

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

### **MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2000**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** An Comhairleoir P. McHugh

#### **I LATHAIR 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, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, Senator J. McDonagh, Cllr. M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Foighil, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan, S. Walsh & T. Walsh

**Oifigigh:** Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, D. Nelson, Asst. Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, J. Colleran, Co. Engineer, F. Dawson, Director Community & Enterprise, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, D. Barrett, A.O., B. McDermott, C. Nevin, A/A.O., N. Burke, Asst. Engineer, M. Jordan, A/S.S.O. & A. Whelan, C.O.

#### ***Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.***

**The Cathaoirleach said that the Council would be making a presentation to Mr Joe McDonagh, President of the G.A.A. at 4.30 p.m. and requested that the meeting break for the presentation and resume afterwards.**

#### **RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY**

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**Resolutions of Sympathy was passed with the following:-**

Mr. Alan Kelly, Beechlawn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Tess Bn. Mhic Fhlannachdha, Sidhean, An Spideal, Co. na Gaillimhe.  
Seán Ó Cualain, Corr-na Rón, Indreabhan, Co. na Gaillimhe.  
Mr. Ger Forde, Ballroebeck, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Anne Noone, Creagh Road, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
The Flaherty Family, Ruanmore, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Kelly & Family, Cappamore, Kinvara, Co. Galway.

**MINUTES**

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*The Minutes of Special Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2000 were approved by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Councillor Regan.*

*The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2000 were approved by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Fahy.*

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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*The Report of the Connemara Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2000 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of An Comhairleoir O'Foighil, seconded by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta.*

**REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**(PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994**

**Construction of 8 No. Houses with services at Portumna, Co. Galway.**

*A copy of Report dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2000 was circulated to each Member. The Members agreed to proceed with said developments, on the proposal of Councillor Regan, seconded by Deputy Burke.*

**Construction of 6 No. Houses with services at Laurencetown, Co. Galway.**

*A copy of Report dated 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2000 was circulated to each Member. Mr Noel Burke, said that there were objections from the residents on the grounds of the inadequacy of the existing water and sewerage services. He said that Galway County Council proposes to rehabilitate the sewerage treatment system of the existing six houses and incorporate it into a new scheme serving 12 houses. Cllr Joyce welcomed the report but said that he was dissatisfied with the condition "perimeter landscaping walls to open areas would be provided subject to the approval of cost plans by the Department of the Environment." He said that boundary walls are necessary to prevent illegal parking. He also said that six houses were built in this area twenty years ago and that these houses should be brought up to the same standard as the new housing scheme. Mr Tierney said that the Council had not secured funding for the boundary walls but will be making a strong recommendation to the Department. He said that certain works would be carried out with respect to the existing houses under the Councils planned Maintenance Scheme.*

*The members agreed to proceed with the said developments on the proposal of Cllr Callanan, seconded by Cllr T. Mannion*

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**MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT 473**  
**PLAN IN TOWNLAND OF PORTUMNA DEMESNE**  
**PLANNING REF: 99/1472 APPLICANT: GLANMIRE**  
**DEVELOPMENTS**

Mr. N. Burke Acting/S.E.E. outlined the details of Material Contravention set out in the following report dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2000 which had been circulated to the Members.

**“APPLICANT:** Glanmire Developments

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** The proposed development is for the construction of 15 no. detached two storey dwellings at St. Joseph’s Road, Portumna

**LOCATION:** The site is located adjacent to St. Joseph’s Road in the townland of Portumna.

**PLANNING HISTORY:** 52687 – Planning Permission granted for extension to dwellinghouse partly overlapping site at road frontage in 1986.

**ASSESSMENT:** The proposal appears reasonable having regard to the following:

- (i) The revised documents submitted to the Planning Authority on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 1999 and 20<sup>th</sup> December, 1999.
- (ii) The fact that part of the site is actually zoned for residential development
- (iii) The very close proximity of the site to the centre of the town
- (iv) The proposed development is to be connected to the public sewer

**ZONING:** The proposed development is on lands zoned residential in the Portumna Town Plan and on unzoned lands outside the Portumna Town Plan Boundary as indicated on Map no. 18 in the County Development Plan.

**OBJECTIONS:** No objections have been received.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that permission be granted to materially contravene the County Development Plan for the townland of Portumna

**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.

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Public notice of the Council's intention to consider deciding to grant permission was given on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2000 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 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2000."

Deputy U. Burke proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Glanmire Developments for planning permission to construct 15 no. detached two-storey dwellings at St. Joseph's Road, Portumna, planning reference no. 99/1472, and having considered the Report dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2000, 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:** Deputy U. Burke, Cllrs. J. Burke, 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, J. McClearn, Senator J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Foighil, K. Quinn, M. Regan & T. Walsh (25)

**IN AGHAIDH:** -----

The Chairman declared the Resolution carried.

**MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT 474  
PLAN IN SCHEDULED TOWN OF TUAM & ENVIRONS  
IN TOWNLAND OF KILLALOONTY  
PLANNING REF: 99/5208 APPLICANT: MR. TOM LAVELLE**

Mr. N. Burke, Acting/S.E.E. outlined details of Material Contravention set out in the following Report dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2000 which had been circulated to the Members.

**APPLICANT:** Tom Lavelle

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:**

The proposed development is for change of 4 no. townhouses no's 6, 7, 8 & 9 to

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four no. semi-detached houses on enlarged site at Killaloonty, Tuam

**LOCATION:** The site of the proposal is located at Killaloonty inside the speed limit in Tuam town environs

### **PLANNING HISTORY:**

98/4652 – Permission was granted to Tom Lavelle to construct 42 no. houses as extension to previously granted development on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1999 (Material Contravention).

99/3135 – T. Lavelle granted Permission to extend housing scheme to include 12 additional houses on 18<sup>th</sup> January 1999. (Material Contravention).

98/2721 – Permission was granted to Tom Lavelle for variation to previously granted planning permission (reference no. 70899) to alter site layout and change of house type on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 1998.

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

**ZONING:** The site is currently zoned for agricultural purposes but it is proposed that these lands will be zoned residential in the forthcoming Tuam Plan.

**ASSESSMENT:** The proposed enlarged site is an addition to an existing permitted housing development with an additional area of 262.5m<sup>2</sup> (0.02 ha.). Permission was previously granted under planning reference no. 98/4652 for 42 houses as an extension to a previously permitted housing estate (planning reference no.'s 98/3135, 98/2721, 98/187). This was passed by a material contravention resolution. The applicant now wishes to enlarge the site previously granted under 98/4652 by 0.02 ha. And change 4 no. townhouses no.'s 6,7,8 and 9 to 4 no. semi-detached houses and change of detached houses no.'s 1, 2, 3 and 4 to 8 no. semi-detached houses on the enlarged site. The proposed 8 no. semi-detached houses front onto the Killaloonty road. The 4 no. semi-detached houses will face onto the estate road. The development will be served by pump and rising main as an interim measure and will eventually be served by means of a public sewer to be laid on the Killaloonty road.

### **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.

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The latest date for a decision on this application is 15<sup>th</sup> April 2000."

Deputy P. Connaughton proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Mr. Tom Lavelle, and having considered the Report dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2000, 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 K. Quinn 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, J. Conneely, 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. P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Foighil, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan & T. Walsh (26)

**IN AGHAIDH:** -----

The Chairman declared the Resolution carried.

**MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT 475  
PLAN IN SCHEDULED TOWN OF ATHENRY IN  
TOWNLAND OF KNOCKAUNGLASS  
PLANNING REF: 99/1130 APPLICANT: KINGSLAND  
HOMES LTD.**

**"APPLICANT:** Kingsland Homes Ltd

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** The proposed development is for 36 no. dwellinghouses on a site with a stated area of 1.815 h.a. (4.48 acres) and giving a housing density of 8 per acre. House types are of a two-storey variety, being a mixture of detached (10 no.) and semi-detached (26 no.). External stone finish is proposed to some external elements of these dwellinghouses.

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**LOCATION:** *The proposed development is located at Knockaunglass, Athenry on a site situated South East of the town centre located between Cemetery Cross and 'Cloonan Oil'. Residential development along this road is as yet quite sparse.*

**PLANNING HISTORY:** *No previous applications on this site.*

**ZONING:** *Currently, this site is zoned for Agriculture but is proposed for Residential zoning in the Draft Athenry Town Plan.*

**SERVICES:** *It is proposed to connect foul sewer for the proposed development to the public system, while storm water discharges are proposed to be fed to an adjacent stream.*

**ASSESSMENT:** *This proposal could be considered to be a natural progression in zoning terms. Development along this stretch of road is currently comprised of minor commercial developments and a handful of individual houses. This proposal would result in a relocation and rebalance of residential development of the southern side of the railway line as recommended in the Athenry Draft Development Plan. Site requirements, open space and density are substantially in order. Furthermore, this proposal is serviceable by means of a public foul sewer and stormwater disposal proposals are satisfactory. Therefore, taking above into consideration with the overall proper planning and development of the area a grant is recommended with conditions.*

**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 give on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2000 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections. None were received.*

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

*The latest date for a decision on this application is 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2000."*

*Councillor M. Loughnane proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Kingsland Homes Ltd., for planning permission for 36 no. dwellinghouses, planning reference no. 99/1130, and having considered the Report dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2000, 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,*

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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:**

Deputy U. Burke, Cllrs. J. Burke, 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, J. McClearn, Senator J. McDonagh, Cllrs. P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Foighil, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan & T. Walsh (26)

### **IN AGHAIDH:**

The Chairman declared the Resolution carried.

## **PRESENTATION ON THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 476**

The Director of Community and Enterprise presented a Report on the National Development Plan and its implications for County Galway, which described the background and strategy adopted by Government in preparing the Plan. The new emphasis was on the need for adaption to change, implications of the information society, opportunities for life long learning, tackling of infrastructure bottlenecks and the need for balanced regional development.

Key National objectives were:

1. Continuing sustainable National Economic and Employment Growth
2. Consolidation of Ireland's International Competitiveness and promotion of Social Inclusion.

While conscious of current weaknesses the Government had initiated the preparation of a National Spatial Strategy which will set down a broad National Strategy for the Country at large and indicative policies regarding location of industrial, residential, rural, tourist and heritage development. The Spatial Strategy will present a conception of an Urban System linked to Rural Areas and will determine investment in Infrastructure including transport.

The Report outlines the methodology and preparation of the Strategy and its framework.

The National Development Plan priorities are:

- Public Transport and the Environment
- Employment and Human Resources
- Productive Sector Development



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- *Rural Development*
- *Social Inclusion*
- *Social Capital (Housing and Health)*

*It is proposed that measures will be delivered via 3 Inter-Regional Programmes and 2 Regional Programmes, the Peace and Reconciliation Programmes and 4 Community Initiatives.*

*The role of the BMW Regional Assembly was described and its proposed expenditure of £1.5 billion is summarised as follows:*

*The Regional Assembly will have responsibility for Regional Social Inclusion measures, including Childcare, Equality, Community Development, Crime Prevention, Youth Services and Services to the Unemployed, as well as Regional Productive Investment measures covering Tourism, Micro-Enterprise, Rural Development, Forestry and Fisheries.*

*The Report concludes with a description of the Management structure for delivery of proposed Operational Programmes. The Plan is presently being considered at European level and detailed Operational Programmes are due to be published shortly.*

*Mr. Dawson then made a presentation on the White Paper on Rural Development in Ireland entitled Ensuring the Future. The White Paper establishes a background to current issues. The underlying principles are:*

- *Integration of policies reflected in National Development Plan*
- *Sectoral policies to have regional and rural focus*
- *Rural proofing of national policies*

*The Strategy aims to distribute benefits of the economic boom and integrate policies with a particular focus on rural areas. There is a resource commitment which will be provided through policies and programmes of NDP, sectoral policies pursued by Departments and operational programmes under CSF.*

*Institutional adjustments are agreed as follows:*

*The Lead Department will be Agriculture Food and Rural Development, a Cabinet Sub-committee chaired by the Taoiseach will ensure policy co-ordination. An Interdepartmental Policy committee will report to the cabinet Sub-committee and National Rural Development Forum of local regional authorities, social partners, local development bodies and the Community and voluntary Sector, is being established.*

*There will be harmonisation of operational boundaries of State bodies and County Development Boards are being put into place.*

*A Rural Development Fund is being established to finance research. It will be administered by the Department of Agriculture Food & Rural Development and will support assessment of sectoral policies, gathering of data on trends, identify*

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opportunities, examine gender issues and rural inclusion and identify good practice in policy implementation.

The White Paper is supported in the NDP under the 5 operational programmes, Economic and Social Infrastructure OP, Human Resources and Employment OP, Productive Sector OP, Regional OP and Leader Plus/ New Rural Development Programme and is embraced in proposed balanced regional development measures as well as the National Spatial Strategy. The White Paper also calls for greater integration of Public Services and Decentralisation of Local Authority Services.

In conclusion "the challenge for rural development policy is to improve the balance of economic and social conditions between urban and rural communities using a range of mechanisms, while safeguarding the rural heritage and protecting the environment. If rural communities and especially people leaving agriculture, can be integrated into the wider economy without geographic displacement, the central goals of rural development will be achieved".

**It was agreed that discussion on the National Development Plan and the Rural Development White Paper be deferred to the next Meeting.**

**CONFERENCES**

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

**Association of Health Boards – Westport – 31/03/2000 –1/04/2000**

Cllr Pat Hynes

**Humbert Millennium School - Castlebar – 18/21 Aug, 99**

Cllr Loughnane

**Housing Conference - Limerick Inn – 21/22<sup>nd</sup> October, 99**

Cllr Cunningham

**AMAI - Castlebar - 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> February**

Cllr Regan	Senator J. McDonagh	Cllr O'Neachtain	Cllr Hoade
Cllr Quinn	Cllr Callanan	Cllr Ni Fhatharta	Cllr Loughnane
Cllr Joyce	Senator McDonagh		

**L.A.M.A. - Kilkenny - 27/29<sup>th</sup> April, 2000**

Cllr Joyce	Cllr Hoade	Cllr Quinn	Senator McDonagh
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Cllr Loughnane      Cllr Cunningham      Cllr Quinn      Deputy Connaughton  
Cllr Mullins

**Colmcille Winter School, Letterkenny 25/27<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Cllr Regan      Senator McDonagh

**A Sense of Place – Menlo Park Hotel, Galway - 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2000**

Cllr Loughnane      Cllr Connolly      Cllr Hynes

**The Changing Face of Local Government - Ardagh, Co. Longford - 12/13  
May, 2000**

Cllr O'Sullivan      Cllr T. Mannion      Cllr Hoade      Cllr Connolly

**Cities in the Region, U.D.C. 14/15 April, 2000**

Cllr Cunningham      Cllr Regan

**Waste Management Control, Bray – 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2000**

Cllr Loughnane      Cllr Fahy      Cllr Cunningham      Cllr Regan  
Cllr Quinn

**3<sup>rd</sup> Irish & U.K. Conference - Newcastle, Co. Down - 13/14 April, 2000**

Cllr Cunningham

**Health & Environment, St Russell, Ballyconneell – 10/12 May, 2000**

Cllr Cunningham      Cllr Connolly

**Water Is its Quality Deteriorating?- Carrigaline County Hotel, Carrigaline  
May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

Cllr Cunningham      Cllr O'Neachtain      Cllr Regan      Cllr Hoade  
Cllr Connolly      Cllr T. Mannion      Deputy Connaughton  
Cllr Mullins

**General Council of County Councils – Monaghan – 13/15 April, 2000**

Cllr O'Foighil      Cllr Mullins      Deputy Connaughton  
Cllr McClearn      Deputy Burke      Cllr Cunningham  
Cllr Regan      Cllr O'Neachtain      Cllr Quinn  
Cllr Connolly      Cllr Hynes      Cllr Callanan  
Cllr Fahy      Cllr Hoade

*The Meeting was adjourned for the reception for Mr Joe McDonagh, President of the G.A.A. during which he was presented with a crystal bowl by the Cathaoirleach.*

**DECENTRALISATION OF COLLECTION OF MOTOR TAX 478**

*This item was deferred*

**LAW AND ORDER IN THE COUNTY 479**

*This item was deferred. Cllr. Fahy requested that this item be given priority at the next meeting.*

**NOMINATION OF THREE DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND – MALAHIDE - 11/14 APRIL 2000 480**

*On the proposal of Cllr Loughnane, seconded by Cllr Callanan it was agreed that Cllr Fahy, Cllr Regan and Cllr T. Walsh attend the above conference.*

**MANAGERS BUSINESS 481**

*The County Secretary referred to a letter circulated informing the Elected Members that Galway County Council and Galway Corporation have arranged a public seminar on Waste Management in the Great Southern Hotel, Eyre Square, Galway commencing at 10.00 a.m. on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2000. Cllr Loughnane enquired if the seminar was in relation to the Waste Management Plan. Mr. D. Nelson explained that it was an information Seminar on the Waste Management Plan the closing date for submissions being 31<sup>st</sup> May 2000.*

*Cllr Noel Grealish asked what Consultancy Group was giving the Seminar. The County Secretary said that it was P.J. Rudden, from M.C. O'Sullivan Consultants. Mr. D. Nelson said that the Public Seminar had been advertised in the local papers and will be advertised on local radio and that the Secretaries from the Action Committees for the three proposed sites would be contacted about the seminar.*

*The County Secretary read letters from Dept of Marine re allocation of grants for Harbour Development works as follows:-*

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<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>DEPT'S CONTRIB.</b>
Gorteen Beach/ Dogs Bay Beach, Roundstone	Beach Protection	£50,000	£37,500
Renville, Oranmore	Coastal protection to Public recreation area	£45,000	£33,750
Clifden Beach	Coastal protection to Public recreation area	£50,000	£37,500
Bunowen (Ballyconneely)	Leading lights	£65,000	£48,750
Keave (Clarinbridge)	Preliminary study for A new pier	£30,000	£22,500
Inishboffin	Repair fender system And safety works	£40,000	£30,000
Spiddal	Pier repairs	£50,000	£37,500
Aughinish Island	Causeway protection Works	£60,000	£45,000
Cleggan	Beach road protection Works	£50,000	£37,500
Tawin Island	Beach road protection works	£40,000	£30,000

He explained that these works were 75% funded by the Department. Deputy U. Burke asked if these were new schemes. The County Secretary said that the Council was aware of the proposed schemes and now the Council had received official notification of the funding from the Department. Cllr Loughnane welcomed the funding and asked how much the Council had to contribute. The County Secretary explained that the Council had to contribute in excess of £100,000, which was, included the Estimates 2000.

The County Secretary reminded the Councillors that the Special Meeting that should be held on Friday the 14th April had been changed to Monday the 10th April. He also suggested that due to Easter Monday falling on the fourth Monday in April that only one meeting be held for the month of April. On the proposal of Cllr Fahy, seconded by Cllr Cunningham it was agreed that only one meeting would be held in the month of April and that the Meeting on 10th April be a Monthly Meeting.

The Cathaoirleach said that it was a decision of the Council to extend the date for submissions to the end of May, 2000.

Councillor Regan spoke about the selection of the sites and the Consultation. Cllr Gavin said that he supported Cllr J. Burke's motion that all sides come together and

## CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

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### Landfill Sites

Cllr Callanan said that there were a large number of submissions for the Draft Waste Management Plan for which the closing date for submissions was the end of May, 2000 and some say there is no need for landfill. He proposed that there be no investigation of the three identified sites until the Draft Waste Management Plan is adopted. Cllr Loughnane seconded this motion and said that as the area of landfill required is not determined, the Council should wait until the Draft Waste Management Plan is adopted. He said that the Council did not know the situation on Incineration and until all these matters are decided the Council Officials should not enter the lands of the three proposed sites.

Cllr J. Burke suggested that representatives of the three Action Committees should meet with the Elected Members and the Manager and discuss the proposed sites. He said that Ballinasloe Landfill has a limited amount of time left and another year could be lost. He said there was a legal obligation on the Council and it won't go away.

Deputy Connaughton said that there was huge opposition in the areas of the proposed sites. He said that there were a lot of people living in close proximity to the proposed sites. Galway County Council is restricted in being confined to part of the County due to S.A.C.'s, etc. He asked if remote areas could be explored as possible sites for landfill. He said that the Council needs to dwell on recycling and he felt that incineration might be a better option to landfill. He said that Galway County Council must make the Draft Waste Management plan more acceptable to the public as there is no progress being made at present.

Deputy U. Burke said that the Council hasn't done enough on recycling. He proposed that the Council select a town/village in the County for a recycling scheme on a pilot basis. It should include kerbside collection of recyclable materials and there should be grants available for such a scheme. He said that the Council needs to show the public that it is serious about recycling and other Members supported this idea.

Cllr T. Mannion said that the three proposed sites for landfill were part of the Draft Waste Management Plan and it was wrong to single out one aspect of the plan. He questioned extending the time to the end of May for making submissions. He said the fact that the tonnage of waste was increasing was a vote of no confidence in recycling. He also said that Ballinasloe was dealing with all the waste for Galway City and County and the charges for disposal of waste should be uniform for both City and County. He agreed the sites should not be entered until the plan is adopted.

The Cathaoirleach said that it was a decision of the Council to extend the date for submissions to the end of May, 2000.

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meet management. He said that he realised the amount of time spent on the Draft Waste Management Plan and felt that it cannot be abandoned too hastily. He said that M.C. O'Sullivan consultants had not failed in their proposals and that the Council collectively had a duty to face up to its responsibility. Councillor Grealish said he understood the objections to the landfill sites in East Galway and similarly the sites identified for Incineration. He said he was all in favour of recycling and the Minister for the Environment and Local Government should run programmes in schools and that this would help to solve the problem. He also said that the Council should find the money for recycling even if it meant cutting back on other services. Cllr M. Connolly said that there was a deficit as regards recycling and that bottle banks are only located in major towns. He said that small towns and villages should have access to recycling facilities. The "wheelie bin" service is not provided in remote areas which results in rubbish being dumped indiscriminately. He welcomed the Waste Management Seminar.

Cllr Fahy said that there were good communities in the areas where the proposed landfill sites are located and that the refuse of the County should not be dumped on them. He said that the public representatives cannot support the location of a landfill site in any of the three areas. Cllr O'Neachtain said that the Council has a duty to adopt a Waste Management Plan but it seems that Galway County Council will end up without a Plan. He said that as a Local Authority there are times when difficult decisions have to be made and it is the Councils responsibility to make these decisions. He said that the communities have rights but the Waste Management Plan must be for the benefit of all.

Cllr O'Sullivan said that the perception of the public was that the only thing the Council wants to do is to provide a landfill. He said that the public must be made aware that landfill is only part of the overall plan for waste disposal and that the Council is serious about recycling.

Cllr Mullins said that Ballinasloe Landfill is due to close in 2005 and may close sooner because of the volume of waste being disposed there. He said that recycling waste will not solve the waste problem and there is need for a landfill site and incinerator. He said that the Council should look at areas that are sparsely populated in the County. He said that he supports the reduction of waste entering landfill and proposed that a Meeting in committee might be helpful. He also said that only one site for landfill should have been chosen instead of three. Cllr Hynes said that a landfill will not be allowed at any of the three chosen sites because the people won't accept it. He agreed with Deputy Burke on the issue of recycling. Cllr Quinn said that she regretted that the three sites were chosen in east Galway and that the Council should find a site that is sparsely populated. She said that the Council should have experts talk to them about recycling. Cllr T. Walsh said that he was opposed to landfill sites because he wouldn't like to live beside one. He said that he agreed with recycling and that while it may be costly it would be a good example for the County.

The Cathaoirleach said that the following four proposals had been made at the Meeting:-

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1. Councillor Callanan's proposal that there be no investigation of the three identified sites until the Draft Waste Management Plan is adopted.
2. Deputy Burke's proposal that a town be selected for recycling.
3. Councillor J. Burke's proposal that representatives from objectors and Councillors meet management.
4. Councillor Mullins' proposal that a meeting be held in-committee.

The Cathaoirleach said that Deputy Burke's and Councillor Mullins' motions were separate motions and were not amendments to Councillor Callanan's motion. The Cathaoirleach asked for a seconder for Councillor J. Burke's motion but there was none. It was accepted that Deputy Burke's motion which was seconded by Councillor Grealish was agreed.

The County Manager explained to the Council that the primary responsibility for dealing with waste lies with County Councils and County Borough Corporations. He said that the national hierarchy for dealing with waste is incorporated in the Waste Management Plan through prevention, minimisation, reuse, recycling, energy recovery and disposal. He said that an Environmental Education Officer is employed by the Council to encourage recycling in the County. He said that the projected target for recycling in the Draft Regional Waste Management Plan is 47%. He said that £2M has been invested in the Landfill Site at Ballinasloe and that a further £5m will be spent in order to meet E..P.A. requirements. He explained that regardless of the level of success of recycling and recovery there would always be a need for landfill. He said that it will take a minimum of 4-5 years to complete site selection, go through the necessary planning phases and construct the new site and this work must be carried out in accordance with the EPA Manual on Landfill Site Selection. Galway County Council cannot select forests or remote areas as there are criteria laid down by the EPA and that it is of critical importance that the sites are investigated now. The Manager referred to Mr Dawson's presentation on the National Development Plan. If the County is to maximise the potential from proposed national investment, it will be a prerequisite that all infrastructure is in place including waste facilities. He said that the Council was at Phase 1 of a 4 Phase process in relation to site selection. The process involves firstly a desk study/preliminary site survey followed by land entry for a site survey, then a technical/environmental/economical assessment of the short-listed sites and finally an Environmental Impact Study on the selected site. The County Manager said that at Phase 1 the Council could not determine if any of the three proposed sites are suitable for landfill and therefore the sites must be entered by Council Officials. He said that time was limited if the Council wished to prevent a crisis. The Officials of the Council have been fair to the Councillors when they requested that entry on the sites be deferred previously. The reasons then were (a) until sites for Thermal Treatment were found; (b) to give the Councillors an opportunity to visit Waste Management Facilities in Germany and (c) to allow further consultations on the proposed sites to take place.

The County Manager said that he was advising the Council in the strongest possible manner not to pass Cllr Callanan's motion. With regard to Deputy Burke's proposal for a pilot recycling scheme he said that the Council will check the feasibility of it.



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He explained that the Council wants to minimise waste but there would always be a need for landfill. He said that the deadline for having the waste facilities in place is 31/12/2005 or the Council will be facing a crisis.

The County Manager spoke further about recycling and that the Council be seen to be promoting it. He said that a progress report on recycling would be prepared for the Councillors. He said that there can be serious problems in disposing of recycled waste and that a landfill will always be necessary. Deputy Burke asked if alternative sites could be identified.

Councillor T. Mannion asked why the Council had applied to increase the waste tonnage at Ballinasloe landfill. In response Mr. Nelson stated that the E.P.A. wrote to the Urban District Council last July advising them that a limit of 375,000 tonnes was being placed on the Poolboy site. He had written to the Department requesting that the Waste legislation be amended to cater for the situation in Ballinasloe. The Council did not intend to increase the actual tonnage being deposited at present, merely to continue to cater for the current demand until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005. Cllr Connolly asked if there are any definite plans for toxic waste disposal sites in the County. Mr Nelson explained that the EPA deals with toxic waste.

A vote was taken on Cllr Callanan's proposal that there be no investigation of the three proposed landfill sites until after the adoption of the Draft Waste Management plan, and it resulted as follows;

### **For Cllr Callanans proposal**

Deputy U. Burke, Cllr Callanan, Deputy Connaughton, Cllr Conneely, Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Fahy, Cllr Grealish, Cllr Hoade, Cllr Hynes, Cllr Loughnane, Cllr T. Mannion, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr Mullins, Cllr Ni Fhatharta, Cllr O'Neachtain, Cllr O'Sullivan, Cllr Quinn, Cllr Regan, Cllr T. Walsh . (19)

### **Against Cllr Callanans proposal.**

Cllr J. Burke (1)

The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Callanan's motion carried.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **N.O.M. NO. 13 – “REFLECTOR BARRIER” – AN COMH. 483 C. NI FHATHARTA**

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

“Cuirfear suas comhartha ag cur in iúl go bhfuil acomhal ag teacht. Bheadh sé seo níos oiriúnach ná bac trachta ag an láthair seo.”

**N.O.M. NO. 14 – PLEANALA – AN COMH. S. 484**  
**O'NEACHTAIN**

The following written reply was given to Councillor O'Sullivan:-  
*The road is not included for resurfacing on this year's roadworks programme. If*

*"Nil an eolas seo le fáil go héascaí. Beidh ar oifigigh ón Roinn Pleanála scrúdú a dhéanamh ar gach socrú a rinneadh i rith an bhliain 1999 (meid 4663) chun an teolas sin a fháil."*

**N.O.M. NO. 15 – PLEAN FORBARTHA – AN COMH. S. 485**  
**O'NEACHTAIN**

The following written reply was given to Deputy Mayor:-

*"Nil aon moladh déanta ag an gComhairle Chontae plean forbartha a chur ar fáil do na trána go dtí seo no cén sórt obair atá i gceist.*

*Tá airgead curtha ar fáil cun an fadhb ón bpiopa séarachais ag an Spidéal a laghdú, agus cuirfidh sin feabhas ar an dtrá ansin. Nil sé soilear, an bhfuil údaras ag an Comhairle obair a dhéanamh ar trá na Forbacha ach amháin in aice an bhóthair."*

**N.O.M. NO. 16 – ROAD REPAIRS – AN COMH. S. 486**  
**O'NEACHTAIN**

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

*"Routine maintenance will be carried out on these roads as soon as possible."*

**N.O.M. NO. 17 – FLOODING – CLLR. P. O'SULLIVAN 487**

The following written reply was given to Councillor O'Sullivan:- *There is £190,000*

*"This location is included in this year's work programme and improvement works will be carried out before the end of the year."*

**N.O.M. NO. 18 – ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – CLLR. P. 488**  
**O'SULLIVAN**

The following written reply was given to Councillor O'Sullivan:- *494*

*"This work was carried out in 1999."*

The following written reply was given to Councillor Conneely:-

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**N.O.M. NO. 19 – ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – CLLR. P. O’SULLIVAN 489**

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

“This road is not included for resurfacing on this year’s roadworks programme. If extra funds become available before the end of the year the situation will be reviewed. In the meantime routine maintenance will be carried out

Our staff checked for flooding on March 20, 2000 and were informed by local people that there was no flooding problem..”

**N.O.M. NO. 20 – ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – DEPUTY U. BURKE 490**

The following written reply was given to Deputy Burke:-

“The road will be examined to determine what improvement works can be carried out to correct the problem. There are lights on order for the quay area. We will contact E.S.B. to see if traditional type lights can be provided.”

**N.O.M. NO. 21 – SIGNAGE – DEPUTY U. BURKE 491**

The following written reply was given to Deputy Burke:-

“There are a total of twelve directional signs in place for the village of Tynagh. It is considered to be adequately signposted.”

**N.O.M. NO. 22 – ROAD WORKS – DEPUTY U. BURKE 492**

The following written reply was given to Deputy Burke:-

“An allocation of £90,000 was spent on this road in 1999. There is £190,000 allocated for further work this year.”

**N.O.M. NO. 23 – ROAD REPAIRS – CLLR. J. CONNEELY 493**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Conneely:-

“This road is included in this year’s Roads Programme for surface dressing.”

**N.O.M. NO. 24 – ROAD RESURFACING – CLLR. J. CONNEELY 494**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Conneely:-

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*“This road is not included for surface dressing on this year’s Road Works Programme. It is included in the Five Year Roads Plan for improvement in 2004. In the meantime routine maintenance will be carried out.”*

**N.O.M. NO. 25 – ROAD RESURFACING – CLLR. J. CONNEELY 495**

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

*“This road is not included for re-surfacing in this year’s Roadworks Programme. Routine maintenance will be carried out as funds allow.”*

**N.O.M. NO. 26 – FLASHING LIGHTS – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 496**

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

*“This matter will be investigated and a report will be available for the next meeting.”*

**N.O.M. NO. 27 – ROAD – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 497**

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

*“There is no provision in the roadworks programme for this work. It will be considered for the low cost accident prevention measures scheme.”*

**N.O.M. NO. 29 - WATER SCHEME – CLLR. M. FAHY 498**

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

*“The Contract Documents are being prepared on the water scheme for the village of Craughwell. In regard to the sewerage scheme, the Preliminary Report on the project will be available in April.”*

**N.O.M. NO. 30 – ROADS – CLLR. M. FAHY 499**

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

*“There is no special grant being provided to repair roads damaged by flooding. The problem will have to be addressed as part of the normal roads programme. One of the roads referred to is included for restoration in this year’s roadworks programme. The others will have to be dealt with in future roadworks programmes as funds allow.”*

**N.O.M. NO. 31 – CARPARK – CLLR. M. FAHY 500**

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

*"This proposal will be investigated to establish if it is feasible."*

**N.O.M. NO. 32 – DEMOUNTABLE DWELLING – CLLR. J. JOYCE 501**

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

*"The site in this case was examined some time ago with a view to the provision of a septic tank and toilet facilities, but was found unsuitable. The County Council was asked to understand, at the time, that an alternative site might be made available but this has not happened to-date. The matter is being pursued with a view to some resolution of the difficulty in this case.*

*The range will be examined and replaced if necessary."*

**N.O.M. NO. 33 – SPEED LIMITS – CLLR. J. JOYCE 502**

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

*"The speed limits at this location will be reviewed in the course of the speed limit review which will be carried out in May of this year."*

**N.O.M. NO. 34 – ROAD MARGIN – CLLR. J. JOYCE 503**

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

*"If the land is made available free of charge a walking area for pedestrians will be provided. It is not proposed to provide a footpath or lighting at the location."*

**N.O.M. NO. 35 – ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – CLLR. J.J. MANNION 504**

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

*"The category of road referred to has been determined by the National Roads Needs Study carried out on behalf of the National Roads Authority. A request to upgrade this to a standard single lane carriageway was recently forwarded to the National Roads Authority and the Department of the Environment. A copy of reply dated 10/3/00 from the Department of the Environment is enclosed for your information.*

**N.O.M. NO. 36 – SPEED LIMIT – CLLR. N. GREALISH & SENATOR J. MCDONAGH 505**

*The following written reply was given to Councillor Grealish and Senator McDonagh:-*

“Speed limits in this area will be examined when the speed limit review is carried out in May of this year.”

**N.O.M. NO. 37 – ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – SENATOR J. 506  
MCDONAGH**

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

“This matter will be investigated to establish what remedial action is necessary.”

**N.O.M. NO. 38 – ROAD RESTORATION – SENATOR J. 507  
MCDONAGH**

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

“Proposals have been approved for surface restoration in the vicinity of Cregboy Junction on the N17 and will be carried out in the current year.”

**N.O.M. NO. 39 – TREOIR LUAIS – AN COMH. C. NI 508  
FHATHARTA**

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

“Beidh athbhreithniú á déanamh ar na treoir luais go léir ar fud an chonntae níos déanaí sa mbliain. Tógfar an treoir luais ag an áit seo san áireamh ansin.”

**N.O.M. NO. 40 – CÓRAS SÉARACHAIS – AN COMH. C. 509  
NI FHATHARTA**

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

“Is córas bailiúcháin agus umar coinnithe taoille le sruth éalaithe ag Céabh an tStrutháin atá sa gcóras séarachais ar an gCeathrú Rua faoi láthair. De réir Staidéar a rinneadh i 1994, níl agus ní bheidh tionchar mhór ag an sruth éalaithe seo ón gCeathrú Rua ar Chuan Chasla. Is sa tréimhse ó 2007 go dtí 2018 a dhéanfar athghrádú ar an scéim seo.”

**CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN**

Submitted, Approved + Signed

Paddy McLoughlin  
Chairman

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2000  
Date

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2000**

**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr. P. McHugh

**I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Baill:** Deputy U. Burke, Cllrs. J. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Connolly, 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, S. O’Neachtain, K. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, M. Regan, S. Walsh & T. Walsh

**Oifigigh:-** Messrs. D. O’Donoghue, Co. Manager, D. Nelson, Asst. Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary, B. McDermott, A/A.O., M. Jordan, S.O. & C. Mac Aodh Bhui, Oifigeach Gaeilge

**Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.**

**RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY**

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The Members and Manager extended their sympathy to Cllr Rabbitt on the recent death of his uncle.

**EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHT OF WAY OVER LAY-BY ON N18 AT KILTIERNAN**

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A copy of the report on the extinguishment of right of way over lay-by on N18 at Kiltiernan was circulated to each Member. On the proposal of Cllr Fahy, seconded by Cllr Regan the Council resolved to extinguish the right of way over lay-by on N18 at Kiltiernan having complied with the statutory procedures. Cllr Fahy requested that Galway County Council build a new wall beside Kiltiernan National School.

**EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHT OF WAY OVER LAY-BY AT GORTCAM ON R350** 463

A copy of the report on the extinguishment of right of way over lay-by at Gortcam on R350 was circulated to each Member. This matter was discussed at the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting. On the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Cllr Fahy the Council resolved to extinguish the right of way over lay-by at Gortcam on R350 having complied with the statutory procedures.

**DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BARNA** 464

Councillor C. Ní Fhatharta stated that this plan had already been discussed at the Connemara Electoral Area Committee meeting where it had been agreed that a recommendation would be put to the full Council that the Plan go on public display. It was proposed by Councillor C. Ní Fhatharta, seconded by Councillor S. Gavin and agreed that the Draft Development Plan for Barna be put on public display.

Councillor S. Gavin requested that public consultation take place during the public display period. The County Manager confirmed that this will take place.

Dúirt an Runaí leis an Comhairleoir Ó Foighil go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle fógra ar Radio na Gaeltachta maidir leis an Dréacht Plan Forbartha do Bearna.

Councillor J. Conneely enquired as to the position in relation to the preparation of development plans for other towns and villages, particularly Roundstone. The County Secretary confirmed that the Council intend preparing plans for a number of towns and villages including Roundstone.

**AUDITORS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 1998** 465

A copy of the Auditors Report on the River Suck Joint Drainage District Committee for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1998 was circulated to each Member. Cllr Quinn said that she felt money should be provided to combat flooding at Ballygar. She said that there was severe flooding in the yard of a local businessman, Mr. P. Murray, and enquired if there had been any progress on this matter. The County Manager said that a report would be available for the next meeting of the Tuam Area Committee. Deputy Connaughton asked if a report was available on Drainage within the County. The County Manager explained that the Council was preparing a report on flooding in County Galway County and that this would be available within the next couple of months. Cllr Connolly requested an increase in the allocation for drainage. He said that Mr. Murray was experiencing serious difficulty due to the flooding. The Auditors Report was noted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Quinn seconded by Deputy Connaughton.



**CONFERENCES**

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

**Seminar on the Future Development of Ireland's Inland Waterways: The Shannon Navigation – Ballykeeran, Co. Westmeath – 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2000.**

Cllr. M. Fahy

**Colmille Heritage Trust Seminar- Co. Donegal – 25/27 February 2000**

Cllr. K. Quinn      Cllr. M. Hoade

**Association of Municipal Authorities Spring Seminar 2000 – Castlebar – 11/12 February 2000**

Cllr. M. Hoade

**General County of County Council's – Monaghan- 13/15 April 2000**

Cllr M. Connolly

**LAMA 2000 Annual Conference – Kilkenny- 27/28<sup>th</sup> April 2000**

Cllr. M. Connolly

**MANAGERS BUSINESS**

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**Road Works Programme**

The County Secretary asked if the Road Works Programme as agreed at the Area Committee Meetings could be approved. Cllr O'Neachtain said that he felt that the Roads Works Programme should be discussed at the Monthly Council Meeting. He said that Connemara had very limited road access. The Cathaoirleach explained that the Road Works Programme was discussed at the Area Meetings and that it was not possible to discuss it at the Monthly meeting. On the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Cllr Connolly it was agreed that if there were any difficulties with any aspect of the Road Works Programme that it could be put on the Agenda for a Council Meeting. On the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Deputy Connaughton the Council agreed The Road Works Programme.

**Local Improvement Scheme**

The County Secretary advised the Members that the allocation for Local Improvement Schemes for 2000 was £434,060, which was an increase of £53,000 on the previous year's allocation. The Members welcomed the allocation.

### **Waste Management Plan For The Connaught Region**

The County Secretary advised the Members that the final date for submissions on the Waste Management Plan for the Connaught Region had been extended to the 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2000 by the Local Authorities concerned.

Cllr Rabbitt thanked the Manager for the extension of time and said that it was important that the public had ample opportunity to make submissions on the plan.

### **CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

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The Cathaoirleach congratulated the staff of Galway County Council who completed the Higher Certificate in Local Government Studies. He, also, congratulated Pauline Costello who had won an award for Student of the Region.

### **Decentralisation of Services**

Deputy Connaughton asked if "Collection of Motor Tax" could be put on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting and this was agreed. The County Manager explained that an in-house Staff Committee was working on a Report on Decentralisation of Services at present.

### **Location of Landfill Sites**

Deputy Burke said that a media comment, stating that Galway County Council were going to proceed to serve legal notice to enter lands at the three potential sites at Newbridge, New Inn and Ballinahistle for the purpose of assessing their suitability for Landfill, had caused unnecessary fear in the communities. He also said that this may cause a divide in communities and he felt that the Council should write to the action Committees and agree to meet and consult with them.

Cllr Callanan agreed with Deputy Burke and said that there was a fear among farmers in the proposed areas that they will have to meet the costs of Court Action against the Council. He said that the Action Committees were raising funds for legal Costs, which might be incurred. He said that Officials from Galway County Council should meet with the Action Committees so that legal proceedings will not be an issue. Cllr Regan requested that the site investigation should be postponed until it was discussed in full at the next Council Meeting. Councillor Hynes asked what powers the Council intend to invoke against the Landowners. Deputy Connaughton said that the fact that An Bord Pleanála refused permission for an Incinerator at Kilcock will have a major effect on the waste plan. He said that Galway County Council has to convince the public that they wish to avoid issuing Legal Proceedings to enter the proposed sites. Cllr Fahy said that it was a serious issue and that Councillors had given assurances to the electorate that the Landfill Site would not be located in their area.

Cllr O'Neachtain said that the location of the landfill site has been a source of discussion for long enough and that it is now time for the Council to make a decision. Cllr Mannion said that the people of Ballinasloe have to accept waste from the entire County and that he felt that there must be an alternative to the Consultants

recommendations. Cllr Gavin said that the Council Officials are trying to solve the problem of landfill and that the Elected Members should support them. Cllr Mullins said that the Ballinasloe Landfill is scheduled to close in December, 2005 and that there may be more remote locations in the County where a landfill could be located. Councillor J. Burke said that there was an obligation on the Council to obtain a site for a landfill and said there was no discussion on gasification after the trip to Germany. He also asked if any landowner in Galway County had offered a site for use as landfill. Cllr. O’Foighil agreed that the Council had to make a decision. Councillor Connolly favoured consultation.

The County Manager said that waste disposal was one of the greatest challenges facing Galway County Council. He said that waste was increasing by 3% to 5% each year. He said that there was approximately 200,000 tonnes of waste generated in the county every year. He said that Galway County Council is putting in place procedures for minimisation, reduction and recycling waste. He explained that a landfill site is still necessary if an incinerator is provided. He also said that Waste Management facilities are just as important as roads and other services provided by Galway County Council. He explained that the Council is a Waste Management Authority for the County and we have to provide that service. He said that the Council is willing to meet with the representatives from the three areas again. He said that there was a wide area of the County that was not suitable for landfill and that the Council had to consider the requirements of an E.P.A. Licence when choosing a site. The Manager said that the issue must be dealt with and that if necessary the Council will serve notice on landowners. He said that he doesn’t want confrontation but time is running out and the Council is trying to go from three sites to one site. Perhaps none of the three sites might be suitable on examination.

### **Gas Pipeline**

After a short break the meeting resumed. Cllr J.Burke said that he wanted the Councils support in extending the proposed gas pipeline, which is due to run from Limerick to Dublin via Galway, to Tuam. The County Manager said that the National Development Plan encourages the promotion of Regional Development. He said that Bord Gas have outlined their route to run from Limerick to Dublin through Galway. He said that Tuam is twenty miles from the proposed route and he would support the proposal. On the proposal of Cllr Burke, seconded by the Cathaoirleach it was agreed that a request should be made to an Bord Gais and the Department of Energy to provide a spur from the main pipeline to Tuam. It was proposed by Cllr O’Neachtain to include Connemara but the Cathaoirleach explained that the Council needed to keep the request confined in order to ensure success.

It was agreed by the Council, on the request of Cllr Fahy, that an item “Law and Order in the County” be included on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.

### **Ballinasloe Swimming Pool**

Cllr T. Mannion referred to the refurbishment of Ballinasloe Swimming Pool and the estimated cost of £250,000. He said that while value for money must be achieved the local need and social element must also be considered. He said that it was essential that the plans and tendering process be organised as soon as possible. Cllr Mullins

welcomed the decision to refurbish the pool but he said that twelve months was a long time to close the pool. He asked if it was possible to shorten this period. Mr. Nelson explained that the U.D.C. Councillors have to make a difficult decision in relation to the pool. He said the reason for the long delay was that the work must be surveyed, specifications prepared, tender documents, tenders received will have to be considered and approval will have to be sought from the Department of Environment and Local Government. He said that the work will be carried out as quickly as possible. He also explained that it was because of good Management that Ballinasloe pool had been kept open for so long as other pools of the same vintage had closed.

Cllr Connolly said that he wished to congratulate Cllr T. Mannion on his election as Chairman of the County Development Board.

Cllr Quinn said that she wished to congratulate everybody on the launch of the Litter Campaign before today's meeting. The Cathaoirleach said that the launch was very successful and that he wished to congratulate the Assistant Manager, Declan Nelson and all the staff of the Environment Section.

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Submitted, Approved & Signed

Paddy McHugh

10/4/00  
Date

RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

A Resolution of Council was passed with the following:-

Mr. Martin Jordan, Kesh, Carr, Co. Galway

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

The Cathaoirleach and Members congratulated Olive Loughmane, daughter of Cllr Loughmane, on qualifying for the 20-km walk at the forthcoming Olympics. On the proposal of Cllr Cunningham and seconded by Deputy Councillor, the Council agreed that they would send a message of congratulations to the golfer Darren Clarke on winning the World Match Play Tournament.