

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL, ON FRIDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup>  
OCTOBER, 2004.

LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cllr. Tom McHugh

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Cllrs. S. Canney, C. Cannon, S. Connaughton, J. Conneely, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, Comh. S. O'Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, J. Tierney, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers.

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Mr. P. Gallagher, County Manager, Messrs. T. Kavanagh, J. Cullen, J. Morgan, F. Dawson, F. Gilmore, Directors of Services, T. Murphy, D. Barrett, Senior Executive Officers, L. Gavin, Senior Engineer, J. O'Donnell, Planner, P. Carroll, Admin. Officer, Ms. M. Mc Grath, Senior Staff Officer, R. O'Boyle Staff Officer.

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**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

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A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

The Kenny Family, Ochilmore, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Ms. Mary Walsh, Carnmore Road, Oranmore, Co. Galway.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 were approved by the Council and signed by the Deputy Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Regan.

Arising from the Minutes, Cllr. Fahy asked what the up to date position was on the report on the Landscape Sensitivity Ratings. Mr. Gavin informed the Members that work was progressing on the report and that it would be ready in a few weeks.

In reply to Cllr. Reilly, Mr. Dawson said that no reply had been received from the Department of Communications or the IDA in relation to the Broadband Programme and the inclusion of Tuam in same.

Cllr. Cuddy asked if a reply had been received from the NRA in connection with the proposed Claregalway By-Pass. Mr. Morgan said that he had been informed by the NRA that the Chairman does not attend County Council meetings and that discussions were ongoing with the NRA in relation to issues associated with the Claregalway congestion and the N17. In reply to Cllr. Connolly, Mr. Morgan said that there was a proposal to provide bus corridors on the N17 and he said that he was hopeful that these would be sent to DOEHLG by the end of October and that subject to funding being made available, the work would be carried out as soon as possible. Cllr. Connolly said that he hoped there would be no interference with the N63 in the provision of the bus corridors.

Cllr. Regan referred to the EU Co-Financed Funds and said they should be distributed equally over the whole county. He said that the Loughrea Electoral Area only got 10% of the funding and he proposed that a request be made for further €300,000. He referred especially to the R351 where many accidents occur. Cllr. Regan's proposal was seconded by Cllr. Fahy.

**REPORTS**

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The Report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Regan.

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Conneely.

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The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on the 21st July, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Comh. O' Tuairisg.

The report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Comh O'Tuairisg, seconded by Cllr. Conneely.

Referring to the problem in relation to Eircom and ESB poles, which are situated in dangerous places adjacent to county roads throughout the county, Comh. O'Cuaig asked if a meeting with Eircom and the ESB had been arranged. Mr. Morgan replied that no date had yet been fixed for this meeting. Comh. O'Cuaig said that the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government had informed Minister O'Cuiv that the Heritage Centre at Pearse's Cottage, Rosmuc would be built at a cost of €1.2m plus operating costs. He asked what was the present position in relation to the site in question being acquired by the Council and he was informed by Mr. Morgan that the Council are proceeding with this acquisition as expeditiously as possible.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.0132 ACRES AT TULLYBOHEEN, CLIFDEN, CO. GALWAY TO SEAMUS MANNUION, ANTHONY HAMILTON AND TREVOR JOYCE, C/O O'DONOGHUE SOLICITORS.**

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Report dated 6<sup>th</sup> October 2004 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Conneely, seconded by Comh O'Tuairisg, the disposal of 0.0132 hectares at Tullyvoheen, Clifden to Seamus Mannion, Anthony Hamilton and Trevor Joyce, c/o O'Donoghue Solicitors, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.608 ACRES AT TOORLEITRA, MOYGLASS, CO. GALWAY TO ALEX PIRIE & SULIE BRANSCOMBE.**

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Report dated 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Joyce, the disposal of 0.608 acres at Toorleitra, Moyglass, Co. Galway to Alex Pirie and Sulie Branscombe, was approved.

Cllr. Regan was not present when this matter was being discussed and accordingly did not participate in discussions or voting on this item.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.51 ACRES AT**



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**QUINALTAGH, GARRAFRAUNS, TUAM CO. GALWAY TO MR. JARLATH MCGATH, FORMERLY OF GARRAFRAUNS, TUAM, CO. GALWAY.** 160

Report dated 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Reilly, the disposal of 0.51 acres at Quinaltagh, Garrafrauns, Tuam, Co. Galway

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE LEASING OF 1.475 HECTARES AT PARKMORE, TUAM, CO. GALWAY TO DYNAMO BLUES FOOTBALL CLUB**

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Report dated 11<sup>th</sup> October was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney, seconded by Cllr. Canney, the leasing of 1.475 Hectares at Parkmore, Tuam, Co. Galway to Dynamo Blues Football Club, was approved.

Cllr. Keaveney said he wished to thank the Housing staff for expediting this process.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION, 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF 28 NO. HOUSES AT ST. LAURENCESFIELD, LOUGHREA**

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Report dated 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Cannon the construction of 28 No. Houses at St. Laurencesfield, Loughrea, was approved.

Cllr. Cannon enquired if the sight distance at the entrance to the the Estate was safe. Mr. Gilmore said that adequate sight distance will be provided.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF 24 NO. HOUSES AT ARDRAHAN, CO. GALWAY.**

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Report dated 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Regan, the construction of 24 No. houses at Ardrahan, Co. Galway, was approved.

Cllr. Fahy suggested that these houses should be constructed exclusively for the elderly, as there was a large elderly population throughout South Galway.



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**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF 17 NO. DWELLING UNITS AT CARNA, CO. GALWAY.**

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Report dated 14th October, 2004 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Comh O'Tuairish, the construction of 17 No houses at Carna, was approved.

An Comh. O'Cuaig referred to the housing proposed for Carna and stated that there seemed to be a contradiction in observation No. 6 relating to the Irish Language.

Mr. Gilmore re-stated observation No. 6 and said that an applicant who had an essential housing need in the area could qualify for housing. Over 80% of the applicants for housing in the area were native Irish speaking.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – GALWAY GROUP SCHEMES D.B.O. BUNDLE NO. 1 UPGRADING WORKS.**

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Report dated 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Keaveney, the proposal to carry out upgrading works – D.B.O Bundle No. 1 in partnership with Galway County Council to the group schemes listed in the report, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – TUAM REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME. EXTENSION TO CLARINBRIDGE AND KILCOLGAN WATER SUPPLY.**

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Report dated 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 was already circulated to each Member .

On the proposal of Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Healy-Eames the proposal to carry out works to extend the Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme to Clarinbridge and Kilcolgan Water Supply, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CARRAROE SEWERAGE SCHEME.**

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Report dated the 13th October, 2004 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Comh O'Tuairisg the proposal to carry out works on the Carraroe Sewerage Scheme, was approved.

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Comh. O’Cuaig enquired what works were included in this proposal. Mr. Kavanagh confirmed that the Part 8 that had just been approved was in respect of a pumping station necessary as part of works to be carried out to upgrade the sewerage network and that these works were at contract document stage.

He further explained that the building of the treatment works for Carraroe Sewerage Scheme was part of a Bundle containing a number of other schemes and that a brief to appoint consultants for this work was with the Department.

Comh. O’Cuaig stated that the sewerage scheme and the water scheme in Carraroe were closely connected and that both schemes needed to be completed. He confirmed that at a meeting with the Minister he was assured that the contract documents would be dealt with quickly. Mr. Kavanagh confirmed that the Department had raised a number of queries in relation to the contract documents and that these would be responded to as soon as possible.

### **ELECTION OF 9 COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY GALWAY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

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Report dated 13<sup>th</sup> October 2004 was already circulated to each Member.

A roll call was taken and it was established that 28 members of the Council were present. Mr Murphy said that as 28 Members were present, any 4 Members could form a group, and each group could nominate a member as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee in accordance with Section 7 of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act 2001 which is the legal basis for these appointments/elections

#### **First Vacancy**

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. J. Joyce as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee was then handed to the Deputy Mayor.

The group consisted of Cllrs. Conneely, Connolly, Hoade and Comh. O’Tuairisg.

The Deputy Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Joyce appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

#### **Second Vacancy**

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. M. Connolly as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee was then handed to the Deputy Mayor.

The group consisted of Cllrs. Joyce, Mannion, Regan and Comh. Ni Fhatharta

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The Deputy Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. M. Connolly appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

### Third Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Comh. O'Tuairisg as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee was then handed to the Deputy Mayor.

The group consisted of Cllrs. Cannon, Cuddy, Reilly and Welby.

The Deputy Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Comh. O'Tuairisg appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

### Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. T. Walsh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Deputy Mayor declared Cllr. T. Walsh appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee

### Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Healy Eames be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Deputy Mayor declared Cllr. Healy Eames appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee

### Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, and seconded by Cllr. Healy Eames that Cllr. Mullins be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Deputy Mayor declared Cllr. Mullins appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee

### Seventh Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Willers be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Deputy Mayor declared Cllr. Willers appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee



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### Eight Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Connaughton be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Deputy Mayor declared Cllr. Connaughton appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee

### Ninth Vacaney

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Burke be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Deputy Mayor declared Cllr. Burke appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee

As a result of the foregoing the following 9 Members are appointed by Galway County Council to the County Galway Vocational Education Committee:-

1. Cllr. J. Joyce.
2. Cllr. M. Connolly
3. Cllr. S. O'Tuairisg
4. Cllr. T. Walsh
5. Cllr. F. Healy Eames
6. Cllr. M. Mullins
7. Cllr. B. Willers
8. Cllr. S. Connaughton
9. Cllr. W. Burke

## STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES – ASSIGNMENT OF POSITIONS. 169

Report dated 15th October, 2004 was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Mullins and agreed that Members be appointed to the five Strategic Policy Committees as follows: -

SPC's	Chair	Councillors
Housing	Cllr. Tiarnan Walsh	Cllr. Thomas Welby Cllr. Pat Hynes Cllr. Tom McHugh Comh. Connie Ní Fhatharta Cllr. Michael Regan
Roads and Transportation	Comh. Seosamh Ó Cuaig	Cllr. Tomas Mannion Cllr. Sean Kyne Cllr. Sinead Connaughton Cllr. Sean Canney Cllr. Tom Reilly
Planning and	Cllr. Ciaran Cannon	Cllr. Mary Hoade

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<b>Economic Development</b>		<b>Cllr. Willie Burke Cllr. Dermot Connolly Cllr. Peter Feeney Cllr. Josie Conneely</b>
<b>Environment and Water Services</b>	<b>Cllr. JimCuddy</b>	<b>Cllr. James Joyce Cllr. Michael Mullins Comh. Seán Ó Tuairisg Cllr. Michael Connolly Cllr. Seamus Walsh</b>
<b>Corporate and Culture</b>	<b>Cllr. Colm Keaveney</b>	<b>Cllr. Jarlath McDonagh Cllr. Fidelma Healy-Eames Cllr. Bridie Willers Cllr. Michael Fahy Cllr. Joe Tierney</b>

An Comh. NiFhatharta requested that a Schedule of Meetings of the SPC's be made available and that her preference would be to have the Meetings held in the afternoon

**TO APPROVE AMENITY GRANTS 2004 (SECOND TRANCHE)**

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A copy of report dated 18th October, 2004, setting out recommendations for the Amenity Grants Scheme, 2004 (Second Tranche) amounting to €92,500 was already circulated to each Member. Details as follows:-

<b>Amenity Grant Scheme 2004 Final Tranche.</b>			
<b>No:</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amt Rec</b>
/02	Tynagh Tidy Towns	Repair wall, remove briars, fully landscape fair green	€2,000.00
/07	Moylough Parish Sportsfield	Completion of front wall (stone) and diamond wire fencing, on-going drainage in the playing pitches. Improvement of walkway and roadway.	€1,500.00
/09	Williamstown Heritage	Signage	€2,500.00
/11	Roundstone Beaches Environmental Project	Fencing of project, make safe the entrance / exit at graveyard head. Fence and plant 3 major blowouts on main flat area, plant bare centre spine areas with marrum grass, also in part of headland at graveyard.	€2,500.00
/16	Killimor Tidy Towns	Plant mature trees.	€2,000.00
/14	Killimor Tidy Towns	Employ Architect /Streetscape Artist /overall co-ordinated plan for village	€2,000.00
/15	Killimor GAA Club	Paint perimeter walls of club and clean up area to improve the visual impact at this entrance to village.	€1,500.00
/17	Williamstown Tidy Towns Committee.	Plant 13 mature trees, removal of old stunted trees, resetting of grass.	€1,500.00
/19	Tynagh Community & Pitch Dev Comm	Make terrace area safer, upgrade wire surrounding pitch, concrete perimeter of pitch, drainage of area surrounding pitch.	€1,000.00
/20	Abbey Community	Replace boundary wire of tennis court, construct	€2,500.00



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	Development Association	footpath inside river, improve windows, doors of storage shed, design and develop recreation garden,	€1,500.00
4/21	Duniry Community & Pitch Development	Completion of stone wall, flower beds outside hall, tarring and chipping outside centre, flowers and shrubs in this area, laying stone, installation of entrance doors/gates to pitch.	€1,000.00
4/26	Milltown Development Co Ltd	Flowers / shrubs, ceiling herds cottage and paint inside and outside of cottage, power-wash walls, paint, build stone wall, reline tennis courts, environmental report display board.	€2,500.00
4/27	Claregalway Amenity Group	Develop a river walk	€2,500.00
4/28	Caltra Community Council	On-going three year project with tidy towns	€2,500.00
4/30	Slieve Aughty Amenity Group	Amenity Development at Bay	€2,500.00
4/33	Castleblakeney Community Development Association.	Purchase self-propelled lawnmower for grass cutting around village. Replace goalpost in sports-field. To erect chain link fence around boundary of sports-field. To maintain environmental and maintenance of flowerbeds.	€2,000.00
4/36	Belclare Community Council	Land drains to sports field, complete building of natural stone walls.	€1,000.00
4/37	Clifden Town Hall Committee	Repairs to roof.	€2,000.00
4/38	Cloughanover Social Club	To make, dip and erect two new gates at one of the entrances to the community centre.	€1,500.00
4/39	Comhairle Pobail an Spidéal	soilsi poiblí le cur an Cósan coise idir an céibh nua agus an sean céibh u sráid bhaile an Spideál. 10 soilsi nua.	€2,000.00
4/40	Newbridge Tidy Towns Committee	To purchase ride on lawnmower & strimmers. To plant more trees, shrubs & flowers. To paint hall & local buildings. To buy benches to place on green area.	€1,000.00
4/41	Williamstown Development Company Ltd	Drainage, landscaping, planting of trees, planting of hedge, erecting of 3 signs, rebuilding of stone walls, maintenance of lawn.	€1,500.00
4/46	Coiste Forbartha an Mháma	Purchase ride on lawnmower, relandscape area at Maam Bridge, purchase of shrubs and trees, erection of stone wall.	€1,500.00
4/47	Cleggan Claddaghduff Community Council Ltd	Repair access road to beach for tourists, locals and RNLI launch site.	€1,000.00
4/51	Kilbegnet Development Association	Erect new sign to promote Tourism in the area. Plant trees in the wild life park. Place wrought iron gate in front of historical society.	€1,500.00



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4/52	Labane/Ardrahan Community Development	Replace Liscannor slates on roof of masoleum, seal leaking roof, reinstate iron entrance gate with a replica, secure gable ends for safety.	€1,500.00
4/54	Williamstown Tidy Towns	Develop lake area clean up, make an environment friendly walk, road entrance into lake at back of national school in village.	€ 2,500.00
4/56	Moyglass Community Development Assoc.	Provide amenity and recreational park, enhance village with stone walls, fencing and signposts.	€1,500.00
4/57	Tiernascragh Development Group	To develop a picnic and seating area plus levelling of ground. The planting of shrubbery and flowers. The painting of walls adjacent to proposed picnic area. Putting in place of a new gate to entrance of site. Development of stone wall and timber.	€1,500.00
4/58	Portumna Tidy Towns Group	To enhance the picnic area beside the playground (newly re-furbished) and the walk by planting oak trees, re-planting the two large concrete planters with perennial shrubs and upgrade existing picnic tables, litter bins and enhancing the entrance.	€2,500.00
4/59	Corofin Community Council	Provide and improve seating, picnic tables, improve appearance by landscaping.	€1,500.00
4/62	Ballinasloe Community Activity Group	To rebuild perimeter wall of garden, preparation of ground, planting shrubs, kerb laying, installation of a water feature, laying of patio slabs.	€1,500.00
4/64	Ballinasloe Tidy Towns Committee	To purchase a new computer printer & software for the committee (€1,500). To purchase signage for litter control in residents estates and on litterbins. New seating.	€2,000.00
4/65	Comhar Chuigeal Teo	Erect 8 signposts.	€1,500.00
4/68	Oranmore Tidy towns Committee	Feasibility study for restoration of the well area.	€2,500.00
4/70	Ballymoe Development Centre Ltd	Purchase + erection of basketball posts to outdoor court already in place, supply of bedding plants + miniature shrubs to enhance the area around the Fr. Flanagan Statue.	€ 1,500.00
4/71	Deerpark Residents Association.	Street furniture and one extra litter bin. Reconstruction of boundary stone wall.	€1,500.00
4/72	South East Galway IRD	Provide a Community Bus Shelter	€4,500.00
4/76	Cumann Peile Naomh Anna	Balla Cloch a thógáil sa charrchlós ag páirc a' Mháimá	€1,000.00
4/77	Gortanumera Development Association	Maintain work already completed e.g. weeds and grass control, replace dead trees and shrubs stakes and ties and trim hedges. Repair capping to flower bed wall.	€1,500.00
4/78	Roundstone Tidy Towns Committee	To plant area, mow/strim grass, to create picnic seating area, landscape open space known as the	€2,500.00

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4/81	Abbeyknockmoy Hurling Club	Extension to existing clubhouse facilities, to provide showers, public toilets, changing facilities, new sports hall & Gym. -existing playing pitches to be enlarged following purchase of additional lands and subsequent drainage, sanding and reseeding. -Con	€1,000.00
4/82	Tuam Stars GAA Club	New dressing rooms, carparks, planting landscaping - trees + shrubs, signage, entrance works, gates etc, pedestrian access.	€1,000.00
4/83	Dublin Rd. Residents, Tuam	Redevelop the park, repaint the monument, put in place goal posts, plant trees and greenery, remark the tarmacadam, put in place two seats, purchase lawn mower.	€1,000.00
4/88	Portumna Castle Crafts and Garden	Purchase and erection of external glazed display cases to display posters and information relating to organic sprays, botanical information, the history of the garden, etc. Also the construction of seating within the existing structure.	€2,000.00
4/89	Killina Cemetery Committee	Reconstruct gable wall and sidewall of church for <b>STUDY ONLY.</b>	€1,500.00
4/90	Moylough Community Council / Friends of Enda Colleran	To erect a statue in honour of the late Galway football star Enda Colleran.	€1,000.00
4/91	Moylough Community Council	Re-seeding and landscaping green area.	€1,000.00
4/93	Moylough Tidy Towns	New signage to village. Planting trees, shrubs, hanging baskets/brackets. Picnic Tables.	€1,500.00
4/94	Moylough Community Council	Completion of townland names, the erection of these stone plaques was started a few years ago.	€1,500.00
4/98	Kilconieron Sportsfield & GAA Club	Floodlighting of playing pitches to enable all year round activities by the various community organisations, provision of training area for community sporting activities, storage shed for equipment used by the Sportsfield.	€1,000.00
4/99	Athenry Arts & Heritage Centre	Develop an integrated community market for use by the people living in Athenry and environs for buying and selling locally produced and locally crafted quality produce.	€ 1,500.00
4/100	Oughterard Regatta	Provide Porta Loo Facility on 2 Day Regatta	€500.00
4/101	Kiltivna Community Council	Remove roadside fence and replace with stone wall etc.	€500.00
4/102	Glinsk Community Council	Completion of Stone townland signs etc	€1,500.00
Total Allocation			
2,500.00			

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On the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Canney the Amenity Grants as recommended were approved. by the Council.

**TO APPROVE COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 2004 (SECOND TRANCHE)**

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Report dated 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 setting out recommendations for the Community Based Economic Development Grants (2004) Second Tranche) amounting to €65,800 was already circulated to each Member. Details as follows:- please see attached page.

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh, the Community Based Economic Activity Grants as recommended were approved. by the Council.



Comh Ni Fhatharta proposed that a Special Meeting be held to discuss the Galway County Electoral Area Programme of Actions and this was seconded by Cllr. Mannion. Following discussion, it was agreed that a special meeting be held to discuss the County Galway Electoral Area Programme of Actions and planning issues and the County Manager undertook to agree a date with representatives of the different groups on the Council. Cllr. Mannion also asked that the Assessment of Needs for Water and Sewerage be circulated again.

Cllr Mullins referred to an Item that had been discussed at a previous Strategic Policy Committee Meeting regarding the old Landfill site at New Inn. He said a commitment was given that this site would be rehabilitated. He said he wanted an assurance that this would happen and that the Council would consult with the Community Council during the process. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Mannion. Cllr. Joyce said the road at this location is very narrow, and that when the rehabilitation works on the landfill are being undertaken, the Council should consider carrying out road improvement works also. Mr. Kavanagh agreed that the rehabilitation work was needed and that it was included in the Programme of Works for the Environment Section.

Comh. O'Tuairisg said Lough Corrib was under threat from pollution and from Zebra Mussels which is a disease brought by boats from other infested waters to Lough Corrib. He asked that the Council write to the DOEHLG or Department of the Marine asking that legislation be introduced to contain this disease.

Cllr. Keaveney said he wanted to bring to the attention of the Council the issue of threatened Industrial Action by Outdoor Staff. He said he was asking the County Manager to intervene as early as possible in this dispute. Comh O'Cuaig said he also supported this issue, and he said that the Council should look after its workers. Mr Cullen said while this is an Executive Function of the Council, the Council had not been notified of any industrial action being taken and that there was no question of monies not being paid to the Outdoor Staff. He said there was a Code of Practice on Industrial Disputes agreed between Management and Union nationally. Mr. Cullen stated that the Performance Verification Group would determine whether payment under Benchmarking and Sustaining Progress is warranted.

Cllr. Joyce referred to Notices of Motion Numbers 20 and 21 on the agenda and said that the local people had not yet received a reply to the question they asked some weeks ago and this was very unsatisfactory. Cllrs. Mullins and Mannion agreed with Cllr. Joyce. Mr. Kavanagh said that the conditions laid down by an Bórd Pleanála would issue as quickly as possible.

Cllr. Walsh suggested, and it was agreed that get well wishes be sent to Darren Burke, son of the Mayor, Cllr. W. Burke wishing him a speedy recovery. He received injuries

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while playing a Rugby Match and was in hospital in Cork. Darren said he also wanted to send get well wishes to Martin Donegan, Glenamaddy who was badly injured while playing for his club.

Cllr. Cannon referred to a Workshop held in Portumna recently organised by the Forward Planning Section on the Draft Portumna Local Area Plan. He said it gave the people of Portumna a feeling of ownership, and complimented Mr. J. O'Donnell and the Staff of the Forward Planning Section on the excellent way in which they dealt with the people. He said his only concern was in relation to the Closing Date of the 29<sup>th</sup> October for submissions, and asked if that date could be extended to 12<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr. Hoade also wanted to congratulate the Forward Planning Staff in relation to the Workshop held in Headford and also asked if the closing date could be extended. Mr. Gavin agreed to extend the closing date to the 12th November in both cases.

Cllr. Canney referred to the panels of Architects for general building projects and housing projects which had been forwarded to him and said he noted that there were no local Architects on these panels. Mr. Gilmore said that these panels had been formed following public advertisements and an interview process. He confirmed that the Council would continue to support local Architects and Engineers where possible.

### CONSIDERATION OF MANAGER'S REPORT, PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 20 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED, BY SECTION (9) OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 2002 ON THE SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CLAREGALWAY DRAFT LOCAL AREA PLAN.

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The Mayor stated that the meeting was to consider the Manager's Report on the submissions received on the Claregalway Draft Local Plan, prepared in accordance with Section 20 (d) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended by Section (9) of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2002.

He asked Mr Gavin to present the Manager's Report to the members. Mr.O'Donnell then proceeded to read the submissions received.

## **PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS**

### **Submission D22**

### **Submitted by:**

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Department of the  
Environment,  
Heritage and Local  
Government.



**Issues:**

Various; Including;

1. The Settlement Strategy,
2. Western Regional Planning Guidelines and Draft Guidelines on Sustainable Rural Housing,
3. Areas liable to flooding and,
4. Nature Conservation.

**D22.1. The Settlement Strategy:**

**Summary:**

The Department recommend that the proposed settlement strategy and population projections contained in the Draft LAP should be reviewed to ensure consistency with the County Development Plan and the Galway Transportation and Planning Study (GTPS).

**Response:**

The County Development Plan identifies Claregalway on the third tier of the G.T.P.S. Area Settlement Hierarchy. Within the Plan period, 480 households are allocated collectively to the 6 settlements on this tier. Policy 18 allows for a deviation of the allocated population of between 30% and 50% and states that regard will also be had to the rate of growth for each settlement

There are approximately 79 hectares (195 acres) of land proposed to be zoned residential in the Draft Document. Of that 53 hectares (131 acres) are undeveloped. At 25 houses per hectare, these residential lands could accommodate the development of 1325 houses. On the basis that the average household size in County Galway is 3.11 persons per household, development of these lands could accommodate a possible population increase of **4121** people over the period of the Plan.

It should be remembered that Residential development is also open for consideration by the Planning Authority in Commercial and Community Facility zones.

**The Planning and Development Act 2000 clearly states that a Local Area Plan shall be consistent with the County Development Plan.** Section 2.6 of the Galway County Development Plan 2003-2009 recommends on average a development of approx. **120** residential units in Claregalway for the period May 2003-May 2009.

However, the Draft Local Area Plan if left unchecked would allow for a potential development of **1325** residential units for 6 years from the date of its adoption. In other words **11** times the recommended growth rate.

The officials must have regard to the advice of the DoEHLG. In this situation it would appear that the amount of land proposed residential is excessive and must be reviewed. Ignoring the advice of the DoEHLG is not an option. 2 options are therefore available as the officials see it;



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1. Down zoning,
2. Phasing of zoning.

These options are described below with the assumption that no additional lands will be zoned for residential purposes before the Plan is adopted.

**Option 1 Down zoning;** No adopted zoning exists in Claregalway at present. Therefore, a change from Residential as it appeared in the Draft to Agriculture (for example) would not evoke any compensation issues, and cannot be accurately be described as down zoning as no current zoning exists. However, this option is unlikely to be acceptable to the public especially when much of this land was zoned previously under the old County Development Plan 1997-2002.

### **Option 2 Phasing of zoning;**

The officials consider that this is generally a more acceptable alternative. The following changes could form part of the Material Alterations to the Plan.

It is the opinion of the officials that the format of the County Development Plan settlement strategy as set out in the table attached should be re-examined as part of the review process of the CDP May 2005. In the interim, lands zoned for residential purposes under the Draft Plan should be split up into types of residential zones;

A: Short Term Residential, i.e. lands which can be developed without being unreasonably inconsistent with the County Settlement Strategy;

and,

B: Medium Term Residential, i.e. Lands which should remain undeveloped until such time as they can be accommodated by an amendment to the County Development Plan settlement strategy and until such time as the Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant is in place.

Officials have identified a number of land areas which would be suitable as Medium Term Residential zones by using the following criterion;

- Lands which are located at the edge of the village,
- Lands which have only recently been proposed as residential zones,
- Lands which are landlocked,
- Lands which have not been developed nor have entered into the planning application process to date,
- Lands that have an unreasonably high concentration of treatment systems in a localised area,

See Forward Planning Amendments Map (Map 2).

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This will result in the 53 hectares (131 acres) of undeveloped proposed residential land being divided up as follows.

Short Term Residential: Approx. 36 hectares or 90 acres

Medium Term Residential: Approx. 17 hectares or 41 acres

This would still allow for development at a reasonable density (10 to the acre) of approx. 900 residential units or a population growth of 2800 persons in the short term.

Once again, no compensation issues should arise from this option. The phasing of zonings has been used effectively as a Planning tool in other Local Authorities in the Republic.

#### **Recommendation:**

Recommend phasing of approx. 17 hectares or 41 acres of proposed residential land.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

Agreed with Planners Recommendation. See FP7 below.

**On the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Healy Eames it was agreed that there would be phasing of approx. 17 hectares or 41 acres of proposed residential land in the Plan**

#### D22.2: The Western Regional Planning Guidelines and Draft Guidelines on Sustainable Rural Housing;

#### **Summary:**

The Local Area Plan should refer to both these sets of guidelines, in particular the objectives relating to population projections, regional development and public transport policies.

#### **Response:**

The preparation of the Draft Local Area Plan had regard to the Draft Regional Planning Guidelines. The adopted Regional Guidelines refers to the 'gateway' of Galway and the 'Hub' of Tuam but makes no specific reference to Claregalway.

However, the proposed settlement strategy, zoning and policy objectives proposed by the Forward Planning Section for the LAP are generally consistent with the Regional policies on public transportation, population projections and balanced regional development.

In relation to the Draft Guidelines on Sustainable Rural Housing, these are of limited relevance within a development Plan area. However, regard could be

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given to these guidelines where applications for one off houses occur within agricultural zones.

### **Recommendation:**

1. Include reference to the Western Regional Planning Guidelines in the Plan,
2. Regard to be given to the Draft Guidelines on Sustainable Rural Housing and forthcoming adopted guidelines in the assessment of one off houses in agricultural zones.

### **Area Committee Recommendation**

Agreed with Planners recommendation.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr.Cuddy it was agreed to, (1) include reference to the Western Regional Planning Guidelines in the Plan and (2) regard to be given to the Draft Guidelines on Sustainable Rural Housing and forthcoming adopted guidelines in the assessment of one off houses in agricultural zones.

### D22.3: Areas liable to flooding

#### **Summary**

Advises that the Floodplain of the river Clare and any other areas that are liable to seasonal flooding should be identified in the plan. It should be the policy of the plan to protect such areas from inappropriate or insensitive development. Recommend liaison with the OPW who are engaged in the process of mapping areas at risk of flooding.

#### **Response**

The EPA and the OPW were contacted and the most up to date information relating to the area of the flood plain was collected. The OPW maps are unlikely to be available within the coming year. In the absence of this there has been a lengthy assessment of local Hydrological surveys, Hydrometrical graphs, recent flooding history, original OS maps for the area and arterial drainage maps for the area. Following consultation with the Environment section an Indicative Flood Plain Area has been identified.

#### **Recommendation**

Recommend the inclusion of the Indicative Flood Plain Area as indicated on Map 2 (FP6) with the following policies in the text.



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Note: In the event that the OPW Flood Plain maps become available to the public during the lifetime of the Local Area Plan, this area within the Plan boundary shall supersede the Indicative Flood Plain area.

1. Development that is located within and directly adjacent to the Indicative Flood Plain Area (See Map 2) which is sensitive to the effects of flooding will generally not be permitted.
2. Appropriately designed development, which is not sensitive to the effects of flooding, may be permissible in and adjacent to the Indicative Flood Plain Area provided that it is demonstrated by a suitably qualified person that it does not reduce the flood plain area or otherwise restrict flow across the floodplain.
3. Development proposals within Claregalway must so far as is reasonably practicable incorporate the maximum provision to reduce the rate and quantity of runoff. For example,
  - Hard surface areas (car parks etc.) should be constructed in permeable or semi- permeable materials.
  - On site storm water ponds to store and/or attenuate additional runoff from the development should be provided.
  - Soak-aways or french drains should be provided to increase infiltration and minimise additional runoff.
4. For developments (including hard landscaping) directly adjacent to the River Clare and associated watercourses of a significant conveyance capacity, must be set back from the edge of the watercourse to allow access for channel clearing/ maintenance.
5. Development consisting of construction of embankments, wide bridge piers, or similar structures will not normally be permitted in or across the Indicative Flood Plain or river channels.
6. The Planning Authority shall require a Flood Impact Assessment to include Hydrological report and proposals for the storage or attenuation of run off/ discharges (including foul drains) from a suitably qualified person. This requirement shall ensure that new development does not increase the flood risk along the River Clare and associated water courses. It will apply to development proposals exceeding 1 Hectare in area within and directly adjacent to the Indicative Flood Plain Area.
7. The developer and the Planning Authority should consult with the National Parks and Wildlife Service of the DoEHLG, in relation to developments which may affect the river or its floodplain directly or indirectly.

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8. A certificate from a competent person that the development will not contribute to flooding within the catchment of River Clare and associated watercourses must accompany applications for Planning Permission for development of areas of 1 Hectare or less, within and directly adjacent to the Indicative Flood Plain Area.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Healy-Eames which was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed to include the Indicative Flood Plain Area as indicated on Map 2 (FP6) with the following policies in the text,(as above 1-8 ).

**On the proposal of Cllr.Hoade and seconded by Cllr.McDonagh it was agreed to include the Indicative Flood Plain Area as indicated on Map 2 (FP6) with the following policies in the text, (as above 1-8).**

#### D22.4: Nature Conservation

##### **Summary**

- Advises that Section 2.0 of the Plan should underline the importance of protecting the river and its floodplain from an environmental/ natural heritage perspective.
- Section 2.6 should recognise the importance of the river Clare for biodiversity.
- There should be a recommendation to consult with the National Parks and Wildlife Service of the DoEHLG, in relation to developments which may affect the river or its floodplain directly or indirectly.
- In relation to the biodiversity policies mentioned in Section 3.9.3 and 3.9.4, these should take into account that planning of trees or other landscaping should not replace existing habitats of ecological value.
- The wording of Policy 3.9.11 which discourages the intrusion of development along the banks of the river Clare, should be altered to read 'along the banks and floodplain of the river Clare.

##### **Response**

The above proposals should be incorporated into the Plan.

##### **Recommendation**

Recommend amendment to text of the Plan in order to take on board the amendments suggested by the DoEHLG as outlined above.

##### **Area Committee Recommendation**

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On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. Hoade, it was agreed to amend text of the Plan in order to take on board the amendments suggested by the DoEHLG as outlined above.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Healy Eames it was agreed to amend the text of the Plan in order to take on board the amendments suggested by the DoEHLG as outlined above.

#### **Submission D1**

#### **Submitted by:**

Brendan Noonan,  
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Claregalway,  
On Behalf of the  
**Claregalway Amenity  
Group,**

#### **Issues:**

Various: Including request for additional Community Facility and Recreation / Amenity Zoning, extension of street lighting / footpaths, bus stops and shelters, under grounding of wiring and the creation of a County Council Area Office in Claregalway.

These issues on various section of the Draft plan shall be responded to one by one. These issues have been labeled **D1.1** to **D1.8**

#### **D1.1: River Clare Recreation and Amenity zone**

#### **Summary:**

Extension of Plan Boundary and creation of a 5m strip of Recreation and Amenity Zone along the northern and eastern bank of the river Clare. See area marked D1.1 on the Public Submissions map (Map 1).

#### **Response:**

Although it is not considered necessary to amend the Plan boundary in order for a walkway to develop along the northern and eastern bank of the river Clare, the officials do not have any objection to this proposal in principle.

#### **Recommendation:**



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No objection to proposed Recreation/ Amenity zone or to the extension of Plan boundary in this instance. This proposal if adopted should be supplemented with an objective for an Amenity Corridor / Walkway along this area.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. Healy-Eames it was agreed to accept the recommendation as outlined above.

#### D1.2: Recreation and Amenity zone adjacent to the GAA pitch

##### **Summary:**

The Draft Plan predicts a possible population increase of 4121 people over the period of the Plan. In the light of this increase, it requested that a greater area of land adjacent to the pitch should be zoned for amenity purposes. Amount or exact location of land is not specified in the submission.

##### **Response:**

A total of approx. 25 hectares or 63 acres are proposed to be zoned Recreation and Amenity in the Draft Plan. This allocation, coupled with the phasing proposals mentioned above, the additional Recreation and Amenity lands along the northern and eastern banks of the river Clare should satisfy the demand for such lands over the period of the Plan.

##### **Recommendation:**

No change recommended

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. Healy-Eames it was agreed that land adjacent to the pitch should be zoned for amenity purposes as appeared on the Draft Plan. Therefore, no change to the plan required

#### D1.3: Zoning of lands adjacent to Catholic Church and school

##### **Summary:**

Request rezoning of these institutional lands from Commercial to **Recreation and Amenity**. See lands marked D1.3 on attached map.

##### **Response:**

The lands in question consist of part of the Catholic Church car park to the north and green traffic islands left over from the re-alignment of the N18. A small block of land in this submission has been proposed residential in the Draft. Having considered the submission, the Draft zoning Plan and following a site inspection it is considered that the Car park are should be zoned Community Facility and

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the this narrow strip of land adjacent to the Church and school should more appropriately be zoned Recreation and Amenity.

#### **Recommendation:**

Zone lands referred to in this submission partly **Community Facilities** to the north and Recreation **and Amenity** to the south; see FP13 & FP14 on map 2.

#### D1.4: Extension of street lighting and footpaths

#### **Summary:**

Request that there should be a written objective in the Transport and Road Infrastructure Section to extend street lighting and footpaths in the village out to the 40mph limits.

#### **Response:**

This submission was commented upon by the Roads Section, who state that the developers can provide this infrastructure. The Area Engineer agrees that the provision of such infrastructure would be desirable and would be subject to NRA sanction.

#### **Recommendation:**

Include objective 'to require developers to extend street lighting and footpaths in areas within their control with the aim of extending this infrastructure to the 40mph limits. Council to provide footpaths and streetlights in those areas inside the 40 mph limits where new developments are not permissible, where funds permit and shall be subject to NRA sanction.'

#### D1.5: Bus Shelters

#### **Summary:**

Transport and Infrastructure Policy 3.4.9 of the Draft should be expanded to include for the provision of Bus Shelters.

#### **Response:**

This submission was commented upon by the Roads Section, who state that the provision of Bus Shelters is a CIE requirement.

#### **Recommendation:**

Section 3.4.9 should be amended to mention co-operation with the Public Transport Authorities in the provision of Bus Shelters.

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**D1.6: Bus Stops**

**Summary:**

Requests that there should be an Objective in the Transport and Roads Infrastructure Section that the unofficial bus stop beside the Church be made permanent and the existing stop beside the Nine Arches be maintained.

**Response:**

This submission was commented upon by the Roads Section, who state that the Nine Arches Bus Stop location is not acceptable. New location should be along the southern edge of the N17 directly west of the junction with the N18.

**Recommendation:**

Refine Transport and Road Infrastructure TR5 to state 'Make provision for a more frequent bus service with a bus pick up and set down point in the village, preferably, along the southern edge of the N17 directly west of the junction with the N18.

**D1.7: Under grounding of overhead wires**

**Summary:**

Requests that there should be an objective in the Industry, Employment and Telecommunications section of the plan to put all existing overhead wires and cables underground.

**Response:**

Owing to exorbitant costs this would not be possible for the Council to undertake these works.

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

*On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and Cllr. Hoade it was agreed that no change to the plan is required*

**D1.8: County Council Local Area Office**

**Summary:**

Requests that there should be an objective in the Plan to locate Community Offices and Local Area Offices for Galway County Council in Claregalway.



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### Response:

Having consulted with the Director of Service for the Oranmore Electoral Area, it has already been agreed that Claregalway will become the regional centre for the Oranmore Electoral area. The Council are in the process of identifying appropriate sites for its location.

### Recommendation:

Include objective in the Plan to provide an Area Office in Claregalway. Location to be consistent with the zoning objectives and requirements of the LAP.

*On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed not to include the objective in the Plan to provide an Area Office in Claregalway*

### Submission D2

### Submitted by:

John Healy,  
Westcon Consulting  
Engineers,  
On Behalf of  
**Billy Greally.**

### Issue:

Request to zone parcel of land from proposed Agricultural to **Residential**.

### Location:

Lands consist of are located to the north of the village and are bounded by the N17 to the east, the plan boundary to the north and a local county road (the Cloonbigeen road) to the south.

### Summary:

At present the parcel of land contains the family home, with attached farmyard and outbuildings and has a new dwelling under construction. It is considered that these lands should be zoned residential for the following reasons;

- Lands are located within the village boundary and there is no use for agriculturally zoned lands at this location,
- Zoning would improve the visual appearance of the existing farmyard and outbuildings within proximity of the village centre,
- Zoning would improve the possibility of road widening and improved sight lines at the junction of the county road and the N17,

### Response:

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There are adequate lands proposed to be zoned residential in the Draft Plan. Notwithstanding the phasing proposals mentioned above, an extension of Residential land bank would result in an unacceptable breach of the provisions of the County Settlement Strategy. Furthermore, the zoning of these lands at the northern end of the village would result in an isolated Residential zone and a haphazard zoning plan for the area.

#### **Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed to add the lands in question to the existing medium term phasing of lands in the plan.

**On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed to zone the lands in question residential and to add to the existing medium term phasing of lands in the Plan**

**Submission D3**

**Submitted by:**

**Vincent Lyons.**

#### **Issue:**

Various: Including request for a recycling centre, under grounding of wiring, provision of broadband technology, extension of street lighting / footpaths, provision of bus stops and shelters, traffic management at the school, additional Recreation / Amenity Zoning, extension of plan boundary, the creation of a County Council Area Office in Claregalway, stonewalls and amendments to text.

Mr. Lyons is generally satisfied with the content of the Draft LAP but has made 14 observations on its content. These shall be summarised and responded to individually.

#### **D3.1: Recycling centre**

#### **Summary:**

Plan should make specific reference to the provision of this facility in the Waste Management Section.

#### **Response:**

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This submission was commented upon by the Environment section. This section states that due to the abuse of a bring bank facility it had to be removed in 2003. The Environment Section have set out numerous additions and amendments to Environmental policies, these shall be discussed in the Forward Planning Submissions section of this report.

#### **Recommendation:**

Include objective to 'Relocate bring banks at an appropriate location in Claregalway that will have enhanced supervision/ monitoring measures including the use of CCTV as necessary.'

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. Healy-Eames it was agreed to include an objective to "Relocate bring banks at an appropriate location in Claregalway that will have enhanced supervision/monitoring measures including the use of CCTV as necessary."

*On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and Cllr. Hoade it was agreed to include an objective to "Relocate bring banks at an appropriate location in Claregalway that will have enhanced supervision/monitoring measures including the use of CCTV as necessary."*

### D3.2: Under grounding of overhead wires

**Summary:** Requests that there should be an objective in the Industry, Employment and Telecommunications section of the plan to put all existing overhead wires and cables underground.

#### **Response:**

Owing the exorbitant costs involved, it would not be possible for the Council to undertake these works.

#### **Recommendation:**

No Change Recommended.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and which was seconded by Cllr. Hoade it was agreed not to change the plan.

*On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and Cllr. Hoade it was agreed that no change to the plan is required*



D3.3: Broadband Technology

**Summary:**

Plan should make specific reference to the provision of these facilities. It is considered that Section 3.3.5 of the Draft LAP merely talks about broadband information.

**Response:**

The Council is not a provider of Broadband Technology, therefore there cannot be a specific objective to provide it. The broadband policy mentioned in this section is taken from the County Development Plan.

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames which was seconded by Cllr. Hoade it was agreed not to change the Plan.

*On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and Cllr. Hoade it was agreed that no change to the plan is required*

D3.4: Extension of street lighting and footpaths.

**Summary:**

Request that there should be a written objective in the Transport and Road Infrastructure Section to extend street lighting and footpaths in the village out to the 40mph limits.

**Response:**

This submission was commented upon by the Roads Section, who state that the developers can provide this infrastructure. The Area Engineer agrees that the provision of such infrastructure would be desirable and would be subject to NRA sanction.

**Recommendation:**

Include objective 'to require developers "to extend street lighting and footpaths in areas within their control with the aim of extending this infrastructure to the 40mph limits. Council to provide footpaths and streetlights in those areas inside the 40 mph limits where new developments are not permissible, where funds permit and shall be subject to NRA sanction.'

**Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. Healy-Eames it was agreed to include the objective.

*On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and Cllr. Hoade it was agreed to include the above objective.*

*D3.5: Bus Shelters*

**Summary:** Transport and Infrastructure Policy 3.4.9 of the Draft should be expanded to include for the provision of Bus Shelters.

**Response:**

This submission was commented upon by the Roads Section, who state that the provision of Bus Shelters is a CIE requirement.

**Recommendation:**

Section 3.4.9 should be amended to mention co-operation with the Public Transport Authorities in the provision of Bus Shelters.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed that Section 3.4.9 should be amended.

*On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and Cllr. Hoade it was agreed that Section 3.4.9 should be amended to mention co-operation with the Public Transport Authorities in the provision of Bus Shelters.*

*D3.6: Traffic Management at the School*

**Summary:**

Requests that there is an objective to mark out the area in front of the school for disabled parking, staff parking and a safe pick up and drop off point for the school bus as an interim until off road parking is made available.

**Response:**

This submission was commented upon by the Roads section, who state that it is the responsibility of the School to provide proper facilities and proposals.

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##### **Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

##### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed that no change to the plan was required

**On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and Cllr. Hoade it was agreed that no change to the plan is required**

#### **D3.7: Bus Stops**

##### **Summary:**

Requests that there should be an Objective in the Transport and Roads Infrastructure Section that the unofficial bus stop beside the Church be made permanent and the existing stop beside the Nine Arches be maintained.

##### **Response:**

This submission was commented upon by the Roads Section, who state that the Nine Arches Bus Stop location is not acceptable. New location should be along the southern edge of the N17 directly west of the junction with the N18.

##### **Recommendation:**

Refine Transport and Road Infrastructure TR5 to state 'Make provision for a more frequent bus service with a bus pick up and set down point in the village, preferably, along the southern edge of the N17 directly west of the junction with the N18.

##### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed\_ to Refine Transport and Road Infrastructure TR5 to state 'Make provision for a more frequent bus service with a bus pick up and set down point in the village, preferably, along the southern edge of the N17 directly west of the junction with the N18.

***On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and Cllr. Hoade it was agreed to refine Transport and Road Infrastructure TR5 to state 'Make provision for a more frequent bus service with a bus pick up and set down point in the village, preferably, along the southern edge of the N17 directly west of the junction with the N18'.***



D3.8: Recreation and Amenity zone adjacent to the GAA pitch

**Summary:**

The Draft Plan predicts a possible population increase of 4121 people over the period of the Plan. In the light of this increase, it requested that a greater area of land adjacent to the pitch should be zoned for amenity purposes. Amount or exact location of land is not specified in the submission.

**Response:**

A total of approx. 25 hectares or 63 acres are proposed to be zoned Recreation and Amenity in the Draft Plan. This allocation, coupled with the phasing proposals mentioned above, the additional Recreation and Amenity lands along the northern and eastern banks of the river Clare should satisfy the demand for such lands over the period of the Plan.

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended

**Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was accepted that there would be no change to the Plan..

*On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and Cllr. Hoade it was agreed that no change to the plan is required*

D3.9: County Council Local Area Office

**Summary:** Requests that there should be an objective in the Plan to locate Community Offices and Local Area Offices for Galway County Council in Claregalway.

**Response:**

Having consulted with the Director of Service for the Oranmore Electoral area, it has already been agreed that Claregalway will become the regional centre for the Oranmore Electoral area. The Council are in the process of identifying appropriate sites for its location.

**Recommendation:**

Include objective in the Plan to provide an Area Office in Claregalway. Location to be consistent with the zoning objectives and requirements of the LAP.

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##### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. Healy-Eames it was agreed that the Area Office remain in Lackagh. therefore, no change.

*On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed not to change the Plan.*

#### D3.10: River Clare Recreation and Amenity zone

##### **Summary:**

Extension of Plan Boundary and creation of a 5m strip of Recreation and Amenity Zone along the northern and eastern bank of the river Clare. See area marked D1.1 on the Public Submissions map (Map 1).

##### **Response:**

Although it is not considered necessary to amend the Plan boundary in order for a walkway to develop along the northern and eastern bank of the river Clare, the officials do not have any objection to this proposal in principle.

##### **Recommendation:**

No objection to proposed Recreation/ Amenity zone or to the extension of Plan boundary in this instance. This proposal if adopted should be supplemented with an objective for an Amenity Corridor / Walkway along this area.

##### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed to accept the planner's recommendation.

*On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and Cllr. Hoade it was agreed to extend the Plan Boundary and create a 5m strip of Recreation and Amenity zone along the northern and eastern bank of the river Clare*

#### D3.11: Zoning of Catholic Church lands

##### **Summary:**

Request rezoning of these institutional lands from Commercial to Recreation and Amenity. See lands marked D1.3 on attached map.

##### **Response:**

The lands in question consist of part of the Catholic Church car park to the north and green traffic islands left over from the re-alignment of the N18. A small block of land in this submission has been proposed residential in the Draft. Having considered the submission, the Draft zoning Plan and following a site inspection

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it is considered that the Car park are should be zoned Community Facility and the this narrow strip of land adjacent to the Church and school should more appropriately be zoned Recreation and Amenity, see FP13 & FP14 on map 2.

#### **Recommendation:**

Zone lands referred to in this submission partly **Community Facilities** to the north and Recreation **and Amenity** to the south.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. Hoade it was agreed to zone lands referred to in this submission partly **Community Facilities** to the north and **Recreation and Amenity** to the south.

*On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr. Hoade it was agreed to zone lands referred to in this submission partly Community Facilities to the north and Recreation and Amenity to the south.*

### D3.12: Local Unplastered Stone walls

#### **Summary:**

Requests that Objective UD9 be strengthened to ensure that the destruction of stone walls is prohibited. Argument is made that if these walls are deemed to be unsafe they should be rebuilt in a safe location using natural methods so that they retain their unique character.

#### **Response:**

This submission was commented upon by the Roads Section, who state that the NRA won't accept unplastered stone walls along road edges.

#### **Recommendation:**

No change to wording of Objective UD9 'Where unplastered stone walls exist on site these should be preserved in situ. However, consideration will be given to safety audits where these stone walls exist along public road edges'

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. Healy-Eames it was agreed that there would be no change to wording of Objective UD9 'Where unplastered stone walls exist on site these should be preserved in situ. However, consideration will be given to safety audits where these stone walls exist along public road edges'

*On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr. Hoade it was agreed that there would be no change to wording of Objective UD9*



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**'Where unplastered stone walls exist on site these should be preserved in situ. However, consideration will be given to safety audits where these stone walls exist along public road edges'**

D3.13: Extension of northern edge of Plan boundary

**Summary:**

States that the northern edge of the Plan boundary (west of the N17) follows an arbitrary line halfway through existing fields. It should therefore be amended to follow the line of the Cloonbigeen road to the south or the line set by field boundaries to the north. See D3.8 on the attached map.

**Response:**

The Plan boundary in this area has been inherited from the 1997 County Development Plan. Having considered the submission and following a site inspection it is considered that the Plan boundary should be altered. See Forward Planning Submission FP1 on Map 2.

**Recommendation:**

Recommend an alteration to the Plan boundary as proposed in this submission.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

Agreed with Planners recommendation. See FP1.

*On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr. Hoade it was agreed to alter the Plan boundary as proposed in this submission*

D3.14 & D315: Request for extension of Plan boundary and zoning of lands for recreation and amenity.

**Summary:**

This area is between the proposed Industrial zone and the existing N18, which was left over the realignment of the old N18. It is overgrown with natural vegetation and should be retained as a wildlife habitat.

**Response:**

This submission was commented on by the Roads section who state that this proposal should be resisted as it would interfere with possible road improvements for the area. The lands are currently owned by the Council.

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

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On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr.H

*On the proposal of Cllr.Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr.Hoade it was agreed that no change to the plan is required*

#### Submission D4

#### Submitted by:

Jane McCarthy,  
On behalf of,  
**Galway North  
Educate Together,  
(GNET).**

#### Issue:

Designation of lands for **Educational** use in Claregalway.

#### Summary:

Educate Together is the **national** representative body for educational use in Ireland and a registered patron body with the Dept. of Education & Science. It is requested that land zoned for Education use for the following reasons;

- The proposed growth in population in the Claregalway / Ardaun and surrounding areas will require additional educational facilities. This is set out on Page 18 of the County Development Plan (Table 2.2 Projected Populations/ Households for GTPS Area). See appendix attached.
- There is a need for multi- denominational schools which provide a greater choice in primary education facilities and best reflects the beliefs of families.
- The group welcome Policy 214 of the County Development Plan which is to 'Facilitate the provision of Schools where necessary'. Considered that Educational Facilities are best provided in partnership between the Local Authority, Dept. of Education and Science and Patron bodies,
- Advocate a multi-campus approach where various complementary needs catered for on the one site.
- Confident that an Educate Together School will open within the next 2 years in the area. This should therefore be catered for in the Plan.

#### Response:

A total of approx. 5 hectares or 13 acres is proposed to be zoned Community Facilities which are currently undeveloped. This is adequate to cater for population demands over the period of the Plan. This zone is described p78 of the draft Plan as providing for 'health, welfare, religious, **educational** and recycling facilities.' Therefore, if a proposal for a multi-denominational school were to be proposed, it would be acceptable in principle in the Community

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Facility zone. It would be premature for the Council to identify a specific site for such a facility at this stage.

#### **Recommendation:**

Include an objective to support the provision of a Multi-denominational school at an appropriate location in Claregalway, which meets the requirements of the Local Area Plan.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

*D4, D5, D6, D7, D8 & D17 were dealt with collectively.*

On the proposal of Cllr. Healy-Eames which was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed. Include an objective to support the provision of a Multi-denominational school at an appropriate location in Claregalway, which meets the requirements of the Local Area Plan.

#### **Submission D5**

#### **Submitted by:**

Emily Belfrage,  
On behalf of,  
**Galway North  
Educate Together,  
(GNET).**

#### **Issue:**

Designation of lands for **Educational** use in Claregalway.

#### **Summary:**

Galway North Educate Together (GNET) is the local representative body for parents wishing to set up a multi-denominational national school in the Claregalway area. Request that land is designated for educational use for the following reasons;

- The proposed growth in population in the Claregalway / Ardaun and surrounding areas will require additional educational facilities. This is set out on Page 18 of the County Development Plan (Table 2.2 Projected Populations/ Households for GTPS Area). See appendix attached.
- There is a need for multi- denominational schools which provide a greater choice in primary education facilities and best reflects the beliefs of families.
- The group welcome Policy 214 of the County Development Plan which is to 'Facilitate the provision of Schools where necessary'. Considered that Educational Facilities are best provided in partnership between the Local Authority, Dept. of Education and Science and Patron bodies,



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- Advocate a multi-campus approach where various complementary needs catered for on the one site.
- Confident that an Educate Together School will open within the next 2 years in the area. This should therefore be catered for in the Plan.

#### **Response:**

A total of approx. 5 hectares or 13 acres is proposed to be zoned Community Facilities which are currently undeveloped. This is adequate to cater for population demands over the period of the Plan. This zone is described p78 of the Draft Plan as providing for 'health, welfare, religious, **educational** and recycling facilities.' Therefore, if a proposal for a multi-denominational school were to be proposed, it would be acceptable in principle in a Community Facility zone. However, it would be premature for the Council to identify a specific site for such a facility at this stage.

#### **Recommendation:**

Include an objective to support the provision of a Multi-denominational school at an appropriate location in Claregalway, which meets the requirements of the Local Area Plan.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

Dealt with earlier.

#### **Submission D6**

#### **Submitted by:**

Keeira Bradshaw,  
On behalf of,  
**Galway North  
Educate Together,  
(GNET).**

#### **Issue:**

Designation of lands for **Educational** use in Claregalway.

#### **Summary:**

Galway North Educate Together (GNET) is the local representative body for parents wishing to set up a multi-denominational national school in the Claregalway area. Request that land is designated for educational use for the following reasons;

- The proposed growth in population in the Claregalway / Ardaun and surrounding areas will require additional educational facilities. This is set out on Page 18 of the County Development Plan (Table 2.2 Projected Populations/ Households for GTPS Area). See Appendix attached.

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- There is a need for multi-denominational schools which provide a greater choice in primary education facilities and best reflects the beliefs of families.
- The group welcome Policy 214 of the County Development Plan which is to 'Facilitate the provision of Schools where necessary'. Considered that Educational Facilities are best provided in partnership between the Local Authority, Dept. of Education and Science and Patron bodies,
- Advocate a multi-campus approach where various complementary needs catered for on the one site.
- Confident that an Educate Together School will open within the next 2 years in the area. This should therefore be catered for in the Plan.

### **Response:**

A total of approx. 5 hectares or 13 acres is proposed to be zoned Community Facilities which are currently undeveloped. This is adequate to cater for population demands over the period of the Plan. This zone is described p78 of the draft Plan as providing for 'health, welfare, religious, **educational** and recycling facilities.' Therefore, if a proposal for a multi-denominational school were to be proposed, it would be acceptable in principle in a Community Facility zone. However, it would be premature for the Council to identify a specific site for such a facility at this stage.

### **Recommendation:**

Include an objective to support the provision of a Multi-denominational school at an appropriate location in Claregalway, which meets the requirements of the Local Area Plan.

### **Area Committee Recommendation**

Dealt with earlier.

### **Submission D7**

### **Submitted by:**

John Bradshaw,  
On behalf of,  
**Galway North  
Educate Together,  
(GNET).**

### **Issue:**

Designation of lands for **Educational** use in Claregalway.

### **Summary:**

Galway North Educate Together (GNET) is the local representative body for parents wishing to set up a multi-denominational national school in the

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Claregalway area. Request that land is designated for educational use for the following reasons;

- The proposed growth in population in the Claregalway / Ardaun and surrounding areas will require additional educational facilities. This is set out on Page 18 of the County Development Plan (Table 2.2 Projected Populations/ Households for GTPS Area). See appendix attached.
- There is a need for multi- denominational schools which provide a greater choice in primary education facilities and best reflects the beliefs of families.
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- Advocate a multi-campus approach where various complementary needs catered for on the one site.
- Confident that an Educate Together School will open within the next 2 years in the area. This should therefore be catered for in the Plan.

#### **Response:**

A total of approx. 5 hectares or 13 acres is proposed to be zoned Community Facilities which are currently undeveloped. This is adequate to cater for population demands over the period of the Plan. This zone is described p78 of the draft Plan as providing for 'health, welfare, religious, **educational** and recycling facilities.' Therefore, if a proposal for a multi-denominational school were to be proposed, it would be acceptable in principle in a Community Facility zone. However, it would be premature for the Council to identify a specific site for such a facility at this stage.

#### **Recommendation:**

Include an objective to support the provision of a Multi-denominational school at an appropriate location in Claregalway, which meets the requirements of the Local Area Plan.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

Dealt with earlier.

#### **Submission D8**

#### **Submitted by:**

Cllr. Fidelma Healy  
Eames, on behalf of,  
**Educate Together**

#### **Issue:**



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Designation of lands for **Educational** use in Claregalway.

### **Summary:**

Supports the submissions made by Galway North Educate Together (GNET) for the provision of land for educational use in Claregalway. States that it is a positive and far sighted proposal.

### **Response:**

A total of approx. 5 hectares or 13 acres is proposed to be zoned Community Facilities which are currently undeveloped. This is adequate to cater for population demands over the period of the Plan. This zone is described p78 of the draft Plan as providing for 'health, welfare, religious, **educational** and recycling facilities.' Therefore, if a proposal for a multi-denominational school were to be proposed, it would be acceptable in principle in a Community Facility zone. However, it would be premature for the Council to identify a specific site for such a facility at this stage.

### **Recommendation:**

Include an objective to support the provision of a Multi-denominational school at an appropriate location in Claregalway, which meets the requirements of the Local Area Plan.

### **Area Committee Recommendation**

Dealt with earlier.

**D4, D5, D6, D7, D8, D17 were dealt with collectively, all relevant to the same issues.**

On the proposal of Cllr.Healy-Eames which was seconded by Cllr. Hoade it was agreed to include an objective to support the provision of a Multi-denominational school at an appropriate location in Claregalway, which meets the requirements of the Local Area Plan.

### **Submission D9**

### **Submitted by:**

**Jimmy Roche & Carol Ann Beegan**

### **Issue:**

- 1.The location of the Industrial Zone adjacent to a residential area and;
2. The location of the proposed by-pass so close to the existing village.

Submission welcomes the Plan in general, in particular the extension of Community and Recreational Facilities. However, the two issues listed above shall be summarised and responded to individually.

**D9.1: The location of the Industrial Zone adjacent to a residential area.**

**Summary:**

Submission has concern over the location of the Industrial zone within the village centre within close proximity to an existing and growing residential area.

**Response:**

The Officials must have regard to the economic growth of the village over the period of the Plan. The Industrial lands as identified in the Draft Plan are situated at a strategic location along the N18 at the edge of the village. There are no existing residences located within this proposed zone. There are approx. 9 no. residences located along the edge of this zone. Development standards for Industrial development is set out in section 5.8.4 of the Draft Plan. The following provisions protect residential amenity;

- The hours of industrial operation will be controlled where they are likely to result in harm to environmental amenities including residential amenity,
- Noise levels shall not exceed 55dB (a) Leq when measured at the boundary of the site.
- The layout, planning and design may be subject of a detailed Action Plan to be approved by the Planning Authority.

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Healy-Eames which was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed that the Development Standards section on Industry, Wholesale and Warehousing in the Plan, contains the following design and layout consideration; *'a minimum open space requirement of 15% shall be provided such that it may function as an effective amenity area. Where industrial proposals are located adjacent to existing and proposed residential areas, the Open Space provision shall be designed in such a way as to act as a buffer zone between the proposed industrial units and residential areas. Additional landscaping will also be required in these areas.'*

*On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to alter the Plan so that the Development Standards section on Industry, Wholesale and Warehousing in the Plan, contains the following design and layout consideration; 'a minimum open space requirement of 15% shall be provided such that it may function as an effective amenity area. Where industrial proposals are located adjacent to existing and proposed residential areas, the Open Space provision shall be designed in such a way as to act as a buffer zone between the proposed industrial*

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*units and residential areas. Additional landscaping will also be required in these areas.'*

D9.2: The location of the proposed by-pass so close to the existing village.

**Summary:**

Submission has concern over the location of the by-pass. States that it is in close proximity to the existing village and does not take account of the expanding boundaries of the village. Suggested that the city side of the by-pass be moved back approx. 0.5miles. Argued that this would allow for further expansion of the village in the future and would not need to cross neighbours houses and gardens. Land suggested involves Wasteland/ Commonage and would be more suitable for road development.

**Response:**

This submission was commented upon by the Roads Section, who state that the road as indicated on the Draft Plan is for a relief road and the by pass will be included as part of the new N17. The Roads section will finalise the exact details of the route in due course.

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

Agreed no change recommended.

**On the proposal of Cllr.Cuddy and seconded by Cllr.Hoade it was agreed not to change the Plan**

**Submission D10**

**Submitted by:**

Eammon & Ann Garret

**Issue:**

Reduction in the amount of land proposed to be zoned in the Draft for Community Facilities. Requests increase in land zoned **residential**.

**Location:** Lands are located to the rear (east) of the existing national school.

**Summary:**

States that amount of land proposed in the Draft LAP for Community Facilities



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(approx. 5 hectares or 13 acres) is excessive for the following reasons;

- States that a more suitable parcel of land for Community Facilities exists to the north of the school. Argued that this is nearer to the school, is more appropriate in size.
- States that Zoning to Residential would be a more appropriate link up to the area proposed Recreation and Amenity.
- Considering the need for a School drop off point, if this was to be provided to the rear (east) of the school, it would render three sides of the school, at certain hours, liable to traffic.
- Quotes the minimum site size requirement for schools set out in Section 5.9.2 of the Draft. This section states that *'for primary schools a minimum size of 0.6 hectares of school land must be provided with up to three class units and increasing in line with an increase in class units.'* Using this base figure the land area of the existing National School is over this minimum site size requirement. The additional land proposed for Community Facilities in the area is therefore excessive.
- The amount of land to the rear of the School which is currently used as a sports field is far less than the amount of land proposed Community Facility in the Draft at this location.
- Concern that this large expanse of land proposed Community Facility in the Draft which would be occupied solely during the day could lead to a no go area in the evening times.
- Propose that approx. 2 acres or 0.8 hectares of land owned by Garrets is zoned Community Facilities with the remainder be zoned Residential.

#### **Response:**

There are adequate lands proposed to be zoned residential in the Draft Plan. Notwithstanding the phasing proposals mentioned above, an extension of Residential land bank would result in an unacceptable breach of the provisions of the County Settlement Strategy. Furthermore, there is a need in Claregalway for adequate lands for future Educational use. These lands to the rear of the existing school and in close proximity to the Village Centre, Church and GAA pitch are ideal for Community Facility use. Submission has quoted the minimum site requirement for a school of three class units, but the Community Facility zone also provides for the development of health, welfare, religious, childcare and recycling facilities.

It is therefore not considered that there is an excessive amount of lands zoned Community Facility in the Plan. Landowner should bear in mind that residential development is 'Open for consideration' in a Community Facility zone.

#### **Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

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Agreed. No change recommended.

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy and seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed not to change the Plan.

**Submission D11**

**Submitted by:  
John Geraghty**

**Issue:**

Zoning of land from proposed Recreation / Amenity to **Village Centre**

**Location:** Lands are located along the south bank of the river Clare directly east of the N17.

**Summary:**

Mr. Geraghty states that his is the only landholding which is zoned 100% Recreation & Amenity in the area. Lands are located in the centre of the Plan area and could be developed for Village centre use without detracting from the overall objective of creating a riverside park.

The Amenity area/linear park is much wider on lands in question than on adjoining lands and could be reduced to line up with the Recreation/ Amenity zoning to the west of the N17. Mr. Geraghty states that this could create a streetscape while at the same time bringing the riverside park into the village.

**Response:**

Submission seeks to zone proposed recreation and amenity zone to the most intensive development zone along the banks of the river Clare. This is not acceptable to the officials for a number of reasons;

- Residential development is permitted in principle in a Village Centre zone. Over and above this, there are adequate lands proposed to be zoned residential in the Draft Plan. Notwithstanding the phasing proposals mentioned above, an extension of lands for residential use would result in an unacceptable breach of the provisions of the County Settlement Strategy.
- The zoning of these lands at the northern end of the village would seriously interrupt the proposed riverside recreation and amenity area and result in a haphazard zoning plan.
- Lands are situated along the original course of the River Clare. There has been a lengthy assessment of Hydrological surveys, Hydrometrical graphs, recent flooding history, original OS maps for the area and arterial drainage maps for the area. Following consultation with the Environment

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section the entirety of the lands in this submission would appear to be liable to flooding. In the absence of any scientific evidence to the contrary the zoning of this land for development purposes should be avoided.

#### **Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

Recommendation deferred.

Cllr. Healy Eames stated that discussion took place at length at Area Committee Meetings in relation to this submission and that she proposed that an area, as identified by her at the meeting, outside of the zone of archaeological potential and set back 30m from the bank of the River Clare, be zoned residential and that the Urban Design Framework accommodate the proposed residential lands

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the Planning Authority's position on the overall submission was that this area was inappropriate for development due to its archaeological and heritage impact. This area would also be a potential traffic hazard due to its restricted access onto the N17. It is also an area liable to flooding and would pose an unacceptable risk to public health. He stressed that it was also an unacceptable breach of the County Plan Settlement Strategy.

Cllr Healy Eames stated that they had considered all points raised and that they have been taken into account, she proposed; that an area, as identified by her at the meeting, outside of the zone of archaeological potential and set back 30m from the bank of the River Clare, be zoned residential and that the Urban Design Framework accommodate the proposed residential lands. This was seconded by Cllr Cuddy.

Vote taken: 18 for new zoning proposals set out above, none against.

Cllr. Cuddy requested an amendment to Cllr. Healy Eames's proposal, that a field within the zone of archaeological potential on the map presented by Cllr. Healy Eames be amended to show it as an agricultural zone in line with its current use and that a strip 30m from the edge of the River Clare be zoned Recreational and Amenity in this area.

Mr. Gavin stressed that the Planning Authority's proposal is for the lands in this submission to remain zoned as recreational and amenity.



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The County Manager stressed the significance of this as an important archaeological area.

Mr.Gavin stated that it was necessary that these lands remained zoned as recreational/amenity so as to give maximum protection this area of archaeological interest.

As the amendment to Cllr Healy Eames's proposal was not seconded no vote was taken on the amendment.

Result of vote therefore upheld.

**Submission D12**

**Submitted by:**

David Heffernan,  
Heffernan & Associates  
Architects,  
On behalf of,  
**Padraic Dunleavy.**

**Issue:**

Zoning of land (approx 0.93 acres or 0.37 hectares) from proposed Recreation / Amenity to **Commercial** to the west of the N17 on the south bank of the river Clare.

**Location:** Lands are situated opposite the Nine Arches Bridge along the western edge of the N17 on the south bank of the river Clare.

**Summary:**

Detailed 59 page submission argues for an extension to the Commercial zoning further northwards along the western edge of the N17. The submission includes cover letter, a description of the site, a proposed zoning map, archaeological reports, site photographs, pre-planning sketches and a site layout plan of the existing permitted development on the site to the south.

Reasons for Rezoning

- Existing buildings on the site comprise of a mixture of Agricultural Storage Sheds and the shell of a former two storey stone farmhouse. States that this is an eyesore and its proposed zoning as Recreation and Amenity is a gross underuse of a village centre site.
- The site is within an Area of Archaeological interest, archaeological monitoring of the site immediately to the south did not reveal any artefacts or any signs of previous settlement.
- Proposed as Recreation and Amenity under Draft LAP, whilst adjoining lands are zoned for various types of development; lands immediately to the south are being developed as mix use offices,

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retail, apartments, housing and a hotel. Lands to the south east on the opposite side of the N17 are proposed to be zoned residential. Therefore it is argued that the site in question is surrounded by proposed development zones and existing development.

- Submission states that rezoning of the site for commercial purposes would be important to the success of the existing Dunleavy mixed use development immediately to the south (named Cois Chlair).
- Although Riverside Recreation and Amenity zone is considered sound, this site is more suitable for development as it is located along the northern end of the village.
- Owners have a right to a viable and economic development of their land.
- Submission states that the proposed zoning is a balanced approach between the aspirations for a Riverside Recreation and Amenity buffer zone and a logical end point for a Commercial/ Residential development strip in this part of Claregalway.

### Appendices attached to submission:

- Photos of existing buildings,
- Archaeological Monitoring report on Dunleavy mixed use development site being to the south, this study was not conditioned in the Planning Permission but was requested by Duchas- the Heritage Service. The study contains information pertaining to the site of this submission. This report was completed in July 2003. Report concluded that there were no features of archaeological significance on the site.
- Archaeological Impact assessment report prepared as part of the Dunleavy Mixed use development Planning Application. The study contains information pertaining to the site of this submission. This report was completed In April 1999.
- Site layout of existing Dunleavy development under construction – relevance uncertain.

### **Response:**

The Forward Planning section are strongly opposed to the extension of the Commercial zone at this location for the following reasons;

- Proposed zoning would interrupt and devalue the objective for a continuous riverside Recreation / Amenity zone and Amenity Corridor, which is unique to the Claregalway Local Area Plan.
- The construction of further developments of similar scale, mass, height, bulk, design and materials as that of the commercial development nearing completion to the south would be entirely inappropriate at this sensitive riverside location in close proximity to the Abbey.
- Observations made by the Conservation Officer support this argument. The latter states that new development both adjacent to and at a distance from protected structures can affect their character and special interest.



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The site is located within close proximity to the Abbey, Claregalway Castle and the Nine Arches Bridge (all are protected structures). Intensive development could alter the historic skyline and setting of these structures.

However, the Forward Planning Section acknowledges that the existing condition of buildings at a prominent location close to the village centre requires visual improvement. Therefore, it is considered that the proposed zoning of the site be revised so as to revitalise this underutilised site without compromising the Amenity and Conservation objectives of the Draft Local Area Plan. See Forward Planning Proposed Amendments map (Map 2). These can be summarised as follows;

- The southern portion of the site which includes the old two storey stone farmhouse building and agricultural sheds to be zoned **Community Facilities** and supported by a number Urban Design Objectives to control the scale, mass, height, bulk, design and materials of any proposed development on site. The latter zoning and design objectives would allow for a transitional zone to be created between an intensive commercial zone to the south and a passive riverside recreation and amenity zone to the north. See FP11 on Map 2.
- The northern portion of the site in front of the graveyard and which includes the handball alley to remain as a proposed **Recreation and Amenity** zone. This should be supported with Urban Design Objectives to retain the urban enclosure of the handball Alley see FP10 on Map 2.

#### **Recommendation:**

1. Zone southern portion of site from proposed Recreation and Amenity to **Community Facilities** , with urban design objectives to control the scale, mass, height, bulk, design and materials of any proposed development on site.
2. Retain the proposed **Recreation and Amenity** zone on the northern portion of the site with Urban Design Objectives to retain the enclosure of the handball alley.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh which was seconded by Cllr. Cuddy it was agreed to;

1. Substitute "Commercial" instead of suggested Community facilities in the southern portion of the site and include a site specific objective to control the Scale, Height, Mass, Bulk, Design, Siting and Materials of any proposed structure on this site.
2. Retain the proposed **Recreation and Amenity** zone on the northern portion of the site with Urban Design Objectives to retain the enclosure of the handball alley.



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On the proposal of Cllr Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr.Cuddy it was agreed to(1) zone the southern portion of the site Commercial and include a site specific objective to control the Scale, Height, Mass, Bulk, Design, Siting and Materials of any proposed structure on this site.

(2) Retain the proposed Recreation and Amenity zone in the northern portion of the site with an objective to retain the enclosure of the handball alley.

**Submission D13**

**Submitted by:**

Tobin Consulting  
Engineers,  
On behalf of,  
**The Cormican Family,**  
Cregboy.

Recommendation:  
No change recommended.

Area Committee Recommendation:

**Issues:**

1. **Extension of Plan boundary** to include Cormican family lands,
2. Zoning of lands to **Residential**.

**Location:** Lands are adjacent to the western boundary of the Plan, south of the N17 and west of the N18.

**D13.1 & D13.2 :Extension of Plan boundary and zoning to Residential**

**Summary:**

- An existing housing estate is situated directly to the east (named Sli an Bradan). The housing layout, entrance position, open space and sewage treatment plant detail were all prepared to allow for the development of the lands in this submission. Site layout plan of this application has been submitted.
- A second housing estate to east has also been permitted alongside to the east of the lands in question. Provision has also been made for access from The N18 through the permitted housing estate to the lands in question.
- As a result of the development of Sli an Bradan, a wastewater treatment works was constructed on the lands in question. Submission claims that it is recommended by Galway County Council that treatment plants be located in areas zoned residential.
- The inclusion of these lands as part of the Residential zone for Claregalway would allow an efficient development of family lands to occur.

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- The proximity of these lands to local amenities and services encourages the inclusion of this submission into the adopted Claregalway Local Area Plan.

### **Response:**

There are adequate lands proposed to be zoned residential in the Draft Plan. Notwithstanding the phasing proposals mentioned above, an extension of Residential land bank would result in an unacceptable breach of the provisions of the County Settlement Strategy. Furthermore, a site inspection and Planning History search on the site revealed that a large treatment plant exists in the middle of the site. Therefore, if the lands were to be zoned it would be unlikely that many residential units could be accommodated on site as they would be required to meet EPA minimum distance requirements between proposed residential units and existing treatment works. See P39 of the Draft LAP.

### **Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed not to change the Plan.

**On the Proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr. Cuddy it was agreed that no change be made to the Plan.**

### **Submission D14**

### **Submitted by:**

Tobin Consulting  
Engineers,  
On behalf of,  
**Mary Kenny,**  
Cahergowan /  
Summerfield.

### **Issue:**

Zoning of lands from proposed Agricultural to **Residential**.

**Location:** Lands are adjacent to the western boundary of the Plan, south of the N17 and west of the N18.

### **Summary:**

- States that the current configuration of the residential zoning on the land is not conducive to development purposes e.g. the northeastern point of the site is only 40m wide.

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- Zoning of the whole of the lands in question would allow an efficient development of these lands to occur.
- The proximity of these lands to local amenities and services encourages the inclusion of these lands as part of the Residential zoning.

#### **Response:**

There are adequate lands proposed to be zoned residential in the Draft Plan. Notwithstanding the phasing proposals mentioned above, an extension of Residential land bank would result in an unacceptable breach of the provisions of the County Settlement Strategy. Furthermore, the zoning of these lands at the northern end of the village would result in an isolated Residential zone and a haphazard zoning plan for the area.

An examination of the minutes of meetings on the preparation of the Draft Development Plan for Claregalway revealed that the Council agreed to maintain the agricultural zoning on these lands.

#### **Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr Healy-Eames it was agreed not to change the Plan

**On the Proposal of Cllr Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed that no change be made to the Plan.**

#### **Submission D15**

**Submitted by:  
M. Morris**

#### **Issues:**

1. Extension of Plan boundary to include Morris family lands,
2. Zoning of lands to Residential.
3. Proposed By pass,
4. Quality Bus Corridors and a Park and Ride Facility,
5. A Traffic Management System:

#### **D15.1 & D15.2: Extension of Plan Boundary and zoning of lands to Residential:**

#### **Summary:**

- Site directly to the east along the N18 h



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- as not developed due to the shape of the field and the requirement for wastewater treatment works.
- Stated that if the lands in this submission were to be zoned it would allow the relocation of the treatment works to the rear (west) and would result in an efficient and phased development of the whole of these lands.

### **Response:**

There is currently a Planning Application in on this site for the construction of 26 dwellinghouses, 8 apartments and temporary wastewater treatment works with associated site works and services (gross floor space 3793.5sqm). Decision is due the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

It is considered by the officials that there are more than adequate lands proposed to be zoned residential in the Draft Plan. Notwithstanding the phasing proposals mentioned above, an extension of Residential land bank would result in an unacceptable breach of the provisions of the County Settlement Strategy.

### **Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr Hoade it was agreed not to change the Plan.

**On the Proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed that no change be made to the Plan.**

### **D15.3: Proposed By-Pass:**

#### **Summary:**

- States that proposed by-pass as indicated is entirely inappropriate, argues that if this by-pass were to be constructed the build up of traffic would simply be relocated from the outskirts of Claregalway to the outskirts of Galway city.
- States that interests of commuters would be better served by the construction of the proposed new N17 route. This would allow for a more efficient and planned development of the village.

#### **Response:**

- This submission was commented upon by the Roads Section. In relation to the proposed by pass, it has been stated that this will act as a relief road once the new N17 route is complete.

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**Recommendation:**

No change recommended

**Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames which was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed not to change the Plan

**On the Proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr.Healy Eames it was agreed that no change be made to the Plan.**

**D15.4: Quality Bus Corridors and a Park and Ride Facility:**

**Summary:**

Feels there should be more consideration given to the creation of QBC's (Quality Bus Corridors) and Park and Ride facilities. This would provide more immediate traffic relief and would be more cost effective.

**Response:**

QBC's are being investigated by the roads section. Section 3.4.8 of the Draft LAP sets out the Councils policy line in relation to QBC's. However, a Park and Ride facility would be expected to be provided from a private developer at a suitable location.

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Healy-Eames which was seconded by Cllr. Hoade, it was agreed not to change the Plan.

**On the Proposal of Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Healy Eames it was agreed that no change be made to the Plan.**

**D15.5: A Traffic Management System:**

**Summary:**

- Further consideration should be given to the configuration of the traffic management system in the village, for example the junction of the N17 and N18, the pedestrian crossing and various entrances within the village.

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### **Response:**

Section 3.4.15 sets out to consider the objectives of a forthcoming Traffic Management Plan for Claregalway. Roads section states that traffic lights are being installed at the N17/ N18 junction. However, it is the opinion of the Roads Sections that with up to 25,000 vehicles per day on an inadequate road no traffic management system will work without a relief road.

### **Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded By Cllr. Hoade it was agreed not to change the Plan.

**On the Proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr F. Healy Eames it was agreed that no change be made to the Plan.**

### **Submission D16**

### **Submitted by:**

Sean Flanagan and 4  
no. other **Residents of  
the Lakeview Estate.**

### **Issues:**

1. Support for **Landscape and Amenity objectives** for new developments.
2. Objection to **Amenity Corridor** which is proposed through the existing Lakeview Estate.
3. Proposed design and capacity of new **Wastewater Treatment** scheme.

### **D16.1: Support for Landscape and Amenity objectives for new developments.**

### **Summary:**

Residents have voiced their support for the policies specified in 3.9.4 of the Draft relating to conservation of local landscapes. The native trees and hedgerows are important features in terms of their ecological value, and are highly valued for their screening of noise from the N17 and N18 roads. Residents state that they support the objectives the riverside walk and amenity corridors to new developments only.

### **Response:**

The Officials wish to uphold these objectives as contained within the Draft Plan. However, it is proposed that this objective be worded as follows. *UD8 Existing Landscape Objectives*; Removal of existing healthy mature trees shall be strongly resisted. A tree survey shall be normally required and healthy specimens shall be preserved. Where other trees need to be removed these



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shall be replaced with three semi-mature trees of similar species for each one removed.

#### **Recommendation:**

Include amendment to *Objective UD8 Existing Landscape Objectives* as outlined above.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr Healy-Eames which was seconded by Cllr. Cuddy it was agreed to include an amendment to the Objective on Existing Landscape Objectives as outlined above.

On the proposal of Cllr.Cuddy and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to include amendment to *Objective UD8 Existing Landscape Objectives* as outlined above.

#### **D16.2: Objection to Amenity Corridor through the existing Lakeview Estate.**

#### **Summary:**

Object to proposed amenity corridor through the Lakeview estate on the grounds that it would interfere with existing residents amenity and privacy, would interfere with a private right of way and would therefore be contrary to the original planning permission. Residents suggest an alternative amenity corridor on the southern side of the Church where an existing footpath and public space is in place.

#### **Response:**

The Amenity Corridor or walkway is an important objective at this location as it would link up future Community Facility and Amenity lands to the village centre. If this Amenity Corridor / Walkway were to be removed, it is likely that the estate road would continue to be used by members of the public as it the most direct 'desire line' between the village and future Recreational/ Community Facility lands.

However if this proposal is deemed to be completely unacceptable the Council would consider running the Amenity Corridor/ Walkway south of the Lakeview Estate on an East-West axis to meet the old N18 road. See FP15 on Map 2.

#### **Recommendation:**

No Change recommended. However, consideration may be given to an alternative Amenity Corridor route.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

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On the proposal of Cllr. Healy-Eames which was seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to only consider the Alternative Amenity corridor route as outlined above.

Summary:

On the proposal of Cllr.Cuddy and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to only consider the Alternative Amenity corridor route as outlined above.

### D16.3: Proposed design and capacity of new Wastewater Treatment scheme.

#### **Summary:**

Support the plans for a new sewerage treatment plant. However, the design figure for a population equivalent of 3000 should be increased in the context of Claregalways future status as a satellite town of Galway City.

#### **Response:**

This submission was commented upon by the Water Services Section who state that the sizing of the Municipal treatment plant is up for review before the design of the proposed treatment works is finalised.

#### **Recommendation:**

Insert statement in the Plan which states that the sizing of the treatment plant has yet to be finalised.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Healy-Eames which was seconded by Cllr. Hoade it was agreed to insert statement in the Plan which states that the sizing of the treatment plant has yet to be finalised.

. On the proposal of Cllr.Hoade and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to insert statement in the Plan which states that the sizing of the treatment plant has yet to be finalised.

**Submission D17**

**Submitted by:**

Mags Corcarain,  
On behalf of,  
**Galway North  
Educate Together,  
(GNET).**

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### **Issue:**

Designation of lands for **Educational use** in Claregalway.

### **Summary:**

Educate Together is the **national** representative body for educational use in Ireland and a registered patron body with the Dept. of Education & Science. It is requested that land zoned for Education use for the following reasons;

- The proposed growth in population in the Claregalway / Ardaun and surrounding areas will require additional educational facilities. This is set out on Page 18 of the County Development Plan (Table 2.2 Projected Populations/ Households for GTPS Area). See appendix attached.
- There is a need for multi-denominational schools which provide a greater choice in primary education facilities and best reflects the beliefs of families.
- The group welcome Policy 214 of the County Development Plan which is to 'Facilitate the provision of Schools where necessary'. Considered that Educational Facilities are best provided in partnership between the Local Authority, Dept. of Education and Science and Patron bodies,
- Advocate a multi-campus approach where various complementary needs catered for on the one site.
- Confident that an Educate Together School will open within the next 2 years in the area. This should therefore be catered for in the Plan.

### **Response:**

A total of approx. 5 hectares or 13 acres is proposed to be zoned Community Facilities which are currently undeveloped. This is adequate to cater for population demands over the period of the Plan. This zone is described p78 of the draft Plan as providing for 'health, welfare, religious, **educational** and recycling facilities.' Therefore, if a proposal for a multi-denominational school were to be proposed, it would be acceptable in principle in a Community Facility zone. However, it would be premature for the Council to identify a specific site for such a facility at this stage.

### **Recommendation:**

Include an objective to support the provision of a Multi-denominational school at an appropriate location in Claregalway, which meets the requirements of the Local Area Plan.

### **Area Committee Recommendation**

Dealt with earlier.

**On the proposal of Cllr.Healy-Eames which was seconded by Cllr. Hoade it was agreed to include an objective to support the provision of a**



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Multi-denominational school at an appropriate location in Claregalway, which meets the requirements of the Local Area Plan.

**Submission D18**

**Submitted by:  
T & A Cooke**

**Issue:**

**Various:** Including the proposed Amenity Corridor through the Lakeview Estate, the proposed new treatment plant, traffic problems surrounding Lakeview Estate and support for the Landscape Objectives in the plan.

**Summary:**

1. Object to the proposed **Amenity Corridor** through the Lakeview Estate on the grounds that the proposal would interfere with the resident's privacy and security.
2. State that the design capacity for a 3000 population equivalent for the **new treatment plant** is inadequate as there is close to that number already in the area at present.
2. State that **residents of Lakeview experience traffic problems**. Residents have difficulty entering and exiting the estate. This problem is exacerbated at Mass times (seven days a week) as the estate road is used by church goers to enter the Church car park, and during funerals as it is used to enter the Mortuary Chapel and meeting room.
3. Support for the **Landscape Objectives** which refer to the conservation of hedges and stone walls.

**D18.1: Objection to Amenity Corridor through the existing Lakeview Estate.**

**Summary:**

Object to proposed amenity corridor through the Lakeview estate on the grounds that it would interfere with existing residents amenity and privacy, would interfere with a private right of way and would therefore be contrary to the original planning permission. Residents suggest an alternative amenity corridor on the southern side of the Church where an existing footpath and public space is in place.

**Response:**

The Amenity Corridor or walkway is an important objective at this location as it would link up future Community Facility and Amenity lands to the village centre. If this Amenity Corridor / Walkway were to be removed, it is likely that the estate road would continue to be used by members of the public as it the most direct

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'desire line' between the village and future Recreational/ Community Facility lands.

However if this proposal is deemed to be completely unacceptable the Council would consider running the Amenity Corridor/ Walkway south of the Lakeview Estate on an East-West axis to meet the old N18 road. See FP15 Map 2.

#### **Recommendation:**

No Change recommended. However, consideration may be given to an alternative Amenity Corridor route.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

Dealt with earlier.

**On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to only consider the alternative amenity corridor route as outlined above.**

### **D18.2: Proposed design and capacity of new Wastewater Treatment scheme.**

#### **Summary:**

Support the plans for a new sewerage treatment plant. However, the design figure for a population equivalent of 3000 should be increased in the context of Clareagalways future status as a satellite town of Galway City.

#### **Response:**

This submission was commented upon by the Water Services Section who state that the sizing of the Municipal treatment plant is up for review before the design of the proposed treatment works is finalised.

#### **Recommendation:**

Insert statement in the Plan which states that the sizing of the treatment plant has yet to be finalised.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Healy-Eames which was seconded by Cllr. H it was agreed to insert a statement in the Plan which states that the sizing of the treatment plant has yet to be finalised.

**. On the proposal of Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to insert statement in the Plan which states that the sizing of the treatment plant has yet to be finalised.**

**D18.3: Residents of Lakeview experience traffic problems.**

**Summary:**

Residents have difficulty entering and exiting the estate. This problem is exacerbated at Mass times (seven days a week) as the estate road is used by church goers to enter the Church car park, and during funerals as it is used to enter the Mortuary Chapel and meeting room.

**Response:**

Traffic lights are being installed at the N17/N18 junction which should help to alleviate problems accessing and exiting the estate.

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade which was seconded by Cllr. Cuddy it was agreed not to change the Plan.

**D18.4: Support for landscape objectives**

**Summary:**

Supports those which refer to the conservation of hedges and stone walls.

**Response:**

It is intended to maintain these objectives as part of the final plan

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Healy-Eames which was seconded by Cllr. Hoade it was agreed. not to change the Plan..

On the proposal of Cllr .Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr .Cuddy it was agreed that there would be no variation to the Plan in relation to Submission No. D18.3 and D18.4.



**Issue:**

**Various:** Including the proposed Amenity Corridor through the Lakeview Estate, traffic problems surrounding Lakeview Estate and the proposed new treatment plant.

**D19.1 Objection to the proposed Amenity Corridor through the Lakeview Estate**

**Summary:**

Objection on the grounds that the proposal would interfere with the resident's privacy and amenity.

**Response:**

The Amenity Corridor or walkway is an important objective at this location as it would link up future Community Facility and Amenity lands to the village centre. If this Amenity Corridor / Walkway were to be removed, it is likely that the estate road would continue to be used by members of the public as it the most direct 'desire line' between the village and future Recreational/ Community Facility lands.

However if this proposal is deemed to be completely unacceptable the Council would consider running the Amenity Corridor/ Walkway south of the Lakeview Estate on an East-West axis to meet the old N18 road. See FP15 Map 2.

**Recommendation:**

No Change recommended. However, consideration may be given to an alternative Amenity Corridor route.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

Dealt with earlier.

**On the proposal of Cllr.Cuddy and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to only consider the alternative amenity corridor route as outlined above.**

**D19.2: State that residents of Lakeview experience traffic problems.**

**Summary:**

Residents have difficulty entering and exiting the estate. This problem is exacerbated at Mass times (seven days a week) as the estate road is used by church goers to enter the Church car park, and during funerals as it is used to enter the Mortuary Chapel and meeting room.

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**Response:**

Traffic lights are being installed at the N17/N18 junction which should help to alleviate problems accessing and exiting the estate.

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

Dealt with earlier.

**On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed not to change the plan.**

**D19.3 Inadequate capacity of new treatment plant.**

**Summary:**

State that the design capacity for a 3000 population equivalent for the **new treatment plant** is inadequate as there is close to that number already in the area at present. Furthermore, the Plan allows a possible population projection of over 4000 people.

**Response:**

This submission was commented upon by the Water Services Section who state that the sizing of the Municipal treatment plant is up for review before the design of the proposed treatment works is finalised.

**Recommendation:**

Insert statement in the Plan which states that the sizing of the treatment plant has yet to be finalised.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

Dealt with earlier.

**On the proposal of Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Healy Eames it was agreed to insert statement in the Plan which states that the sizing of the treatment plant has yet to be finalised.**

**Submission D20**

**Submitted by:  
Sean and Maura  
Harte & 8 no. other**

**Issue:**

Objection to proposed **tertiary access roads**. in the townland of Lakeview.

**Summary:**

Express concern that the proposed Tertiary Access Objectives as set out in the Urban Design Framework map on the grounds that;

- It would be used as a 'rat run' by traffic wishing to gain access from the N17 to the N18 or vice versa,
- Would result in through access for both commuter and industrial traffic thereby causing danger to children as well as major air and noise pollution into a residential area.

**Response:**

These access routes appeared on the Urban Design Framework Objectives Map as part of the Draft LAP. Having examined this submission and following a site inspection, it is considered that the proposed Tertiary Access road to the east of the GAA pitch be omitted as it is unlikely that sight line requirements could be achieved onto the county road.

However, the tertiary access routes to the south east of the Plan area should be down graded to Local Access routes and should not be interconnected. This will have the effect of disabling 'rat run' though traffic from and to the N17/ N18 whilst facilitating access to future development lands. See FP8 & FP9 on Map 2.

**Recommendation:**

1. Omit Tertiary Access route to east of GAA pitch- see FP8 on Map 2.
2. Replace proposed tertiary access with non connected local access objectives. See FP9 on Map 2.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. Healy-Eames it was agreed to;

1. Omit Tertiary Access route to east of GAA pitch- see FP8 on Map 2.
2. Replace proposed tertiary access with non connected local access objectives. See FP9 on Map 2.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Healy Eames it was agreed to (1) Omit Tertiary Access route to east of GAA pitch- see FP8 on Map 2. and

- (2) Replace proposed tertiary access with non connected local access objectives. See FP9 on Map 2.



**Issue:**

Consultants are preparing a detailed masterplan for a significant portion of residential lands to the south of the N17 and to the east of the N18. The aim of the masterplan is to create a high quality living environment with an emphasis on the most up to date urban design criterion and guidelines. Although the Masterplan is based on the Urban Design Framework Objectives set out in the draft, a number of Objectives in the Draft LAP may conflict with the Masterplan approach.

**Issues raised on Objectives in the Plan.**

**D21.1 Refers to Section 4.2 - UD3 Neighbourhood centre objective:**

**Summary**

The inclusion of this objective is supported, however it is suggested that the LAP should allow for flexibility in the precise location/ boundaries and overall area of this neighbourhood centre.

**Response:**

A large area has been zoned for Neighbourhood centre uses even though only a limited amount of local community and / or small commercial retail uses will be considered at this location. Secondly, the mapped objectives as appeared on the Urban Design Framework map have been marked as being indicative only. Therefore, the large amount of Neighbourhood centre land combined with the indicative layout on the Urban Design Objectives map allows for sufficient flexibility for any development proposal in this area.

**Recommendation:**

Amendment to UD3: Neighbourhood Centre Objective: *'Any neighbourhood centre proposal shall be confined to the Neighbourhood centre zone as indicated on Map 2 of the LAP, however, the precise location and extent of this centre shall be at the discretion of the Planning Authority.'*

**Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed to make an amendment to UD3: Neighbourhood Centre Objective as outlined above.

**On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy and seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed to make Amendment to UD3: Neighbourhood Centre Objective:**

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*'Any neighbourhood centre proposal shall be confined to the Neighbourhood centre zone as indicated on Map 2 of the LAP, however, the precise location and extent of this centre shall be at the discretion of the Planning Authority.'*

D21.2 Refers to Section 5.2.1 – Road Standards:

**Summary**

The last paragraph of this section states the following;

*"In the case of development fronting district and local distributor roads, larger sites with greater building lines and detached houses will normally be required. In such cases grass/planted verges (of native species) in addition to footpaths will also be required. Building lines of 10-12m in such instances are recommended with site frontages of 15m and grass verges of 2m."*

States that this requirement is in conflict with best practice and design guidelines. E.g. the "Traffic Management Guidelines 2003" published by the DoEHLG/ Department of Transport. Requests that the above paragraph to be omitted from the Plan.

**Response:**

Having examined this proposal vis-a-vis the Traffic Management Guidelines and other up to date design guidance documents, it is considered that the paragraph referred to is omitted from the plan. It is intended to add to the list of design documents referred to in section 5.2.1 of the Draft.

**Recommendation:**

Omit paragraph in question from plan and add to the list of design documents referred to in the draft.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh, it was agreed to omit paragraph in question from plan and add to the list of design documents referred to in the draft.

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy and seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed to omit paragraph in question from plan and add to the list of design documents referred to in the draft.

D21.3 Refers to Table 5.3 - Crèche Parking Standards.

**Summary**

Table 5.3 containing car parking standards has a requirement of 1 space per employee plus 0.25 spaces per child. This is considered unreasonable as in practice parents set down rather than park at the crèche. It is suggested that this requirement be re-examined.

**Response:**

Using a typical example for an application for 75 houses. A number of guidelines / requirements govern the calculation of car parking spaces.

- The Childcare Facilities guidelines for Planning Authorities suggest that a Childcare facility should be provided to cater for **minimum of 20 childcare spaces for every 75 houses.**
- The Draft Local Area Plan Table 5.3 Car Parking Standards requires 1 space per employee plus **0.25 spaces per child.**
- The development contributions scheme charges at the rate of **€3600** for each space which cannot be provided on site.

Therefore, using the above example at the rate of **0.25 car parking spaces per child** a crèche for 20 children, would require 5 spaces for the children and 3 spaces for each of say 3 employees i.e. a total of 8 spaces.

If 4 spaces could not be provided on site a development contribution of €14400 would be required.

**Recommendation:**

Following the above examination, it is recommended that the requirement be **"1 space per employee, plus 0.2 car parking spaces per child or adequate set down / collection area to service the facility which meets road safety requirements"**. This is considered more reasonable requirement for an adequate level of parking to service a proposed crèche. Furthermore, it is recommended that Section 5.9.3 Crèches/ Playschools shall have regard to suggested Adult to Child ratios as recommended under the Pre-School Regulations 1996 (Amended 1997).

**Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Hoade which was seconded by Cllr. Cuddy, the recommendation outlined above was agreed with.

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy and seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed to accept the requirement of **"1 space per employee, plus 0.2 car parking spaces per child or adequate set down / collection area to service the facility which meets road safety requirements"**. This is considered more reasonable requirement for an adequate level of parking to service a proposed crèche. Furthermore, it is accepted that Section



5.9.3 Crèches/ Playschools shall have regard to suggested Adult to Child ratios as recommended under the Pre-School Regulations 1996 (Amended 1997).

D21.4 Urban Design Framework- Objectives

**Summary**

Requested that objectives which are set out in Map no. 2 would not be rigidly applied as this would impose significant constraints on the preparation of the masterplan.

**Response**

The principle of each of these objectives shall be maintained. However, each of the Urban Design Framework Objectives have been mapped as being indicative only.

Furthermore, the following additional sentences to various Objectives in this section should allow for greater flexibility in their implementation.

- *UD3: Neighbourhood Centre Objective:* Any neighbourhood centre proposal shall be confined to the Neighbourhood centre zone as indicated on Map 2 of the LAP, however, the precise location and extent of this centre shall be at the discretion of the Planning Authority.
- *UD4, UD5, UD6 & UD7: Access objectives:* While the routes indicated on map 2 are indicative only, the principle of these routes shall be upheld. The precise course and trajectory of these access routes shall be agreed between the Council and the developer.
- *UD8 Amenity Corridors and Civic Open Space Objectives:* The routes for these Amenity corridors indicated on map 2 are indicative only. Where it is not possible to maintain the precise course and trajectory of these Amenity Corridors alternative routes shall be designed by the developer for the agreement of the Planning Authority.
- *UD8 Existing Landscape Objectives:* Removal of existing healthy mature trees shall be strongly resisted. A tree survey shall be normally required and healthy specimens shall be preserved. Where other trees need to be removed these shall be replaced with two semi-mature trees for each one removed.

**Recommendation:**

Amend Urban Design Framework Objectives as outlined above.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

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On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed to amend the recommendation outlined above.

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy and seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed to amend the Urban Design Framework Objectives as outlined above.

## **FORWARD PLANNING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

Having considered the public submissions on the Draft LAP and internal reports from the Roads Section, Environment Section, Water Services section, Area Engineer, Conservation Officer and the DoEHLG, a number of amendments to the Draft Local Area Plan are hereby proposed by the Forward Planning section. Many of these can be read in conjunction with Map 2 (Forward Planning Proposed Amendments).

FP1: Proposal to extend northern edge of Plan boundary as indicated on map 2.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

Agreed

FP2: Proposal to zone lands for **Recreation and Amenity**, (see map 2).

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was second by Cllr. McDonagh, this was agreed.

FP3: Proposal to zone lands within boundary extension **Agricultural**, (See Map 2).

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

Agreed

FP4: Zone lands from proposed Agriculture to proposed **Recreation and Amenity**.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

Agreed.

FP5: Proposal to extend Plan boundary 5m to the north of the river Clare and zone these lands **Recreation and Amenity** (See Map 2).

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

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Dealt with earlier and agreed.

**FP6:** Propose to Show **Indicative Flood Plain Area** as part of the Local Area Plan. See Map 2

**Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. Healy-Eames, this was agreed.

**FP7:** Phase proposed residential lands as indicated on map 2.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Healy-Eames which was seconded by Cllr. Cuddy, this was agreed.

**FP8:** Omit Tertiary Access Objective at this location.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

Agreed

**FP9:** Replace Tertiary Access Objectives at this location with non- connected Local Access Objectives.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

Agreed

**FP10:** Retain Recreation Amenity zone directly to the front of the Old Graveyard on the south bank of the river Clare, with Objectives to preserve the enclosure of the Handball alley and create an Amenity corridor link with the property to the south.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

Agreed

**FP11:** Proposal to zone lands between the Old Graveyard and the new Commercial development (Cois Chlair) Community Facilities, with Objective to pull forward the building line, with objectives to ensure appropriate form, scale, height, use of on site stone materials and vernacular design.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

Agreed

**FP12:** Remove zonings from public roads including the N17, N18 Cloonbiggeen road etc. within the Plan boundary.



**Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade which was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh, this was agreed.

FP13: Zone portion of car park on church lands from proposed Commercial to Community Facility.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

Agreed

FP14: Zone narrow strip of land between western edge of Mortuary Chapel and eastern edge of the N18 Recreation and Amenity.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

Agreed.

FP15: Indicate 2 new Amenity Corridor Objective, one south of the Lakeview estate with an East- West axis linking up with the old N18. The second to link proposed neighbourhood centre with Amenity lands/ Community facility lands and school to the west.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

Agreed.

FP16: Incorporate new Tertiary Access objective directly south of the school in order to facilitate future Community Facility land.

**Area Committee Recommendation**

Agreed.

**FP 17 :Incorporate the following amendments to the text of the Plan,**

These have been proposed by the Environment Section and are agreeable to the Forward Planning section. Page numbers refer to the Draft Plan. Each should read as proposals.

- **p11 Introduction**

The first paragraph mentions the importance of protecting archaeological potential and architectural heritage. This sentence should be amended as follows:

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*'The importance of protecting the zones of archaeological potential, the architectural heritage (Abbey, Nine Arches Bridge and Castle), the groundwater and the River Clare is underlined,...*

In the fourth paragraph the first sentence should be amended as follows:

*'Other strategic considerations taken into account in this Plan include the availability of adequate wastewater treatment facilities and waste management facilities...*

- **p11 Residential Areas**

An extra sentence should be added as follows:

*'All housing and commercial development to date is served by individual septic tank systems or by one of six privately operated wastewater treatment plants which discharge treated effluent to groundwater.*

- **p12 Strategy**

Addition of one more item to the list of considerations:

- *'Adequate protection of the vulnerable groundwater from treated effluent discharges.*

- **p14 Context: Wastewater**

Amend first sentence as follows:

*'There is no existing municipal wastewater treatment plant in Claregalway and a new sewerage network and treatment plant is required.*

Replace the second paragraph with the following:

*'At present wastewater treatment is provided by septic tank systems for individual dwellings or premises and by six privately operated wastewater treatment plants serving larger developments.*

- **p14 Environment [and Natural Heritage] Context**

First paragraph to be rewritten as follows:

*'In Claregalway, the principal water bodies requiring protection are the groundwater and the River Clare - Abhainn an Chláir. There is also a short stream which rises at the back of the 'Cois Chláir' development and flows into the adjacent River Clare. The River Clare which runs along the north and east of the Plan area has been classified by the Western Regional Fisheries Board as an important salmonid river. This river is an important part of the natural heritage of*

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Claregalway. The provision of a linear park along the banks of the river would create a buffer zone that would reduce pollution risk to the river'

#### **p15 Waste Management- Context**

Replace this paragraph with the following:

'To achieve the recycling targets set out in the Connacht Regional Waste Management Plan 2001, a fully separated waste collection system must be in place in the towns and villages. Currently, Claregalway is provided with a 2-way segregated collection system by a major collector and an occasional collection service from another operator based on further segregation of dry recyclables. These collectors do not collect glass packaging waste from households. It is Council policy to ensure that a bring bank for the recycling of household glass is provided in every village with a population greater than 500. Due to abuse of the facility, the bring banks in Claregalway had to be temporarily removed in 2003. Any relocated bring banks will have enhanced supervision/monitoring measures including the use of CCTV as necessary.'

#### **• p15 Waste Management -Strategy**

Replace the first paragraph as follows:

'The strategy of the Council in relation to Waste Management for Claregalway is as follows:

1. To provide a bring bank facility in a suitable location in Claregalway together with any ancillary measures required to prevent abuse of the facility.
2. To ensure that all commercial premises producing packaging glass waste make suitable arrangements for the collection of that glass waste for reuse or recycling.
3. To facilitate the provision of a segregated waste collection system for each household.'

#### **• p18 Context and Strategy-Summary**

An additional bullet point as follows:

'Claregalway has a large number of septic tanks and private wastewater treatment plants situated on a regional aquifer of high vulnerability. It is paramount that a village sewerage network and municipal wastewater treatment plant is provided so as to reduce the risk to groundwater and facilitate any further development.'



- **p24 Water and Wastewater Services -Objectives W1**

Suggest the following rewording:

'Construct a new municipal wastewater treatment plant to meet the medium- to long-term needs of the village, together with a sewerage network and pumping stations at appropriate locations where need arises.'

- **p24 Environment Policies**

In 3.6.1 refer to *Western River Basin District* catchment management plan

In 3.6.3 omit reference to an IPC license (we have no authority over IPC licenses)

Reduce 3.6.6 to the following: 'Ensure the protection of the aquifer (with a rating of high vulnerability) from the risk of environmental pollution'

- **p25 Environment Objectives**

Add in new objectives as follows:

EN 2 To require all relevant applications in which the proposed development would entail removal or reduction of the overburden in locations where a source of pollution exists or is likely to exist to submit measures to reduce and prevent pollution of the groundwater.. Developers may wish to consult with the Environment Section, Galway County Council.

EN 3 To support the creation of a new linear park along the banks of the River Clare that will include riverside protection and enhancement measures.

- **p25 Waste management Polices**

3.7.1 reword as 'Encourage the provision of waste management infrastructure to manage solid waste in an environmentally sustainable manner.'

3.7.2 reword as 'Implement the provisions of the Connacht Regional Waste Management Plan 2001 (under review)...

- **p25 Waste management Objectives**

Add another objective as follows:

'WM 4 Provide a bring bank facility at a suitable location in Claregalway together with any supervision/monitoring facilities to prevent abuse.'

- **p26 3.8.10 Community Facility Objectives**

Please omit 'refuse disposal facilities' from this list of community facilities.

- **p50 Shopping Centres and permitted locations for shopping**

Add in after the sentence on Retail Impact assessment:

'The Planning Authority may require the provision of a bring bank facility at a shopping centre or large food/grocery chain development.'

- **p55 5.9.1 Standards for Community Use Facilities**

Add in 'segregated waste collection' to the list of standards in the first paragraph.

- **p79 Amendments to the Zoning Matrix:**

Item 5 from bottom should read 'Civic Recycling Centre'

p80 Hazardous Waste Depot should be 'open for consideration' under Agriculture. This would give e.g. a battery collection depot more flexibility that being confined to Industrial. There have been problems in the past with the managing authorities for industrial estates not allowing certain waste infrastructure businesses to take up available space on that estate.

This comment applies also to Scrapyards/car dismantlers on page 81.

p81 Omit reference to 'Private Tip', if it is unlicensed it would be illegal. If it is licensed it would be called a landfill. Amend 'Refuse landfill/tip' to 'Refuse landfill'

Finally the Forward Planning section proposes to make the following alterations.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

Proposed by Cllr. Cuddy which was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh. It was agreed to update the Environmental policies in the plan whilst avoiding repetition

#### **FP18: Change name of proposed indicative by pass to Indicative Relief Road.**

As the proposed by pass as indicated on the Draft Plan will be accompanied by the re-alignment of the New N17 it would more accurately be described as a Indicative Relief Road.

#### **Area Committee Recommendation**

On the proposal of Cllr. Healy-Eames which was seconded by Cllr. Cuddy, it was agreed not to rename the by-pass.

#### **FP19: Typing corrections and editing of document.**

Elements of repetition shall be removed from the Plan, spell checks, updating and reordering of some paragraphs will form part of the Material alterations and the Final Local Area Plan document.

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On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr Hoade it was agreed to accept the Planning Authority's recommendation on the Forward Planning proposed amendments, FP1 TO FP19 as agreed at Area Committee level.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

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Cllr. D. Connolly asked if a reply had been received from the IDA regarding the Councils request that the Regional Manager attend a meeting of the Council to discuss unemployment in Ballinasloe, Tuam and other towns in the county. The County Manager said that he was trying to arrange a suitable date with the IDA in relation to this and other issues.

MAYORS BUSINESS

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**Date for December Monthly Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Mullins, and agreed that the December Monthly Meeting be held on the 17th December, 2004 at 2.30 p.m.

CONFERENCES

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On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Mannion 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.

**“Launch of the National Centre for Geocomputation”- Lecture Theatre 2, John Hume Building, North Campus, NUI Maynooth – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2004.**

Cllr. J. Mc Donagh.

**“Enterprise Kiltulla – Has balanced Regional Development been achieved?”, The White House Hotel, Ballinlough, Co. Roscommon - 28<sup>th</sup> October 2004**

Cllr. J. Tierney

**“Local Government Financing; Value for Money & Effectiveness” – Seven Oaks, Carlow – 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Cllrs. M. Mullins, T. Mannion, J. Cuddy, J. Conneely, S. Walsh.

**“LAMA – Annual Winter Seminar” – Fairways Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth, - 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November 2004**



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Cllrs. J. Mc Donagh, M. Mullins, J. Tierney, P. Feeney, S. Connaughton, B. Willers, T. Mannion

**“Cultural Tourism: Making the Magic – Aoife Annual Conference” – Mill Park Hotel, Donegal Town – 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November 2004.**

Cllrs. M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta

**“National Conference, Workshop & Book Launch” - Radisson SAS Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2004**

Cllr J. Tierney

**“National Tourism Conference” – Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare – 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> November.**

Cllr. M. Mullins

**“Confederation of European Councillors – North-South Political Relations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” – Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2004.**

Cllr. M. Mullins

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 19 – CLLR. J. JOYCE – BRIDGES**

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The following reply was given:-

“This bridge is in the ownership of Bord na Móna. The public road finishes approximately 100 metres short of this bridge. The private road is used only by local landowners and Bord na Móna.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 20– CLLR. J. JOYCE – PLANNING**

178

The following reply was given:-

“As the Planning Department are currently in discussions with the Roads and Water Services sections it is expected we will be in a position very quickly to meet with the Kilconnell-Cappataggle-New Inn Anti Dump Group. This date will be made known to all having clarified the relevant issues, but it will happen very soon”.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 21– CLLR. J. JOYCE – PLANNING**

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The following reply was given:-

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"Currently the planning department are in consultations with other internal departments to resolve the issues raised in planning conditions concerning appointment of independent consultants, setting up of a community liaison committee and road widening. It is expected we will have these issues resolved very soon and we will issue a reply to the Kilconnel-Cappataggle-New Inn Anti Dump Group immediately".

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 22 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – ROADS 180**

The following reply was given:-

"Galway County Council will seek funding from the Department of the Environment to enable the upgrading of this road to be completed in 2005."

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 23 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – ROADS 181**

The following reply was given:-

"Galway County Council will seek funding from Department of the Environment for repairs to this road, so that the work can be included in the 2005 Roadworks Programme."

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 24 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – ROADS 182**

The following reply was given:-

"The location in question is on a straight section of road where views are unimpeded and therefore it is not proposed to provide a continuous white line."

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 25 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA – ROADS 183**

The following reply was given:-

"Breathnófar ar an áit seo go bhfeicfear ar cheart comhartha a chuir ann. Má tá an áit feiliúnach cuirfear comhartha ar fáil"

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 26 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA – HOUSING 184**

The following reply was given:-

"Fuair muid foirim iarratas le haghaidh teach prefab a thógail ón teaghlach thuas luaite ar an 1<sup>st</sup> Deireadh Fomhair, 2003.

Tá survey á dhéanamh againn faoi latháir, agus beidh muid ag lorg cead pleanála i gceann tri seachtáine".

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 27 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA – ROADS 185**

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The following reply was given:-

“Tá na uinéirí

- talún freagrach de réir dlí as na sceachanna ar a gcuid talún a ghearradh siar. Déanann an Comhairle Chontae roinnt gearradh siar ar na príomhbóithre nuair atá airgead ar fail. Ní fhéadfar na sceachann a ghearradh idir mí Aibreán agus mí Lúnasa”.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 28 – COMH. O TUAIRISG – ROADS**

186

The following reply was given:-

“Tá teorainn luas 30 m.s.u. san áireamh san athbhreithniú ar fhodhlíthe atá dhá reiteach faoi láthair. Déanfar machnamh ar theorainn luas 40 m.s.u. a sholáthar in athbhreithnithe ar na teorainneacha luais sa todhchaí

Bhreathnaigh an Comhairle Chontae ar an scéal seo cheana. Níl na daoine gur leo na títe ar taobh amháin den bóthar sásta an talamh atá ag teastáil a thabhairt don Comhairle Chontae. Is leis an Eaglais cuid den talamh ar an taobh eile den bóthar agus ní fhéadfaí seilbh a bhaint amach ar an talamh seo go héigeantach.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 29 – COMH. O TUAIRISG – HOUSING**

187

The following reply was given:-

“Beidh an conraitheoir ag folmhu an Dabhach Searachais an tseachtain seo chugainn”.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 30 – CLLR. B. WILLERS – OFFICE ACCOMMODATION**

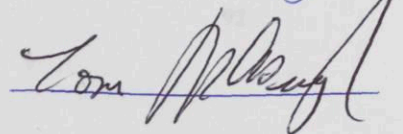
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The following reply was given:-

“A number of sites have been investigated and Galway County Council is continuing its efforts to provide adequate accommodation in Loughrea.”

**CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINIÚ ANSIN**

Submitted, Approved & Signed



22.11.04.

Date



**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL, ON MONDAY, 27<sup>th</sup>  
SEPTEMBER, 2004.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:**

Mayor W. Burke

**ILATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Baill:**

Cllrs. S. Canney, C. Cannon,  
S. Connaughton, J. Conneely, D. Connolly,  
M. Connolly, Comh. S. O’Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Cuddy,  
M. Fahy, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, M. Hoade,  
P. Hynes, J. Joyce, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne,  
T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh,  
M. Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O’Tuairisg,  
Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, J. Tierney, S. Walsh,  
T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers,

**Oifigigh:**

Mr. P. Gallagher, County Manager, Messrs. T.  
Kavanagh, J. Cullen, J. Morgan, F. Dawson, F.  
Gilmore, Directors of Service, A. Comer,  
A/Director of Service, G. Mullarkey, Head of  
Finance, T. Murphy, Meetings Administrator, M.  
Dolly, Senior Engineer, P. Canney, Project Co-  
ordinator, WRBD, E. Maloney, A/Senior Executive  
Officer, M. Mannion, Heritage Officer, A. Farrell,  
Administrative Officer, M. Gaughan, Arts Officer,  
T. Donoghue, Asst. Staff Officer, G. Healy, Staff  
Officer.

**Also:**

Western River Basin District Project:  
Paddy Kavanagh, ESBI, Project Manager.

**Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir**

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

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A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

The Canning Family, Portumna, Co. Galway.

The Power Family, Peterswell, Co. Galway.

Úna Diranne & Family, Corna Rón, Indreabhán, Co. na Gaillimhe

The Nalty Family, Ballinastack, Ballyglunin, Tuam, Co. Galway.  
The Higgins Family, Dublin Road, Tuam  
Mr. Jimmy Kirrane, Lurgan, Milltown, Tuam, Co. Galway.  
Ms. Carmel Faherty, Teach Mór, Indreabhán, Co. na Gaillimhe  
Clair & Padraic Mulligan, Ervallah, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Martin Hoban, Derrada, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Ms. Laurence Ingrlbach, 51 Tullyvoheen, Clifden, Co. Galway.

The Mayor and members welcomed the new County Manager, Mr. Pat Gallagher, to the Council and wished him a long and successful career as Galway County Manager. The Mayor assured Mr. Gallagher of the co-operation of the Members during his time as Manager.

The County Manager thanked the members for their warm welcome stating that he looked forward to working with them. He stated that the county faced great challenges but also great opportunities.

Cllr. McDonagh extended a vote of congratulations to the Galway Minor Hurling Team on winning the All-Ireland Final, Cllr. D. Connolly extended congratulations to the Galway Minor Camogie Team on winning the All-Ireland final

## **MINUTES**

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The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Regan.

Arising from the Minutes, Cllr. Fahy asked what was the up to date position on the report on the Landscape Sensitivity Ratings. Mr. Comer stated that the Council's consultant's had prepared a draft report and that some amendments had been made. He stated that a report would be available for the first meeting of the Planning & Economic Development S.P.C.

## **REPORTS**

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The Report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney, seconded by Cllr. Reilly.

The Report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Canney.

The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy.

The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on the 7th July, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Fahy.

The Report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on the 21st July, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Mannion.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.9375 ACRES AT PORTUMNA, CO. GALWAY TO MR. MARTIN HOGAN, PORTLAND, LORRHA, NENAGH, CO. TIPPERARY**

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Report dated 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2004 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Fahy, the disposal of 0.9375 acres at Portumna, Co. Galway to Mr. Martin Hogan, Portland, Lorrha, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.51 ACRES AT QUINALTAGH, GARRAFRAUNS, TUAM, CO. GALWAY TO MR. JARLATH MCGATH, FORMALLY OF GARRAFRAUNS, TUAM, CO. GALWAY**

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It was agreed that this item be deferred.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 TO LEASE OF 0.4624 HECTARES AT WEIR ROAD, TUAM, CO. GALWAY TO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Report dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney, seconded by Cllr. Reilly, the lease of 0.4624 hectares at Weir Road, Tuam, Co. Galway to the Vocational Education Committee was approved.



**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.038 ACRES AT GORTROE, WILLIAMSTOWN, CO. GALWAY TO MS. DELIA CONNAUGHTON**

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Report dated 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Reilly, the disposal of 0.038 acres at Gortroe, Williamstown, Co. Galway to Ms. Delia Connaughton was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO CLIFDEN BRANCH LIBRARY, MARKET STREET, CLIFDEN, CO. GALWAY.**

99

Report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2004 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Conneely, seconded by Cllr. Welby, the construction of a single storey extension to Clifden Branch Library, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – STATION ROAD CARPARK, LOUGHREA, CO. GALWAY**

100

Report dated 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Hynes, the construction of public car-park and associated works at Station Road, Loughrea, Co. Galway was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE RURAL HOUSE WITH SERVICES AT NORTHBROOK, KILCONNELL, CO. GALWAY**

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Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2004 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Mannion, the construction of a single rural house with services at Northbrook, Kilconnell, Co. Galway was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION/PLACEMENT OF PREFABRICATED HOUSE WITH ASSOCIATED SITEWORKS AT INISHNEE, ROUNDSTONE, CO. GALWAY.**

102

Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2004 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh. O' Tuairisg, seconded by Cllr. Conneely, the construction/placement of prefabricated house with associated siteworks at Inishnee, Roundstone, Co. Galway was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION/PLACEMENT OF PREFABRICATED HOUSES WITH ASSOCIATED SITEWORKS AT CLOUGHBRACK, CLONBUR, CO. GALWAY**

103

Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2004 was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Comh. O Tuairisg, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, the construction/placement of prefabricated house with associated siteworks at Cloughbrack, Clonbur, Co. Galway was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE RURAL HOUSE WITH SERVICES AT CLOUGHBRACK, CLONBUR, CO. GALWAY**

104

Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2004 was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Cllr Conneely, seconded by Cllr. Welby, the construction of a single rural house with services at Cloughbrack, Clonbur, Co. Galway was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE RURAL HOUSE WITH SERVICES AT CLOONCONAUN, NEW INN, BALLINASLOE, CO. GALWAY**

105

Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2004 was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Cllr Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Tierney, the construction of a single rural house with services at Cloonconau, New Inn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE RURAL HOUSE WITH SERVICES AT DEREEN GLAS, LETTERMORE, CO. GALWAY**

106

Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2004 was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Comh. O'Tuairisg, the construction of a single rural house with services at Dereen Glas, Lettermore, Co. Galway was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING DWELLING AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF 3 NO. DWELLINGS WITH ASSOCIATED SITEWORKS AT BALLYDAVID, ATHENRY, CO. GALWAY**

107

Report dated 19th August, 2004 was already circulated to each Member



On the proposal of Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh, the demolition of the existing dwelling and the development of 3 no. dwellings with associated siteworks at Ballydavid, Athenry, Co. Galway was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE RURAL HOUSE WITH SERVICES AT GORTNARAHEEN, KILTORMER, CO. GALWAY** 108

Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2004 was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. Tierney, seconded by Cllr. Joyce, the construction of a single rural house with services at Gortnaraheen, Kiltormer, Co. Galway was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE RURAL HOUSE WITH SERVICES AT KILLEENMUNTERLANE NORTH, KILCOLGAN, CO. GALWAY** 109

Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2004 was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, the construction of a single rural house with services at Killeenmunterlane North, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE RURAL HOUSE WITH SERVICES AT LURGANMORE, KILLIMOR, BALLINASLOE, CO. GALWAY** 110

Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2004 was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Mullins, the construction of a single rural house with services at Lurganmore, Killimor, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE RURAL HOUSE WITH SERVICES AT ARDRANNY, KILTORMER, CO. GALWAY** 111

Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2004 was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. Tierney, seconded by Cllr. Joyce, the construction of a single rural house with services at Ardranny, Kiltormer, Co. Galway was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING BRIDGE AND ASSOCIATED WORKS ON THE MILL BRIDGE, PORTUMNA, WHICH IS ON THE R355 IN THE TOWNLAND OF GORTAWULLAUN, CO. GALWAY** 112



Report already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Cannon, the replacement of existing bridge and associated works on the Mill Bridge, Portumna, which is on the R355 in the townland of Gortawullaun, Co. Galway, was approved.

The Mayor asked when would work on the bridge commence and Mr. Morgan stated that work would commence early in November.

**MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PERMISSION FOR THE ERECTION OF TOWN CENTRE MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING A SHOPPING CENTRE, CRÈCHE, RETAIL, COMMERCIAL, HOTEL, BAR, RESTAURANT, OFFICE DEVELOPMENT (13,438 SQM), A MUSEUM (2,874 SQM), 310 RESIDENTIAL UNITS COMPRISING 102 NO. TOWNHOUSES, 83 APARTMENTS, 25 DUPLEX UNITS IN 18 BLOCKS VARYING FROM 2 TO 3 AND 4 STOREY WITH PENTHOUSE LEVEL AND BASEMENT OR PART BASEMENT WITH ANCILLARY CAR PARKING, STORES, PLANT AND BINSTORES, A SCHOOL (1,418 SQM) GALLERY WITH RETAIL CRAFTS STUDIO'S (1,264 SQM) SINGLE TO TWO STOREY IN HEIGHT AT INN PLOT AND ORANMORE TOWNLANDS, ORANMORE.**

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Planning Reference No. 03/5413

**Applicant: White Cedar  
Developments Ltd.**

Mr. Comer read out the development description for the Material Contravention, referring to the report dated 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2004, which was circulated to each Member.

**"Planning Reference No. 03/5413**

**APPLICANT:** White Cedar Developments Ltd

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Permission for the erection of town centre mixed use development including a shopping centre, creche, retail, commercial, hotel, bar, restaurant, office development (13,438 sqm), a museum (2,874 sqm), 310 residential units comprising 102 No. townhouses, 83 apartments 25 duplex units in 18 blocks varying from 2 to 3 and 4 storey with penthouse level and basement or part basement with ancillary carparking, stores, plant and binstores, a school (1,418 sqm), gallery with retail crafts studio's (1,264 sqm) single to two storey in height. Change of use from residential to office of dwelling at Main Street/Kelly's Lane corner. The demolition of and construction of new two storey extension to McDonaghs pub (protected structure). Demolition and alterations and extension to include a change of use to 18 bedroom hotel and ancillary bar, restaurant and service areas at Oranmore House (protected structure).

The demolition of a dwellinghouse at Main Street. Ancillary civil engineering water front promenade, re-routing of existing drainage, roadworks with new roundabout south of bridge, ancillary carparking, site and external works.

**LOCATION:** The site is located in the townlands of Innplot and Oranmore in Oranmore village.

**PLANNING HISTORY:**

03/3575 – To re-thatch the existing thatched roof on McDonaghs Pub. Granted.

04/4004 – Under consideration.

**ASSESSMENT:** The proposed development is an acceptable extension of the commercial, amenity and residential development in Oranmore. The site is zoned partially for Amenity-Environment and Amenity-Civic and Recreational in the current Development Plan for Oranmore. The major part of the site is zoned for Village Centre/Commercial purposes. The site is serviceable by the public sewer, surface water drains and a public water supply is available. The site is a natural extension of the village centre of Oranmore. The proposed plot ratio of approximately 0.57 is acceptable in light of the fact that upper limit for plot ratio in a Town Centre zoned site is 1.26. The layout, proportion and location of private and public open space is also acceptable. The proposals for the treatment of the Protected Structures which are on the site are also considered acceptable.

**ZONING:** The site is partially zoned for Village Centre/Commercial purposes and partially zoned for Amenity (Recreational and Environmental) purposes in the current Development Plan for Oranmore. The major part of the site is zoned for Village Centre /Commercial purposes.

**SUBMISSIONS:** Submissions were accepted up to and including 02/09/04. There are a total of 6 submissions to the proposed material contravention of the Oranmore Development Plan. (See attached list)

**RECOMMENDATION:** The development as proposed is generally acceptable in terms of layout and density and is compatible with the existing mix of land uses in the vicinity. The creation of a new civic space and boardwalk / promenade along the coastal zone (partially zoned for Amenity purposes) is also generally acceptable. The proposed development would materially contravene the Oranmore Development Plan, but it is recommended that permission be granted for the reasons already stated.

It is recommended to grant with conditions.

**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 34(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.



Public notice of the Council's intention to consider deciding to grant permission was given on 06<sup>th</sup> August 2004 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections.

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

The latest date for a decision on this application is 30/09/2004".

Mr. Comer stated that six submissions had been received on foot of the public notice. The Council examined each submission and would make a decision based on those submissions.

Cllr. Hynes stated that a number of people from the Oranmore area had expressed their concerns to him regarding the preservation of land near the sea and asked if these concerns had been addressed. Mr. Comer stated that every submission on file would be taken into account by the Council when making their decision.

Cllr. Cuddy asked would the development, if permitted, cause flooding and if it were to occur, who would be responsible. Mr. Comer stated that an Environmental Impact Study was submitted detailing that a survey had been carried out and the results indicated that there was likely to be no material damage. If flooding were to occur, it would be a civil matter between the parties involved.

Cllr. Cuddy asked if the Special Area of Conservation had been taken into account. Mr. Comer stated that the S.A.C had been considered.

Cllr. Cuddy asked if the wildlife would be affected. Mr. Comer stated that the E.I.S indicated that no material damage would be caused to the wildlife.

Cllr. Cuddy asked how much of the area involved the material contravention. Mr. Comer stated that the total area was 8.5 hectares and that the material contravention involved approx. 1/5 of the total area.

Cllr. Healy Eames stated that Oranmore House was a protected structure. She stated that discussions had taken place at local level regarding the material contravention and the locals were generally in favour of it.

Cllr. Healy-Eames proposed that, having considered the Planning Application made by White Cedar Developments Ltd. and having considered the Report dated 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2004, Galway County Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 (3) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1976, as amended by Section 45 of the Local Government Act 1991 hereby require that a decision to grant permission be made in the case of this application.



Cllr. J. McDonagh seconded this proposal.

A vote was taken on this proposal and the result of the vote was:

**AR SON:** Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, C. Cannon, S. Connaughton, J. Conneely, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, Comh. S. O’Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O’Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, J. Tierney, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers (29)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

**TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION FOR THE NOMINATION BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF UACHTARAN NA HEIREANN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS ACT 1993** 114

Copy of Section 16 of the Act and copies of submissions received were already circulated to each Member.

The Mayor listed the people who had formally asked to be nominated as a Presidential Candidate as follows:

Dana Rosemary Scallon, 6 Colonial Buildings, Eglinton Street, Galway,  
Brendan Corrigan, 23 Pinetree Crescent, Belgard Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24,  
Philip Doyle, 22 Hillcourt Road, Glenageary, Co. Dublin.

He stated that correspondence had also been received from the following:

Grainne Conroy,  
Eamonn Anthony Zaidan,  
Maire Mairead I Dubhaill Ni Duinn.

Comh. O’Cuaig proposed that Dana Rosemary Scallon be nominated as a Presidential Candidate. Cllr. Hynes seconded this proposal.

Dúirt an Comh. Ó Cuaig gur cheart go dtabharfaí seans do Phobal na hÉireann a nUachtarán a thoghadh trí vótáil i dtoghchán uachtaránachta agus gur cheart don Chomhairle Dana a ainmniú do thoghchán ó tharla go raibh sé de cheart aici agus an

muinín aici a hainm a chuir chun cinn, gur i nGaillimh a bhí sí ina cónaí agus go dtabharfadh sé seans díospóireachta ar an gceist ar a laghad ar bith.

Cllr. Hynes stated that Dana's right to go forward for election should be facilitated. He stated that this was not a reflection on President McAleese and that she had stated that she would welcome a contest for the Presidency. He stated that he would be concerned if the Irish people were not given the opportunity to vote in a Presidential election.

Cllr. Mannion stated that President McAleese had originally got the nomination of the Fianna Fail party seven years ago and that the party still felt that she was their candidate and therefore it would be hypocritical to support any other candidate.

Cllr. McDonagh stated that Dana had great drive and initiative but that the Fine Gael Councillors did not feel that it made political sense to support another candidate as the Fine Gael leader, had expressed the party's support for President McAleese.

Cllr. Cannon stated that it would be immoral to spend approximately €15m of taxpayers money on an election. He also stated that in a recent poll, 82% of those questioned stated that they didn't want a Presidential election.

Mr. Murphy confirmed that Dana – Rosemary Scallon had indicated her consent to be nominated by Galway County Council. In order for the Nomination to be valid, the Council had to be satisfied that Dana – Rosemary Scallon was an eligible candidate. Ms. Scallon had confirmed her Irish Citizenship and indicated that she was upwards of 35 years of age.

The Mayor called a vote on Comh. O'Cuaig's proposal, seconded by Cllr. Hynes that:

"Having complied with the terms of Section 16 of the Presidential Election Act 1993 and being satisfied that the nominee is eligible for election to the office of President and having received the nominee's consent to the nomination, Galway County Council hereby resolve to nominate:

**Surname of Candidate**

**Other Names** **Address**

Scallon

Dana-

6 Colonial Buildings

Rosemary

Eglinton Street

Galway

to be a candidate at the Presidential Election in accordance with Section 16 of the said Act and that the Nomination Paper be completed and signed and sealed on behalf of Galway County Council."

The vote taken resulted as follows:

	Town Council Representatives	Sectoral Representatives	Committee Total
Yes	6	1	7
No	1	0	1

AR SON: Comh. S. O’Cuaig, Cllr. P. Hynes, Cllr. W. Burke (3)

IN AGHAIDH Cllrs. C. Cannon, S. Connaughton, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, P. Feeney, F. Healy-Eames, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O’Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, J. Tierney, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers (24)

GAN VOTÁIL Cllrs. D. Connolly, M. Mullins, S. Canney (3)

The Mayor declared the proposal defeated.

There was no proposal to nominate any other candidate.

**FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE RIVER FERGUS JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE-**

115

Report dated 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2004 already circulated to each Member.

Cllr. McDonagh stated that Cllr. Healy-Eames had resigned her post on the Committee due to pressure of work and he proposed that the Casual Vacancy in the Membership of the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee be filled by Mr. Joe Sherry, Clarinbridge, Co. Galway, and this was seconded by Cllr. Mullins and agreed. The Mayor declared Mr. Sherry elected.

**ADOPTION OF SPC SCHEME**

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Report dated 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2004 already circulated to each Member.

Mr. Cullen stated that the draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme endorsed by the Corporate Policy Group on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 and approved by the Council, at their meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2004, was put on public display and no submissions were received during the public display period. He recommended that the Scheme be formally adopted by the Council.

He stated that, in accordance with the terms of the Scheme, members of the Strategic Policy Committees would comprise of Councillors, Town Councillors and Sectoral Representatives as follows:

SPC	Councillors	Town Council Representatives	Sectoral Representatives	Committee Total
Housing Services	6	Loughrea TC (1) Tuam TC (1)	4	12



Roads & Transportation	6	Ballinasloe TC (1)	4	11
Planning & Economic Dev.	6	Loughrea TC (1)	4	11
Environment & Water Services	6	Ballinasloe TC (1)	4	11
Corporate Affairs & Cultural	6	Tuam TC (1)	4	11

He informed that Council that the process of selection and nomination of Town Councillors and Sectoral Representatives had begun and that 5 of the 30 Councillors positions had been filled by way of the assignment of the Chairs of the S.P.C.s. He stated that the filling of the remaining Councillor positions on the Committees should be advanced as soon as possible so that all nominations to fill each Committee could be put forward for approval at the October Monthly Meeting of the Council.

Cllr. McDonagh stated that, as far as possible, the Councillors should be given the choice of which Committee they wished to be on.

Mr. Cullen stated that at the Corporate Policy Group Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 it was agreed that a geographical spread be achieved in the nominations of Councillors to the S.P.C.s

Cllr. Regan proposed that each Cllr be written to listing the SPCs and giving them an opportunity to indicate their preferred SPC. This was seconded by Cllr. Walsh and agreed. Mr. Cullen agreed to do this but he said it had to be acknowledged that not everybody could be nominated to their chosen SPC.

On the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme was adopted.

**TO THE CONSIDER ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2003** 117

Report dated 14th September, 2004 already circulated to each Member.

Mr. Mullarkey stated that the Annual Financial Statement showed that the Council's finances remained in a healthy state at the end of 2003. He stated that the Council's accounting system had been changed from a cash based system to a full accruals system in 2003. He recommended that the Annual Financial Statement be adopted in order to formally close the accounts for 2003.

Cllr. McHugh stated that he hoped that the new accounting system would be more user friendly than the previous one. The County Manager suggested that the Council meet, as a Finance Committee, on a quarterly basis in future in order to receive a regular financial

update. It was proposed by Cllr. Cuddy, seconded by Cllr. Mannion and agreed that quarterly meetings be held to discuss the Councils finances.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. Mannion the Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2003 was adopted.

## **REGIONAL BROADBAND PROGRAMME PHASE II**

118

Report dated 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2004 already circulated to each Member.

Mr. Dawson stated that in August, 2004, the Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources announced the second phase of the Regional Broadband Programme and that a further 41 towns had been targeted for broadband infrastructure including four from County Galway, i.e. Ballinasloe, Athenry, Clifden and Furbo. He stated that the Minister had invited proposals from Public Authorities for the development of Metropolitan Area Networks in these towns and that Galway County Council had formulated proposals in this regard with the assistance of telecommunications consultants. He stated that the projects, if approved by the Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources would attract 90% funding., and that the remaining 10% would be funded by the County Council. He stated that the Members would be fully informed of progress in this regard.

Cllr. Mullins welcomed the inclusion of Ballinasloe in the Regional Broadband Programme and stated that this major infrastructure deficit in Ballinasloe had been used as an excuse for the town being unable to attract replacement industry. He appealed to the County Manager to take a keen interest in Ballinasloe as it was an employment blackspot which needed a major boost.

Cllr. Feeney welcomed the inclusion of Athenry in the Programme stating that he hoped that other towns in the county would be included in the future.

Comh. O Cuaig asked how would broadband be brought to Furbo and Clifden and Mr. Dawson stated that Furbo would be serviced by a wireless connection and that in the case of Clifden, the Council would work in collaboration with other utilities in doing so.

Cllr. McHugh stated that he was concerned that Tuam was not included in the current list because of the pilot scheme being undertaken there with the E.S.B.

Mr. Dawson stated that he had no reason to believe that Tuam would not be included in a future rollout of the Programme as it together with Loughrea and Gort was included in the original schedule of targeted towns to be served, announced in 2002.

Cllr. Reilly stated that he was disappointed that Tuam was not included at this time as it was a Hub Town and that industry increasingly targets locations where fibre-based broadband is available. He proposed that the Council write to the Department of



Communications and the I.D.A. and ask them to include Tuam in the next call for proposals, as a matter of urgency. Cllr. M. Connolly seconded this proposal.

Cllr. D. Connolly stated that no government investment had been made in Ballinasloe since 1973 and that he had seen some of his colleagues drifting outside of the county to find employment. He complimented the work being carried out by the Council officials in their efforts to secure industry for Ballinasloe.

Mr. Dawson stated that the Council would maintain contact with the Department and redouble efforts to have the towns addressed, including Tuam. He wished to put on record that there was an exceptionally close working relationship between the Council, the Ballinasloe Town Council and the I.D.A. to source new industrial projects for Ballinasloe and that a 29,000 sq. ft. factory was under construction by the I.D.A. in the town. He also stated that 110 Civil Servants were earmarked for decentralization to Ballinasloe and that the provision of fibre-based broadband would be a major contributory factor in attracting employment generating industrial investment.

Comh. Ni Fhatharta proposed that a special meeting of the Council be held to discuss the issue of unemployment in Ballinasloe, Tuam and other towns and that the Regional Manager of the I.D.A. be invited to attend the meeting. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Mullins and agreed.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Mullins, the Regional Broadband Programme Phase II was endorsed by the Council.

**GALWAY ELECTORAL AREA PROGRAMME OF ACTIONS 2004** 119

It was agreed that this item be deferred.

**TO APPROVE ARTS GRANTS 2004 –** 120

Report dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 already circulated to each Member.

The members paid tribute to the Arts Officer for her enthusiasm and hard work in promoting the Arts in the County and stated that more funding should be allocated in this area

On the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Mullins the Arts Grants 2004 were approved.

**TO APPROVE HERITAGE GRANTS SCHEME 2004 –** 121

Report dated 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 already circulated to each Member.



Cllr. Hoade stated that the Heritage and Arts Grants were a way of rewarding volunteers for their hard work in promoting heritage and the arts.

Cllr. Joyce congratulated the Heritage Officer on the success of the County Heritage Awards ceremony as part of Heritage Week.

On the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Mullins, the Heritage Grants Scheme 2004 was approved.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF 5 MEMBERS TO WESTERN INTER - COUNTY RAIL COMMITTEE**

122

Report dated 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2004 already circulated to each Member.

Mr. Murphy stated that a request had been received from the Western Inter-County Rail Committee asking for 5 Galway County Council representatives on their Committee for the period of the newly elected Council. He stated that the group system could be used for the appointments.

It was agreed that all thirty Members were present.

##### **First Vacancy**

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Hoade to the Western Inter-County Rail Committee Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. Mannion, Regan, Hoade, Joyce, Cannon and Conneely

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared

Cllr. Hoade appointed to the Western Inter-County Rail Committee Committee

##### **Second Vacancy**

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. M. Connolly to the Western Inter-County Rail Committee was handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. M. Connolly, Welby, Reilly, Fahy, Comh. Ni Fhatharta and O'Tuairisg

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared

Cllr. M. Connolly appointed to the Western Inter-County Rail Committee Committee

##### **Third Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. McHugh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. McHugh appointed as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee

#### **Fourth Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Feeney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Feeney appointed as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee

#### **Fifth Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Healy-Eames be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Healy-Eames appointed as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 5 Members appointed by Galway County Council to the Western Inter-County Rail Committee

1. Cllr. M. Hoade
2. Cllr. M. Connolly
3. Cllr. T. McHugh
4. Cllr. P. Feeney
5. Cllr. F. Healy-Eames

### **PRESENTATION ON WESTERN RIVER BASIN DISTRICT PROJECT 123**

Mr. T. Kavanagh advised the Members that the previous Council and Environment & Conservation Strategic Policy Committee were advised about the Western River Basin District Project which concerned the future protection and improvement of water quality under the E.U. Water Framework Directive. He stated that the issue was to be addressed on the basis of River Basin Districts/Catchments and that Galway County Council was the lead authority for the Western River Basin District Project. The Council had gone through the Public Procurement Process for the appointment of Consultants and E.S.B. International were successful.

He stated that Mr. Paddy Kavanagh, E.S.B. International was the project leader and Mr. Pat Canney of Galway County Council had been appointed Project Co-ordinator. The project was now up and running and Messers. Kavanagh and Canny would make a short presentation to the Council.

Mr. P. Canney stated that the Water Framework Directive of the European Parliament and Council was a legislative framework setting clear objectives to ensure that “a good status” must be achieved for all European Waters by 2015 and that water use must be sustainable throughout Europe. This applied to Europe’s rivers, lakes, estuaries, coastal waters and groundwater.

Mr. P. Kavanagh made a presentation to the meeting regarding the Western River Basin District Project stating that the Water Framework Directive was transposed into Irish Legislation by the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003, Statutory Instrument S.I. 722, and that this Legislative Instrument listed the local authorities in the Western River Basin District who had the statutory role in promoting, establishing and implementing the Directive’s requirements. He stated that these local authorities must produce, review and update a River Basin Management Plan for the basin and also encourage the active involvement of all interested parties in its development and implementation. Importantly, they must implement the required measures to ensure that all waters within the basin district achieve the necessary status and do not deteriorate. He stated that the local authorities designated under S.I. 722 for the Western River Basin District were: Clare, Galway, Leitrim, Mayo, Roscommon and Sligo County Councils and Galway City Council and that Galway County Council was designated as the lead local authority under the legislation.

He stated that a WRBD Project was established to assist in implementing the requirements of the Water Framework Directive and the National Legislation and comprised of a Steering Group, a Management Group, a Project Coordinator and a core group of Consultants, ESBI. The project would deliver the

- Characterisation Report
- Programme of Measures
- Monitoring Programme
- Public consultation
- River Basin Management Plan.

The Mayor thanked the speakers for their presentation.

## **INDUCTION/TRAINING FOR NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS –**

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Report already circulated to each Member

Mr. Murphy stated that a Regional Induction Seminar would be held in the Quality Hotel, Clarinbridge on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 for newly elected Members and also that an Induction Course for newly elected Members would be held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2004. Some of the Cllrs. stated that they might not be available to attend the course on that date and it was then agreed that the course should take place on the morning of the October monthly meeting, i.e. 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2004 at 9.30 a.m.



**TO FIX DATE FOR OCTOBER MEETING.**

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It was agreed to hold the October Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2004, at 2.30pm

**MANAGERS BUSINESS.**

**126**

Mr. Morgan circulated a report dated 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 to each Member detailing additional funding in the sum of €1,107,000 received from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for non-national roads. He stated that the additional allocations would be spent as follows:

Scheme Number & Location	Original Allocation (January 2004)	Additional Allocation (September 2004)	Total Allocation 2004
R336 Maam/Leenane	€300,000	€100,000	€400,00
R341 Clifden/Ballyconneely	€375,000	€100,000	€475,000
R355 Ballinasloe/Portumna	€300,000	€200,000	€500,000
Class 2 & 3 Local Roads	Nil	€707,000	€707,000

Mr. Morgan also informed the Members that the Department had requested that the Council submit its Roads Restoration Improvement Programme for 2005 by 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2004. He stated that the proposed programme would be discussed by the Members at their Area Committee Meetings.

The Cllrs. welcomed the additional allocation for non-national roads.

**MAYORS BUSINESS**

**127**

Cllr. Kyne said that the people of Barna, through their Committee Pobal Bearna, had raised objections to the proposed changes to their village. They acknowledged that development would take place within zoned areas in the village. However, they urged the Council to take notice of the wishes of the Community and not to permit development of such a scale that the fishing village would be developed into a small town.

He stated that they felt that new development in the village would add considerable additional traffic to the Cois Farrage Road which already had considerable peak time delays and as yet there was no immediate plan in place to improve the traffic problems and also the primary school in Barna was already overcrowded and had no car park, and there is an absence of community facilities in Barna. There was also concern that Barna could lose its Gaeltacht status with continued development.

Cllr. Kyne asked that the officials and Councillors take on board the wishes of the local Community in Barna.

Comh. O'Cuaig stated that An Pobal Bearnna had made a very good presentation at the Conamara Area Committee Meeting earlier that day and had outlined very clearly their concerns regarding development in Barna.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Mc Donagh and agreed that a Special meeting of the Council be held to discuss planning issues. The Mayor stated that the meeting would be held within six to eight weeks and the County Manager confirmed that the meeting would be arranged.

Cllr. Keaveney asked for a clear and concise statement from the Council regarding the possibility that a road would be constructed through the Palace Grounds, Tuam.

Cllr. Connolly stated that the Traffic Management Plan for Tuam included a reference to such a road, but he said that there was an alternative and that this would be presented to the Roads Department.

Cllr. McHugh stated that it was agreed that no aspect of the Tuam Traffic Management Plan would go ahead until prior agreement had been reached.

Mr. Morgan stated that the Tuam Electoral Area Councillors had been presented with the Tuam Traffic Management Plan and that a map contained in the Plan showed a line indicating a possible future road skirting the edges of the Palace Grounds to serve traffic relief, access to the schools and access to the swimming pool. He stated that the Traffic Management Plan was approved but that this did not mean that the road skirting the Palace Grounds was approved as any proposal to construct a road would be subject to Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 and would have to be approved by the members before the Council could go ahead with the design of the road.

Cllr. Reilly asked if the road through the Palace Grounds was off the agenda and Mr. Morgan stated that the officials reserved the right to plan ahead to resolve traffic management problems in Tuam, which would probably escalate in the future.

Cllr. Cuddy stated that the bottle-neck at Claregalway every morning and evening could not be allowed to continue and asked that the Council would urge the National Roads Authority to provide a by-pass of the village as a matter of urgency.

Cllr. Canney stated that if a by-pass was provided at Claregalway, this would only transfer the problem onto the outskirts of Galway City in the morning and the outskirts of Tuam in the evening. He stated that while the new N17 Galway to Tuam Road was awaited, a bus-lane should be provided which would alleviate the traffic problem and also a rail network from Tuam to Galway through Athenry would be an option.

The Mayor stated that the issues raised could be discussed at a meeting of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee and Cllr. McDonagh agreed.

It was proposed by Cllr. McHugh, seconded by Cllr. Healy-Eames and agreed that a representative from the National Roads Authority be invited to attend a Council Meeting to discuss roads issues.

Cllr. Reilly asked that the Council erect road signs at Ballytrasnagh Crossroads and also at Milltown National School.

## CONFERENCES

128

On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Mannion, 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.

### **"Getting a Grip"- Substance & Alcohol Abuse Conference, Brehon Hotel, Killarney 30<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2004.**

Cllrs. T. Walsh, T. Mannion.

### **La Touche Legacy Autumn Seminar, La Touche Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow - 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2004**

Cllr. Mullins

### **Combat Poverty Agency – National Conference – Jury's Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2004**

Cllrs. Mullins, Healy-Eames, Hoade, Keaveney.

### **Cycleau Conference – Ballina, Co. Mayo, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2004.**

Cllrs. Hoade and Mannion.

### **Blackwater Valley Tourism Conference – The Hibernian Hotel, Mallow, Co. Cork 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2004.**

Cllr. McDonagh.

### **Policy Making in Local Government: Responsibilities & Implications for Councillors – The Carraig Hotel, Main Street, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2004.**

Cllrs. Healy-Eames, Connaughton, Willers, Hoade, Comh. Ni Fhatharta.



**National Conference “Local Government Financing: Value for Money & Effectiveness” Co. Carlow Chamber of Commerce – Seven Oaks, Carlow 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2004**

Cllr. Connaughton

**LAMA – Annual Winter Seminar – Fairways Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2004**

Cllr. McDonagh

**National Tourism Conference – Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> November, 2004.**

Cllrs. Tierney and Hoade.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 36 – CLLR. S. CANNEY – TRAFFIC BYE LAWS 129**

The following reply was given:-

“There is no provision in the current Tuam Traffic Management Plan to allow for designated car parking spaces outside any specified buildings.

It is not recommended that this position be changed.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 37– CLLR. S. CANNEY – PARKING PERMITS 130**

The following reply was given:-

“The Parking Places Bye-Laws 2003 allow for the issue of residents parking permits to owners of vehicles which are liable for taxation class “Private”. Residents parking permits cannot therefore be issued in respect of commercial vehicles.

It is not recommended that this position be changed.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 38– CLLR. S. CANNEY – HOUSING SCHEMES 131**

The following reply was given:-

“The County Council currently has two Architectural panels which cover general building projects and housing projects. One panel refers to projects up to €5m and the other refers to projects over €5m.

The panels for general building projects and housing projects is as follows:

A) Panel for projects up to €5m

1. Paul Keogh Architects
2. Michael Williams and Associates, Architects
3. Newenham Mulligan and Associates, Architects
4. John Thompson and Partners, Architects
5. Ahrends Burton and Koralek, Architects
6. Mc Crossan, O'Rourke and Manning Architects
7. Gardiner Architects

B) Panel for projects over €5m

1. Newenham, Mulligan and Associates, Architects
2. Paul Keogh Architects
3. Mc Crossan, O'Rourke, Manning Architects
4. Ahrends, Burton and Koralek, Architects
5. National Building Agency Limited

The above architects were selected as part of an integrated team. The architects carried out their own selection process for the remainder of their design team.

This panel was activated on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2003 and will last for 3 years.

In relation to Engineers, Service Engineers and Quantity Surveyors, the Council appoint Consultants by way of public tendering process as required ”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 39 – CLLR. C. CANNON – RAILWAY BRIDGES** 132

The following reply was given:-

“Discussions are ongoing with Iamrod Éireann. Further meetings have been arranged to try and finalise an agreed solution to the difficult engineering problems associated with these bridges.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 40 – CLLR. S. CONNAUGHTON – ESTATES** 133

The following reply was given:-

“The situation is under examination by Galway County Council. A reply to a query raised has just been received from the developers and this site will now be re-examined. It is expected that progress will be achieved in the near future”.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 41 – CLLR. M. FAHY – FOOTPATHS** 134

The following reply was given:-

"Works in Gort and Kinvara are under way and works in Woodford will be carried out before the close of the year."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 42 – CLLR. M. FAHY – WATER SCHEME** 135

The following reply was given:-

"The Contract Documents for the Loughrea RWSS - Extension to Craughwell scheme are currently with the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, for approval. Once approval is received the contract will proceed to tender".

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 43 – CLLR. M. FAHY – FUNDING** 136

The following reply was given:-

"Roads funding other than specific grants and Councillors Roads and Lighting allocations is distributed on the basis of the road mileage in each Engineering Area"

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 44 – CLLR. P. HYNES – HOUSING** 137

The following reply was given:-

"The Chimney is not in need of repair, however, tenant has been advised of the type of fuel to use. The situation will be kept under review".

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 45 – CLLR. P. HYNES – PASSING BAYS** 138

The following reply was given:-

"The provision of passing bays on the road from Gurtymadden Cross on the N65 to the entrance to the proposed electricity generating facility in the townland of Derryfrench is part of the proposal submitted by the developers for Planning Permission No. 03/2943 which was granted on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2003. The Council has agreed to carry out the necessary works the cost of which will be met by the developers."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 46 – CLLR. P. HYNES – HOUSING** 139

The following reply was given:-

"The above works will be carried out before the end of the year".

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 47 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – LIGHTING** 140

The following reply was given:-

"This matter was raised with the National Roads Authority recently and they have indicated that they are not prepared to fund the cost of Traffic Route Lighting at this location, having regard to other priority needs."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 48 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – SIGNS** 141



The following reply was given:-

"It is the policy of Galway County Council to replace all 'Yield' signs with 'Stop' signs as they fall due for renewal at exits from Non National Roads onto National roads. There is no funding available for the general replacement of such signs."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 49 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH– FLASHING LIGHTS 142**

The following reply was given:-

"Bawnmore School is shortlisted for the provision of 'School Flashing Lights'.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 50 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA– LEISURE CENTRE**

143

The following reply was given:-

"The Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism have limited funding for the provision of public swimming pools. Recent experience also indicates that the cost of such projects is in the order of €8m with maximum funding from the Department of €3.8m. The Council would not be in a position to fund the balance. The various stages involved in requesting funding from the Department are feasibility study, followed by preliminary report, contract documents, tendering and construction. Approval must be sought from the Department before proceeding to subsequent stages.

The possibility of contributing towards the cost of a feasibility study can be considered in the context of the estimates process for 2005".

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 51 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA– ROADS 144**

The following reply was given:-

"Níl aon airgead ar fáil faoi láthair do na hoibreacha seo ach breathnófar ar seo arís nuair a bheidh clár na mbóithre 2005 á chur le chéile."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 52 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA– ROADS 145**

The following reply was given:-

"Breathnófar ar an áit go bhfeicfaí céard atá ag teastáil ann leis an sábháilteacht a fheabhsú."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 53 – COMH. S. O TUAIRISG – ROADS 146**

The following reply was given:-

"Bhí an Comhairle Chontae i dteagmháil leis na Gardai Sióchána maidir leis an fadhb seo. Chuir an Comhairle Chontae dhá linte buí síos ar thaobh amháin den bhóthar na céibhe ón gcrosbhóthar go dtí an céibh agus tá an fadhb réithe anois. Deanfaidh an Comhairle Chontae scrúdú maidir leis an siochán".

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 54 – COMH. S. O TUAIRISG – COASTAL EROSION 147**

The following reply was given:-

“Déanfar scrúdú ar an fhadhb seo le go ndéanfar meastúchán ar chostas an obair seo.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 55 – CLLR. M. REGAN – ROADS**

148

The following reply was given:-

“The section of the N18 is currently being considered by the National Roads Authority for funding for resurfacing works. If appropriate, the provision of a traffic island could be done in conjunction with this work. This matter will be investigated.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 56 – CLLR. M. REGAN – AMENITY AREA**

149

The following reply was given:-

“This matter is being investigated and it may be possible to take over the area. Issues with regard to insurance and legal title are being investigated”.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 57 – CLLR. M. REGAN – BRIDGES**

150

The following reply was given:-

“The bridge in question is on the R.351 in the townland of Bridgepark and was strengthened 15 years ago. There is a bend on the R351 and it is necessary to realign the approach road to the bridge to solve the difficulty. This will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Roadworks programme if funding is available.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 58 – CLLR. B. WILLERS – ROADS**

151

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council has prepared a design for the realignment of the Loughrea-Coorheen Cross, following consultation with National Parks Wildlife Service as parts of the lands are in an area of Special Conservation.

At present the National Roads Authority prioritises the upgrading of existing pavement surfaces over road realignments. Galway County Council will seek to have the realignment of this road included in the 2005 National Roads Programme. The final decision on a grant allocation rests with the National Roads Authority.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 59 – CLLR. B. WILLERS – ROADS**

152

The following reply was given:-

“An additional junction ahead sign is to be erected on the Craughwell side of the junction before the end of 2004. An examination of traffic accident reports has revealed only one reported accident at this location in the past 5 years”.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 60 – CLLR. F. HEALY EAMES– PLANNING**

153

The following reply was given:-

“If Cllr. Healy-Eames could indicate the Planning Reference Number for which the above refers to, then the matter would be investigated and replied to immediately”.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 61 – CLLR. F. HEALY EAMES – LITTER**

154

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council has a Caretaker employed at Rinville Park on full-time basis during the months from April to September, and on a part-time basis for the remainder of the year. Part of his duties include Litter Management within the Park”.

**CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN**

Submitted, Approved & Signed

W. Healy Eames

aa.10.04.  
Date



**CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2004.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Mayor W. Burke

**LATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Bail:** Cllrs. S. Canney, C. Cannon, S. Connaughton, J. Conneely, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, Comh. S. O Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, J. Tierney, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers.

**Difigigh:** Messrs. T. Kavanagh, County Manager, J. Cullen, P. Ridge, F. Gilmore, F. Dawson, Directors of Services, G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance, T. Murphy, A. Comer, Senior Executive Officers, M. NiChionna, M. Dolly, M. Lavelle, Senior Engineers, A. Farrell, Admin. Officer, R.O'Boyle, Staff Officer

**Tosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.**

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

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A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following: -

Mr. & Mrs. Eamon Lally, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Ms. Nancy Melia, Marley, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Ms. Trudy O'Connor, Curragh Park, Tuam, Co. Galway.

**MINUTES**

34

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Regan.

In reply to Cllr. Fahy, Mr. Ridge said that a report by the Consultant on the Landscape Sensitivity Ratings would be available for the September meeting of the Council.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Regan

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal Cllr. McHugh, seconded by Cllr. Regan.

**REPORTS**

35

The Report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. T. Walsh, seconded by Comh. O Cuaig.

In relation to the establishment of the Joint City and County Consultative Committee the County Manager said that he had discussed the matter with the City Council but that agreement had not yet been reached on the make-up of the joint committee.

The Report of the Housing Services Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. McHugh, seconded by Cllr. Canney.

The Report of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy.

The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Healy-Eames.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Fahy.

The Report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Mannion.

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

36

On the proposal of Cllr Mullins, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedures having been complied with:-

**Road commencing at junction with Local Road 6208 and extending south for a distance of 176 metres in the townland of Carrowbrowne – Oranmore.**

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 – PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF LANDS AT CARROWMANAGH, OUGHTERARD**

37

Report dated the 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Welby, the disposal of approximately 0.014 hectares to Ms. Maria O'Halloran in exchange for part of her property comprising approximately 0.009 hectares, was approved.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Welby, the disposal of approximately 0.006 hectares to Mr. Keith Palmer in exchange for part of his property comprising approximately 0.004 hectares, was approved.

was to be built on one of the Islands, and in that case it would be subject to Departmental Approval. He said that on occasion, the Council have re-advertised if the Tender prices were too high.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – INSTALLATION OF AN AUTOMATIC WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT WESTBRIDGE, LOUGHREA, CO.GALWAY** 43

Report dated the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Hynes, the installation of an Automatic Wheelchair Accessible Public Convenience at Westbridge, Loughrea, was approved.

Cllr. Regan asked that the Post Office in Loughrea be written to in relation to accessibility by Wheelchair Users to the Office

**APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO WESTERN INTER – COUNTY RAIL COMMITTEE.** 44

Report dated the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 was circulated to each Member

It was agreed that this item be deferred to the next meeting pending further clarification

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES MEMBERS ASSOCIATION (LAMA)** 45

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. McHugh that Cllr. McDonagh be appointed to LAMA. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Fahy be appointed to LAMA. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. McDonagh**

Cllrs W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mulins, S. O Cuaig, J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers. (16)

**For Cllr. Fahy.**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, C. NiFhatharta, S. Ó Tuairisg, M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, T. Welby. (14)

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. McDonagh nominated for appointment to the Local Authorities Members Association for the next 5 year term.

Cllr Fahy said he would like to congratulate Cllr. McDonagh on his nomination, and said that a lot of work had been done over the past 5 years with the introduction of Councillors salaries etc.

Cllr. McDonagh paid tribute to Cllr. Fahy who represented the Council on LAMA for the past 5 years. He said he would do his utmost to bring the needs of Councillors and their interests to the Association's attention.



**APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO CUMAS TEO., PAIRTIOCHT CHONAMARA AGUS ARANN**

46

Reported dated 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 was circulated to each Member.

**First Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Hynes that Comh. Ó Cuaig be appointed to Cumas Teo., Pairtiocht Chonamara agus Árann. It was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Fahy that Comh. Ó Tuairisg be appointed to Cumas Teo., Pairtiocht Chonamara agus Árann. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Comh. Ó Cuaig.**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. Ó Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers. (16)

**For Comh. Ó Tuairisg**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C.Ni Fhatharta, S. Ó Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, T. Welby. (14).

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Comh. Ó Cuaig appointed as a member of Cumas Teo., Pairtiocht Chonamara agus Árann.

**Second Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh, that Cllr. Kyne be nominated to Cumas Teo., Pairtiocht Chonamara agus Árann. It was proposed Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Mannion, that Comh Ó Tuairisg be nominated to Cumas Teo., Pairtiocht Chonamara agus Árann. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. Kyne**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, S. Ó Cuaig, J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers (16)

**For Comh. Ó Tuairisg.**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, C. NiFhatharta, S. Ó Tuairisg, M. Regan, T. Reilly, T. Walsh. (13).

**Abstained**

(0)

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 2 Members appointed to Cumas Teo., Pairtiocht Chonamara agus Árann:-

1. Comh S. Ó Cuaig
2. Cllr. S. Kyne.

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER AS A DIRECTOR OF GALWAY ARTS CENTRE** 47

Report dated the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 was circulated to each Member.

It was propose by Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh that Cllr. Connaughton be appointed as a Director of Galway Arts Centre. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by An Comh. NiFhatharta that Cllr. Hoade be appointed as a Director of Galway Arts Centre. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. Connaughton**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers (15)

**For Cllr. Hoade**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, C. NiFhatharta, S. Ó Tuairisg, M. Regan, T. Reilly, T. Welby (13)

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. Connaughton nominated for appointment as Director of Galway Arts Centre.

**FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON LOUGH CORRIB NAVIGATION TRUSTEES** 48

Report dated the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh, it was agreed that Mr. J. McQuinn, Camp Street, Oughterard, Co. Galway be appointed as a member of the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees to replace Cllr. Feeney who had resigned.

**ISLANDS COMMITTEE:-**

49

Comh O Cuaig said that this matter had been discussed at a Conamara Electoral Area Committee Meeting and it had been suggested that the Islands Committee would comprise of the 7 Conamara Electoral Area Members and two representative from each of the 4 main Islands. He said that he was of the opinion that there should be 9 non-council members on the Committee, and following a discussion it was suggested by the Mayor that this matter be referred back to the Electoral area Committee and this was agreed.

**TO APPROVE DRAFT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE SCHEME**

50

Report dated the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 was circulated to each Member

Mr. Cullen said that a Draft SPC Scheme had been published and submissions on same would be accepted up to 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2004. The County Manager said that as far as possible SPC Council-membership should reflect the geographical distribution of elected representation on the Council. He said that this worked well previously with the cooperation of the members.

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Mullins and agreed to approve the Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme as presented.

**ASSIGNMENT OF CHAIRS OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

51

Report dated the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 was circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Mannion and agreed that the Chairs of the SPCs be assigned as follows:

<i>SPC</i>	<i>Chair</i>
Housing Services	Cllr. T. Walsh
Roads & Transportation	Comh. S. O'Cuaig
Cultural & General Services	Cllr. C. Keaveney
Environmental & Conservation Services	Cllr. J. Cuddy
Planning & Economic Development	Cllr. C. Cannon

**TO APPROVE OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR 6 MONTHS 01/07/04 – 31/12/04**

52

Report dated the 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, the members approved overdraft accommodation of €20M for the six months period from 1st July, 2004 to 31st December, 2004, subject to sanction of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

**ATHENRY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN**

53

Report dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposition of Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Regan, it was agreed that the Athenry Traffic Management Plan be implemented.

**LOUGHREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN**

54

On the proposition of Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. Hynes, it was agreed that the Loughrea Traffic Management Plan be implemented.

**ORANMORE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN**

55

On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was decided to defer implementation of the Oranmore Traffic Management Plan.



**TO APPROVE GRANTS UNDER AMENITY GRANT SCHEME 2004**

56

Report dated the 16th July, 2004 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposition of An Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Mullins, it was agreed that payment of Grants under the Amenity Grant Scheme for 2004 be approved as follows:-

**Amenity Grant Scheme 2004 Tranche 1.**

Ref No:	Group	Proposal	Amount Rec.
A04/01	Bullaun Parish Hall	To install emergence lighting, replace some fixtures and fittings, tiling, sanding and lacquering of floor.	€1000.00
A04/03	Cregg View Residents Association, Oughterard	Planting and landscaping.	€750.00
A04/04	Oranmore Park Committee	Rewire local community centre, replace defective heaters, place safety barrier between centre and community playing pitch.	€2000.00
A04/06	Milltown Community Council	Completion of Community Centre	€1500.00
A04/10	St Josephs Park Residents, Killimor	To maintain estate, repair roadside fence, provision of flower beds and planting of shrubs.	€750.00
A04/12	Ramore Residents Group, Killimor	Plant trees / shrubs and pipe surface road water into draining at road cut ins.	€750.00
A04/13	Killimor & District Development Society	Purchase of ride-on lawnmower to maintain amenity areas.	€1000.00
A04/22	Castleblakney Church Restoration Ass Ltd.	Bio-cycle unit.	€3000.00
A04/23	Eyrecourt & District Community Development Group.	Refurbishment of the Community Centre. Full programme envisages the reconstruction of the toilets and kitchen facilities. The installation of thermal and accounting insulating with a new heating system. Repair of leaking roof and rotten floor. Redecoration of building and repair of boundary wall and resurfacing of pedestrian areas and car parking area.	€1500.00
A04/25	Ballincurry Leisure Centre	Erect leisure centre on site of old ball alley	€1000.00
A04/29	Dun Ri / Caisleain Oir Residents Association, Athenry	Plant Shrubs and Trees.	€750.00
A04/31	Woodford Youth Club	Supply and fit heating system, paint interior and exterior of building.	€1500.00
A04/32	Ballygar & Districts Company Ltd	Indoor Bowls.	€1500.00
A04/34	Eyrecourt Tidy Towns Group	Purchase of Lawnmower and Strimmer.	€1500.00

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A04/35	Cumann Peil Baile Liam, Williamstown	Over-seeding and fertilising of playing surface and development of training area.	€1500.00
A04/42	Caherlistraire Community Centre	Fit new kitchen unit.	€1500.00
A04/43	Bothar an tSleibhe Residents Association, Moycullen	Planting of trees, creation of flowerbeds, creation of playing fields, planting of flowers by children in the estate, opening up of views within the estate.	€750.00
A04/45	Claddaghduff Hall Company Ltd	Tarmac and line car-park at the front of the community centre.	€1000.00
A04/48	Creig na Coille Residents Association, Oughterard	Planting trees and shrubs, cutting of entire green areas.	€750.00
A04/49	Roundstone Community Development Council	Refurbish toilet block, paint hall and entrance corridors, upgrade stage, refurbish floor and replace curtains.	€1500.00
A04/50	Comhairle Muintir and Chaiseal Teo	Improve community centre, widen car-park entrance and resurfacing of car-park.	€1500.00
A04/55	Loughnane & Quinn Memorial Hall, Labane, Ardrahan	Repairing Windows, roof, painting and upgrading of heating system	€3000.00
A04/60	Derrymullen Ball Alley Club	Upgrading of facilities	€2000.00
A04/61	Creagh Youth Club	To purchase equipment for youth club	€1500.00
A04/63	Ard Mhuire Residents Association, Ballinasloe	Painting boundary fencing reseeding of lawns in damaged areas in estate, planting shrubs, purchase of spade and brush for cleaning up and weed control measures.	€750.00
A04/66	Creagh Community Development Council	To erect a community notice board, purchase of IT equipment and software.	€1500.00
A04/67	Ballinasloe Area Community Development Company	Equip training room and canteen to allow for the increase in demand for such needed services. The training / meeting room will enable BACD to provide professional services to a growing community.	€1500.00
A04/73	Gort Community Leisure Centre	Upgrade reception and shop area in the community centre.	€2000.00
A04/74	Ballymacward Hall Development Committee	To refurbish community centre that has closed for eighteen years, fitting out new toilets and sanitary equipment. Fitting a new kitchen, new wiring and plumbing and develop and astra turf pitch at side of hall for out young people.	€1500.00
A04/75	Galway Teleworking Co-op Society, Mountbellew	Tarmacadam walled in space outside office and parking spaces set out.	€1500.00
A04/79	Bullaun Sportsfield Co-op	Replace gutters and downpipes, replace damaged net, purchase mower, install safety lighting, install lighting, power switches and units in room.	€1500.00
A04/84	St Laurences Field Residents Association, Loughrea	Repaint all existing walls in the estate, upgrade flower beds, replace plants and shrubs, hire a contractor to cut grass, turn waste-ground into a soccer pitch.	€750.00
A04/92	Meadow Court Residents	To level and reseed all green areas to develop shrub areas, plant new trees, signage i.e. speed, house numbers etc.	



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	Associations, Moylough		€750.00
A04/95	Meadow Hill Residents , Headford	To plant shrubs, trees, flower-beds and maintain previous work carried out.	€750.00
A04/96	Carrowmanagh Residents Association, Oughterard	Tree / shrub planting, purchase of gardening tools / lawnmower / shed. Buying and instalment of safety signs.	€750.00
A04/97	Woodpark & District Residents Association, Portumna	Remove old shrubs from large area and replace with grass and fill old boat with flowers.	€750.00

Allocation

€47,500.00

**Play Area Development Allocation**

Ref No:	Group	Proposal	Amount Rec
A04/08	Creggs Rural Development	Childrens play area	€2000.00
A04/18	Ballymoe Development Centre Ltd	Childrens play area	€8,000.00
A04/24	GarryBreeda Community Group, Loughrea	Childrens play area	€6000.00
A04/69	Oranmore Development Association	Childrens play area	€8000.00
A04/85	Clarinbridge Development Association	Childrens play area	€2000.00
A04/86	Clifden Playground Association	Childrens play area	€8000.00
A04/87	Comhar Caomhán Teo, Inis Oirrr	Childrens play area	€6000.00

Play Allocation

€40,000.00

Total Allocation

€87,500.00

**TO APPROVE GRANTS UNDER COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME 2004**

57

Report dated the 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2004, was circulated to each Member.

On the proposition of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Hoade, it was agreed that payment of grants under the Community Based Economic Development Financial Assistance Scheme, 2004 be approved as follows:-



Mr. Dawson advised the members that allocations for Agricultural Shows had increased in 2004, and recommended that the following payments be made:

<p>Category 1 Small €700 each</p>	<p>Ballyconneely Carraroe Conamara Pony Performance Show Cashel Conamara Claddaghduff Glenamaddy Milltown Spiddal</p>
<p>Category 2 Medium €900 each</p>	<p>Claregalway Gort Tuam Tullira</p>
<p>Category 3 Large €1,100 each</p>	<p>Athenry Corrandula Loughrea Mountbellew Oughterard</p>
<p>Category 4 County €1,400 each</p>	<p>Clarinbridge Clifden Ballinasloe</p>

**Total Allocation €18,900.00**

**MANAGERS BUSINESS**

**58**

**Induction Seminar for newly elected Members**

Mr. Murphy said that the seminar for newly elected members on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September 2004 was not now taking place on those dates and a further communication would be issued in relation to this matter.

**MAYORS BUSINESS**

**59**

**Loughrea By-Pass – Link Road.**

Cllr. Hynes referred to the proposed Loughrea By-Pass, which is about to commence in the near future. He said that there was a Link Road from the proposed By-Pass to the Gort/Loughrea road (N66) included in the original plan for the By-Pass but the NRA had decided that this would not be included as part of phase 1 of the

By-Pass project which is now about to start. He proposed that the Council would write to the NRA requesting that they provide funding for the construction of the link road to the N66. This was seconded by Cllr. Regan and agreed.

### Roadside Verges

A number of Councillors raised the matter of the cutting of Roadside Verges and the necessity to have them cut more frequently. Mr. Dolly explained that the statutory restriction on cutting during the bird nesting season from March to August does cause problems and that the Council have been previously prosecuted by the National Parks and Wildlife Service in relation to this matter.

### Eircom/E.S.B. Poles

A number of Councilors referred to the fact that Eircom and the E.S.B. should be obliged to move back poles as a condition of the granting of Planning Permissions for houses in rural areas, as these poles are a danger to passing traffic.

### Promotion of the Irish Language

Cllr. D. Connolly referred to the naming of the estates in the County and stated that, in his opinion, the Irish language should be given more prominence and used more frequently in the naming of such estates. Comh. O Cuaig agreed that place names should respect the Irish language and following discussion, it was decided that this matter be referred to the Cultural & General Services SPC for further discussion. Cllr. D. Connolly also said that settlement centres should have speed limit restrictions applied to them.

### Notice of Motion Money

In reply to Cllr. Mullins, the County Manager said that there is specific allocation for Notice of Motion money in the yearly Budget. He said that where commitments had been given to carry out work with Notice of Motion money by former Councillors, these commitments would be honoured and any money left over would be divided amongst new Councillors.

### Grants for Village Renewal Works

The County Manager referred to report 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 which had been circulated to each member regarding an allocation of €202,500 from the Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs for village renewal works in the Gaeltacht area. He said that it was a condition with that allocation that the Council would contribute a €180,000 from its own resources towards the costs of some of the works concerned. In reply to Cllr. Joyce, the County Manager said that a report would be prepared on this matter.

### CONFERENCES

60

On the proposal of Cllr. Mc Donagh, seconded by Comh. Ní Fhatharta, it was agreed that the attendance of the following members be approved at the Conferences set out hereunder, the cost of each Conference having been circulated to each Member:-

**"The Ballymote Conference", Coach House Hotel, Ballymote, Co. Sligo.**  
**28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> May, 2004**

Cllr. M. Connolly

**"The John Hewitt International Summer School", Market Place Theatre, Armagh.  
26<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2004**

Cllrs. M. Connolly, J. Joyce, T. Reilly

**"Cumann Merriman", Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare  
21<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2004**

Cllrs. S. Connaughton, M. Hoade, J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. Regan, J. Tierney, B. Willers

**"Confederation of European Councillors – Information/Training Seminar "The Powers & Functions of  
Local Government, North & South", Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.  
4<sup>th</sup> September, 2004**

Cllrs. D. Connolly, J. Joyce, J. McDonagh, B. Willers

**"AMAI – Annual Conference 2004", Listowel Arms Hotel, The Square, Listowel, Co. Kerry.  
16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2004**

Cllrs. S. Connaughton, J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, Cllr. B. Willers

**"Greystones Town Council – 2004 La Touche Legacy Seminar", La Touche Hotel, Greystones, Co.  
Wicklow  
1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2004**

Cllrs. S. Canney, S. Connaughton, F. Healy Eames, C. Keaveney, M. Mullins

**"Confederation of European Councillors – Annual Conference 2004", Caleta Hotel, Gibraltar.  
14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2004**

Cllrs. M. Connolly, J. Joyce, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta

**"LAMA – Annual Winter Seminar", Fairways Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth  
12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2004**

Cllrs. S. Canney, S. Connaughton, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, C. Keaveney, M. Mullins,  
Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, Cllrs. T. Walsh, B. Willers

### NOTICE OF MOTIONS

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 27 – CLLR. B. WILLERS– SAFETY MEASURES 61**

The following reply was given:-

"This will be investigated in consultation with the National Roads Authority."



**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 28 – CLLR. J. CUDDY – DEVELOPMENT PLAN 62**

The following reply was given:-

"This issue has been discussed on a number of occasions. Essentially the purpose of the Enurement Clause is to permit development in areas that would otherwise attract a refusal if processed in accordance with the principles of proper planning and sustainable development. The Enurement Clause enables the Planning Authority to grant permission to locals and others who satisfy the essential need criteria. Removal of the Enurement Clause will also remove this flexibility".

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 29 – CLLR. J. CUDDY – YOUTH FACILITIES 63**

The following reply was given:-

"The Cultural and General Strategic Policy Committee is in the process of considering a draft "Play Policy" for the county. It is hoped it will be recommended for adoption by the full Council towards the end of 2004 or early 2005. It will inform the approach to be taken by the Council in the provision of play facilities into the future. In the meantime, the Council will continue to support play projects and work in partnership with local interests in the development of facilities".

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 30 – CLLR. J. CUDDY – N.O.M. MONEY 64**

The following reply was given:-

"The allocation of funds for county roads maintenance is based in priority of need established in the adopted Multi-Annual Roadworks Programme. Any increase in the Notice of Motion allocation will result in corresponding decrease in the funds available for the Roadworks Programme. In the interests of efficiency and value for money, it is vitally important that the already scarce funds available in the county roads maintenance fund are reserved for the agreed road works programme".

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 31 – CLLR. M. FAHY – CARPARK 65**

The following reply was given:-

"This matter will be addressed in the preparation of the Traffic Management Plan for Gort, which has commenced".

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 32 – CLLR. M. FAHY – CLAY BANKS 66**

The following reply was given:-

"There is no funding available for the removal of verges/claybanks on this portion of the regional road in 2004."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 33 – CLLR. M. FAHY – WATER 67**

The following reply was given: -

"The Preliminary Report in relation to the Loughrea Regional Water Supply is currently with the Council. A detailed review of the report will be undertaken and the phasing of the works, including a recommended phase to supply Kilrickle, must be agreed with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The Council is well aware of the difficulty in relation to sourcing water in the Kilrickle area and this will have to be taken into account in the phased construction of the scheme".

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 34 – CLLR. J. JOYCE – SETTLEMENT CENTRES 68**

The following reply was given:-

"The settlement strategy for the County indicates a hierarchy of towns and villages, which caters for balanced and sustainable growth of the County while providing a varying range of residential choices. Banagher has been identified as one of 18 settlement centres in the Ballinasloe Electoral area outside of the G.T.P.S.

Policy 14 of the County Development Plan states that 'In the case of smaller settlements for which no specific plans are available, development shall be confined to within a radius of 300-500m from what the Planning Authority considers to be the centre of gravity of the village'. A document will be produced which will provide details on the settlement centre boundary for Banagher.

Banagher in the Settlement Strategy relates to the settlement within the Galway area, i.e. near the national school.

There are 31 settlements to complete, it is anticipated that the remaining settlement centres will be available by the end of September."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 35 – CLLR. J. JOYCE – ROADS**

**69**

The following reply was given: -

"The completion of Road Restoration on group water schemes has traditionally been carried out by the County Council. However, more recently it has been decided that the costs of road restoration should be included with the other construction works on schemes which will result in the items being subject to public tender and therefore the best possible price achieved. The restoration of the road is a valid cost of water scheme construction and is entitled to equal importance with any other item of works in the construction of schemes. It is acknowledged that road restoration standards have changed recently with the publication of the "Guidelines for the Opening, Backfilling and Reinstatement of Trenches in Public Roads". The Council has made a submission requesting that these guidelines be reviewed. In exceptional cases, the Council has allowed the laying of pipes off the road where it has been found that the cost otherwise would be uneconomic".

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 36 – CLLR. J. JOYCE – ROADS**

**70**

The following reply was given:-

"This will be investigated in consultation with the National Roads Authority."



**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 37 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – ROADS**

71

The following reply was given:-

“The road has been inspected and it is not suitable for taking in charge in its present state.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 38 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – SPEED LIMITS**

72

The following reply was given:-

“The speed limit review of 2003 was adopted by the Council. This review and the subsequent Bylaws will be implemented at the Metrication of speed limit programme. A further review in 2005/2006 could be considered for amendments and designated settlement locations. Such a review will entail consultation with the Gardai and in the case of Knockdoe the approval of the National Roads Authority will be required.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 39 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – SPEED LIMITS**

73

The following reply was given:-

“The Coldwood National School has been examined by the National Roads Authority in the past two months. Further to this examination the Board of Management of the school has had a meeting with the Road Design Section of Galway County Council and they have been asked to examine the parking situation for collection and drop off of children at the school. Proposals were made to them at that meeting and no response has been received to date.

It is not considered that a speed limit at this location will improve the safety of the present activity.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 40 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA – PIERS**

74

The following reply was given:-

“Is é an stádas reatha ar Inis Meáin ná go bhfuil Constábla Calafóirt sealadach, Micheál Ó Coincheannain, ceaptha ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe chuig na céibhe ag Pointe an Chora agus Céibh an Chaladh Mhóir/ Cora Chaladh. Tá trí chomhartha mhór réamh-rabhaidh curtha suas ag Céibh Phointe an Chora agus tá bac slabhrach curtha ann chun cosc a chuir ar dhaoine siúl nó tiomáint ar an gcéibh. Cuireann an Constábla Calafóirt suas an slabhra seo nuair a bhíonn corraigh mór farraige ann. Faoi láthair tá Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe iriteach i gcoiste a phléann leis an tír iomlán chun fodhlithe do chéibh de chatagóir 1 a réiteach agus a chuir i gcrích agus bheadh Céibh Phointe an Chora agus Caladh Mór/Cora Chaladh san áireamh anseo”.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 41 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA – FIRE STATION**

75

The following reply was given:-

“Ta staisiun nua doiteain don Cheathru Rua curtha san aireamh ag an gComhairle Chontae sa Chlar Seirbhis Doiteain 2001 – 2005, ata curtha ar aghaidh chuig an Roinn. Pleadh an t-abhar ag cruinniú le oifigi sinsearach on Roinn ar an 10.12.2003. Ta athru tagtha ar pholasai an Roinn maidir le construail staisiun doiteain. Ta an dualgas anois ar Rialtas Aitiuil na feidearachtai a bhaineann le aonad tionscalaiochta eiseacha a iompú isteach



i bhfuil staisiun doiteain nua riachtanach. Ta an príomh oifigeach tine ag deanamh measunu an sceal faoi lathair”.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 42 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA – FOOTPATHS 76**

The following reply was given:-

“Nil aon airgead ar fáil don obair seo imbliana, ach má chuirtear tuille airgead ar fáil, cuirfear san áireamh é.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 43 – CLLR. C. CANNON – PLAYGROUNDS 77**

The following reply was given:-

“The Cultural and General Strategic Policy Committee is in the process of considering a draft “Play Policy” for the county. It is hoped it will be recommended for adoption by the full Council towards the end of 2004 or early 2005. It will inform the approach to be taken by the Council in the provision of play facilities into the future. In the meantime, the Council will continue to support play projects and work in partnership with local interests in the development of facilities”.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 44 – CLLR. C. CANNON – REFUSE CHARGES 78**

The following reply was given:-

“I am to advise that the council has investigated the viability of a waiver scheme for refuse charges for County Galway but has determined that it is not economically feasible. The cost would be substantial and the Council does not have any income from waste management or any other source to fund such a scheme.

The refuse collection service in County Galway is provided by the private sector. It is just as important and essential a service as electricity, T.V. licencing, fuel or public transport. These services are subsidised by the Government in the case of certain income categories. The refuse collection service is no different and if subsidy is warranted, it should be funded by the State.

Persons in County Galway who are experiencing difficulty in paying their refuse charges should contact their local social welfare officer for assistance in the matter”.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 45 – CLLR. C. CANNON – SPEED LIMITS 79**

The following reply was given:-

“The speed limit review of 2003 was adopted by the Council. This review and the subsequent Bylaws will be implemented at the Metrication of speed limit programme. A further review in 2005/2006 could be considered for amendments and designated settlement locations. Such a review will entail consultation with the Gardaí and with the National Roads Authority where national routes are involved”.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 46 – CLLR. S. CANNEY – HOUSING ESTATE 80**

The following reply was given:-

“An application was received in August 2003 to have a Bond (lodged as a condition of planning permission) returned to the developer. This is currently being examined in conjunction with completion of the estate in accordance with the planning permission granted.

With regard to the taking in charge of the estate, on receipt of a formal application, the taking in charge of the estate by Galway County Council will be investigated."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 47 – CLLR. S. CANNEY – PLANNING**

**81**

The following reply was given:-

"The query received from Dr. Cahill was in relation to development contribution inserted as a condition of planning permission granted in November 2003. A detailed response clarifying the breakdown of the development contribution will be issued to Dr. Cahill this week".

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 48 – CLLR. S. CANNEY– PLANNING**

**82**

The following reply was given:-

"This matter is being investigated and the Council will revert back to you shortly on the matter."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 49 – CLLR. S. CONNAUGHTON– SPEED LIMITS**

**83**

The following reply was given:-

"The new speed limits as adopted in the 2003 Review of speed limits will be erected as part of the speed limit metrication programme. The proposal includes a 40 m.p.h. zone to cover Garrafrauns. The exact locations are on the maps already adopted and are available for inspection.

The exact date for the Metrication programme is not yet available".

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 50 – CLLR. S. CONNAUGHTON– FOOTPATHS**

**84**

The following reply was given:-

"No provision has been made for this work in the current year's Roadworks Programme."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 51 – CLLR. S. CONNAUGHTON– BUS CORRIDOR**

**85**

The following reply was given:-

"Galway County Council have ongoing meetings with the National Roads Authority. The issue of Quality Bus Corridors on the N17 have been discussed and Galway County Council are at present finalising a submission for a proposed Quality Bus Corridor."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 52 – CLLR. B. WILLERS– WATER**

**86**

The following reply was given:-

"I wish to advise that the Consultants are currently updating the Preliminary Report which has been delayed because of the landslide at Derrybrien. The Consultants are awaiting a water quality report on the Owendalilloch River and an EPA study on water quality in Lough Cutra. The results of the findings of these investigative reports will be incorporated into the Preliminary Report and it is expected to have this report in September 2004".



**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 53 – CLLR. B. WILLERS – ROAD SIGNS**

87

The following reply was given:-

"Galway Co Co has surveyed every road junction in the Loughrea Electoral Area and agreed the recommended signage that should be in place at each leg of the junctions. A priority rating has been assigned to each sign which is indicative of the desirability of each sign. All that remains is for funding to be found. Monies were provided in the roads program for signing regional road junctions in 2005. The funding is for the whole county including the Loughrea Electoral Area.

The Regional Roads Signposting programme is being managed by the Council's Road Design Section. The introduction of new regulations with regard to the use of the Irish language on signs has necessitated a revision of the design software used for the Signposting Programme and the new software package is awaited."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 54 – CLLR. F. HEALY EAMES – PARKING AREA 88**

The following reply was given:-

- (1) "Such signage will be provided.
- (2) The removal of the wall is not recommended for reasons which include the security of the car park, and the cost having regard to the demand on available resources."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 55 – CLLR. F. HEALY EAMES – FLOODING 89**

The following reply was given:-

"The flooding problem is due mainly to the topography of the area and can only be alleviated through a large scale drainage scheme consisting of approximately 350 metres of pipe and involving substantial rock break. The cost of such a scheme would be in the region of €70,000. However no funding is currently available to carry out the works"

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 56 – CLLR. F. HEALY EAMES – ROADS 90**

The following reply was given:-

"The National Roads Authority provide funding on National Routes for Low Cost accident Schemes based on the number of accidents over a 3 year period. There are no injury accidents recorded at the Stradbally North junction in the last 8 years.

The location will be referred to the National Roads Authority for consideration".

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 57 – COMH. S. O TUAIRISG – BLUE FLAG 91**

The following reply was given:-

"Bronntar an Brat Gorm ar áiteanna snáimhe a cuirtear isteach ar an scéim ag an gComhairle Chontae agus a chlaíonn leis na coinníolacha. Tá coinníolacha ar leith ag baint leis an scéim ar nós, leithris bheith ar fáil, maor sábhála a bheith ann, eolas faoin timpeallacht a bheith ar fáil agus go mbeadh glaineacht an uisce ar ardchaighdeán (níos airde ná an chaighdeán leagtha síos sna Rialacháin Náisiúnta um Ait Snáimhe).



Sa bhliain 2003, sáraíodh an chaighdeán uisce don Bhrat Gorm faoi dhó sa Trá Mhór, Coill Rua agus sáraíodh an chaighdeán ag an áit snáimhe i dTrá na mBan, An Spidéal, trí uaire. Mar gheall ar an sárú seo, níor bronnadh an Brat Gorm ar na tránna seo sa mbliain 2004.

Chomh maith leis an tástáil chuile coicís ar an uisce sa limistéar snáimhe, déantar tástáil ar samplaí den uisce sna srutháin a mbíonn ag siothlú ar na tránna. Tugadh faoi deara go raibh ard-leibhéal bacterí sna srutháin seo ó am go chéile, agus tá scéim scrúdú agus tástál ar bun ó mí Aibreán 2004 féachaint an raibh truailliú éigint ag tárladh taobh leis na srutháin seo.

Bíonn cúiseanna éagsúla le ardú an méid iomlán coliform, faecal coliform agus faecal streptococci san uisce, mar shampla:

- (a) truailliú ó píopa searachais
- (b) truailliú ó umar munlaigh/ limistéar siothlú nach bhfuil ag feidhmiú
- (c) ainmhithe sa bpáirc taobh leis an sruthán
- (d) droch chleachtais feilméarachta nó
- (e) cúis nádurtha.

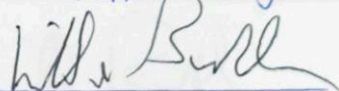
Is ar éigean go bhfuil aon ainmhithe sna tailte taobh thuas de na tránna seo, agus ag an bpointe seo, níor thánathas ar aon sileadh searachais ar leith taobh thuas den Trá Mhór. I mbliana, tá an t-uisce ar ardchaighdeán go dtí seo, agus cé go leanfar leis an scrúdú agus tástál go deireadh an tSamhraidh, tá an chuma ar an scéal, faoi láthair, gur cúis nádurtha a bhain leis an meadú ar an líon coliform san uisce ar an Trá Mhór i 2003.

Maidir le Trá na mBan, An Spidéal, tá píopa eisilte searachais 200m ar fhaid ar an taobh thiar den áit snáimhe agus dhá srutháin ag sileadh i gceartlár an trá. D'fhéadfadh an meadú ar líon na coliform a bheith de bharr an eisilt searachais a tharlaíonn i bhfoisceacht 250m den áit snáimhe. Chomh maith leis sin, tá an scrúdú agus tástál ar na srutháin tar éis a dheimhniú go bhfuil an árdú ar an líon bacterí le sonrú le fad an srutháin. Leanfar leis an scrúdú agus tástál go deireadh an tSamhraidh.

Tá sé beartaíte ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ionad cóiriú searachais a thógáil ag an Spidéal, agus ní bheidh aon eisilt searachais gan réimh-chóiriú ann a thuille.

Idir an dá linn, d'fhéadfadh an stáisiún coiriú shearachais ar Estát an Údaráis ar an Sidheán, soir ón Spidéal, méid breise searachais a ghlacadh agus tá an Chomhairle Chontae ag plé an scéal seo le Údarás na Gaeltachta. Tá innealtóirí an Chomhairle ag scrúdú na himpleachtaí teicniúla, timpeallachta, agus costais a bhaineann leis an réiteach seo".

#### CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNÍÚ ANSIN

Submitted, Approved & Signed  


**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE, 2004.**

**MAYOR:** Cllr. W. Burke

**ILATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Baill:** Cllrs. S. Canney, C. Cannon, S. Connaughton, J. Conneely, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, Comh. S. O'Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, J. Tierney, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers.

**Oifigigh:** Mr. T. Kavanagh, County Manager, Messrs. J. Cullen, J. Morgan, F. Dawson, F. Gilmore, Directors of Service, A. Comer, T. Connell, A/Directors of Services, G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance, T. Murphy, County Secretary, B. McDermott, Senior Executive Officer, M. Jordan, Administrative Officer, G. Healy, Staff Officer.

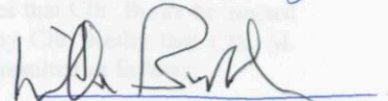
**APPOINTMENT OF MR. PAT GALLAGHER, 8 HOPHILL AVENUE, TULLAMORE, AS COUNTY MANAGER, GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, WITH EFFECT FROM 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2004. 32**

Mr. Kavanagh informed the members that notification had been received from the Local Appointments Commission, recommending Mr. Pat Gallagher, Director of Services, Westmeath County Council for appointment as County Manager, Galway County Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. McHugh and resolved that Mr. Pat Gallagher, 8 Hophill Avenue, Tullamore, Co. Offaly be appointed as County Manager, Galway County Council with effect from 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2004.

**CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNÍÚ ANSIN**

*Submitted, Approved & Signed*



**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL, ON FRIDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2004.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:**

Cllr. M. Hoade  
Mayor W. Burke

**ILATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Baill:**

Cllrs. S. Canney, C. Cannon, S. Connaughton, J. Conneely, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, Comh. S. O'Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, J. Tierney, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers.

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**Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir**

**RETURN OF PERSONS ELECTED AT THE LOCAL ELECTIONS**

**1**

The Members of the Council noted the Return of Persons elected to Galway County Council at the Local Elections 2004, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

**ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR YEAR 2004/2005**

**2**

Cllr. Hoade, outgoing Deputy Mayor was in the chair. She welcomed everybody to the meeting and particularly the new members and wished them all the best over the next five years. She paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor Cllr. T. Rabbitt in respect of his term as Mayor and the manner in which he represented the Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. Canney and seconded by Cllr. Hynes that Cllr. Burke be elected Mayor. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Cllr. Reilly that Cllr. M. Connolly be elected Mayor. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:



**For Cllr. Burke:**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers (16)

**For Cllr. M. Connolly:**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, T. Welby (13)

**Abstained**

Cllr. S. Walsh (1)

Cllr. Burke was then declared elected Mayor of the County of Galway for 2004/2005 and he was invested with the chain of office.

**Cllr. Burke then took the chair**

Cllr. Burke thanked his fellow Councillors who had elected him as Mayor for the coming year. He said that he would make every effort to carry out the duties of Mayor and looked forward to working with the new Council and the County Manager and staff.

**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR YEAR 2004/2005**

**3**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. McHugh be elected Deputy Mayor. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Reilly be elected Deputy Mayor. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. McHugh:**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers (16)

**For Cllr. Reilly:**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, T. Welby (14)

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. McHugh elected Deputy Mayor of the County of Galway for 2004/2005.

The Mayor then adjourned the Meeting for a short period to allow photographs to be taken.

**NOMINATION OF ONE MEMBER TO THE GALWAY HARBOUR COMPANY**

4

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Tierney be appointed to the Galway Harbour Company. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Regan be appointed to the Galway Harbour Company. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. Tierney:**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers (16)

**For Cllr. Regan:**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, T. Welby (14)

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. Tierney nominated for appointment to the Galway Harbour Company.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE RIVER FERGUS JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**

5

**First Vacancy:**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Healy Eames be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the first vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Healy Eames nominated for appointment to the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee.

**Second Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Fahy be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Fahy nominated for appointment to the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the two Members appointed to the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee:

- (1) Cllr. F. Healy Eames
- (2) Cllr. M. Fahy

**APPOINTMENT OF 6 MEMBERS TO THE RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**

6

A roll call was taken of all members present and it was established that all of the 30 members of the Council were present. Mr. Murphy said that as all 30 members were present, any 5 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

**First Vacancy**

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. T. Mannion as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Hoade, M. Regan, T. Reilly

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. T. Mannion appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

**Second Vacancy**

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. M. Connolly as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, J. Joyce, Comh. S. O Tuairisg, Cllr. T. Welby



The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. M. Connolly appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

**Third Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Tierney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Tierney appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

**Fourth Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Comh. O Cuaig that Cllr. D. Connolly be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. D. Connolly appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

**Fifth Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. B. Willers that Cllr. Mullins be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Mullins appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

**Sixth Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Healy Eames that Cllr. Feeney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Feeney appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 6 Members appointed by Galway County Council to the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee;

1. Cllr. T. Mannion
2. Cllr. M. Connolly
3. Cllr. J. Tierney
4. Cllr. D. Connolly
5. Cllr. M. Mullins
6. Cllr. P. Feeney

**APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE LOUGH CORRIB NAVIGATION TRUSTEES**

**First Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Kyne be appointed to the Galway Harbour Company. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Welby be appointed to the Galway Harbour Company. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. Kyne:**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers (16)

**For Cllr. Welby:**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, T. Welby (14)

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. Kyne appointed as a member of the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees.

**Second Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Keaveney that Cllr. Feeney be appointed to the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Welby be appointed to the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. Feeney:**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers (16)

**For Cllr. Welby:**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, T. Welby (14)

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. Feeney appointed as a member of the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 2 Members appointed by Galway County Council to the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees;

1. Cllr. S. Kyne
2. Cllr. P. Feeney

**APPOINTMENT OF 7 MEMBERS TO THE WEST REGIONAL AUTHORITY**

**8**

It was agreed that all 30 members of the Council were present. Mr. Murphy said that as all 30 members were present, any 5 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the West Regional Authority, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

**First Vacancy**

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Regan as a member of the West Regional Authority was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, J. Joyce, Comh. S. O Tuairisg, Cllr. T. Welby

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Regan appointed as a member of the West Regional Authority.

**Second Vacancy**

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Reilly as a member of the West Regional Authority was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, M. Hoade, M. Regan

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Reilly appointed as a member of the West Regional Authority.



**Third Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. T. Walsh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. T. Walsh appointed as a member of the West Regional Authority.

**Fourth Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Feeney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Feeney appointed as a member of the West Regional Authority.

**Fifth Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Canney that Cllr. Mullins be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Mullins appointed as a member of the West Regional Authority.

**Sixth Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Comh. O Cuaig that Cllr. D. Connolly be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. D. Connolly appointed as a member of the West Regional Authority.

**Seventh Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. Canney and seconded by Cllr. Hynes that Comh. O Cuaig be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Comh. O Cuaig appointed as a member of the West Regional Authority.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the Members appointed by the Council to the West Regional Authority;

1. Cllr. M. Regan
2. Cllr. T. Reilly
3. Cllr. T. Walsh
4. Cllr. P. Feeney
5. Cllr. M. Mullins
6. Cllr. D. Connolly

7. Comh. S. O Cuaig

**APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO THE E.U. OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE OF WEST REGIONAL AUTHORITY.**

9

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Keaveney that Cllr. T. Walsh be appointed. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Reilly be appointed. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. T. Walsh:**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers (16)

**For Cllr. Reilly:**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, T. Welby (14)

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. T. Walsh appointed as a member to the E.U. Operational Committee of West Regional Authority.

**APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO THE B.M.W. REGIONAL ASSEMBLY.**

10

It was agreed that all 30 members of the Council were present. Mr. Murphy said that as all 30 members were present, any 10 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the B.M.W. Regional Assembly, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

**First Vacancy**

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Regan as a member of the B.M.W. Regional Assembly was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllr. T. Reilly

7. Comh. S. O Cuaig

**APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO THE E.U. OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE OF WEST REGIONAL AUTHORITY.**

9

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Keaveney that Cllr. T. Walsh be appointed. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Reilly be appointed. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. T. Walsh:**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers (16)

**For Cllr. Reilly:**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, T. Welby (14)

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. T. Walsh appointed as a member to the E.U. Operational Committee of West Regional Authority.

**APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO THE B.M.W. REGIONAL ASSEMBLY.**

10

It was agreed that all 30 members of the Council were present. Mr. Murphy said that as all 30 members were present, any 10 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the B.M.W. Regional Assembly, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

**First Vacancy**

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Regan as a member of the B.M.W. Regional Assembly was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllr. T. Reilly



The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Regan appointed as a member of the B.M.W. Regional Assembly.

**Second Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. Canney that Cllr. D. Connolly be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. D. Connolly appointed as a member of the B.M.W. Regional Assembly.

**Third Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. Canney that Comh. O Cuaig be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Comh. O Cuaig appointed as a member of the B.M.W. Regional Assembly.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the Members appointed to the B.M.W. Regional Assembly;

1. Cllr. M. Regan
2. Cllr. D. Connolly
3. Comh. S. O Cuaig

**APPOINTMENT OF 8 MEMBERS TO THE LOCAL TRAVELLER  
ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. 11**

It was agreed that all 30 members of the Council were present. Mr. Murphy said that as all 30 members were present, any 4 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

**First Vacancy**

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Reilly as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Connolly, M. Fahy, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Reilly appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

**Second Vacancy**

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Fahy as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. J. Cuddy, J. Joyce, Comh. S. O Tuairsg, Cllr. T. Welby

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Fahy appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

### **Third Vacancy**

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Comh. O Tuairisg as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. C. Cannon, M. Hoade, M. Regan, T. Reilly

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Comh. O Tuairisg appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

### **Fourth Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. Canney that Cllr. Hynes be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Hynes appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

### **Fifth Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. Canney that Comh. O Cuaig be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Comh. O Cuaig appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

**Sixth Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. McHugh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. McHugh appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

**Seventh Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Feeney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Feeney appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

**Eight Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Willers be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Willers appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the Members appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee:

1. Cllr. T. Reilly
2. Cllr. M. Fahy
3. Comh. S. O Tuairisg
4. Cllr. P. Hynes
5. Comh. S. O Cuaig
6. Cllr. T. McHugh
7. Cllr. P. Feeney
8. Cllr. B. Willers

**APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO GALWAY COUNTY & CITY  
ENTERPRISE BOARD**

12

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Keaveney that Cllr. Healy Eames be appointed. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Joyce be appointed. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. Healy Eames:**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers (16)



For Cllr. Joyce:

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, T. Welby (14)

Abstained

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. Healy Eames nominated for appointment to the Galway County & City Enterprise Board.

The Mayor, Cllr. W. Burke is an ex-officio Member.

**APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO THE GALWAY RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY**

13

It was agreed that all 30 members of the Council were present. Mr. Murphy said that as all 30 members were present, any 10 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the Galway Rural Development Company, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Welby as a member of the Galway Rural Development Company was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, Comh. S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Welby appointed as a member of the Galway Rural Development Company.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Kyne be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Kyne appointed as a member of the Galway Rural Development Company.

**Third Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Canney that Cllr. Keaveney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Keaveney appointed as a member of the Galway Rural Development Company.

As a result of the foregoing the following are the persons appointed to the Galway Rural Development Company:

1. Cllr. T. Welby
2. Cllr. S. Kyne
3. Cllr. C. Keaveney

**DURATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

14

It was agreed that all the appointments at this first Annual Meeting would be for the duration of the Council, with the exception of the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor, which would be made annually and the appointment of Chairs to the Strategic Policy Committees which are for a minimum period of 3 years.

**NOMINATION OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE ATHENRY HERITAGE & TOURISM CO. LTD.**

15

**First Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Feeney be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Feeney nominated to the Athenry Heritage & Tourism Co. Ltd.

**Second Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Cannon be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Cannon nominated to the Athenry Heritage & Tourism Co. Ltd.

As a result of the foregoing the Members nominated to Athenry Heritage and Tourism Co. Ltd. are as follows:

1. Cllr. P. Feeney
2. Cllr. C. Cannon

**APPOINTMENT OF 1 NOMINEE TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.**

16

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Keaveney that Cllr. Kyne be appointed. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Hoade be appointed. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. Kyne:**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O'Cuig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers (16)

**For Cllr. Hoade:**

Cllrs. C. Canon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, T. Welby (14)

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. Kyne appointed to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

**APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS**

17

**First Vacancy**

It was agreed that all 30 members of the Council were present. Mr. Murphy said that as all 30 members were present, any 10 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the General Council of County Councils, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Hoade as a member of the General Council of County Councils was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, J. Joyce, Comh. S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, T. Welby

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared



Cllr. Hoade appointed as a member of the General Council of County Councils.

**Second Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins and seconded by Cllr. McHugh that Cllr. McDonagh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. McDonagh appointed as a member of the General Council of County Councils.

**Third Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Canney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Canney appointed as a member of the General Council of County Councils.

As a result of the foregoing the following were appointed by the Council to the General Council of County Councils:

1. Cllr. M. Hoade
2. Cllr. J. McDonagh
3. Cllr. S. Canney

**APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO WESTERN REGIONAL  
TOURISM ORGANISATION**

18

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Connaughton be appointed. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Conneely be appointed. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. Connaughton:**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers (16)

**For Cllr. Conneely:**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, T. Welby (14)

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. Connaughton appointed to the Western Regional Tourism Organisation.

**APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNTY TOURISM COMMITTEE** 19

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Keaveney that Cllr. Willers be appointed. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Hoade be appointed. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. Willers:**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers (16)

**For Cllr. Hoade:**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, T. Welby (14)

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. Willers appointed to the County Tourism Committee.

**APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO COUNTY (LOCAL) RURAL WATER MONITORING COMMITTEE** 20

**First Vacancy**

It was agreed that all 30 members of the Council were present. Mr. Murphy said that as all 30 members were present, any 10 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. M. Connolly as a member of the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, T. Welby

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. M. Connolly appointed as a member of the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

### Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. McHugh that Cllr. Connaughton be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Connaughton appointed as a member of the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

### Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. Healy Eames that Comh. O Cuaig be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Comh. O Cuaig appointed as a member of the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

As a result of the foregoing the following were appointed to the County (local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee:

1. Cllr. M. Connolly
2. Cllr. S. Connaughton
3. Cllr. S. O Cuaig

## **NOMINATION OF 2 NOMINEES TO LOUGHREA HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

21

### First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Willers be appointed. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Regan be appointed. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

### For Cllr. Willers:

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, B. Willers (17)



**For Cllr. Regan:**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, T. Welby (13)

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. Willers nominated for appointment to the Loughrea Heritage Committee.

**Second Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Canney that Cllr. Hynes be appointed. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Regan be appointed. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. Hynes:**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, B. Willers (17)

**For Cllr. Regan:**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, T. Welby (13)

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. Hynes nominated for appointment to the Loughrea Heritage Committee.

As a result of the foregoing the following were appointed to the Loughrea Heritage Committee:

1. Cllr. B. Willers
2. Cllr. P. Hynes

**NOMINATION OF 1 NOMINEE TO KNOCK AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.**

**22**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. McHugh that Cllr. Feeney be nominated. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Comh. O Tuairisg be nominated. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. Feeney:**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers (16)

**For Comh. O Tuairisg:**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, T. Welby (14)

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. Feeney nominated to the Knock Airport Consultative Committee.

**NOMINATION OF 1 NOMINEE TO GALWAY AIRPORT**

**23**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Healy Eames be nominated. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Cuddy be nominated. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. Healy Eames:**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers (16)

**For Cllr. Cuddy:**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, T. Welby (14)

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. Healy Eames nominated to Galway Airport.

**NOMINATION OF 1 NOMINEE TO INTEGRATED TRANSPORT CO-ORDINATING GROUP** 24

It was proposed by Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. McHynes that Cllr. Canney be nominated. It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. M. Connolly be nominated. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

**For Cllr. Canney:**

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Tierney, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, B. Willers (17)

**For Cllr. M. Connolly:**

Cllrs. C. Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, T. Welby (13)

**Abstained**

(0)

The Mayor declared Cllr. Canney nominated to the Integrated Transport Co-Ordinating Group.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS (DESIGNATE) OF THE FOLLOWING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES:** 25

- (a) Cultural & General Services Strategic Policy Committee
- (b) Housing Services Strategic Policy Committee
- (c) Planning & Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee
- (d) Environmental & Conservation Services Strategic Policy Committee
- (e) Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

It was agreed that Chairs (Designate) of the five Strategic Policy Committees would be appointed but that individual assignments would not be made until a later date. As there were five vacancies to be filled, the Mayor informed the meeting the group system would apply. It was agreed that all 30 members were present and that six members could form a group.

**First Vacancy**



A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Cannon to be a Chair of a Strategic Policy Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, J. Joyce, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O Tuairisg, Cllr. T. Welby

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Cannon appointed to be a Chair of a Strategic Policy Committee.

#### **Second Vacancy**

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Cuddy to be a Chair of a Strategic Policy Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. J. Conneely, C. Cannon, M. Hoade, T. Mannion, M. Regan, T. Reilly

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Cuddy appointed to be a Chair of a Strategic Policy Committee.

#### **Third Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. McHugh that Cllr. T. Walsh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. T. Walsh appointed to be a Chair of a Strategic Policy Committee.

#### **Fourth Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. Canney and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Keaveney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Keaveney appointed to be a Chair of a Strategic Policy Committee.

#### **Fifth Vacancy**

It was proposed by Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly that Comh. O Cuaig be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Comh. O Cuaig appointed to be a Chair of a Strategic Policy Committee. As a result of the foregoing the following members of the Council are Chairs (Designate) of the Council's SPC's.

Cllr. C. Cannon

Cllr. J. Cuddy  
Cllr. T. Walsh  
Cllr. C. Keaveney  
Comh. S. Ó Cuaig

**NOMINATION OF MEMBERS FOR OPENING OF TENDERS**

26

It was agreed that the existing procedure would continue and on the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh, the following regulations were adopted:-

**Regulations for the Reception and Examination of Tenders**

Tenders for the supply of goods, the execution of works or any other thing for which the County Council may lawfully have invited the submission of tenders in writing shall be received and examined as follows:-

- (a) The Tender of a person or firm shall be delivered in person by the individual or by some person (other than a member or officer or employee of the Council) acting for him or her or such firm, addressed to the Secretary, Galway County Council, at the Council's offices, Aras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, not later than 4.00 p.m. on the latest date specified in the advertisement for the receipt of tenders.

**OR**

The tender of a person or firm may be sent by prepaid post addressed to the Secretary, Galway County Council, P.O. Box 27, Aras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway to reach the said office not later than 4.00 p.m. on the latest date for the receipt of tenders as specified in the advertisement.

- (b) All envelopes containing tenders must be endorsed "Tenders for .....". All tenders duly received or delivered in accordance with these regulations shall be immediately placed in a locked receptacle.
- (c) Tenders shall only be opened by the County Secretary or other Authorised Officer in the presence of any two Members of the Council. Tenders estimated not to exceed €150,000 in value may in urgent cases, be opened in the presence of one Member, where a second Member is not available.
- (d) Each such tender shall thereupon be numbered and initialled by the Member/s of the Council and by the County Secretary/Authorised Officer. Details of each tender received and opened as aforesaid shall be entered in the Register of Tenders. The total number of tenders received shall be recorded in the Register of Tenders.

**TO FIX SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS**

27

It was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh and agreed that Council Meetings be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, starting at 3.30p.m. and Special Meetings of the Council will be held as required on dates to be agreed. Standing Orders provide that there be no meetings in August. It was agreed that the July Monthly Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2004, would commence at 1.00p.m.

**TO AGREE TO AREA COMMITTEE SYSTEM AND FIX DATES FOR MEETINGS OF SAME**

28

It was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly and agreed that in accordance with Section 50 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the Council would establish an Area Committee for each local electoral area. The Mayor said he was aware that arrangements were being made to hold meetings of each Area Committee as soon as possible.

**COISTE NA N-OILEÁIN**

29

D'iarr an Comh. S. Ó Cuaig faoi bunú coiste dos na h-oileáin i gcontae na Gaillimhe. Dúirt Comh. Ní Fhatharta go raibh sé aontaithe cheana féin go mbunófaí an coiste agus beartaíodh go mbeadh an ábhar seo ar an gclár don chéad chruinniú eile den chomhairle.

**TO FIX DATE FOR SEMINAR FOR MEMBERS**

30

Mr. Murphy informed the meeting that a seminar for newly elected members will be held in Aras an Chontae on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2004. The purpose of the seminar is to advise new members in relation to the operation and procedures of the Council.

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

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A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following: -

Stephen & Mary, Anna & Lynn Corless, 40 Acres, Tuam, Co. Galway.  
The Walsh family, Mullaghmore, Moylough, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

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Submitted, Approved & Signed

Willel. Bush