as possible. The Galway Waste Plan is based on reduction, recycling, energy recovery and residual landfill and of three options identified the third option of recycling at 47%, energy recovery at 36% and landfill at 17% is the recommended option. The objective for Galway is to increase the rate of recycling from 4% to 47% and to decrease landfill from 96% to 17% and while the objective exceeds national targets, he proposed that efforts should be made to achieve this objective.

Referring to waste reduction he noted that an Environmental Officer had been appointed, waste management newsletter had been sent to all households, seminars/workshops had been organised and monitoring of the Packaging Waste Regulations had commenced.

With regard to recycling initiatives, expanded Bring Bank Networks were in place in Galway, Tuam and Ballinasloe with a 50% increase in tonnage collected over the 1998 figure. Bring Bank Sites were being upgraded, additional glass collection facilities were in place in Galway City; kerbside collection areas were in planning in Galway city and Ballinasloe and planning had commenced for Waste Recycling Centres in Ballinasloe, Tuam, Athenry and Clifden.

With regard to Ballinasloe landfill £5m was required to upgrade the facility to meet E.P.A. requirements. It is the only landfill site in Galway taking waste at present. CCTV has been installed with daily cover of waste in place to minimise nuisance. He added that there was documentary evidence that there was no harmful environmental input to surface waters downstream of the site.

Referring to waste minimisation the Council's Environmental Education Officer would lead new public education initiatives; packaging regulations need to be enforced, the Local Authority and Waste Collectors to move from flat waste charges to use-related charges, with regulation of waste collectors.

Referring to waste recycling, this would involve the expediting of planning work on new Bring Bank Schemes at Galway City and Ballinasloe, with Waste Recycling Centres at Galway City East and West, Ballinasloe, Tuam, Athenry and Clifden, the diversion of organic waste, locating a Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Centre on the east side of the city and the expediting of a recycling scheme on the Aran Islands. He estimated that in 6/7 years there would be no household waste going to landfill.

On Energy Recovery, it is proposed that a Thermal Treatment Plant of approx. capacity of 200,000 tonnes per annum would be sited in Galway City or environs treating waste from Connacht Region as well as Galway. He added that a public information campaign would be implemented on the new waste strategy to include the location of a thermal treatment plant.

He stated that Ballinasloe landfill would close on 31/12/2005 and that planning and site selection would proceed on the three shortlisted landfill sites in East Galway.

The Polluter Pays Principle will be invoked and substantial funding would be required to implement the new strategy, through private sector involvement, possible EU funding and increases in Government Block Grant.

He stated that the Draft Plan would be presented to Galway Corporation Members to be followed by a two month Public Consultation period. The Galway Draft Waste Plan would be incorporated into the Draft Connacht Waste Plan.

Referring to Thermal Treatment he identified two options – Mass Burn Incineration with Energy Recovery on Non-Incineration Technology.

He stated that the aims of the treatment type were to minimise environmental impacts, to protect the health and well-being of the local community, to use the best available technology, and to minimise the development and operating costs. 10/15 acres would be required to accommodate a Thermal Treatment Plant and he stated that Thermal Treatment is safe and is already operating all over Europe. Strict guidelines based on EU Directive would apply, while the E.P.A. must grant an operating licence.

He referred to areas excluded from consideration, namely areas excluded by the City or County Development Plan, Natural Heritage Areas and Airports. The criteria for the siting of the Plant would include proximity to waste centre, road and possibly rail network and traffic, site size and availability, proximity to residential areas, and local environmental consideration.

He envisaged private sector involvement and recommended that the Thermal Treatment be part of an integrated approach to waste management with the plant to be in place by the year 2005.

Councillor Callanan stated his party Council Members were opposed to the plan in its present form, and that it should not go on public display. He added that a Management Plan was required that does not need landfill and that he wanted to have the submissions which had been received made available to the Council.

Deputy Connaughton stated that he was against any landfill site inspection until potential sites for Thermal Treatment were identified. He referred to the statement issued by 26 Medical professionals that Ballinasloe Landfill presented a health hazard and would need to be convinced that there was no public health hazard at Ballinasloe Landfill.

Councillor Loughnane expressed concern at the short time they had been given to express their opinion on the document before them and added that the submissions should have been made available to the Members. He stated that the Council should be aiming for the safe elimination of landfill in line with best health and safety practice and he wanted to hear from the experts first-hand.

Councillor O'Sullivan stated that 20% of all of the Council's waste was a huge residual waste which would be taken for disposal at some location in Galway and felt that Thermal Treatment should involve total elimination of waste.

Councillor Gavin stated that the Consultant should name the location of the Thermal Treatment site, that Galway was ahead of other counties in its waste management planning and that if the site for the plant was acceptable, the government may be inclined to use this proposal as a pilot scheme and the public could see the benefits of this proposal.

Councillor T. Mannion stated that he would be seeking zero landfill and that the most progressive means of achieving this should be sought.

Councillor Mullins stated that it appeared that County Galway would be taking over all of the waste problems of Connacht as it was unlikely that residual waste would be transported back out of the county. He stated that the diversity of professional opinions on the issue of health hazards at Ballinasloe landfill needed to be independently clarified.

Deputy Burke stated that he had understood that the sites ear-marked for a Thermal Treatment Plant would have been identified at this meeting. He added that some institution had been prohibited from using the Ballinasloe Landfill and if this was the case the report by the Medical Doctors was vindicated and the offending institution should be named. He also requested confirmation that the landfill site would close on the agreed date.

Councillor Walsh stated that with new developments in waste treatment this was a bad time to be making decisions and that three potential sites for a Treatment Plant should be named as had been done for a landfill site.

Councillor McClearn stated that it was a serious mistake that the same Consultants did both the Galway and the Connacht Regional Reports, and disputed the required annual tonnage of 200,000 for the plant as he was aware that a plant could be constructed to take 50,000 tonnes annually.

Mr. Rudden replied to the comments made by the Members. He confirmed that Ballinasloe Landfill would close on 31/12/2005. He stated that the three sites identified for the residual landfill need to be examined to determine if any are suitable and while they are the three preferred sites at present ground investigation may deem them unsuitable in the future.

Referring to the Thermal Treatment Plant proposed he stated that he did not have a short list of sites but that the site for the plant should be known before the landfill site is identified.

With regard to the annual tonnage requirement, the figure of 200,000 tonnes per annum was an economic figure and that 50,000 tonnes per annum would result in a doubling of disposal costs.

Referring to statements issued about health hazards at Ballinasloe Landfill, he stated that the professional opinion received by the Council was that the concerns expressed were not based on medical facts but on hazardous waste which Ballinasloe Landfill is not involved in and in his opinion Ballinasloe Landfill was the best run landfill in the country. He stated that he was not aware of any situation of Thermal Treatment involving zero landfill and does not believe that such a system exists. With regard to submissions received, he stated that the issues raised in the submissions were considered in the Strategy.

The County Manager stated that he wanted to ensure that the best facilities were made available to deal with future waste and that the Consultants M.C. O'Sullivan had been appointed by the vast majority of Local Authorities in the Country in drawing up Waste Management Plans. He stated that the Members were not being asked to approve the proposal, that a structured public debate was needed, which would commence by putting the plan on public display, following which submissions would be considered and brought before the Members. He added that the onus was on the Council to reach a consensus as the body responsible for dealing with these issues. He stated that the Draft Plan does not require the approval of the Members to go on public display.

Councillor Mullins stated that investigation works on the three sites should be deferred until the public consultation process was over.

The County Manager stated that the Waste Management Act of 1996 required that the Draft Plan go on public display once it has been prepared. He agreed that the investigation works on the three sites need not commence immediately.

On the proposal of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Loughnane, the Members agreed that the Draft Waste Management Plan does not go on public display.

The County Manager stated that the proposal was not in accordance with the relevant legislation.

Study Tour - Waste Facilities

The County Manager recommended that Members and representatives of the 3 Local Communities involved in the landfill site selection process would visit European waste facilities and that interested Members should contact the County Secretary.

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS - APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

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This matter was deferred.

QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER – EPA REPORT 1997

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This matter was deferred.

ENUREMENT CLAUSES IN PLANNING PERMISSIONS 120

This matter was deferred.

TOWN RENEWAL SCHEME 121

A copy of report dated 26th July 1999 had been circulated to each Member.

Councillor Callanan stated that one town from each Electoral Area should be selected for the Town Renewal Scheme.

TO NOTE PLANNING ACT 1999 - 122

This matter was deferred.

TO NOTE PLANNING BILL 1999 123

This matter was deferred.

TO APPROVE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 1998 124

This matter was deferred.

NOMINATIONS FOR PEOPLE OF THE YEAR AWARDS 1999 125

This matter was deferred.

CONFERENCES 126

On the proposal of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, 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:

Mid West Region Water Services Training Conference – Ennis, Co. Clare – 9/10 September 1999

Cllr. M. Connolly

Cllr. P. McHugh

“Rural Development” Conference – Cloone, Co. Leitrim – 20/21 August, 1999

Cllr. T. Mannion

Humbert School Conference – Ballina/Castlebar, Co. Mayo – 18/21 August 1999

Cllr. N. Grealish

Planning & Development Bill Conference – 1/10/1999

Cllr. M. Connelly

Cllr. Rabbitt

Cllr. T. McHugh

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

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Planning

Councillor Burke queried the position of extra staff in the Planning Section.

The County Manager stated the staffing position within Planning Section was under active consideration all the time but the response to advertisements for posts had been poor. He added that the advertising of posts had now been extended to the U.K. and he was hopeful of a better response.

East Timor

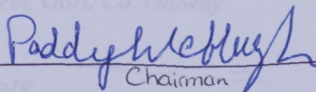
Councillor Connolly referred to the situation in East Timor and stated that a peace-keeping force should be put in place in East Timor and proposed that a motion to that effect be sent to the Taoiseach. This was agreed.

Galway Minor Team

The Members wished good luck to the Galway Minor Hurling Team and to Staff Member John Moylan, a team selector.

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Submitted, Approved + Signed:


Chairman

18th October 1999
Date