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**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, ON MONDAY,
25th JUNE, 2001**

Cathaoirleach

An Comhairleoir C. Ní Fhatharta

I LATHAIR FREISIN;

Bail:

Deps. U. Burke, P. Connaughton, Cllrs. J. Burke, J. Callanan, 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, P. McHugh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, S. O' Neachtain, P. O' Sullivan, K. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, S. Walsh, T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:-

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, F. Gilmore, P. Ridge, Directors of Services, E. Lusby, Director of Finance, D. Barrett, S.E.O., T. Murphy, SEO., H. Coleman, Senior Exec. Planner, P. Fitzpatrick, S.E. Planner., M. Flynn, Exec. Planner, M. Jordan, A.O., B. Meehan, Clerical Officer,

Mr. Gus McCarthy, Planning Consultant.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

Resolutions of Sympathy

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Resolutions of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mrs. Monica Cormican, Liskelly, Aghrim, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

John Joe & Margaret Kavanagh, Cuttenty, Annaghdown, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.

Mrs. Annie Connolly & Family, Drumhasina, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

Michael & Siobhan Connolly, Kilgeverin, Milltown, Tuam, Co. Galway.

MINUTES

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The minutes of the **Special Meeting** of the Council held on the **11th May, 2001** were approved by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr Quinn, seconded by Cllr. Joyce.

The minutes of the **Monthly Meeting** held on the **28th May, 2001** were approved by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Dep. Connaughton, seconded by Cllr M. Connolly.

REPORTS

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The report of the **Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 23rd April, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr J. Burke, seconded by Cllr Quinn

In reply to a query from Cllr Quinn the Manager explained that a report on the Milltown Water scheme would be available at the next area meeting.

The report of the **Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 8th May, 2001.** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Grealish, seconded by Cllr Quinn

The report of the **Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on 18th April, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Mullins, seconded by Cllr Callanan.

On the proposal of Cllr O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Joyce, it was agreed that any group that came in on a deputation at an area committee meeting should get a written acknowledgement from the Council stating that their observations were noted.

The County Manager referred to the fact that it had been proposed and seconded at this meeting that the Council should contribute £100,000 per year for 10 years towards the funding of the Ballinasloe Leisure project. He said that it would be unreasonable to commit the Council to this type of expenditure. He said the matter would be discussed by the Corporate Policy Group but he pointed out that the funding of the project was a matter for Ballinasloe Urban District Council.

Cllr Joyce said that the Council should provide an allocation in the estimates towards the funding of Ballinasloe Pool. Mr. Kavanagh, Director of Environmental and Conservation Services, explained that it had been agreed that the balance of the funding for the pool would be provided through receipts from the landfill.

The report of the **Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 13th April, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of, Cllr. J. Conneely seconded by Cllr. J.J. Mannion

The report of the **Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 11th May, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of, Cllr J. Conneely seconded by Cllr J.J. Mannion

The report of the **Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 30th May, 2001** was considered. It was agreed to defer it and deal with it in conjunction with the Clifden Draft Plan.

The Report on **Joint County Council and Corporation Roads and Planning SPC's Meeting held on 16th May, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Callanan.

The Report on **Joint County Council and Corporation Roads and Planning SPC's Meeting held on 11th June, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly.

The Report on the **Local Rural Water Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 11th April, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr Quinn.

The Report on the **Local Rural Water Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 25th April, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Connolly, seconded by Cllr Quinn.

CONGRATULATIONS

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The Cathaoirleach congratulated Cllr. Rabbitt on his recent engagement.

Material Contravention of the Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Gort:

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Permission for alterations to previously approved layout and to change from 18 no. detached houses to 12 no. detached houses & 5 pairs of semi-detached houses with associated services in the townland of Ballyhugh, Gort – Report attached.

Liam Kavanagh, Senior Executive Planner, read through the following report which had been circulated to the Cllrs.

“APPLICANT: John Fordham Building Contractors Ltd.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

Permission for alterations to previously approved layout and to change from 18 no. detached houses to 12 no. detached houses and 5 pairs of semi-detached houses with associated services.

LOCATION:

The site is located west of Bolands land and south east of the O'Grady housing estate 'The Maples'.

PLANNING HISTORY:

97/2075 – Housing Development (granted subject to 8 no. conditions).

00/2859 – Permission for alterations to approved housing layout including increased area, change from 18 detached houses to 16 detached houses and 4 pairs of semi-detached houses including associated services (granted subject to 12 no. conditions).

ASSESSMENT:

The development of this site will form an extension to the Maples Estate. Foul sewers and surface water sewers will connect to existing sewers north of the development and into the public system. Access to the site is through 'The Maples' which is under construction. There is a mixture of design and finishes in the area. The density achieved is acceptable and compatible with the adjoining development. The major portion of the site is located within the agricultural zoning of the current Gort Plan with a minor section at the north western part of the site within the residential zoning. The Draft Gort Plan has proposed this area for residential zoning.

OBJECTIONS:

No objections or submissions were received.

RECOMMENDATION:

Grant permission for alterations to previously approved layout and to change from 18 no. detached houses to 12 no. detached houses and 5 pairs of semi-detached houses (22 residential units).

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 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".

Cllr. Fahy proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by John Fordham Building Contractors Ltd., and having considered the Report dated 13th June 2001, on the matter, Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(3) of Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1963, as amended by Section 39(d) of 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. Cllr. Callanan seconded this proposal.

At this stage Cllr. Cunningham declared an interest in the matter and left the meeting.

A vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

AR SON: Cllr.J.Burke, Dep.U.Burke, Cllr.J.Callanan, Dep. P. Connaughton, Cllr. M. Connolly, Cllr. J. Conneely, Cllr. M. Fahy, Cllr. S. Gavin, Cllr. N. Grealish, Cllr. M. Hoade, Cllr. P. Hynes, Cllr. J. Joyce,

Cllr. M. Loughnane, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. T. Mannion, Cllr. J. McClearn, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cllr. C. Ní Fhatharta, Cllr. S. O'Neachtain, Cllr. P. O'Sullivan, Cllr. K. Quinn, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. S Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh (26)

IN AGHAIDH: Nil

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried.

To consider submissions received on the material alterations to the Draft Development Plan for the scheduled town of Clifden.

- Report already circulated.

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Mr. McCarthy, Planning Consultant, gave a brief outline of the submissions and stated that those relating to rezoning referred to two parcels of land on the Sky Road indicated as material alterations No.1 and No.2 on the map which had been on public display.

“Submission ref. no. 1:

Eileen Mannion-Mullen, Cloughanard, Sky Road, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: Lands on the Sky Road subject to proposed material alterations no.1 and 2.

1992 zoning: Agriculture.

Draft Plan zoning: Agriculture

Proposed material alteration: Rezone from Agriculture to Residential

Submission Request:

- Strongly objects to the rezoning of lands from Agriculture use to Residential use.
- The Sky Road is a famous road with scenic views of the town with the 12 Bens in the background. Any development at this location would be visually obtrusive.
- Infrastructure is already over subscribed on Sky Road and there are major problems with water supply.
- Further residential development will be an increased traffic hazard especially during construction.
- The negative impact of development will far outweigh any positive contribution it may make regarding housing stock.
- Most of the recent large-scale developments in the town have been purchased by people living outside the area and are only seasonally occupied.
- An application to build 4 houses on part of these lands was refused by An Bórd Pleanála, these large houses would have been out of the price range for young local couples.
- It is hoped that democratically elected County Cllr.s will not allow development at expense of environment. An Bórd Pleanála and County Planners have expertise in

the area of planning and should be a guiding voice to County Cllr.s. The voice of 1 Cllr. should not destroy this area of scenic value.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

Approximately 59 acres of land have been proposed for residential zoning in the Draft Plan in addition to 38 acres of undeveloped residentially owned land. This is deemed sufficient to cater for future residential development for the duration of the plan. The lands are located outside the existing and proposed development zones. Residential development would be likely to have a significant visual impact and would detract from the unique scenic setting of Clifden”.

Mr. McCarthy, Planning Consultant, stated that the Area Committee proposed that the lands be rezoned residential.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Conneely, seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh that the lands be rezoned residential.

A vote was taken on Cllr. Conneelys proposal which resulted as follows:

AR SON

Cllr. J. Burke, Cllr. J. Callanan, Cllr. M. Connolly, Cllr. J. Conneely, Cllr. M. Cunningham, Cllr. M. Fahy, Cllr. N. Grealish, Cllr. M. Hoade, Cllr. P. Hynes, Cllr. J. Joyce, Cllr. M. Loughnane, Cllr. T. Mannion, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. C. Ni Fhatharta, Cllr. S. O’Neachtain, Cllr. P. O’Sullivan, Cllr. K. Quinn ,Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. S Walsh (19)

IN AGHAIDH:

Dep. U. Burke, Dep. P. Connaughton, Cllr. S. Gavin, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. J. McClearn, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cllr. T. Walsh (8)

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried.

Cllr. Callanan proposed that submissions 2 – 10 be taken together, this was seconded, by Cllr. Conneely and agreed.

“Submission ref. no. 2:

June Hughes, The Mews, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: Lands on the Sky Road subject to proposed material alterations no.1 and 2.

1992 zoning: Agriculture.

Draft Plan zoning: Agriculture

Proposed material alteration: Rezone from Agriculture to Residential use.

Submission ref. no. 4:

Submission Request:

- Strongly object to proposed rezoning of lands from agriculture use to residential use.
- This is an area of high amenity value for tourism.
- There are inadequate water and sewerage facilities.
- The road is unsuitable for heavy construction traffic.
- Planners and An Bórd Pleanála do not agree with proposal.
- This proposal will spoil this unique scenic drive.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

Approximately 59 acres of land have been proposed for residential zoning in the Draft Plan in addition to 38 acres of undeveloped residentially owned land. This is deemed sufficient to cater for future residential development over the period of the plan. The lands are located outside the existing and proposed development zones. Residential development would be likely to have a significant visual impact and would detract from the unique scenic setting of Clifden.

Submission ref. no. 3

Dermot Hughes, Apt 14, Lisalea, Frascati Pk, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

Location: Lands on the Sky Road subject to proposed material alterations no.1 and 2.

1992 zoning: Agriculture.

Draft Plan zoning: Agriculture

Proposed material alteration: Rezone from Agriculture to Residential use.

Submission Request:

- Strongly object to proposed rezoning of lands from agriculture use to residential use.
- This is an area of high amenity value for tourism.
- There are inadequate water and sewerage facilities.
- The road is unsuitable for heavy construction traffic.
- Planners and An Bórd Pleanála do not agree with proposal.
- This proposal will spoil this unique scenic drive.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

Approximately 59 acres of land have been proposed for residential zoning in the Draft Plan in addition to 38 acres of undeveloped residentially owned land. This is deemed sufficient to cater for future residential development for the duration of the plan. The lands are located outside the existing and proposed development zones. Residential development would be likely to have a significant visual impact and would detract from the unique scenic setting of Clifden.

Submission ref. no. 4:

Brenda Casey

Location: Lands on the Sky Road subject to proposed material alterations no.1 and 2.

1992 zoning: Agriculture.

Draft Plan zoning: Agriculture

Proposed material alteration: Rezone from agriculture to residential

Submission Request :

- Strongly object to proposed rezoning of lands from agriculture use to residential use.
- This is an area of high amenity value for tourism.
- There are inadequate water and sewerage facilities.
- The road is unsuitable for heavy construction traffic.
- Planners and An Bórd Pleanála do not agree with proposal.
- This proposal will spoil this unique scenic drive.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

Approximately 59 acres of land have been proposed for residential zoning in the Draft Plan in addition to 38 acres of undeveloped residentially owned land. This is deemed sufficient to cater for future residential development for the duration of the plan. The lands are located outside the existing and proposed development zones. Residential development would be likely to have a significant visual impact and would detract from the unique scenic setting of Clifden.

Submission ref. no. 5

Martina Hartford, Apt 14, Lisalea, Frascati Pk, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

Location: Lands on the Sky Road subject to proposed material alterations no.1 and 2.

1992 zoning: Agriculture.

Draft Plan zoning: Agriculture

Proposed material alteration: Rezone from Agriculture to Residential use

Submission Request:

- Strongly object to proposed rezoning of lands from agriculture use to residential use.
- This is an area of high amenity value for tourism.
- There are inadequate water and sewerage facilities.
- The road is unsuitable for heavy construction traffic.
- Planners and An Bórd Pleanála do not agree with proposal.
- This proposal will spoil this unique scenic drive.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

Approximately 59 acres of land have been proposed for residential zoning in the Draft Plan in addition to 38 acres of undeveloped residentially owned land. This is deemed sufficient to cater for future residential development for the duration of the plan. The lands are located outside the existing and proposed development zones. Residential development would be likely to have a significant visual impact and would detract from the unique scenic setting of Clifden.

Submission ref. no. 6:

Helen Clifton Brown, Derrygimlagh, Ballyconneely, Co. Galway.

Location: Lands on the Sky Road subject to proposed material alterations no.1 and 2.

1992 zoning: Agriculture.

Draft Plan zoning: Agriculture

Proposed material alteration: Rezone from Agriculture to Residential

Submission Request:

- Strongly object to proposed rezoning of lands from agriculture use to residential use.
- This is an area of high amenity value for tourism.
- There are inadequate water and sewerage facilities.
- The road is unsuitable for heavy construction traffic.
- Planners and An Bórd Pleanála do not agree with proposal.
- This proposal will spoil this unique scenic drive.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

Approximately 59 acres of land have been proposed for residential zoning in the Draft Plan in addition to 38 acres of undeveloped residentially owned land. This is deemed sufficient to cater for future residential development for the duration of the plan. The lands are located outside the existing and proposed development zones. Residential development would be likely to have a significant visual impact and would detract from the unique scenic setting of Clifden.

Submission ref. no. 7

Mrs. Bridget Roberts, Aillebrack, Ballyconneely, Co. Galway.

Location: Lands on the Sky Road subject to proposed material alterations no.1 and 2.

1992 zoning: Agriculture.

Draft Plan zoning: Agriculture

Proposed material alteration: Rezone from Agriculture to Residential

Submission Request:

- Strongly object to proposed rezoning of lands from agriculture use to residential use.

- This is an area of high amenity value for tourism.
- There are inadequate water and sewerage facilities.
- The road is unsuitable for heavy construction traffic.
- Planners and An Bórd Pleanála do not agree with proposal.
- This proposal will spoil this unique scenic drive.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

Approximately 59 acres of land have been proposed for residential zoning in the Draft Plan in addition to 38 acres of undeveloped residentially owned land. This is deemed sufficient to cater for future residential development for the duration of the plan. The lands are located outside the existing and proposed development zones. Residential development would be likely to have a significant visual impact and would detract from the unique scenic setting of Clifden.

Submission ref. no. 8

Gerry MacCloskey,

Location: Lands on the Sky Road subject to proposed material alterations no.1 and 2.

1992 zoning: Agriculture.

Draft Plan zoning: Agriculture

Proposed material alteration: Rezone from Agriculture to Residential use.

Submission Request:

- Strongly object to proposed rezoning of lands from agriculture use to residential use.
- This is an area of high amenity value for tourism.
- There are inadequate water and sewerage facilities.
- The road is unsuitable for heavy construction traffic.
- Planners and An Bórd Pleanála do not agree with proposal.
- This proposal will spoil this unique scenic drive.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

Approximately 59 acres of land have been proposed for residential zoning in the Draft Plan in addition to 38 acres of undeveloped residentially owned land. This is deemed sufficient to cater for future residential development for the duration of the plan. The lands are located outside the existing and proposed development zones. Residential development would be likely to have a significant visual impact and would detract from the unique scenic setting of Clifden.

Submission ref. no. 9

John Bourke, Chairman, Galway County Tourism Committee.

Location: Lands on the Sky Road subject to proposed material alterations no.1 and 2.

1992 zoning: Agriculture.

Draft Plan zoning: Agriculture

Proposed material alteration: Rezone from Agriculture to Residential use.

Submission Request:

- Formally object to proposed rezoning of lands from agriculture use to residential use on behalf of the Galway County Tourism Committee.
- This is an area of high amenity value for tourism (the 'ring of Kerry' of Connemara).
- Disappointed and surprised that Elected Representatives would rezone this important scenic Amenity against the advice and wishes of the Planners and An Bórd Pleanála.
- This proposal will spoil this unique scenic drive.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

Approximately 59 acres of land have been proposed for residential zoning in the Draft Plan in addition to 38 acres of undeveloped residentially owned land. This is deemed sufficient to cater for future residential development over the period of the plan. The lands are located outside the existing and proposed development zones. Residential development would be likely to have a significant visual impact and would detract from the unique scenic setting of Clifden.

Submission ref. no. 10

Brian Meehan, Planning Consultant, *on behalf of:* Abby Glen Castle Hotel, Sky road, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: Lands on the Sky Road subject to proposed material alterations no.1 and 2.

1992 zoning: Agriculture.

Draft Plan zoning: Agriculture

Proposed material alteration: Rezone from Agriculture to Residential

Submission Request:

- To delete proposed material alterations no.1 and 2 to rezone lands from agricultural to residential use.
- The lands are outside the existing development area of the town and would if developed constitute haphazard development, an isolated pocket of residential development in an agriculture zoned area.
- It would destroy the existing visual break between the built up area of town and the ribbon development along Sky Road.
- Residential development at this prominent location would be visually obtrusive and interfere with views and prospects of special amenity value in the Galway County Development Plan.

- An Bórd Pleanála in its decision to refuse 4 houses on part of the lands 98/2197 stated that the development would be visually obtrusive and would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area.
- The appropriate zoning for these lands is for agricultural use.

An oral hearing was requested and held on the 24th May 2001, it was attended by Mr. Paul Hughes and Ms. Eileen Mullen. The following information was made in addition to this submission.

- Development was refused previously on Public health, Zoning and Visual Amenity grounds
- Development will interfere with the classic picture card view of Clifden.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

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It was proposed by Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Cllr. J. Conneely that the lands the subject of submissions 2-10 be rezoned residential.

A vote was taken which resulted as follows:

AR SON

Cllr. J. Burke, Cllr. J. Callanan, Cllr. M. Connolly, Cllr. J. Conneely, Cllr. M. Cunningham, Cllr. M. Fahy, Cllr. M. Hoade, Cllr. P. Hynes, Cllr. J. Joyce, Cllr. M. Loughnane, Cllr. T. Mannion, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. C. Ní Fhatharta, Cllr. S. O’Neachtain, Cllr. P. O’Sullivan, Cllr. C. Ní Chuinn, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. S Walsh, (18)

IN AGHAIDH

Dep. U. Burke, Dep. P. Connaughton, Cllr. S. Gavin, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. J. McClearn, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cllr. T. Walsh, (8)

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried.

“Submission ref. no. 11

O’Rian & Associates Architects, Mayoralty House, Flood Street, Galway, *on behalf of:* Mr. Tom Kearns, Cloghaunard, Townland, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: Lands at Cloghaunard Townsland, Clifden subject to proposed material alteration no.1, to rezone land from Agriculture to Residential use.

1992 zoning: Agriculture.

Draft Plan zoning: Agriculture

Proposed material alteration: Rezone from Agriculture to Residential.

Submission Request:

- That if the land outside the town boundary line cannot be zoned that those lands lying within the town boundary should be rezoned for residential use.
- Proposed residential zoning would allow for a orderly development of residential properties in keeping with the Town Plans development strategy (section 2.1), to formulate a framework for the sustainable development of Clifden permitting expansion to occur in an orderly manner, while conserving the towns unique character and amenity.
- Residential zoning of this site for a small-scale orderly and integrated scheme of quality, architect designed houses would greatly reduce the pressure for one off individual rural houses being developed without reference to site or town context.
- A high quality effluent treatment system can be installed.
- Surface water can discharge directly to the watercourse at east end of the site.
- Galway County Council gave planning permission for 4 houses when housing demand was less than presently experienced.
- A large number of individual rural houses along this road have been granted planning permission.
- Client should not have to wait a further 5 years before being given an opportunity to develop this site.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

Approximately 59 acres of land have been proposed for residential zoning in the Draft Plan in addition to 38 acres of undeveloped residentially owned land. This is deemed sufficient to cater for future residential development for the duration of the plan. The lands are located outside the existing and proposed development zones. Residential development would be likely to have a significant visual impact and would detract from the unique scenic setting of Clifden”.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. O’Neachtain to accept the Area Committees proposal not to consider the additional land for rezoning which was brought to the notice of the Area Committee Meeting earlier that day. The Cathaoirleach, stated that there was still a need to vote on this proposal.

Cllr. J. Conneely said that there was nothing agreed at the Clifden Electoral Area Committee meeting that day only to put before the Council what was voted on at the previous area meeting which was to rezone the two parcels of land on the Sky Road which were the subject of the material alterations.

Gus McCarthy, Planning Consultant, stated that the area outlined in red on the map was the subject of a submission when it went on public display. The proposal was to rezone that portion of the land from Agriculture to Residential. During the one month display period the owner of the land made a submission in relation to a larger area. Part of this larger area was outside the town plan boundary and therefore cannot be considered. This was brought to the attention of the Clifden Area Committee Members and they decided to confine themselves to the area that was initially voted on.

Cllr. J. Conneely proposed that the lands inside the red area and which were subject to a material alternation be rezoned from agriculture to residential and to reject the rezoning of the remainder of the lands. Cllr P. Mchugh seconded this proposal.

A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

AR SON

Cllr. J. Callanan, Cllr. M. Connolly, Cllr. J. Conneely, Cllr. M. Cunningham, Cllr. M. Fahy, Cllr. N. Grealish, Cllr. M. Hoade, Cllr. P. Hynes, Cllr. J. Joyce, Cllr. T. Mannion, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. C. Ní Fhatharta, Cllr. S. O'Neachtain, Cllr. P. O'Sullivan, Cllr. K. Quinn, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. S Walsh, (17)

IN AGHAIDH

Dep. U. Burke, Dep. P. Connaughton, Cllr. S. Gavin, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. J. McClearn, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cllr. T. Walsh, (8)

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried.

Submission ref. No. 12

Peter Walsh, Letterfrack, Co. Galway.

Location: Cregg Mountain.

Submission Request:

- Delete reference in section A11 (P16) that the council will erect walking route signage to routes such as Cregg Mountain.
- Signage infers wrongly that rights of way/trails exist on Cregg.
- As an owner of a larger part of Cregg, no permission will be given to walk over these lands.
- Cregg is a proposed candidate Special Area of Conservation and an important habitat. A study carried out warned of its sensitivity to trampling and erosion.
- Walkers should be discouraged, to protect this area.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

Gus McCarthy recommended that A11 be amended to read 'to erect walking route signage as part of a co-ordinated programme of public signage and to investigate the development of walking routes in the area.

Cllr. J. Conneely proposed that Mr. McCarthy's recommendation be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Callanan and agreed.

Material Alterations relating to the Record of Protected Structures

Submission ref. no. 13 – 53

Mairin Doddy, Conservation Officer, explained as follows the new legislation as it pertains to the Record of Protected Structures.

"Set out below is a broad explanation of the provisions currently relating to the protection of the built environment. This is an opportunity to explain some of these matters and to encourage you to embrace the opportunity to manage change, while respecting the built heritage.

The Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1999 is included as part 4 of the Planning Act 2000. These Acts are intended to make better provision for the protection of the architectural heritage in the interests of the common good.

Record of Protected Structures

Since January 1st 2000 a Development Plan shall include a Record of Protected Structures, including all structures within the delineated area, which are considered to be of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest. Adoption of an RPS is a reserved function.

Inclusion in a record of protected structures offers protection to the exterior, interior, curtilage and attendant ground of the structure.

Protection in relation to a protected structure or part of a protected structure includes conservation, preservation and improvement compatible with maintaining the character and interest of the structure. Indeed, it has been found in other countries with a long history in regard to conservation matters that there is often an economic dividend attached to ownership of a protected structure.

Declaration

Planning permission is required for any works to the Protected Structure unless indicated otherwise by a Declaration made by the Planning Authority..

The importance of a Declaration cannot be over emphasized. This is very important device, which can fine-tune and individualise the protection afforded each structure. It can clarify to the owners and or occupier what elements of the structure contribute to its character. It is also a document which can provide information about the structure to the people who are to work with it, the architect, planners, trades people etc.

An Architectural Conservation Area

An Architectural Conservation Area is a place, area, group of structures or townscape, taking account of building lines and heights, which is of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific or technical interest. The adoption of an ACA is a reserved function.

An ACA offers protection to the exterior of a structure, and this is where it differs from the RPS (which offers protection to the interior as well). An ACA is intended to protect the streetscape of an historic town centre and/or the setting of a protected structure.

Clifden Draft Material Alterations

In relation to the Clifden Draft Development Plan, the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) included in the Material Alterations document was compiled by using the combination of a CAAS report issued in December 1999 and further fieldwork carried out by the Planning Department. This work was carried out in order to meet the requirements of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 2000.

Protection Of The Built Heritage

The legislation provides for changing circumstances in a structures long life. It recognises that circumstances change. The main concern is with maintaining the character of a structure. A redundant building type may be adapted to meet current needs. To take one particular type of building as an example, a church may no longer meet the needs of the religious community it was built to serve. A new use may be sought for such a building. For example, the refurbished church building in Oranmore now houses a modern library.

There is also a broader viewpoint in relation to individual buildings. A building such as a church, can also provide a focus for the broader community who perhaps attended Mass there, or spent their childhood in an adjacent school, or who have relatives buried in the graveyard.

Therefore, such a building serves as a landmark in an area that is known and recognized by the people. It contributes to the local distinctiveness of an area, and is part of the historical development of that place.

While adapting a building to new uses, consideration must be given to the role a building plays in a town or village. It is for the architects and designers, engineers and other

workers in the construction industry to adapt a building for reuse, while bearing in mind that the character of the building is retained, and due cognisance be given to its setting.

A building that is in active use and therefore maintained will survive into the future. The government adopted the policy of sustainability in 1997. The adage of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle can be applied to structures as well as to other aspects of the environment.

Buildings that have outlived their original purpose can be adapted to new and different uses thus ensuring their survival into the future. Protection needs flexibility, and this legislation provides flexibility in order to respond to the different needs of different structures.

Value of the Built Heritage

As mentioned earlier individual buildings can play a wider role in a community outside its original purpose which it was built to serve. Cultural values beyond its contribution to a streetscape, or in the larger context of a town are acquired over time.

Historic town centres function as service centres to the people of the area, as places to live and work, and as economic centres. Tourism is one such economic activity, in which built heritage has a part to play.

Individual buildings make up the streetscape of towns and villages. Piecemeal changes can eat away at the character of a place. The provisions of the Act, especially the Architectural Conservation Area provision provide an opportunity to address pressures being experienced in towns and villages.

Clifden Architectural Conservation Area

Part of the recommendations relating to the Clifden Development Plan were to include certain structures on the RPS pending further research which may indicate more appropriate protection within an Architectural Conservation Area.

It is hoped to appoint consultants from the panel of Professional Advisors established earlier in the year to research the feasibility of establishing an ACA in the town of Clifden. The process outlined in the guidelines issued by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands ensures that full consultation with the public and elected representatives is undertaken as part of such a process.

Proposed Seminar

The provisions outlined above are new, and need to be examined in greater detail than can be done here. Therefore, it is intended to host a seminar in the near future for elected representatives, professionals working with buildings of architectural merit, owners/occupiers of Protected Structures and the general public to raise awareness of the

architectural heritage of Galway and to explain in greater detail how the new legislation is intended to work.

It is hoped that this will be a useful exercise especially to those of you who are involved in developing a policy for the county in relation to its architectural heritage within the framework of the SPCs.

Conservation Skills

On a more practical level, to mention the actual stones brick and mortar- older buildings often function differently from those of more modern construction. The injudicious use of cement, for example, can sometimes cause dampness and damage to a structure. A Register of Conservation Skills has been established which includes professionals such as architects and engineers plasterers, building contractors joiners etc interested in dealing with older structures. It is hoped to expand this register in the future and to hold seminars on the various elements that make up a structure. One such practical workshop will be held in the county in late July on the uses of lime based mortars and renders.

Works to a protected structure must conform to the Conservation Guidelines issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government. These guidelines are now available on the www.galway.ie website. The website offers an opportunity to provide more information to the public on matters concerning conservation within the county.

Conservation Grants

Finally, the legislation places the responsibility for the maintenance of a protected structure on the owner and occupier. This has sometimes been construed as placing an unfair burden on individuals. To balance any costs relating to maintaining the fabric of a protected structure, the Department of the Environment and Local Government offers conservation grants to works to protected structures or buildings that are likely to be proposed as such. In this context it is worth noting that a recent newspaper article has resulted in a large volume of enquiries about conservation grants from people interested in rehabilitating structures in their ownership.

Conservation grants are offered on a matched funds basis, with up to £10,000 available to an individual structure in any one year. In exceptional circumstances this can be increased. There are also other sources of funding available, for example, from the Heritage Council and international bodies.

The cost of professional advice can be covered under the Conservation Grant Scheme, so that skilled or expert advice is available to people doing works to Protected Structures to ensure that inadvertent damage, through lack of knowledge, is not being caused. This provision is an advantage to the owner of a protected structure.

It is hoped that this provides clarification of the legislation intended to manage change with regard to the built heritage, so that what makes County Galway special, to both its residents and those who visit here, is maintained and enhanced.

It is the ordinary as well as the extraordinary building that forms the place in which we live”.

Ms. Doddy dealt with the submissions in relation to the Record of Protected Structures as follows and it was agreed that they be all taken together.

“Submission ref no. 13

Terry Sweeney, E. J. Kings, Market Square, Clifden.

Location: E. J. Kings, Market Square, Clifden (RPS 49-50).

Submission Request:

- Objection to property (E. J. Kings) being included on the Record of Protected Structures. The objection is made “for many reasons”.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. This structure is of architectural interest and makes a major contribution to the streetscape of Clifden.
2. It is recommended that it be included on RPS, subject to further research which may indicate more appropriate protection within an ACA.

Submission ref. no. 14

Mr. Gerard King, White Heather House Bed & Breakfast, The Square, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: The Square, Clifden (RPS 43).

Submission Request:

- Objection to house being included on the Record of Protected Structures.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. This structure is of architectural interest and makes a positive contribution to the streetscape of Clifden.
2. It is recommended that it be included on RPS, subject to further research which may indicate more appropriate protection within an ACA.

Submission ref. no. 15

Mr. Thomas Healy, Architectural & Engineering Services,

Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

On behalf of: Abbeyglen Hotel,

Location: Abbeyglen Hotel, Clifden (RPS 2).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the addition of Abbeyglen Hotel to the Record of Protected Structures. states unhelpful to designate building in absence of a register identifying what key elements establish its character.
- As the building is a commercial premises an objection is made on the grounds that inclusion in the RPS will be an impediment to development of the business.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. Values were attributed to the structure in the RPS. These were that it has Architectural, Interior and Design Values
2. A **Declaration** may be requested which may clarify to the owners what elements of the structure contribute to the character of the building, and which should be retained. A Declaration will identify the parts of the structure that are of architectural heritage value and specifies which works are exempted from planning controls.
3. Inclusion in the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its maintenance into the future.
4. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS.

Submission ref no. 16

Mr. Peadar O' Scannail, Gleann Aoibhinn, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: One of terrace of four houses, Market Street (RPS 39)

Submission Request:

- Objection to inclusion of building on Record of Protected Structures.
- Objection states unhelpful to designate building in absence of a register identifying what key elements establish its character.
- As the building is a commercial premises an objection is made on the grounds that inclusion in the RPS will be an impediment to development of the business

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. Values were attributed to the structure in the RPS.
2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures.
3. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest

4. Inclusion in the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its maintenance into the future.
5. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS.

Submission ref no. 17

Mr. Paul V. Hughes, Proprietor, Abbeyglen Castle Hotel, Sky Road, Connemara, Co. Galway.

Location: Abbeyglen Hotel, Clifden (RPS2).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of Abbey Glen Hotel on Record of Protected Structures.
- Objection based on fact that the original structure forms "only a small fraction of the total hotel"

Observation/Recommendations of Planning Department.

1. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures.
2. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.
3. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS.

Submission ref no. 18

Lowry's Sweater Shop, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: Market Square (RPS 37).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of shop on the Record of Protected Structures. The building is a commercial premises, and inclusion in RPS will restrain development.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. This structure is of architectural interest, with a traditional shop front and makes a major contribution to the streetscape of Clifden.
2. Inclusion in the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its continued maintenance into the future.
3. A **Declaration** may be requested which specifies which works are exempted from planning controls. A Declaration will clarify to the owners what elements of the structure contribute to the character of the building, and which should be retained.
4. It is recommended that it be included on RPS, subject to further research, which may indicate more appropriate protection within an ACA.

Submission ref no. 19

Mr. Fergal Gaynor, The Sawmill, Clifden, Co. Galway

Location: Former Sawmill, Clifden (RPS 29).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of Sawmill (formerly) to Record of Protected Structures.
- Based on lack of knowledge of "register" identifying key elements of character,
- that developments ordinarily exempt will not be exempt,
- and that building is designated for refurbishment in Town Renewal Scheme.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. The values attributed to the structure were displayed in the RPS. The protection afforded a structure included in the RPS refers to the entire structure, interior and exterior and extends to the curtilage. This does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its continued maintenance into the future.
2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.
3. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS

Submission ref no. 20

Mr. Robert Molloy, Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal,
Department of the Environment and Local Government, Custom House, Dublin 1.

on behalf of Ms. Eileen Stanley of Ardbear, Clifden

Location: South Hill, Ardbear (RPS 7).

Submission Request:

- Objection to inclusion of house on Record of Protected Structures. There is also a separate submission by Ms Eileen Stanley.
- The owner objects on the grounds of not wishing to have restraints on her dwelling house or lands surrounding it.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. The protection afforded a structure included in the RPS refers to the entire structure, interior and exterior and extends to the curtilage. This does not preclude

the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its continued maintenance into the future.

2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners/occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.
3. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS.

Submission ref. no. 21

O'Connor, Keogh & Mulcaire, Chartered Architects, Woodquay Court, Woodquay, Galway.

Location: Darcy Inn, Main Street, Clifden (**RPS 56**).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the addition of Darcy Inn, Main Street, Clifden, Co. Galway on the Record of Protected Structures.
- The structure is not "outstanding architecturally" and that as it functions as a public house inclusion in the RPS would place undue restrictions of the future use of the structure.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. The structure is typical of houses of its period and contributes to the streetscape of the town.
2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.
3. It is recommended that it be included on the RPS, subject to further research, which may indicate more appropriate protection within an ACA.
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Submission ref no. 22

Mr. Noel F. Heavey & Partners, Project Management, Property Consultants, Fry House, Fry Place, Athlone, Co, Westmeath.

- On behalf of: John and Evaline Roche of the Rock Glen Country Hotel.

Location: Rock Glen Country Hotel (**RPS 8**).

Submission Request:

- Declaration on behalf of John and Evaline Roche of the Rock Glen Country Hotel.

- The agent expresses concern re possible extensions to hotel and notes that it is an objective included in the material alterations and amendments to “provide for the expansion of the Rock Glen Hotel”.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. As a request for a declaration has been made these concerns may be addressed which will clarify what works will not affect the character of the original structure which forms the core of the present hotel.

Submission ref no. 23

Mr. John Mitchell, Mitchell’s Restaurant, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: Mitchells Restaurant, Market Square, Clifden (RPS 46).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of premises on the Record of Protected Structures.
- The building needs extensive refurbishment including insertion of sanitary services, rewiring, and dampness related problems.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. Inclusion in the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its maintenance into the future.
2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.
3. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS.

Submission ref. no. 24

Mr. Thomas Healy, Architectural & Engineering Services, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: Mitchell’s Restaurant, Market Square, Clifden (RPS 46).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of Mitchell’s Restaurant on the Record of Protected Structures.
- States that it is unhelpful to designate building in absence of a register identifying what key elements establish its character.
- As the building is a commercial premises an objection is made on the grounds that inclusion in the RPS will be an impediment to development of the business.

Observation /Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. Values were attributed to the structure in the RPS. These were Architectural, Group, Streetscape and Material values.
2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest
3. Inclusion in the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its maintenance into the future.
4. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS.

Submission ref. no. 25

Mr. & Mrs. Paddy & Julia Foyle, The Quay House, Beach Road, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: The Quay House, Beach Road, Clifden (**RPS 5**).

Submission Request:

- They are “ happy to concur with the decision to place a preservation order on the eastern, public side facing the Quay”. Objection to the protection of the other elevations and the interior of the building.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. The protection afforded a structure included in the RPS refers to the entire structure, interior and exterior and extends to the curtilage. This does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its maintenance into the future.
2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.
3. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS.

Submission ref no. 26

Mr. Brian Hehir, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: Woolen Store, Market Square, Clifden (**RPS 41**).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of property on the Record of Protected Structures.

- It is based on concerns for the future development of the business premises, which it is stated would be tastefully done and controlled by the planning authority without added protection.

Observations/ Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. Inclusion in the RPS would not affect alterations to the structure which respect the character of the structure.
2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.
3. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS.

Submission ref no. 27

Mr. Dave Tarpey, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: Market Street, Clifden (RPS 31).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of property on the Record of Protected Structures.

Observations/ Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. The structure is of architectural merit and contributes to the streetscape of Clifden.
2. It is recommended that it be included on RPS, subject to further research, which may indicate more appropriate protection within an ACA.

Submission ref. no. 28

Mr. Donal O' Scanail, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: An Siopa Deas, Market Street (RPS 39).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the addition of An Siopa Deas on the Record of Protected Structures.
- It is based on grounds that it is felt "there is nothing of great historical or architectural merit to the building".

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. The building is one of a terrace of four which contribute positively to the streetscape, and are of a type typical of its period.

2. It is recommended that it be included on RPS, subject to further research, which may indicate more appropriate protection within an ACA.

Submission ref no. 29

Mr. & Mrs. John and Teresa Cleary, Tullyglass Lower, Shannon, Co. Clare.

Location: Shamrock Dry Cleaners, The Square, Clifden and Stoney's (formerly Poladulla Restaurant) Restaurant, The Square, Clifden. (RPS 44 &45)

Submission Request:

- Objection on behalf of Shamrock Dry Cleaners, The Square, Clifden and Stoney's (formerly Poladulla Restaurant) Restaurant, The Square, Clifden, to the inclusion of these buildings on the Record of Protected Structures.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. These structures are of architectural interest and make a contribution to the streetscape of Clifden. However, recent renovations have removed much of the original fabric.
2. It is recommended that it be retained on RPS, subject to further research, which may indicate more appropriate protection within an ACA

Submission ref. no. 30

Mr. Thomas Healy, Architectural & Engineering Services, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

On behalf of: Poladulla (Stoney's) Restaurant.

Location: Market Square (RPS 45).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of shed beside Poladulla (Stoney's) Restaurant on Record of Protected Structures.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. The structure intended to include in the RPS for Clifden is the 2 bay, 3 storey structure, known as Polladulla Restaurant. The single storey structure to the right of it does not appear to be of any architectural heritage value. Therefore, even though it may fall within the curtilage of the protected structure, the same obligations to protect it need not apply.
2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would

- not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest
3. It is recommended that the owners request a Declaration to clarify matters and that the main structure be included on the RPS.

Submission ref no. 31

Mr. Edward Flaherty, Aisling House, Bridge Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: Vaughans, Market Square (RPS 24).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of property on the Record of Protected Structures.

Observations/ Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. The structure recommended by the CAAS Report for inclusion in the RPS is Vaughan's- A 4 bay, 2 storey building with a decorated render façade. The objection refers to works proposed to be carried out on the neighbouring structure to the left, which although it is in the same ownership and functions in conjunction with the building referred to is not that which it is intended to protect.
2. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS.

Submission ref no. 32

Mr. Thomas Healy, Architectural & Engineering Services, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: Vaughans, Market Square (RPS 24).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of Vaughan's, Market Square on the Record of Protected Structures.
- It is unhelpful to designate building in absence of a register identifying what key elements establish its character.
- As the building is a commercial premises an objection is made on the grounds that inclusion in the RPS will be an impediment to development of the business.

Observations/Recommendation of Planning Department:

1. Values were attributed to the structure in the RPS. These were that it has Architectural, Design and Streetscape values.
2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest

3. Inclusion in the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its maintenance into the future.
4. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS.

Submission ref. No. 33

Mr. & Mrs. John Nee, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway

Location: Market Street (RPS 32)

Submission Request:

Objects to the inclusion of property on the record of protected structures.

- on the grounds that she does not need advice/assistance from the planning authority with regard to her property

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. The building is one of a terrace of similar buildings that contribute positively to the streetscape.
2. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS, subject to further research, which may indicate more appropriate protection within an ACA.

Submission ref. no. 34

Mr. Colm O'Riain, Mayoralty House, Flood Street, Galway.

Location: Convent, Clifden (RPS 19).

Submission Request:

- Objection to Sister of Mercy, Convent, being included on the record of protected structures on the grounds that, as there is an application before the planning authority to provide social housing on the site a "conservation listing... would seriously inhibit the redevelopment of the building".

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. Inclusion in the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its maintenance into the future. It is to be welcomed that redundant building types are conserved in the light of the needs of contemporary life and the adaptation when appropriate of old buildings for new uses.
2. The former convent forms part of an ecclesiastical precinct, bounded by the church and former industrial school. The character of the former convent is currently intact, and of Architectural, Group, Design, Setting and Material importance values that contribute to the Regional rating attributed to it.
3. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners/occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for

owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.

4. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS.

Submission ref. no. 35

Mr. Peadair O' Scanaill, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: One of Terrace of four houses, Market St. (RPS 39).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of property on the Record of Protected Structures. (See also submission ref no. 5).
- The structure is included in Town Renewal Scheme, and has recently been advertised for sale. Concern is expressed as to the implications of inclusion in RPS

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. Inclusion in the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its maintenance into the future. As the incentives under the scheme are for refurbishment this need not be a concern.
2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.
3. It is recommended that it be included on RPS, subject to further research which may indicate more appropriate protection within an ACA

Submission ref. no. 36

Mr. John Baragwanath, Managing Director, Clifden Glen, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: Clifden Lodge, Couravoughil (RPS 16).

Submission Request:

- Objection to inclusion of Clifden Lodge at Couravoughil on Record of Protected Structures based on the grounds that the original fabric of the building has been substantially replaced, and that the remaining structure is of little architectural merit

Observations/recommendations of Planning Department:

1. This objection is essentially valid.
2. Recommend structure not be included on Record of Protected Structures.

Submission ref. no. 37

Rev. Seamus Cunnane P.P., Parochial House, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Submission by Blair Stanaway (Of John Lambe, Quay St., Westport attached).

Location: Parochial House, Clifden (RPS 77).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of property on the Record of Protected Structures.
- The submission on behalf of the occupier is concerned with the buildings references to Georgian architecture, and its state of repair.

Observations/ Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. The state of repair of the structure is not a valid reason for its exclusion from the RPS. Inclusion in the RPS does not preclude alterations/ repairs to the building which ensure its continued use and retain its character. The presbytery is a typical building of its type and period, which it is considered contributes to the built heritage of Clifden. The building is of architectural merit, which retains its original aspect and material in the most part. (The fenestration has been compromised).
2. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS.

Submission ref no. 38

Mr. Tom & Richard King, King's Bar, The Square, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: Kings Bar, The Square, Clifden (RPS 47).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of property on the Record of Protected Structures.
- states that it is intended to do works to façade of structure, and it is feared inclusion in RPS would prevent the carrying out of these works.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. Inclusion in the RPS would not affect changes to the structure, which respect the character of the structure.
2. A **Declaration** may be requested which specifies which works are exempted from planning controls. A Declaration will clarify to the owners what elements of the structure contribute to the character of the building, and which should be retained.
3. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS subject to further research, which may indicate more appropriate protection within an ACA .

Submission ref. no. 39

AIB BANK, Property Department, Lansdowne House, Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4.

Location: King's Bar, Market square, Clifden (**RPS 47**).

Submission Request:

- Wishes to advise that King's Bar is the premises adjoining the AIB Bank, and is not the property of the Bank.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

The error in addressing the notification is noted.

Submission ref no. 40

Mr. Thomas Healy, Architectural & Engineering Services, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

On behalf of: The Salmon Leap/ Music Shop, Main Street

Location: The Salmon Leap/ Music Shop, Main Street, Clifden (**RPS 60**).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of The Salmon Leap/Music Shop on the Record of Protected Structures.
- It is unhelpful to designate building in absence of a register identifying what key elements establish its character.
- As a commercial premises an objection is made on the grounds that inclusion in the RPS will be an impediment to development of the business.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. Values were attributed to the structure in the RPS. These were Architectural, Design and Streetscape values.
2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest
3. Inclusion in the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its maintenance into the future.
4. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS.

Submission ref. no. 41

Mr. Thomas Healy, Architectural & Engineering Services, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway. On behalf of: Mayfair, Main Street,

Location: Mayfair, Main Street, Clifden (**RPS 58**).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of Mayfair on the Record of Protected Structures.
- It is unhelpful to designate building in absence of a register identifying what key elements establish its character.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. Values were attributed to the structure in the RPS. These were Architectural , group and Streetscape values
2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.
3. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS, subject to further research, which may indicate more appropriate protection within an ACA.

Submission ref. no. 42

Mr. Thomas Healy, Architectural & Engineering Services, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

On behalf of: Walsh's Emporium, Market Square,

Location: Walsh's Emporium, Market Square, Clifden (**RPS 38**).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of Walsh's Emporium in record of protected structures. unhelpful to designate building in absence of a register identifying what key elements establish its character.
- As a commercial premises an objection is made on the grounds that inclusion in the RPS will be an impediment to development of the business.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. Values were attributed to the structure in the RPS. These are Architectural, Design and Streetscape values.
2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would

- not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.
- 3. Inclusion in the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its maintenance into the future.
- 4. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS

Submission ref. no. 43

Mr. Thomas Healy, Architectural & Engineering Services, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

On behalf of: The Central, Main Street

Location: The Central, Main Street, Clifden (RPS 54).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the Central Hotel being included in Record of protected structures. unhelpful to designate building in absence of a register identifying what key elements establish its character.
- As a commercial premises an objection is made on the grounds that inclusion in the RPS will be an impediment to development of the business

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. Values were attributed to the structure in the RPS. These are Architectural, Design and streetscape values.
2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.
3. Inclusion in the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its maintenance into the future.
4. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS.

Submission ref. no. 44

Mr. Thomas Healy, Architectural & Engineering Services, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

On behalf of: Fogarty's Restaurant

Location: Fogarty's Restaurant, Market Square, Clifden (RPS 36).

Submission Request:

- Objection to Fogerty's Restaurant being included on the Record of Protected Structures.
- Unhelpful to designate building in absence of a register identifying what key elements establish its character.
- As a commercial premises an objection is made on the grounds that inclusion in the RPS will be an impediment to development of the business.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. Values were attributed to the structure in the RPS. These are Architectural, Streetscape and Material values.
2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.
3. Inclusion in the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its maintenance into the future.
4. It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS.

Submission ref. no. 45

Mr. Thomas Healy, Architectural & Engineering Services, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

On behalf of: Sullivans Supermarket

Location: Not included on RPS

Submission Request:

- Objection to Sullivan's supermarket being put on the Record of Protected Structures.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. This structure has not been included in RPS.

Submission ref. no. 46

Mr. Thomas Healy, Architectural & Engineering Services, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

On behalf of: Ivy Lodge, Ardbear.

Location: Ivy Lodge, Ardbear. (RPS 67).

Submission Request:

- Objection to the listing of Ivy Lodge on the Record of Protected Structures.

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. Objection states unhelpful to designate building in absence of a register identifying what key elements establish its character. (Values were attributed to the structure in the RPS).
2. A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.
3. Inclusion in the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its maintenance into the future.
4. It is recommended that the structure be retained on the RPS.

Submission ref no. 47

Mrs. Evangeline Roche, Rock Glen Country House Hotel, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: Island View House, Ardbear. (RPS 9).

Submission Request:

- asking for some reasons as to why *Island View*, Ardbear, Clifden, should come under the new proposals (“this information would assist us when we make our representation to the planning authority”).

Observations/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. Report on building was supplied as requested, and subsequent oral hearing was held.

Submission ref no. 48

Mr. Thomas Healy, Architectural & Engineering Services, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

On behalf of: Island View House, Ardbear

Location: Island View House, Ardbear (RPS 9).

Submission Request:

- Objection to inclusion of Island View house in RPS, with condition report and historical background attached.

Observation/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. The condition reports attached state that the building is derelict and that rehabilitation of the building and its material would result in much of the fabric being impossible to repair.
2. It is undertaken elsewhere to provide a comprehensive record of the structure should removal of existing fabric be inevitable.
3. Recommend structure not be included on RPS.

Submission ref no: 49

Mr. Noel F. Heavey & Partners, Project Management, Property Consultants,
Fry House, Fry Place, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

On behalf of: John and Evangeline Roche.

Location: Island View House, Ardbear.

Submission Request:

- Objection to the inclusion of Island View House on the Record of Protected Structures.
- On grounds that it is derelict
- Has no architectural merit.
- Derelict condition would justify exclusion from group values
- In beautiful setting, on which structure is a "serious blot"
- Undertakes to provide full record of structure and lodge it in a nominated repository
- Separate application to rezone site-it is proposed to seek permission to replace these buildings with residential accommodation
- Attached report states timbers infested with various rots. Roof structure unsound.
- Brief historical account attached

Observation/Recommendations of Planning Department:

1. The condition reports attached state that the building is derelict and that rehabilitation of the building and its material would result in much of the fabric being impossible to repair.
2. It is undertaken to provide a comprehensive record of the structure should removal of existing fabric be unavoidable, following full assessment.
3. Recommend structure not be included on RPS.

Submission ref. no. 50

Bank of Ireland, Group premises Department, Head Office, Lower Baggot Street,

Dublin 2

Location: Bank of Ireland, Main St, Clifden. (RPS 63).

Submission Request:

- Request for Declaration on behalf of owners.

Observation/Recommendations of Planning Department:

Declaration will be issued as soon as possible.

Submission ref. no. 51

Ms. Angela Casey, Chartered Engineer, Main Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: Clifden Pharmacy, Main St.(RPS 52)

Submission Request:

- Requests her name to be added to the list of occupiers.

Observation/Recommendations of Planning Department:

Request noted

Submission ref. no. 52

O'Connor, Keogh & Mulcaire, Chartered Architects, Woodquay Court, Woodquay, Galway.

On behalf of: Humpty's Pub

Location: Humpty's Pub, Market Square (RPS 40).

Submission Request:

- Objection on behalf of Humanity Dicks (Humpty's Pub) being placed on Record of Protected Structures.
- On grounds that building is not outstanding architecturally
- Premises is office and a Licensed pub and gutted and modified internally
- Required to be upgraded to present day standards on a regular basis
- Fails to comply with disabled access
- Given the varied streetscape, it would be very easy for any new developments to compliment the setting streetscape.

Observation/Recommendations of Planning Department:

Dublin 2

Location: Bank of Ireland, Main St, Clifden. (RPS 63).

Submission Request:

- Request for Declaration on behalf of owners.

Observation/Recommendations of Planning Department:

Declaration will be issued as soon as possible.

Submission ref. no. 51

Ms. Angela Casey, Chartered Engineer, Main Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location: Clifden Pharmacy, Main St.(RPS 52)

Submission Request:

- Requests her name to be added to the list of occupiers.

Observation/Recommendations of Planning Department:

Request noted

Submission ref. no. 52

O'Connor, Keogh & Mulcaire, Chartered Architects, Woodquay Court, Woodquay, Galway.

On behalf of: Humpty's Pub

Location: Humpty's Pub, Market Square (RPS 40).

Submission Request:

- Objection on behalf of Humanity Dicks (Humpty's Pub) being placed on Record of Protected Structures.
- On grounds that building is not outstanding architecturally
- Premises is office and a Licensed pub and gutted and modified internally
- Required to be upgraded to present day standards on a regular basis
- Fails to comply with disabled access
- Given the varied streetscape, it would be very easy for any new developments to compliment the setting streetscape.

Observation/Recommendations of Planning Department:

- 1 The building was ascribed architectural and streetscape values in the RPS. It is a fine example of a town house of its period, and contributes positively to the streetscape.
- 2 A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.
3. Inclusion in the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its maintenance into the future.
4. It is recommended that the structure be included on RPS, subject to further research which may indicate more appropriate protection within an ACA.

Submission Ref no. 53

Brian Meehan, 13 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin 2

On behalf of; Abbey Glen Hotel, Sky Road, Clifden (RPS 2)

Submission Request:

That proposed amendment be deleted for following reasons

- That while Former Glenowen Orphanage is an attractive building, its architectural and design status is not of any particular significance.
- Maintenance of hotel has been achieved by a series of modern improvements and modifications. Such continued improvements could be unnecessarily constrained in the future if the buildings were to become a Protected Structure. Such constraints could damage the tourist function of the hotel

Observation/Recommendations of Planning Department:

- 1 The former Glenowen Orphanage has architectural, Interior and Design values, which merit its inclusion on RPS.
- 2 Modern insertions and additions are contributions from the current period which should reflect contemporary construction design and construction, while taking into account the character of structures already on the site. A building of the 21st century should never try to pretend it is other than it is-Pastiche should be avoided.
- 3 A **Declaration** may be requested by owners /occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for planning authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.
4. Inclusion in the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, which would ensure its maintenance into the future.
- 5 It is recommended that the structure be retained on the RPS".

Ms. Doddy stated that the above 41 submissions were received regarding the proposed Record of Protected Structures. Of these, two were requests for Declarations and 3 were general queries. There were objections to the inclusion of 29 structures in the Record of Protected Structures. She recommended the deletion of two of these structures from the RPS as per her report and recommended that the structures, as set out in the report, be included in the Record of Protected Structures. She also recommended that provision be made for investigation of an Architectural Conservation Area in the historic town centre.

Following discussion on the implementations of the legislation it was proposed by Cllr. JJ Mannion and seconded by Cllr. O' Neachtain to exclude from the Record of Protected Structures the 29 structures which were the subject of objections.

A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:

AR SON

Cllr. J. Burke, Dep. U. Burke, Cllr. J. Callanan, Dep. P. Connaughton, Cllr. M. Connolly, Cllr. J. Conneely, Cllr. M. Fahy, Cllr. S. Gavin, Cllr. N. Grealish, Cllr. M. Hoade, Cllr. P. Hynes, Cllr. J. Joyce, Cllr. M. Loughnane, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. T. Mannion, Cllr. J. McClearn, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cllr. C. Ní Fhatharta, Cllr. S. O'Neachtain, Cllr. P. O'Suilleabháin, Cllr. K. Quinn, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh, (26)

IN AGHAIDH:

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried.

It was proposed by Cllr. J.J. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. J. Conneely and agreed that Galway County Council having prepared a Draft Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Clifden, having sent copies of prescribed documents to the prescribed authorities, having published the required notices, having considered the representations, objections and oral hearing made to the Draft Plan, having proposed and published material alterations, in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1963, as amended by Section 37 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1976, and having in all other respects complied with the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1963, hereby resolve to make the Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Clifden i.e. the draft and material alterations as published and as amended at this meeting. The Plan consists of the written statement and the relevant maps.

Report of Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 30th May, 2001.

The report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 30th May 2001 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Gavin, seconded by Cllr. J. Conneely.

DECLARATION OF A ROAD TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD – SECTION 11 OF THE ROADS ACT, 1993 1146

On the proposal of Cllr Fahy, seconded by Dep. U. Burke the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedures having been complied with.

Gort Engineering Area

Road commencing at junction with Local Road LT45033 and extending north east for a distance of 203 metres in the Townland of Knockakilleen.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1147

Report was circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr Mullins, seconded by Dep. Connaughton the figures of expenditure and income set out in the Annual Financial Statement were agreed and the accounts for the year 2000 were adopted.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 2001.

1148

On the proposal of Cllr Quinn, seconded by Cllr P. McHugh the members approved overdraft accommodation to a maximum of £10m for the period ending 31st December, 2001 and a similar amount retrospectively for the period ending 30th June, 2001, increasing the amount previously sanctioned, subject to the sanction of the Minister of Environment and Local Government.

In reply to a query by Dep. Connaughton, Mr Lusby explained that specific funding would be required for the extension to Aras an Chontae.

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2000

1149

A copy of the draft annual report for 2000 was circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr Loughnane, seconded by Cllr Mullins the Members approved the Draft Annual Report 2000.

DISC PARKING BYE- LAWS

1150

A copy of report dated 18th June, 2001 was circulated to each member.

Cllr J. Burke proposed that the disc-parking bye-laws be adopted, he said that as Tuam was a pilot scheme that he would like the bye-laws to be passed. Cllr Quinn said that she would like to pay tribute to Annette Woods, traffic warden in Tuam who is leaving the Council to work for Galway Corporation. Cllr Loughnane asked if this item could be deferred until the Loughrea Area Committee and the Loughrea Town Commissioners had an opportunity to discuss it. Deputy Burke suggested that the first hour of parking should be free. Cllr J. J. Mannion said disc parking was agreed at a Conamara Area Meeting with the condition that Clifden residents could park free of charge.

The County Manager said that the bye-laws had been the subject of debate at the December, 2000 meeting. He said that if passed Tuam would be a pilot project and it would then be extended to the rest of the county. He also explained that the fee has to be fixed in bye-laws and 50p per hour seemed reasonable. He recommended that the bye-laws be passed and explained that their purpose is to ensure a better turnover on parking.

On the proposal of Cllr Callanan, seconded by Cllr J. J. Mannion it was agreed to defer the disc-parking bye-laws until after the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting on the 18th July, 2001.

An Taisce Award

The meeting was adjourned for the presentation of an An Taisce award to the Loughrea Environmental Group for their voluntary work in the area.

ADOPTION OF URBAN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL STRATEGY

1151

Report was circulated to each member

The percentage funding available to Galway County Council under the Urban and Village Renewal Scheme has risen from 75% to 92% for the year 2001 giving an allocation of €297,000.

The four projects chosen under the Urban and Village renewal scheme for the year 2001 were as follows;

Tuam- Templejarlath Area, Milltown - "The Island", Williamstown - The Square, Mountbellew - The Square.

On the proposal of Cllr Quinn, seconded by Cllr Connolly it was agreed to adopt the Urban and Village Renewal Strategy.

The Cathaoirleach and the Cllrs complimented Ms. Mary Flynn on the hard work she had put into producing the Strategy. Dep Connaughton asked if there would be four groups selected from each area every year over the six year period. Cllr. McHugh said that it was important that the wall of the graveyard at Templejarlath Tuam be lowered in order that the ancient graveyard could be seen. He said that the chosen towns have featured in the tidy towns and said that there are very active groups involved. Cllr O'Sullivan said that the Council should promote their good work in relation to the Urban and Village Renewal Schemes and hoped that Ballinasloe would be included at a future date. Cllr T. Walsh said that Ballymoe and Creggs had submitted applications but were unsuccessful. He explained that the President would be visiting these villages in October and hoped that the Council would provide some funding towards this event.

Mr Ridge, Director of Planning and Economic Development complimented Ms Flynn and said that she did an excellent job within a short timescale. He said that she had developed the process put in place to draw down funding commencing in September next. The Strategy outlines everything the Council will do on Urban and Village Renewal over the next six years. He said that the communities and the area committees have a large input into the Strategy. He said that the Amenity Grants were an essential aid to local communities. With regard to Templejarlath graveyard he said the Council would examine it in context with the proper development of the area. He said that Ballinasloe had benefited from a lot of improvements in the past but could compete for funding in the Scheme. He acknowledged that Ballymoe and Creggs had a unique need and said that Ms. Flynn would be in contact with the groups involved. He said that the next step is that the Council would advertise for suitably qualified architects. The Manager thanked Ms Flynn and complimented the drive and initiative of the communities involved. He complimented Creggs National School on recently receiving the Green Flag.

DRAFT HOUSING STRATEGY

1152

Cllr J. J. Mannion said that as the Chairman of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee he recommended the adoption of the Draft Housing Strategy. He said that he recommended that the full 20% set down in the legislation be utilised for affordable and social housing. He said that the division for social and affordable housing would vary and that it would not apply to developments with less than four houses and a certificate of exemption will be required in this case. He said that it wasn't anti-developer but was giving people the chance to own their own home. Cllr O'Sullivan said that while there may be some difficulty implementing the scheme it would alleviate the housing crisis. Cllr T. McHugh said that it was important to encourage home ownership and encourage the maintenance of these houses. Cllr P. McHugh said that every effort should be made to discourage segregation and areas that already have a high level of social housing should be taken into consideration. He highlighted the importance of having amenity areas in the estates and developing communities.

On the proposal of Cllr J. J. Mannion, seconded by Cllr O'Sullivan the Draft Housing Strategy was adopted by the Council. The next step is to vary the relevant development plans.

E.S.B. PLANNING APPLICATION **1153**

A report dated the 22nd June, 2001 was circulated to each member.

The Council granted planning permission for the construction of a new 220 kV overhead line from a proposed 400/200kV substation at Ballynakeskeragh townland near Killimor to the existing Cashla 220kV substation at Barrettspark townland near Athenry, Co. Galway.

A discussion took place and the members raised the following queries and points;

- The members did not feel that any works had commenced.
- There is documented evidence available that there is a serious health risk for people living within five hundred meters of these powerlines. Professor Henshaw of Bristol University has published conclusive evidence in March 2001 that there is an associated link with childhood Leukemia, lung cancer, skin cancer and depression to those people. Building new houses near power cables or allowing new powerlines near houses should be stopped until this research is investigated. A ban already exists in the United States and Sweden..
- The reason given for providing overhead as opposed to underground powerlines is cost. This should not be a factor when safety is an issue. The E.S.B. should meet with the communities and review the option of providing underground cables. They should also provide proper compensation to landowners.
- What health factors are considered when deciding on planning permission and what input has the Environmental Protection Agency?
- The E.S.B. should have put the power line along the new road from Ennis to Gort and on to Oranmore.
- The E.S.B. officials should be asked to attend a Council meeting.

Mr Ridge said that only some of the observations made were relevant to proper planning and he would address those. In order to revoke the permission the following must apply;

1. The works must not have commenced
2. The Planning Authority is restricted to considering the proper planning and development of the area concerned
3. The permission shall not be revoked unless there has been a change in circumstances relating to the proper planning and development of the area concerned and such change of circumstance has occurred since the granting of permission.

Mr Ridge explained that Mr Gavin, Senior Engineer, had inspected the site and trial holes have been dug and the foundation for one of the masts was poured.

In reply to the query re health risks he said that the Health Board considered that it did not have the expertise necessary to properly assess the application and recommended that

it should be sent to the Environmental Protection Agency. He explained that an Environmental Impact Statement had been referred to the E.P.A and the radiation levels were well within scientifically set international and EU safety standards.

The County Manager referred to precedents in other counties where the members revoked the managers decision to grant planning permission and the revocation was quashed by the High Court who also levied costs against the Local Authority.

Following discussion it was agreed to write to the E.S.B. and invite their officials to a meeting of the Council.

CONFERENCES

1154

On the proposal of Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Cllr. Hoade, 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:-

The Social Study Conference **Westport, Co. Mayo** **21st – 23rd June.**

Cllr. P. O' Sullivan Cllr. K. Quinn Cllr. M. Hoade.

Sustaining Rural Communities **Adare, Co. Limerick** **15th/16th June.**

Cllr. M. Hoade.

Mid West Regional Authority **Adare, Co. Limerick** **15th/16th June.**

Cllr. M. Hoade Cllr. K. Quinn

Annual Summer School **-Hotel Westport, Co. Mayo** **21st/26th June.**

Cllr. M. Hoade.

Social Studies Summer School **Westport** **22/23 June.**

Cllr. P. O Sullivan Cllr. M. Hoade Cllr. K. Quinn
Sen. J. McDonagh.

General Council of County Councils **Carlow** **4th /5th /7th July.**

Cllr. M. Cunningham	Cllr. J. Callanan	Cllr. P. O' Sullivan
Cllr. K. Quinn	Cllr. P. McHugh	Cllr. M. Loughnane
Cllr. T. Mannion	Cllr. M. Hoade	Cllr. M. Connolly
Cllr. P. Hynes	Cllr. N. Grealish	Sen. J. McDonagh
Cllr. T. Walsh	Cllr. J.J. Mannion	Cllr. J. McClearn

Cllr. T. Mchugh
Dep. P. Connaughton

Dep. U. Burke
Cathaoirleach C. Ni Fhatharta.

Cllr. M. Mullins.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

N.O.M. NO. 17 - PLAY AREA – DEP. U. BURKE

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The following reply was given to Dep. Burke:

"It is proposed to provide a suitable open space for this purpose in the next phase of development which is currently in planning".

N.O.M. NO. 18 - TRAFFIC CONTROL – DEP. U. BURKE

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The following reply was given to Dep. Burke:

"A survey will be carried out at this location in order to establish what traffic control measures are required".

N.O.M. NO. 19 - FOOTPATHS – DEP. U. BURKE

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The following reply was given to Dep. Burke:

"This footpath is located on the National Secondary road N65. No provision has been made in the current Road Works Programme for the carrying out of works at this location. However, it will be considered for inclusion under next year's Road Works Programme".

N.O.M. NO. 20 – ROAD WORKS – DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON

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The following reply was given to Dep. Connaughton:

"Remedial works will be carried out at the above location as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 21 – ROAD WORKS – DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON

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The following reply was given to Dep. Connaughton:

"24 No. applications were received for the Milltown Engineering area for consideration under this year's Community Involvement in Road Works Programme."

Having regard to the funding available 7 No. applications were approved with a total budget of £41,000. The above application was not considered a priority as this group was approved for a project last year and the works have not yet been completed. However, next year's scheme will be advertised in September and they will be welcome to apply at that stage."

N.O.M. NO. 22 – SIGNS – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 1160

The following reply was give to Cllr. Cunningham:

"The above works will be carried out as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 23 – L.I.S. ROAD – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 1161

The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:

"This road is not in charge of Galway County Council. It may qualify for inclusion under the L.I.S. programme. I enclose herewith L.I.S. application for for completion and return as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 24 – PLANNING – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 1162

The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:

"It is the intention of Galway County Council to prepare a Local Plan for Kinvara. Personnel from the Forward Planning Section have already met with the Kinvara Community Council, to discuss timescales and procedures".

N.O.M. NO. 25 – BURIAL GROUND – CLLR. M. FAHY 1163

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:

"The Council has two burial grounds in Portumna, namely St. Michael's and Calvary. If this refers to Calvary burial ground the existing wicket gate is in good condition and does not merit replacement at this time".

N.O.M. NO. 26 – FLOODING – CLLR. M. FAHY 1164

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:

"The location was inspected on a rainy day and no evidence of flooding was visible at this location".

N.O.M. NO. 27 – SEWERAGE SCHEME – CLLR. M. FAHY 1165

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:

"A report is currently being prepared for the Department in relation to the apportionment of the scheme between capital and Serviced Land Initiative elements. The Department have indicated that they will give an indication regarding the future funding the scheme on receipt of this report. The Department have approved funding for the Loughrea – Extension to Craughwell RWSS under the Rural Towns and Villages Scheme. The pipeline route has been approved by the Department and the Contract Documents for the Site Investigation and the civil works are been prepared".

N.O.M. NO. 28 – PRESERVATION ORDER – CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 1166

The following reply was given to Cllr. Loughnane:

"The Council will investigate the possibility of developing Hynes Wood as an amenity park. This will be considered as part of the County Development Plan review process".

N.O.M. NO. 29 – ROAD – CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 1167

The following reply was given to Cllr. Loughnane:

"This matter is being considered and a reply will be available for the next meeting."

N.O.M. NO. 30 – CEMETARY – CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 1168

The following reply was given to Cllr. Loughnane:

"I wish to inform you that the Council will surface the access road into the cemetery during this year".

N.O.M. NO. 31 – ROADS – SEN. J. MCDONAGH 1169

The following reply was given to Sen. McDonagh:

"There are in excess of 200 Local Tertiary roads in the Tuam Engineering Area. Seven are included in the 2001 Road Works Scheme. Additional roads will be included if further funding becomes available. Routine maintenance will be carried out to all Local Tertiary Roads as resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 32 – ROADS – SEN. J. MCDONAGH

1170

The following is the reply:

"A grant of £60,000 was provided by the N.R.A. for the provision of Traffic Route Lighting on National Secondary Routes throughout the county. It was not possible to include Lackagh in this allocation due to the limited funding available. However, it will be considered along with other locations under next year's Traffic Route Lighting Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 33 – ROAD – SEN. J. MCDONAGH

1171

The following is the reply:

"This matter has been referred to our Design Section for consideration under the Low Cost Accident Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 34 – ROAD – CLLR. P. O' SULLIVAN

1172

The following is the reply:

"Verge Trimming will be carried out at above locations as resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 35 – ROAD – CLLR. P. O' SULLIVAN

1173

The following is the reply:

"It will not be possible to carry out the above works in the current year. This road was not included in this year's Road Works Programme. However, routine maintenance will be carried out."

N.O.M. NO. 36 – ROADS – CLLR. P. O' SULLIVAN

1174

The following is the reply:

"It will not be possible to carry out the above works in the current year. This road was not included in this year's Road Works Programme. However, routine maintenance will be carried out."

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILIMHE
CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON
8th June, 2001

Cathaoirleach

Submitted, Approved & Signed

ILATHAIR FREISIN

Connie Ní Mhalharra

Ball:

Name .

23/7/01.

Date.

Giffigh:

Meora. D. O'Donoghue, Coun. Manager, T. Kavanagh, J.
Callen, R. Gilmore, P. Kelly, Directors of Services, P.
Fitzpatrick, Senior Executive Planner, H. Coleman, Exec.
Planner, D. Barrett, Planner, T. Murphy, S.E.O.'s, M.
Kiloran-Coyne, J. O'D., A. Power, A.S.O., Quimin Mac
Aodh Bin, Cllr. Cath. Gaillge.

G. McCarry, Planning Consultant

Thosaigh an cruinniú leis an uachtair.

Resolutions of Sympathy

1128 (b)

Resolutions of sympathy was passed with the following-

- Mrs. Anne Keating, Aaragh Cross, Ballyglavin, Tuam, Co. Galway.
- Mrs. M. Conboy, Balle Liam, An Spidéal, Co. Galway
- Mr. John Francis Higgins, Springtown, Mountbellew, Co. Galway
- Mr. Patrick Collins, Clooncash, Glinck, Ballymos, Co. Galway
- Mrs. Nan Walsh, Dooon East, Rosehill, Co. Galway.

The Members extended their sympathy to An Comh. O'Neachtain on the death of his Uncle, Padraig McDonagh. In order that Members could attend the funeral that evening, it was proposed by Cllr. Loaguane, seconded by Cllr. Callinan and agreed that the meeting would adjourn at 4.45 p.m. The Members also extended their sympathy to Ms. Eileen Keaveney, Housing Section on the recent death of her father. The County

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
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8th June, 2001**

Cathaoirleach An Comhairleoir S. O'Neachtain

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill: Deps. U. Burke, P. Connaughton, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. J. Burke, J. Callanan, 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, T. McHugh, K. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, M. Regan, S. Walsh, T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:- Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager, T. Kavanagh, J. Cullen, F. Gilmore, P. Ridge, Directors of Services, P. Fitzpatrick, Senior Executive Planner, H. Coleman, Exec. Planner, D. Barrett, A. Comer, T. Murphy, S.E.O.'s, M. Kiloran-Coyne, A/S.S.O, A. Power, A/S.O., Cuimin Mac Aodh Bhuí, Oifigeach Gaeilge.

G. McCarthy, Planning Consultant

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

Resolutions of Sympathy

1128 (6)

Resolutions of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mrs. Anne Keating, Annagh Cross, Ballyglunin, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Dara O Conlúin, Baile Liam, An Spideál, Co. Galway
Mr. John Francis Higgins, Springtown, Mountbellew, Co. Galway
Mr. Patrick Collins, Clooncath, Glinsk, Ballymoe, Co. Galway
Mrs. Nan Walsh, Doon East, Roscahill, Co. Galway.

The Members extended their sympathy to An Comh. O'Neachtain on the death of his Uncle, Pdraig McDonagh. In order that Members could attend the funeral that evening, it was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. Callanan and agreed that the meeting would adjourn at 4.45 p.m. The Members also extended their sympathy to Ms. Eileen Keaveney, Housing Section on the recent death of her father. The County

Manager, on behalf of the Staff wished to be associated with the Resolutions of Sympathy to An Comh. O'Neachtain and Ms. Eileen Keaveney.

MATTERS RAISED

1129

Killimor Cashla Power Line - Planning Ref: 00/5409

Cllr. Loughnane referred to the planning permission for a power line granted recently to the ESB. He said there were concerns about the proposal particularly as the power line was to be over ground. Many people were concerned about public health issues and felt there had not been adequate consultation by the ESB with landowners and people who would be affected. He said that some people were unaware of the proposal until after permission had been granted. He enquired also why it was not possible to have the power line under ground as it was intended to have the cables under ground between Casla and Galway City. Cllr. Regan said that the people concerned were not consulted by the ESB at all and suggested that the ESB be invited to a future Meeting to address the Council on the proposal. Cllr. Gavin questioned whether it was appropriate to discuss this planning application in any depth as it was not an item on the agenda. He said people opposed to the proposal seemed to believe that the Councillors could overturn the planning decision.

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by An Comh. O'Neachtain that a report on this matter including the question of revocation of planning permission be prepared and submitted to Council.

The County Manager advised the Members that the planning file is open for public inspection and was dealt with in the normal way. He stated that there was no appeal to An Bord Pleanala. With regard to revoking this or any other planning decision, he said he would need to obtain legal opinion. A report as requested would be prepared and submitted to Council.

Road Surface - N17

Cllr. T. McHugh referred to the condition of the road surface of the N17 - Galway/Tuam/Milltown/Boundary of Ballindine. He asked that Council request the N.R.A. to provide funding to improve the surface of the road to an acceptable standard.

Local Improvement Schemes

Cllr. T. McHugh referred to the use of the land valuation system for determining the rate of contribution under the L.I.S. Scheme. He said that this had been raised at a previous Council Meeting and the Council requested the Minister for Environment & Local Government to introduce a flat rate of 10% local contribution for these schemes. He said that some contributions can be as high as 25% per household. He proposed that the

Council write to the Department to have the 10% local contribution on a reducing scale. This was seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh.

Nice Referendum

Dep. Burke referred to complaints he had received regarding the polling station in Abbey, Loughrea. He received complaints from the Locals where as many as 20 people, many whom would have voted there for many years, were turned away when they could not produce identification. He asked that the matter be taken up with the Returning Officer.

Illegal Trading

An Comh. O'Neachtain referred to a mobile chipper which was operating on the main street in Spiddal at week-ends and which was creating a nuisance. He said that there should be a mechanism in place to ensure that such illegal trading would be curtailed immediately. He said that the noise pollution was also unacceptable. He asked the matter be fully investigated.

Welcome

An Comh. O'Neachtain introduced Ms. Pauline Fitzpatrick, Senior Executive Planner to the Members and welcomed her to Galway County Council and wished her well in her new position.

CONFERENCES

1130

On the proposal of Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Cllr. McClearn, 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:-

Archaeology & Development - Sligo - 22 May 2001

Cllr. P. Hynes

Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly Conference - Cork - 18/19 May 2001

Cllr. P. O'Foighil Cllr. J. McClearn

3 Day Conference - Kanturk - 25/27 May 2001

Cllr. M. Connolly

Sustaining Rural Populations - Adare, Co. Limerick - 15/16 June 2001

Cllr. K. Quinn

REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION WORKS UNDER THE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 1131

Report dated 30th May 2001 was circulated to each Member.

- (a) **Construction of single rural house with services at Ballinroaun, Brierfield, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway**

The works as proposed were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Quinn.

- (b) **Construction of single rural houses with services at Bealadangan, Co. Galway**

The works as proposed were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Gavin, seconded by Cllr. Regan.

- (c) **Construction of single rural house with services at Glentrasna, Lettermore, Co. Galway**

The works as proposed were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Gavin, seconded by Cllr. Regan.

IT WAS AGREED TO TAKE ITEM NO. 3 NEXT

RURAL POST OFFICES 1132

Cllr. Quinn said that a lot had happened for the better since this item was first proposed. She said that investment of over £60m was coming on stream and post offices would be operating the new Savings Scheme. She said the rural post office is a vital aspect of rural life and that it was now up to us as local communities to use the services that are there. She requested that the Minister be written to ensure that the smaller post offices be in a position to provide the fullest range of services including money orders, postal orders and prize bonds.

Cllr. Gavin said that he supported Cllr. Quinn's motion but noted that of the 1,500 post offices nationwide, 913 of these are small post offices and only account for 5.5% of business of the country. They will require subsidy in the region of £50/80m over the next five years to keep them going.

Dep. Burke said that rural post offices have been given a life-line for the present. He said that many of the smaller post offices are run by families and traditionally every post office had an outside telephone kiosk. He said that there are 3 kiosks in the East Galway area at Ballyshrule, Powers Cross and Gurteeny that are going to be removed by Eircom. He said that this was the first indication that post offices won't be long thereafter. He proposed that the County Secretary write to Eircom and tell them to stop denying the people of rural Ireland the service which the people always had available to them - a telephone kiosk outside a post office.

Cllr. McClearn said that any measures that will sustain the network of rural post offices including subvention is very welcome. He said that a much more imaginative approach is required if rural post offices are to survive long-term - i.e. the provision of ATM machines, etc. Cllr. Burke said he strongly supported the retention of all rural post offices and stated the importance of rural post offices to the infrastructure of the community. Cllr. Hynes said that rural post offices have been part of Irish life for over a century and with proper management and a new management structure, they could be made financially viable. Cllr. T. Mannion said he too supported the retention of rural post offices but said the two main social issues are the over-population in urban areas and the under population in rural areas and this is why our rural post offices are under threat. He said the onus is on the Council to provide infrastructure in smaller towns and villages and try to encourage people to move there to reside.

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ALTERATIONS TO DEVELOPMENT APPROVED UNDER PLANNING REF. NO. 99/1472 TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: (a) ALTERATIONS TO ROAD LAYOUT, (b) CHANGE OF HOUSE TYPE (c) TO CONSTRUCT AN ADDITIONAL DWELLINGHOUSE (d) ALTERATIONS TO SERVICES LAYOUT (e) ALTERATIONS TO FINISHED FLOOR LEVELS AT ST. JOSEPH'S ROAD, PORTUMNA
Planning Ref. No. 01/614 **1133**

Mr. A. Comer, outlined the details of Material Contravention set out in the following Report which had been circulated to the Members:-

APPLICANT:

Oakmire Construction Ltd.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The proposed development is for alterations to development approved under Planning ref. no. 99/1472 to include the following (a) alterations to road layout, (b) change of house types (c) to construct an additional dwellinghouse, (d) alterations to services layout (e) alterations to finish floor levels at St. Joseph's Road, Portumna

LOCATION: The site of the proposed development is located adjacent to St Joseph's Road in the townland of Portumna.

PLANNING HISTORY: 99/1472 – Permission was granted for 15 no. detached dwellinghouses.

ASSESSMENT: This current application does not deviate greatly from that which was granted under planning reference no.99-1472. There are now 16 dwellinghouses rather than 15 as was originally granted and the alterations to the road are necessary due to this. Finished floor levels have been reduced from that which were previously granted under planning ref. no. 99-1472. House types have not altered greatly save for the fact that the applicants are proposing to use brick in the grey colour range rather than natural stone as was originally proposed. The reason being the inability to source stone at a reasonable cost. It was felt that this was a reasonable proposal and the recommendation was to grant subject to 14 no. conditions.

ZONING: Part of the site is currently zoned residential, while another portion of the site lies outside of the town boundary on unzoned lands.

OBJECTIONS: None were received.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that permission be granted to materially contravene the County Development Plan

STATUTORY CONSIDERATION: A decision to grant permission cannot be made unless a resolution is passed by the members requiring that such a decision be made in accordance with Section 26(3) of the 1963 Planning Act as substituted by Section 39(d) of the 1976 Planning Act as amended by Section 45 of the Local Government Act 1991.

Public notice of the Council's intention to consider deciding to grant permission was given on 19th April, 2001 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections. None were submitted.

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

The latest date for a decision on this application is 19th June, 2001.

Cllr. Regan proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Oakmire Construction Ltd., planning reference no. 01/614, and having considered the Report dated

31st May 2001, on the matter, Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(3) of Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1963, as amended by Section 39(d) of 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. Dep. Burke seconded this proposal. A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

AR SON: Cllr. J. Burke, Dep. U. Burke, Cllr. J. Callanan, Dep. P. Connaughton, Cllr. J. Conneely, Cllr. M. Connolly, Cllr. M. Cunningham, Cllr. S. Gavin, Cllr. N. Grealish, Cllr. M. Hoade, Cllr. P. Hynes, Cllr. J. Joyce, Cllr. M. Loughnane, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. T. Mannion, Cllr. J. McClearn, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. S O' Neachtain, Cllr. K. Quinn, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. M. Regan, Cllr. S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh, (24)

IN AGHAIDH: (0)

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried .

CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS ON DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF LOUGHREA AND ENVIRONS 1134

Mrs. Laura Crowe, c/o Frank Burke and Associates

Submission Reference Number: 18

Date Received: 29/6/99

LOCATION: Lands of 13.4 acres (5.4 hectares), bounded by Town Environs Boundary to the north, straddling proposed by pass route, north of Industrial zoning, Caheronaun, Loughrea. (Marked as No. 18 on Submissions Map).

REQUEST 1.: By-Pass route should be projected as far north as possible to lessen the severance of the client's lands.

LOCATION: Lands of 3.0 acres (1.2 hectares) south of by-pass adjacent to Industrial zoning. (Marked as No. 18A on Submissions Map).

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST 2: Rezoning from Agriculture to Industrial.

LOCATION: Lands North of Proposed by-pass route. (Marked as No. 18B on Submissions Map).

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST 3.: Rezoning from Agriculture to Residential.

- Lands are of limited Agricultural potential, with small fragmented plots will especially be dissected by the by-pass route, therefore a development zoning offer the only viable option for these lands.
- Lands can be easily serviced with water and sewerage infrastructure. For example, surface water can be discharged to the Dunkellin river by way of a surface water drain, which exists on site.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

18. The issue of severance of lands by the proposed by-pass will be taken into consideration in compensation awards to landowners along the route.

18A The rezoning of this area of land from agricultural to industrial is proposed in the Draft Plan.

18B These lands are outside the proposed by-pass route. Approx. 215.52 acres (87.22 hectares) of land are proposed for Residential zoning in the Draft plan in addition to 39.11 acres (15.8 hectares) zoned in the 1993 plan. These lands are deemed to be sufficient to cater for the most optimistic population projections in the town over the period of the next plan.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

It was proposed by Dep. Burke, seconded by Cllr. McClearn and agreed to accept The Planning Officer's recommendations on submission 18(a) and 18(b).

Chanelle Vetinary Ltd., c/o O' Cuimin Associates

Submission Reference Number: 20

Date Received: 8/7/99

LOCATION: Lands (11.82 acres or 4.784 hectares), bounded by the Athenry road to the south, and the Raruddy road to the west, Cosmona, Loughrea. (Marked as No. 20 on Submissions Map).

1993 ZONING: Industrial/Agriculture .

REQUEST: Rezoning from Industrial /Agriculture to Commercial

- The Commercial zoning (as indicated in the zoning matrix) create a wide spectrum of development opportunities.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

These lands are zoned partly for Industrial use (i.e. existing factory site) and partly Agricultural, therefore Commercial zoning at this location some distance from the town centre would be likely to detract from the role of the town centre as the primary Commercial area in Loughrea. Additional lands are being identified for Commercial zoning close to the town centre.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

It was proposed by Dep. Burke, seconded by Cllr. McClearn that the part of these lands which were the subject of an application for planning permission be zoned residential and the remainder be zoned in accordance with the Planning Officer's recommendation. A vote was taken as follows:-

Ar Son: Dep. Burke, Cllrs. Callanan, Connolly, Conneely, Cunningham, Grealish, Hoade, Hynes, Joyce, McClearn, O'Neachtain, Rabbitt, Regan, T. Walsh (14)

In Aghaidh: NIL

Gan Votail: Cllr. Gavin (1)

Paddy Daniels

Submission Reference Number: 31

LOCATION: Lands (4.91 acres or 1.98 hectares) east of Loughrea town, south of proposed by-pass, north of N6 (Ballinasloe road), Caherwalter, Loughrea.

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Agricultural to Residential.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

Approx. 215.52 acres (87.22 hectares) of land are proposed for Residential zoning in the Draft plan in addition to 39.11 acres (15.8 hectares) zoned in the 1993 plan. These lands are deemed to be sufficient to cater for the most optimistic population projections in the town over the period of the next plan.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

It was proposed by Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. McClearn that these lands should be rezoned from agricultural to residential. A vote was taken as follows:

Ar Son: Dep. Burke, Cllrs. Callanan, Connolly, Conneely, Cunningham, Grealish, Hoade, Hynes, Joyce, McClearn, O'Neachtain, Rabbitt, Regan, T. Walsh (14)

In Aghaidh: NIL

Gan Votail: Cllr. Gavin (1)

Mr. G. McCarthy outlined 10 other rezoning recommendations as proposed by the Loughrea Area Committee when the draft plan was under consideration at Committee level.

Area Marked A on Zoning Map

1.438 acres

It was proposed by Cllr. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham that these lands should be rezoned from agricultural to industrial use. A vote was taken as follows:-

Ar Son: Dep. Burke, Cllrs. Callanan, Connolly, Cunningham, M. Fahy, Grealish, Hoade, Hynes, Joyce, O'Neachtain, Rabbitt, Regan, T. Walsh (13)

In Aghaidh: NIL

Gan Votail: Cllr. Gavin, McClearn (2)

Area Marked B on Zoning Map

1 acre

Area Marked B - it was recommended that one acre be zoned from community/institutional use to residential use.

Dep. Burke proposed that green area to the north east (narrow field along the hill) be zoned for amenity/recreation. This was seconded by Cllr. McClearn.

An Cathaoirleach S. O'Neachtain indicated that he would have to leave the meeting at this point but the Councillors were free to continue if they wished to bring the Loughrea Plan to a conclusion. It was

proposed by Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. Regan and agreed that Cllr. Callanan should take the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Area Marked C on Zoning Map

24.41 acres

It was proposed by Cllr. Hynes, seconded by Dep. Burke that the lands marked C on the Zoning Map be rezoned from agriculture to residential. A vote was taken as follows:

Ar Son: Dep. Burke, Cllrs. Callanan, Conneely, Cunningham, Fahy, Grealish, Hoade, Hynes, Joyce, McClearn, Rabbitt, Regan, T. Walsh (13)

In Aghaidh: NIL

Gan Votail: NIL

Area Marked D on Zoning Map

31.87 acres

It was proposed by Dep. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Hynes that the area Marked D on the Zoning Map be rezoned from agriculture to industrial. A vote was taken as follows:

Ar Son: Dep. Connaughton, Cllrs. Callanan, Conneely, Cunningham, Grealish, Hoade, Hynes, Joyce, McClearn, Regan, (10)

In Aghaidh: NIL

Gan Votail: Cllr. Gavin (1)

Area Marked E on Zoning Map

11.09 Acres

It was proposed by Cllr. Hynes, seconded by Dep. Burke that the area Marked E on the Zoning Map be rezoned from agriculture to residential. A vote was taken as follows:

Ar Son: Dep. Burke, Cllrs. Callanan, Conneely, Cunningham, Grealish, Hynes, Joyce, McClearn, Rabbitt, Regan (10)

In Aghaidh: NIL
Gan Votail: Cllr. Gavin (1)

Area Marked F on Zoning Map

10.77 Acres

It was proposed by Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Hynes that the area marked F on the Zoning Map be rezoned from agricultural to residential. A vote was taken as follows:-

Ar Son: Dep. Burke, Cllrs. Callanan, Conneely, Cunningham, Hoade, Hynes, Joyce, McClearn, Rabbitt, Regan, (10)

In Aghaidh: NIL
Gan Votail: Cllr. Gavin (1)
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Area Marked G on Zoning Map

2.54 acres

It was proposed by Dep. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Hynes that the area marked G on the Zoning Map be rezoned from residential to commercial. A vote was taken as follows:-

Ar Son: Dep. Burke, Cllrs. Callanan, Conneely, Hoade, Hynes, Joyce, McClearn, Rabbitt, Regan (9)

In Aghaidh: NIL
Gan Votail: Cllr. Gavin (1)

Area Marked H on Zoning Map

7.98 acres

It was proposed by Cllr. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. McClearn that the area marked H on the Zoning Map be rezoned from residential to agricultural. A vote was taken as follows:-

Ar Son: Dep. Burke, Cllrs. Callanan, Conneely, Gavin, Grealish, Hoade, Hynes, Joyce, McClearn, Rabbitt, Regan, T. Walsh (12)

In Aghaidh: NIL

Gan Votail: NIL

Area Marked I on Zoning Map

5.31 acres

It was proposed by Cllr.Hynes, seconded by Cllr. McClearn that the area marked I on the Zoning Map be rezoned from agricultural to industrial. A vote was taken as follows:-

Ar Son: Dep. Burke, Cllrs. Callanan, Conneely, Grealish, Hoade, Hynes, Joyce, McClearn, Regan, T. Walsh (10)

In Aghaidh: NIL

Gan Votail: Cllr. Gavin (1)

Area Marked J on Zoning Map

5.28 acres

The Area Committee had recommended that the area marked J be rezoned from agricultural to amenity. Mr. G. McCarthy said he had no objection to same. This was proposed by Dep. Burke and seconded by Cllr. McClearn and agreed.

Road Proposals

Mr. G. McCarthy referred to the road line indicated on the map for the Loughrea Town bye-pass and recommended its inclusion in the draft plan. He also referred to an objective for the upgrading of the road linking the Tynagh Road to the N6. This line was also shown on the plan.

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Hynes and agreed that the road lines be indicated in the Plan.

It was proposed by Dep. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Hynes and agreed that the material alterations to the Draft Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Loughrea and Environs go on public display.

REPORTS

1135

The report of the **Loughrea Area Committee Meeting** held on the **30th September 1999** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Dep. Burke.

The report of the **Loughrea Area Committee Meeting** held on the **6th December 1999** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Dep. Burke.

The report of the **Loughrea Area Committee Meeting** held on the **21st February 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Dep. Burke.

The report of the **Loughrea Area Committee Meeting** held on the **6th March 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Dep. Burke.

The report of the **Loughrea Area Committee Meeting** held on the **20th March 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Dep. Burke.

The report of the **Loughrea Area Committee Meeting** held on the **27 March 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Dep. Burke.

The report of the **Loughrea Area Committee Meeting** held on the **12th May 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Dep. Burke.

The report of the **Loughrea Area Committee Meeting** held on the **19th June 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Dep. Burke.

The report of the **Loughrea Area Committee Meeting** held on the **2nd November 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Dep. Burke.

The report of the **Loughrea Area Committee Meeting** held on the **13th November 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Dep. Burke.

The report of the **Loughrea Area Committee Meeting** held on the **18th December 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Dep. Burke.

	Descript.	Total Cost.	Rept. Contribn.
	Slipway	£35,000	£63,750
	Roundabouts - Repairs & Improv.	£85,000	£63,750
	Galway Piers - Consultancy Study	£60,000	£35,600

The report of the **Loughrea Area Committee Meeting** held on the **26th April 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Dep. Burke.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS ON DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF CLIFDEN 1136

It was agreed to defer this item.

REPORT OF CONNEMARA AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30 MAY 2001 1137

It was agreed to defer this item.

WASTE MANAGEMENT 1138

It was agreed to defer this item.

COUNTY MANAGERS BUSINESS 1139

Grant Allocations

The County Manager informed the Members of the following Grant allocations for Galway County Council details of which were circulated to the Members:-

1. Local Environmental Partnership Fund - £8,000
2. Allocation for Bookfund Grant - £43,495
3. Housing Capital allocations 2001 - £10.3m
4. 2001 Capital Housing Allocations for Publicly Funded Housing Loans and Certain Grants - £2.4m
5. Department of the Marine & National Resources Grant aid in respect of the fishery harbour Projects as follows:

Location	Descript.	Total Cost	Dept. Contrib.
Claddagh	Quay Improv.	£142,000	£70,000
Spiddal	Sean Ceibh Improv.	£80,000	£60,000
Inishnee	Slipway	£35,000	£63,750
Roundstone	Repairs & Improv.	£85,000	£63,750
Galway Piers	Consultancy Study	£60,000	£25,600

- £135,000 is approved for new Berthage and access at Cleggan, Co. Galway
- £40,000 is approved for an extension/berthage options study at Cleggan.
- £225,000 is approved for a pier and slipway at Tra Ban, Co. Galway
- £33,750 is approved for site investigation at Killary Harbour, Co. Galway
- £56,250 is approved for repair work and concrete slab at Tarrea Pier, Co. Galway
- £168,750 is approved for slipways at Maree-Lynch's Pier and Corraduff, Co. Galway
- £45,000 is approved for interim works and S.I. at Derryinver, Co. Galway

6. Grants from An Roinn Ealaíonn, Oidhreacht, Gaeltachta and Oileán for programme of works on the Islands 2001 - £139,000

Mr. Cullen informed the Members that Mr. Tom Roche would make a presentation at the next Council Meeting.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved & Signed

Seán Ó Neachtain

23/7/01

Date

THE NICE TREATY

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT CARRAROE LIBRARY ON
28th MAY, 2001**

Cathaoirleach

An Comhairleoir C. Ní Fhatharta

I LATHAIR FREISIN;

Baill:

Sen. J. McDonagh, Dep. U. Burke, Cllrs. Callanan, Burke, Conneely, Connolly, Gavin, Fahy, Hoade, Hynes, Joyce, Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, McClearn, P. McHugh, T. McHugh, Mullins, O'Foighil, O'Neachtain, O'Sullivan, Quinn, Rabbitt, Regan, S. Walsh, T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:-

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, J. Cullen, J. Morgan, F. Gilmore, P. Ridge, F. Dawson
Directors of Services, T. O' Donoghue, Law Agent, T. Murphy, SEO., S. Ni Mainnin, Environmental Education Officer, H. Coleman Senior Executive Planner, M. Jordan, A/S.S.O., Cuimin Mac Aodh Bhui, Oifigeach Gaeilge. Gus McCarthy, Planning Consultant

CARRAROE LIBRARY

1084 (b)

An Cathaoirleach welcomed the members and staff and said she was pleased to be able to hold the meeting in Carraroe to coincide with the opening of the new library building.

Cllr Gavin thanked the Cathaoirleach for her welcome and for hosting the council meeting in Carraroe and complimented the council on the opening of the new library.

Beartas frith-bruscair na Ceathrún Rua

1085

Dúirt an Cathaoirleach go raibh áthas uirthi Beartas frith-bhruscar na Ceathrún Rua a sheoladh. Dúirt sí go raibh an beartas seo an-tábhachtach mar go raibh gá leis an timpeallacht a choinneáil agus breathnú ina dhiaidh. Chuir sí an bhéim ar thábhacht an bheartais mar go dtagann cuairteoirí agus scoláirí go dtí an Cheathrú Rua sa samhradh agus ina theannta sin go raibh sé tábhachtach do mhuintir na h-áite. Tá cúram na timpeallachta ar chuile dhuine. Ghabh sí buíochas le Seán Ó Domhnaill agus le Seán Óg de Paor as an gcabhar a thug siad don fheachtas póstaer. Feachtas tábhachtach é dar léi agus caithfeadh chuile dhuine a chinntiú go n-éireodh leis.

THE NICE TREATY

1086

Cllr O'Neachtain referred to the forthcoming referendum on the ratification of the Nice Treaty and proposed that the council strongly support a yes vote as the treaty was

important for the future development of Europe. Cllr. Joyce seconded the motion. Deputy Burke said that he agreed with the yes vote and it was important for the public to be aware of the contents of the Treaty. Cllr Mullins supported the proposal and stated that he also supported the removal of the death penalty from the statute books. The proposal was agreed by the council.

PLANNING OFFICE

1087

Cllr. J. Burke raised an issue with regard to the level of service in the planning department. He said that he had been reluctant to raise this matter but felt he had no alternative but to do so. He said that while the majority of staff in the planning office are dedicated and hard working, it appeared as though cooperation had been withdrawn. He was experiencing difficulty in getting through by phone and on a number of occasions his calls were not returned. He said that he was not prepared to tolerate this situation any longer. As an elected member of the council he felt that he should receive replies to queries made on behalf of his constituents.

The manager acknowledged the sincerity of Cllr Burke's complaint and apologised for instances where the level of service to him was not as it should have been. He explained that the workload in the planning department had increased dramatically and this was putting a strain on resources. However a new staffing structure was being put in place with Paul Ridge, Director of Service, Albert Comer, Senior Executive Officer and Liam Gavin, Senior Engineer. He emphasised that the matter raised by Cllr Burke would be addressed and an improvement brought about as quickly as possible.

Mr Ridge stated that he was deeply concerned if councillors were not being treated with the courtesy and respect they deserved. He had worked with Cllr J. Burke and regretted he had reason to be unhappy with the service from the planning section. He said that the section had a committed staff who worked hard and he would be examining the option of deploying staff more effectively and that a number of the different processes and systems in the office needed to be examined and modernised. He said that priorities would be established and he would examine the reason the phone system was not working satisfactorily. He was committed to resolving the problems and hoped to make significant improvement quickly.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

1088

The Manager stated that he had circulated a report on the new staffing structure in the council as follows;

HOUSING UNIT	
Director of Services	Frank Gilmore
Senior Engineer	Michael Timmons
Senior Executive Officer	Colm Wallace

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Strategic Policy Committee	Housing Services
Cathaoirleach of Strategic Policy Committee	Cllr. J.J. Mannion

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UNIT

Director of Services	John Morgan
Senior Engineers	Jack Eising Michael Dolly Martin Lavelle Eugene Cummins
Senior Executive Officer	Danny Barrett
Strategic Policy Committee	Roads and Transportation
Cathaoirleach of Strategic Policy Committee	Cllr. Michael Connolly

ENVIRONMENTAL & CONSERVATION SERVICES UNIT

Director of Services	Tom Kavanagh
Senior Engineer	Rod Killeen Máire Ni Chionna
Senior Executive Officer	Tom Connell
Strategic Policy Committee	Environmental & Conservation Services
Cathaoirleach of Strategic Policy Committee	Cllr. Tomas Mannion

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNIT

Director of Services	Paul Ridge
Senior Engineer	Liam Gavin
Senior Executive Officer	Albert Comer
Strategic Policy Committee	Planning & Economic Development
Cathaoirleach of Strategic Policy Committee	Cllr. Josie Conneely

CULTURAL & GENERAL SERVICES UNIT

Director of Services	Jim Cullen
Senior Executive Officers	Tony Murphy – Secretariat and Corporate Affairs Breda McDermott – Human Resources
Strategic Policy Committee	Cultural and General Services
Cathaoirleach of Strategic Policy Committee	Cllr. Seamus Gavin

The manager's report was noted and the members congratulated those appointed to the senior management positions.

It was agreed to take the items on the agenda in the following order 1,2,4 and 5

MINUTES

1089

The minutes of the **Special Meeting** of the council held on the **9th April, 2001** were approved by the council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr Mullins seconded by An Comh. O'Foighil.

The minutes of the **Monthly Meeting** of the council held on the **23rd April, 2001** were approved by the council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Sen. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr Regan.

REPORTS

1090

The report of the **Corporate Policy Group Meeting** held on the **3rd May, 2001** was considered.

Cllr Hynes referred to the Ombudsman's Report and the position of the council in dealing with representations by non-councillors. He said that the resolution adopted by council in this matter was ultra vires as according to Sec 4 and 5 of the City and County Management Acts it was not a reserved function. He also said that the manager's order outlining the protocol should be rescinded.

Mr Kavanagh said that this matter was not covered by law. It was discussed originally by the protocol committee and agreed by the Corporate Policy Group before going before the full council. With regard to the Ombudsman's report and in particular public comments made by the Ombudsman, he said that he had written to him requesting the details of the basis for the Ombudsman's allegations.

Referring to the streamlining of meetings in the Corporate Policy Group minutes, Cllr O'Sullivan asked if it was being suggested that there would only be one council meeting held per month. The councillors felt that it was important to retain the two meetings per month and that if passing the report on the Corporate Policy Group meant a reduction in this then it would be opposed.

An Cathaoirleach said that the question of number of meetings to be held need not be decided now and could be put as an item on a future agenda. This was agreed.

The report of the **Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting** held on the **17th of January, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Cunningham.

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The report of the **Cultural and General Services Meeting** held on the **30th April, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr J. Burke, seconded by Cllr Joyce.

The report of the **Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting** held on the **30th January, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Mullins, seconded by Cllr Callanan.

The report of the **Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting** held on the **27th February, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Mullins.

The report on the **Loughrea Area Committee Meeting** held on the **3rd May, 2001** was deferred.

DECLARATION OF ROAD TO BE PUBLIC ROAD – SECTION 11 OF ROADS ACT, 1993. 1091

On the proposal of Cllr. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh the council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedures having been complied with:-

Road commencing at junction with County Road 4217 and extending east and south for a distance of 244 metres in the townland of Cahercrea and east of Aille.

DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING 1092

On the proposal of Cllr Loughnane, seconded by Cllr O'Neachtain it was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting of the Council on the 9th July, 2001.

PRESENTATION BY MR PADRAIG O'CEIDIGH, AER ARANN TEO. 1093

Mr O'Ceidigh thanked the councillors for inviting him to speak about Aer Arann. He explained that the airline was the only passenger air service based outside Dublin. It was set up in 1970 to provide a service to the Aran Islands. He said that they provided four round trips between Galway and Dublin and had secured a three year contract for this route. He said the earlier flight departs from Galway to Dublin at 6.15a.m.

Cllr O'Neachtain said that the service provided by Aer Arann was very important to the aran islands. He said that the number of passengers using Dublin Airport is constantly increasing and decreasing in all other airports. He said that anyone who wished to fly to Brussels must be in Dublin the night before as the Galway flight did not connect with the Dublin flight. An airport of international status should be built in Galway to prevent it becoming more peripheral and the support of Regional Authorities is very important to

promote this venture. Cllr J. J. Mannion welcomed Mr O'Ceidigh and welcomed what his company done for the Aran islands. Cllr O'Foighil complimented the service Aer Arann was providing and said that he hoped this service would be extended to Inis Bofin and Inis Turk. Cllr Hoade said that she would like to see an earlier service from Galway to Dublin in the morning.

In reply to the councillors queries Mr O'Ceidigh said that he would like to provide an earlier service but the cost of opening Galway Airport earlier than 6.15 a.m. would be £1,500 per week. He said that the airport at Carnmore cannot facilitate a larger aircraft. He also stated that he hoped to have a service from Galway to London from April 2002.

TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE CORPORATE PLAN 1094

In reply to a query by Cllr Callanan the Manager confirmed there were no proposals in the Corporate Plan to have one meeting per month.. Cllr O' Sullivan said that as the council had already rejected a regional approach to waste management the strategy indicated at 7.4.1 on page 16 of the Corporate Plan should be amended to exclude the regional approach.

On the proposal of Cllr Gavin, seconded by Cllr O'Sullivan it was agreed to delete the words "and participating in regional initiatives for waste management" from the supporting strategy on page 16 of the Corporate Plan so that the supporting strategy would now read "By implementing the waste management strategy for the County".

The Corporate Plan as amended was adopted by the council, on the proposal on Cllr Gavin, seconded by Cllr Mullins.

TO RESUME CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS ON DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF LOUGHREA AND ENVIRONS

1095

Mary O' Neill

Submission Reference Number: 23

LOCATION: Lands of approximately 4 acres (1.6 hectares), bounded by St. Brendan's Home to the north east and the Woodford road to the south west, Knockanima, Loughrea.

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Agriculture to Residential.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

These lands are zoned partly for Industrial use (i.e. existing factory site) and partly Agricultural - Commercial zoning at this location some distance from the town

centre would be likely to detect from the fall of the town centre as the primary Commercial area in Loughrea. Additional lands are being identified for Commercial zoning close to the town centre.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

It was proposed by Cllr Loughnane, seconded by Dep. U. Burke and agreed to accept the recommendations of the Planning Officer in this case.

Castleside Properties Ltd.

Submission Reference Number: 24

LOCATION: Lands of approximately 5 acres (2 hectares), directly south of the N6 (Ballinasloe road), east of Fortlands house, Gorteenapheebera, Loughrea.

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Agriculture to Residential

- Planning application has been lodged by the company for the development of 30 No. Dwelling houses and associated services, to the north of these lands (24A).
- Lands located opposite Industrial zone, it therefore would reduce traffic generation if people could walk to work.
- Located close to the proposed eastern Roundabout on the Loughrea by-pass. Therefore potential residents would be able to access by-pass quickly without causing traffic congestion in the town.
- Lands adjacent to west are already zoned Residential.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

These lands are located beyond the existing and proposed development zoning in the Draft Plan. Approx. 215.52 acres (87.22 hectares) of land are proposed for Residential zoning in the Draft plan in addition to 39.11 acres (15.8 hectares) zoned in the 1993 plan. These lands are deemed to be sufficient to cater for the most optimistic population projections in the town over the period of the next plan.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

It was proposed by Cllr Loughnane, seconded by Dep. U. Burke and agreed by the Council that this land should be rezoned from agriculture to commercial in accordance with area committee decision.

A vote was taken as follows;

Ar Son; Cllr J. Burke, Dep U. Burke, Cllrs Callanan, Connolly, Conneely, Cunningham, Fahy, Hoade, Hynes, Joyce, Loughnane, McCern, P. McHugh, Mullins, Ní Fhatharta, O'Foighil, O'Sullivan, Quinn, Regan S. Walsh. (20)

In Aghaidh; Cllrs Gavin, J.J. Mannion (2)

Gan Votail; NIL.

Loughrea Chamber of Commerce

Submission Reference Number: 25

Date Received: 9/7/99

LOCATION: General.

REQUESTS:

1. The final draft and fully approved design of the by-pass should be included in the plan.
 - **This major improvement impacts on most elements of Loughrea's infrastructure and future development.**
2. The provision of a commuter car park on the Galway side of Loughrea. Time restrictions on the town car parks would ensure its effective usage. The chamber of Commerce is opposed to a paid parking system being implemented in the town. Recognised that car-parking provision in the town as provided by the draft plan is insufficient, therefore additional spaces must be provided.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The design of this by-pass as so far as such is available, can be included in the **draft plan.**
2. The issue of commuter and customer car-parking in Loughrea is to be further examined and those locations for further car-parking which can be identified will be included in the Draft Plan.

With regard to car parking facilities in the area, Cllr McCern suggested that negotiations should take place with Loughrea Livestock mart for use of part of their grounds for all-day parking. This was supported by Dep.U. Burke.

It was proposed by Cllr Loughnane, seconded by Cllr Regan and agreed to accept the recommendations of the Planning Office in this case.

Declan Gardiner and Stephen Geraghty (G+G Developments), c/o MBK Associates

Submission Reference Number: 26

LOCATION: Lands of 4.569 acres (1.85 hectares), south of N6 (Galway Road), opposite proposed Industrial zoning (in Draft), St. Laurences fields, Loughrea.

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Agriculture to Residential.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

These lands are located on the edge of an existing Residential zone. Approx. 215.52 acres (87.22 hectares) of land are proposed for Residential zoning in the Draft plan in addition to 39.11 acres (15.8 hectares) zoned in the 1993 plan. These lands are deemed to be sufficient to cater for the most optimistic population projections in the town over the period of the next plan.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr Hynes to rezone the lands on the town side of the by-pass to residential.

A vote was taken as follows;

Ar Son; Cllr J. Burke, Dep. U. Burke, Cllrs Callanan, Connolly Conneely, Cunningham, Fahy, Hoade, Hynes, Joyce, Loughnane, McClearn, P. McHugh, Mullins, Ní Fhatharta, O Sullivan, Quinn, Regan, S. Walsh.
(19)

In Aghaidh Cllr Gavin, J. J. Mannion.

Gan Votail; NIL

Ursula Mooney, Loughrea Environmental Group

Submission Reference Number: 27

LOCATION: General.

REQUESTS:

1. The inclusion of specific policies to ensure the protection of Loughrea Lake as a wildlife and amenity area and as a water supply source for Loughrea.

- Provision that all gullies be fitted with silt traps and oil filters.
- The amended plan should include measures to eliminate the use of fertilisers and the spreading of slurry on lands bordering the lake and the streams that flow into it.
- The plan should specify that an EIA be carried out prior to the commencement of the Loughrea Regional Supply Scheme.
- According to Birdwatch Ireland, the lakeside walkway (at Corry's Park) has had a negative impact on a number of bird species, such as widgeon and plover. Therefore, the plan should mention a feasibility study, which is required to examine the environmental impact of the proposed lakeside perimeter walkway.

2. The inclusion of the Map indicating the 22 sites and monuments of archaeological interest which was omitted from the draft plan.

- All sites and monuments, which were included in the 1993 Loughrea plan should be inserted into the amended 1998 plan.
- It should be clear that listed monuments will be protected with preservation orders. Such structures, which require specific preservation, are the old railway building and the water tower.

3. The environmental group welcome the 15 metre set back from the town moat for all development proposals. However, this restriction needs to be supplemented by a maximum two-storey height restriction on all development in the vicinity of the moat.

- Loughrea Moat is the only functioning medieval moat in Ireland. It therefore deserves special treatment.

4. All new development in and around Loughrea should have comprehensive Landscaping plans. These plans should be preferably approved by a qualified landscape architect.

5. The front walls of new properties should be in keeping with their surrounds and neighbouring properties. The preservation of recently restored walls should be a condition of planning. Limestone should be enforced as the standard boundary wall material.

6. Paragraph 3.36 Urban Design and Conservation Objective (UDC 2) 'to restrict pedestrian access to the Walks' should be removed, as this area should be allowed to have unrestricted pedestrian access.

7. Paragraph 3.24 – R3- ‘ To selectively remove and lower walls, and carry out planting at roadside park at Garrybreeda’ should be removed.

- The wall is in good condition and exhibits fine stonework
- The town maintenance grant is insufficient to facilitate additional planting.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Specific policies and objectives to ensure the protection of the lake as a wildlife and amenity area can be included in the Draft Plan.
2. **Map outlining archaeological sites will be included in the Draft Plan.**
3. Rigid height restriction as buildings in the town centre is not considered appropriate. However, an objective can be included in the draft plan to the effect that development in the vicinity of the Moat should respect the setting in terms of design and scale.
- 4&5 It is intended that all new development would submit landscaping proposals as part of the planning application process. Items 4 & 5 are development control matters to be dealt with at planning application stage.
6. Paragraph 3.36 should read “Access to ‘the Walk’ will be restricted to pedestrians” and wording will be amended accordingly.
7. Rigid height restriction as buildings in the town centre is not considered appropriate. However, an objective can be included in the draft plan to the effect that development in the vicinity of the wood should object the setting in terms of design and scale.

Dep. U. Burke stated that access to the lake is an amenity and suggested that consultants should be appointed to fully investigate the potential of the lake. This was supported by Cllr Regan. Cllr Loughnane indicated that the scope of the study should extend to feeder streams and embrace outflows from the river. Cllr Hynes suggested that consideration should be given to the purchase of lands (approx. 10-12 acres) west of Corrys field and along the lakeshore, for amenity purposes.

Mr. Gus McCarthy, Planning Consultant suggested that a specific objective be included in the development plan with regard to the lake.

It was proposed by Dep U. Burke, seconded by Cllr Regan and agreed to accept Mr. McCarthy's suggestion with regard to the amenity value of the lake, and also to accept the Planning Officers recommendations in relation to the rest of this submission.

Norman Morgan.

Submission Reference Number: 28

LOCATION: General.

REQUESTS:

1. The preservation of Loughrea town Moat.

- (a) A preservation order should be placed upon the Loughrea town moat.
- (b) It should be an objective of the plan that appropriate signs, indicating the position of Ireland's only Town moat, be erected at strategic locations.
- (c) The plan should prohibit the construction of new bridges within the vicinity of the moat. If such bridges are an urgent necessity, its scale and materials should compliment the visual, historic and amenity value of the moats' setting.
- (d) Ideally, the two existing concrete bridges located at Dolphin St. should be separated by a fair distance between them, and faced with stone.

2. Improvements at 'The Walk'.

- (a) The original stone bridge in 'The Walk' (Public park, Council property), be preserved, and that those which have been interfered with be restored.
- (b) Those parts of the Town Wall, in 'The Walk', which has been concreted be replaced with a stone wall.
- (c) That no building be erected nearer than 30 metres from the town wall at 'The Walk'. There should also be a maximum height restriction of two-storeys in the vicinity of the town wall.

3. That Preservation Orders be placed on all the old Railway buildings at Loughrea, namely:

- (a) Station House and Offices, Goods Store, Water Tower/Refueling Bay, TurnTable and Engine Shed.

4. New Roadway recommendations.

- (a) That the old Railway Line- along the west side of the of the Railway buildings- from Bride street, to Cosmona Level crossing be acquired and developed as a clear and direct public road running directly northwards from Loughrea to Mountbellew, Catleera, etc.
- (b) That the Mountbellew road, from a point just north of the Railway crossing, be re-directed up the railway line towards Bride street, until it comes to the present east-west road from the railway property to Mount Carmel. This proposal would give drivers coming from the north the opportunity of going east (to Woodford) or west of the town (when going to Gort, Shannon). Furthermore, this would reduce the traffic in the large Cosmona housing non-commercial area.

- That a new road be provided, from the vocational school, to a point beyond the New Cemetery. This road should be straight and built on a lower level, leaving the present crooked, hilly road to serve the cemetery and surrounding lands.

5. Environmental requests.

- The views of Loughrea lake from the Lieut. Col. Dan Corry Memorial park, be maintained, and the planting of trees that would break the view be prohibited.
- Dense wooded areas along this stretch would create a vulnerable setting for pedestrians along this stretch, and therefore planting should be restricted.

6. The erection of an overbridge at Cosmona (adjacent to the railway crossing) be prohibited.

- This development would spoil the pleasant countryside setting of this residential area.

REZONING REQUESTS

Total lands are requested for rezoning in submission No.28 is 91.13 acres or 36.8 hectares.

LOCATION: Lands between the Vocational school lands and the ancient village site, east of the new Cemetery, Baunoge, Clifden. (Incorporating the rezoning submissions 2 and 22.)

Map Reference No.: 28A (39.48 acres or 15.9 hectares)

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Agricultural to Residential.

- These lands are suitable for housing due to their slightly elevated position, which can take advantage of natural gravity for the sewer. Therefore septic tanks will not be required.

LOCATION: Lands of approx. 18 acres (7 hectares) north of N6 (Galway road), proposed Industrial in the Draft, south of Cottage, Cosmona, Loughrea.

Map Reference No. : 28B (19.46 acres or 7.87 hectares).

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Industrial to Agricultural.

- Lands are sited below the level of the town sewer system; the development of these lands will run the risk of a potential hazard and will result in extra cost.
- More appropriate lands are available for industrial zoning, see below.

LOCATION: Lands straddling Town Boundary, north of the proposed by-pass, and east of the old railway line, Monearmore, Loughrea. (Located within the requested rezoning area of Submission No. 30).

Map Reference No.: 28C (4.11 acres or 1.664 hectares).

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Agricultural to Industrial.

- Lands can be easily connected to the existing and new sewer line which runs/will run close to the river directly to the east of the said lands. The transportation of raw materials and finished products in large containers to and from this location would not interfere with the present living conditions of the people in Loughrea.

OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Consideration will be given to inclusion of issues raised in 1(a)-(d), 2(a) and 3(a) in the draft plan in consultation with an archaeological/ conservation specialist.
2. (c) (I) Building setback of 30m from the town wall at 'the Walk' is considered excessive in this town centre location taking into consideration existing buildings in the area.
(II) Rigid height restriction on buildings in the town centre is not considered appropriate. However, an objective can be included in the draft to the effect that development in the vicinity of the moat should respect its setting in terms of design and scale.
3. Provision of a new road along the Railway line to Mountbellew etc. as proposed is not considered appropriate as this would run parallel and in close proximity to the Bullaun / New Inn road and would duplicate the existing road.
4. Approx. 215.52 acres (87.22 hectares) of land are proposed for Residential zoning in the Draft plan in addition to 39.11 acres (15.8 hectares) zoned in the 1993 plan. These lands are deemed to be sufficient to cater for the most optimistic population projections in the town over the period of the next plan.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

5. Lands for large scale industrial development have been identified in locations where there is easy access to the proposed by-pass and the existing road system while at the same time avoiding lands becoming good and traffic going through the town. It was also felt desirable to have some industrial lands at South ends of the town to reduce community in the long term. Opportunities for expansion of the existing industrial estate were also limited by established uses. No change recommended in the proposed zoning. However, written objectives can be included to ensure that a high quality industrial development is achieved on these lands.
6. Approx. 215.52 acres (87.22 hectares) of land are proposed for Residential zoning in the Draft plan in addition to 39.11 acres (15.8 hectares) zoned in the 1993 plan. These lands are deemed to be sufficient to cater for the most optimistic population projections in the town over the period of the next plan.
No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

7. Views to be protected over the lake are set out on map No. 2 in the draft plan.

- Lands can be easily connected to the existing and new sewer line which runs/will run close to the river directly to the east of the said lands. The transportation of raw materials and finished products in large containers to and from this location would not interfere with the present living conditions of the people in Loughrea.

OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Consideration will be given to inclusion of issues raised in 1(a)-(d), 2(a) and 3(a) in the draft plan in consultation with an archaeological/ conservation specialist.
2. (c) (I) Building setback of 30m from the town wall at 'the Walk' is considered excessive in this town centre location taking into consideration existing buildings in the area.
(II) Rigid height restriction on buildings in the town centre is not considered appropriate. However, an objective can be included in the draft to the effect that development in the vicinity of the moat should respect its setting in terms of design and scale.
3. Provision of a new road along the Railway line to Mountbellew etc. as proposed is not considered appropriate as this would run parallel and in close proximity to the Bullaun / New Inn road and would duplicate the existing road.
4. Approx. 215.52 acres (87.22 hectares) of land are proposed for Residential zoning in the Draft plan in addition to 39.11 acres (15.8 hectares) zoned in the 1993 plan. These lands are deemed to be sufficient to cater for the most optimistic population projections in the town over the period of the next plan.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

5. Lands for large scale industrial development have been identified in locations where there is easy access to the proposed by-pass and the existing road system while at the same time avoiding lands becoming good and traffic going through the town. It was also felt desirable to have some industrial lands at South ends of the town to reduce community in the long term. Opportunities for expansion of the existing industrial estate were also limited by established uses. No change recommended in the proposed zoning. However, written objectives can be included to ensure that a high quality industrial development is achieved on these lands.
6. Approx. 215.52 acres (87.22 hectares) of land are proposed for Residential zoning in the Draft plan in addition to 39.11 acres (15.8 hectares) zoned in the 1993 plan. These lands are deemed to be sufficient to cater for the most optimistic population projections in the town over the period of the next plan.
No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.
7. Views to be protected over the lake are set out on map No. 2 in the draft plan.

8. This relates to a design element of the proposed by-pass, which has already been determined.

9 This relates to a design element of the proposed by-pass, which has already been determined.

In relation to submission reference 28 (A) it was proposed by Cllr Regan, seconded by Cllr McClearn that land inside the town boundary should be rezoned to residential,

A vote was taken as follows;

Ar Son; Dep. U. Burke, Cllrs Callanan, Connolly, Conneely, Cunningham, Fahy, Gavin, Hoade, Hynes, Joyce, Loughnane, T. Mannion, McClearn, Mullins, Ní Fhatharta, O'Neachtain, O'Sullivan, Quinn, Rabbitt, Regan, S. Walsh, T. Walsh. (22)

In Aghaidh; NIL

Gan Votail; NIL

In relation to the remainder of submission 28 it was proposed by Cllr Loughnane, seconded by Cllr Fahy and agreed to accept the planning officers recommendation.

O'Cuimin Associates.

Submission Reference Number: 29

NAME: Gerard McInerney.

LOCATION: Lands (2.54 acres or 1.029 hectares) between the Gallow Hill road and Amenity zoning (in draft) to the west of the railway line, Cosmona, Loughrea.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Residential to Commercial.

- The rezoning would facilitate the creation of a Business Park Campus adjacent to the already zoned 'Industrial'.
- This land use would be compatible with the adjoining existing and proposed zonings respectively.
- Access would be available from Bullaun road or via a new road through the industrial zone, using the former station access- now a road.
- There is very few other suitable locations in town for the proposed Business Park, with the easy access both vehicular and pedestrian to the centre of town, and when constructed to the proposed by-pass.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

These lands comprising of 2.54 acres or 1.029 hectares form part of a larger area of land proposed for residential zoning in the draft plan. Sufficient lands have been proposed for Industrial / Commercial zoning in the draft plan, both in outskirts of the town and in the town centre.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

It was proposed by Cllr Loughnane, seconded by Cllr McClearn and agreed s to accept the recommendations of the Planning Officer in this case.

Raphael Deely

Submission Reference Number: 30

LOCATION: Lands (28.49 acres or 11.53 hectares) straddling Town Environs Boundary, proposed by pass route, Monearmore, Loughrea. (Contains rezoning request No.28C).

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Agriculture/Recreation and Amenity to Residential.

- Lands adjacent are already zoned Residential.

OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

- These lands are located partly inside and partly outside the proposed by pass. Approx. 215.52 acres (87.22 hectares) of land are proposed for Residential zoning in the Draft plan in addition to 39.11 acres (15.8 hectares) zoned in the 1993 plan. These lands are deemed to be sufficient to cater for the most optimistic population projections in the town over the period of the next plan. No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.
- The lands zoned Recreation/Amenity at this location are to provide a linear open area linking future suburbs with the town centre and the proposed amenity park and 'the Walk'. This open area will provide a visual break within future built up areas and accommodate pedestrian and cycle transport in a safer more pleasant environment.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

It was proposed by Cllr Loughnane and seconded by Dep U. Burke that the area inside the by-pass should be rezoned to residential with the exception of the amenity strip, and that the Planning

Officers recommendations would be accepted in relation to the area outside the by-pass.

A vote was taken as follows;

Monthly Meeting held on 28th May, 2001

Ar Son; Dep. U. Burke, Cllrs Callanan, Connolly, Conneely, Cunningham, Fahy, Gavin, Hoade, Hynes, Joyce, Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, McClearn, Mullins, Ní Fhatharta, O'Neachtain, O'Sullivan, Quinn, Rabbitt, Regan, S. Walsh, T. Walsh. (23)

In Aghaidh; NIL

Gan Votail; NIL

Further consideration of submissions was deferred.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

1096

This item was deferred.

RURAL POST OFFICES

1097

This item was deferred.

CONFERENCES

1098

On the proposal of Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. O' Sullivan, it was agreed that the attendance of the following member be approved at the Conference set out hereunder, the cost of each Conference having been circulated to each Member:-

Trip to Liverpool - 25th/27th April, 2001

Cllr. C. Ní Fhatharta

Assoc. of Health Board Conference - Bundoran - 27/28th April, 2001

Cllr. T. Walsh Cllr. P. McHugh

Ireland, the Future; the West - Knock - 14th/15th May, 2001

Cllr. J. Callanan Cllr. M. Cunningham Cllr. M. Fahy

Trip to Coventry - 19th/20th May, 2001

Cllr. C. Ní Fhatharta

Kenturk, Co. Cork - 3 Day Conference - 25th/27th May, 2001

Dep. P. Connaughton.

Southern & East Regional Assembly Conference – Cork – 18th/19th May, 2001

Sen. J. McDonagh	Cllr. N. Grealish	Cllr. T. Mannion
Cllr. M. Connolly	Cllr. J. Conneely	Cllr. P. Hynes
Cllr. T. McHugh	Cllr. T. Walsh	Cllr. P. O' Sullivan
Cllr. M. Cunningham	Cllr. J. Joyce.	

Southern & Eastern Regional Conference – West Lodge Hotel, Bantry – 18th/19th May, 2001.

Cllr. J. Joyce	Cllr. T. Walsh	Cllr. P. O Foighil
Cllr. T. McHugh	Cllr. J. McClearn.	

Archaeology & Development Conference – Sligo – 22nd May, 2001.

Cllr. P. Hynes	Cllr. M. Loughnane
Cllr. M. Fahy	

Blackwater Valley Tourism Conference – Kanturk, Co. Cork - 25th/27th May, 2001

Cllr. M. Hoade	Cllr. J. Joyce	Cllr. M. Mullins
Cllr. M. Fahy	Cllr. M. Conneely	Cllr. P. O' Sullivan.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

N.O.M. NO. 13 – TRAFFIC CALMING- CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM

1100

The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:

"A survey will be carried out at the above location to establish if a warrant exist for the provision of a pedestrian crossing".

N.O.M. NO. 14 – JUNCTION – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM

1101

The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:

"Work will be carried out at the above location under the year's Road Works Programme".

N.O.M. NO. 15 – LIGHTING – CLLR. M. FAHY

1102

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:-

"This location was not included in the year's Public Lighting Programme. However, it will be considered along with others when preparing next year's Public Lighting Programme".

N.O.M. NO. 16 – ROAD – CLLR. M. FAHY 1103

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:-

"As you are probably aware matters relating to staffing are reserved to the County Manager. I can confirm, however, that this particular matter is under consideration at the present time".

N.O.M. NO. 17 – AGRICULTURE – CLLR. M. FAHY 1104

The following reply was give to Cllr. Fahy:-

"At a previous council meeting it was agreed to write to the Department of agriculture requesting that some form of financial assistance be given to marts arising from the foot & mouth crisis. I confirm that this has been done".

N.O.M. NO. 18 – ROAD – CLLR. N. GREALISH 1105

The following reply was given to Cllr. Grealish:-

"It will not be possible to carry out this work in the current year as this road is not included in the current year's Road Works Programme. The 4 Year Multi-Annual Road Works Programme 2002-2005".

N.O.M. NO. 19 – ROAD – CLLR. N. GREALISH 1106

The following reply was given to Cllr. Grealish:-

"The actual permanent restoration of the N17 will be carried out by the contractor Roadbridge Ltd as part of the contract. The Road Restoration works are scheduled to commence next week".

N.O.M. NO. 20 – GRAVEYARD – CLLR. N. GREALISH 1107

The following reply was given to Cllr. N. Grealish:-

"The feasibility of carrying out this work under a Fás scheme will be considered subject to the necessary funding being made available"

N.O.M. NO. 21 – SPEED RAMPS – CLLR. M. HOADE 1108

The following reply was given to Cllr. M. Hoade:-

"The matter is being investigated. It is hoped to have a reply available for the next meeting".

N.O.M. NO. 22 – FOOTPATH – CLLR. M. HOADE 1109

The following reply was given to Cllr. Hoade:

"It will not be possible to carry out the above works in the current year as no provision for same was made in the current year" Road Works Programme".

N.O.M. NO. 23 – ROAD – CLLR. P. HYNES 1110

The following reply was given to Cllr. Hynes:

"The above road is in need of road restoration. It will not be possible to carry out this work in the current year as no provision for same has been made in this year's Road Works Programme. Routine maintenance will be carried out as required".

N.O.M. NO. 24 – ROAD – CLLR. P. HYNES 1111

The following reply was given to Cllr. Hynes:

"This is a Class 3 Co. Road. No provision has been made for the carrying out of the above work in the current year's Road Works Programme. However, this project would be suitable for consideration under the Community Involvement in Roadworks Scheme. Next year's schemes will be advertised in September, 2001."

N.O.M. NO. 25 – DANGEROUS BEND – CLLR. P. HYNES 1112

The following reply was given to Cllr. Hynes:

"Improvement works to the junction at Bride Street and the N6 are desirable. However, there are no funds available to carry out these works in the current year. The situation could be advanced if land was made available."

N.O.M. NO. 26 – PRESERVATION – CLLR. J. JOYCE 1113

The following reply was given to Cllr. Joyce:

"The primary mechanism available to a Planning Authority to ensure protection of trees is a Tree Preservation Order. (TPO). Section 45 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1963 empowers a Planning Authority to make a TPO if it appears expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of any tree; trees; group of trees or woodlands.

In order to establish the amenity value of the trees and the requirement for a TPO a detailed survey of the woodland must be undertaken to identify, describe and map those trees which are deemed to be of amenity value. This will be considered as part of the development plan review process".

N.O.M. NO. 27 – PRESERVATION – CLLR. J. JOYCE

1114

The following reply was given to Cllr. Joyce:

"The primary mechanism available to a Planning Authority to ensure protection of trees is a Tree Preservation Order. (TPO). Section 45 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1963 empowers a Planning Authority to make a TPO if it appears expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of any tree; trees; group of trees or woodlands.

In order to establish the amenity value of the trees and the requirement for a TPO a detailed survey of the woodland must be undertaken to identify, describe and map those trees which are deemed to be of amenity value. This will be considered as part of the development plan review process".

N.O.M. NO. 28 – SEWERAGE – CLLR. J. JOYCE

1115

The following reply was given to Cllr. Joyce:

"A proposed Sewerage Scheme for Laurencetown in placed at No. 20 in priority on the Revised Assessment of Needs – Water Services Programme 2002 – 2006 which was approved by the County Council in December 2000. The current estimated cost of this scheme is £490,000 (based on Reedbed Technology). The Department of the Environment and Local Government have indicated that schemes like Laurencetown which cost .5 million or less could be funded by the small schemes programme which has been devolved to Local Authorities".

N.O.M. NO. 29 – ROAD WORKS – CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE

1116

The following reply was give to Cllr. Loughnane:

"No provision has been made for the carrying out of the above works in the current year's Road Works Programme. This project would be suitable for funding under Notice of Motion allocations".

N.O.M. NO. 30 – SIGN – SEN. J. MCDONAGH 1117

The following reply was given to Cllr. McDonagh:

"This matter will be investigated and you will be informed of developments in due course".

N.O.M. NO. 31 –TRAFFIC LIGHTS – SEN. J. MCDONAGH 1118

The following reply was given to Sen. McDonagh:

"It was planned to provide traffic lights at this location. However it had to be postponed due to the laying of water and sewerage mains through the village."

N.O.M. NO. 32 – ROADS – SEN. J. MCDONAGH 1119

The following reply was given to Sen. McDonagh:-

"The Claregalway By Pass has been superceded by the proposal for the proposed N17 dual carriageway from Tuam to Galway."

N.O.M. NO. 33 – DROICHID – CLLR. C. NÍ FHATHARTA 1120

Seo leanas an fregra a tugadh do 'n Comhairleoir Ní Fhatharta:-

"Beidh muid ag scrúdú an cás seo agus cuirfear meastachan le chéile chomh luath agus is féidir."

N.O.M. NO. 34 – BOSCAI BRUSCAR – CLLR. C. NÍ FHATHARTA 1121

Seo leanas an fregra a tugadh do 'n Comhairleoir Ní Fhatharta:-

"Cheannaigh an Chomhairle Contae boscaí bruscar nua le déanaí mar gheall ar feachtas nua sa Cheathru Rua agus tá a dothain ann anois."

N.O.M. NO. 35 – STÁDAS CÓRAS – CLLR. C. NÍ FHATHARTA 1122

Seo leanas an fregra a tugadh do 'n Comhairleoir Ní Fhatharta:-

"tá an scéim séarachais atá beartaithe ar Uimh 6 ar an liosta tosaíochta san Measúnú Riachtanais atá leasaithe – An Clár Seirbhísí uisce 2007 – 2018 a cheadaigh an

Comhairle Chontae I mí na Nollag 2000. Tá an clár faoi bhráid an Roinn Comhshaoil faoi láthair.

N.O.M. NO. 36 – DROICHEAD – CLLR. S. O’ NEACHTAIN 1123

Seo leanas an fregra a tugadh do ‘n Comhairleoir O’ Neachtain:-

“Beidh muid ag scrúdú an cás seo agus cuirfear meastachan le chéile chomh luath agus is féidir.”

N.O.M. NO. 37 – COSÁN - CLLR. S. O’ NEACHTAIN 1124

Seo leanas an fregra a tugadh do ‘n Comhairleoir O’ Neachtain:-

“*Deanfar an obair seo go gairid*”

N.O.M. NO. 38 – TRAFFIC LIGHTS – CLLR. O’ NEACHTAIN 1125

The following reply was given to Cllr. O’ Neachtain:

“A survey will be carried out at the above location to establish if a warrant exists for the provision of traffic lights. However, the provision of traffic lights at this location would cause traffic delays on the main road.”

N.O.M. NO. 39 – ROAD – CLLR. M. REGAN 1126

The following reply was given to Cllr. Regan:

“It will not be possible to carry out this work in the current year as no provision for same has been made in this year’s Road Works Programme. However, this is a worth while project and will be reconsidered when preparing next year’s Road Works Programme.”

N.O.M. NO. 40 – ROAD – CLLR. M. REGAN 1127

The following reply was given to Cllr. Regan:

“The above road is in need of road restoration. It will not be possible to carry out this work in the current year as no provision for same has been made in this year’s Road Works Programme. Routine maintenance will be carried out as required.”

N.O.M. NO. 41 – BURIAL GROUND – CLLR. M. REGAN 1128 (a)

The following reply was given to Cllr. Regan:

"The Cemetery in question is an unfenced Children's burial ground which is not within the care of Galway County Council. There are no funds available in the burial ground programme for burial grounds which are not under the care of Galway County Council.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, approved & signed

Connie Ní Mhalhartá

25/6/01

Date.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON
11th May, 2001**

Cathaoirleach An Comhairleoir C. Ni Fhatharta

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Bail: Cllr. J. Callanan, Dep. P. Connaughton, Cllr. J. Conneely, Cllr. M. Connolly, Cllr. M. Cunningham, Cllr. M. Fahy, Cllr. S. Gavin, Cllr. N. Grealish, Cllr. M. Hoade, Cllr. P. Hynes, Cllr. J. Joyce, Cllr. M. Loughnane, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. T. Mannion, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cllr. P O' Foighil, Cllr. S O' Neachtain, Cllr. P. O' Sullivan, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. M. Regan, Cllr. S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:- Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. County manager, E. Lusby, Head of Finance, T. Kavanagh, Director of Services, J. Cullen, Director of Services, J. Morgan, Director of Services, F. Gilmore Director of Services, P. Ridge, Director of Services, M. Dolly, J. Eising, M. Timmons, K. Wynne, , T. Collins, Snr Engineers, A. Comer, Planner, D. Barrett, A.O., J. Ryan A/S.S.O., M. Kiloran-Coyne,A/S.S.O, A. Power, A/S.O., Cuimin Mac Aodh Bhúí, Oifigeach Gaeilge.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

An Cathaoirleach reminded Members that a Reception would be held for the Athenry Senior Hurling Team and Na Piarasigh Camogie Club at 5.30 p.m.

An Cathaoirleach suggested that Item No. 1 (consideration of Reports of Loughrea Area Meetings) would be taken in conjunction with Item No. 8 - To consider submissions received on Draft Development Plan for the scheduled town of Loughrea and Environs. This was agreed by the Members.

Resolutions of Sympathy

1073

Resolutions of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mrs. Marie Tully, Ballinastack, Williamstown, Co. Galway.
Ms. Aine Ni Chonghaile, Caoran, Baile na hAbhann, Co. na Gaillimhe
Bean & Clann Stiofan O Ceide, Aille, Indreabhann, Co. na Gaillimh
Ms. Mairead Ui Dhonncha, Bothar Bui, An Cheathru Rua, Co. na Gaillimhe

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

1074

Report dated 3rd May 2001 was circulated to each Member.

(a) Construction of 2 no. houses with services at Portumna, Co. Galway

The works as proposed were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Cllr. Loughnane.

(b) Construction of 4 no. houses with services at O'Keefe Park, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway

The works as proposed were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh.

(c) Construction of 38 no. houses with services at Gort, Co. Galway

The works as proposed were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. Fahy. In reply to Cllr. Fahy's query, Mr. Barrett said that the first phase of this housing development was due to commence this year and the balance next year.

(d) Upgrading of Siteworks and Drainage to six existing dwelling houses and eight dwelling houses currently under construction at Carna, Co. Galway

The works as proposed were approved on the proposal of An Comh. O'Neachtain, seconded by Cllr. J.J. Mannion. Cllr. J.J. Mannion asked that the perimeter wall be extended for the full distance from the existing right of way to end of perimeter wall. An Comh. O'Neachtain asked that the septic tank area be masked.

**DECLARATION OF ROAD TO BE PUBLIC ROAD
– SECTION 11 OF ROADS ACT, 1993.**

1075

(a) On the proposal of An Comh. O'Neachtain, seconded by Cllr. Conneely the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedures having been complied with:-

Oughterard Engineering Area

Road commencing at junction with Co. Road LP1320 and extending north east for a distance of 125 metres in the Townland of Reagh.

(b) On the proposal of An Comh. O'Neachtain, seconded by Cllr. Conneely the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedures having been complied with:-

Oughterard Engineering Area

Road commencing at junction with Co. Road LS5300 and extending south for a distance of 170m in the Townland of Cloughbrack Upper.

(c) On the proposal of Cllr. Conneely, seconded by An Comh. O'Neachtain the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedures having been complied with:-

Oughterard Engineering Area

County Road LT5350.06 from its junction with N59 northwards for a length of 177 metres in the townland of Lemonfield.

(d) On the proposal of An Comh. O'Neachtain, seconded by Cllr. J.J. Mannion the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedures having been complied with:-

Costello Engineering Area (Casla):

Road commencing at junction with Co. Road LS Road 5221 and extending east for a distance of 135 metres in the townland of Carrowroe West.

(e) On the proposal of Cllr. T. McHugh, seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedures having been complied with:-

Tuam Engineering Area (Bel Air Drive Housing Estate)

Road starting with its junction with the old Ballygaddy Road in the townland of Townparks (1st Division) and running eastwards for a distance of 145m with a branch road running northwards off this road for a distance of 113m, and a second branch road running northwards for a distance of 112m, all in the townland of Townparks (1st Division).

IT WAS AGREED TO TAKE ITEM NO. 5 NEXT

**UPDATE ON N17/18 CORRIDORS - PRESENTATION 1076
BY MR. J. EISING**

Mr. J. Eising Senior Engineer with the Regional Road Design Office made an interim presentation to the County Council on the N17/N18 Western Strategic Corridor. The purpose of this presentation is to update the members on the current status of the schemes and to introduce some new route corridors, which have been added to the study area since the First Public Consultations for both schemes.

All of the Regional Road Design Projects experienced delays arising from the Foot and Mouth crisis, but two of the schemes in particular suffered. These were the N17 Galway to Tuam and the N18 Oranmore to Gort. Site Investigation on both schemes had to be postponed as a result of the crisis. However, other work continued in relation to the schemes.

In relation to the N17, the First Public Consultation was held in June 2000, and 4 route corridors were presented. The outcome of the consultation was as follows:

- None of the route options catered for Tuam to Dublin traffic
- All of the routes severed quality farmland
- There would be considerable loss of local and farm access
- 56% of respondents rejected all 4 route proposals.

In relation to the N18, the First Public Consultation was held in November 2000, and 5 route corridors were presented. The outcome of this consultation was as follows:

- 46% of respondents favoured the most eastern route (the blue route)
- There was substantial objection to the routes near Clarenbridge and Kilcolgan

In response to the comments made by the public at both consultations, routes further east were investigated and developed for both schemes. A strategic western corridor is referred to in both the NDP and the NRA Roads Needs Study. A Strategic Traffic Study was carried out between October 2000 and January 2001. This study established that approximately 80% of N17 or N18 traffic would use a Strategic Western Corridor if there were one.

Consequently two new routes for the N17 have been developed and are being investigated alongside the original 4 route proposals. These route options are entirely new and in the interests of consultation and transparency it has been decided to take these two routes to an Interim Consultation on the 22nd and 23rd of May 2001 in Athenry and Corofin respectively.

The route options for the N18 have been extended northwards to meet with the N17 and the N6 close to Athenry town. Two possible route options for this extension have been identified and these will also be taken to Interim Public Consultation at Athenry on the 22nd. A mail-shot to households affected by the new routes will be carried out during the week commencing the 14th May 2001.

All routes are still under consideration and the purpose of the Interim Consultation is to introduce the public to the new route options, which are being investigated in addition to the options presented at the First Public Consultation.

The following points were raised in relation to the presentation:

- All of the route options still have the same standing, however it has been discovered that 3 of the routes close to the existing N18 have severe disadvantages.
- MC O'Sullivan Consultants are doing a study of on the feasibility of Tolling on the new roads. Tolling will not be considered unless it is established to be feasible.
- The proposed N17 will be longer than the current N17 but will be substantially faster. It will be a high quality dual carriageway, which will make journey times shorter and more predictable.
- The Athenry junction will be included in the Interim Public Consultation.
- It is now estimated that 85% of current N17 /N18 traffic should divert to the new Western Corridor.
- The effect the Western Corridor would have on the area, through which it would pass if built, must be thoroughly investigated before any final decision is made.
- What will be the status of the existing N17 if the Western Corridor is built?
- There is great concern in the Ardahan area regarding the effect of the N18 proposals on Tullira Castle and grounds.
- The building programme should be accelerated and the strategic routes should be built as soon as possible. The existing routes are choked with traffic.
- A proposal can be made to the NRA to have the Western Corridor and the N6 upgraded to Motorway standard, however at present the traffic figures only support high quality dual carriageway standard.
- The Emerging Preferred Routes for the N17 Tuam Bypass, N17 and N18 are expected to be announced in late July or early August and the Second Public Consultations will be held immediately after.

ADOPTION OF CORPORATE PLAN

1077

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

**ADOPTION OF BYE-LAWS FOR THE REGULATION OF
THE HARBOUR AT KILRONAN, INISHMORE, ARAN
ISLANDS**

1078

Report dated 8th May 2001 had been circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by An Comh. O'Neachtain, seconded by Cllr. Gavin and agreed to adopt the Draft Bye-Laws for Kilronan Harbour. The Members welcomed the proposal. The County Manager informed the Members that interviews were held recently for the position of Harbour Master and the appointment would be made as quickly as possible.

**MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF ATHENRY & ENVIRONS**

Planning Ref. No. 00/4904

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“APPLICANT:

Mr Joe Dolan

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

Planning permission for the construction of 75 no. dwellinghouses, temporary treatment plant and associated services at Caherroyn, Athenry

LOCATION:

The site is located at Caherroyn, Athenry, North of the town centre on a site situated between the Dublin – Galway railway line and the Monivea and Athenry road.

PLANNING HISTORY:

There was no previous application on this site.

ASSESSMENT:

The proposal is for 75 dwellinghouses, a temporary treatment plant and associated services on a site which has a stated area of 3.074 hectares. This give a density of 9 houses to the acre. The house types are of a two-storey variety with a good mix of semi-detached, detached and duplex etc. There is also provision for a crèche facility in the housing estate as required by the Department of Environment Guidelines for residential developments.

ZONING: Currently approximately half the site is zoned residential in the current Atheryn Development Plan (the half nearest the main road). The portion to the rear of the site is zoned agricultural. The whole site is proposed for residential zoning in the Draft Development Plan for Atheryn.

OBJECTIONS: No objections were received.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that permission be granted to materially contravene the Atheryn Town Development Plan

STATUTORY CONSIDERATION: A decision to grant permission cannot be made unless a resolution is passed by the members requiring that such a decision be made in accordance with Section 26(3) of the 1963 Planning Act as substituted by Section 39(d) of the 1976 Planning Act as amended by Section 45 of the Local Government Act 1991.

Public notice of the Council's intention to consider deciding to grant permission was given on 29th March, 2001 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 28th May, 2001."

Cllr. Callanan proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Mr. Joe Dolan, c/o Gabriel Dolan & Associates, Main Street, Craughwell, Co. Galway, planning reference no. 00/4904, and having considered the Report dated 4th May 2001, on the matter, Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(3) of Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1963, as amended by Section 39(d) of 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. Cllr. Fahy seconded this proposal. A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

AR SON: Cllr. J. Callanan, Dep. P. Connaughton, Cllr. J. Conneely, Cllr. M. Connolly, Cllr. M. Cunningham, Cllr. M. Fahy, Cllr. S. Gavin, Cllr. N. Grealish, Cllr. M. Hoade, Cllr. P. Hynes, Cllr. J. Joyce, Cllr. M. Loughnane, Cllr. T. Mannion, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cathaoirleach Connie Ní Fhatharta, Cllr. P O' Foighil, Cllr. S O' Neachtain, Cllr. P. O' Sullivan, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. M. Regan, Cllr. S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh, (24)

IN AGHAIDH: (0)

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried .

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Prior to consideration of the submissions Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Planning submitted his report to the councillors outlining his concerns in relation to the extent of rezoning recommended by the Area Committee. At the meeting Mr. Ridge read through his report to alert the councillors to these concerns.

Mr. Gus McCarthy, Planning Consultant addressed the meeting outlining the principal provisions of the Draft plan and showing a zoning map for the area.

Mr. McCarthy outlined population trends and projections and discussed sustainability of development and issues such as choice of location for housing, industry strategy plan, retail guidelines and recreation and amenity considerations.

Mr. McCarthy addressed the rezoning proposed in the submissions received and stated that the capacity of the additional lands together with what was already proposed would accommodate housing needs in excess of 13,000 persons. This would be an enormous population increase and such rezoning in his opinion, would be detrimental to the town of Loughrea.

Therefore he recommended against such rezoning and stated that they are on a land ownership basis rather than on the basis of proper planning and development.

Mr. Mc Carthy stated that population growth in the future will relate to the towns ability to sustain the population and the physical infrastructure of the area could not sustain facilitate this level of growth.

Mr. McCarthy also stated that the extent of rezoning would interfere with strategies in the draft plan and no alternative strategies had been recommended.

Councillor Pat Hynes stated that the elected representatives want Loughrea to be a growth town and therefore feels that they cannot agree with the recommendations of the planners.

He stated that they want more jobs for their area and therefore need more rezoning for industry and more amenity lands to serve the growing population. He acknowledged that the rezoning accommodates in excess of 13,000 persons but stated that many people would prefer to work in Loughrea rather than driving into Galway. He went onto say that the new sewerage facilities in Loughrea could accommodate a larger population.

Councillor Matt Loughnane criticized provisional water supplies in the area and stated that schemes were being discussed for the past 27 years. He stated that it was not the fault of the councillors that such schemes had not come on scheme nor was it the fault of the councillors that sewerage schemes have been divided with capital works coming first.

Councillor Loughnane referred to the circular road around Loughrea town and stated that it serves all routes to and from the town. He was supportive of the rezoning and stated that the public representatives must assume that what they plan, - will be built.

Councillor Loughnane stated that no provisions were made for amenities by planners or consultants, it was the councillors who made these proposals and if they had not done so they would not be there.

Councillor Michael Regan stated that the councillors wanted to attract business to the town and that the provision of 7 acres of land over 5 years was not acceptable. The public representatives want to make land available so that if anybody wants to use it, it is appropriately zoned.

Brian Curran, c/o MBK Associates

Submission Reference Number: 1

ORAL HEARING REQUEST

LOCATION: General

REQUEST 1: An increase in the amount of land zoned for Residential development.

- Zoning for approximately 200 houses deemed insufficient.
- Supplementary zoning would help alleviate the price of land for development.

LOCATION: Lands of 7.9 acres (3.2 Hectares, marked as 1A on map), directly to the east of the existing graveyard at Mount pleasant, Loughrea.

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST 2: Rezoning from the proposed Community / Institutional, Recreation and Agricultural zoning to a Residential zoning.

- 2nd occasion in which the planning process has adversely affected the objectors' property
- Land is in close proximity to the urban core, therefore a Residential zoning would be more in keeping with the recommendations of the Bacon report.
- The proposed provision of 7.5 acres extension of the graveyard is excessive.

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- It is suggested that it is more appropriate to locate the graveyard to the north of the Tynagh road, as these lands are unsuitable for development purposes.
- Land owned by the Town, adjacent to Abbey Church graveyard offers another appropriate alternative.
- Existing graveyard at Mountpleasant is far from meeting its capacity.
- If the Council were to acquire the objectors lands through compulsory purchase, the Council would have to pay fair market value.

LOCATION: Lands (7.6 acres or 3.2 hectares) north of Gort road, Coscarrick, currently outside of the town boundary, Loughrea.

1993 ZONING: Non- zoned area.

REQUEST: The inclusion of these lands within the town boundary, to be zoned Residential.

- The lands are adjacent to the existing town boundary and Residential zonings (as proposed in the Draft).
- There are services existing (ie. water and sewerage) at the south east end of these lands.

Submission received 6/7/99:

Following a meeting with the Council Officials, Councillor Micheal Regan and Vincent Kelly re. the graveyard, the following has been proposed.

- Graveyard to be allowed to extend southwards and eastwards, to encroach on Mr. Currans lands to the extent of 2.5-3.0 acres.
- Provision to be made for a car park at the most easterly end of Mr. Currans lands to connect with the graveyard.
- It is requested that the remaining portions of land be rezoned from Community and Institutional to Residential.

ORAL HEARING

In relation to the submissions received, an Oral Hearing took place on 19th August, 1999. The following information was additional to these submissions.

Rezoning from the proposed Community / Institutional, Recreation and Agricultural zoning to a Residential zoning.

- Proposing that site adjacent to graveyard be zoned residential. Area 1B on submission may should be used as extension to graveyard.
- On lands marked 1A, an application for 68 houses was lodged on 23rd July 1999. (Ref. 99/3113).
- Access would be from a widened laneway to the east of the lands, servicing would be via a sewer line continued from the school.

Rezoning request for lands at Coscarrick, Gort road, Loughrea.

- Lands located to the west of the town boundary (currently outside development boundary for Loughrea).
- Comprising of approximately 8 acres, planning application lodged for 58 houses (ref. 99/3118) lodged 23 July 1999.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

The area of land (i.e. 1B on map) suggested by Mr. Curran for the cemetery extension is acceptable and can be rezoned accordingly. However, 1A should revert to agricultural zoning for the period of this plan as it is located outside the existing and proposed development zones. In addition sufficient lands are available to accommodate the population growth of Loughrea over the period of this plan if lands proposed for residential zoning (i.e. 215.52 acres or 87.22 hectares) and undeveloped residential lands from the 1993 plan (i.e. 39.11 acres or 15.8 hectares) are taken into account.

With regard to lands at Coscarrick (1C), these lands are located outside the town boundary and therefore do not merit consideration. No zoning or boundary change is recommended for these lands.

It was proposed by Councillor Matt Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Michael Regan that an area measuring one third of the road frontage and a line drawn straight down parallel with the red line on the map over 1(a) and 1(b) be used for the extension to the cemetery and car park and the balance of the land will revert to agriculture.

Councillor Seamus Gavin stated that he felt that he did not have sufficient knowledge of the geography of the Loughrea area to enable him to make informed decisions on the proposals before him. He therefore abstained from voting on all further submissions.

The County Manager addressed the meeting and outlined the importance of sustainable development and of considering the proper planning and development of the area.

Martina Tarpey

Submission Reference Number: 2

LOCATION: Lands of 11.5 acres (4.65 hectares), north of Portumna Road, east of proposed Community and Institutional zoning (in draft), Baunog, Mountpleasant, Loughrea. (Same as submission no. 22).

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Agriculture to Residential.

OBSERVATION / RECOMMENDATION

Approx. 215.52 acres (87.22 hectares) of land are proposed for Residential zoning in the Draft plan in addition to 39.11 acres (15.8 hectares) zoned in the 1993 plan. These lands are deemed to be sufficient to cater for the most optimistic population projections in the town over the period of the next plan.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

As this submission is similar to no. 22 it was agreed that it should be dealt with when considering no. 22.

Michael McNamara, c/o A. Gerard Moylan & Co., Solicitors.

Submission Reference Number: **3**

LOCATION: Lands of 0.417 acres (0.17 Hectares), proposed as Industrial in the draft, directly north along Ballinasloe road, south of proposed by-pass route, Greeneragh, Loughrea.

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Industrial to Residential

- Numerous offers for residential development have been made on the said lands.
- Argue that Industrial zoning will deny the full potential value of the lands.

OBSERVATION/RECOMMENDATION

These lands (i.e. 0.417 acres or 0.17 hectares) form part of lands which adjoin the existing industrial estate and are proposed as Industrial zoning. The zoning of lands for the existing industrial estate on lands which adjoin the proposed by-pass and the existing Ballinasloe road is considered necessary and appropriate.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

It was proposed by Councillor Matt Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Michael Regan and agreed by the councillors to accept the recommendations of the Planning Officer in this case.

County Librarian, Town Clerk, Area Engineer, Branch Library, OPW

Submission Reference Number: **4-8**

REQUEST: The inclusion of the Map indicating the 22 sites and monuments of archaeological interest which was omitted from the draft plan.

OBSERVATION / RECOMMENDATION

Maps relating to sites and monuments listed, to be included in the Draft plan.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Fahy, seconded by Councillor Michael Cunningham that the maps related to the sites and monuments listed would be included in the Draft plan.

Michael Kelly

ORAL HEARING REQUEST

Submission Reference Number: 9

LOCATION: Field of 4.475 acres (1.81 hectares), located directly north of the proposed Residential zoning (in draft), Caheronaun, Loughrea.

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Agricultural to Residential

- Lands directly to the south and west are zoned Residential.
- The main sewer serving the town of Loughrea passes by the western end of this field, therefore the lands could be easily serviced.

ORAL HEARING

In relation to the submissions received, an Oral Hearing took place on 19th August, 1999. The following information was additional to these submissions.

- Lands approximately 4.475 acres, applying for 46 houses.
- Request that land be rezoned from Agricultural to Residential.
- Access road to lands should be widened.
- Proposal to retain stone walls.

OBSERVATION / RECOMMENDATION

Approx. 215.52 acres (87.22 hectares) of land are proposed for Residential zoning in the Draft plan in addition to 39.11 acres (15.8 hectares) undeveloped zoned land in the 1993 plan. These lands are deemed to be sufficient to cater for the most optimistic population projections in the town over the period of the next plan.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

It was proposed by Councillor Matt Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy and agreed by the councillors that this land should be rezoned to residential in accordance with the submission request.

O'Connor Architecture

Submission Reference Number: 10

LOCATION: Lands (2.83 acres or 1.1458 hectares) bounded by the Danesford road to the west, the proposed by pass route to the north and the proposed Residential zoning (in the draft) to the south, Caheronaun, Loughrea.

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Agriculture to Residential.

- Request in line with the development strategy objective of the draft plan (2.3) that, "development will be encouraged to the north and east, where the provision of infrastructure facilities can more readily accommodate development, and where the land is flatter and better suited to development."

OBSERVATION / RECOMMENDATION

Approx. 215.52 acres (87.22 hectares) of land are proposed for Residential zoning in the Draft plan in addition to 39.11 acres (15.8 hectares) undeveloped zoned land in the 1993 plan. These lands are deemed to be sufficient to cater for the most optimistic population projections in the town over the period of the next plan.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Regan and seconded by Councillor ???? and agreed by the councillors that these lands be rezoned from agriculture to amenity in accordance with the decision of the councillors at Area Committee level.

Noel Kelly, c/o Ted McDonnell

Submission Reference Number: 11

ORAL HEARING REQUEST

LOCATION: Lands of 3.462 acres (1.4 hectares), directly west of proposed Residential zoning (in Draft), Caheronaun, Loughrea.

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Agriculture to Residential

- Main sewer for Loughrea forms the eastern boundary to the field.
- Lands directly to east also proposed for Residential.

- River forms the western boundary, therefore if the if the Agricultural zoning remains, the lands will be effectively landlocked.

ORAL HEARING

In relation to the submissions received, an Oral Hearing took place on 19th August, 1999. The following information was additional to these submissions.

- The original client, Mr. Noel Kelly, sold the land to Galway Pine Construction.
- Approximately 9 acres.
- In 1982 Noel Kelly got outline planning permission (Ref. 42992).
- Request that adjoining area of 3.462 acres be rezoned to residential, envisaged that 28% plus of this area would be open.
- Main outfall sewer is along the eastern boundary of the site. This sewer will be upgraded as part of the Loughrea Treatment Works Scheme.
- It is land locked.
- Close proximity to Loughrea Town.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

Approx. 215.52 acres (87.22 hectares) of land are proposed for Residential zoning in the Draft plan in addition to 39.11 acres (15.8 hectares) undeveloped zoned land in the 1993 plan. These lands are deemed to be sufficient to cater for the most optimistic population projections in the town over the period of the next plan.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

The proposal was made by Councillor Michael Fahy, seconded by Councillor Pat Hynes and agreed by the councillors to rezone this land to residential.

Fr. Frank Quinn, The Carmelite Community

Submission Reference Number: 12

LOCATION: Lands of 9.891 acres (4.04 hectares), proposed as Recreation and Amenity (in Draft), directly west of the Abbey Convent, North of 'the Walk', Loughrea.

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Objection to Recreation and Amenity zoning, seeks retention of Agriculture zoning.

- Lands are contiguous to Abbey residence and gardens, therefore the proposed amenity zoning would encroach on the orders privacy.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

These lands are located adjoining 'the Walk' which is a significant feature in the town. As the town expands eastwards there is a need to retain lands to provide a park close to the town and with access to new suburb areas. These lands in close proximity to the town centre, adjoining the town moat and 'the Walk' are ideally situated for this purpose and are recommended for a Recreational/ Amenity zoning accordingly.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

The proposal was made by Councillor ?????????, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy and agreed by the councillors that the zoning in this case should revert to agriculture.

***Dorothy Keary,
c/o Brian Callagy, Planning Consultant.***

Submission Reference Number: 13

LOCATION: Lands (2.83 acres or 3.091 hectares) bounded by the proposed by-pass route to the north and the Danesford road to the east, Caheronaun, Loughrea.

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Agricultural to Residential

- Lands located between town and by-pass route, therefore deemed to be suitable for Residential zoning.
- Requested zoning would be in accordance with the development objective to expand to the north and east of the town.
- Lands can be easily serviced.
- Point raised that, in practice, only a fraction of Residential zoned land becomes available for development within the plan period. Therefore, there is a need to zone supplementary lands for Residential purposes in order to satisfy housing demand.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

Approx. 215.52 acres (87.22 hectares) of land are proposed for Residential zoning in the Draft plan in addition to 39.11 acres (15.8 hectares) undeveloped zoned land in the 1993 plan. These lands are deemed to be sufficient to cater for the most optimistic population projections in the town over the period of the next plan.

No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Cunningham, seconded by Councillor

Michael Fahy and agreed by the councillors that zoning of these lands should be agriculture.

Brian Callagy, Planning Consultant

Submission Reference Number: 14

LOCATION: General.

REQUESTS:

1. The plan should have regard to the DoE Guidelines on Residential density.
 2. Maximum Residential density should be 10%, but may be more where Guidelines permit.
 3. 'Backlands, steep lands, marshland, grass margins' etc. should be acceptable as public open space, where these are satisfactorily landscaped or otherwise retained for ecological reasons.
- The 15% open Space requirement excluding 'Backlands' etc. is at least a 50% increase on the provisions of the previous plan, and possibly 100% in some cases.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

Development control standards in the Draft Plan are to be re-examined in the light of the Department of Environment Guidelines on Residential Density. Revised standards where considered appropriate will be brought before the Council following these submissions.

The proposal was made by Councillor Michael Fahy, seconded by Councillor Michael Regan and agreed by the councillors that the Planning Officers recommendations should be accepted in this case.

Dan Corry, c/o Ted McDonnell

Submission Reference Number: 15

ORAL HEARING REQUEST

LOCATION: Lands of 27.8 acres (11.26 hectares), directly south of proposed by-pass route, north of proposed Residential zoning (in draft), Cosmona, Loughrea.

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Agriculture to Residential

- 18.4 acres (7.44 hectares) of lands owned by the client, (to the north) have been dissected by the proposed by-pass route.
- The transfer of livestock and machinery to and from the landowners fields will cause a traffic hazard along public roads.