

Special Meeting 11th May 2001

- If the lands to the south were rezoned Residential, the landowner would have access from the Raruddy road, therefore there would not be a traffic hazard on the by – pass route.
- The rezoning would help satisfy housing demands generated by the expansion of Galway city.
- Lands can be easily serviced with water and sewerage infrastructure.
- Almost all town services are within a mile of the lands in question.
- As these lands are located between the town and the by-pass route, they are particularly appropriate for development.

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.

- Development objective 3.2 emphasis that residential development should occur to the east of the town. However, the lands in question (west of the town) are nearer the new treatment works and the natural fall. Also development to the west of the town is nearer Galway City.
- With by-pass dividing lands, it is requested that their lands to the south of the by-pass are rezoned.
- Water supply is available along the western boundary of the lands.
- All major services are within a mile of the said lands.
- Even with the proximity of the Gortbride Traveller Housing, people are prepared to purchase land for development.

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 Pat Hynes, seconded by Councillor Matt Lounghnane and agreed by the councillors that these lands should be rezoned from agriculture to residential.

OMAC Laboratories Ltd. (OLL), c/o Ted McDonnell

Submission Reference Number: 16

ORAL HEARING REQUEST

LOCATION: Lands consisting of 3.15 acres (1.275 hectares), directly north of proposed Industrial zoning, along Raruddy road, Cosmona.

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Agriculture to Residential.

- Lands were subject to a material contravention in 1992, and were rezoned from Agricultural to Residential use.
- OMAC re-applied for outline planning permission for 20 No. dwelling-houses on the 29th June 1999. OMAC requested Galway County Council to extend the time for the decision until 23rd December 1999.
- Lands form a desirable infill area with zoned Residential lands to the west of the site.
- The request conforms with the stated development objective of the draft plan, to encourage development to the north and east of the town.
- Lands can be fully serviced, with the most effective use being made of the existing infrastructure services.
- It would be beneficial to have a Residential zoning adjacent to the large Industrial zoning, as it could provide housing for employees.
- The rezoning would help satisfy demand for urban generated housing from Galway City. As the lands in question are on the Galway side, they pose no risk of traffic congestion arising through Loughrea town centre.

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.

- Outline planning permission was received in 1993 for a residential development (planning Ref. No. 67511). Tried to sell lands at the time but couldn't.
- Factory has experienced an employment increase from 12 to 26 between 1993-1999. If rezoned, employment would increase to 36. Put up a warehouse for storage thus increasing employment.
- 54% of exports is to EC Countries.
10% to former Eastern block countries.
6% to USA and Canada.
10% to Africa and Far East.
20% to Ireland.

Therefore, 80% of their business comprises of international exports.

- Company established 20 years in Loughrea.
- New application on 29th April, 1999 for housing on these lands (Planning Ref. No. 99/1682). Decision date extended to 23 December, 1999.
- Their request is to market the land again.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

As planning permission was previously granted for a housing development on these lands and the total area involved (3.15 acres or 1.275 hectares), is not very significant in the context of the overall development of Loughrea. A change in the zoning of these lands from Agricultural to Residential is recommended.

It was proposed by Councillor Pat Hynes, seconded by Councillor Matt Loughnane and agreed by the councillors that the Planning Officers recommendations should be accepted in this case.

Mr. Ryan, c/o Gabriel Dolan and Associates

Submission Reference Number: 17

LOCATION: Field of 4.013 acres (1.75 hectares) bounded by proposed Residential zonings (in draft) to the south and east, Cosmona, Loughrea.

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Agriculture 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 Councillor Matt Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Pat Hynes and agreed by the councillors that these lands should be rezoned from agriculture to residential.

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, Cahernaun, 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.

In relation to Submission number 18(a) it was agreed that a recommendation be put to the full Council that the land inside the town boundary submission 18(a) – be rezoned from Agriculture to Industrial.

Submission no. 18(b): Outside town boundary – for discussion later.

It was proposed by Councillor Matt Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy and agreed by the councillors that the considerations of this submission should be deferred to a later date.

James, Catherine and Adrian Skehill

Submission Reference Number: 19

ORAL HEARING REQUEST

Date Received: 7/7/99

LOCATION: Lands (19.46 acres or 7.876 hectares) bounded by proposed by-pass route to the north and the N6 (Galway road) to the south, proposed as Industrial in draft, Cottage, Gorteenabohogy, Loughrea.

1993 Zoning: Agriculture.

REQUEST: Rezoning from Industrial to Agriculture as in the 1993 Plan.

- The proposed “one – off” Industrial zoning, weakens the distinction between the urban and rural area. Therefore, it will not comply with the stated objectives to promote integrated economic development nor consolidate existing land use patterns in the town.
- An Industrial development on the subject site will detract from the remaining visual amenity on the approach road into the town.
- The development would result in an uneconomic provision of services.
- The proposed Industrial zoning will serve to increase the traffic generation along the by-pass and into town.
- The Industrial zonings in the adopted plan should be consolidated.
- The Industrial zoning contravenes the Development Plan objective to restrict urban sprawl.
- If the proposed zoning is adopted, the industrial development should be intensively landscaped, and should comply fully with Appendix G of the County Development plan. Furthermore, any such development should install sensitive boundary treatment to minimise the impact on nearby residential areas.

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.

- Existing Industrial site at Caherlavine is an eyesore and an environmental hazard.
- Skehills experience problems of trespassing from surrounding zonings.
- Feels Industrial zoning at this junction will worsen traffic problems.
- Little control over what type of industry goes in. The specific types of industrial (safeguards) which would be permitted should be set out as well as extensive landscaping provisions, buffer strip provision and screening.
- Appropriate access and egress condition should be incorporated into the plan.
- Sewerage problem.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

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 reducing traffic going through the town. It was also felt desirable to have some industrial lands at the southern end of the town to reduce commuting 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.

It was proposed by Councillor Matt Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Michael Cunningham and agreed by the councillors that industrial zoning should be retained on these lands in accordance with the Planning Officers recommendations.

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 Atherry 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 towncentre 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 Deputy U. Burke, seconded by Councillor M. Regan and agreed that a recommendation be put before the full Council to rezone from Industrial/Agriculture to Commercial.

Submission no. 21: Outside the town boundary – for discussion later.

A question was raised in relation to whether or not a planning application had been lodged in relation to these lands and it was agreed unanimously to defer consideration of this submission until this issue had been further investigated.

Rathmel Developments Ltd., c/o O’Cuimin Associates

Submission Reference Number: 21

LOCATION: Extensive lands (32.19 acres or 13.03 hectares) proposed Agriculture in the draft, bounded by the Woodford road to the south west and the Town Environs boundary to the south east, Knockanima, Loughrea.

1993 ZONING: Agriculture

REQUEST: Rezoning from Agricultural to Residential.

- This rezoning would facilitate low-density holiday homes and a leisure centre.
- The legal status of the environs in the plan is vague, yet the grounds for rezoning still remain.
- Lands such as the above, within the environs with good communications and infrastructure provision should be allowed to facilitate development.
- Although the rezoning request is on elevated lands, the visual impact would be minimised by a comprehensive landscaping proposal.
- The sewerage network could be easily extended from St. Brendan’s Hospital.
- The site is considered very appropriate for Holiday Homes and a Leisure centre.

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

Those lands are located on the Woodford road in an elevated and exposed location overlooking the lakes. The lands are also located outside of existing and proposed

development zones in the Draft Plan. The development of these lands for housing purposes would detract from the visual amenities of the land. 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 Councillor Matt Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Michael Cunningham and agreed by the councillors that the recommendation of the Planning Officer be accepted in this case.

Mr. C. Ryan, c/o B. Pierce and Associates

Submission Reference Number: 22

Date Received: 8/7/99

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. 2).

1993 ZONING: Agriculture.

REQUEST 1: Rezoning from Agriculture to Residential

- 95% of all land zoned Residential is in the west of the town. The proposed zoning is the closest land available for development to the east of the town.
- All four schools, both primary and secondary are located in the east of the town. This leads to severe traffic congestion, notably at Fitsy's corner. The proposed rezoning would not contribute to additional traffic hazard.
- Lands can be easily serviced through water supply, either by:
 - **Providing a connection between Earlsparck reservoir water main and Mountpleasant water main.**
 - Installation of a booster pump
- Natural gravity of site would facilitate the flow of foul water to the existing system.
- Furthermore, surface water may be dispersed into a nearby stream, electricity and telephone supply is adjacent to the site.

OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

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No change recommended in the zoning of these lands.

It was proposed by Councillor Pat Hynes, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy and agreed by the councillors that these lands should be rezoned residential.

COUNTY MANAGERS BUSINESS

1081

Community Warden Scheme

The County Manager informed the Members that the Department of the Environment and Local Government decided in June 1999, that the best way to progress a proposal for the introduction of a Community Warden Scheme in local authorities, was to pilot the service in a number of counties and towns and therefore asked local authorities for submissions. The Council made such a submission and was selected as one of the five pilots. A copy of letter dated 25th of from the Department of the Environment was circulated to each member. He said the pilot areas will be funded by the Department over a 2/3 year period.

The County Manager informed the members also that a number of bodies have come together including Galway Bay Sailing Club, with the objective of providing a Marine Leisure Development at the new Harbour, Rinville, Oranmore. He said that funding for a feasibility study had been approved from the following sources:-

- Department of the Marine - £40,000
- Galway Corporation - £5,000

The County Manager recommended that the Council contribute a sum of £7,500 towards the study. This was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

CATHAOIRLEACHS BUSINESS

1083

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that the monthly meeting of the Council on the 28th May would take place in Carraroe commencing at 3.00 p.m. The new library would be officially opened at 12.00 p.m. on the same day.

Presentations:

An Cathaoirleach welcomed ????? winning captain, together with players and officials

of the ??? to the meeting. She congratulated the Athenry Hurlers on their achievement in winning the All-Ireland Club Hurling title for a second year in succession. A presentation of was made.

An Cathaoirleach also welcomed ??, wining captain of ???, together with representatives from the Club and congratulated them on their success in winning the ???. A presentation of Clarinbridge Crystal was also made.

All of the members joined in offering congratulations for the success and achievement of both teams.

CONFERENCES

1084 (a)

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

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

Cllr. M. Loughnane	Cllr. J. Callanan	Cllr. M. Fahy
Cllr. P. O'Sullivan	Cllr. M. Hoade	Sen. J. McDonagh
Cllr. J. Conneely	Cllr. N. Grealish	Cllr. P. Hynes
Cllr. M. Mullins	Cllr. M. Cunningham	Cllr. J. Joyce

General Council of County Council Conference - Carlow - 5/7 July 2001

Cllr. J. Callanan	Cllr. P. O'Sullivan	Cllr. M. Hoade
Sen. J. McDonagh	Cllr. N. Grealish	Cllr. P. Hynes
Cllr. T. McHugh	Cllr. T. Walsh	Cllr. M. Mullins
Cllr. C. Ni Fhatharta		

Archaeology & Development Seminar - Sligo - 22 May 2001

Cllr. M. Fahy	Cllr. M. Loughnane	Cllr. J. Callanan
Cllr. J. Conneely	Cllr. M. Cunningham	Cllr. T. Mannion
Cllr. M. Hoade		

Timetable for the International Conference - 14/15 May 2001

Cllr. M. Fahy	Cllr. J. Callanan	Cllr. M. Cunningham
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Submitted, Approved & Signed

Cornie Ni Fhatharta

25/6/01

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON 23rd APRIL, 2001

Cathaoirleach An Comhairleoir C. Ni Fhatharta

I LATHAIR FREISIN;

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

Oifigigh:- Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, E. Lusby, Head of Finance, J. Cullen, J. Morgan, F. Gilmore, P. Ridge, T. Kavanagh, Directors of Services, J. O'Shaughnessy, Chief Fire Officer, H. Coleman, A/S.E. Planner, M. Doddy, Conservation Officer, E. Moloney, A/A.O., M. Kiloran-Coyne, S.O., A. Power, A/S.O., Cuimin Mac Aodh Bhui, Oifigeach Gaeilge.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

1027

A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mr. Frank Donoghue, Coolfin, Abbey, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. Sonny Geoghegan & Family, Grannagh, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Bridie Flanagan, Shragh, Woodford, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

The Members extended their sympathy to Colm Wallace, Administrative Officer, Engineering Section on the recent death of his father; and Michael Timmins, Executive Engineer on the recent death of his father. The County Manager, on behalf of the Staff wished to be associated with the Resolutions of Sympathy.

CONGRATULATIONS

1028

An Cathaoirleach congratulated St. Mary's Hurling Team Athenry on winning the Senior All-Ireland Club Hurling title for a second consecutive year. She informed the Members that a Reception would be held for St. Mary's Hurling Club on the 11th May 2001 and also that Na Piarasaigh Camogie Team would be received on the same day. She also wished the Galway Senior Football Team the best of luck in the League Final on Sunday.

BORDER MIDLANDS & WESTERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 1029

Mr. Kieran Moylan, Assistant Director made a presentation on the role of the Border Midlands & Western Regional Assembly(BMW). He outlined the background to the establishment of the BMW Regional Assembly and its role to promote co-ordination in the provision of public services, monitor implementation of NDP and EU programmes in the region and manage the Regional Operational Programmes. He said the objectives of the Assembly were to increase the potential of the region to act as an counter-balance to the S & E Region, especially Dublin, and pursue more balanced growth within the region. It was also the Assembly's objective to improve the quality of the Region's economic and social infrastructure and human resources and promote rural and urban social inclusion. He referred to the expenditure under the Regional Operational Programme which would amount to £3,229M and include local infrastructure, local enterprise development, agriculture and rural development, and social inclusion. Referring to activities last year, Mr. Moylan said that over 50% of the various measures had commenced, the expenditure on non-national roads was ahead of target, 51 new child-care facilities were approved and the Western Investment Fund had commenced.

Dep. Connaughton complimented Mr. Moylan on his comprehensive presentation on the role and activities of the BMW Regional Assembly. He asked if the gap between the BMW Region and the S & E region would be reduced by the end of the programme. He also queried if there was duplication between the Western Commission and the BMW Regional Assembly. Dep. Burke expressed disappointment that the balance between the two regions had not been redressed. He referred particularly to the area of community development where only £165,000 had been made available out of the £13m requested within the county. He said that unless more funding is forthcoming, Objective 1 Status will mean nothing to the BMW Region. He said it was disappointing that although four years into this categorisation, no major changes had occurred. Cllr. McClearn queried if the BMW Region would be on the same footing as the S.E. Region at the end of this Programme. He specifically referred to the proposed N6 route which would be of motorway standard from Dublin to Kinnegad but of lesser standard from Kinnegad to Galway. He said this was an indication of how the BMW Region was regarded less favourably. He said that the BMW region would continue to be disadvantaged and it would be crucial at a later stage to see what progress had been made from the various measures implemented. Cllr. Loughnane said that the present designation hadn't changed the funding arrangements at all and funding was still coming from Central

Government. There was no direct contact between the Assembly and Europe and what was envisaged had not occurred. There is a role for the Assembly to assert itself and make direct contact with Europe. He said that we couldn't expect to benefit from regionalisation under the current funding arrangements. Cllr. T. Mannion said that the BMW region has been recognised as being a weaker area and this should create an opportunity for greater investment in the west of Ireland. He used the example of the proposed N6 Dublin/Galway Route which will be of motorway standard in the S.E. Region and dual carriageway standard in the BMW region. He said the N.R.A. were not treating the BMW region fairly. He said there was an opportunity now for state agencies to invest in the west of Ireland.

In reply Mr. Moylan said that it was too soon to say if the new categorisation was having the desired effect. It would be important to allow all the various programmes and measures to be fully implemented and assess their impact then. The S.E. region is the fastest growing region in Europe and it would take time to counter-balance the difference between it and the BMW Region. He said that I.D.A. has made a commitment that 50% of job announcements would be targeted for the BMW region for the period of the programme. There would be a mid-term review in 2003 and a report will be available at that stage. He said that if gap is still the same at that stage, then changes would have to be made to bring the Border Midlands & Western region in line with the S.E. region.

The County Manager thanked Mr. Moylan for his presentation and reiterated the role of the Regional Assembly.

The Cathaoirleach and Members thanked Mr. Moylan for this presentation.

SALE OF LAND AT ORANMORE

1030

On the proposal of Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. Loughnane the Council approved the sale of land comprising 0.2043 hectares in Oranmore to the Board of Management, Calasactius College, Oranmore, in accordance with Notice dated 10th April 2001 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, a copy of which had been circulated to Members.

FIRE SERVICES PROGRAMME

1031

A Report dated 2nd April 2001 was circulated to each Member. Mr. Kavanagh, Director of Environmental & Conservation Services said there were 10 Fire Stations in the County located at Galway, Athenry, Ballinasloe, Clifden, Gort, Loughrea, Mountbellew, Portumna, Tuam and Kilronan which is manned by a voluntary crew. There were also agreements in place with neighbouring authorities to attend fires in County Galway if required. Having regard to the growth of Galway City it is planned to move to a complete full-time fire service for the city brigade. He stressed the importance of fire safety and prevention in reducing numbers of incidents and fatalities. Among the

proposals for the fire service included the provision of a new fire station in Carraroe and a new station in Galway City. Over the period of the fire service programme investment would amount to £13/14M.

An Cathaoirleach welcomed the report and in particular the provision of a fire station for Carraroe. Cllr. Mullins welcomed the Report and referred to the replacement of a fire appliance in Ballinasloe Fire Station which was badly needed. Cllr. J.J. Mannion referred to the provision of smoke alarms in Inishboffin which had been a very worthwhile scheme and welcomed the proposals in the programme for Clifden Fire Station. Cllr. Hynes, referring to Loughrea Fire Station said that he would prefer to see an alternative site for a new station rather than an extension to the present station. He also said that an additional appliance was needed immediately. Cllr. Joyce also welcomed the Plan and stressed the need to ensure that fire hydrants are available and in working order to ensure a supply of water in the event of fire. Dep. Burke referred in particular to forest fires and stated that the area between Portumna, Gort and Loughrea was the most extensive area of forestry in the country. The Fire Service had done tremendous work in response to forest fires. He supported Cllr. Hynes on the need for improved facilities in Loughrea and Athenry also. Cllr. Regan said that the town of Loughrea was growing at a very fast pace and a second fire appliance was a necessity.

Dep. Connaughton welcomed the proposal to have a full-time brigade in Galway City and said it would be good for the development of the city. He referred to the difficulties in attracting part-time staff to the fire service and suggested that it should be possible for unemployed persons to work in the fire service on a part-time basis without losing their social welfare entitlements. Cllr. P. McHugh welcomed the proposed relocation of Galway City Fire Station and hoped it would proceed as quickly as possible. With regard to the amount of false alarms, he queried if the new radio system would help to identify the source/location of the calls which would enable Gardai to clamp down on them. Cllr. Quinn welcomed the report and particularly the proposals for Tuam and Mountbellew. Referring to the high number of false alarms, Cllr. Gavin asked if anything could be done to reduce this. Referring to the replacement of the fire tenders, he queried why most of them were not being replaced until the end of the five year programme. He said the voluntary fire fighters on Inishmore were unhappy as they felt they were not being treated in the same way as others in the county.

Chuir an Comhairleoir Ó Foighil fáilte roimh an mholadh maidir le Stáisiún Dóiteáin na Ceathrún Ruaidh agus roimh an méid infheistíochta a bhí á dhéanamh sa tseirbhís dóiteáin trí chéile. Chuir sé an-bhéim ar an tábhacht atá le halaraim deataigh agus luaigh sé an tine a bhris amach ar Inis Meáin agus dúirt go gcaillfí daoine sa tine seo murach an rabhadh a fuair muintir an tí in am ón alaram deataigh. Dúirt sé go mba chóir go mbeifí in ann tíocht ar shocrú éigean maidir leis an seirbhís dóiteáin a bheidh ar fáil san aerstráice chun go bhféadfadh an t-oileán uile leas a bhaint as. Cllr. Loughnane said it was crucial that the Fire Service would have access from Athenry to the proposed new road network. He also requested that a new site be acquired for Loughrea Fire Station. Cllr. McClearn queried why so much funding seemed to be loaded towards the end of the Five Year Programme rather than at the start. He also expressed concern regarding manning levels

in many fire stations. He also raised concern at the number of households that didn't have fire alarms and asked if anything could be done to raise public awareness. Cllr. Callanan welcomed the report and asked that charges for call-outs be made more widely known to the public.

The Chief Fire Officer thanked the Members for their compliments towards the fire service and said that he would convey their remarks to the Fire Service Personnel. Responding to questions raised by the Members, he said a procedure is in place whereby all brigades check the fire hydrants in their areas four times per year. He emphasised strongly the importance of smoke alarms in preventing fire damage and loss of life and said that extensive campaigns are undertaken each year to encourage people to install smoke alarms. With regard to the number of false alarms, he said that 140 of the 280 were 'good intent' false alarms and were not malicious. Referring to Loughrea Fire Station, he said it was unlikely that the Department would give it priority in the Five Year Programme. He said that they had secured land for the extra bay and he said that the Drill Yard should be with the Fire Station. He said a lot of money had been spent on Loughrea Fire Station in the last three years, but in the longer-term a new fire station in Loughrea may happen. With regard to the state of the existing stock, he said that the fire appliances had relatively low mileage and there are rarely any break-downs. He said that meetings have been held with Udaras and he was informed that if a fire appliance is attached to air-strip it must stay there.

The County Manager said that this was a very ambitious report. He said that the D.O.E.L.G. had looked for a review of the Fire Services and he referred to the problem of manning levels and the availability of personnel. He said it was the first time there had been an increase in money made available for the Fire Service. He said the plan will be continually under review. He acknowledged the assistance from Comhar Cumann in helping distributing fire alarms for Inis Maan and Inishboffin.

It was proposed by Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Cllr. Loughnane and agreed to adopt the report on the Fire Service Programme.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – REVIEW PROCESS 1032

Report dated 17th April 2001 was circulated to each Member. Mr. Ridge, Director of Planning & Economic Development Services outlined to the Members the time-scales involved in reviewing the Development Plan and explained that the review procedures must be commenced no later than 26th May 2001. He explained that under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the Council is required to follow the procedures and time-scales in reviewing the Development Plan. He said that the Town Plans were not subject to the same time limits but he hoped to have these plans cleared by September 2001. He also referred to Urban and Village Renewal Scheme for which a strategy is to be published by the end of May for the period 2001/2006. An

advertisement inviting submissions from various groups will be in local papers this week and will be circulated to each Member.

Cllr. Loughnane asked that the Loughrea Town Plan would come before the full Council as soon as possible and he also asked what was the up-to-date position with regard to Gort and Athenry Town Plans. Cllr. Joyce referred to a recent conference for councillors at which they were advised to have independent planning advice available when reviewing the Development Plan. Deputy Burke asked if Kinvara could be added to the list of towns for which plans are being prepared. Referring to the Urban and Village Renewal Scheme, Cllr. McClearn said that the Council should formulate its own policy and have it moved forward to see what benefits will come from it.

Mr. Ridge stated that the position with regard to the Loughrea and Craughwell Plans would be checked and Cllr. Loughnane informed of the position. With regard to Gort and Athenry, they were due to be considered by the Electoral Area Committee at a meeting in the near future. In reply to Cllr. Joyce, he said that independent advice is available to councillors from the Council Staff. He said that Kinvara is among the list of towns for which plans will be prepared.

The County Manager informed the Members that a Senior Executive Planning would be taking up employment in the next 5/6 weeks. He said that 80% of the work on the Development Plan would be carried out by the Council and where necessary consultants may be used for particular tasks. He said the Development Plan should be a continuing process.

It was proposed by Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. O Foighil and agreed that the process for the review of the Development Plan should commence.

CONSERVATION GRANTS SCHEME

1033

Report dated 18th April 2001 was circulated to each Member. This Report contained a Scheme of Priorities which is required by the Department of Environment and Local Government in order for the Local Authority to prioritise Conservation Grant applications against certain criteria. This is a Reserved Function of the Members.

It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. Quinn and agreed to adopt the Conservation Grants Scheme.

BURIAL GROUNDS

1034

Report dated 22nd February 2001, circulated to each Member was noted.

Cllr. Fahy stated that Duchas was holding up the extension at Drumacoo Cemetery and asked that the Council intervene. In reply to an enquiry from Cllr. P. McHugh, Mr.

Kavanagh said that he would inform Members of the closing date for grants for burial ground maintenance.

RURAL POST OFFICES

1035

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

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

1036

Funding for Agricultural Shows

The Manager informed the Members that proposals had been drawn up for the provision of financial support for Agricultural Shows. Discussion had taken place with representatives from . The phases had been catergerised under 4 no. different headings and funding would be available to each as follows:

- £500 - Small
- £650 - Medium
- £800 - Large
- £1,000 - County

The Members welcomed the proposals which were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh..

Foot & Mouth Disease

The Manager informed the Members that he had received notification from the Department of Environment and Local Government regarding relaxation of restrictions on Council activities with regard to Foot and Mouth Disease.

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

1037

Waiver of Rates for Marts

Cllr. Hoade asked that the Council look at the possibility of waiving commercial rates for marts in County Galway. She said that because of the Foot and Mouth crisis, all marts have been closed since the second week in February. She also proposed that the Council make representations to the Department for compensation for losses to marts. The County Manager acknowledged the problem but said it was a national issue.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. McClearn and agreed that Galway County Council write to the Department of Agriculture on this matter.

Proposed Roadworks at Annahill

Cllr. P. McHugh stated that there was concern that funding of £400,000 for roadworks at Annahill may be withdrawn. Mr. F. Gilmore, Director of Service stated that the Council had no indication that the funding would be withdrawn and said that the need for the roadworks at this location would remain regardless of decisions taken with regard to the proposed new roads.

CONFERENCES

1038

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

General Council of County Council Conference - Castlebar - 26/27 Jan 2001

An Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta

Colmcille Winter School Confernece - Donegal - 23/25 Feb. 2001

Cllr. P. Hynes

Trip to Milwaukee - 15/23 August 2001

Cllr. M. Loughnane Cllr. J. Joyce Cllr. M. Connolly
Cllr. J. Conneely Cllr. N. Grealish Cllr. P. O'Foighil

Library Conference - Killarney - 1/4 May 2001

Cllr. M. Regan Cllr. M. Loughnane Cllr. T. Walsh

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

N.O.M. NO. 10 – BRIDGE - DEP. U. BURKE

1039

The following reply was given to Dep. Burke:-

"This is a matter for Iarnrod Eireann and a letter is now being forwarded to them requesting that they carry out the above works".

N.O.M. NO. 11 – LITTER BINS – DEP. U. BURKE

1040

The following reply was given to Dep. Burke:-

"The Council will try and accommodate the request having regard to available resources".

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N.O.M. NO. 12 –ROAD – DEP. U. BURKE

1041

The following reply was given to Dep. Burke:-

"This road is included in this years Road Works Programme and work will be carried out as soon as possible".

N.O.M. NO. 13 – ROAD – DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON

1042

The following reply was given to Dep. Connaughton:-

"This road is included in this year's Road Works Programme and works will be carried out as soon as possible".

N.O.M. NO. 14 – FLOODING – DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON

1043

The following reply was given to Dep. Connaughton:-

"This is the National Secondary route N63 and funding for such works is provided by the National Roads Authority. No funds were provided for this work in the current year. However, this location will be considered for inclusion in the Council's submission to the N.R.A. for 2002".

N.O.M. NO. 15 – FLOODING – DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON

1044

The following reply was given to Dep. Connaughton:-

"The flooding of the road at Mullagh is caused by concrete pipes underneath the parking area of Mullagh school being too small to take the volume of water discharged during periods of heavy rainfall. The existing pipes are 900 mm in diameter and the parking area is approximately 45 metres in length. Two drains converge at the up stream side of this pipeline. The Council is not responsible for the pipes beneath the parking area of the school. The responsibility lies with the Board of Management of the school. The Board of Management of the school will be requested to reroute one of the drains to alleviate the problem".

N.O.M. NO. 16 – DANGEROUS BEND – CLLR.

M. CUNNINGHAM

1045

The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:

"Work will be carried out towards the end of the current year if land is provided".

N.O.M. NO. 17 – ROAD – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 1046

The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:-

"The estimate cost of bringing this section of road up to standard for taking in charge is £1,445".

N.O.M. NO. 18 – BRIDGE – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 1047

The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:-

"The bridge in question is not in charge of Galway County Council. However, it may qualify for inclusion under L.I.S. and I enclose herewith application form for completion and return".

N.O.M. NO. 19. – SEWERAGE SCHEME – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 1048

The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:-

"The contract Documents for the Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme, Extension to Craughwell, are currently being prepared and will be finalised once the route for the pipeline has been approved by the Department of the Environment and Local Government. A report on the pipeline route options is with the Department of the Environment and Local Government for approval at present. The Preliminary Report for Craughwell Sewerage Scheme was completed in January 2001 and the estimated cost has risen to £2.49m. It is therefore too expensive to construct under the Serviced Land Initiative. A proposal has been sent to the Department of the Environment and Local Government recommending funding for the scheme under the Capital Investment Programme".

N.O.M. NO. 20 – CLAYBANKS – CLLR. M. FAHY 1049

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:-

"No provision has been made in this year's Road Works Programme for the carrying out of works at above location. However, a community scheme has been approved for the carrying out of works at Mannin Cross, Craughwell".

N.O.M. NO. 21 – ROAD – CLLR. M. FAHY 1050

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:-

"No provision has been made in this year's Road Works Programme for the carrying out of the above works".

N.O.M. NO. 22 – ROAD – CLLR. M. FAHY 1051

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:-

"Galway County Council has no objection to the carrying out of the above works provided land is available".

N.O.M. NO. 23 – POST BOX – CLLR. M. HOADE 1052

The following reply was given to Cllr. Hoade:-

"This is a matter for An Post".

N.O.M. NO. 24 – FOOTPATH – CLLR. M. HOADE 1053

The following reply was given to Cllr. Hoade:-

"Work on the above footpath commenced last year and will be extended to the entrance at Meadow Hill, Estate in the current year".

N.O.M. NO. 25 – WATER SUPPLY SCHEME – CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 1054

The following reply was given to Cllr. Loughnane:-

"A report on the pipeline route options for the Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme, Extension to Craughwell, is with the Department of the Environment and Local Government for approval at present. It is planned to have a connection point available for an interconnecting pipeline for Lisalondon and Riverville Group Schemes. The group schemes should now plan for the interconnecting pipeline and apply to Galway County Council for an upgrading grant".

N.O.M. NO. 26 – FLOODING – CLLR. J. MCCLEARN 1056

The following reply was given to Cllr. McClearn:-

"The road in question was recently repaired".

"This location was inspected and there was no evidence of flooding. However, the situation will be monitored and you will be informed of developments as soon as possible".

N.O.M. NO. 27 – BRIDGE – CLLR. J. MCCLEARN 1057

The following reply was given to Cllr. McClearn:-

"Repairs will be carried out as soon as possible. Chevron signs will also be provided".

N.O.M. NO. 28 – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – CLLR. J. MCCLEARN 1058

The following reply was given to Cllr. McClearn:-

"This matter is being referred to our Design Section and a further reply will issue as soon as possible".

N.O.M. NO. 29 – ROAD – SEN. J. MCDONAGH 1059

The following reply was given to Sen. McDonagh:-

"The junction in question is being monitored by Galway County Council and further remedial measures will be considered as required".

N.O.M. NO. 30 – ROAD – SEN. J. MCDONAGH 1060

The following reply was given to Sen. McDonagh:-

"Appropriate signs will be provided as soon as possible".

N.O.M. NO. 31 – TELEPHONE POLE – SEN. J. MCDONAGH 1061

The following reply was given to Sen. McDonagh:-

"The pole in question was recently removed".

N.O.M. NO. 32 – ROAD – CLLR. P. MCHUGH 1062

The following reply was given to Cllr. McHugh:-

"The road in question was recently repaired".

N.O.M. NO. 33 – HOUSING – CLLR. P. MCHUGH 1063

The following reply was given to Cllr. McHugh:-

"I have been informed by the Council's Law Agent that the difficulties that had arisen in this matter have now been overcome and that the transfer of the property is proceeding".

N.O.M. NO.34 – ROAD – CLLR. P. MCHUGH 1064

The following reply was given to Cllr. McHugh:-

"The provision of ramps at this location are not considered to be appropriate. However, alternative means of dealing with the problem at this junction are being investigated".

N.O.M. NO. 35 – FOOTPATHS – CLLR. S. O NEACHTAIN 1065

The following reply was given to Cllr. O' Neachtain:-

"This matter is being investigated and a further reply will issue within the next few weeks".

N.O.M. NO. 36 – ROAD – CLLR. S. O NEACHTAIN 1066

The following reply was given to Cllr. O' Neachtain:-

"This matter is being investigated and a further reply will issue within the next few weeks".

N.O.M. NO. 37 – ROAD – CLLR. S. O NEACHTAIN 1067

The following reply was given to Cllr. O' Neachtain:-

"It is not possible to carry out any work at above location as this road is not in charge of Galway County Council. However, it may be suitable for inclusion under L.I.S. and I enclose herewith application form".

N.O.M. NO. 38 – ROAD – CLLR. P. O SULLIVAN 1068

The following reply was given to Cllr. O' Sullivan:-

"The above road was repaired during 1998 and 1999 and is considered to be in a satisfactory condition. However, there is a minor road to the left of the above road which is not in charge of Galway County Council.

N.O.M. NO. 39 – ROAD – CLLR. P. O SULLIVAN 1069

The following reply was given to Cllr. O' Sullivan:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 40 – LIGHTING – CLLR. K. QUINN 1070

The following reply was given to Cllr. Quinn:-

"This matter will be examined and a further reply will issue as soon as possible".

N.O.M. NO. 41 – DANGEROUS BEND – CLLR. K. QUINN 1071

The following reply was given to Cllr. Quinn:-

"It will not be possible to carry out works at this location as no provision has been made for same in this year's Road Works Programme. However, this project would be suitable for Community Involvement in Road Works Scheme. Next year's schemes will be advertised in the local papers in September next.

N.O.M. NO. 42 – SIGNS – CLLR. K. QUINN 1072

The following reply was given to Cllr. Quinn:-

"Appropriate signs will be provided at the above location as soon as possible".

CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, approved & signed
Connie Ni Phatharta.
30th May, 2001
Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON
9th April, 2001**

Cathaoirleach An Comhairleoir C. Ni Fhatharta

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill: Cllr. J. Burke, Dep. U. Burke, 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, Cllr. J. McClearn, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cllr. P O' Foighil, Cllr. S O' Neachtain, Cllr. P. O' Sullivan, Cllr. K. Quinn, 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, F. Dawson Director of Services, D. Barrett, A.O., B. McDermott, A.O., J. Eising, Snr Engineer, E. Moloney, A/A.O., C. Nevin, A/A.O., A. Farrell, A/A.O., J. Ryan A/S.S.O., M. Jordan, A/A.O, Cuimin Mac Aodh Bhúí, Oifigeach Gaeilge.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

Resolutions of Sympathy

1004(B)

Resolutions of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Brendan Keady, Ballyboggan, Athenry, Co. Galway.
Louis Mac Con Iomaire, Loch Con Aotha, Cill Chiarain.
Mary Harney, Tánaiste, Minister for Trade & Employment, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.
Mrs. Langan, Rawfee, Headford, Co. Galway.
Bernie Donnellan, Housing Section, Galway County Council.
Mrs. Bennett, Portnoo Road, Ardara, Co. Donegal.

The Council adjourned the meeting for ten minutes at the request of the Cathaoirleach as a mark of respect for Charlie Bennett, Chairman of Donegal County Council who died recently.

LAUNCH OF DIRECTORY TO COMMUNITY SERVICES. 1005 (b)

An Cathaoirleach welcomed the publication of the Directory to Community Services and explained that it listed the support services available from Galway County Council to individuals and groups throughout the County. She said that the Community and Enterprise Unit had recently established a Community and Voluntary Forum which is being organised on an electoral area basis. She congratulated all associated with the publication.

MINUTES 1006 (b)

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

The minutes of the **Monthly Meeting** of the council held on the **26th February, 2001** were approved by the council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Dep. Connaughton, seconded by Cllr Mullins.

Cllr T. Walsh enquired if a response had been received from the Department of Environment and Local Government to the request to separate the group of five schemes into two separate groups consisting of (a) Dunmore and Kilkerrin and (b) Clonbur, Tully and Lennane, minute number 968 referred. He was informed that the Department had agreed to this. In response to an enquiry by Cllr. J.J. Mannion with regard to the same matter Mr. Ridge stated that when a site for a treatment plant at Tully is identified the contract documents for the schemes will be submitted to the Department for approval.

In reply to a question by Cllr. McClearn about extending the incentive scheme in the upper Shannon region to the lower Shannon area Mr. Cullen stated that a request had been submitted to the Department of Finance and a reply is awaited, minute 970 referred.

In reply to query by Cllr. McClearn with regard to the taking in charge of roads, minute number 972 referred, the county manager stated that the criteria for taking in charge of roads was being examined and a report would be prepared for consideration at a future council meeting.

Cllr. P. McHugh referred to minute number 960 with regard to a boundary wall between the council estate and the adjoining lands at Mylespark, Corofin and noted that a request for funding for the provision of a wall rather than a fence would be submitted to the Department of Environment & Local Government. In reply to a query from Cllr. McHugh with regard to notice of motion number 35 Mr. Lusby said that the council's Housing Liaison Officer had been in contact with the residents and arrangements were being made

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for a meeting on a mutually convenient date to advance the question of place name changes.

The minutes of the **Special Meeting** of the council held on the **2nd March, 2001** were approved by the council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Cllr. Quinn.

Cllr. Fahy requested that the council send a letter to the Minister for Agriculture and Food congratulating him on the outstanding work that had been done in preventing the spread of food and mouth disease in the country. This was seconded by Cllr Quinn and agreed.

REPORTS

1007

The report of the **Corporate Policy Group** Meeting held on the **29th January, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Hoade.

Mr. Kavanagh said that the protocol for dealing with representations by non-councillors now read "The Council will acknowledge letters received from non-councillors. However, if a non-councillor (other than members of the Oireachtas) is seeking the same level of service as elected members of Galway County Council, such service will not be provided. The Council will have regard to the position of elected members of other local authorities in the county in respect of their local authority area". Cllr Hynes said that while he had some reservations about the words "have regard to" in the protocol he was happy nevertheless that the matter had now come to a satisfactory conclusion and thanked the Corporate Policy Group for their efforts.

With regard to replies to prior notice requests Cllr Joyce stated that there are sometimes differences between the heading on the letters issued to councillors and the actual decisions made. This leads to confusion. Cllr. McClearn stated that, in the case of prior notice requests, the notice given to councillors was much too short. Cllr. Loughane supported this and stated that a minimum of 48 hours notice should be given. The county manager informed the members that he had recently made an order directing that all decisions on planning applications be available one week before the latest date for decision and this would bring about an improvement in relation to prior notices. This was welcomed by the members.

An Comh. O'Neachtain asked if the report on the Business Plan for the planning department had been completed. The county manager stated that it was not yet finalised and that the new Director of Service for Planning and Economic Development would be advancing this matter.

The report of the **Corporate Policy Group** meeting held on the **26th February, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr. Connolly, seconded by An Comh. Conneely.

The report on the **Housing Strategic Policy Committee** meeting held on the **8th November, 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Quinn

The report on the **Planning & Economic Development Services Strategic Policy Committee** meeting held on the **14th November, 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Conneely.

The report on the **Planning & Economic Development Services Strategic Policy Committee** meeting held on the **12th February, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Dep. U. Burke.

The report on the **Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee** meeting held on Tuesday **14th November, 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Dep. Connaughton, seconded by Cllr. Callanan.

Cllr Rabbitt asked about the Land Use and Transportation Study. Cllr Connolly stated that it was listed as an item on the agenda for the next S.P.C. meeting. He also said that it had been agreed to revisit the five year roads plan as a number of roads had been omitted. The county manager said that the five year road plan would be discussed at area committee level.

The report on the **Cultural & General Services Strategic Policy Committee** meeting held on the **15th November, 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr. Quinn.

The report on the **Cultural & General Services Strategic Policy Committee** meeting held on the **27th February, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr. J. Burke.

Cllr Joyce said that as the proposed swimming pool in Ballinasloe would be used by people from the county area, the council should make a contribution to Ballinasloe Urban District Council towards the pool. The county manager said that Ballinasloe swimming pool was a project of Ballinasloe U.D.C. and that the provision of swimming pool projects are expected to be self financing.

An Comh. O'Neachtain, referring to place names and signage, stated that local knowledge and usage of names should be respected and acknowledged, and there was too much emphasis placed on what the experts decided with regard to place names. He requested that the matter be listed for a future council agenda. Cllr J. Burke also said that locals should be free to use the versions of place names and spellings that were historically in use.

The report on the **Environmental & Conservation Services Strategic Policy Committee** meeting held on the **14th November 200** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of An Comh. O'Neachtain, seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh.

The report on the **Environmental & Conservation Services Strategic Policy Committee** meeting held on the **30th November, 200** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of An Comh.O'Neachtain, seconded by Cllr Mullins.

The report on the **Environmental & Conservation Services Strategic Policy Committee** meeting held on the **14th December, 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Quinn, seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh.

Cllr T. Walsh stated that it had been agreed to change the wording in the second last paragraph of the minutes by inserting the words "for consideration" between the words "colleagues" and "prior". This was confirmed by Mr. T. Kavanagh.

The report on the **Environmental & Conservation Services Strategic Policy Committee** meeting held on the **2nd April, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Fahy, seconded by Cllr Quinn.

The report on the **Tuam Area Committee Meeting** held on the **13th October, 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Dep. Connaughton, seconded by Cllr T. McHugh.

The report on the **Tuam Area Committee Meeting** held on the **13th November, 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr Quinn.

*It was agreed by the council to take **Item No. 13 Moycullen Bypass – preferred route** with the report on the **Conemara Area Committee meeting held on the 22nd January, 2001.***

MOYCULLEN BYPASS 1008

The Moycullen Bypass- preferred route was approved by the council on the proposal of Cllr. Gavin, seconded by An Comh. O'Neachtaion.

The report on the **Conemara Area Committee** meeting held on the **22nd January, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of Cllr Gavin, seconded by An Comh. O'Neachtain.

*It was agreed by the council that **Item No. 10 Galway City Outer By-pass-R336 Western Approach** would be taken in conjunction with the **Report on the Joint Meeting of Galway County Council and Galway Corporation held on the 2nd March, 2001.***

GALWAY CITY OUTER BY-PASS – R336 WESTERN APPROACH.

1009

A copy of a report entitled "Western Approach R336 link road, need for the scheme" dated March 2001 was circulated in advance to each member. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of An Comh. O'Neachtain, seconded by Cllr. Regan.

The report of the **Joint Meeting of Galway County Council and Galway Corporation** held on the **2nd March, 2001** was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of An Comh. O'Neachtain, seconded by Cllr. Regan.

RURAL POST OFFICES

1010

Cllr Quinn said that she felt that rural post offices should not be closed down but that other services should be given to them such as the new savings scheme. She proposed that this matter be discussed at a future council meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Callanan and agreed..

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

1011

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:-

Costello Engineering Area

Road commencing at junction with Co. Road LS5200 and extending north west for a distance of 6214 metres in the Townland of Kilmurvy and Oghil.

DISPOSAL OF LAND

1012

On the proposal of An Comh. O'Neachtain seconded by Cllr. Conneely the Council agreed to the sale of land at 7 Parkmore, Tuam to Edward & Eileen Kelly, in accordance with notice dated 21st February 2001 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, and in accordance with Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966.

On the proposal of Cllr Quinn, seconded by Cllr T. McHugh the Council agreed the sale of land at 95 Parkmore, Tuam to Mark & Sandra Lally, in accordance with notice dated 21st February 2001 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, and in accordance with Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966.

On the proposal of Dep. Connaughton, seconded by Cllr P McHugh the Council approved the sale of land at 97 Parkmore, Tuam to William & Margaret Potter, in accordance with notice dated 21st February 2001 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, and in accordance with Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966.

On the proposal of Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr Callanan the council approved the sale of land at Budellagh and Cloghbrack, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway to Mr. Joseph Kearns, in accordance with notice dated 15th February 2001 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, and in accordance with Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966.

BETTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT, STAFFING PROPOSALS 1013

The county manager referred to report dated 3rd April, 2001 which was circulated to each member and which set out the proposed staffing structure for Galway County Council following consultation with staff interests on Better Local Government.

He informed the members that the positions of Director of Services and Head of Finance had been filled and the responsibilities assigned to each were as follows;

Name	Office Appointed to	Delegated Functions Programme Group /SPC	Operational Responsibilities
Tom Kavanagh	Director of Service	Environmental & Conservation Services Ballinasloe Urban District Council	Ballinasloe Electoral Area
Paul Ridge	Director of Service	Planning & Economic Development Tuam Town Commission	Tuam Electoral Area
Jim Cullen	Director of Service	Cultural & General Services Loughrea Town Commission	Loughrea Electoral Area

John Morgan	Director of Service	Roads & Transportation	Conamara Electoral Area
Frank Gilmore	Director of Service	Housing Services	Oranmore Electoral Area
Frank Dawson	Director of Service	Community & Enterprise	County Development Board
Ernie Lusby	Head of Finance	Financial Management Internal Audit Information Technology	Galway County Council Ballinasloe U.D.C. Loughrea Town

			Commission Tuam Town Commission
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He also referred to the resignation of the County Engineer, Mr. John Colleran, which he accepted with regret. The members were informed that Mr Colleran would be leaving the council on the 3rd May, 2001 to pursue a career in the private sector. He paid tribute to Mr. Colleran for his four years of service with the council.

The county manager congratulated the new directors and wished them well in their new jobs. He explained that decentralisation was part of the implementation of the Better Local Government process. The pilot for decentralisation would be Ballinasloe and it should be in place within a few months. Land has been acquired in Clifden and a house has been acquired in Loughrea beside the area office for the provision of one stop shops and decentralised offices in those locations. Tuam town hall will be the location of the Tuam one stop shop and the council are leasing offices in Carraroe from Udaras for the Gaeltacht area.

The members congratulated the new Directors of Service on their new positions and wished Mr Colleran well in his new career.

The county manager informed the members that the Department of Environment had sanctioned the staffing proposals and he now recommended that the council consent to vary the staff compliment as proposed.

It was proposed by Cllr Mullins, seconded by Cllr Regan and agreed to consent to vary the number of officer posts as set out in the county managers report.

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

Planning Ref. No. 00/4029

1014

APPLICANT: Mr. P.J. Garry, c/o Gabriel Dolan & Associates, Main Street, Craughwell, Co. Galway.

Mr. A. Comer, Executive Planner, outlined the details of Material Contravention set out in the report dated 2nd April 2001 which had been circulated to the Members.

“PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: The proposed development comprises of the construction of 10 no. dwellinghouses and a temporary treatment plant at Caherroyan, Athenry.

PLANNING HISTORY: Prior to this application there were no previous applications on this site.

LOCATION: The site of the proposed development is located outside the 30mph speed limits of Athenry town but is within the Athenry town plan boundary.

ZONING: The site is currently zoned as part residential/part agricultural in the current Athenry Town Plan and is zoned as residential in the draft development plan.

ASSESSMENT: Originally this applicant was seeking permission for the construction of 12 no. dwellinghouses and temporary treatment plant because at present the Athenry town sewer has reached its capacity. The applicant had to revise his proposal as the proposed treatment plant will require a discharge licence under the Water Pollution Acts of 1977 and 1990 and the proposal as it stood could not be guaranteed a discharge licence as the design of the percolation area did not comply with EPA guidelines. The revised proposal does comply with EPA guidelines and as a result the development now comprises of 10 no. dwellinghouses and a treatment plant.

OBJECTIONS: No objections were received but there was an observation on file from Iamród Éireann concerning (1) the fence between the property and the railway line, and (2) the railway drain. If planning permission is granted, these can be addressed by condition.

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 6th October 2000 and the notice invited members of public to submit representations or submissions. No submissions were received.

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

The latest date for a decision on this application is 30th April 2001".

Cllr. M. Regan proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Mr. P. J. Gary, revised for the construction of 10 no. dwellinghouses and a temporary treatment plant and associated services at Caherroyan, Athenry, planning reference no. 00/4029, and having considered the Report dated 2nd April 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. M. Loughnane seconded this proposal. A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

ARSON: Cllr. J. Burke, Dep. U. Burke, 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, Cllr. J. McClearn, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cathaoirleach Connie Ní Fhatharta, Cllr. P. O' Foighil, Cllr. S. O' Neachtain, Cllr. P. O' Sullivan, Cllr. K. Quinn, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. M. Regan, Cllr. S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh, (30)

IN AGHAIDH: (0)

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried .

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF ATHENRY

Planning Ref. No. 00/4502

1015

APPLICANT: Kingsland Homes Ltd., c/o Conor Hayes, Consulting Engineer, Dunlo Street, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Mr. A. Comer, Executive Planner, outlined the details of Material Contravention set out in the report dated 2nd April 2001 which had been circulated to the Members.

“PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Permission to construct a revised entrance to the existing housing development granted in Planning Reference No. 99/1130 and alterations to sites 1-6 to include 2 no. detached houses, 3 no. townhouses and 4 no. duplex units in the townland of Knockauglass, Athenry.

PLANNING HISTORY: 99/1130 – Permission granted for 36 houses on this site – area 1.81ha, with a housing density of 8 per acre. The house types granted were a mix of 2 storey being a mixture of detached and semi detached.

LOCATION: This proposal is located on a site, south east of Athenry town centre, located between Cemetery Cross and Cloonan Oil, in the townland of Knockauglass. Residential development along the road is as yet sparse, but there are some bungalows, etc.

ZONING: Currently, this site is zoned for agriculture but it is proposed for residential zoning in the draft development plan for Athenry.

OBJECTIONS: No objections or submissions were received.

RECOMMENDATION: The development is semi-completed at this stage from grant of 99/1130. The density is still acceptable, even though the number of dwellinghouses has increased by 4.

Further Information was requested and replied to satisfactorily.

Loughrea	26 th April, 2001
Ballinasloe	18 th April, 2001
Oranmore	24 th April, 2001
Conamara	17 th April, 2001
Tuam	23 rd April, 2001
Cultural & General SPC	30 th April, 2001
Corporate Policy Group	3 rd May, 2001

LITTER ACTION PLAN

1017

A copy of letter dated 13th March, 2001 from the Department of Environment and Local Government together with 2 no. reports "Litter Action Plan" and "Taking Pride in our Environment" were circulated to each member. The county manager stated that the council would be reviewing its Litter Action Plan and the matter would come before the Environment and Conservation Strategic Policy Committee.

ROAD DAMAGE AT COROFIN

1018

Cllr P. McHugh thanked the county engineer for report dated the 4th April, 2001 on this matter and noted that improvement works had been carried out.

COUNTY MANAGERS BUSINESS

1019

The county manager said that he had issued a report dated the 23rd March, 2001 to the Minister for the Environment and Local Government with regard to restrictions on officers engaging in gainful occupations and private practice. A copy of the report was handed to each member.

CATHAOIRLEACHS BUSINESS

1020

The Cathaoirleach said that the Council meeting on the 28th of May would be held in Carraroe and the new library would be officially opened that day.

ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CONNAUGHT REGION 1999-2004

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An Cathaoirleach referred to a comprehensive report which had been circulated to the members in relation to this matter and stated the report contained much relevant information.

Cllr. Callanan stated the Council should reject the plan. He added that a lot of good work had gone into the plan and that it could easily be amended to suit the Council. He stated that the public and the Council want very high levels of recycling, with landfill in a remote area and no incineration. He felt that if the County just catered for its own waste,

a plan could be drawn up and adopted. He proposed that the Draft Waste Management Plan for Connaught Region 1999 – 2004 be rejected.

Cllr. Loughnane seconded Cllr. Callanan's proposal. He stated that the plan had previously been rejected on 1st September 2000 and that it should be rejected again. He felt that the reason the County was in crisis now was due to the mismanagement and bad handling of the issue down through the years. He felt that the targets in the plan should be achieved over four to five years rather than over a longer period. He said there had not been adequate consultation with the public and the councillors did not have any input into it. He did not feel that the Council should rubberstamp someone else's work.

Cllr. Hynes also stated he would be voting against the proposal because the three potential landfill sites identified in the plan were unsuitable. He felt that the people should not be ignored and that councillor's suggestions for finding sites in remote areas were disregarded. He felt that the provisions in the Waste Management (Amendment) Bill were undemocratic and dictatorial. He recommended the Council should revisit the situation.

Dep. Connaughton said that the County and City should come together as one region and reject the idea of an incinerator. He did not feel that any small community should take on a landfill site for the waste of Connaught. Galway should follow the lead taken in Kerry and locate the site in the middle of a Coillte forest. He had not seen any evidence of landfill site selection in North Connaught being advanced and feared that the Galway site would take all the waste of Connaught. He criticised the impending Waste Management Bill as the most draconian law to be passed for a long time and that it was a very bad step for local democracy. He felt that not enough cognisance had been taken of the views of the Councillors.

Cllr. McClearn questioned why the plan was up again for adoption without amendment after being rejected unanimously on a previous occasion. He stated the real issue here is local democracy to which a Minister is paying lip service. He referred to Roscommon and Mayo County Councils who had already indicated that they would not take waste from outside their own counties. He stated the councillors were not shirking their responsibilities and that the Minister is foolish if he tries to force legislation on people. He was confident that there could be a city and county plan.

Councillor J. Burke also stated he would be voting against the plan. He said that incineration was not proven to be safe and he was not happy to accept it. It was not open to the council to impose incineration on future generations. He felt that Ireland should preserve its status as the greenest land in the world and wait until incineration is proved safe. He felt that the Department should not disregard the views of 30 elected councillors. He appealed to the Minister not to bring in the Amendment Bill.

Dep. U. Burke referred to the excellent consultation in relation to the new roads plans and queried why a similar approach to public consultation was not adopted in relation to the waste management. He was opposed to incineration as it was dangerous and couldn't

accept it. He rejected any suggestion there might be that the councillors had failed in their responsibility. He stated that nobody in the Council was afraid to identify a suitable landfill location but were not given the opportunity. He stated the councillors and the objectors and the public must be given an opportunity to have an input into the plan.

Cllr. Rabbitt also stated that the council had not shirked its responsibility. He stated that the Council had done its job and rejected the plan and rejected incineration. He complimented the objector groups for their work and research into the issue and shared the views of previous speakers that it was regrettable that the Minister was enacting the new Amendment Bill and felt that it would be challenged in the courts.

Cllr. T. Mannion stated that a decision was made previously and it was quite clear the council wanted a plan of their own. He outlined the efforts of the SPC to include a form of wording which would allow the passing of the plan. He felt that initially a real opportunity must be given to people to allow recycling to succeed. He expressed concern that 2 No. sites for landfill had been mentioned but nothing seemed to be happening about the site planned for North Connacht. He said the landfill proposed for Galway should cater for the waste from the county and city only and the other landfill should deal with the waste from the rest of Connacht.

Cllr. Gavin stated that the plan clearly was not going to be adopted. The present plan was unworkable and the problem would have to be approached on a countywide basis. He felt the issue was going nowhere and that the members would have to come up with alternatives.

Cllr. Mullins felt that the problem was that the Minister prevented members from modifying the plan. He said that failure to have consultation on any matter was a recipe for disaster. He regretted the proposed Bill that would remove powers from the councillors and felt that the waste management situation could be solved but not on a regional basis. He appealed to the Minister not to proceed with the legislation and urged the county proceed with its own plan.

Cllr. Quinn said that if recycling had started three years ago when discussions first started on the plan then the county would have come along way. She felt that no money was being spent at the moment on recycling and that recycling was the only answer.

Cllr. Grealish stated that County was heading for a crisis and that the problem that arose in February was around the corner again. He referred to zero waste plans in New Zealand, Australia and Canada and felt that we should make a start at recycling and not rush into incineration. He stated that the new Amendment Bill was an attack on local democracy and that unless the problem was solved, the growing rate of illegal dumping will cause problems for the environment in the future.

Cllr. T. Walsh stated that for years the council was aware that there was going to be a crisis. He felt that the council did not have any real power with regard to waste in the first place and therefore the Minister was not taking any power away. The members were

not shirking their responsibility. He said he could not support incineration and was against regional landfill. He called for the Council to support the second motion on the agenda in relation to waste management.

Cllr. T. McHugh stated that, if incineration had not been included, a waste plan could have been adopted long ago. The experience throughout Europe is that they are not working. He stated that incineration needed 200,000 tonnes of waste per annum to make it viable and this would hinder efforts to recycle and reduce waste.

Cllr. J.J. Mannion stated he was opposed to the plan because of incineration. He stated that it was a disgrace that the Minister would overrule the views of 30 elected councillors. He stated that the Council had not failed the people of Galway and that he could not accept incineration. He said that the inclusion of incineration in the plan was not necessary for compliance with EU requirements. He criticised the media who placed the responsibility for the recent waste crisis on the council for not making a decision and stated that councillors were not shirking their responsibilities and that they had made their decision.

Cllr. Joyce stated that councillors previously adopted a waste management strategy and they had hoped that when the plan was developed from the strategy that it could be amended to take into account their views and this did not happen. He felt that co-operation was not shown to the councillors or to the objectors because there hadn't been a proper level of consultation.

Cllr. Connolly stated that a decision had been made previously. He stated that no power was being taken away from the councillors because they had no power in the first place on this issue. He felt the councillors had got it right the first time and he could not support a plan that included incineration. He said it would not be possible to put a landfill for Connaught in a small village and referred in particular to the unsuitability of Newbridge as a potential site.

Cllr. P. McHugh stated that neither he nor his colleagues had come under any pressure from the Minister on the issue. He would vote against the plan in accordance with the decision at local level. He felt that the plan had come about from a strategy that was endorsed previously by Council.

Cllr. O'Sullivan stated that this plan, which did not allow an opportunity to amend it, was not acceptable, and there was no way he could vote in favour of incineration. He questioned why any other county in the region would proceed with the expensive option of recycling when there would be an incinerator and landfill for Connaught in Galway.

Cllr. Fahy stated that the environmental and conservation services SPC meeting on 2nd April recommended rejection of the plan. He stated nobody had ever asked him his opinion on it and that it would appear that he could not even question the consultants. He stated that the current Minister had been a good Minister for local government and for Galway and that it was not all the Ministers fault.

Dúirt an An Comh. Ó Foighil nach raibh call do chontaethe eile tada a dhéanamh faoin bplean áirithe seo. D'fhiafraigh sé cén fá nár tionóladh cruinniú le haghaidh na gcomhairleoirí uilig sa réigiún chun an tábhar seo a phlé. Mheas sé nár chóir do Ghaillimh ualach iomlán na dramhaíola a iompar. Bhí sé i bhfábhair plean contae agus dúirt sé go raibh sé ar aon tuairim leis na comhairleoirí eile agus iad ag lochtú an dlí nua a thógfadh an chumhacht ón daonlathas áitiúil.

Dúirt an An Comh. Ó Neachtain go raibh díomá air go raibh cumhachtaí á chailleadh ag na Comhairleoirí. Dúirt sé go raibh freagracht ar na Comhairleoirí maidir le bainistiú na dramhaíola, i gcónaí. Dúirt sé chomh maith nár chuir an tAire aon bhrú maidir le vótáil ar son an plean nó ina aghaidh. Bhí go leor smaointe maithe sa bplean ach bhí smaointe eile ann nach bhféadfadh sé tacaíocht a thabhairt dóibh.

Cllr. Regan queried whether Galway County and City could not become a region of its own. He stated that, during the recent Foot & Mouth disease crisis, Louth could be declared a region. He stated that the plan was not acceptable in its current format and the county manager should come back to the council with an acceptable plan.

Cllr. Cunningham stated that he felt the councillors had not been listened to in relation to waste management. He was not in favour of the plan because he did not feel incineration was safe and could not support it. He stated he would be supporting the motion to reject the plan.

An Cathaoirleach stated that a motion had been proposed by Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Cllr. Loughnane, that the Draft Waste Management Plan for the Connaught Region 1999 – 2004 be rejected. A vote was 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. M. Fahy, Cllr. S. Gavin, Cllr. N. Grealish, Cllr. M. Hoade, Cllr. P. Hynes, Cllr. M. Loughnane, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. T. Mannion, Cllr. J. McClearn, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cathaoirleach Connie Ní Fhatharta, Cllr. P. O' Foighil, Cllr. S. O' Neachtain, Cllr. P. O' Sullivan, Cllr. K. Quinn, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. M. Regan, Cllr. S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh,
(28)

IN AGHAIDH: (0)

An Cathaoirleach declared the motion carried.

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPT A WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL AND CITY, CONSISTING OF WASTE REDUCTION, REUSE, RECYCLING AND LANDFILL

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An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that the motion which had been submitted and which appeared on the agenda paper at item no. 9(b), "that Galway County Council adopt a waste management plan for Galway County Council and City, consisting of waste reduction, reuse, recycling and landfill" was not a valid motion because it included the city which is a different administrative area and there was no plan before the Council to adopt.

After some discussion it was suggested to change the wording to overcome the technical difficulties with the original proposal. It was proposed by Cllr. S. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Hynes "that Galway County Council prepare a Waste Management Plan for Galway County Council which would cater for the waste produced in Galway City or the waste produced within the County of Galway consisting of waste reduction, reuse, recycling and landfill."

An Cathaoirleach advised the members that a vote could be taken on the proposal and legal advice would be sought subsequently on its validity. A vote was 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. M. Fahy, Cllr. S. Gavin, Cllr. N. Grealish, Cllr. M. Hoade, Cllr. P. Hynes, Cllr. M. Loughnane, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. T. Mannion, Cllr. J. McClearn, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cathaoirleach Connie Ní Fhatharta, Cllr. P. O' Foighil, Cllr. S. O' Neachtain, Cllr. P. O' Sullivan, Cllr. K. Quinn, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. M. Regan, Cllr. S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh., (28)

IN AGHAIDH: (0)

An Cathaoirleach declared the motion carried.

It was agreed to defer the following items

ITEM NO. 11 - FIRE SERVICE PROGRAMME	1023
ITEM NO. 12 - COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN, REVIEW PROCESS	1024
ITEM NO. 15 - BURIAL GROUNDS	1025
CONFERENCES	1026

On the proposal of Cllr Loughnane, seconded by Cllr Callanan, 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:-

Special Meeting 9th April 2001

Planning Law Trinity College Dublin. 22nd/23rd March 2001

Cllr. Pat Hynes.

Battle of Kinsale Conference Kinsale - 30th March – 1st April 2001.

Cllr. Michael Fahy Cllr. Michael Cunningham Cllr. Pat Hynes
Cllr. Tiarnan Walsh Cllr. Tom McHugh
Cllr. Jimmy McClearn.

LAMA Rochestown Hotel, Cork - 19th – 20th April, 2001

Cllr. Joe Callanan Cllr. James Joyce Cllr. Michael Fahy
Cllr. Michael Cunningham Cllr. Seán O Neachtain Cllr. Pat O Sullivan
Cllr. Mary Hoade Cllr. Kathleen Quinn Cllr. Paddy McHugh
Cllr. Michael Connolly Cllr. Tim Rabbitt Cllr. Josie Conneely
Cllr. Seamus Walsh Cllr. Pat Hynes Cllr. Noel Grealish
Cllr. Tom McHugh Cllr. Tiarnan Walsh Cllr. Jimmy McClearn
Cllr. Michael Mullins Dep. Paul Connaughton
Chairperson Connie Ní Fhátharta.

Health Services in Ireland Bundoran, Co. Donegal - 27th & 28th April, 2001

Cllr. James Joyce Cllr. Michael Fahy Dep. Jarlath McDonagh
Cllr. Michael Cunningham Cllr. Pat Hynes Cllr. Noel Grealish
Cllr. Jimmy McClearn Cllr. Pól Ó Foighil Dep. Paul Connaughton
Cllr. Michael Regan Cllr. Sean Ó Neachtain

Infrastructure Development Carrigaline, Co. Cork - 3rd & 4th May, 2001

Cllr. Michael Cunningham Cllr. Michael Fahy Cllr. Mary Hoade
Cllr. Sean Ó Neachtain Cllr. Kathleen Quinn Cllr. Paddy McHugh
Cllr. Michael Connolly Cllr. Pat Hynes Cllr. Noel Grealish
Cllr. Michael Mullins Cllr. Pól Ó Foighil Cllr. Joe Callanan
Dep. Paul Connaughton Cllr. Matt Loughnane.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved & Signed
Connie Ní Fhátharta
30th May 2001
Date.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL,
GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 2nd MARCH 2001.**

CATHAOIRLEACH: Comh. Connie Ní Fhatharta

ILATHAIR FRESIN:

Baill: Cllr. J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, 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, Cllr. J. McClearn, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cllr. P. O'Foighil, Cllr. S. O' Neachtain, Cllr. P. O' Sullivan, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. T. Walsh & Cllr. S. Walsh.

Oifigigh: Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, A/Asst. Co. Manager, J. Colleran, County Engineer, R.C. Killeen, A/Deputy Co. Engineer, J. Cullen, A/Co. Secretary, J. Eising, Project Engineer, C. Wallace, A.O. & C. MacAodha Bhui, Oifigeach Gaeilge.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

1004 (a)

A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

Liam & Peggy O'Toole, Puirin, Inverin, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Julia Simon, Ballyhugh, Gort, Co. Galway.
The Murphy Family, Killeely, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

1005 (b)

An Cathaoirleach referred to the current threat with regard to the recent outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease in Britain and Northern Ireland. She informed the Members that the Department of the Environment and Local Government had issued a Circular indicating precautionary measures to be taken and suggesting that where appropriate local

authorities restrict their meetings, particularly those local authorities rural in nature. She referred also to the measures which had already been implemented by Galway County Council prior to receiving the directions from the D.O.E.L.G. These measures included the provision of disinfecting foot-dips at Áras an Chontae and the other Council locations, the provision of vehicle disinfecting arrangements for Council vehicles and instruction to staff numbers on disinfection before and after site visits.

The Members expressed their concerns at the grave and very serious threat posed by the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in Britain and the subsequent confirmation of a case in Northern Ireland. They said that there was an onus on all people to behave responsibly and implement precautionary measures in the hope of preventing the disease entering the country. They congratulated the Manager for the implementation of measures within the Council. They agreed with An Cathaoirleach that all meetings of the Council should be postponed until the crisis passes.

It was proposed by An Cathaoirleach, seconded by Deputy P. Connaughton and agreed that all Council Meetings, Council Committee and Area Committee Meetings be postponed and the matter to be kept under review.

**N6 GALWAY CITY OUTER BYPASS AND R336
WESTERN APPROACH - PRESENTATION OF
PREFERRED ROUTE**

1006(a)

An Cathaoirleach referred to the presentation of the Preferred Route for the N6 Galway City Outer Bypass and R336 Western Approach was made by Ryan Hanley Consultants at a joint meeting of Galway County Council and Galway Corporation which was held at 3.00 p.m. on Friday, 2nd March 2001.

It was proposed by An Comh. O'Neachtain, seconded by Cllr. Gavin and agreed to accept the route as presented.

The County Engineer informed the Council that the next stage was to prepare a detailed design and proceed to C.P.O.

Cllr. Grealish requested that the Consultants meet with the N.R.A. and I.D.A. to look at the question of direct access from the I.D.A. lands in Parkmore to the new route.

Chríochnaigh an Cruinniú ansin.

Submitted, approved & Signed
Connie Ni Phatharta.
30th May, 2001
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON THE 26th FEBRUARY, 2001

Cathaoirleach

An Comhairleoir C. Ni Fhatharta

I LATHAIR FREISIN;

Baill:

Cllr. J. Burke, Dept. U. Burke, Cllr. J. Callanan, Dept. P. Connaughton, Cllr. J. Conneely, Cllr. M. Cunningham, Cllr. S. Gavin, Cllr. M. Fahy, Cllr. N. Grealish, Cllr. M. Hoade, Cllr. P. Hynes, Cllr. Cllr. J. Joyce, Cllr. M. Loughnane, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. T. Mannion, Cllr. J. McClearn, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cllr. P.O' F oighil, Cllr. S. O' Neachtain, Cllr. P. O' Sullivan, Cllr. K. Quinn, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. M. Regan, Cllr. S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:-

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, E. Lusby, A/County Manager, J. Cullen, A/County Secretary, R. Killeen, D. Barrett, A.O., E. Moloney, S.S.O., J. Ryan A/S.S.O., M. Jordan, A/S.S.O. Cuimin Mac Aodh Bhui, Oifigeach Gaeilge.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

Resolutions of Sympathy

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A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

The Varley Family, Headford, Co. Galway

Tod and Mary Corbett, Main Street, Headford, Co. Galway.

Mr. Martin Beatty, Carnmore, Oranmore, Co. Galway

Ms. Carmel Burke, Upper Dublin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Mr. & Mrs. Eamon Ryan & Family, Tynagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

MINUTES

960

The minutes of the statutory estimates meeting held on the 17th November, 2000 were approved by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Loughnane.

The minutes of the adjourned estimates meeting Held on the **4th December, 2000** were approved by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Cllr. Regan.

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the **28th December, 2000** were approved by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Sen. McDonagh.

The minutes of the special meeting of held on the **12th January, 2001** were approved by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Dep. Connaughton, seconded by Cllr. Quinn.

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the **22nd January, 2001** were approved by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. J. Burke, seconded by Cllr Regan

Cllr P. McHugh, referring to the minutes of meeting held on 17th November, 2000 said that in considering twinning arrangements the council should not restrict itself to twinning with rural areas.

With regard to the minutes of the monthly meeting of the 18th December, 2000 re Construction of houses at Mylespark, Corofin, he asked that a boundary wall be built between the Council Estate and the Adjoining lands. He also referred to the condition of roads at Corofin, raised at that meeting, which were in poor condition and had not been attended to. He requested a report on the matter for the next Council meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETING

961

The report of the Ballinasloe electoral area committee meeting held on the **19th September, 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. T. Mannion, seconded by Cllr Callanan.

The report of the Ballinasloe electoral area committee meeting held on the **14th November, 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Mullins, seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion.

In reply to a query by Cllr. Callanan regarding an allocation of funds to drain water from roadways and from Cllr. Mullins regarding the condition of the road at Poolboy, the Manager said that these matters would be dealt with during consideration of the roadworks scheme.

Cllr. McClearn said that the Ballinasloe area committee had agreed to rotate the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach and felt that this should be considered by the other committees.

The report of the Connemara area committee meeting held on the 11th December, 2000 was considered. It was adopted by the council on the proposal of an Comh. Conneely, seconded by an Comh. O'Foighil.

The report of the Connemara area committee meeting held on the 21st December, 2000 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of an Comh. O'Foighil, seconded by an Comh. Conneely.

SALE OF LAND AT ABBEY STREET. LOUGHREA TO NOEL DEVINE, ABBEY STREET, LOUGHREA. 962

A copy of report dated 29th January, 2001 was circulated to each member. On the proposal of Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. Hynes the council approved the sale of land at Abbey Street, Loughrea to Mr Noel Devine, Abbey Street, Loughrea in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946.

APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE REVIEW OF CLIFDEN TOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN 963

A copy of report dated 19th February, 2001 was circulated to each member. On the proposal of an Colm. Conneely, seconded by an Comh. S. Walsh it was agreed to extend the time for the making of the Town Development Plan for Clifden to the 31st July, 2001.

REPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR ON THE ACCOUNTS OF RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1999. 964

A Copy of report dated 26th January, 2001 was circulated to each member. On the proposal of Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Cllr J. Burke the council noted the Report of the Local Government Auditor on the accounts of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1999.

REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994 REGARDING PROPOSAL FOR AUTOMATED PUBLIC CONVENIENCE FOR CLIFDEN. 965

It was agreed to defer this item.

**DECLARATION OF ROAD TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD – SECTION 11
OF THE ROADS ACT, 1993. 966**

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

Lydacan Estate

Housing Estate located in the townland of Lydacan. Road commencing at its T-Junction with county road 7110 in the townland of Lydacan and running Northeastwards for a distance of 182.5m all in the townland of Lydacan.

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

Woodville, The Hill, Caherwalter, Loughrea

Housing estate located in the townland of Caherwalter commencing at the T-junction with county road 3207 in townland of Caherwalter and commencing Northwards and Westwards for a distance of 121.3 m. in the townland of Caherwalter, with a branch road running Westwards off this road for a distance of 15.7m. all in the townland of Caherwalter

SECTION 59 AGREEMENT WITH BALLINASLOE UDC 967

A copy of report dated 20th February, 2001 was circulated to the council. On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Callanan the Members approved in principle the making of a Section 59 Agreement with Ballinasloe U.D.C. with regard to traffic management on national roads in Ballinasloe Town.

KILRICKLE WATER SUPPLY 968

A copy of report dated 22nd February was circulated to the Members.

Cllr. Loughnane complimented the report prepared by Mr. P. Ridge and the detail contained therein. He referred to the difficulties with water supply in the Kilrickle area. Other than the improvements brought about by the efforts of those associated with the Killeenadeema Group Water Scheme little or nothing had happened for twenty six years. Kilrickle had specific source difficulties because of the nature of ground water in the area that could not be overcome and the extension of the Loughrea scheme was the only solution. This was urgently needed and the case for funding for the scheme should be strongly supported. Cllr. Hynes referred to the level of funding now available which had never been higher and it was important that the Loughrea scheme be extended to serve areas such as Craughwell and Kilrickle. Dep. U. Burke referred to problems where people

are excluded from grant support under the rural water programme because they are in the catchment of the Loughrea Regional Scheme. Dep. Connaughton referred to the pipeline extension to Craughwell which was to be given priority but still had not happened. Cllr McClearn welcomed the report and asked when Craughwell and Kilrickle were likely to be sorted out. Cllr. Regan said that individuals cannot get a grant for boring wells if a Regional Scheme is planned for their area. He said that he would like Portumna to be included as part of the Loughrea Regional Scheme

Mr. Ridge said frustration with the apparant delay in carrying out the extension to the Loughrea Regional Supply Scheme was understandable. It was included in the Councils Water Needs Pprogramme and given a high priority. There are a number of outstanding planning matters to be sorted out and the Department of the Environment requires a considerable amount of detail. However, it would be hoped to proceed with this scheme at the earliest possible date. With regard to individuals who could not get grant support because they were in the catchment area of the Regional Scheme, he said applications from those persons will be looked at sympathetically. With regard to extending the scheme to Portumna he said that this would be examined to see if it could be justified but there is already a separate Regional Scheme proposal for Portumna using Lough Derg as a source.

Cllr. T. Walsh referred to problems experienced by about 40 householders in the Cloon Minda group water supply scheme which is constantly polluted.

He said that at a meeting of the Tuam electoral area committee held in Aras an Chontae on 23/02/01 it was proposed that Galway County Council request the Department of the Environment and Local Government to redefine the Design Build and Operate (DBO) group for the five sewerage schemes, Kilkerrin, Dunmore, Clonbur, Tully and Lennane into two groups i.e (a) Dunmore and Kilkerrin and (b) Clonbur, Tully and Lennane. This proposal is to facilitate emergency works at Kilkerrin and because of the geographical locations. On the proposal of Cllr. T. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Quinn it was agreed to put this request to the Department.

BURIAL GROUNDS

969

This item was deferred.

TOWN RENEWAL SCHEME – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

970

A report dated 12th January, 2001 was circulated to each Member. Cllr. McClearn said that he was disappointed with the impact the town renewal scheme was likely to have. He noted that it would run for a three year period and that almost one year had already passed. Deputy Burke said that there were many in the towns included in the scheme who were disappointed at the criteria used for site selection and if other sites had been included the scheme would have had much greater impact. The council should keep this in mind when other towns are being selected for renewal schemes. Dep. Connaughton said that the impact of the scheme would be limited enough but would not be as beneficial as previous

urban and village renewal schemes. Cllr. Hynes referred to the lack of an appeals process in the town renewal scheme. Cllr Mullins enquired if there were proposals to include smaller villages in the town renewal scheme or any other scheme.

The A/Assistant County Manager said that in selecting sites for inclusion in the scheme the consultants had to work within guidelines. The scheme was set up to favour refurbishment of existing premises rather than new build. He stated that a number of information meetings had been held in the selected towns to explain the operation of the town renewal scheme to interested parties.

Cllr. McClearn referred to an incentive scheme available in the upper Shannon region and suggested that it be extended to the lower Shannon area and asked if a presentation could be arranged on same. It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Loughnane and agreed to request that the incentive scheme in the upper Shannon area be extended to the lower Shannon region.

MANAGERS BUSINESS

971

The A/County Secretary informed the council that notification of the rural water programme block grant allocations for 2001 had been received from the Department of the Environment. The amounts notified were;

Small Public Water and Sewerage Schemes	£375,000
Group Scheme Capital Grants	£2,100,000
Takeover of Group Schemes	£700,000
Total Allocation	£3,175,000

CATHAOIRLEACHS BUSINESS

972

An Cathaoirleach informed the council that a request had been received from Aer Arann to make a presentation to the Council. The matter had been considered at the Corporate Policy Group meeting on the 26th February, 2001 and it had been decided to recommend acceptance of this request.

It was proposed by Cllr Callanan, seconded by Cllr. O'Foighil and agreed to invite Aer Arann to make a presentation to the council.

The Cathaoirleach explained that the presentation on the N17/ N18 emerging preferred route would not take place on Friday the 2nd March, 2001. The presentation for the Galway City Outer By-pass would be made at that meeting.

Spreading of topsoil

Cllr. Burke said that he had been informed that top soil could not be moved or spread on land without planning permission. He said that contractors are being told that enforcement procedures will be put in place for any breach. Dep. Connaughton said that he understood that soil with a height of 3 or 4ft was exempt from planning permission. The manager said that the matter would be investigated and he would revert to Cllr. Burke on same.

Taking in charge of roads

Cllr. McClearn referred to situations where roads are taken in charge by the council and other situations where the council will not take the road in charge. He said that the practice of taking in charge where a road is serving either two householders and a landowner or two landowners and a householder needs to be looked at. The County Engineer said that the criteria for taking in charge was put in place many years ago and he will examine the matter raised by Cllr. McClearn.

Congratulations

Cllr Fahy said that the council should issue congratulations to Archbishop O'Connell on his appointment as a cardinal.

Cllr. McClearn referred to **notice of motion no. 44** which read " I will propose that Galway County Council adapt a waste management plan for the Galway County and City, consisting of waste reduction, reuse, recycling and landfill".

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Dep. P. Connaughton and agreed to place this item on the agenda for the council meeting to be held on 9th March 2001.

NATIONAL SECONDARY ROADS PRESENTATION BY MR. MICHAEL TOBIN N.R.A.

973

Mr. Michael Cahill, Senior Project Manager NRA also present.

The County Engineer welcomed the two representatives of the NRA to the county council meeting and thanked them for taking the time out of their busy schedules to meet with the members to discuss the National Secondary Routes in the County. He stated that there are two elements to the NRA's input to the County's road network:

1. The NRA are currently financing 9 major National Primary road projects in the County which together will cost in the region of £650 m and
2. The NRA also funds the maintenance and improvement of existing National roads in the County.

Of the 274 km of national secondary road in the county, 40 km of road is in need of major full-scale geometric improvement. This would cost in the region of £5 m per annum to effect. A further 120 km of road requires expenditure in the region of £300,000.00 per annum to bring it up to standard. In total approximately £120m would

need to be spent over the coming 10 to 15 years in order to get the national secondary network in the county up to an acceptable standard.

Mr. Tobin Chief Executive of the NRA then addressed the meeting. He thanked the members for their support for the recently unveiled emerging preferred route for the new N6, and stated that the N6 route alignment from Galway to Dublin has now been fully identified, which is a major milestone for the NRA.

The network of National Secondary Roads throughout the Republic was examined as part of the Roads Needs Study in 1997 and at that time it was estimated that £830m would need to be spent over 20 years to bring the National Secondary network up to standard. At present the National Primary network is being prioritised, so a strategy had to be developed to deal with the National Secondary network over the next 10 to 15 years. The two strategies considered were:

1. To carry out major new construction works and by-passes as the funding became available or
2. To improve the pavement and drainage on the existing network in order to bring the existing roads up to an acceptable standard.

It was decided to use the second option and to work from 5-year plans developed by the individual local authorities to determine which roads are the priority for improvement works. To date this strategy has been very successful with each County identifying the roads most in need of improvement and the NRA increasing the annual allocation accordingly. Galway's 5-year road plan is currently being reviewed and allocations next year will be based on the revised plan. The annual allocation for national secondary roads has increased significantly over the last few years but is short of the sum required to bring all of the Country's roads up to standard.

The Members unanimously welcomed the two representatives of the NRA to the meeting and the following issues were raised:

- Certain routes will require substantial sustained funding for improvement works and a separate plan for these particular routes should be drawn up. The following routes were highlighted:
 - N84
 - N63 Loughgeorge to Roscommon border.
 - N66 Loughrea to Gort road.
 - Three remaining dangerous areas on the N65.
 - Tynagh to Loughrea road.
 - Loughrea to Athenry road.
 - Woodford to Loughrea road.
 - Coast road from Claregalway to Kilcolgan
- Traffic route lighting in villages along some of the National Secondary Routes should be upgraded.

- The members requested that substantial compensation packages should be put available for farmers and other property owners adversely affected by the building of the new road schemes.
- A fundamental change in traffic management policy needs to be adopted nation-wide to deal with the constantly increasing volumes of traffic being generated. The possibility of re-opening or upgrading railway lines should be thoroughly investigated.
- The members requested that the Loughrea bypass be built in one single phase.
- In relation to the building of the new road schemes, heritage areas should be treated with the utmost sensitivity.

Responding to the issues raised by the members, Mr Tobin stated that the compensation payable is determined on a statutory basis and is payable only to those directly affected, but that sometimes the NRA consider purchasing houses which are not directly affected by the new road but which are unacceptably close to the new road. He stated that all of the land required for the Loughrea bypass would be CPO'd at one time, and that the possibility of building the bypass in one single phase has not been ruled out. Reduced speed limits on National Secondary routes are discouraged by the NRA, but additional 40 mph stretches outside of existing 30 mph speed limits would be considered provided local authority development plans adequately restricted development in those areas. The new N6 is planned as a dual carriageway with a motorway between Kinnegad and Dublin. Industrialists and business are more concerned with certainty of travel times than with the actual travel times themselves. Therefore dual carriageway should not be looked upon as an inferior option. The delay in relation to route selection on both the N17 and N18 was most regrettable but unavoidable. The consultants for both schemes hope to be able to present Emerging Preferred Routes to the Council Members towards the end of April 2001. There is an additional fund available for safety measures and individual junctions could be considered for funding in this way if a case was put forward that there was a need for improvement or upgrading of the particular junction.

The manager thanked Mr. Tobin and Mr. Cahill for their attendance at the meeting.

ARAS AN CHONTAE –(FUTURE OFFICE ACCOMMODATION DEVELOPMENT) 974

Mr. A Wejchert from A & D Wejchert, Architects made a presentation on the proposed development of the county buildings.

He outlined that when the present council offices were designed in 1995, the increase in demand for council services and the need for accommodation for the consequent increase in staff numbers could not have been predicted. The council has identified an immediate need for 2,000-2,500m² of additional office space. It would also be desirable to accommodate a library headquarters and branch library on the site and provide for car-parking and long term office space requirements. There objective was to prepare a strategy for the long-term development of the site which would establish how to realise its full potential.

The proposals put forward represented a master plan for the entire site which were capable of being developed in distinct phases. He outlined the phases as follows;

- Phase 1. Existing Aras an Chontae
- Phase 2. Additional Office Accommodation – 2,000 to 2,500 m²
- Phase 2(a) County Library Headquarters and Branch Library – 2,000 to 2,500 m²
- Phase 3 Future Office Accommodation – 6,000 m²

Due to the length of the site it is proposed to set up an access or spine running east/west from end to end connecting all buildings on the site. This will cater for access points other than off Prospect Hill. Car parking will be underground and provide for 380 spaces.

Cllr. J. Burke welcomed the presentation and suggested that the council consider incorporating a commercial element in the proposals which would be complementary to the Council usage of the site. He said such an arrangement may have the potential to generate an income for the council in the long term. Dep. Connaughton enquired about the cost of the project and whether the council would have the funding available for it. Dep. U. Burke welcomed the proposals and said the council site should be developed to the fullest extent possible for the benefit of the public, councillors and staff. Cllr P. McHugh said that the idea of generating an income through the incorporation of some commercial element should not be dismissed.

The manager explained that the Architects had now prepared a master plan for the future development of the entire site at Prospect Hill. It represented a long term strategy for the development of the site in a way to fulfill the council requirements and to the benefit of the public at large in the long term. He said that the institutional nature of council activities was reflected in the master plan and provision for commercial usage had not been included. In reply to a query by Dep. Connaughton on financing the developments the manager stated that the council would consider the full range of financing options. He stated the next stage is for the Architects to prepare a detailed design and the issues raised by the members and staff at an earlier presentation would be taken into consideration. At that stage a further report would be made to council. When all the planning processes were fully complete he hoped to proceed with the development of the phase 2 office accommodation and library headquarters and branch library. He informed the meeting that 75% grant funding would be available for the library developments from an Comhairle Leabharlanna.

CONFERENCES

975

On the proposal of Cllr. Mc Clearn, seconded by Cllr. Ml. Mullins, 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:-

Colmekile Winter School – Letterkenny – 23rd – 25th February, 2001

Cllr. P. Hynes

Health Services in Ireland – Allingham Arms Hotel, Bundoran ... 30-31st March

Cllr. Matt Loughnane

Cllr. James Joyce

Cllr. J. McClearn

Cllr. T. Walsh

Cathaoirleach C. Ni Fhatharta

Cllr. Michael Cunningham

Cllr. Paddy McHugh

Cllr. P. O'Foighil

Cllr. M. Connolly

Cllr. Noel Grealish

Cllr. Pat Hynes

Cllr. P. Connaughton

Cllr. J. McDonagh

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

**N.O.M. NO. 16 – GROUP WATER SCHEMES -
CLLR. P. CONNAUGHTON, T. MANNION**

976

The following reply was given to Cllrs.. Connaughton & Mannion:

"Galway County Council received an application for the Clontuskert No. 2 Group Water Supply Scheme. The proposed scheme, which would serve 75 houses, has an estimated cost of £910,000. On the basis of the maximum grant payable of £5,100 per house and a local contribution by each household of £1,000 there is a shortfall of £452,000.

A letter was sent to the Department of the Environment and Local Government requesting that they provide additional funding for this scheme. They replied indicating that no additional funding will be made available."

N.O.M. NO. 17 – ROAD - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM

977

The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:

"The estimated cost of bringing this road up to the standard for taking in charge by Galway County council is £17,000. This work can be carried out either by the provision of Councillors Notice of Motion or through L.I.S. I enclose herewith L.I.S. application."

N.O.M. NO. 18 – LIGHTING – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM

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The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:

"The above lights were provided by the N.R.A. and a letter is now being forwarded to them requesting that the lights be turned on."

N.O.M. NO. 19 – ROAD – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 979

The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:

"This junction will be examined with a view to carrying out any necessary improvements."

**N.O.M. NO. 20 – NOTICE OF MOTION MONIES –
CLLR. M. FAHY** 980

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:

"A special allocation of £240,000 has been provided for Cllr. N.O.M. monies which is distributed on the basis of £8,000 per member. It is proposed increasing the allocation to £9,000 per member giving an overall total allocation of £270,000 for the current year."

N.O.M. NO. 21 – ROAD – CLLR. M. FAHY 981

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:

"This matter is being examined by our Design Section and a further reply will issue as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 22 – CEMETERY – CLLR. M. FAHY 982

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:

"The Council will have to confirm the suitability of the land in question before any funds can be committed to this proposal."

N.O.M. NO. 23 – FOOTPATH – CLLR. M. HOADE 983

The following reply was given to Cllr. Hoade:

"The above works will be carried out under this year's Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 24 – LIGHTING – CLLR. M. HOADE 984

The following reply was given to Cllr. Hoade:

"It will not be possible to include this location in this year's School Flashing Lights programme as other schools have a higher priority. However, it will be considered for future programmes."

N.O.M. NO. 25 – SEWERAGE – CLLR. P. HYNES

985

The following reply was given to Cllr. Hynes:

"The Minister for the Environment and Local Government has agreed to consider proposals regarding the provision of a sewerage scheme at Woodpark, Portumna. A number of options are currently being considered by the Department and a decision is currently being awaited by Galway County Council regarding the approved option".

**N.O.M. NO. 26 – GROUP WATER SCHEME –
CLLR. P. HYNES**

986

The following reply was given to Cllr. Hynes:

"Galway County Council have received an application to upgrade the above scheme and this is currently being considered. The Lissalondon scheme is reasonably close to the Mid Galway Group Water Supply Scheme Phase IV but this scheme was not designed to supply Lissalondon. Another potential option is to get water from the pipe connecting Craughwell to Loughrea, but this proposed pipe is approximately two to three miles away from the scheme. A final option is to provide an independent treatment plant. The three options will be investigated in greater detail over the coming months and the group advised on the best option to pursue".

N.O.M. NO. 27 – LIGHTING – CLLR. P. HYNES

987

The following reply was given to Cllr. Hynes:

"It will not be possible to include the above location in this year's public lighting programme as other locations have a higher priority."

**N.O.M. NO. 28 - GROUP WATER SCHEME –
CLLR. J. JOYCE & J. CALLANAN**

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The following reply was given to Cllrs. Joyce & Callanan:

As per notice of motion no. 16.

**N.O.M. NO. 29 – PLANNING PERMISSION
– CLLR. J. JOYCE**

989

The following reply was given to Cllr. Joyce:

"The conditions under which planning permissions are granted within the functional area of Ballinasloe urban and the enforcement of those conditions is a matter for

Ballinasloe U.D.C. Galway County Council is not in a position to ensure compliance by an applicant with planning permission issued by Ballinasloe U.D.C. ”.

N.O.M. NO. 30 – ROAD – SEN. J. MCDONAGH **990**

The following reply was given to Sen. McDonagh:

“This location will be examined in the near future with a view to providing the above sign if feasible.”

N.O.M. NO. 31 – SIGNS -SEN. J. MCDONAGH **991**

The following reply was given to Sen. McDonagh:

“This sign will be provided as soon as possible”.

**N.O.M. NO. 32 – PLANNING PERMISSION
- SEN. J. MCDONAGH** **992**

The following reply was given to Sen. McDonagh:

*“No. of applications received for the period 01/01/2000 to 30/06/2000 – 3114
No. of requests for further information which issued for the period 01/01/2000 to 30/06/2000 – 1003.*

It is not possible to outline, in order of importance, the four main reasons why planning applications are put on further information as all items requested under further information are of equal importance and required by the Planning Authority in order to assess a planning application. However, the most common requests for further information include:

- (1) SR6 (1991) test results*
- (2) Letter from Group Water Supply Scheme*
- (3) Housing Need substantiation*

N.O.M. NO. 33 – FOOTPATHS – CLLR. P. MCHUGH **993**

The following reply was given to Cllr. McHugh:

“The provision of footpath at above location will be considered in the preparation of this year’s Road Works Programme.”

N.O.M. NO. 34 – SPEED LIMITS – CLLR. P. MCHUGH 994

The following reply was given to Cllr. McHugh:

"The provision of a new 40 m.p.h. speed limit at above location was approved at Tuam Electoral Area Committee Meeting and will be included in the new Speed Limit By-Laws for Co. Galway."

N.O.M. NO. 35 – HOUSING – CLLR. P. MCHUGH 995

The following reply was given to Cllr. McHugh:

"Galway County Council will liaise with the residents of the area with a view to advancing their wish to leave the place-names changed. The Council's recently appointed Housing Liaison Officer will work closely with the residents of the area on this matter".

**N.O.M. NO. 36 – GROUP WATER SCHEME
- CLLR. M. MULLINS & P. O' SULLIVAN 996**

The following reply was given to Cllrs. Mullins & O'Sullivan:

As per n.o.m. no. 28

N.O.M. NO. 37 – BEACH – CLLR. S. O' NEACHTAIN 997

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

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

N.O.M. NO. 38 – ROAD – CLLR. S. O' NEACHTAIN 998

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

"This road will be included in this year's Road Works Programme and works will be carried out as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 39 – BOTHAR – CLLR. S. O' NEACHTAIN 999

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

"Níl ach piosa gearr den bhóthar seo faoi chúram an Chomhairle Chontae.

Nil an piosa is faide faoi churam an Chomhairle agus dá bhri sin ní bheidh muid indhon aon obair a dhéanamh ar seo.

B'fèidir go mbeadh an togra oriunach le haghaidh an sceim LIS agus tá foirn iaratas leis seo".

**N.O.M. NO. 40 – DANGEROUS BEND
– CLLR. P. O' SULLIVAN**

1000

The following reply was given to Cllr. O' Sullivan:

"The estimated cost of carrying out the above works is £36,000. It will not be possible to carry out this work in the current year having regard to the level of funding available and other projects being of a higher priority."

N.O.M. NO. 41 – SIGNS – CLLR. K. QUINN

1001

The following reply was given to Cllr. Quinn:

"There is an advance directional sign and a finger post sign at this junction which are considered adequate. However, there is an advance directional sign on the Tuam Road approach adjacent to the Church, which needs to be amended to indicate the N83 and Ballyhaunis. This will be arranged."

N.O.M. NO. 42 – CAR PARK – CLLR. K. QUINN

1002

The following reply was given to Cllr. Quinn:

"The car parking area at the Square, Dunmore, will be lined, in order to regulate parking."

N.O.M. NO. 43 – LIBRARY – CLLR. K. QUINN

1003

The following reply was given to Cllr. Quinn:

"The structure to which the Notice of Motion relates is not in fact an unused Mobile Library but rather a prefabricated building which in the past had been used for library purposes. The question of removal of the prefabricated structure and the most efficient utilisation of this site will be examined."

CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

*Submitted approved & Signed
Cennie Ní Dhalhartá.
30th May, 2001
Date*

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL,
GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 9th FEBRUARY 2001.**

CATHAOIRLEACH: Comh. Connie Ní Fhatharta

ILATHAIR FRESIN:

Baill:

Cllr. J. Callanan, Cllr. J. Burke, Cllr. J. Conneely, Cllr. M. Connolly, Cllr. M. Fahy, Cllr. S. Gavin, Cllr. M. Hoade, Cllr. P. Hynes, Cllr. J. Joyce, Cllr. M. Loughnane, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. T. Mannion, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cllr. S. O' Neachtain, Cllr. P. O' Sullivan, Cllr. K. Quinn, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. M. Regan & Cllr. S. Walsh.

Oifigigh:

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, E. Lusby, A/Asst. Co. Manager's, J. Colleran, County Engineer, R.C. Killeen, A/Deputy Co. Engineer, J. Cullen, A/Co. Secretary, P. Ridge, S.E.E., A. Farrell, A/A.O., C. MacAodha Bhui, Oifigeach Gaeilge & A. Power, A/S.O.

Thosnaigh an cruinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

947

A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mrs. Ena Kelly, Athenry Road, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Clare McHugh, Ballybane, Headford, Co. Galway.

MATTERS RAISED

948

Cllr Loughnane enquired if there had been any changes to the emerging preferred route for the N6 since the presentation to the Council at the previous Meeting. He stated that concern had been expressed at a meeting in Kiltullagh that changes had been made and that there was too little time to consider them before the public consultation.

In reply the County Engineer confirmed that no changes had occurred to the route and it remained as it had been presented to the Council. He advised that if there were changes the members would first be informed of them.

Cllr Hynes referred to maps of the Loughrea By-Pass which had appeared in the local press and which were more detailed than those presented to the Council. The County Engineer stated that these maps would be made available to each Member and Members of Loughrea Town Commissioners and further that the Consultants would be instructed to ensure that no documentation is released to the Press without first having been seen and approved by the Council.

With regard to the Consultation Process for the N6 Emerging Preferred Route it was suggested that consultations should be arranged also for a venue in Aughrim. The County Engineer agreed to make arrangements.

Special Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Loughnane, seconded by Cllr J. Burke and agreed to hold a Special Meeting to consider the Connacht Waste Management Plan on 9th March, 2001.

It was further agreed that a Meeting would be held on 2nd March 2001 to consider the proposed N17/N18 route and on the same day to have a joint Meeting with Galway Corporation to consider the Galway City Outer By-Pass.

An Cathaoirleach advised the Members that Mr. Michael Tobin, National Roads Authority would attend the Council Meeting on the 26th February 2001 with regard to National Secondary Roads.

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

949

Report dated 1st February 2001 was circulated to each Member.

- (a) Construction of single rural houses with appropriate treatment facilities at the following locations:

Springfield, Killoran, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Ballingarry, Kilchreest, Loughrea, Co. Galway
Furnace, Lettermullen, Co. Galway
Moneen (ED Island), Williamstown, Co. Galway
Carrowlisheen, Inishmaan, Aran Islands, Co Galway
Gortnaclassa, Cong, Co. Mayo
Teeranea, Lettermore, Co. Galway

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

- (b) Construction of 15 no. houses with services at Tynagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway, as follows:

11 no. Affordable Houses
4 no. Voluntary Houses

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

- (c) Construction of 6 no. houses with services at Carrowmanagh, Oughterard

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

- (d) Construction of 8 no. houses with services at Barnwellsgrove, Mountbellew

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

- (e) Construction of 10 no. houses with services at Pollroebeck, Loughrea, Co. Galway

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

IT WAS AGREED TO DEAL WITH ITEM NO. 5 AT THIS POINT

KILRICKLE WATER SUPPLY

950

Report dated 1st February 2001 had been circulated to each Member.

Cllr Loughnane referred to the report stating that he was disappointed with the lack of detail provided. He stated that there was no local water source available in the Kilrickle area and the matter required greater urgency than it appeared to be receiving. Cllr Hynes agreed and enquired what the current position was with regard to the Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme. Cllr Regan referred to the difficulties with regard to water supply in Kilrickle and other areas and the need to extend the Loughrea supply as a matter of urgency.

It was agreed that a detailed report on the Kilrickle Water Supply would be made available to the Council and the item placed on the Agenda for the Meeting on 26th February.

**(A) GALWAY RURAL WATER STRATEGIC PLAN
STAGE 1**

951

Report on Galway Rural Water Strategic Plan - Stage 1 - Outline Plan had been circulated to each Member.

Mr. Paul Ridge, S.E.E. said that the document had been prepared on foot of a request from the Department of the Environment & Local Government. He said that this report had gone before the County Rural Water Monitoring Committee and both the private and public sector had contributed. He said he was confident that the framework as presented will enable the Council in the coming months to more clearly identify specific needs.

He outlined the key objectives in the Report as follows:-

1. to identify key needs of rural water consumers;
2. to assess existing water supply networks, both public and private, in terms of quality of supply, physical condition, services delivery, etc.;
3. to prioritise investment under the different financial measures;
4. to set down a strategy for delivering the most efficient and effective water supply possible.

He said that one of the key issues raised in this plan is water quality stating that 38% of schemes do not meet the EU water requirements. As the protection of public health is the primary concern, this takes precedence over all other problems and he outlined the investment prioritisation as follows:

- **Immediate Priority** : Schemes experiencing faecal contamination of source or having inadequate facilities to treat possible faecal contamination of raw water.
- **Priority 1**: Schemes experiencing problems with water quality parameters, other than faecal contamination, which affect human health.
- **Priority 2**: Schemes with inadequate capacity to meet current peak demand.
- **Priority 3**: Schemes experiencing problems with water quality parameters affecting aesthetic appearance, schemes suffering from significant low pressure problems and schemes with no storage facilities.

- **Priority 4:** Schemes with inadequate capacity to meet future demand, schemes with inadequate storage and schemes suffering from distribution problems such as high leakage or frequent interruptions.

Mr. Ridge then outlined the Strategic Options to address those priorities:

Option 1: Connect to Nearby Existing Scheme with Spare Capacity - At this stage it has not been possible to identify all of the schemes that have spare capacity. However, where these exist near to the schemes with quality or quantity problems or areas where there is no piped supply, the option of connecting the problem schemes or areas to nearby schemes with spare capacity should be examined.

Option 2: Extend Existing Scheme with Spare Capacity - In many cases problem schemes and areas are located some distance away from schemes with spare capacity. Where it is economically feasible, a scheme with spare capacity should be extended to serve remote problem areas. This option is only practical for large schemes with plentiful source capacity, since the required extensions to the distribution network may be considerable and will require detailed planning and extensive staffing resources.

Option 3: Rationalise Existing Schemes or Create New Scheme - Consideration should be given to rationalising existing schemes or establishing a new scheme in problem areas. Establishing a new scheme may involve the development of a new source and distribution system at considerable cost. Where there are several schemes in close proximity it may be more economic to rationalise the schemes to take advantage of existing infrastructure and resources. The amalgamated scheme may then be capable of extension to serve other nearby problem schemes or areas of no supply.

Option 4: Carry Out Improvement Works for Individual Schemes - Where Options 1 and 3 are not economically feasible due to remote location or are not possible to implement for a considerable period of time then schemes suffering from water quality problems affecting human health should carry out essential improvement works as soon as possible to safeguard the health of consumers.

He explained to the Members that in an attempt to provide more specific recommendations for improving unsatisfactory supplies on an area basis for the County, 8 separate zones have been identified and specific recommendations are included in the report for each zone. He stressed that the zones were entirely indicative at this stage and that it would only be when Stage 2 of the Plan is prepared that the optimum solution and priority for individual schemes would be determined.

Mr. Ridge said that since the devolution of group water schemes to Local Authorities, Galway County Council have spent £5m on new schemes and upgrading existing schemes, £2.7 has been spent on taking group water schemes in charge, and improvement of water quality to 4,600 households in the county. He said this was a significant achievement for the Council and complimented all staff in the Water Services Section.

Cllr Connolly thanked the Members of the Rural Water Monitoring Committee for their hard work. He complimented all involved. He said that the Committee had examined a list of schemes for prioritisation and requested that the list be recorded in the Minutes of the Rural Water Monitoring Committee of 23rd January 2001, together with comments made at that Meeting by Mr. Moran.

Cllr P McHugh complimented all involved in the preparation of the Plan. He expressed concern, though, that there was still over 1,000 households in the county with no water supply and that 200 schemes were classified as unsatisfactory. He referred to particular difficulties with regard to Milltown and was disappointed that the issue of Milltown Group Water Supply Scheme had not been included on the Council Agenda for this Meeting. He stated that the inadequacy of the water supply was stifling development in the area and based on the Strategic Plan it might be 5/6 years before the problems in Milltown were addressed and that was unsatisfactory. Cllr Quinn also requested that the situation regarding Milltown be looked at again. She expressed surprise that 3% of households in the county were still without a supply of water. Cllr Gavin expressed concern that areas might be considered as economically not feasible to supply, as there were areas in Connemara that could be adversely affected. He referred to the excellent work being done on the taking in charge of schemes and indicated that many Trustees would like to see their schemes taken over by the Council. Cllr J Burke welcomed the Plan and reiterated the concerns about the Milltown area. Senator McDonagh referred to situations where isolated households may not be eligible for grant assistance and who would need assistance in the provision of water or the extension of a supply to them. Also there seemed to be a considerable amount of red-tape associated with funding applications by group schemes. Cllr Loughnane said that there were two particular group schemes - Lisalundoon and Ganty where the water was unfit for drinking and they should be allowed to connect to the Tuam Water Supply Scheme.

Dealing with questions raised by Members, Mr. Ridge stated that considerable attention was focused on the problems of the Milltown area in the deliberations on the Rural Water Strategic Plan. Two options were available, a Package Treatment Plant or an extension from Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme. He said the Council was strongly in favour of an extension of the Tuam Scheme to deal with the problems in Milltown. He emphasised that the zones indicated in the Plan were purely indicative at this stage. He stated that the Department of the Environment & Local Government would not consider funding requests from Local Authorities in the absence of a Rural Water Strategic Plan. With regard to Lisalundoon and Ganty, he said that he would encourage all schemes within the catchment of the Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme to take a supply from the scheme.

In reply to Cllr Quinn's query regarding the 3% of households not having a supply of water, Mr. Ridge said that these figures were taken from the 1991 Census. In the more recent census, this figure would have been reduced.

In reply to Cllr Gavin regarding group schemes in the Connemara area, Mr. Ridge acknowledged that due to remote locations in some cases houses would have high unit costs and consideration should be given by the Department for additional grants in such circumstances. The question of red-tape associated with applications, raised by Senator McDonagh, was outside the control of the Council which is required to comply with the Department guidelines and regulations. With regard to individual households Mr. Ridge stated that grants were available for individual wells.

The Manager paid special tribute to the Committee for the preparation of such a comprehensive document. He said that it was an example of a public/private co-operation and this was the way forward. He said that £8m had been spent on the water services programme in a short period of time and many areas had benefited significantly. He recommended to the Members that they adopt this Report.

It was proposed by Cllr Connolly and seconded by Cllr Quinn and agreed to adopt the Galway Rural Water Strategic Plan - Stage 1 Outline Plan subject to the inclusion of an amendment:-

"Recognising the fact that Milltown and neighbouring schemes are not well represented by the description used for Zone 3. Option 3 may be a more appropriate option to deal with the above mentioned schemes."

(B) REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Reports of the Local Rural Water Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 21st August 2000, 17th October 2000, 23rd November 2000, 1st December 2000, 11th December 2000 and 23rd January 2001 were considered. They were adopted on the proposal of Cllr Connolly, seconded by Cllr Quinn.

Cllr Connolly stated that the Minutes of the 23rd January 2001 should have recorded the list of schemes from 1 – 10 which had been prioritised at that Meeting and also the remarks of Mr. Moran that schemes should not be left any longer than three years before they are sorted out fully.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL 2000

952

Mr. Kavanagh, A/Assistant County Manager referred to Report dated 30th November 2001 circulated to each Member.

Section 44 & Schedule 9 Notice of meetings

It was proposed by Cllr Mullins, seconded by Cllr Callanan and agreed that the amendment included in the AMAI – GCCC – LAMA Joint Submission be accepted.

Section 57 Boundary alterations

Amendment not accepted.

Part 9 Section 63 etc

It was proposed by Cllr Hynes, seconded by Cllr Callanan and agreed that the amendment included in the AMAI – GCCC – LAMA Joint Submission should not be accepted except in relation to distribution of lottery grants.

Section 90 (3) & 91 (3)(a) Local Government Commission

It was proposed by Cllr Callanan, seconded by Cllr Quinn and agreed that the amendment included in the AMAI – GCCC – LAMA Joint Submission be accepted.

Section 103 Limitation on expenditure

Amendment not accepted.

Section 104 Submission of financial statements and reports

It was proposed by Cllr Mullins, seconded by Cllr Callanan and agreed that the amendment included in the AMAI – GCCC – LAMA Joint Submission be accepted.

Section 107 Annual financial statement

It was proposed by Cllr Callanan, seconded by Cllr Mullins and agreed that the amendment included in the AMAI – GCCC – LAMA Joint Submission be accepted. The amendment in relation to the provision of an independent view on extra expenditure was not accepted.

Section 108 Community fund

Amendment not accepted.

Section 120 Consideration of annual financial statement

Amendment not accepted.

Section 121 Audit committee

Amendment not accepted.

Section 132 (4)(a) Corporate Policy Group

Amendment not accepted.

Section 130 Reserved functions

Amendment not accepted.

Section 132 Corporate Policy Group

Amendment not accepted.

Section 132 Corporate Policy Group – continued

Amendment (2)(a) not accepted.

It was proposed by Cllr Callanan, seconded by Cllr Quinn and agreed that the amendment included in the AMAI – GCCC – LAMA Joint Submission in respect of Section 132(6)(c) be accepted.

Section 133 Preparation of Corporate Plan

Amendment not accepted.

Sections 135 Information to the Council

Amendment not accepted.

Section 141 Members' expenses

It was proposed by Cllr Fahy, seconded by Cllr Connolly and agreed that the amendment included in the AMAI – GCCC – LAMA Joint Submission be accepted.

Section 142 Allowance for Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach

It was proposed by Cllr Callanan, seconded by Cllr Connolly and agreed that the amendment included in the AMAI – GCCC – LAMA Joint Submission be accepted.

Section 144 (1) Appointment of Manager

Amendment not accepted.

Section 182 Disposal of land

Amendment not accepted.

Section 183 Establishment of Town Council

Amendment not accepted.

Section 190 and 194 Changing of place names

Amendment not accepted.

Section 219 Annual Report

Amendment not accepted.

Section 223 Local authority associations

It was proposed by Cllr Connolly, seconded by Cllr Regan and agreed that the amendment included in the AMAI – GCCC – LAMA Joint Submission be accepted.

TOWN RENEWAL SCHEME – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA 953

On the proposal of Cllr Callanan, seconded by Cllr. Mullins, it was agreed to defer this item to the next Council Meeting.

Cllr J.J. Mannion referred to the Town Renewal Scheme. He stated that the value of the scheme had been diminished due to the emphasis placed on refurbishment as opposed to new-build development.

NOMINATION OF SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE TO AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE 954

Report dated 1st February 2001 had been circulated to each Member.

The Secretary informed the Members that Mrs. Eileen Corley was unable to continue as the I.C.A. representative on the Council's Agricultural Committee. The County Galway Federation of the I.C.A. had nominated Mrs. Christine Keaney, No. 17 Lakeview, Claregalway, as a substitute representative.

It was proposed by Cllr Callanan, seconded by Cllr Regan and agreed that Mrs. Christine Keaney be appointed to the Agricultural Committee.

BURIAL GROUNDS 955

Cllr Fahy raised the matter of difficulties with regard to extensions to a number of burial grounds including Drumacoo, Kiltartan and Kilbeacanty. He also referred to difficulties experienced with finding contractors to make graves in certain areas.

It was agreed that a report on Burial Ground Developments would be placed on the Agenda for the next Council Agenda.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

956

Post of Director of Community and Enterprise

The County Secretary referred to report dated 23rd January 2001 circulated to each Member concerning the post of Director of Community and Enterprise. He said the Council had received approval from the Department of the Environment & Local Government for the creation of a permanent post of Director of Service to replace the temporary position of Director of Community and Enterprise, thereby making the post permanent.

This was approved by the Members on the proposal of Cllr Quinn, seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion.

Road Grant Allocations

A copy of the Non-National Road Grant Allocations and 2001 National Road Improvement and Maintenance Allocations had been circulated to the Members. The Manager informed the Members that the grant allocations to Galway County Council for Non National Roads for 2001 amounted to £16.9m.

Cllr Quinn welcomed the allocation of £400,000 for the N63 route.

Galway Person of the Year Awards

The Manager informed the Members of correspondence received from the Rehab Foundation regarding the Galway People of the Year Awards. He said they were looking for sponsorship of £4,000 for the overall award of Galway Person of the Year. He proposed that Galway Corporation and Galway County Council would jointly sponsor this award. On the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Cllr Mullins this was agreed by the Members.

Signposting Proposal

The Manager informed the Members that approval had been received from Bord Failte in the sum of £56,000 for signposting. It was noted that Bord Failte had congratulated Galway County Council for setting a high standard in their approach to signposting on the Island.

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

957

Reception

It was proposed by Cllr T. Mannion, seconded by Cllr Connolly and agreed that a reception be held for Pearses Camogie Club, All Ireland Camogie Champions 2000.

CONFERENCES

958

On the proposal of Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. Gavin, 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:-

General Council of County Council's Seminar – Castlebar – 26/27 January 2001

Cllr. P. Hynes

Cllr. M. Connolly

Cllr. C. Ni Fhatharta

Chriochnaigh an Cruinniú ansin.

Submitted, Approved, Signed.

Connie Ni Fhatharta.

30th May, 2001
Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON THE 22ND JANUARY, 01

Cathaoirleach

An Comhairleoir C. Ni Fhatharta

ILATHAIR FREISIN;

Baill: Dep.U. Burke, Cllr. J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllr. J. Conneely, Cllr. M. Connolly, 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, Senator J. McDonagh, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cllr. P. Ó Foighil, Cllr. S. O' Neachtain, Cllr. P. O' Sullivan, Cllr. K. Quinn, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. M. Regan, Cllr. S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:-

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, E. Lusby, A/County Manager, J. Cullen, A/County Secretary, F. Dawson, R. Killeen, T. O'Donoghue, C. Wallace, A.O., D. Barrett, A.O., E. Moloney, S.S.O., J. Ryan A/S.S.O., M. Jordan, A/S.S.O. Cuimin Mac Aodh Bhui, Oifigeach Gaeilge, C. Wynne, A/S.E.E., J. Dempsey, A/S.E.E., M. Timmins, A/S.E., P. Philbin, E.E., R. Timlin, A/S.E.E., T. Collins, S.E.E., J. Eising, S.E., M. Cahil, Project Manager, N.R.A., V. Brennan, County Engineer, Roscommon, J. Colleran, County Engineer, Galway, J. Ryan, A/S.S.O., C. Wallace, A/O.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

911

A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to Mr. Oiver Curtin & Family, Ballymaguire Ardahan, Co. Galway.

An Cathaoirleach suggested that item no. 2 on the agenda, Seoladh an Polasaí Gaeilge agus seirbhís aistriúcháin, be taken first to facilitate TG4 and R.T.E. who wished to film the launch of the Polasaí Teanga. On the proposal of Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. Quinn it was agreed to deal with no.2 on the agenda first.

SEOLADH AN POLASÁI GAEILGE AGUS SEIRBHÍS AISTRÍÚCHÁIN

912

Chuir an Cathaoirleach fáilte roimh Éamon Ó Cuív, Aire Stáit sa Roinn Ealaíon Oidhreachta, Gaeltacht agus Oileán, chuig an Chomhairle chun an Polasaí Teanga agus an seirbhís aistriúcháin comhuaineach i seomra na Comhairle, a sheoladh. Thug sí a tacaíocht do na seirbhísí a chuirfí ar fáil i nGaeilge agus dúirt sí go raibh sí ag súil le hoscailt na hoifige Gaeltachta de chuid na Comhairle a bheidh lonnaithe ar an gCeathrú Rua.

Chuir an Chomhairleoir Pól Ó Foighil fáilte roimh an Aire Ó Cuív, mar iarbhall de chuid na Comhairle agus dúirt sé go raibh sé feiliúnach gur é a sheoladh an Polasaí Teanga a d'ullmhaigh an Coiste Gaeilge. Dúirt sé go raibh sé tábhachtach go mbeadh an deis ag lucht labhartha na Gaeilge, an pobal agus comhairleoirí araon, a rogha teanga a úsáid nuair atá gnó a dhéanamh acu leis an gComhairle agus bheadh an seirbhís aistriúcháin le linn cruinnithe na Comhairle an tábhachtach le haghaidh seo. Dúirt an tAire go raibh áthas air fillleadh ar sheomra na comhairle agus dúirt sé gur tháinig alán athraithe ar an áit ó bhí sé ina bhall den chomhairle. Bhí áthas air an deis a thapú chun an Polasaí Teanga agus an seirbhís aistriúcháin a sheoladh. Mhol sé Bailiú agus Bainisteoir agus foireann na Comhairle as a n-iarráchtaí an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn. Dúirt sé go raibh sé tábhachtach go mbeadh deis ag daoine a ngnó a dhéanamh trí Ghaeilge dá mba mhian leo. Rinne sé tagairt don Oifigeach Forbartha Gaeilge a cheap an Chomhairle i 1999 agus do na h-oifigigh a bhí ag déanamh cúrsaí Gaeilge. Luaigh sé an seirbhís aistriúcháin comhuaineach a tosáidh i mí na Samhna 1999 agus a thug deis do na comhairleoirí a rogha teanga a úsáid. Dúirt sé go raibh Polasaí na Comhairle ag teacht leis na spriocanna a bhí ag a Roinn féin. ie go mbeadh polasaí Gaeilge ag gach roinn stáit agus eagrais poiblí chun freastal ar riachtanais lucht labhartha na Gaeilge sa nGaeltacht agus i gceantair eile. Rinne sé comhghairdeachas leis an gComhairle agus sheol sé an Polasaí Teanga.

Chuir an Bainisteoir Contae fáilte roimh an Aire agus ghabh sé buíochas leis as an Polasaí Teanga a sheoladh agus dúirt sé go leanfadh an Chomhairle ag déanamh gach iarracht an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn ina cuid seirbhísí. Dúirt sé go raibh méadú suntasach tagtha ar an líon iarratais a fhaigheann an Chomhairle i nGaeilge. Thagair sé don scór oifigeach atá ag déanamh an Diplóma sa Ghaeilge, rud a chabhróidh leis an gComhairle níos mó seirbhísí a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge.

SEOLADH AN AIRE STAIT EALAION, OIDHREACHT, GAELTACHT AGUS OILEAN, EAMON O CUIV, T.D.

913

Thug an Cathaoirleach cuireadh d'Éamon Ó Cuív, Aire Stáit na Roinne Ealaíona Oidhreachta, Gaeltachta agus Oileán labhairt lena raibh i láthair ag an gcrúinniú faoi ról agus obair a Roinne

Dúirt sé go raibh ceannródaíocht á dhéanamh ag an Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreacht, Gaeltacht agus Oileán ó thaobh a chinntiú go núsáidfi saibhreas agus oidhreacht na hÉireann go cúramach ar mhaithe le pobal na tíre agus ar mhaithe le cuairteoirí a thagann go dtí an tír seo.

He referred to the range of activities with which his Department has an involvement including:

1. The Arts (Arts Council)
2. Broadcasting (RTE etc)
3. Film (Irish Film Board)
4. Cultural Institutes (National Library, Museum, National Archives)
5. Natural Heritage
6. Built Heritage
7. National Parks
8. Waterways and Engineering Service
9. Irish Language
10. The Gaeltacht
11. Offshore Islands
12. Placenames Branch

The Minister stated that the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands has provided grants totalling £10.5M to County Galway during the period 1996 – 2000 for infrastructural development. Last year, a total of £3.27M was allocated to Galway County Council which included matching contributions of £324,000.

Strategic Roads:

The Minister said that his Department would be providing further funding of £10.5M. for the improvement of strategic routes in the Gaeltacht during the period 2000 – 2006. Matching contributions will not be required from Galway County Council for these projects. However, the grants are being allocated on the basis of additionality and not as a replacement for Local Authority expenditure in the Gaeltacht area.

The strategic routes include:

1. R336 Spiddal-Casla-Screebe
2. R374 Lettermullen-Casla
3. R343 Casla-Carraroe
4. R340 Screebe-Carna
5. R345 Clonbur-Cornamona-Maam

Strategic Piers:

The Minister said that the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands had provided funding for the carrying out of preliminary reports on strategic piers at Chill

Ronain, Cill Chiarain, Chill Mhuirbhi. The Department is also working in partnership with the Department of the Marine & Natural Resources in relation to piers at Ceibh an Aircin and Céibh Eanach Mheáin.

A survey of piers throughout the County is, at present, being carried out by the council with assistance from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands and the survey will assist in drawing up priority lists for future programmes. The Minister complimented the County Manager for agreeing to carry out dredging works at Inishbofin which will be 100% funded by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands. The estimated expenditure on piers during the period 2000-2006 will be £10M approximately.

Funding would also be provided for the provision of airstrips at Inis Bo Finne and Clifden. Minister O'Cuiv said that TG4 and Udaras na Gaeltachta will be spending a total of £51M. in the Galway economy during 2001.

The members raised the following points:

- Coast Road from Spiddal to County boundary should be included in Strategic Grants Programme.
- There is concern in non-Gaeltacht areas that the same level of support is not given as in the Connemara Gaeltacht. Also, the boundaries of Gaeltacht areas need to be re-examined so that Irish speakers in other areas are not excluded.
- It is important that the correct Irish spelling for placenames be used and new developments suitably named.
- Inadequacy of compensation for people affected by SAC designations.
- Clear Policy necessary outlining what is not allowed in SAC areas.
- SAC rule needs to be relaxed to allow stone removal works to be carried out on the offshore islands.
- Restrictions on landowners in SAC areas are too strict and people are prevented from maximising the potential of their lands.
- It is important to ensure that funding is available for the continued development of Portumna Castle.
- The heritage of other areas of the county outside SAC should be looked at and professional and technical advice and funding made available.

Minister O'Cuiv replied to the various issues raised. He said that funding under Strategic Grants would not be provided for the Spiddal-Galway City Section as a new road was needed to serve this area and funding would be a matter for the Department of the Environment and Local Government. There is £10M available under the Strategic Grants programme for strategic roads in Connemara for the period 2000-2006.

He acknowledged the comments with regard to the Gaeltacht boundaries and suggested that the Council make a submission to his Department in this regard. Regarding SAC, he said that full compensation is paid in respect of losses for existing activities. Compensation for potential loss is not payable.

With regard to the derogation for bogs he said that it was not possible to say what will happen when the ten year derogation expires.

An Cathaoirleach thanked the Minister for his presentation.

PRESENTATION OF EMERGING PREFERRED ROUTE FOR THE N6 GALWAY TO EAST BALLINASLOE

914

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Consultants M.C. O'Sullivan for the presentation of the Emerging Preferred Route for the N6 Galway to East Ballinasloe. She emphasised the importance of the strategic route for the economic prosperity of County Galway and welcomed this enhancement of the infrastructure in the West of Ireland.

The County Engineer stated that the identification of the emerging preferred route for the N6 was an important day for Galway and the West of Ireland. When completed it would bring a range of benefits to the region. He was mindful that some people would have concerns and be effected by the route and every effort would be made to allay any fears there might be. He outlined the scheme to date, stating that consultants, MC O'Sullivan, were appointed to the project in December 1999. A Steering Committee was established comprising Mr. M. Cahill Senior Project Manager NRA, the Project Team, consultants MC O'Sullivan and the County Engineer as Chairperson. Under the direction of the Steering Committee the project had been brought from constraints report stage to the Emerging Preferred Route Stage. He referred to the major projects currently being undertaken by the regional design office and the close liaison between each of the consultancy teams working on them, particularly in relation to the interface and docking points between the projects. The N6, N17 and N18 teams have worked closely together on the development of a Strategic Western Corridor which would be briefly outlined at this presentation and fully presented to the council at a later date. The County Engineer then introduced Mr Kerry O'Sullivan Project Manager with MC O'Sullivan Consultants.

Mr K. O'Sullivan commenced the presentation by reiterating the stated objective of the National Development Plan 2000-2006 that certain routes, one being the Galway to Dublin route, be upgraded to Motorway or High Quality Dual Carriageway standard by 2006. He referred to the phases involved in the provision of this Multiple Framework Contract. Phase one, involved overall project planning followed by, phase two constraints study including initial consultation. Phase three, route selection had now been reached and the second consultation process would now take place.

He outlined the background to the selection of the route proposed. Investigation of the route corridors had taken place. Soft ground probing was carried out to establish the viability of the various options. Extensive traffic surveys were carried out, which were analysed and from which a Traffic Model was derived. The findings of the traffic study resulted in the development of a strategic Western Corridor Route in conjunction with the development of the new N6. This route will interface with the N6 route just west of

Athenry and it is envisaged that the new N6 combined with the strategic Western Corridor and the Galway City Outer Bypass will rationalise traffic movements around Galway.

Options for the Ballinasloe Bypass were fully investigated also and it was established that the southern route was the most viable for the following reasons:

- Better traffic collection from the new N6
- Straight forward crossing of the river Suck
- Must cross U.D.C. Boundary
- Considered in 1995 original bypass proposals
- Best siting for interchange to the east of Ballinasloe and for town access
- No crossings of Dublin / Galway railway line.
- Estimated Cost substantially lower than other option.

Mr. O'Sullivan described the framework used to assess the various route options. The following headings were used and each was given an appropriate weighting, Environmental, Engineering, Traffic, Financial. Six routes were examined under these headings, the additional route being 2A, a variation on the original route 2, which avoided the worst of the soft ground. The result of the assessment was as follows:

HEADINGS	ROUTE 1	ROUTE 2	ROUTE 2A	ROUTE 3	ROUTE 4	ROUTE 5
PUBLIC CONSULTATION	Good	Good	Good	Bad	Bad	Fair
ENVIRONMENTAL	Fair	Good	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair
ENGINEERING	Bad	Fair	Good	Fair	Bad	Bad
TRAFFIC	Bad	Good	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair
ECONOMIC	Bad	Good	Good	Fair	Bad	Bad
SUMMARY	5	2	1	3	6	4

Route 2A was clearly the most preferable option on all counts.

Route 2A was then outlined in detail. It extends from east of Ballinasloe, south of the town as far as Aughrim where it crosses the old N6, continues west through Kiltulagh and passes approximately 2 miles south of Athenry. There are 5 major junctions proposed, a Ballinasloe interchange, a Ballinasloe West interchange at Aughrim, an interchange at Carrowkeel to link to the Loughrea relief road, a Western Corridor interchange and an interchange at Glenascaul to link with the Galway City Outer Bypass.

In relation to Loughrea, Mr. O'Sullivan stated that a bypass is desirable and proposals for same were included in two phases. The first phase will join the N66 to the old N6 west of the town, then on to the proposed link road for the new N6 and also to the R350. The second phase will join the proposed link road from the new N6 to the old N6 east of the town. The route for the New N6 and the Loughrea Bypass will be presented to the general public at the second public consultation commencing the 12th of February, 2001.

The County Engineer thanked Mr O'Sullivan and welcomed the presentation.. The route is going to Second Public Consultation on the 12th of February, but in advance of that every effort will be made to establish contact with landowners on the Emerging Preferred Route. He stated that the Council has an excellent record in relation to dealing with landowners and has a reputation for dealing fairly on matters relating to compensation. Following completion of the second public consultation stage it is envisaged that detailed Design, Environmental Impact Assessment and the Compulsory Purchase Procedure stage will take approximately fifteen months allowing the project to go to tender by mid 2002. An Bord Pleanála will adjudicate on the Environmental Impact Assessment and on any Public Inquiry, which may arise.

The County Engineer stated that at present, the route is classified as a high standard dual carriageway, but it was his recommendation that the road be upgraded to motorway status. Provision of a motorway would have very significant benefits for Galway. It would facilitate reduced travel times, would be safer, statutory undertakers would not be allowed to disturb the road and the fencing would be maintained by the Road Authority.

The Members welcomed the presentation and congratulated MC O'Sullivan on achieving the best possible route for the N6. It was noted that the route does not follow the line of any existing road and this was welcomed. They strongly supported the suggestion that the route should be upgraded to Motorway status. The members raised the following points:

- With regard to fencing around the road, it would be of benefit both to the council and to the adjoining landowners if the road were upgraded to motorway status because the road authority would have responsibility for maintaining the fences.
- The old N6 should be maintained as a minimum as a National Secondary Route.
- The proposal to run the link road from the Loughrea Relief Road to the new N6 along the railway line is an excellent idea which would cause minimum disturbance to residents and landowners in the area.
- The Loughrea Relief road is different from the original proposal. The Members welcomed the fact that it now extends to the Gort road, but were dissatisfied with the proposal to build it in two phases. The Members requested that the relief road be dealt with as a single project.
- It was suggested that the Tynagh Road be linked to the Loughrea Relief Road and that the relief road be extended to form a circular route around the town of Loughrea.
- The possibility of improving the N65 was raised and linking it to the Loughrea Relief Road should be examined.
- A question was raised as to whether it was proposed to toll the N6 and if so where.
- The Members welcomed the new Strategic Western Corridor proposal and stated that it will be of great benefit to the west of Ireland as a whole. It was agreed that the co-ordination of schemes was of tremendous benefit overall.
- The Members enquired whether or not the N6 would be built by a single contractor or in parts.
- It was agreed that the proposed Western Corridor Interchange should have a grade separated junction.

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- The Members stated it was vitally important that landowners and people affected by the proposed route be dealt with fairly and sympathetically and that they be adequately and properly compensated.
- The Members welcomed the fact that the N6 junction with the N17 and N18 is further east than Oranmore. It had been feared that the new junction would be in Oranmore and the large inflow of traffic would further clog the already overburdened road network.
- The Members expressed concern that the R335 might be used as a shortcut to Aughrim for people from the Portumna area who wish to get onto the new N6. The road is a county road and would become quite dangerous if used as an access route for the new Motorway.

In response to questions raised by the members, the County Engineer clarified the following points:

- The traffic model indicated traffic flows, which only supported the building of Phase 1 of the Loughrea Relief Road at present. Given the present traffic flow a complete bypass is not currently feasible. Phase 2 will be examined in due course. However, the members request for the provision of the road in its entirety would be pursued.
- The N17 and N18 consultants have been liaising closely. Presentations of the Emerging Preferred Routes for both schemes will be ready for the County Council Meeting on the 26th of February 2001.
- The junction of the Strategic Western Corridor and the N6 will be a grade-separated junction.
- No direction on Tolling has been issued by the NRA as yet.
- A meeting has been arranged at the UDC Offices in Ballinasloe, for the 30th of January at which the N6 Route Proposal will be presented to the Ballinasloe UDC Members.
- The Route Corridor Width is 36 meters; the basic road width will be 30 to 35 meters.

Mr. Kerry O'Sullivan clarified the following points:

- Houses, which are located close to the proposed scheme, will be assessed on an individual basis in order to evaluate compensation and mitigating measures. Every effort will be made to minimise the effect on houses adjacent to the scheme by implementing mitigating measures. The consultants are confident that the majority of householders will not be adversely affected by the scheme.
- Access will be maintained to all existing roads. Over bridges and underpasses will be built to accommodate all of the existing road network, and it is not proposed to close any existing roads.
- The new N6 combined with the proposed Strategic Western Corridor will rationalise all approaches to Galway City. The junction proposed is a free-flowing grade separated junction and will be located at Carrinduff close to Athenry.

- Tenders will be issued both to Irish and International Contractors for the building of the Road in accordance with established procedures.
- The phasing of the Loughrea Relief Route is necessary because on the basis of the current traffic figures; a full bypass of the town is not a feasible option. By phasing the project, the necessary improvements to the road network in the area will be provided as required.

The County Manager welcomed presentation of the new route and stated that it was a project of immense importance to Galway and to the West in general. He thanked the Members for their support for the project and the Consultants and project team for their efforts also.

It was proposed by Cllr. Callanan, seconded and by Dep. U. Burke and agreed to accept the emerging preferred route as proposed and proceed to the next stage of consultation.

It was proposed by Cllr Regan, seconded by Comh. O'Neachtain and agreed to request that the status of the new N6 be a Motorway.

It was proposed by Dep. U. Burke, seconded by Cllr Regan and agreed that the Loughrea Bypass be developed as a single project immediately.

It was proposed by Cllr Callanan, seconded by Cllr Mullins and agreed that all bridges shown as "possible" in the proposal be provided and that none of the existing road network be closed.

It was proposed by Cllr Connolly, seconded by Cllr T Mannion and agreed that subsidiary routes leading to the proposed N6 be improved.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 914

It was agreed to defer this item.

TOWN RENEWAL SCHEME - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA 915

It was agreed to defer this item.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS 916

Cllr. P. McHugh raised an issue with regard to Group Water Supply Schemes in the Milltown Area. It was agreed to put this matter on an agenda for a future council Meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

N.O.M. - NO. 8 – SIGNS – DEPUTY U. BURKE 917

The following reply was given to Deputy Burke:-

"I wish to inform you that the signs will be erected at this location shortly and the Litter Warden will be advised to survey the location, from time to time, in the future".

N.O.M. - NO. 9 – ROAD WORKS – DEPUTY U. BURKE 918

The following reply was given to Deputy Burke:-

"This is the National Secondary Route N66. An application for funding to carry out the above works has been submitted to the National Roads Authority for consideration under this year's National Secondary Routes allocations."

N.O.M. – NO. 10 – LIGHTING – DEPUTY U. BURKE 919

The following reply was given to Deputy Burke:-

"This location will be considered when preparing the Public Lighting Programme."

N.O.M. – NO. 11 – FLOODING – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 920

The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:

"Works at above location have already been carried out."

N.O.M. – NO. 12 – BRIDGE – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 921

The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:-

"An evaluation of the bridge and general access is being carried out and you will be informed of developments as soon as possible".

N.O.M. – NO. 13 – CLAY BANKS – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 922

The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:-

"It is proposed to remove clay banks at above location under this year's Road Works Programme".

N.O.M. – NO. 14 – SEWERAGE SCHEME – CLLR. M. FAHY 923

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:-

"Kinvara Sewerage Scheme is included in the Council's Assessment of Needs Programme for Sewerage Schemes for the period 2002 to 2006. Work is being carried out to determine the appropriate treatment and disposal methods".

N.O.M. – NO. 15 - SEWERAGE SCHEME – CLLR. M. FAHY 924

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:-

"Peterwell is one of many villages in County Galway that a strategy needs to be developed for servicing the village. This strategy would need to be carried out in consultation with the Department of the Environment and Local Government. Key issues to be considered include the availability of resources, appropriate methods of treatment, and the integration of the overall Sanitary Service Programme".

N.O.M. – NO. 16 – CEMETERY – CLLR. M. FAHY 925

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:-

"It appears that Dúchas are reluctant to agree to the development of any burial ground extension in this location despite the land being deemed suitable from public health point of view. The Council is currently having the matter further examined so that a proposal can be re-submitted to Dúchas.

N.O.M. – NO. 17 - CENTRAL HEATING – CLLR. J. JOYCE 926

The following reply was given to Cllr. J. Joyce:-

"The Council commenced a Planned Maintenance Programme in January 2000 relating to Local Authority houses constructed prior to 1993. Works been carried out under the programme are as follows:

- *New Windows as required*
- *New fascia and soffit as required*
- *New front and rear doors as required*
- *Attic Insulation as required*
- *Electric Smoke Alarms*
- *New Kitchen Units in certain cases*
- *Provision of footpaths in certain cases*
- *Refurbishment of septic tanks in certain cases*

The programme will take approximately 3 years to complete and will cost £3.5 million. The question of providing central heating was considered when the programme was being devised but the costs were such that it could not be provided for. The Council has written to the Department of the Environment and Local Government seeking special funding for the installation of central heating in existing rented houses and is awaiting a response to this request”.

N.O.M. NO – 18 – SEWERAGE – CLLR. J. JOYCE

927

The following reply was given to Cllr. J. Joyce:-

“Arrangements have been made to have this house inspected. The inspection will in addition to examining the condition of the septic tank involve a survey of the present condition of the house for the purpose of the Councils Planned Maintenance Programme.

The tenants should however be aware that all outstanding rent arrears must be paid up-to-date before any works can be carried out under the Planned Maintenance Programme”.

N.O.M. NO. 19 – FLOODING – CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE

928

The following reply was given to Cllr. Loughnane:-

“Remedial works will be carried out at the above location which should alleviate the problem.”

**N.O.M. NO. – 20 – BOUNDARY WALL
– CLLR. J.J. MANNION**

929

The following reply was given to Cllr. Mannion:-

“An estimate of cost is being prepared for the above works and a request for funds will be submitted to the Department of the Marine.”

**N.O.M. NO. 21 – BOUNDARY WALL
– CLLR. J.J. MANNION**

930

The following reply was given to Cllr. Mannion:-

“Consideration will be given to rebuilding sections of this wall as resources permit”.

**N.O.M. NO. 22 – TRAFFIC LIGHTS –
CLLR. J.J. MANNION**

931

The following reply was given to Cllr. Mannion:-

"The provision of temporary traffic lights in such circumstances is not recommended for safety reasons as there is always the danger that some impatient motorist will ignore the lights."

With regard to the traffic congestion in the village during the tourist season. Galway County Council are preparing traffic management plans, including the provision of carparks and parking bye-laws, to restrict parking through the main thoroughfare in order to provide for the free flow of traffic through the village."

**N.O.M. NO. 23 – FLASHING LIGHTS –
SEN. J. MCDONAGH**

932

The following reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"This location will be considered along with others when preparing this year's School Flashing Lights programme."

N.O.M. NO. 24 – FOOTPATH – SEN. J. MCDONAGH

933

The following reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"The carrying out of above works will be considered when preparing this year's Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 25 – SIGNS – SEN. J. MCDONAGH

934

The following reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

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

N.O.M. NO. 26 – ROAD WORKS – CLLR. P. MCHUGH

935

The following reply was given to Cllr. McHugh:-

"This road is included in the Council's 5 year roads plan for Non National Roads for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004. In the meantime the road will be subject to routine maintenance as resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 27 – ROAD WORKS – CLLR. P. MCHUGH 936

The following reply was given to Cllr. McHugh:-

“This road is included for road restoration in the Council’s 5 year plan for Non National Roads for the year 2002. In the meantime, the road will be the subject of routine maintenance.”

**N.O.M. NO. 28 – GROUP WATER SCHEMES
– CLLR. P. MCHUGH** 937

The following reply was given to Cllr. McHugh:-

“Galway County Council, in partnership with the Rural Water Monitoring Committee, are currently preparing a Strategic Plan for the provision of rural water supplies in County Galway. Once Stage 1 of the Rural Water Strategic Plan is completed and agreed by the Rural Water Committee and the Elected Members of Galway County Council, it will then be possible to determine how each area of the County can be served having regard to the overall objectives of the Plan, in particular having regard to sound economic and engineering principles”.

N.O.M. NO. 29 – BÓTHAR – COMH. C. NÍ FHATHARTA 938

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

“Beidh muid ag scrudú an cás seo agus beidh muid ag cur scéala eile chugat chomh luath agus is feidir”.

N.O.M. NO. 30 – BÓTHAR – COMH. C. NÍ FHATHARTA 939

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

“Tá muid ag cur meastuchán le chéile faoi láthair chun iaratas a chuir thuig An Roimn Ealaíonn, Oidhreacht, Gaeltachta & Oileán ag lorg deontas le haghaidh an obair soe a dhéanamh.

Freaisín beidh an Comhairle Chontae sásta cúnaimh a thabhairt ó thaobh ábhar a chur ar fáil le haghaidh aon scéim C.E. a eagraíonn muintir na h-áite chun ballaí a thógáil”.

N.O.M. NO. 31 – BÓTHAR – COMH. C. NÍ FHATHARTA 940

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

"Beidh an bóthar seo luaithe i gclár na mbóithre le haghaidh na bliana seo agus cuirfear caoi ar an bpiosa idir an Cé agus an taobh ó dheas chomh fada le Crú capaill."

N.O.M. NO. 32 – LIGHTING – CLLR. S. O' NEACHTAIN 941

The following reply was given to Cllr. O' Neachtain:-

"Consideration will be given to the upgrading of Spiddal including the undergrounding of cables and provision of decorative lighting under the village renewal programmes to be carried out on a phased basis as resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 33 – BÓTHAIR – COMH O' NEACHTAIN 942

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

"Tá áiliniú ar an gcasadh atá ag an áit thuas á dhearadh faoi láthair agus breathnófar ar chosáin a chur san áireamh sa ndearadh seo."

N.O.M. NO. 34 – ROAD WORKS – CLLR. O' NEACHTAIN 943

The following reply was given to Cllr. O' Neachtain:-

"The above works will be carried out under this year's Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 35 – ROADS – CLLR. P. O' SULLIVAN 944

The following reply was given to Cllr. O' Sullivan:-

"An application for funding to carry out the above works has been submitted to the National Roads Authority for consideration under this year's National Primary Routes allocations."

**N.O.M. NO. 36 – BOUNDARY WALL
- CLLR. P. O' SULLIVAN**

945

The following reply was given to Cllr. O' Sullivan:-

"The Council has recently repaired boundary fencing at Clontuskert and is applying to the Department of the Environment for funding for remedial works including the erection of boundary walls at Gortnahona".

N.O.M. NO. 37 – FLOODING - CLLR. P. O' SULLIVAN

946

The following reply was given to Cllr. O' Sullivan:-

"Remedial work will be carried out at this location shortly."

CHRIÓCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, approved & Signed

Connie Ní Phárlartaigh

30th May, 2001
Date.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 12th JANUARY 2001.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Comh. Connie Ní Fhatharta

ILATHAIR FRESIN:

Baill: Dep. U. Burke, 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. J. Joyce, Cllr. M. Loughnane, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. T. Mannion, Cllr. J. McClearn, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cllr. P. O Foighil, Cllr. S. O' Neachtain, Cllr. P. O' Sullivan, Cllr. K. Quinn, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. M. Regan, Cllr. S. Walsh & Cllr. T. Walsh.

Oifigigh: Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, E. Lusby, A/Asst. Co. Manager's, J. Collieran, County Engineer, R.C. Killeen, A/Deputy Co. Engineer, J. Cullen, A/Co. Secretary, F. Dawson, Director of Community & Enterprise, C. Nevin, A/A.O., E. Dolan, C.D.O., C. MacAodha Bhui, Oifigeach Gaeilge & A. Power, A/S.O.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

899

A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

The Family of Mr. Tim Richardson, Eyre Square, Galway.

The Family of Mr. Thomas Donoghue, Coolfin, Abbey, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

The Members extended their sympathy with Mary Mullery, Engineering Section on the recent death of her brother.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ON GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY 900

A Report dated 5th January 2001 was circulated in advance regarding the election of one representative on the Governing Authority of National University of Ireland, Galway for the period commencing 1st February 2001.

An Comh. O Neachtain was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane and seconded by Cllr. Fahy.

Cllr. T. Walsh was proposed by Cllr. McClearn and seconded by Dep. U. Burke.

A vote was taken and the result was as follows:-

FOR CLLR. O'NEACHTAIN:

Cllr. J. Callanan, M. Connolly, J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, T. Mannion, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan and S. Walsh (17)

FOR COUNCILLOR T. WALSH

Dep. U. Burke, Dep. P. Connaughton, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. J. McClearn, Senator J. McDonagh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cllr. P. O'Foighil and Cllr. T. Walsh (9)

ABSTENSION:

Cllr. N. Grealish (1)

An Cathaoirleach declared An Comh. O'Neachtain to be elected as representative on the Governing Authority of the National University of Ireland, Galway.

Comh. O' Neachtain stated that it was a privilege to be elected to represent Galway County Council on the Governing Authority of the National University of Ireland Galway. He thanked Cllr. T. Walsh and complimented him on the manner in which he had previously represented the Council.

Cllr. T. Walsh congratulated Comh. O'Neachtain and wished him well in his role on the Governing Body. He stated that he was privileged to have represented the Council for years on the Governing Authority.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD PROGRESS REPORT 901

An Cathaoirleach introduced Mr. Frank Dawson, Director of Community & Enterprise and invited him to make a presentation to the Members on the activities of the County Development Board.

Mr. Dawson outlined the Board membership and gave details on the Working Groups and the issues being addressed. He stated that the County Community & Voluntary Forum had now been established at electoral area level and confirmed that the first meeting in each electoral area had taken place. He informed the meeting that the Task Force had concluded that the County Development Board is the appropriate co-ordinating mechanism for social inclusion measures under the National Development Plan at local level. In this regard a Social Inclusion Measures Working Group had been established. The initial task is to prepare an audit of social inclusion measures being delivered in County Galway. He indicated that the County Development Board is pursuing an eight-step approach towards completing the social, economic and cultural strategy. He added that steps two and three are due for completion before the end of March and will be the subject of a later presentation to the Council. A detailed paper on Mr. Dawson's presentation was given to each member.

Cllr. T. Mannion stated that it was his pleasure to be Chairman of the County Development Board. He paid tribute to the work of the Board Members and Staff for the considerable progress achieved in a short space of time. Cllr Gavin said that it was important that the voluntary effort in the County be acknowledged and encouraged to work alongside the State Agencies. Dep. Connaughton stated that there are a large number of agencies working with their own objectives and it would be important for the County Development Board to develop a strategy to eliminate duplication. Cllr Sullivan welcomed the initiative as a means of pulling all the agencies together and emphasised the importance of forward planning. Dep. Burke expressed support for the endeavours of the County Development Board and added that while resources are plentiful at present, continuous assistance for the Voluntary Groups to tap into these resources is needed. Cllr Connolly highlighted the importance of the Strategy for future investment in the County. Cllr Quinn stated that she hoped that the County Development Board would work with Community Groups to assist in their development.

The Director confirmed that the final strategy would be placed before the Council and acknowledged the contribution of all participants and in particular by the local government sector to the process.

It was agreed that Mr. Dawson would address the Council again in April.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL 2000 – SUBMISSIONS **902** **FROM GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL**

On the proposal of Cllr. P. McHugh, seconded by Comh. O Neachtain, it was agreed to defer this item to the next Council Meeting.

A Report was circulated to each Member. The Acting County Secretary advised the Members that following a request from the residents of the Parkmore area in Tuam, a plebiscite was held to ascertain whether the majority of qualified electors consented to a change of name from Parkmore to the Racecourse and to the renaming of various areas within the housing scheme. The Plebiscite was held by way of postal vote and the count of ballot papers took place in Aras an Chontae on 18th December 2000. He informed the Members that as the number voting in favour of the change of name was less than the majority required, the change of name could not proceed at this time.

Dep. Connaughton said that a substantial number of residents voted for the change of name and there was great disappointment that the plebiscite was not carried. Cllr. P. McHugh said there was concern that many people who gave their address as Parkmore were not actually living there and this could have had a significance in the outcome of the vote. He asked if it were possible to hold another plebiscite. He said there was a great need for Parkmore to have a new start and many people would be disappointed if a new name could not go with this new start. Cllr. T. McHugh said that there was a 60% poll on this plebiscite and it would be difficult to get more than this. He said there was a need to revise the legislation governing such votes to make it more user-friendly.

In reply the Acting County Secretary stated the Law Agent would look at whether individual areas within the Parkmore area could seek change of place-names. He also informed the Members that it would be possible for the residents to reactivate the request for the change of name and a further plebiscite could be conducted.

FUNDING FOR AGRICULTURAL SHOWS

Cllr. Gavin said that there were over 20 agricultural shows in the county and they are being run on a voluntary basis. They can cost as much as £30,000 and the organisers should be supported. Dep. Connaughton said there should be a business approach between the show societies and the County Council. He added that for quite a small investment, they represent a good return. Cllr. P. McHugh said that it was very appropriate that the council fund shows in view of their importance in the local community. Cllr. Connolly said that these shows are a very important part of our culture and were always a great day out for local communities. Cllr. Cunningham said it was time to acknowledge the tremendous work done by the organisers of these shows. Cllr. Joyce said that he hoped the Ballinasloe Horse Show would not be excluded because it is in the urban area. Dep. Burke said the shows made a huge contribution to the community and were an important commercial outlet through the sales opportunities they presented. Cllr. Hoade stated that the provision of funding would be a progressive move and would be welcomed by the many groups involved. Cllr. Mullins said that agricultural shows are a very important link between the past and the present and the council should foster them. He said they are an important showpiece for the areas in which they are held. He hoped

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that Ballinasloe Agricultural Show would be amongst those considered. Cllr. Quinn said the agricultural shows are a great highlight for each area and without support from different organisations they could not function. Cllr. Regan stated he was in favour of funding for agricultural shows and any such council involvement should be publicly acknowledged.

The County Manager informed the Members that it would be possible to put in place a funding arrangement for agricultural shows in view of their importance within communities and in recognition of their contribution to the heritage and culture of the county. He would request the Director of Community and Enterprise to formulate proposals and revert back to the members with a report on the matter.

TOWN RENEWAL SCHEME – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA 905

On the proposal of Cllr. P. McHugh, seconded by Cllr. McClearn, it was agreed to defer this item to the next Council Meeting.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION 906

On the proposal of Comh. O’Neachtain, seconded by Cllr. Quinn, the Members approved overdraft accommodation to a maximum of £5m for six months ending on 30/06/2001, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government.

MANAGER’S BUSINESS 907

Seminar on Voluntary Housing

The County Manager advised the Members that a seminar on voluntary housing was being held on 20th January next in the Oranmore Lodge Hotel and that all voluntary groups would be invited to attend.

Information Meetings - Town Renewal Scheme

The County Manager informed the Members that it is proposed to hold Information Meetings in each of the five towns included in the Town Renewal Scheme in the first week in February. Council Officials will be in attendance to provide information on the scheme and deal with enquiries from the public.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

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An Cathaoirleach reminded Members that Mr. Noel Dempsey, Minister for the Environment & Local Government would be performing a number of Official Openings on Friday, 19th January 2001 and all Members were welcome to attend.

- Portumna Sewerage Scheme at 9.00 a.m.
- Children's Playground, Portumna at 9.30 a.m.
- Loughrea Library at 11.15 a.m.
- Oranmore Sewerage at 12.15 p.m.
- Oranmore Library at 1.00 p.m.
- Launch of County Council Website at 1.30 p.m. at Oranmore Library

Cllr. McClearn said he was delighted that the Portumna Sewerage Scheme was now complete and asked when would the final road restoration take place. In reply, the County Engineer said that this would happen as quickly as possible.

Cllr. Regan raised the issue of the quality of drinking water in Portumna and said that a new source was needed as a matter of urgency. The County Engineer stated that this matter would be examined.

Council Meeting – 22 January 2001

It was noted that Deputy E. O'Cuiv would address the next Meeting of the Council and that he would launch the Council's Polasai Teanga. It was also agreed that Consultants from the N.R.A. would address the Members in relation to the emerging preferred route for the N6. The Meeting would commence at 2.30 p.m. and the Consultants from the N.R.A. would be invited for 4.00 p.m.

Meeting with Members of Galway Corporation

An Cathaoirleach informed the Members that the Corporate Group together with Cllr Grealish and Cllr McClearn would be meeting with Members of Galway Corporation on 29th January next to discuss waste management. It was agreed that a meeting of this group would be held on Thursday 18th January at 3.30 p.m. to prepare a position paper in advance of the meeting scheduled for 29th January.

The County Manager informed the Members that the Waste Contractors had sought a Meeting with officials of the Council. He said he would meet them and explain the current situation to them. Mr. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager stated that there had been contact with the Waste Contractors and it was agreed that the Environmental SPC Group would meet them.

Industrial Development in Ballinasloe

Cllr. Callanan referred to the job losses at A.T. Cross in Ballinasloe. He asked that the five Ballinasloe Area Councillors and Ballinasloe Urban District Councillors meet with the I.D.A. on the matter and to discuss future industrial investment in Ballinasloe. Cllr. Mullins supported the proposed meeting and suggested that the 4 T.D.'s for the area be invited to attend also. Cllr O'Sullivan said that a task force had been set up for various agencies and that a representative of this group should attend this meeting also.

Claran Group Water Scheme

Cllr. Hoade enquired as to the present position with regard to proposed improvement works to Claran Group Water Scheme. She said that the tender documents had been submitted and asked if there was any delay in progressing the matter.

In reply, the Acting Assistant County Manager said that the tenders were opened Christmas Week and forwarded to the Group Scheme's Consultants for a recommendation. No recommendation had as yet been received.

Burial Grounds

Cllr. Fahy requested that the Council policy with regard to the upkeep of cemeteries be placed on the agenda for the next Special Meeting of the Council.

Water Supply – Kilrickle

Cllr. Loughnane requested a report for the next meeting on water supplies at Kilrickle. He said there was particular difficulties with regard to bore-holes in the locality. He said a local group had been formed and there didn't seem to be any possibility of a local supply for them. Cllr. Loughnane requested that a full report on what can be done to improve this situation be available for the next Meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Callanan.

CONFERENCES

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

Social Study Conference – 22/24 June 2000 – Westport

Cllr. S. Walsh

Recycling & Waste Management Conference – 7/12/00 – Dublin

Cllr. P. McHugh

Waste Management Workshop – Athlone – 12/12/00

Cllr. P. McHugh

L.A.M.A. Conference – Brussels

On the proposal of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Callanan it was agreed that Councillor Quinn be nominated to attend in place of Councillor Fahy.

General Council of County Council's Seminar – Castlebar – 26/27 January 2001

Cllr. J. McClearn
Cllr. J. McDonagh
Cllr. M. Loughnane
Cllr. K. Quinn
Cllr. P. O'Sullivan
Cllr. M. Fahy

Cllr. M. Mullins
Cllr. S. Walsh
Cllr. T. Rabbitt
Cllr. M. Hoade
Cllr. T. Mannion
Cllr. J. Callanan

Cllr. N. Grealish
Cllr. J. Conneely
Cllr. P. McHugh
Cllr. J. Joyce
Cllr. S. O'Neachtain

A.M.A.I. Conference – Tralee – 9/10 February 2001

Deputy P. Connaughton
Cllr. T. McHugh
Cllr. S. Walsh
Cllr. S. O'Neachtain
Cllr. M. Hoade
Cllr. P. O'Sullivan

Cllr. J. McClearn
Cllr. N. Grealish
Cllr. J. Conneely
Cllr. P. McHugh
Cllr. J. Joyce

Cllr. T. Walsh
Cllr. J. McDonagh
Cllr. M. Loughnane
Cllr. K. Quinn
Cllr. T. Mannion

Colmcille Heritage Trust – Donegal – 23/25 February 2001

Deputy P. Connaughton
Cllr. T. Walsh
Cllr. J. McDonagh
Cllr. M. Hoade
Cllr. T. Mannion
Cllr. M. Fahy

Cllr. P. O'Foighil
Cllr. N. Grealish
Cllr. J. Conneely
Cllr. J. Joyce
Cllr. S O'Neachtain

Cllr. J. McClearn
Cllr. S Walsh
Cllr. K. Quinn
Cllr. P. O'Sullivan
Cllr. M. Regan

Partnership for Diversity Conference – Dublin Castle – 1st February 2001

Deputy P. Connaughton
Cllr. T. McHugh
Senator J. McDonagh
Cllr. K. Quinn

Cllr. P. O'Foighil
Cllr. T. Walsh
Cllr. M. Loughnane
Cllr. M. Hoade

Deputy U. Burke
Cllr. N. Grealish
Cllr. S. O'Neachtain

**Northern Ireland Region – National Assoc. of Councillors – Belfast – 23/25
February 2001**

Cllr. K. Quinn
Cllr. M. Regan

Cllr. P. O'Foighil

Cllr. S. O'Neachtain

PRESENTATION TO JOHN TIERNEY

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The Cathaoirleach congratulated Mr. Tierney on his appointment as Galway City Manager. She said that he had given valuable service to the Council since he came from Kilkenny 3½ years ago. She said that his appointment as City Manager should bring the Corporation and the Council closer. This will be an important linkage of city and county and will keep that partnership and network alive. She wished him and his family well in the future. The Members joined the Cathaoirleach in the congratulations to Mr. Tierney and spoke of the many important projects that had been advanced during his tenure. They paid tribute to the manner in which he discharged his duties and dealt with elected members and the public, in particular his human approach to solving difficult problems.

The County Manager also congratulated Mr. Tierney on his appointment as Galway City Manager. He thanked him for his outstanding contribution to the County Council and looked forward to working closely with him in the future. He thanked him for his loyalty and support and wished him and his family best wishes for the future.

On behalf of the Members, the Cathaoirleach made a presentation of three original etchings by Derek Biddulph to Mr. Tierney.

Mr. Tierney thanked the Members for the kind remarks and for the lovely gift. He said he had a great relationship with the Elected Members and he had great admiration for people who put themselves forward for election. He worked with the County Manager in three different Local Authorities and looked forward to working in partnership with him in the future. He complimented the Members and Staff who had given him invaluable advice. He referred to the interdependence between the Corporation and the Council in areas such as water, sewerage, fire service, library adding that the need for close co-operation was never greater.

Chriochnaigh an Cruinniú ansin.

Submitted, approved & signed
Connie Ni Phatharta

30th May, 2001
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL
ON MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER, 2000**

Cathaoirleach

An Comhairleoir C. Ni Fhatharta

I LATHAIR FREISIN;

Baill:

Cllr. J. Burke, Deputy U. Burke, Cllr. J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Cllr. J. Conneely, Cllr. M. Connolly, Cllr. M. Cunningham, Cllr. M. Fahy, Cllr. S. Gavin, Cllr. N. Grealish, Cllr. M. Hoade, Cllr. J. Joyce, Cllr. M. Loughnane, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. T. Mannion, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. M. Mullins, Cllr. P O' Foighil, Cllr. S O' Neachtain, Cllr. P. O' Sullivan, Cllr. K. Quinn, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. M. Regan, Cllr. S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:-

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, J. Tierney, Asst. Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, A/ Asst. Co. Manager, E. Lusby, A/Head of Finance, J. Cullen, A/County Secretary, F. Gilmore, A/Snr Engineer, J. Eising, A/ Snr Exec. Engineer, M. Fahy, Exec. Engineer. H. Coleman, A/Snr Exec. (Planning), M. Jordan, A/S.S.O. Cuimin Mac Aodh Bhuí, Oifigeach Gaeilge.
Mr Gus McCarthy, Planning Consultant

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

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A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mrs. Kitty Murray & Family, Tullira, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Annie Connolly & Family, Gort, Co. Galway.
The Higgins Family, Cregclare, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

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FUNDING FOR AGRICULTURAL SHOWS

On the proposal of Dep. Connaughton, seconded by Cllr. Callanan it was agreed that the matter of funding for Agricultural Shows be placed on an Agenda for a future Council meeting.

DEER ON ROADWAY

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Callanan it was agreed that the matter of dangers posed by deer on roadways in the Ballinasloe area be placed on an Agenda for a future Council meeting.

ROAD AT KNOCKDOE

Sen. J. McDonagh asked if the Council had any plans for road improvements in Knockdoe area where a number of accidents had occurred recently. The County Engineer stated that the matter would be examined and a report would follow.

TOWN RENEWAL SCHEME

Cllr. McClearn raised the question of eligibility under the Town Renewal Scheme in the case of refurbishments and new developments. He referred to an applicant who was informed that proposals to extend a dwelling in one of the designated areas would not qualify under the scheme. It was agreed that the matter of eligibility criteria under the Town Renewal Scheme would be placed on an agenda for a future Council Meeting.

MINUTES

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The Minutes of the Special Meeting of Galway County Council held on the **13th November, 2000** were approved by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Cllr. Regan.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the **27th November, 2000** were approved by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETING

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The Report of the Connemara Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on the **24th October, 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Conneely, seconded by Cllr. O'Foighil.

The Report on the Presentation of Route Options for N18 Oranmore to Gort to Members of Loughrea and Oranmore Area Committees, on the **3rd November, 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Dep. U. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Regan.

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The Report of the Meeting of the Corporate Policy Group, on the 3rd **November, 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Gavin, Seconded by Cllr. Connolly.

Cllr. Hynes indicated that he was unhappy with the protocol agreed at the Corporate Policy Group Meeting with regard to replies to non-Cllr.s. He felt that members of Town Commissioners and the Urban District Council should receive written replies to queries. On the proposal the Cathaoirleach seconded by Cllr. Callanan it was agreed to refer this particular issue to the Corporate Policy Group for consideration.

The Report of the Connemara Area Committee Meeting held on the 3rd **November, 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Conneely, seconded by Cllr. O'Foighil.

The Report of the Connemara Area Committee Meeting held on the 13th **November, 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. O'Foighil, seconded by Cllr. Conneely.

The Report on the Presentation of Emerging Preferred Route for the N17 Milltown to the County Boundary to the Tuam Area Committee on the 13th **November, 2000** was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Quinn.

Miontuairisci Cruinniu Coiste Gaeilge – 8ú Samhain 2000

Gabh an Comhairle leis na Miontuairisci, ar mholadh an Comhairleoir O'Foighil, cuidiú Cllr. Connolly.

It was agreed to deal with item 2(h), Reports of Oranmore Electoral Area Meetings held on 11th September, 2000, 7th November, 2000 and 20th November, 2000, with item no. 7.

REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF 3 NO. REPLACEMENT HOUSES WITH SERVICES AT MOYNE, BALLYGLUNIN, TUAM, CO. GALWAY.

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Report dated 13th December, 2000 had been circulated to each member.

Construction of 3 no. replacement houses with services at Moyne, Ballyglunin, Tuam, Co. Galway.

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Cllr. Burke enquired if there were proposals for the remaining council land adjacent to the proposed houses. In reply, the Asst. Co. Manager indicated that the possibility of licensing the land to the local community would be examined.

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

REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994 REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE RURAL HOUSES WITH APPROPRIATE TREATMENT FACILITIES AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS; **868**

Report dated 6th December, 2000 had been circulated to each Member.

(a) Single Rural Houses at:-

Toreen, Derrybrien West, Loughrea, Co. Galway
Inchamore, Derrybrien, Loughrea, Co. Galway,
Woodford, Loughrea, Co. Galway,
Derrybrien South, Loughrea, Co. Galway,
Funchin More, Burren, Co. Galway,
Lavagh, Kilconnell, Co. Galway,
Tubbergrellan, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway,
Cloontoa, Tuam, Co. Galway,
Laragh More, Ballyglunin, Co. Galway,
Cloonaghgarve, Milltown, Co. Galway,
Belville, Athenry, Co. Galway,
Tullybeg, Rinvyle, Co. Galway.

In reply to a query by Cllr. O'Foighil the Assistant Manager said that he would check if the council house proposed for Inis Mean would be started this year.

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

(b) Construction of 4 no. houses with services at Mylespark, Corofin, Co. Galway.

Cllr. P. McHugh asked that the area between the Council Estate and the adjoining lands be fenced and that a play area be provided.

The Works as proposed were approved on the proposal of Cllr. P. McHugh, seconded by Cllr. Connolly

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- (c) Construction of extension to existing house at Hollymount, Peterswell, Co. Galway

The Works as proposed were approved on the proposal of Dep. U. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham

REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994 REGARDING KILKERRIN SEWERAGE SCHEME. 869

Report dated 12th December, 2000 was circulated to each Member

Cllr. Quinn said that there were objections to the outflow from the plant into the Turlough and asked if the sewerage plant could be located in an adjoining field. Mr. Eising, stated that the outflow would not be discharging into the Turlough.

With regard to using the adjoining field he said that it is at a low level and close to an area prone to flooding and therefore unsuitable. The plant would be located 210m from the Rushe family house which is more than the required distance of 100m. The proposed plant would be enclosed in a fibre glass housing which would prevent any odour escaping. In reply to a query from Cllr. T. Walsh, on future planning permission on the Rushe family lands, Mr Eising stated that as the sewerage plant was 210m from the house there would still be a distance of 110m for potential development

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL, 2000 870

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

It was agreed that item no 7 on the agenda, submissions in relation to draft development plan for Oranmore, would be dealt with after items 8,9,10, and 11.

DRAFT STANDING ORDERS FOR STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES. 871

A copy of report dated October 2000 had been circulated to each Member.

Cllr. Gavin said that three quarters of the members present could vote to suspend standing orders and felt that if there were only a small number present at the meeting then standing orders could be too easily suspended. The County Secretary explained that the Cathaoirleach had to be notified in advance of the meeting if it was proposed to suspend Standing Orders. He said that if the Council wished, a requirement could be included

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that a minimum of half the membership of the SPC would be needed to vote in favour of the suspension of Standing Orders.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Mannion the Council agreed the Draft Standing Orders for the Strategic Policy Committees subject to the amendment that for the suspension of Standing Orders, the number voting in favour must be not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members present at the meeting and not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ the membership of the Committee.

APPROVAL FOR PUBLICATION ON DRAFT DISC PARKING BYE LAWS FOR COUNTY GALWAY. 872

Report entitled Draft Galway County Council Disc Parking Bye-Laws 2000 had been circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Burke, seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh the Draft Galway County Council Disc Parking Bye-Laws 2000 were approved for publication. It was agreed that when adopted the Bye-Laws would be introduced in Tuam initially. The introduction of the Bye-Laws elsewhere in the county would be the subject of consultation with the Council.

MANAGERS BUSINESS 873

The Manager informed the meeting that the Council had been notified of an additional allocation of £1.2M under the Rural Water Programme in the current year.

He also informed the meeting of notification of additional non-national road grants in respect of the following;

Name of Road Project	Description of proposed road works	Location of works	Length of Road (m)	Maximum Exchequer Funding
Parkmore Road	Improvement of Link road to Parkmore Industrial Estate	Parkmore Industrial Est. and N17	950	£1,125,000
Oranhill Distributor Road	Distributor Road to open up Development lands South of Oranmore	Old Limerick Road to Maree Road	1500	£1,747,500

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS 874

Cllr. P. McHugh referred to the roads in Corofin and surrounding area which were in a poor condition. The County Engineer stated that the condition of these roads had been

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brought to his attention. Some of the damage was caused by construction work in the area and the matter was being pursued.

Cllr. Connolly asked if the Council would fill the potholes on the N63 at Delaneys Shop, Abbeyknockmoy before Christmas.

At this point the Cathaoirleach introduced Declan Meehan, Galway Football Team, to the meeting.

The Cathaoirleach and members congratulated Declan on his selection as an Eirecell All Star 2000 and as Galway Bay FM footballer of the year. The Manager also extended congratulations to Declan.

On behalf of the Council the Cathaoirleach made a presentation of Galway Crystal in recognition of his achievements.

SUBMISSIONS IN RELATION TO DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ORANMORE 875

The Report of the Oranmore Electoral Area Meetings held on the 11th September, 2000, 7th November, 2000 and the 20th November, 2000 were considered in conjunction with the submissions in relation to the Draft Development Plan for Oranmore referred to in the committee reports.

A copy of the Oranmore Draft Development Plan 1999 – Written and Oral Submissions Summaries and Recommendations had been circulated to each member.

Mr. Gus McCarthy stated that the Draft Plan was a framework to guide future development in Oranmore. He said that there were 36 written submissions and 8 oral hearings. The submissions and the report and recommendation on each were then dealt with.

“Ray Lavery, Chair, Planning & Environment Subcommittee, Oranmore Community Development Association, Ltd.

Submission reference number: 1

Date received: 3rd March 2000

Oral Hearing Request.

LOCATION: General

REQUESTS:

1. Residential Development.

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- Having regard to housing density and the preservation of open space and the environment, Oranmore should be treated as a village rather than a town.
- Zoned residential lands results in a potential population of 19,000 while the design population outlined in the plan is for 5,000.
- 'Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Residential Density' should not apply to Oranmore.
- Six houses per acre should be the maximum.
- The sewer capacity will be inadequate to cater for the increased population of the village.

2. Community Facilities.

Adequate Community and Amenity zoning has not been provided for to cater for increased population (potential total population size of 19,000). Medical, Sports and recreation, Amenity and Community facilities needs have not been adequately catered for. Infrastructure and recreational space should be provided before or concurrently to any large residential developments. An Action Area Plan is required for the provision of Community and Recreational facilities.

3. Industrial Development.

Pending developments such as the Waste Transfer Station may threaten future developments e.g. the Business & Technology park. A matrix indicating the types of industry which should be encouraged in the Business & Technology Park is required. There are problems with lighting in the residential and industrial zones. The increase in commercial and industrial developments may warrant a fire Brigade in Oranmore.

Requirements for open space and landscaping plans for new developments in industrial areas should be extended to include existing developments.

4. Amenity

The footpath system is a serious problem. Adequate land on either side of the rivers must be left free of development to allow for the high tide flooding conditions that prevail in this area.

A Rosary Path rather than a 'Pocket Park' may be more appropriate in the old graveyard as this is a sensitive area and local residents have relatives buried there.

5. Charges

Levies charged to developers in Oranmore should be used specifically for Community Facilities and other services in Oranmore. The Community Association should be consulted on the allocation and spending of these funds.

Bonds should be replaced by an easy releasable cash deposit or a site.

6. Rezoning request:

From Agricultural use to Recreational and Community Facilities. The triangular area near the church at the crossroads of Main St. and the Maree road. The Community Association intends to develop this into a village green or park.

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Areas along the River Beds should be rezoned Amenity/Environment areas. Carrowmoneash Marsh inside the ring road should be retained and preserved as a wetland area as set out in the 1997 draft plan (fig 6.1).

7. Corrections:

The current zoning of the land north and east of the by-pass roundabout is residential not commercial-industrial (p20).

Section 6.3 should read Section 6.5 (p30).

The public Library is currently being implemented (p33).

Oranmore Objectives map is incomplete (C1 missing). Larger views of segments of the map would be more easily understandable.

ORAL HEARING

In relation to the submissions received, an oral hearing took place on 5th May, 2000.

The following information was added to the written submission.

- Land located along the Maree Road adjacent to the school was previously zoned for Community Facilities in the 1997 County Development Plan. It is zoned in the Draft plan for residential use; the existing zoning should be retained.
- Priority should be given to the Oranmore plan; it should be adopted as soon as possible.

OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Future housing density shall be in accordance with DOE Guidelines as incorporated into the development plans for other towns and villages. The density will vary depending on location. A density of 15,000 square feet per acre outside the village centre zone would enable a range of house types to be constructed. Density will respect the character of the village and the existing townscape.
2. The preferred option for the provision of sports grounds and community facilities is on lands south of the Castle road. Within each new residential estate a rate of 15% of gross site area shall be provided for communal amenity space. Additional open space areas in the form of parks or pitches will be provided at a rate of 1ha/1000 population.
3. A matrix of permitted uses, non-permitted uses and uses which are open to consideration will be included in the plan. Lands zoned for the BTP will be the subject of an action plan. New developments as part of the planning application process will be required to conform to the open space provision set out in the plan and will require detailed landscaping schemes. Existing developments are subject to the conditions of their respective planning permissions.
4. Problems with regard to footpaths will be addressed by the Roads Department.
 - It is an objective of the plan (A7) to preserve wetlands and to provide a series of linear parks along the streams, wetlands and drainage courses and where possible to prevent the alteration of natural drainage systems.
 - The proposal for a pocket park in the old graveyard will be amended. It is proposed to clean up the graveyard, repair and make good existing walls and generally maintain the area as a place for relatives to visit. 'A6' shall now read 'Examine the possibility

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- of tidying up and maintaining the area, to allow people to visit graves and the church ruins’.
5. It is not within the scope of this plan to change the procedures for development levies and bonds.
 6. The proposed zoning of the triangular area at the crossroads of Main St. and the Maree Road (0.2699 hectares) is Agricultural with a specific objective to survey existing trees with the view to making a tree preservation order (A2).
 - It is an objective of the plan to provide a series of linear parks along the rivers.
 - Carrowmoneash Marsh area inside the ring road has an existing residential zoning; it is proposed to retain this zoning. It is not designated as a Natural Heritage Area or a proposed Special Area of Conservation.
 7. Corrections as listed will be inserted in the plan.
 8. The land in question measures 3.5 acres, approximately 40% of which are sites which have been built on, along the frontage of the Maree Road. Approximately 42 acres have been zoned for Community and Recreational facilities in the Draft plan. This is deemed adequate to cater for the needs of the population during the period of the plan. It is recommended that the proposed residential zoning be retained”.

In relation to residential densities, Mr McCarthy stated that the Department of Environment and Local Government had issued guidelines indicating ranges of densities and generally that densities should not be strictly governed by floor area or number of houses. Having considered the policy guidelines, he had recommended a residential density of 15,000 sq. ft. per acre and open space requirement of 15% for inclusion in the Oranmore Development Plan. The County Secretary, stated that in accordance with Section 7 of Local Government Act 1991 the planning authority is obliged to comply with any policy guidelines issued by the Department of Environment and Local Government.

It was proposed by Sen. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Grealish to accept the recommendation of the Oranmore area committee that the maximum residential density be 11,500 sq. ft. per acre. The Cathaoirleach indicated that a vote would have to be taken on the proposal.

*In favour; Cllr. Connolly, Cllr. Conneely, Cllr. Grealish, Cllr. Hoade
Cllr. Hynes, Cllr. T. Mannion, Senator McDonagh, Cllr. P. McHugh,
Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. Ni Fhatharta, Cllr. Rabbitt, Cllr. Walsh.*

The result of the vote was 12 in favour, nil against.

It was proposed by Cllr Grealish, seconded by Cllr Hoade and agreed that the planning consultant's recommendations in relation to the remainder of submission no. 1 be accepted.

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Cllr. Rabbitt enquired about a decision taken at the Oranmore area committee meeting on the 20th November, 2000 to rezone 2 acres approx. from amenity to residential zoning. Mr McCarthy stated that this matter referred to submission No. 20.

Pat & Liam Malone, c/o Brian Callagy and Associates, Planning Consultants.

Submission reference number: 20

Date received: 3rd February 2000.

LOCATION: Lands of 1.81hectares (4.47 acres) located to the rear of the school.

EXISTING ZONING: Community Facilities.

REQUEST: Rezone from Community Facilities use to Residential use

- There is adequate land zoned for community facilities in the plan. The County Council and the Educational Authorities own a large area of land which could be used for this purpose.
- The amount of land zoned for Community Facilities cannot reasonably be expected to be required for such use in the medium to long term. This land will be lying unused for years to come.
- Access is available from the main road and could also be used for the housing estate to be built on adjoining land to the south (O'Grady Construction). It would allow children from these estates to walk to school in safety.
- 19.5ha of the Malone lands have been designated as Special Area of Conservation. It is essential for the family to replace the loss of future farm income from these lands by converting their remaining lands to residential use.

OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

There are approximately 87 hectares (216 acres) of potential developable land zoned for residential purposes in the Draft plan. This excludes proposed candidate Special Areas of Conservation, Natural Heritage Areas, Special Protection Areas and zoned residential lands which have already been developed. These lands are deemed to be sufficient to cater for the design population of 5000 as set out in the County Development Plan.

No change is recommended in the zoning of these lands.

It was proposed by Cllr. Grealish, seconded by Cllr. Rabbitt that the two acres of land be zoned residential. A vote was taken on the proposal .

In favour; Cllr M. Connolly, Cllr. J. Conneely, Cllr. N. Grealish, Cllr. M. Hoade, Cllr. P. Hynes, Cllr. T. Mannion, Senator J. McDonagh, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. C. Ni Fhatharta, Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Cllr. S. Walsh.

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The result of the vote was 12 in favour and nil against.

As submission numbers 2, 3, 14, 15 and 17 were all related to the old Graveyard it was decided to deal with them together.

“Joseph Burke & Family, Tonroe, Oranmore.

Submission reference number: 2

Date received: 3rd March 2000

LOCATION: Old Graveyard.

REQUEST:

Mr. Burke is opposed to any change in the use of the old Graveyard. He has a grave there and his relatives are buried there.

OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

There will be no change of use of the Old Graveyard. The proposal for a pocket park will be amended. It is proposed that the old Graveyard would be cleaned, boundary walls repaired and the area maintained and kept open for members of the public to visit the graves and church ruins. Rather than becoming a ‘pocket park’ it will be like a garden of remembrance. ‘A6’ shall now read ‘Examine the possibility of tidying up and maintaining the area, to allow people to visit graves and the church ruins.

Willie Burke, Patrick Burke, Thomas Hynes, Mary Hynes, Jimmy McDonagh, Maura McDonagh, Agnes Burke, Maura Burke, Claire Burke, Cregannabeg, Cregannamore & Creganna.

Submission reference number: 3

Date received: 3rd March 2000

LOCATION: Old Graveyard and Church ruins.

REQUEST:

Proposed plans for a pocket park or pedestrian link and unlimited access to the graveyard would be an intrusion on the graveyard, would invite littering, graffiti and vandalism. Many of the local people have loved ones buried there.

OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is proposed that the old Graveyard would be cleaned, boundary walls repaired and the area maintained and kept open for members of the public to visit relative’s graves and the church ruins. Rather than becoming a ‘pocket park’ it will be similar to a garden of remembrance.

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Patrick Finn, Oranhill, Oranmore

Submission reference number: 14

Date received: 1st march 2000.

LOCATION: Oranhill and the Old Graveyard.

REQUEST:

- The provision of a public path adjacent to my thatched home would be a serious fire hazard, an intrusion on privacy and a potential nuisance.
- Graveyards in this country are sacrosanct, proposals are very insensitive to the feelings of many residents who have relatives buried there.
- Proposal for the graveyard is a desecration of the final resting-place of many local people.

OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is an objective of the Council to develop a network of amenity trails and walkways in and around Oranmore. The proposed walkways on private lands will be subject to the landowners approval and consent and will be located so as not to interfere with residential amenity.

It is proposed that the old Graveyard would be cleaned, boundary walls repaired and the area maintained and kept open for members of the public to visit relative's graves. Rather than becoming a 'pocket park' it will be similar to a garden of remembrance. It is an objective of the plan to clean up and maintain the Old Graveyard.

Joseph & Angela Kelly, Roseville, Oranmore.

Submission reference number: 15

Date received: 2nd March 2000.

LOCATION: General

REQUEST:

1. Adequate playing pitches and play areas should be provided in each of the large residential estates being planned in the area.
2. Housing density should not exceed six houses per acre.
3. The triangular area opposite the church should be rezoned from Agriculture to a community facility and made into a village green.
4. Should all residential zoning be implemented the population will grow to 12,000, the draft plan envisages a population of 5,000, the capacity of the new sewerage will cater for a population of 8,000.

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5. The old graveyard should be tidied up but should not be developed into a Village Pocket Park. Many residents have their loved ones buried there. It is an offence to carry out works without OPW approval.
6. The Maree Road is too narrow and cannot accommodate increased traffic from 300 acres of land zoned for residential use.

OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The preferred option for the provision of sports grounds and Community facilities is on lands to the south of Castle road. Within each new residential development a rate of 15% of gross site area shall be a requirement for communal Amenity space. Additional open space areas in the form of parks and pitches will be provided at a rate of 1ha/1000 population.
2. Future housing density shall be in accordance with DOE Guidelines as incorporated into the development plans for other towns and villages. Densities in the village will vary depending on location.
3. The proposed zoning of the triangular area at the crossroads of Main St. and the Maree Road is Agricultural with a specific objective to survey existing trees with the view to making a Tree Preservation Order (A2).
4. The design population for Oranmore as set out in the County Development Plan is 5,000 in the next five years.
5. It is proposed that the old Graveyard would be cleaned, boundary walls repaired and the area maintained and kept open for members of the public to visit relative's graves. Rather than becoming a 'pocket park' it will be similar to a garden of remembrance.
6. Future proposals for a new road through the Oranhill residential area may alleviate any congestion problems on the Maree Road.

*Margaret Trayers, Renville, Oranmore.
On behalf of the Trayers and Burke families.*

Submission reference number: 17

Date received: 1st March 2000.

LOCATION: Old Graveyard

REQUEST:

- The proposals for a village pocket park is a desecration of the graveyard which contains the remains of relatives.

OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is proposed that the old Graveyard would be cleaned, boundary walls repaired and the area maintained and kept open for members of the public to visit relative's graves. Rather than becoming a 'pocket park' it will be similar to a garden of remembrance".

Gus McCarthy, Planning Consultant, stated that there was no change in the use of the graveyard and that the old graveyard was cleaned.