

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

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

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. P. McHugh

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill: Deputy U. Burke, Cllrs. J. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputy P. 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, J. McClearn, Sen. 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, T. Mannion, 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, F. Dawson, Director of Community & Enterprise, V. Raine, Exec. Solicitor, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., G. McCarthy, S.E.E. E. Power & T. Murphy, A.O.'s, P. Carroll, A/A.O., E. Maloney & B. McDermott, S.S.O.'s, R. Gately, Veterinary Inspector, M. Jordan, S.O., A. Whelan, C.O. & C. Mac Aodh Bhui, Oifigeach Gaeilge

Thosnaigh an crinniú leis an paidir.

The Cathaoirleach introduced and welcomed Rita Gately, Veterinary Officer to Galway County Council. The Cathaoirleach and Councillors congratulated the three Council members who were elected to Udaras na Gaeltachta, Cllr Ni Fhatharta, Cllr O'Neachtain and Cllr O'Foighil. He also complimented the Council staff who were involved in the count. The Cathaoirleach congratulated the Kilkerrin/Clonberne Ladies Football Team who won the Intermediate All Ireland Club Final. An

Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, O'Neachtain agus O'Foighil thanked the Councillors and Count Staff and referred to the large number of unstamped Ballot Papers resulting in spoilt votes.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

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Resolutions of Sympathy were passed to:

Mr. John F. Divilly & Family, Ballymoe Road, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway
Mrs. Bernie Staunton, Redmount Hill, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Messrs. Seamus & Sean Ó Feinne, Muintir, Cladhnach, An Cheathru Rua, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Healy Family, Monksfield, Craughwell, Co. Galway.
Mr. Vincent Brien, 7 St. Joseph's Park, Killimor, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mrs. B. O'Hara, Neil, Killimor, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

MINUTES

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The Cathaoirleach requested approval of the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 22nd November, 1999. Councillor Loughnane proposed the adoption of the Minutes and this was seconded by Councillor Callanan. A number of Councillors said they did not agree with the Minutes and the Cathaoirleach requested that they itemise what they felt was inaccurate in the Minutes and give them to him in writing.

Cllr T. Walsh handed up a submission and having read it, the Cathaoirleach said that he could not allow Cllr T. Walsh's submission as it was not relevant to the accuracy of the Minutes.

Cllr. Gavin handed a submission to the Cathaoirleach pointing out that at Meeting on 22nd November 1999 the Cathaoirleach stated that he was consistent with Standing Orders in proceeding to deal with the appointment of the Chairpersons of the SPCs whereas he (Councillor Gavin) pointed out that the Cathaoirleach could not alter the Agenda without the agreement of the Council. This was not recorded in the Minutes and Councillor Gavin wished to have the Minutes amended accordingly.

Councillor J. Burke handed up a submission requesting that Page 7 of the Minutes be amended to include the words "known" and "as a point of order", i.e. the Minutes to read as follows:-

Councillor J. Burke stated that the Chairman was refusing the *known* wish of the Council.

Councillor J.J. Mannion pointed out *as a point of order* that a Councillor is only allowed speak for five minutes etc.

Councillor McClearn handed up a submission which stated that he and other Members indicated to the Cathaoirleach at the Meeting on 22nd November 1999 that if he refused to carry out the business in accordance with the Agenda and the wishes of the known

majority of the Members, another Councillor would be proposed as Chairman. The County Secretary stated that the substance of Councillor McClearn's submission was included in the Minutes.

The County Secretary explained that subsequent to the Meeting of 22nd November and following the receipt of notes from Councillor J. Burke in relation to the conduct of the Meeting, the County Secretary sought advice from the Council's Law Agent. He said that the Law Agent's Report would clarify some of the issues raised and he read the Report to the Meeting as follows:-

“ Re Conduct at Meeting

I refer to the questions which have arisen in relation to the conduct of a meeting of the County Council. It would appear to me that there are three questions to be dealt with namely;

- 1. Was the Chairman entitled to take the business on the agenda “out of order”*
- 2. Was the Chairman of the Council entitled to adjourn the meeting.*
- 3. Was the meeting subsequently convened, a valid meeting.*

The regulations relating to the conduct of the meeting are the Standing Orders of the body in question, in this case the County Council's Standing Orders, Common Law and the Statute where appropriate. In the present case, as I understand the position, there is no statutory provision relating to the agenda in this case or the matters in contention. The Chairman's powers derive from Standing Orders and the Common Law and he is bound by these.

Dealing with question No. 1, the question of the order of business on the agenda is dealt with in Rules No. 19 and 33(e) of the Standing Orders.

Rule No. 19 clearly states that the order of business will be set down, and shall only be altered in case of special emergency and only then by majority vote of the County Council. There is therefore a specific rule relating to the changing of the order of business and the Chairman has no discretion or power in this direction. Rule 33 deals with motions which may be made without notice to a meeting and they include a motion for the variation of the order of business. In other words the matter has to be dealt with on motion, and not by the Chairman exercising his purported power as a Chairman.

Dealing with question No. 2, Rule 66 plainly states that if the Chairman considers the meeting, owing to disorder, can not continue he should have power to adjourn the meeting for such period as he shall determine. In the present case the Chairman came to this conclusion, and in this regard he is entitled to use his discretion, and consequently both adjournments of the meeting were valid. The rule states that he should determine when the meeting is to resume. However, I do not think it was necessary to make the determination at the time of the adjournment, but it would appear to me that the adjournments were valid and that the Chairman had discretion when the meeting should be resumed. I would imagine that a periodic meeting called in the usual way for the next succeeding meeting day, and holding the same agenda, would be taken to be a resumption of the adjourned meeting, and that such a

resumption would constitute a valid meeting. I am not in a position to comment on whether the Chairman had reasonable grounds for making his decision or not as I was not there and this is not a question of law.

Dealing with question No. 3. It would appear to me that members or some of them had no legal right to purport to restart the meeting. There are a number of reasons for this. First of all Rule 66 referred to, gives a Chairman the authority to determine when the meeting shall resume but in the absence of such determination there is no right for anybody else to do it.

Rules 15,16 deal with a meeting being started in the absence of the Chairman or Vice Chairman. However, these rules plainly relate only to the commencement of a meeting at the appointed hour for the start of the meeting. In other words where a meeting is properly convened, and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are not present, then Rules 15 and 16 may come into play. However, from the information before me the circumstances did not exist to bring Rules 15 and 16 into play. The meeting had been legally adjourned by the Chairman, its recommencement was at his discretion, and the resumed meeting was not a meeting called because the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were not present at the appointed hour, and again as I understand the matter the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were present but were not agreeable to restart the meeting. Consequently it would appear to me that the purported resumption of business by some of the members was not a valid meeting, consequently any motions passed at that meeting are not valid or legal.”

The Cathaoirleach said that he accepted the opinion of the Law Agent that it was not proper practice for the Cathaoirleach to take the business of the meeting out of order. He apologised to the Meeting and explained how he had misinterpreted Standing Orders. Cllr Gavin accepted the Cathaoirleach's apology but said that the reason for the disorder was because the Cathaoirleach did not take the agenda in the proper order. Cllr. T. Walsh and other Members accepted the Cathaoirleach's apology. Councillor McClearn said that the Minutes given to the Law Agent were limited. The County Secretary explained that the Minutes were not put before the Law Agent as they had not been adopted.

In relation to the requested amendments to the Minutes, the County Secretary stated that he had no difficulty with the amendments proposed by Councillors Gavin and J. Burke.

Councillor J. Burke then handed up a second submission to the Cathaoirleach who said it was irrelevant as it did not relate to the accuracy of the Minutes. Councillor J. Burke said that part of his second submission was relevant i.e. "That the Vice-Chairman Councillor Quinn started the Meeting at 3.20 p.m." and should be included in the Minutes.

Following further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Callanan and resolved that the Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 22nd November 1999 be adopted subject to Councillor Gavin's and Councillor J. Burke's amendments and that part of Councillor J. Burke's second amendment relating to the Meeting commencing at 3.20 p.m.

**MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT 291
PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF LOUGHREA
& ENVIRONS OF LOUGHREA - TOWNLAND OF
CAHERWALTER PLANNING REF: 99/1718
APPLICANT: G & G DEVELOPMENTS**

Following questions from Deputy Connaughton and other Members, the County Engineer said that the road affecting this development would be widened subject to the land and funding being available. Councillors Regan and Loughnane also referred to the position of the boundary wall and gradient and the County Manager agreed to discuss these matters with the County Engineer and Mr. L. Kavanagh, S.E.E.

Mr. Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E. outlined the details of Material Contravention set out in the following report dated 16th November, 1999 which had been circulated to the Members.

APPLICANT: G & G Developments

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The proposed development involves planning permission for 10 no. houses as an extension to an existing housing scheme and for alterations to house no.'s 36, 37, 38, 39 and retention of utility room at no. 44.

LOCATION: Townland of Caherwalter

PLANNING HISTORY:

Under planning reference no. 97/3329 planning permission was refused for a housing development on part of this site because of zoning (agricultural), access onto National Primary Route and because the site was too narrow to accommodate the development. The site abuts the site of planning reference no. 97/1090 where planning permission was granted, by means of the material contravention procedure.

ASSESSMENT:

As well as the minor variations to the previous permitted dwellinghouses, the applicant proposes to construct 10 no. dwellinghouses as an extension of the existing estate under construction. The site would form a natural extension of the existing development and the sewers and surface water drains would discharge to the existing sewers constructed under planning reference no. 97/1090. The density proposed is acceptable and compatible with the adjoining development.

There was one objection to the application, received from the Caheronaun Residents Association. They state that the existing road is too narrow and also complain about the builders method of working. A road improvement line has been prepared for the Dainesford Road and work will proceed on this improvement work as finances allow. The other matter will be followed up under the Building Regulations.

In addition 2 no. observations were received which relate to boundary wall construction and these observations will be considered when conditions are being finalised.

OBJECTIONS:

No objections or submissions were received to the material contravention procedure.

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 21st October 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 20th December, 1999."

Councillor M. Fahy proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by G & G. Developments, for planning permission for the extension of an existing housing scheme comprising of 10 no. houses and associated site works and alterations to no. 36, 37, 38 and 39 and permission for retention of utility room of no. 44, planning reference no. 99/1718, and having considered the Report dated 16th November, 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 M. Regan seconded this proposal. A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

AR SON:

Cllr. J. Burke, Deputy U. Burke, Cllr. J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. M. Connolly, J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, N. Grealish, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, Sen. 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 (29)

IN AGHAIDH:

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried.

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT 292
PLAN FOR SCHEDULED TOWN OF LOUGHREA &
ENVIRONS OF LOUGHREA - TOWNLAND OF CUSCARRICK
PLANNING REF. 99/2492. APPLICANT: JARDONELLE LTD

Mr. Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E. outlined the details of Material Contravention set out in the following report dated 3rd December, 1999 which had been circulated to the Members.

APPLICANT: Jardonelle Ltd

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The proposed development involves the retention and completion of 3 no. dwellinghouses and alterations to site boundaries.

LOCATION: The site is located on a County Road at Cuscarrick

PLANNING HISTORY:

Under Planning Reference no. 98/3893 planning permission granted for the construction of 3 dwellinghouses by way of material contravention of the Development Plan for Loughrea Town and Environs.

ASSESSMENT:

Planning Permission was previously granted on this site for 3 dwellinghouses as outlined above. However, the site boundaries have been altered and in one case a different house design has been used. The proposal is acceptable and generally in line with the previously permitted development. However, as the land is currently zoned for Agricultural development it is again necessary to use the material contravention procedure. The land is zoned for Residential development in the Draft Plan for Loughrea Town and Environs.

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 19th October 1999 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections. No submissions were received.

LOCATION: The site is located on the Danesford Road, Loughrea, in the townland of Caheronsun.

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 18th December, 1999.”

Councillor M. Regan proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Jardonelle Ltd, for planning permission for retention and completion of 3 no. dwellinghouses and minor alterations to site boundaries, planning reference no. 99/2492, and having considered the Report dated 3rd December 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 M. Loughnane seconded this proposal. A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

ARSON: Cllr. J. Burke, Deputy U. Burke, Cllr. J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. M. Connolly, J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, N. Grealish, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. McHugh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, J. McClearn, P. O’Foighil, S. O’Neachtain, P. O’Sullivan, K. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, M. Regan, S. Walsh & T. Walsh (29)

IN AGHAIDH: -----

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried.

**MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT 293
PLAN FOR TOWN OF LOUGHREA & ENVIRONS IN
TOWNLAND OF CAHERONAUN, LOUGHREA
PLANNING REF. 99/2334 APPLICANT: GOLDEN PINE
CONSTRUCTION LTD.**

Mr. Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E. outlined the details of Material Contravention set out in the following report dated 3rd December, 1999 which had been circulated to the Members.

“APPLICANT: Golden Pine Construction Ltd.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Permission for the erection of 76 dwellinghouses including road, sewers and all associated services at Caheronaun, Loughrea

LOCATION: The site is located on the Danesford Road, Loughrea, in the townland of Caheronaun.

PREVIOUS HISTORY Under Planning Ref. No. 42992 Outline Planning Permission was granted for housing development on this site.

ASSESSMENT: The proposed development is a logical extension of the residential development in Loughrea Town. The site is zoned Residential Development in the Draft Plan for Loughrea Town and Environs. The site is readily sewered by the public sewer, public water main and surface water drains. The site is within walking distance of the Town Centre. The density proposed is approx. 8.5 dwellinghouses per acre which is acceptable. The layout and the location of public open space is also acceptable.

ZONING: The site is zoned for Agricultural Development in the Loughrea Town Plan but is proposed for Residential Development in the Draft Plan for Loughrea Town

OBJECTIONS

There is an objection from the Caheronaun Park Residents Association to the proposed development as follows:-

- (a) increased traffic volumes on the Caheronaun (Danesford) Rd.

Response: This is a public road and plans are in place for its realignment.

- (b) A request that an eight foot high stone wall be erected along the common boundary.

Response: This is realistic. The developer is proposing a 2m high block wall, capped and plastered. This is considered acceptable especially as the dwellinghouses in Caheronaun Park are well in excess of 11m from their rear boundary.

- (c) A revision of plans so that no house looks onto the back garden of Caheronaun Park in the layout proposed.

Response: There are no houses looking into Caheronaun Park in the layout proposed.

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 15th October 1999 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections. No submissions 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 14th December, 1999.”

Mr. L. Kavanagh stated that the response at (b) should read “This is unrealistic.”

Deputy U. Burke proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Golden Pine Construction Ltd., for planning permission to erect 76 no. dwellinghouses including road, sewers, and all associated services, planning reference no. 99/2334, and having considered the Report dated 3rd December 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 M. Cunningham seconded this proposal. A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

AR SON:

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

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried.

**MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT 294
PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF GORT –
TOWNLAND OF BALLYHUGH
PLANNING REF. 99/187. APPLICANT: WESTERN
HEALTH BOARD**

Mr. Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E. outlined the details of Material Contravention set out in the following report dated 6th December, 1999 which had been circulated to the Members.

“**APPLICANT:** Western Health Board

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The proposed development is a Day Hospital for Community Psychiatric Services. No design details have been submitted as this is an Outline application only. The floor area proposed is 200 square metres. Proposed staff numbers will range from 4 - 6 persons and user numbers would vary from 15 - 20 per day.

LOCATION: The proposed development is located at Ballyhugh, Gort, along the Tubber Road within the town boundary limits. It is bordered to the front by the Tubber Road, to the rear by the river and to the North by Veterinary Clinic, to the South is open agricultural land.

PLANNING HISTORY:

No previous planning history.

GORT DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The site of the proposed development is located on lands zoned for agricultural use as set out in the current Gort Town Plan 1993.

SERVICES:

The public sewer and watermain run along Church Street and the Tubber Road. It is proposed to connect into same.

TRAFFIC: The development is located inside the speed limit. Traffic volumes generated by the development will be low according to the applicant. Provision is made for 10 car spaces to the rear of the building.

MERITS OF THE DEVELOPMENT: Taken in context the development is located adjacent to a Veterinary Clinic and factory buildings and is within the town boundary. The site is substantial with an area of 0.23 ha. giving ample space for on-site car parking.

OBJECTIONS:

No objections or submissions were received.

STATUTORY CONSIDERATION: A decision to grant outline 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 30th October, 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 29th December 1999."

Councillor M. Cunningham proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Western Health Board, for Outline Permission for Day Hospital, planning

reference no. 99/187, and having considered the Report dated 6th December, 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 outline permission be made in the case of this application. Councillor M. Fahy seconded this proposal. A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

AR SON:

Cllr. J. Burke, Deputy U. Burke, Cllr. J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. M. Connolly, J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, J. McClearn, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, Sen. 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 (29)

IN AGHAIDH: -----

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried.

**MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT 295
PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF ATHENRY -
TOWNLAND OF BALLYDAVID SOUTH, ATHENRY
PLANNING REF. 99/160 APPLICANT: TALLYHOE
CONSTRUCTION LTD.**

Mr. Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E. outlined the details of Material Contravention set out in the following report dated 3rd December, 1999 which had been circulated to the Members.

"APPLICANT: Tallyhoe Construction Ltd

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Permission for eight dwellinghouses and associated services in the townland of Ballydavid South, Athenry

LOCATION: The site is approx. 1.6 acres and is located off the Monivea Road, within the current Town Plan boundary at Ballydavid South. The site has road frontage of approx. 20m. Applicant proposes to access this site from the Monivea Road via a proposed 8.0m wide access roadway

PREVIOUS HISTORY No previous application

ASSESSMENT: The construction of a residential project at this location is a logical progression of existing development. This is reflected by the Draft Development Plan for Athenry. The site is serviceable by both water and sewerage. The site is quite a

distance 2/3 mile from the town and as such lower densities can be allowed. Furthermore individual site open spaces exceeds the recommended standards in the Draft Development Plan.

OBJECTIONS: No objections were received

ZONING: The South Easterly portion of the site fronting the Monivea Road is zoned for residential purposes on the current Athenry Town Plan. However, the entire site is zoned “residential” in the 1999 draft Athenry Town Plan.

DENSITY The applicant proposes 5 houses/acre with open space allocation of 10%. The proposed draft plan recommends approx. 15% of gross site area to be public open space, but densities are not specifically specified. However, higher site densities are being encouraged by recent Department of Environment recommendations in order to promote sustainable development.

SERVICES A public sewer runs past the site and water supply is available to serve the site.

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 30th October, 1999 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections. No submissions 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 29th December, 1999.”

Councillor M. Loughnane proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Tallyhoe Construction Ltd., for planning permission to construct 8 no. dwellinghouses and associated services, planning reference no. 99/160, and having considered the Report dated 3rd December 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 M. Cunningham seconded this proposal. A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

ARSON: Cllr. J. Burke, Deputy U. Burke, Cllr. J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. M. Connolly, J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, N. Grealish, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane,

J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. McHugh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, J. McClearn, C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Foighil, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, M. Regan, S. Walsh & T. Walsh (30)

IN AGHAIDH: -----

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried.

**TO APPROVE OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION 296
FOR PERIOD ENDING 30/06/2000**

On the proposal of Cllr M. Fahy, seconded by Senator McDonagh, the Members approved overdraft accommodation in the maximum sum of £3m for the period of six months ending on 30/6/2000, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government.

APPOINTMENT OF 5 CHAIRS DESIGNATE OF SPC'S 297

The Cathaoirleach explained that the Group system applied. The County Secretary stated that as 30 members were present, any 6 Members could form a group if they so wished.

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Seamus Gavin as chair designate of an S.P.C. was handed to the Cathaoirleach,

The group consisted of :

Cllr Michael Mullins, Cllr P. O'Foighil, Cllr S. Gavin, Cllr P. Hynes,
Cllr J. Burke and Cllr N. Grealish.

The Cathaoirleach ruled the nomination valid and he accordingly declared Cllr S. Gavin appointed.

Second Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr J.J. Mannion as chair designate of an S.P.C. was handed to the Cathaoirleach.

The group consisted of

Cllr. J. McClearn, Deputy U. Burke, Cllr T. Walsh, Cllr T. McHugh,
Cllr J. J. Mannion and Deputy P. Connaughton.

The Cathaoirleach ruled the nomination valid and he accordingly declared Cllr J. J. Mannion appointed.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr M. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr J. Callanan that Cllr. T. Mannion be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr T. Mannion appointed.

Fourth Vacancy

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

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr Loughnane, seconded by Cllr Fahy that Cllr M. Connolly be appointed. There was no other proposal. The Cathaoirleach asked if Councillor Connolly's appointment was agreed but there was disagreement.

A vote was taken which resulted as follows: (only Members who were not part of a Group were entitled to vote).

For Cllr. M. Connolly

Cllr Callanan, Cllr M. Connolly, Cllr J. Conneely, Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Fahy, Cllr Hoade, Cllr Joyce, Cllr Loughnane, Cllr T. Mannion, Cllr P. McHugh, Cllr Ni Fhatharta, Cllr O'Neachtain, Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Quinn, Cllr Rabbitt, Cllr Regan (16)

Against Cllr Connolly

Nil

Senator McDonagh and Cllr S. Walsh abstained. The Cathaoirleach declared Cllr M. Connolly appointed.

As a result of the foregoing the following are the persons appointed as Chairs Designate of the S.P.C.s ;

- (1) Cllr S. Gavin
- (2) Cllr. J. J. Mannion
- (3) Cllr T. Mannion
- (4) Cllr J Conneely
- (5) Cllr M. Connolly

DURATION OF TERM OF CHAIRPERSON 298

It was proposed by Cllr Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. J. Callanan that the term of Chairperson for S.P.C.'s should be for one year.

A vote was taken which resulted as follows;

For:

Cllr. J. Burke, Deputy U. Burke, Cllr Callanan, Deputy Connaughton, Cllr M. Connolly, Cllr J. Conneely, Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Fahy, Cllr Gavin, Cllr Hoade, Cllr Hynes, Cllr Joyce, Cllr Loughnane, Cllr J.J. Mannion, Cllr T. Mannion, Cllr P. McHugh, Cllr T. McHugh, Cllr C. Ni Fhatharta, Cllr O'Foighil, Cllr O'Neachtain, Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Quinn, Cllr Rabbitt, Cllr Regan, S. Walsh. Cllr T. Walsh (26)

Against:

Cllr McClearn, Cllr Mullins.

The Cathaoirleach declared that the term of Chairperson of SPC's would be for one year.

It was agreed by the Council Members that items (12) and (13) should be dealt with next.

APPOINTMENT OF 5 MEMBERS TO INTER COUNTY RAIL COMMITTEE 299

First Vacancy

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

Second Vacancy

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

Third Vacancy

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

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr O'Foighil, seconded by Deputy Connaughton that Deputy U. Burke be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Deputy U. Burke appointed.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr O'Foighil, seconded by Deputy U. Burke that Cllr Mullins be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr Mullins appointed.

As a result of the foregoing the following are the persons appointed to the Inter County Rail Committee;

- (1) Cllr P. McHugh,
- (2) Cllr M. Connolly,
- (3) Cllr M. Loughnane
- (4) Deputy U. Burke
- (5) Cllr M. Mullins

APPOINTMENT OF 7 MEMBERS TO COISTE GAEILGE 300

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. 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

Second Vacancy

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

Third Vacancy

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

Fourth Vacancy

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

Fifth Vacancy

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

This item was deferred.

Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr Mullins seconded by Deputy U. Burke that Cllr P. O'Foighil be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr O'Foighil appointed.

Seventh Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr J. Burke seconded by Cllr N. Grealish that Cllr S. Walsh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr S. Walsh appointed.

As a result of the foregoing the following are the persons appointed to Coiste Gaeilge;

- (1) Cllr S. O'Neachtain,
- (2) Cllr Ni Fatharta,
- (3) Cllr P. O'Sullivan,
- (4) Cllr M. Connolly,
- (5) Cllr J. Joyce,
- (6) Cllr P. O'Foighil,
- (7) Cllr S Walsh,

ENUREMENT CLAUSES IN PLANNING PERMISSION 301

This item was deferred.

POLICY IN RELATION TO SALE OF BURIAL PLOTS 302

This item was deferred.

REVIEW OF SPEED LIMITS 303

This item was deferred.

PLANNING BILL 1999 304

This item was deferred.

REPORT ON RESIDENTIAL DENSITY GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING AUTHORITIES 305

This item was deferred.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

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TOWN RENEWAL PLANS

The County Secretary suggested that Area Meetings in respect of the Town Renewal Plans should be held between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. on Monday, 20th December 1999. There were five towns involved, Headford, Ballygar, Clifden, Loughrea and Portumna.

The times were agreed as follows;

Oranmore Electoral Area	10.30
Loughrea Electoral Area	11.00
Tuam Electoral Area	11.30
Clifden Electoral Area	12.00

Cllr Cunningham said that he welcomed the announcement by the Department of £2.5M to alleviate flooding in South Galway. Deputy U. Burke also welcomed this announcement.

CONFERENCES

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On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, it was agreed that the attendance of the following Members be approved at the Conference set out hereunder, the cost of each Conference having been circulated to each Member:-

General Council of County Councils Seminar - Arklow - 19/20 November 1999

Cllr. K. Quinn	Cllr. M. Regan	Cllr. J. Joyce
Cllr. T. Rabbitt	Cllr. M. Cunningham	Cllr. Walsh

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted Approved + Signed:

Paddy McHugh
Chairman

24th January 2000
DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNTY
HALL, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY ON MONDAY,
29th NOVEMBER 1999**

CATHAOIRLEACH: An Comhairleoir P. McHugh

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

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

Oifighigh:

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, D. Nelson and
J. Tierney, Asst. Co. Managers, T. Kavanagh, Co.
Secretary, J. Collieran, Co. Engineer, E. Lusby, Finance
Officer, P. McMahon, Co. Librarian, C. Mac hAoda
Bhuí, Irish Officer, F. Dawson, Director of Community
and Enterprise, C. Nevin, S.S.O.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

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The Chairman, Cllr. P. McHugh stated that this was the second meeting in relation to the Estimates and would commence by allowing the Councillors to speak on same. All of the Councillors that spoke complemented the Manager and staff for their work in preparing the Estimates.

Cllr. Pol O Foighil stated that more money should be made available for housing for the elderly. Also, more money was needed in relation to Group Schemes and that where some group schemes were more costly than others, extra money should be made available.

Cllr. Sean O Neachtain agreed that more money should be made available for Group Water Schemes especially in isolated areas. He also stated that the proposed provision of £53,000 for public lighting was inadequate. He welcomed reference to the Land Use Transportation Study and said that all resources needed should be made available so that Galway County Council would be in a position to draw down funding at the earliest possible time. He stated that the water rates levied on B & B's should be discontinued particularly B & B's that are only open for 2 or 3 months of the year. He said that the charge was inequitable.

Cllr. Tomas Mannion commenced by congratulating St. Cuan's College, Castleblakeney on 50 Years since the foundation of the college. He stated that the 5% water charge increase would hit the farming community and that if farmers were to be charged for water, they should be metered so that they would only pay per use. He also asked that the Department be written to regarding the location of the car testing centres, that the eastern areas of the county was poorly serviced in relation to same.

Cllr. Matt Loughnane welcomed the increase in road funding for maintenance. He thanked the council for their work on the EU Co-Financed Schemes particularly in Woodford, Killimor, Killeeneen/Kilcolgan. He also stated that the amenity grants had proved very successful and said that as much money as possible should be allocated for this purpose. He welcomed the extra money on housing maintenance but stated that there should be a move towards planned maintenance.

Cllr. Tim Rabbitt asked if there were proposals for providing affordable housing schemes in the Oranmore area. He welcomed the computerised element for Planning and thanked the council for their work in relation to the library in Oranmore and purchase of lands for recreational areas in Oranmore.

Cllr. Michael Connolly stated that he had strong reservations about the increase in water charges particularly the increased charges for farmers where they had fragmented holdings and troughs on each.

Cllr. Kathleen Quinn expressed concern about the money being made available for public lighting and also asked the Council to examine the necessity for more signs and the replacement of existing signs around the county.

Cllr. J.J. Mannion welcomed the inclusion in the Estimates for the provision of smoke alarms to all houses on the islands. He objected to the manner in which the Estimates has provided for the N59 Galway – Clifden road and asked that the matter be taken up with the NRA. He also stated that there is too much emphasis on road expenditure and that more money is needed on housing. He stated that this is an issue that needs to be dealt with at National level.

Senator Jarlath McDonagh stated that the rate for B & B's should be examined to differentiate between the small B & B and the all year round guest house. He also stated that the charge was a penalty on the farming community and proposed that the charge be deferred for 3 years. He stated that the £3.00 charge for demountable dwellings should be deleted and that the council should examine the policy in relation

to the provision of demountable dwellings. He also stated that in the context of preparing the Roads Programme, an amount of £50,000 - £60,000 should be put aside for small roads/laneways leading up to houses.

Cllr. Michael Regan asked that the water charges for B & B's be deleted. He also requested that the Manager look at the location of the vehicle testing centres. He also stated that there was a need to re-examine the Motor Tax Office and alternative methods of taxing of vehicles. He was also concerned at the level of funding provided for public lighting.

Cllr. Jimmy McClearn stated that with the amount of money available at present, the Council should be looking at its own stated aims and work practices, in particular the provision of longer opening hours for motor tax. The length of time that people have to wait to meet a planner is unacceptable. It is unreasonable that up to 20,000 people have to come into the Planning Office in Galway. We should work at providing the service in the Area Offices. He also agreed that the locations for the car testing centres were unreasonable and asked that representations be made to the Minister.

Cllr. Pat O Sullivan asked the Manger if he could examine how more help could be given to the Aughrim Interpretative Centre. He also stated that extra resources were needed for the library service in Ballinasloe and that there should be a provision of one stop shops with more facilities, planning, housing, motor tax available out in the areas.

Cllr. Seamus Gavin stated that he considered the commercial rates to be too high. He also asked that the graveyard scheme be better advertised and publicised. He also asked that the issue of national schools paying water charges be reconsidered and that the Millennium Estimates should remove this charge.

Cllr. Michael Mullins considered the 5% rates increase to be excessive particularly for smaller businesses. He agreed with Cllr. S. Gavin that non-residential schools should be exempt from water charges. He welcomed the increased maintenance grant for burial grounds but stated that the burial ground at Killaan, Woodlawn needs a carpark and the existing boundary wall needs to be re-examined. He asked that pressure be put on the Department for a once off grant to phase out demountable dwellings. He asked that the County Engineer look at the By-pass to the Poolboy Industrial Estate, Ballinasloe. He expressed concerns about the Housing Programme. He said it may be inadequate given the waiting lists. He asked that a special debate be initiated on water schemes in the county. He also proposed that the twinning grant be increased to £5,000. He also expressed concern at the increased charges being proposed in relation to the Ballinasloe Swimming Pool.

Cllr. James Joyce proposed that demountable dwellings be phased out over a 3 year period. He also expressed concern at the fact that while 48 scheme houses and 66 rural houses were provided, none of these were in the Ballinasloe Electoral area and asked that this matter be raised at the next Area Meeting. He also asked that the Council work with the communities to make the Aughrim Interpretative Centre a focal area. He also raised the matter of a rent collector for the

Kiltormer/Laurencetown area and he asked that a small extension to the Eyrecourt Sewerage Scheme be considered to serve a number of houses in Lisduan. He said the road to Banagher should be upgraded.

Cllr. Connie Ni Fhatharta expressed reservations about the water charges being imposed on schools and asked the Council and Manager to re-examine this area. She welcomed the provision of a new library in Carraroe but has asked that the Council consider the provision a library in Carna in conjunction with Udaras. She commended the Council on the work done in the harbours in her area. She expressed concern at the level of Fire Stations and asked that the Connemara area be reconsidered for the provision of a Fire Station.

The County Manager then responded to the issues raised. He said that in relation to Disabled Persons Grants, all applications will be assessed and paid in the normal way. He stated that the increase in water charges by 5% was not a great increase. In relation to the Fire Service, he said that expenditure increased in the past number of years from £1.9m to £3m. In relation to housing maintenance, he stated that £3.5m was planned for the next 3 years on a planned maintenance programme. In relation to the increase in rates, he stated that commercial rate payers are getting good value for money with improved infrastructure in the county. In relation to Roads, the County Council are employing additional staff to maximise potential and that the Local Improvement Scheme back log is down to 2 years. In relation to the location of car test centres, the concerns of the council will be taken up with the Department. In relation to Planning, there will be Clinics in Loughrea and Tuam from January. In relation to Higher Education grants, he stated that the procedures have improved and complimented the staff in the General Purposes Section for their hard work. In relation to the Loughrea By-pass, he said the council is waiting for technical approval from the NRA before they can proceed to CPO. In relation to affordable housing, he said that the first scheme will be starting in Tuam and that other areas are being examined at present. In relation to signage, he will ask the County Engineer to examine the matter and put aside a small element of money. In relation to demountable dwellings, he stated that it was the council's objective to phase out demountable dwellings.

In relation to Motor Tax, discussions have commenced with the staff to increase the opening hours to 4 O' Clock. The Council will also be encouraging the public to submit their applications by post.

Cllr. Michael Regan proposed that the increase in agricultural water charge for troughs be removed from the Estimates and that the receipts from planning fees be increased by £13,000 to make up the difference. This was seconded by Cllr. Joe Callanan and agreed.

In relation to waste, Mr. Nelson said that in 1999 there were 56,369 tonnes of domestic waste collected from 56,183 households. This represents approximately 1 ton collected per house with a gate charge of £25 per tonne.

At the end of the discussion, the Cathaoirleach stated that there were three statutory resolutions required.

ADOPTION OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR YEAR 2000 284

It was proposed by Cllr. Matt Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. Joe Callanan and resolved:-

“That Galway County Council hereby adopt the Estimate of Expenses as amended for the financial year ending 31st December 2000 and as set out in Tables A, B and D of the said Estimate of Expenses.”

The Cathaoirleach then declared the Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending 31st December 2000 adopted as amended.

DETERMINATION OF THE RATE IN THE POUND TO BE LEVIED FOR THE SEVERAL PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THE ESTIMATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 2000. 285

It was proposed by Cllr. Matt Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. Joe Callanan and resolved:-

“That Galway County Council hereby determine in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending 31st December 2000 as amended and adopted, the rates as set out in Table B and Column (7) Table D, to be the rates in the Pound to be levied for the several purposes as set out in Table B and Table D for the financial year ending 31st December 2000.”

The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Loughnane’s proposal carried and declared that the Rate in the Pound for the various purposes specified in the estimate for the financial year ending 31st December 2000 had been determined by the Council. The prescribed certificate was then signed.

DEMAND ON BALLINASLOE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL 286

It was proposed by Cllr. Matt Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. Joe Callanan and resolved:

“That the statutory demand on the Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the year ending 31st December 2000 be signed and sealed.”

The demand was then signed and sealed.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND INCOME 287
OUT-TURN FOR 1999

On the proposal of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Callanan, the Council noted and approved the estimated out-turn figures for 1999 as set out in the Book of Estimates.

Following this, Cllr. Connie Ni Fhatharta thanked the Council for their swift action in relation to the Carraroe Sewerage Scheme.

It was agreed that a reception be held on Friday 10th December at 5.30p.m. for the County Galway I.C.A. who are celebrating their 50th Anniversary. It was agreed that the next Finance Meeting would be held on the 20th December. It was also agreed that a presentation of the awards for the Environment and Tidy Towns Awards would be held on the 10th December.

It was proposed by Cllr. Michael Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Joe Callanan and agreed that the £2,000 in the 1999 Estimates in relation to the National Community Games be paid.

The Cathaoirleach proposed that the Secretary circulate the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting before the 10th December with a view to having these Minutes adopted at the Council Meeting on 10th December. He stated that any Councillors who wish to clarify issues should speak to the Law Agent prior to the meeting. Cllr. Joe Burke requested that the Law Agent be invited to the meeting of the 10th December. Cllr. Matt Loughnane proposed that the meeting on the 10th December would not commence until 4.00p.m.. This was seconded by Cllr. Joe Callanan and agreed.

CONFERENCE 288

On the proposal of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that the attendance of the following Members be approved at the Conference set out hereunder, the cost of the conference having been circulated to each Member:-

General Council of County Councils Seminar – Arklow – 19/20 November 1999

Cllr. M. Fahy

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Submitted, Approved + Signed:-

Paddy M. Fahy
Chairman

20th December 1999
Date