

CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON FRIDAY 17TH
OCTOBER, 2003.

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Mayor T Rabbitt

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Dep. P. McHugh, Cllrs. S.
Connaughton, J. Conneely, M.
Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Cunningham,
M. Fahy, S. Gavin, M. Gormally, M.
Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, J.J.
Mannion, J. McClearn, J. McDonagh,
T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. C. Ni
Fhatharta, P. O'Foighil, Cllrs. P.
O'Malley, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, S.
Quinn, M. Regan, S. Walsh.

Oifigigh:

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager,
Mr. Ernie Lusby, Finance Officer, T.
Kavanagh, J. Cullen, J. Morgan, F.
Gilmore, P. Ridge, Directors Of
Services; T. Murphy, D. Barrett, T.
Connell, A. Comer, Senior Executive
Officer, R Killeen, E Cummins, Senior
Engineers, F. Holland, Senior
Executive Engineer, Margaret Jordan,
Administrative Officer, M. Barnicle,
Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

2140

A resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:

Brendan & Patricia Madden, Tulra, Tubber, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Mary Hanrahan & family, Gortavoher, Tubber, Gort, Co. Galway.
Mary Lohan & family, Laughglass, Creggs, Co. Galway.
Francis Dowd, Tonnegurrane, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.

The Members and the County Manager on behalf of his staff extended a vote of sympathy to Cllr. T. Walsh on the recent death of his mother Tessie.

The Members congratulated the Caltra Senior Football team on winning the Galway County Final.

On the proposal of Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. McLearn, it was agreed that items 20 and 21 on the agenda be deferred. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Fahy seconded by Cllr O' Sullivan and agreed that a special meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 28th October 2003 at 12 noon to discuss these items.

MINUTES

2141

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 7th July 2003 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Comh Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr Mullins.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 7th July 2003 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 18th July 2003 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. T McHugh, and seconded by Cllr. J. Mc Donagh.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 12th September 2003 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. K. Quinn, seconded by Cllr. Regan.

REPORTS

2142

The report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 18th July, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. T McHugh, seconded by Cllr. Regan

The report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 8th September, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. K. Quinn.

The report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 25th July, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. K Quinn.

The report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 5th August , 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. T. Mc Hugh, seconded by Cllr. K Quinn.

The report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 12th September, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. M Connolly, seconded by Cllr. K. Quinn.

The report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 9th May, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy.

The report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 11th September, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. M Hoade, seconded by Cllr. J. McDonagh.

The report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 9th September, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. Fahy.

The report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 16th June, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Conneely.

Cllr S. Gavin said that when Area Committees agree to meet with deputations a reply should issue to the deputation outlining the position in relation to the issues raised by them.

The County Manager said that the Area Committees should have a progress report at each meeting on matters raised at the previous meeting.

It was agreed to defer the adoption of the report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 12th September, 2003.

The report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on 23rd June, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. O' Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

The report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on 16th September, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan.

The report of the Environmental and Conservation Services Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 2nd October, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham.

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF
ROADS ACT 1993** **2143**

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

Roads commencing at junction with County Road L4216-6 in the Townland of Glenacarra East and extending east for a distance of 280 metres in the townland of Glenacarra East, Killeen and finishing at Michael Flynn's house in the townland of Kilnadeema – Loughrea.

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

Road commencing at junction with County Road L71561 in the townland of Blean and extending north west for a distance of 245 metres in the townland of Blean and finishing at Peter and Lorraine Duggan's house in the townland of Blean – Loughrea.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 211 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.167 ACRES AT KEERAUNBEG, CARRAROE, CO. GALWAY TO MR. MICHAEL SULLIVAN **2144**

Report dated 18th September 2003, was already circulated to each Member.

The works as proposed was approved on the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Gavin.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 179 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 **2145**

Report dated the 22nd September 2003 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. Fahy it was agreed to approve the construction of dwelling house at Caheroyan, Athenry, Co. Galway.

On the proposal of Comh. Ó Foighil, seconded by Comh. Ní Fhatharta, it was agreed to approve the construction of one single rural house with services at Rusheenamanagh, Carna, Co. Galway.

On the proposal of Cllr. JJ Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Conneely, it was agreed to approve the construction of one single rural house with services at Rusheenduff, Renvyle, Co. Galway.

On the proposal of Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham, it was agreed to approve the construction of one single rural house with services at Derrybrien, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCIES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL **2146**

Dep. Connaughton, Dep. Callanan and Senator Burke were present and they addressed the meeting with the consent of the Mayor. They thanked the members of the Council for the help and courtesy shown to them during their time on the Council. They also thanked the County Manager and staff for their co-operation and assistance. The Mayor, members and County Manager paid tributes to Dep. Connaughton, Dep. Callanan and Senator Burke and wished them well in their future careers.

The Mayor then invited nominations to fill the vacancy consequent on the resignation of Dep. Connaughton. It was proposed by Cllr. T Mc Hugh seconded by Cllr Mc Clearn and agreed that Sinead Connaughton, Mountbellew, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway be co-opted to the Council to replace Dep. Connaughton.

The Mayor welcomed Cllr. Connaughton as a member of the Council. The members also welcomed Cllr. Connaughton and hoped that she would have a rewarding time in the Council. Cllr. Connaughton then took her seat. She thanked her proposer and seconder and said she was looking forward to working with the members, staff and management of the Council.

The Mayor then invited nominations to fill the vacancy consequent on the resignation of Dep. Callanan. It was proposed by Cllr. O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr. Joyce and agreed that Martin Gormally, Kilconnell, Ballinalsoe, Co. Galway be co-opted to the Council to replace Dep. Callanan.

The Mayor welcomed Cllr. Gormally as a member of the Council. The members also welcomed Cllr. Gormally and hoped that he would have a rewarding time in the Council. Cllr. Gormally then took his seat. He thanked his proposer and seconder and said he was looking forward to working with the members, staff and management of the Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mc Clearn seconded by Cllr. Mullins and agreed to defer filling the vacancy on the Council consequent on the resignation of Senator Burke.

The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff welcomed Cllrs. Connaughton and Gormally as members of the Council.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SPC

2147

Report dated 10th October, 2003 was circulated to each member.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mc Clearn and seconded by Cllr. Mullins and agreed by the members to defer the filling of the vacancy on the Planning and Development SPC.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCIES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ROADS & TRANSPORTATION SPC

2148

Report dated 10th October, 2003 was circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Joyce and seconded by Cllr. Loughnane it was agreed that Cllr. Gormally would fill one of the vacancies on the Roads & Transportation SPC.

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Mc Hugh and seconded by Cllr. J. Mc Clearn it was agreed that Cllr. Connaughton would fill the remaining vacancy on the Roads and Transportation SPC.

NOMINATION OF CHAIR OF THE ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES SPC 2149

Report dated 10th October, 2003 was circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Joyce it was agreed that Cllr. T. Mannion would be Chair of the Roads and Transportation SPC.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCIES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE WESTERN HEALTH BOARD 2150

Report dated 10th October, 2003 was circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr. Joyce it was agreed that Cllr. Gormally would fill one of the casual vacancies on the Western Health Board.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mc Clearn and seconded by Cllr. T. Mc Hugh it was agreed to defer to filling of the other casual vacancy on the Western Health Board.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE 2151

Report dated 10th October, 2003 was circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr Joyce and seconded by Cllr. K. Quinn it was agreed that Cllr. Gormally would fill the casual vacancy on the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE 2152

Report dated 10th October, 2003 was circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr. K. Quinn it was agreed that Cllr. Gormally would fill the casual vacancy on the Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GALWAY RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY 2153

Report dated 10th October, 2003 was circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Joyce and seconded by Cllr. O' Sullivan it was agreed that Cllr. Gormally would fill the casual vacancy on the Galway Rural Development Company.

TO FIX DATE FOR BUDGET MEETING 2154

A report was circulated to the members outlining the prescribed periods for the holding of the 2004 Budget meeting. It was proposed by Cllr. McLearn, seconded by Cllr. Regan and agreed by the Council to hold the Budget meeting on Wednesday 3rd December 2003 at 2pm.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR AN EXTENSION TO ARAS AN CHONTAE AND PROVISION OF CIVIC LIBRARY 2155

A Report dated the 10th October, 2003 was circulated to each member.

Mr. Cullen, Director of Services referred to the report circulated and stated that in 2001, the Council approved an overall design strategy for the Aras and Chontae site for the provision of additional office accommodation, carparking and library development. He said that a public procurement process was undertaken and that Ahrends Burton & Koralek Architects (ABK) were appointed as architects for the project in December 2001.

He told the members that the Corporate Policy Group had recommended that the project be advanced, and he was requesting the Council's approval to proceed with the project to the planning application stage and the production of detailed design and contract documents.

Messrs Robert Davies and John Parker of ABK Architects then gave a presentation to the members outlining the plans for the current Phase 2 of the project, and provided details of planned development of the extension, new Library Headquarters and Additional Carparking.

Cllr. Regan complimented ABK Architects on their vision and agreed that additional carparking spaces were needed and enquired as to the number of additional spaces provided for in the plans.

In reply Mr. Cullen stated that the final decision on carparking spaces would be made by the Planners in City Council.

Cllr. McLearn asked the Architects if it was possible to extend the development upwards by adding additional floors to the building. In reply ABK Architects said that they had considered this option but there were difficulties relating to height restriction and added weight to the foundations on the existing building and accordingly this option had not been pursued.

Cllr. Joyce congratulated the officials on the plan and put forward the suggestion of having public access across from the Roches Stores entrance. ABK Architects stated that there would be a library entrance across from the Roches building but that for security reasons the main entrance to Áras an Chontae would remain at the front of the building.

In reply to queries regarding the cost and the funding proposals for the project Mr. Cullen stated that the estimated cost of the project was €28.5m that the library element costing an estimated €8.7m would qualify for funding from the DOEHLG at a rate of 75% of the capital cost. He said that the balance of funding would be by way of borrowing, with loan charges in the region of €1.8m per annum. He said that it was important to consider this in light of the current rental charges of approx. €450,000

per annum. He envisaged that future rent reviews would increase these costs and the Council should consider this when weighing up the benefits of the new development.

On the proposal of Cllr. Fahy, seconded Cllr. Connolly, it was agreed by the members to proceed with the project to the planning application stage and the production of detailed design and of contract documents.

WATER SERVICES ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

2156

Report dated 10th October 2003 was circulated to each member. Mr. Kavanagh outlined the Council's obligation to prepare an updated Assessment of Needs for Water Capital works every five years. The last assessment was undertaken by the council in 1999 with a revision in August 2000 following the publication of the Department's capital water and sewerage investment programme 2000-2002. Mr. Kavanagh explained that the main purpose of the Assessment was to develop an overall strategic investment plan for the county and to set out a programme of works to meet the identified water services needs. He referred to the report which outlined the various guidelines and information to be adhered to in the preparation of the report.

He said that the County Development Plan adopted in May 2003 was the primary source document used for the assessment of the water services needs. He referred to settlements in need of wastewater infrastructure and said that they were combined into one bundle for the purpose of the provision of wastewater facilities with an estimated cost of €17.4m under the Small Settlement Strategy programme.

He also said that the Council was going to make a special case to the Department of the Environment for increased funding for small schemes, as the annual allocation received by the Council is too low.

He said that the draft Assessment estimated costs in the region of €492.39million, and that the Environmental and Conservation SPC recently agreed that the draft Assessment be recommended to the Council for approval.

He sought approval of the members to progress the project and to allow the draft to go on public display for a period of one month, followed by its submission to the Department of Environment and Local Government.

In reply to queries regarding individual schemes Mr. Kavanagh reassured these members that all schemes included in the draft would be submitted to the Department for funding approval.

Comh. Ní Fhatharta requested that the Carraroe Sewerage scheme and Costello Regional Water Supply Scheme included in the Assessment be expedited as a matter of urgency and that a letter should be written to the Department outlining this requirement.

Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr Joyce, seconded by Comh. Ní Fhatharta, it was agreed to approve the draft Assessment of needs for water services as submitted.

SMALL SCHEMES: WATER & SEWERAGE PROGRAMME

2157

Mr. Kavanagh referred to report dated 8th October 2003 circulated to members. He said that in March 2002 the Council approved a three year programme of works in relation to small water and sewerage schemes i.e. schemes costing less than€635,000 and he outlined the works completed to date.

Mr. Kavanagh circulated to the members a revised 2-year Programme for Small Public Water and Sewerage Schemes costing €1.4m over the period. This programme involves the continuation of the planning process for Letterfrack and Clonbur Sewerage Schemes and under "Proposed Works" would provide new resevoirs for the Leenane, Letterfrack, Williamstown and Inishere Public Water Supply Schemes and upgrade the network in the towns of Dunmore and Woodford together with renovations to the Inishbofin Public Water Supply Scheme. He said that some funding for projects would be available from Clár.

Mr. Kavanagh sought the approval of the members to advance the programme to the next stage.

Arising from the report Cllr. McClearn commended the work carried out by the officials on the programme. Cllr. Joyce requested that the small scheme in Banagher should be considered, and Mr. Kavanagh said that his staff would examine the matter.

On the proposal of Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. JJ Mannion, it was agreed to approve the Small Public Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes Programme as submitted.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – TUAM TOWN WATER AND WASTE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME 2158

Report dated the 7th October, 2003 was circulated to each member.

Mr. Kavanagh requested the approval of the members to proceed with the extension and upgrading of the above scheme.

On the proposal of Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. McHugh, it was agreed to proceed with development as per the report.

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF HERITAGE PLAN FOR COUNTY GALWAY 2159

A copy of the Draft County Heritage Plan 2004-2009 was circulated to each member.

The members commended the work of Ms. Marie Mannion, Heritage Officer and said that the draft was very comprehensive and noted the high level of consultation carried out in the community during the process.

On the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Joyce, it was agreed to adopt the plan as set out.

APPROVAL FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR AN AIRSTRIP AT INISHBOFIN 2160

Report dated the 10th October, 2003 was circulated to each member.

Cllr JJ Mannion thanked the County Manager and staff, in particular Mr. Martin Lavelle Senior Engineer in expediting the process in acquiring the land necessary to provide the airstrip facility at Inishbofin.

He said that this new development was essential for the people in West Connemara and he commended the work of Minister O Cuiv in this matter and for providing the necessary funding for the project.

On the proposal of Cllr JJ Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Conneely, it was agreed to give approval for the acquisition of the necessary lands to provide the airstrip facility on Inishbofin either by agreement or compulsorily.

MANAGERS BUSINESS

2161

Landslide at Derrybrien

The County Manager updated the Council in relation to the landslide at Derrybrien. He said that the Council in conjunction with all interested parties were trying to establish the cause of the incident and every effort was being made to protect and restore essential services. He said that the Council would engage outside expertise if necessary.

MAYORS BUSINESS

2162

Cllr. O'Sullivan proposed that the Council write to the Western Health Board in support of an appeal to prevent the closure of a Residential Substance Abuse Centre in Ballinasloe. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Joyce and agreed.

Comh. Ní Fhatharta proposed that the Council write to the Western Health Board, regarding Galway Hospice, to request that the current inquiry be expedited as fundraising by local volunteers was in jeopardy and it was essential that the inquiry would reach a speedy conclusion

The Mayor referred to the official opening of Westside Library. It was proposed by Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. Fahy and agreed that the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government be invited to perform the official opening of Westside Library and also Casla Bridge, Connemara. It was also agreed that he would launch the Council's Risk Management Plan.

CONFERENCES

2163

On the proposal of Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham, 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:-

"International Zero Waste Conference", Silversprings Moran Hotel, Tivoli, Co. Cork.

30th/31st October, 2003

Cllrs. M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Hynes, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Foighil, Cllr. P. O'Sullivan.

**"Enterprise Kiltullagh Ltd. – 4th Annual Conference", The White House Hotel, Ballinalough, Co. Roscommon.
30th October, 2003**

Cllr. J. McDonagh

**"Ceifin Conference 2003 – Global Aspirations & the Reality of Change; How can we do things differently?", West County Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare
5th – 7th November, 2003**

Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta

**"LAMA – Annual Winter Seminar", Corrib Great Southern Hotel, Galway.
7th/8th November, 2003**

Cllrs. J. Conneely, J. Joyce, Comh. P. O'Foighil, Cllr. P. O'Sullivan

**"National Association of Councillors – AGM & Conference", Europa Hotel, Belfast.
13th – 16th November, 2003**

Comh. P. O'Foighil

**"A National Tourism Conference", Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare
27th – 29th November, 2003**

Cllrs. M. Hoade, S. Quinn

**"Closing the Gap: Getting more Women into Politics & Local Government", Lough Allen Spa & Hotel, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim.
20th October, 2003**

Cllr. M. Hoade, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta

**"Seeking your views on Water Quality", Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.
18th October, 2003**

Cllrs. J. Conneely, J. Joyce, J. McDonagh

**"Partnership – the critical factor or just empty talk", Mallow, Co. Cork.
25th – 27th September, 2003**

Cllr. J. Joyce

CONFERENCES

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.25 – DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON - ROADS

2164

The following reply was given: -

“Money was provided this year for work on this road. This work has been completed. Further works are necessary on the remainder of this road and will be considered when drawing up the programme of works for 2004”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.26 – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM - FLOODING

2165

The following reply was given: -

“Works will be carried out at this location in 2003 to alleviate possible flooding.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.27 – CLLR. M. FAHY - HOUSING

2166

The following reply was given: -

“The total allocation for Disabled Persons Grant and Essential Repair Grants for 2003 is €2.3 million. This has a matching fund requirement of €766,666, which must be funded by the Council from its own resources.

The allocation for 2004 will be notified by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in 2004.

Applications are processed in accordance with the Councils schemes for Disabled Persons Grants and Essential Repair Grants on the basis of eligibility, priorities and availability of funding”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.28 – CLLR. M. FAHY - WATER

2167

The following reply was given: -

“Surface water is allowed to drain from road into adjoining fields.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.29 – CLLR. M. FAHY - ROADS

2168

The following reply was given: -

“A design is currently being prepared for the works required to improve visibility at this location. An estimate of the cost involved is also being prepared. This will be available for the next meeting.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.30 – CLLR. J. JOYCE – WATER SUPPLY 2169

The following reply was given: -

“Your submission has been noted and will be discussed in the context of the review and updating of the Preliminary Report for the next stage of the Ballinasloe Regional Water Scheme”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.31 – CLLR. J. JOYCE – SEWERAGE SCHEME

The following reply was given: -

2170

“Your submission has been noted and will be given consideration as the Assessment of Needs is currently being reviewed and updated”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.32 – CLLR. J. JOYCE – ROADS

2171

The following reply was given: -

“These roads are not included in the current 5 year roads plan but will be considered for inclusion in the next review. An estimate of the cost of the works required will be prepared.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.33 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH - LIGHTING 2172

The following reply was given: -

“The provision of public lighting at these locations will be considered for inclusion in future public lighting programmes.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.34 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – ROADS 2173

The following reply was given: -

“The provision of rumble strips would have implications relating to the impact of the noise on nearby residents. Extra warning signage has been provided at this location in recent times and a suggestion from residents that a continuous white line be provided is being considered.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.35 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH - ROADS 2174

The following reply was given: -

“The provision of funding for works on this road will be considered for inclusion in future funding requests submitted to the Department.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.36 – DEP. P. MCHUGH – TRAFFIC LIGHTS

The following reply was given: -

2175

"The Council have finalised design plans in relation to traffic lights at the Headford junction. Funding will be requested from the National Roads Authority to carry out the works in 2004."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 37 – DEP. P. MCHUGH – FOOTPATHS 2176

The following reply was given: -

"The provision of a footpath at this location will be investigated. A report will be available for the next meeting."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 38 – DEP. P. MCHUGH – ROAD SIGNS 2177

The following reply was given: -

"There is currently no money available for school flashing lights or signage in this area. It will be considered for inclusion in next year's programme."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.39 – COMH. NI FHATHARTA – CEMETERIES

The following reply was given: -

2178

"Níl aon airgead ar fáil don obair seo faoi láthair. Bheadh an Comhairle Chontae sásta cúnadh a thabhairt don scéim FÁS an obair a dhéanamh má tá siad abalta é a dhéanamh."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.40 – COMH. NI FHATHARTA – FOOTPATHS

The following reply was given: -

2179

"Tosófar an obair sa láthair seo arís i gceann coicíse. Cuireadh an deontas don obair ar fáil le deireanas ón Roinn na Gnóthai Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.41 – COMH. NI FHATHARTA – ROADS 2180

The following reply was given: -

"Tá an tálamh faighte don obair atá ar teastáil anseo le deireanas. Tosófar an obair ann i gceann cúpla seachtaine."

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved & Signed.

E. Rallits

22.12.03

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON FRIDAY 12TH
SEPTEMBER, 2003.**

MAYOR:

Cllr. T. Rabbitt

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Deps. J. Callanan, P. McHugh, Sen. U. Burke, Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, Cllrs. P. O'Malley, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, M. Regan, S. Walsh, T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, P. Ridge, J. Cullen, F. Dawson, F. Gilmore, Directors Of Services; E. Lusby, Head of Finance; Messrs. T. Murphy, A. Comer, Senior Executive Officers; Messrs. P. Carroll, E. Moloney, A. Farrell, Administrative Officers; Messrs. E. Cummins, M. Lavelle, Senior Engineers; Ms. M. Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. M. Mannion, Heritage Officer, Ms. G. Healy, Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

2128

A resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mr. Toddie Byrne, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Brigid Ryan & family, Cahertinna, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. Joe Spain, Gurtymadden, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. Oliver Spain, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Ita Tully, Derrymullen, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Sean Geoghegan & family, Grannagh, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

The Members paid tribute to Mr. P.J. O'Loughlin of Kinvara West, Kinvara who died recently and who was a regular attendee at Council Meetings up to a few years ago.

Cllr. Fahy also extended a vote of sympathy to the family of Mr. Sean Geoghegan, Granagh, Ardrahan who died recently.

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF
ROADS ACT 1993 –** **2129**

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

Road commencing at junction with County Road L8243 in the townland of Carra (Leitrim) and extending north east for a distance of 360 metres in the townland of Carra, Leitrim – Loughrea.

(b) On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. McHugh, 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 Co. Road 71761 and extending east for a distance of 1150 in the townland of Gortnahultra – Ballinasloe West.

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

Bothar i Leitir Mór ag tosnú ag an acomhal atá aige leis an mbothar LS5225 agus ag sineadh 152m ar fad. Tá an acomhal luaite suite timpeall 130m siar ón acomhal atá ag an LS5225 leis an mbothar R374 – Conamara.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 FOR THE DISPOSAL OF 0.005HA (0.012 ACRES)
AT TULLYROE, BALLYGAR TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF BRIDGET
BUCKLEY (DECEASED), BALLYGAR** **2130**

Report dated 29th August, 2003 was already circulated to the Members.

On the proposal of Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. K. Quinn, the disposal of 0.005Ha (0.012 acres) at Tullyroe, Ballygar to the representatives of Bridget Buckley (deceased), Ballygar, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 FOR THE DISPOSAL OF 0.149HA (0.37 ACRES)
AT LOUGHREA TO LOUGHREA LIVESTOCK MART** **2131**

Report dated 29th August, 2003 was already circulated to the Members.

On the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Sen. Burke the disposal of 0.149Ha (0.37 acres) at Loughrea to Loughrea Livestock Mart, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, was approved.

TO APPROVE:

(a) COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC GRANTS 2003 (SECOND ROUND ALLOCATION) 2132

Report dated 5th September, 2003 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Dep. McHugh, the Community Based Economic Grants 2003, Second Round Allocation, as per the attached report were approved.

(b) AMENITY GRANTS 2133

Report dated 5th September, 2003 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. Regan, the Amenity Grants 2003, as per the attached report were approved.

(c) HERITAGE GRANTS 2134

Report dated 5th September, 2003 was circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. K. Quinn, the Heritage Grants 2003, as per the attached report were approved.

The Members welcomed the grants and congratulated Ms. Mannion, Heritage Officer on the Heritage Awards ceremony held on 11th September, 2003.

The Manager stated that the Economic Grants, Amenity Grants, Heritage Grants and Arts Grants allocated by the Council in 2003 amounted to almost €335,000 and he paid tribute to the Councillors for approving this allocation of funding to community groups around the county.

TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ISLANDS COMMITTEE. 2135

Comh. Ní Fhatharta proposed that the seven members of the Conamara Electoral Area be appointed to the Islands Committee and that further nominations be sought from the four Islands by the Conamara Electoral Area Committee. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Conneely and agreed.

CORPORATE PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2136

Report dated 5th September, 2003 was circulated.

Mr. Cullen stated that, in accordance with Section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001, a report on the progress of the Council's Corporate Plan is presented to the Members annually for noting. He stated that the progress report sets out the day to day actions to be taken to implement the Corporate Plan and ensures that the strategies agreed in the Corporate Plan fully integrate into the authorities' functions

and operations. He summarised the report stating that it set out the Principal Activities and Functions of the Council, the Council's Core Objectives and Strategies and also details of Performance Indicators.

MAYORS BUSINESS

2137

The Mayor stated that it had been proposed to have a meeting on 13th October 2003 to deal exclusively with planning.

Senator Burke asked in view of the Taoiseach's recent statement whether the County Development Plan would now be reviewed. Cllr. Loughnane stated that the maps denoting the landscape sensitivity ratings needed to be altered. Cllr. T. Walsh queried the purpose of the proposed meeting. Cllr. J.J. Mannion suggested that no meeting be held until the Minister for the Environment comes forward with rural housing policy guidelines, and that the recent meeting between Oireachtas members and Council officials should have been held with the Minister rather than the Council officials. Cllr. S. Walsh identified a number of problems with the interpretation and implementation of the Development Plan. Cllr. Regan proposed that the Taoiseach and DOEHLG be written to, seeking an immediate response in relation to proposed changes to planning legislation. Cllr. O'Malley seconded this proposal and it was agreed by the Council.

The County Manager stated that he had been asked by the Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Frank Fahy T.D. for a meeting with all Galway Members of the Oireachtas, which he agreed to as a matter of courtesy. He stated that at the meeting he had informed the Members that the County Council was the planning authority, that the process of reviewing the Development Plan had been gone through by the Members and that it had been agreed to prepare guidelines on the Development Plan. He stated that he would await a formal response from the Department of the Environment on any proposed changes to planning legislation and policy but that in the absence of further legislation the officials would be complying with the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Regulations 2001, as amended.

On the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. O'Malley it was agreed that Planning would be discussed at the meeting of the Council to be held on 17th October 2003.

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy, seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh it was agreed that members, who wished to do so, should make submissions in advance of this meeting..

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

2138

Mr. Cummins stated that the Council had received additional grant allocations from the Department of the Environment & Local Government for Non National Roads for 2003 as follows:

€266,000 for the R343 Costello/An Cheathrú Rua

€ 75,000 for the R357 Taughmaconnell Road, Ballinasloe

€322,000 for Class 3 Local Roads – to be spent in the 11 Engineering Areas on a pro-rata basis.

He also stated that the Council had been notified of additional allocations from the National Roads Authority as follows:

€600,000 for the N6 which is to be spent as follows:

1. Overlay at Cappataggle Cross Roads
2. Overlay at Mother Hubbard's near Clarinbridge.
3. Retexturing (€20,000)

Policy Training Programme For All Councillors

Mr. Murphy referred to report dated 21st June 2003, which had been circulated to the members, regarding a Training Seminar for Councillors dealing with Planning Policy and Practice, which is to be held in the IPA on 27th September 2003.

Nominations For People Of The Year Awards 2003

Nomination forms for People of the Year Awards 2003 were circulated to members.

CONFERENCES

2139

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

**"Strengthen Democracy", University College Cork, Cork.
18th, 19th & 20th September 2003**

Cllr. M. Loughnane.

**"Blackwater Valley Tourism", The Hibernian House, Mallow, Co. Cork.
25th, 26th & 27th September 2003**

Cllr. M. Loughnane

**"The Social, Policital & Economic Impact of Population Growth on Community Development & Planning", National Conference, Wexford Town.
14th/15th October 2003**

Cllrs. M. Hoade, M. Loughnane

**"2003 La Touche Legacy Seminar, La Touche Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
3rd, 4th & 5th October 2003**

Cllrs. M. Hoade, M. Loughnane.

**"Transportation Policy in Ireland – The Challenges", The Brandon Hotel, Princes Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
17th October 2003**

Cllrs. M. Hoade, M. Loughnane.

"Irish Rural Dwellers Association" Caherciveen Park Hotel, Caherciveen, Co. Kerry.
3rd & 4th October 2003

Cllr. J. Cuddy

CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINIÚ ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed

J. Ballin

17.10.03

Date

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON FRIDAY 18TH
JULY, 2003.**

CATHAOIRLEACH: Mayor T. Rabbitt

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill: Deps. J. Callanan, P. Connaughton, P. McHugh, Sen. U. Burke, Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. P. O'Foighil, Cllrs. P. O'Malley, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, M. Regan, S. Walsh, T. Walsh.

Oifigigh: Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, F. Dawson, J. Cullen, J. Morgan, P. Ridge, Directors Of Services, L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer, M. Dolly, M. Lavelle, Senior Engineers, A. Comer, D. Barrett, Senior Executive Officers, M. Jordan, A/County Secretary, A. Farrell, Administrative Officer, M. Gaughran, Arts Officer, R. O'Boyle, Staff Officer, A. Kelly, Clerical Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniu leis an paidir.

At the start of the meeting the Mayor requested that all mobile phones be turned off during the meeting.

The Mayor also requested that item 10 on the agenda be taken after item 6 and this was agreed.

MINUTES

2089

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 28th March, 2003 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Gavin, seconded by Cllr Cunningham.

Arising from the minutes Cllr J.J. Mannion enquired what the position was with regard to the requirement for a Language Impact Statement for housing developments in the Gaeltacht area. Mr. Ridge informed the meeting that the requirements of the Members regarding LIS were incorporated into S10.9 of the Development Plan, namely that for

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development comprising of two or more houses in the Gaeltacht area, a Language Impact Statement must be prepared.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 9th June, 2003 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr J.J. Mannion.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 20th June, 2003 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. O'Sullivan, seconded by Dep. Connaughton.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 23rd June, 2003 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr Regan.

REPORTS

2090

The report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 16th June, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Regan, seconded by Cllr Fahy.

Cllr Fahy enquired what the situation was regarding quarrying in Kiltulla area which was the subject of a deputation at the area meeting. Mr Cullen stated that this matter would be checked.

Cllr McClearn stated that some sections of roadway were not adequately reinstated by the contractor following the completion of the Portumna Sewerage Scheme. The County Manager stated that the matter would be examined and a report presented to the next meeting of the Loughrea Area Committee.

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

2091

On the proposal of Cllr Fahy, seconded by Cllr Regan, 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 Regional road 462 and extending north east for a distance of 460 metres in the townland of Derrycallan North – Loughrea.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF PIER EXTENSION AND SLIPWAY AT KILKIERAN HARBOUR

2092

Report dated 8th July was circulated to each Member.

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The works as proposed was approved on the proposal of Cllr Conneely, seconded by Comh O'Foighil.

Cllr Gavin enquired if there had been any correspondence from people in the area about the proposed works or if there were any issues waiting to be resolved before the works could commence.

Mr Morgan said that there had not been any objections from the people in the area. He said there were some issues still to be resolved between the consultants for the works and Dúchas but he expected these to be sorted out quickly.

Dúirt an Comh O'Foighil go mbíonn moill go minic ar forbairt in aiteanna sa chontae de bharr fabhanna le Dúchas. Dúirt sé go raibh an Comhair Cumann in ann clocha briste a chuir ar fail in Inis Meain ar €8 an tonna ach anois de bharr riachtanasai maidir le SAC's tá chostas suas le €40 an tonna ag baint le cloche briste a thabairt chuig an oilean. Mhol sé cuireadh a thabhairt do Dhúchas teacht chuig cruinniú den Chomhairle agus seans a thabhairt do Comhairleoirí ceisteanna a chuir orthu. D'aontaigh Cllr Connolly leis an moladh seo agus glach an Comhairle leis. Cllr Gavin suggested that the Councillors should prepare questions in advance of the meeting so that the meeting would be more meaningful and structured.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 211 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.68 ACRES AT BALLYTRASNA, GARDENFIELD, TUAM, CO. GALWAY TO MR & MRS SEAMUS WALSH 2093

Report dated 8th July, 2003 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal Cllr K. Quinn, seconded by Dep. Connaughton, it was agreed to dispose of the site to Mr & Mrs Seamus Walsh as outlined in the report.

TO APPROVE AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 85 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 WITH GALWAY CITY COUNCIL, IN RESPECT OF KILLEEN PAVEMENT WORKS 2094

Mr. Morgan's report was circulated to each Member.

Mr Morgan stated that funding had been allocated by the N.R.A. for pavement and minor improvement works to a section of the N59 measuring approximately 1.45km in length in the Townlands of Killeen, Gortatleva, Kentfeld and Parknagapple. The section of road referred to is located partly in the County Councils functional area and partly in the City Council's functional area. He recommended that the Section 85 agreement whereby Galway County Council would carry out the works be approved by the Council as follows:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

ROADS ACT 1993

SECTION 85 AGREEMENT

AN AGREEMENT made the _____ day of _____ 2003
BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALWAY having its principal offices at the
City Hall, College Road, Galway (hereinafter called "Galway City Council") of the One Part
and Galway Co. Council having its principal offices at Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway
(hereinafter called "Galway County Council") of the Other Part.

WHEREAS

1. The Councils are desirous of constructing a new road pavement for a distance of 1.45km or thereabouts, including surface water drainage and footpaths/kerbs as necessary in the townlands of Killeen, Gortatlewa, Kentfield and Parknagapple hereinafter referred to as the Works.
2. The land on which the Works are proposed to be carried out lies within the functional areas of Galway City Council and Galway County Council respectively.
3. The Galway City Council are of the opinion that it would be more convenient that the power, function and duty of serving such notices, completing such contracts, pursuing such negotiations, acquiring that part of the land and constructing that part of the Works located in the functional area of the Galway City Council that may be exercised or performed by the Galway City Council, should be exercised or performed by the Galway County Council and the Galway County Council are able and willing so to exercise and perform the said power, function and duty in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001.
4. The parties hereto have agreed to enter into this Agreement under the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Galway County Council shall take all necessary steps to acquire any land in the functional area of the Galway City Council which may be required for the purpose of carrying out the said Works in the Galway City Council functional area and shall then carry out the Works.
2. The Galway County Council shall have and exercise all the powers, duties and functions of the Galway City Council in relation to that part of the Works in the functional area of the Galway City Council.
3. The Galway County Council shall serve such notices, complete such contracts and agreements, pursue such negotiations and, generally do and perform all such matters and things as are necessary to execute and complete the Works.
4. The National Roads Authority have allocated funding from the Road Grant Fund to both Galway City Council and to Galway Co. Council for the Works in their respective functional areas and this Agreement is subject to the following conditions :-
 - (a) Galway City Council shall reimburse Galway County Council in respect of the cost of the Works carried out in their functional area to a maximum amount equal to such amount as may from time to time be allocated to Galway City Council by the National Roads Authority for the completion of the Works unless the National Roads Authority shall have provided an additional allocation of funding in the same amount to Galway County Council for the works to be carried out in the functional area of Galway City Council.
 - (b) Any reimbursement which may become due to Galway Co. Council under Condition (a) above shall be made by Galway City Council immediately following receipt by them of payment from the National Roads Authority on foot of their allocation from the Road Grant Fund already referred to in this Paragraph.
5. On completion of the Works, the Galway County Council will procure a transfer to the Galway City Council of any lands which may be acquired for the Works and any ancillary lands acquired in the functional area of the Galway City Council. Subject to the Works being completed to the satisfaction of the Galway City Council, the Galway City Council shall accept the same and take the same in charge and thereafter maintain

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the portion of the roadway in the functional area of the Galway City Council in their charge as Roads Authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their seals the day and year first herein written.

**PRESENT when the seal of
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
Was affixed hereto:**

Mayor or Nominated Employee for the purpose of authenticating the seal

**PRESENT when seal of
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF GALWAY
was affixed hereto:**

Mayor or Nominated Employee for the purpose of authenticating the seal

It was proposed by Cllr O'Malley, seconded by Cllr Cunningham and agreed to approve the Section 85 Agreement as circulated.

ARTS GRANTS

2095

A copy of report dated 15th July, 2003, setting out recommendations for the Arts Grants 2003 amounting to €84,800 was circulated to each member. Details as follows;:

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Applicants	Group Activities/Mission	Electoral Area & District Covered	Amount
Abbeyknockmoy Traditional Set-dancing Group	Set dancing group, provides classes for children & young adults. To foster an appreciation of traditional music & dance among the youth in the area.	Tuam Abbeyknockmoy, Monivea, Brierfield	€ 400
Ascragh Community Development Ltd	Community involvement in the Greenways Festival which includes a concert, exhibition, and a drama performed by the Foróige Club	Ballinasloe Ascragh area	€ 400
Ireland Dancing Championships	The Championships include participants from throughout the Country. The event takes place in Gort Community Leisure Centre, in early July each year. They have dance classes in various forms; old time waltzing, tango, ballet, Irish dancing, etc	Loughrea Country wide	€ 450
Amhran Beo	Now in its 13 th year, the Festival has been a host to bilingual traditional singing events in Kinvara. These events are held during the Crúinniú na mBád festival. The purpose is to promote and celebrate the maritime and cultural links between Kinvara and Connemara.	Loughrea Kinvara & Connemara area	€ 600
Babóro International Festival for Children	Babóro is an international arts festival for children aged 3-12 which takes place in Galway and the West of Ireland each October. The programme includes theatre, music, dance, storytelling, exhibitions, literary events and an extensive programme of outreach workshops. Baboro's programme of activities cover the whole county, as well as schools in the bordering counties. Last year 6000 children participated in festival events in Galway. This year they want to increase their outreach programme to include the Aran Islands	Extensive outreach & education programme countywide	€ 5,000
Arts Group	The group hosts poetry readings throughout the year consisting of up to thirty poets per night. The group to date has published five poetry books. They hold a festival annually in October to include workshops, readings, recitals, children's events and exhibitions; they also run workshops in the schools during the festival.	Loughrea Countrywide	€ 1,300
Ballinasloe CCE	Fleadh & ceili workshops, to promote Irish Traditional Music, song & dance in all its forms. This year they are hosting the Galway County Fleadh.	Ballinasloe Countywide	€ 400
Ballinasloe Community Arts Group	Ballinasloe Community Arts Group host a festival that provides an opportunity for young people to develop their existing skills and to explore innovative & creative opportunities, which would otherwise be unavailable to them. Events include the floating theatre, art exhibitions, street theatre, art	Ballinasloe East Galway	€ 1,000

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workshops & music events.

Ballinasloe Social Services	BSS aim to improve the quality of life for the elderly, physically disabled & children with special needs an to introduce music and impart new skills in this area in order to improve co-ordination, confidence & social skills.	Ballinasloe Ballinasloe & an area of fifteen mile radius	€ 600
Ballyglunin Youth Group	Aims to provide artistic & creative opportunities for its participants to explore art & drama as a means of self expression. Activities include residential workshops to help youth workers to develop an artistic sense to use in their youth work activities.	Tuam Tuam, Annaghdown, Lackagh, Turloughmore, Athenry & Ballyglunin	€ 400
Caltra Street Festival Committee	A Community Arts Festival whose objectives are to bring art and culture to a rural area and to develop an awareness and appreciation of the arts throughout the community. Activities include an art camp run by local artists for children in the local community.	Ballinasloe Caltra Village	€ 2,500
Catastrophe	Catastrophe focuses on new plays. They combine physically engaging acting style with witty & smartly written scripts to deliver an alternative to traditional Irish Theatre. They also have a community outreach programme giving workshops in Galway city & county.	City based Countywide	€ 1,000
Cats Pajamas Youth Theatre	Cat's Pajamas provide a forum for children to develop their skills in acting, dance, music and song. They actively encourage each child to explore their hidden talents in new and innovative ways. Activities include: workshops in drama including outreach by Galway Youth Theatre, an art camp involving visual arts, music, song & dance.	Tuam Moylough, Menlough, Mountbellew, Brierfield	€ 1,400
COE, Baile Locha Leach- Loughrea	Organisation of Traditional music, singing, dancing & all aspects of traditional Irish Culture. Activities include teaching Irish Traditional Music, organising workshops, summer schools, ceilis and sessions.	Loughrea Loughrea area	€ 400
Clann Resource Centre	Clann Resource Centre is currently working on an Intergenerational Project with Back to Education Participants, teenagers and senior citizens in the Oughterard Area. They are working towards putting together a production on for September this year. Part of the project will be a documentary video as part of the id film initiative, of the actual daily lives of the individuals working together to put on the show.	Connemara Oughterard	€ 1000
Clifden Arts Society	Clifden Arts Society covers the whole catchment area of North Connemara, including fifteen national	Connemara	€ 1,000

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	schools and local secondary school. The group has been organising recitals for the past twenty-three years where it has been successful in endeavouring to provide something to suit all tastes. Making live music accessible to all is a priority. The RTE Concert Orchestra visit annually. Youth Reach and the Day Care Centres at the local hospital get recitals. The encouragement of Sean Nos singing is a priority.	Clifden & its environs	
Clifden Community Arts Week	Clifden Arts Week was founded from the local Community School base to mount an annual Community Arts Festival in the fullest meaning of the word. The principle aim remains long term involvement of the local student and adult community in the arts. They wish to nurture a broad appreciation of the arts as well as individual and collective expression of the arts. Activities include: readings, art exhibitions, music events, lectures, and theatre.	Connemara Clifden & its environs	€ 10,500
Clifden Writers Group	The purpose of the Clifden writers group is to provide a safe and nurturing environment where new and established writers can learn and improve their craft. The group has members from all over Connemara as well as the USA and Canada. The group generally publishes an anthology each year as well as a calendar of poetry. They have readings and events regularly and participate in all local festivals.	Connemara Clifden & its environs	€ 600
Connemara Environmental Education & Cultural Centre	CEECC aims to give the arts a more central role in the community. Adding to and enriching the base culture. Encouraging cross-pollination between the arts and sciences –in the Connemara walkabout – poets, scientists, musicians and painters all explore the landscape together. All the work has an intergenerational mix from young to old. The overall aim is all about making the arts accessible and thus most events are free. Events include Festivals, music classes, instrument bank, workshops, recitals, readings, school events throughout the year.	Connemara Letterfrack & the surrounding area	€ 1,500
Cooley Collins Festival	This will be the 18 th year of the Cooley-Collins Festival in the Gort area. The best players in Ireland come to play at the venue for the weekend. People from around the world have been coming for years to hear this great Irish Music Tradition while also participating in the workshops.	Loughrea Gort area, international guests	€ 950
Craiceann Inis Oirr	Craiceann Inis Oirr International Bodhran Summer School is the first ever Summer school dedicated to the bodhran. Some of the best bodhran teachers in	Connemara Inis Oirr,	€ 400

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	key cultural events, the festival boasts a substantial & diverse programme incorporating theatre, music, visual arts, literature, comedy & children's events. It has facilitated & driven the development of a local arts culture in which it is possible for the experimental & the conventional to thrive. The company succeeded in making Galway synonymous with the arts so that citizens of Galway see the arts as part of their lives. It has inspired and driven the arts agenda locally & nationally & it is now regarded as a major player internationally.	& international guests.	
Galway Film Fleadh	Since 1988, the Fleadh has championed the cause of Irish Film making through shorts & features, & has consistently presented radical programmes of international cinema. The Fleadh is now the foremost festival worldwide for the premiering of New Irish features, with the largest ever shorts, animation & documentary programmes. Activities: shorts, features, animation, documentaries, debates, master classes, seminars.	Galway city & county, renowned nationally & internationally.	€ 3,000
Glenamaddy Arts & Historical Society Glenamaddy	Arts and Historical Museum Youth Drama Classes and Workshops Exhibitions Seminars and Courses	Tuam Glenamaddy Kilkerrin, Moylough, Mountbellew, Creggs, Glinsk, Williamstown, Dunmore, Tuam	€ 800
Glenamaddy Theatre Festival & Players Glenamaddy	Festival and drama group Glenamaddy Theatre In its 43 rd Year! Glenamaddy Players: rehearsals and Performances. School of Music Performances	Tuam Tuam town, Glenamaddy, Kilkerrin, Moylough, Mountbellew, Creggs, Glinsk, Williamstown Dunmore, Castlerea	€ 800
Glinsk Song Contest	The Glinsk Song Contest provides an outlet for new and emerging songwriters throughout Ireland. The festival provides a high quality event once a year, which is user-friendly and accessible.	Tuam Country-Wide	€ 900
Inisbofin Music Group	Traditional Music, Song Dance Concerts and events, including Island based musicians and performers as well as visiting Artists	Connemara Inisbofin	€ 650
Inishbofin Development	Community Arts Festival & Arts outreach and education programme on the Island. Poetry	Connemara	€ 800

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Company	readings-exhibitions-parades. National Concert Hall outreach workshops CAFÉ Film-Making project with the Youth on the Island	Inishbofin	
Junior Galway Film Fleadh	Children's Film Festival & Workshops The Junior Film Fleadh was founded in 1995 with the aim of addressing young people as a distinctive audience and to encourage young people to become involved in Film making through workshops and screenings. Secondary school students are actively encouraged to make their own films, through the education and outreach programme.	County-Wide	€ 2000
Kilconnell Festival Committee	Community Arts Festival Including, poetry readings, Children's arts workshops, arts parades, children's street theatre, Irish Music and dance.	Ballinasloe Kilconnell Area	€ 600
Kilkerrin Arts Society	Theatre workshops including workshops on stage and lighting, costume acting, leading to an end of year showcase. The group involve both young and old in all aspects of the work they carry out throughout the year	Tuam Kilkerrin Area	€ 300
Killalaghton Youth Club	The Youth club provides a platform for the youth in the area to access Art, drama, modern dance, music and drumming workshops. At the end of the year the group will showcase the results of the workshops.	Loughrea Killalaghton	€ 600
Kilnadeema CCE Portumna	Showcasing the best of Traditional Irish Music, workshops and performances. This is now one of the largest branches in the County with over 148 members, with over 100 junior members taking part this year	Loughrea Kilnadeema, Portumna	€ 400
Lady Gregory Autumn Gathering, Gort	The Autumn Gathering is a Literary festival celebrating the life and work of Lady Gregory, To highlight her unique contribution to the life of the 20 th century, the festival comprises seminars, lectures, exhibitions, music recitals, poetry readings, arts workshops and theatre events.	Loughrea Gort	€ 1,500
Letterfrack Film Society	Letterfrack film Society is a voluntary organisation, whose main objective is to promote and screen the best of Irish and International films that may not otherwise be accessed by audiences in the North-West Connemara area.	Connemara Letterfrack, Renvyle	€ 800
Letterfrack Writers Group	The writers group provides support, encouragement, and facilities to people in the community who would like to write. The group organise a series of professional workshops and also produce an anthology of work each year.	Connemara Letterfrack, Renvyle, Lettergesh	€ 1,000

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Lunasa at Lackagh	Festival of Traditional Irish Music, song, dance, poetry, story telling and a series of workshops based at the Heritage Centre at Turloughmore.	Oranmore Lackagh, Turloughmore	€ 400
Maam Women's Group	Set dancing, art workshops and seminars aimed at women in the Joyce country area. The overall objective is to promote the arts locally and engage women in rural areas in arts activities.	Connemara Maam, Joyce Country,	€ 700
Macnas	Macnas is a performance company with a community arts ethos. Outreach and Education projects will be organised in the County, which will include community celebrations, Parades, performances, workshops and a range of cultural, educational and training activities	County-Wide	€ 2,500
Maple Poetry Group Portumna	The Group organise poetry readings, workshops and seminars locally for those interested in Literature. They also hope to publish an anthology of their work in 2003.	Loughrea Portumna, Kylebrack, Woodford, Abbey, Ballyshrule, Killimor, Kilrickle,	€ 400
Mickie Timothy Summer School, Williamstown	Traditional Irish Music School and Festival. Comprising of set dancing workshops, music events, ceilis, music workshops- Fiddle, bodhran, singing, accordion, tin whistle.	Tuam Williamstown	€ 600
Moylough Social Services Moylough	Creative Dance workshops. Last year the County Arts office ran a number of contemporary dance workshops in the Moylough area with the local active age group. The Moylough Social Services wish to build on that event and run more workshops with the group this year	Tuam Moylough	€ 400
Music for Galway	Annual Concert Season. Music for Galway presents an annual concert series, showcasing international musicians in the Galway Area.	City based County-Wide	€ 800
Music Matters New Inn Ballinasloe	A Community based music school, which strives to provide access to music education of the highest standards including events such as workshops, recitals, summer camp, hosting other orchestras and choirs	Ballinasloe New Inn, Portumna, Gort, Athenry, Mountbellew	€ 1,800
Oranmore Art Group	A series of professional art workshops culminating in an exhibition.	Oranmore Oranmore	€ 400

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Plearaca	Community Arts Festival Including recitals, exhibitions, poetry readings, theatre events, children's art workshops, Irish traditional music events and concerts.	Connemara Rosmuc, Camus, Carraroe, Carna, Spiddal	€ 4,300
Roundstone Open Arts Week	The festival place events at various locations in the village of Roundstone; artists residencies, exhibitions, music performances, plays, lectures, dance. They not only embrace local traditions but also Irish Culture as a whole, so as to preserve it, but also to encourage an international exchange of ideas. Their main aims are to include the local community in particular and to create opportunities for young people to engage with the arts.	Connemara Roundstone and the surrounding area.	€ 1,000
Solstice Arts Group	Solstice Arts Group aspires to promote collective community involvement in the Arts, by providing a platform for people to engage in a wide variety of artistic events. The main artistic activity of the group is an Arts Festival that combines artistic talent and achievement with local initiative, bringing with it an atmosphere of learning, teamwork and enjoyment within the community.	Oranmore Headford, Cloughanover, Annaghdown	€ 1,500
Spring Onion Puppet Theatre	Spring Onion has an extensive county outreach programme with puppet theatre performances, residencies and workshops in theatres, schools, libraries and for festivals and community groups.	Connemara Galway city & County	€ 1,270
St. Grellan's Youth Development	St. Grellan's is a small local authority housing estate that suffers from a degree of disadvantage. The youth development group provides the youth of the area with an opportunity to meet in a safe & secure environment which will help to promote their personal and social skills. Arts activities include Samba workshops and children's day events such as art & theatre tours.	Ballinasloe Ballinasloe town	€ 1,000
Tuam Travellers Education & Dev. Assoc. Ltd.	The group's objectives are to enhance the educational, cultural, economic & political development of the traveling community in Tuam & its catchment area. Activities include visits to see art displays, and workshops with a professional artist to create a mural at Brú Bhríde.	Tuam Tuam town	€ 480
Tuam Youth Group	The arts activities of the group to date have included celebrating Traditional Irish Culture. The members of the group are currently participating in a series of Drama workshops that are being facilitated by the Outreach Department of Galway Youth Theatre. They are currently working on a specific and unique project. The objective is to film a short drama that will be devised, scripted, performed and produced by the members of the Tuam Youth Group.	Tuam Tuam town	€ 800

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Children's Museum	Discovery	The Children's discovery Museum in it's first year. The aim of the museum is to explore art, science and humanities. The museum will target the primary school sector in Galway County and will actively engage school children. This is the first museum of it's type in Ireland.	County-wide	€ 5,000
Total				€ 84,800.00

The Councillors complemented the various groups and communities involved in the Arts in County Galway. Reference was made to a number of short films which have been produced and it was agreed to set aside some time at the start of a future Council Meeting so that Members would have an opportunity to view them.

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade, seconded by Cllr O'Sullivan the Arts Grants as recommended were approved by the Council.

Community Based Economic Activity Grants 2003

2096

Report dated 15th July, 2003 was circulated to each member.

Mr Dawson introduced the Community Based Economic Activity Grants, saying that a total of €50,669 was being distributed as follows;

Group	Proposal	Amount	
Loughrea Athletic Club	Organisation and running of international five mile road race, through the streets of Loughrea on Sunday, 12 Oct 2003	€3,500.00	
Galway East Tourism Marketing Ltd	Continue the implementation of the 5 year business plan for Galway East through: marketing and promotion to oversee holiday makers, marketing and promotion to domestic and local visitors, investigate the feasibility of setting up a self financing central reservations office.	€10,000.00	
Tuam RFC	Build a small museum in the upper floor of the existing dressing rooms. This area will be used to house old memorabilia relating to past members of the club		Referred to Heritage Officer
County Galway Rural Research	Over the past year GRD Co has been working in partnership with the key agencies – Teagasc, Galway Co Co, Udaras na Gaeltachta & MFG to support a		

Study (GRD)	research co-ordinator for the Co Galway Rural Research Study. Total Project costs to undertake the study are €131,847. GRD acts as the administrator of the required fund to meet the salary and other expenses of the research co-ordinator. GRD will work to ensure the successful completion of this action.	€12,319.00
Portumna Castle Crafts and Garden	Increase awareness of classes (craftwork, art, rushwork, weaving, basketry, greenwood furniture making) and training course (organic horticulture) by attending and holding exhibitions and seminars. Hope to attract people from a wider area. Propose to operate a retail outlet where organic produce and traditional craftwork will be sold to both local people & visitors to the area.	Referred for consideration under Amenity Grant
Letterfrack Tidy Towns Committee	To purchase a computer and software and to computerise records for the parish.	Not eligible under economic grant scheme
Ahascragh Community Development Ltd	Improved office facilities and space which would contribute to greater efficiency.	Referred to Amenity
Castleblakeney Church Restoration Assoc Ltd	Make a coffee shop area of the already built kitchen area in corner of restored Church/Heritage Centre/Community Centre. To purchase fridge, regular automatic water boiler, toaster/sandwich maker-, table, chairs, microwave.	Referred to Amenity
Oranmore Community Development Association	Provide a tourist office.	€5,000.00
North & West Connemara Rural Project (FORUM)	FORUM will continue to work with target groups as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older People • Women/Family Support • Community Groups • Youth • Under & unemployed 	€6,350.00

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Creggs Rural Development Assoc	Propose to develop a ½ acre site in the village. Develop the ground by leveling it, grass-seeding and providing play area for young children.	Referred to Amenity.
Bellevue Gate Restoration Group	Clear away vegetation, ivy trees, rubble, fallen stones. Repair stonework, rebuild walls, replace roof to original look. Replace windows and doors. Landscaping, kerbing.	Referred to Heritage Office and Conservation Office
Little Gem's Playgroup	Replace windows in a playgroup, in order to meet with the relevant childcare regulations.	Referred to City & County Childcare Committee
Galway Centre for Independent Living	The construction of a community integrated, fully accessible holiday home for people with disabilities in the village of Woodford, Co Galway	Ineligible.
Corrib Gym	Propose to add steam room or sauna to gymnasium facility.	Ineligible.
Galway City LETS(Local Exchange & Trading Systems)	Employ part-time worker, hold monthly social events, carry out recruitment, develop a LETS stall.	Returned application.
Roundstone Community Development Council	Develop park and recreational area in village.	Referred to Amenity.
Ballinasloe Area Community Development Ltd	(1) To engage professional Human Resource Consultants to oversee recruitment and contracting of enterprise development manager for centre and community. To advertise appropriately through the national media for the post. (2) To contact for a minimum period of three years as Enterprise Dev Manager, payable through some diverted rent roll from centre. (3) To invest in re-development cost associated with Comm. Dev Co website.	€10,000.00
Poolboy Cemetery – Monivea Dev	To create new park area on existing land beside local cemetery with the formation of road way/walk path ways, flower & shrub beds, seating area, water	Ineligible

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Voluntary Committee	features, mediation park.	
Dunmore Traders	Putting up lights.	Referred to Amenity.
Leenane Development Association	Develop play facilities for local and visiting children.	Referred to Amenity.
Children's Discovery Museum	Primary School exhibit design project.	Referred to Arts Office
Council for the West	Provide up to date fact file of the region on the Web comprising of counties Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Roscommon, Mayo and Roscommon.	€3,000.00
EESC Former Members Association	Lunch for 40 members.	€500.00
Total		€50,669.00

The Members complimented Mr Dawson and his team for their work in assisting communities and groups through schemes such as the Arts Grants and Community Based Economic Activity Grants.

On the proposal of Cllr Connolly, seconded by Dep. Connaughton the Community Based Economic Activity Grants as recommended were approved.

TO APPROVE RAISING OF LOAN OF €2.25m FOR THE PURCHASE OF VANS
2097

Report dated 11th July, 2003 was circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr Cunningham, seconded by Cllr K. Quinn the raising of a loan of €2.25m for the purchase of vans was approved.

AMENDMENT OF EXISTING SPEED LIMIT BY-LAWS – CAPPATAGGLE, CARNMORE CROSS AND CLONBOO
2098

Report dated 14th July 2003 was circulated to each member.

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Mr Morgan informed the members that the N.R.A. had provided capital funding for improvement works at Aughrim, Carnmore Cross and Cloonboo and that the introduction of speed limit zones was required as part of the improvement measures. He stated that it would be necessary to make bye-laws to give effect to the proposed speed limits. He said there were a number of typographical errors in the draft "Road Traffic(Speed Limits) County Galway Bye-Laws 2003" that had been circulated to members. He requested approval to the bye-laws incorporating the corrections as follows:

"July 2003

Speed Limit Bye-Laws

Galway County Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 46 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 (No. 24 of 1961), as substituted by section 33 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, (No. 7 of 1994), and with the consent of the National Roads Authority' hereby make the following bye-laws in respect of the area comprising the administrative County of Galway.

1. These bye-laws may be cited as the Road Traffic (Speed Limits) County Galway Bye-Laws, 2003.
2. These bye-laws shall come into operation on the 1st day of September 2003.
3. In these bye-laws:
"the Act of 1961" means the Road Traffic Act, 1961 (No. 24 of 1961);
"the Act of 1993" means the Roads Act, 1993 (No. 14 of 1993);
"the Act of 1994" means the Road Traffic Act, 1994 (No. 7 of 1994);
"distance" means distance measured along the centre line of the road;
"the Minister" means the Minister for the Environment and Local Government;
"national road" has the meaning assigned to it by the Act of 1993;
"perimeter road" means a road on and along the roadway of which there runs the boundary of a county borough, a borough, or urban district or a town and shall be considered as being within such boundary for the purposes of these bye-laws;
"road" means a public road and includes a motorway.
"Administrative County of Galway" means the County of Galway, including the administrative areas of Ballinasloe, Tuam and Loughrea Town Councils, but excluding the administrative area of Galway City Council.
4. Each of the roads described in the First Schedule to these bye-laws is hereby declared to be a public road in a built-up area for the purpose of section 45 of the Act of 1961.
5. Fifty miles per hour (hereinafter called "a special Speed limit") shall be the speed limit for mechanically propelled vehicles on the roads specified in the Second Schedule to these bye-laws.

6. Exceptions: There shall be excepted from the special speed limit prescribed in article 5 of these Bye-Laws and from the built-up area speed limit the following:-
- (a) ambulances;
 - (b) fire brigade vehicles, and
 - (c) vehicles used by members of the Garda Siochana in the performance of their duties as such members.

First Schedule

Roads in the County of Galway declared to be public roads in a built-up area for the purposes of section 45 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961.

N18 Carnmore Cross

The N18 Oranmore – Claregalway Road between a point 205m southeast of its junction with the R339 (West) Galway Road and a point 286m northwest of the said junction.

R339 Galway – Monivea Road

Between a point 65m west of its junction with the Oranmore – Claregalway Road N18 and a point 135m east of the said junction.

N84 Cloonboo

The N84 between a point 260m south of its junction with the LS6192 and a point 110m north of its junction with the Annaghdown Road LP2117.

LP 2117

For a distance of 20m from its junction with the Galway-Headford Road N84.

LP2129

For a distance of 20m from its junction with the Galway-Headford Road N84.

LS6192

For a distance of 20m from its junction with the Galway-Headford Road N84.

LS6194

For a distance of 20m from its northernmost junction with the Galway – Headford Road N84.”

Second Schedule

The following road: -

N6 Cappataggle-Aughrim

The N6 between a point 450m east of it's junction with the LS7435 and a point 320m southwest of it's junction with the Killoran Road LS8406.

LS8407 Ballynamuddagh Road

LS8407 Ballynamuddagh Road for a distance of 20m from its junction with the Loughrea – Ballinasloe Road N6.

LS7433 Newcastle Road

LS7433 Newcastle Road for a distance of 10m from its junction with the Loughrea – Ballinasloe Road N6.

Made and adopted under the Common Seal of Galway County Council this 18th day of July, Two Thousand and Three.

**PRESENT when the Seal of
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL**

Was affixed hereto:

Mayor or Nominated Employee for the purpose of authenticating the Seal.

Cllr Cuddy referred to the need for traffic control and safety measures at Carnmore Cross. He also referred to the pressures on other roads in the area as a result of the increasing traffic volumes. Sen. Burke referred to the need for funding from the N.R.A. to enable the completion of the road realignment at Cappataggle. Dep. Connaughton said that the West of Ireland was not receiving adequate funding and major projects in other areas of the country, such as the Port Tunnel were receiving priority.

In reply to queries from members about the implementation of speed limit alterations Mr. Morgan stated that as agreed at a previous Council meeting he had written to the Department of Transport but no reply had as yet been received. He said he would continue to pursue this matter. He acknowledged that increasing traffic volumes were creating pressures on the road network and this would be addressed through the Transportation and Planning Study. He said that with the support of the Members he would continue to make the case strongly with the N.R.A. for funding for roads projects in the County.

On the proposal of Cllr J. J. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Mullins it was agreed to approve the "Draft Road Traffic(Speed Limits) County Galway Bye-Laws 2003".

**ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT 2003 AND PIERS AND HARBOURS 2003-2004 –
PROGRAMME OF WORKS** **2099**

Report dated 15th July, 2003 was circulated to each Member.

Mr. Morgan stated that the Council had been notified of grant allocations by the Department of Community Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs for works programmes for Islands Development 2003 and Piers and Harbours 2003-2004. The total value of the works proposed, the amount of the grant allocated by the Department and the amount to be funded by the Council is as follows;

Clár Oileánda 2003 – Co na Gaillimhe

Oileán	Sonraí na hOibre	Caiteachas na Roinne GPT&G	Caiteachas na Comhairle Contae	Caiteachas Iomlán
Inis Bó Finne	Cóiriú Helipad: fál sábháilteachta a chur timpeall ar an helipad nach mbeidh thar 450mm ar airde, 6 solas le ciseáin cosanta & stór i leith gléasra múchta tine.	€6,000	0	€6,000
	Athchóiriú bóthar Comhairle Chontae i dtreo an taobh thoir: (leanúint d'oibreacha na bliana 2002 ar aghaidh chuig an reilig agus thairis); forleagan agus draenáil ar feadh 400m.	€12,500	€12,500	€25,000
	Obair chosaint chósta ag an gCladach Theas: balla coinneála de choincréit athneartaithe, 5m ar airde & 40m ar fhad os comhair an chuid is measa.	€30,000	€30,000	€60,000
	Leanúint d'obair chosaint chósta ar an Trá Thuaidh ag an gCeathrú Thiar: tógáil balla coinneála chun na coda atá déanta cheana féin a cheangal le chéile.	€20,000	€20,000	€40,000
	Leanúint d'obair chosaint chósta ar an trá taobh thoir: tógáil balla trá.	€10,000	€10,000	€20,000

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	Athnuachan Baile (leanúint d'oibreacha 2002): tógáil balla cloiche ar taobh na farraige den bhóthar idir an tsean-ché agus an ché nua.	€10,000	€10,000	€20,000
	Obair creimeadh cósta ag tí Mháirtín Uí Chluanáin ag an gCladach Theas. (Leanúint d'obair 2000)	€25,000	0	€25,000
Inis Mór	Bóthar Comhairle Chontae: An Príomh Bhóthar ar Inis Mór le athchóiriú ar feadh fad 700m, 3m ar leithead.	€12,600	€12,600	€25,200
	Oibreacha sábháilteachta ag sean ché Chill Rónáin & an príomh ché: ráille sábháilteachta, comharthaí foláirimh, ráille sábháilteachta inaistrithe, rópa tearmainn ag deireadh an ráille, insealbhú fáinní múrála, baoithe tarrthála nua & bacainn feithicil inaistrithe.	€7,500	€7,500	€15,000
	Athnuachan Baile ag na tithe i gCill Rónáin (leanúint d'oibreacha a ceadaíodh i 2001): an áit a chothromú le haghaidh tírdhreachú, barrithir agus sioladóireacht.	€7,812	€7,812	€15,624
	An bóthar a cheanglaíonn bóthar Cill Mhuirbhig/Cill Rónáin le bóthar an Chósta Íochtarach trí Teampall Chiaráin: feabhsú coirnéil ar feadh an chéad 90m & ailíniú an dromchla.	€13,500	0	€13,500

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	An Bóthar chuig an bpáirc peile a thosaíonn le taobh bóthar an aerfoirt (uimh. 764): an bóthar le n-ardú chun tuilteach ón gcladach a laghdú & chun draenáil a fheabhsú (400m).	€24,000	0	€24,000
	An bóthar ó Lodge Chill Éinne go dtí teach Thomás Seoighe (uimh. 794): athchóiriú agus cothromú, níos lú ná 100m.	€6,000	0	€6,000
	An bóthar ó teach Bheirtí Uí Dhiollúin go dtí teach Bhrian Phóil (uimh. 810): athchóiriú dromchla ar feadh 265m	€15,000	0	€15,000
Inis Meáin	Deisiú an tsleamhnáin ag Pointe an Chóra: dhá bhá coincréit nua a chur ina n-áit na sean cinn le doimhneacht 200mm de 40N de choincréit athneartaíthe (thart ar 72m ² ina iomláine); dhá ráille ordóige cruaiche a insealbhú & baoi tarthála nua a chur ar fáil le clúdach (trastomhas 450mm)	€5,000	€5,000	€10,000
Inis Oírr	Obair shábháilteachta ar an gcé: comharthaí foláirimh a insealbhú ag béal na cé (péire 900mm x 600mm & ceann 600mm x 600mm ar chuailí dúbailte dubh & buí); slabhra bacainn shábháilteachta a insealbhú ag béal na cé; dhá bhaoi tarthála & insealbhú 25m de ráille sábháilteachta go dtí srón na cé; athchóiriú na céimeanna coincréit & insealbhú ráille láimhe & ráille sábháilteachta.	€7,825	€7,825	€15,650
	Bóthar na Scoile: athchóiriú & cothromú 125m x 2.5m.	€6,250	0	€6,250

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	Bóthar Baile an Chaisleáin ó teach an mháistir go dtí an Chaisleán: athchóiriú & cothromú 360m x 2.5m.	€18,000	0	€18,000
	Bóthar ón mbrú go dtí an Ceardsiopa: athchóiriú & cothromú 160m x 2.5m.	€8,000	0	€8,000
Oileán Iomaí	Fánán coincréite a chur ar an oileán: gaineamh le baint aníos agus an suíomh a líonadh isteach le ábhar oiriúnach agus barr dronnach de choíncreit athneartaithe 400mm ar tiubha a chur air (20m x 8m)	€10,000	€10,000	€20,000
Iomlán		€254,987	€133,237	€388,224

Clár na gCéibheanna Beaga Co na Gaillimhe 2003-04
Nach bhfuil faoi Chúram an Chomhairle Chontae

Ainm na Céibhe	Deontas Iomlán	Deontas na Roinne	Deontas An Cho Cho.	Sonraí
Leitir Móir	€60,000	€45,000 (75%)	€15,000 (25%)	Leac ar 200mm. ar doimhneacht Balla Céibhe nua Comhartha Rabhaidh. Crios Tarrthála. Fáinní Feistithe
Cé Caladh na Leice Poll Uí Mhuireann	€50,000	€37,500 (75%)	€12,500 (25%)	Céim 1 Obair fhorbartha ar an mbóthar chun na céibhe agus oibreacha riachtanacha sábháilteachta.
Damhros	€70,000	€52,500 (75%)	€17,500 (25%)	Bóthar nua 70 méadar ar fhaid le déanamh. Obair shábháilteachta. Balla céibhe, leac agus staighre concréite 40N. Briseadh carriage más gá.
	€180,000	€135,000	€45,000	

Ainm na Céibhe	Deontas Iomlán	Deontas na Roinne	Deontas An Cho Cho.	Sonraí
Sruthán An Cheathrú Rua	€ 7,343	€ 7,343	€0.00	Fad beag breise a chur leis an sleamhnán
Slip Clann na Fuinneoige Leitir Mealláin.	€40,000	€40,000 (100%)	€0.000	Sonraíocht nua leasaithe le socrú le Co.C
Lathaí Dubha Inis Mhic Cionnaith An Cheathrú Rua.	€60.000	€60.000 (100%)	€0.000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deisiú a dhéanamh ar bhalla na céibhe. An leac a ardú 600mm agus cloch áitiúil a úsáid ar na h-imill. 2. Leac 3.0m ar leithead x 200mm. ar doimhneacht ar leithead bhalla na céibhe. 3. Cásáil concreíte ar an sleamhnán atá ann. 4. Lámhráille ar na céimeanna. 5. Ráillí sábháilteachta. 6. Comhartha Rabhaidh. 7. Crios Tarrthála. 8. Fáinní Feistithe. 9. Cloch le ainm na céibhe. 10. 10. Ilghnéitheach.
Iomlán	€107,343	€107,343		

Total Value of Works proposed;

Island Development €388,224

Small Piers & Harbours €287,343

Total €675,567

Total Grant Allocated €497,330

Balance to be funded by Council €178,237

Total €675,567

He also advised that a further notification had been received from the Department of Community Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs for road works at Ros a Mhil. The total value of

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the works were €33,000. A grant of €16,500 was being made available with matching funding of €16,500 from Galway County Council.

On the proposal of Comh. O'Foighil, seconded by Cllr J. J. Mannion it was agreed to approve the Islands Development Programme 2003 and Small Piers and Harbours Programme 2003-2004 and the Road Works at Ros a Mhil.

GALWAY COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA ACTION PROGRAMME 2100

Report dated 11th July, was circulated to each member.

The County Manager advised the members that draft terms of reference had been prepared for the Galway County Electoral Area Action Programme. He explained that the programme would address economic, social and cultural development issues in those areas not included in the GTPS Study. He said the programme would identify critical issues to be addressed across a number of themes with particular reference to peripheral areas of the county and would provide an increased emphasis on spatial planning. He said that a steering group would be set up chaired by Mr Dawson with Mr Enda Cannon as Secretary and comprising the Directors of Services and two Councillors from each of the five Electoral Areas. It was hoped that the process would be complete by March, 2004.

On the proposal of Dep. Connaughton, seconded by Cllr O'Sullivan it was agreed to approve the Galway County Electoral Area Action Programme as circulated.

**TO CONSIDER SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED REGARDING
ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE RECORD OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 55 OF THE PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000.** 2101

Mr L. Kavanagh stated that S.51 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 requires that every Development Plan shall include a Record of Protected Structures and that the record shall include every structure within the functional area, which in the opinion of the Planning Authority is of Special Architectural, Historical, Archaeological, Artistic, Cultural, Scientific or Technical Interest.

There are two methods by which structures can be added to, or deleted from the Record of Protected Structures.

- (1) Under S.12 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, i.e. In the course of review of a Development Plan.

Note: Phase I of the Record of Protected Structures which covered the area East of the Corrib was dealt with under S.12 and was considered by the Council in the course of the review of the County Development Plan.

- (2) Under S.55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, a Planning Authority may make additions and deletions to the Record of Protected Structure at any time other than in the course of the making of a Development Plan.

Note: In order to offer protection to structures of special interest West of the Corrib, and some other structures, the provisions of S.55 are now being followed in order to make additions and deletions to the Record of Protected Structures.

In accordance with the provision of S.55 of the Act, approximately 250 notices were served by registered post on owners and occupiers of Proposed Protected Structures on 27th March 2003. A list of the proposed additions was published in two newspapers circulating locally and particulars of the Proposed Additions were sent to the Minister for Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs.

- 24 submissions were received up to the closing date for receipt of submissions, which was 9th May 2003.
- 16 of the submissions objected to the property being listed.
- 4 had no objection.
- 4 made observations and requested clarification.

S.55 (3) of the Act provides that before making any Proposed Addition or Deletion, the Planning Authority shall consider any written submission or observation received.

S.55 (4) provides that within 12 weeks of the closing date for receipt of submission (i.e. before 1st August 2003), the Planning Authority shall decide on whether or not the proposed addition or deletion should be made.

Within 2 weeks of the making of the Addition or Deletion, the Planning Authority shall serve on the owner and occupier of the structure concerned, a notice informing them of the Addition or Deletion and including particulars of the structure.

Cllr McClearn said it was unreasonable to expect the Council to deal with this item as more time would be needed to deal with it properly. He understood from a previous meeting that the Council could make decisions in relation to the Record of Protected Structures from time to time without having to comply with a particular deadline. Now, he said, the Members were being required to deal with the submissions received before the 1st August, 2003. He said that when the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) was being discussed with the County Development Plan it was understood that the Councillors would have a further opportunity to consider the structures to be included or removed. Cllr Connolly said that a meeting of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee it was recommended that bridges be removed from the RPS as their inclusion might delay repair or remedial works. He asked if they were excluded or if they remained on the RPS.

Mr Ridge explained that the submissions to be considered by the Councillors related to a new set of records, Phase 2 to be entered on the RPS and were entirely separate from those considered at the time of adoption of the County Development Plan. At that time there were approximately 600 records to be included in the RPS. There were approximately sixty submissions in relation to these records, many requesting that records be removed. It was decided by the Council to include all of the proposed records in the RPS on the basis that any addition or deletion could be done at a future date. He said that all of the records that were proposed to be included were included on the RPS including bridges. What was before the Council now was the second phase, separate from what had gone before and concerned about 250 further records. A total of 24 submissions had been received from interested parties and it was these submissions that needed to be considered by the Council before the end of July. He said the Council could make decisions in relation to the submissions received or on any of the 250 records that were included as part of this particular process.

Cllr McClearn said he would like information as to when the decision was made to include all records in phase 1 without any deletions in the RPS. He said it was an entirely unsatisfactory situation as many people were concerned about the implications of having their buildings listed.

Mr Ridge said a decision had been taken by the Council to include all the records in phase 1 in the RPS. He referred to the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 28th March, 2003 and read an extract from page 90 as follows "Cllr Loughnane proposed that the structures proposed to be removed be left on the list until they could be further considered at a later date. Cllr K. Quinn seconded this proposal and it was agreed by the Council to re-list all buildings". He advised the Members that there would be an opportunity at a future date to deal with any amendments or deletions to the RPS that they wish to make. That he said, was a separate process to the consideration of the submissions that were now before the Council.

Cllr Connolly said it would not be possible to deal with all of the records before the Council now and it would be necessary to adjourn. It was agreed to commence consideration of the submissions received on the 250 records and if necessary adjourn the meeting to Wednesday 23rd July, 2003 at 3.00 p.m. to complete the process.

Mr. Ridge stated that notices had been served on each of the owners of the 250 structures that were being proposed to be added to the RPS. He said that 24 submissions had been received. He said many who had contacted the Planning office having received notices were quite satisfied to have their building listed and he felt there was an expectation among these people that the process of listing would be completed quickly.

The Mayor said he would deal with each of the submissions in order. Then if Councillors wished to make proposals in relation to any of the other records included in the set of 250 which were the subject of this particular process, he would take them at the end.

Submission No.1

Submitted by:

Mr. John Killeen
The Old Rectory
Portumna,
Co. Galway
The Old Rectory, Portumna (RPS 1003)

RPS Ref No. 1003 The Old Rectory, Portumna.

Issue:

The submission objects to the proposed inclusion on RPS on grounds that a business has been conducted on the premises since 1991, and that the conduct of that business would be seriously inhibited by the restrictions of a "listing". Previous correspondence objected on the grounds that there was no rationale for the inclusion on RPS, that the property was in use as a family home, and business, and that inclusion on the RPS would place the owner at a disadvantage in the maintenance of the building

Comment:

Further information was provided to the owner. Protection, as is being offered, does not mean a structure cannot be altered to accommodate a compatible change of use. The proposed protected status is intended to ensure that any necessary interventions are undertaken in such a manner, as to not have an adverse impact on the special character of the structure.
An owner or occupier of a protected structure may request the local authority to issue a Declaration indicating the types of works, which could be carried out, without affecting the special character of the structure or any elements of the structure, which contribute to its special interest.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on the Record of Protected Structures

It was proposed by Cllr Fahy, seconded by Cllr Joyce and agreed not to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures.

Submission No. 2

Submitted by:

Mr. Anthony Dixon,

Managing Director,
V'Soske Joyce Ltd.,
Oughterard,
Co. Galway.

RPS Ref. No. 672 V'Soske Carpets

Issues:

Submission states that premises are continually in need of change and extension in response to industrial needs. Concern arose as to restriction on development and effect on the viability of business. Requests a meeting to discuss issues raised.

Comment:

A meeting was held on site of the Proposed Protected Structure and the issues raised were discussed. It was pointed out that the protection is offered only to the areas of the premises, which are of special interest, that is, the elements of the railway station, and not to the modern extensions. The Managing Director was happy to accept the Protection in the light of the clarifications offered.

An owner or occupier of a Protected Structure may request the Local Authority to issue a Declaration indicating the types of works, which could be carried out, without affecting the special character of the structure or any elements of the structure, which contribute to its special interest.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on the Record of Protected Structures

It was proposed by Cllr O'Malley, seconded by Cllr Conneely and agreed to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures.

Submission No. 3

Submitted by:

Gerald du Bois
Secretary
Oughterard Credit Union,
Main Street,

RPS Ref. No. 1013 House at Main St Oughterard

See also submission 22

Issues:

The submission confirms that Oughterard Credit Union is in the process of purchasing the said premises from the current owner, and subject to planning permission, erecting new premises in keeping with setting on the site of the demolished structure. Requests that the structure be removed from the RPS.

Comment:

Following further inspection, it is considered that the structure is not of sufficient special interest to warrant inclusion on RPS.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure not be included in the RPS.

It was proposed by Cllr O'Malley, seconded by Cllr S. Walsh and agreed not to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures.

Submission No. 4

Submitted by:

Mr. Conal Murphy,
Rustic Vaults, Vicar Street,
Tuam,
Co. Galway

RPS Ref. No. 1008 Rustic Vaults, Tuam

Issues:

The submission wishes to confirm that the writer is satisfied with the protection being offered, specifically to the façade of the public house and its fixtures and fittings.

Comment:

Not required as inclusion is agreed.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on the RPS.

It was proposed by Cllr P. McHugh, seconded by Cllr S. Quinn and agreed to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures.

Submission No. 5

Submitted by:

Mr. C de Gooijer,
Dolderseweg 57,
3734 BB Den Dolder,
Netherlands.

RPS Ref. No. 649 Letterdife House.

Issues:

The submission includes a copy of an email sent requesting information as to criteria, and procedures, and what other structures are proposed for protection. It is stated that it is the intention of the co-operative, which owns the house to maintain the property as best possible. A further letter makes a formal objection to the inclusion of the property on the RPS.

Comment:

The structure is of Special Architectural Interest. It is recommended that it is retained on the RPS.

It was proposed by Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr Fahy and agreed to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures.

Submission No. 6

Submitted by:

Mr Brian Herlihy, C. ENG. M.I.E.I.
Sackville Street,
Dunmanway,
Co. Cork

Issues:

Submission made on behalf of the writer's mother, who is executor of the estate of the deceased owner of dwelling. States that the building is vacant since September (2002), and was in poor condition even prior to the owner's death, being subject to flooding and disrepair. Further states that new owners will not have resources to meet financial implication of protection.

Attached was an engineer's report from James Roche B.E. M.I.E.I. following a superficial inspection of the property stating that the property is not readily capable of being developed into a habitable unit and that it is his recommendation that the entire structures on the site be demolished with a view to facilitating a future development.

Comment:

The Architectural Conservation officer met with the current owners (ownership having been established) on site. Concern was expressed regarding the impression the structure makes in its current state of disrepair. The building is in a poor state of repair, and needs remedial work. The structure is of Special Interest, as it is the only surviving authentic thatched structure remaining in Oughterard. It is currently below the present level of the road, thereby being subject to flooding. The modern extensions to the façade and to the rear are not of interest.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on the RPS, as it meets the criteria of Special Architectural and Social Interest.

It was proposed by Cllr O'Malley, seconded by Cllr Walsh and agreed not to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures.

Submitted by:

James G. Coyne
44 O'Connell Road,
Shanalla.

Submission No. 7 Submitted by:

Harry and June Hodgson,
Currarevagh House,
Oughterard,
Co. Galway

Issues:

The submission requests that Curreravagh House not be included on RPS. It is stated that the property has been a guesthouse for over 100 years, and has had numerous alterations made to comply with fire and hygiene regulations. It is stated that there is no intention to alter the thrust of the business and that the house would continue to be maintained in its present style. The long-term interest of the house and its preservation as a business and home must allow for reasonable expansion and alteration to comply with tourism demands.

Comment:

The Architectural Conservation Officer met with the owners on site, and discussed issues raised. Protection, as is being offered, does not mean a structure cannot be altered to accommodate a compatible change of use or expansion. The proposed protected status is intended to ensure that any necessary interventions are undertaken in such a manner, as not to have an adverse impact on the character of the structure, which is of Special Architectural and Social Value. In relation to the built heritage, protection can be defined as a method of managing change in order to ensure that what is of Special Interest is retained and that its future is secured for the benefit of current and future generations

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on the RPS.

It was proposed by Cllr S. Walsh, seconded by Cllr O'Malley and agreed not to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures.

Submission No. 8

Submitted by:

James G. Coyne,
44 O'Connaire Road,
Shantalla,
Galway

RPS Ref. No. 756 Thatched house, Inishbofin

Issues:

Submission objects to inclusion of thatched structure on RPS. The writer states that no notification was received. It is further stated that the roof of the house has fallen in, and while applauding the Council's efforts to protect the built heritage, believes it is inappropriate in this instance.

Comment:

Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 requires that the Local Authority shall serve on each person who is the owner or occupier of a Proposed Protected Structure, a notice of a proposed addition or deletion of the property, from the Record of Protected Structures.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure not be included in the RPS, until statutory notification procedure can be confirmed.

It was proposed by Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr P. McHugh and agreed not to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures.

Submission No. 9

Submitted by:

W. McG Hollinger,
Fernhill,
Ballycullen,
Newtownards,
Co. Down.
N. Ireland.
BT23 4SW

RPS Ref. No. 628 The Station house, Recess.

Issues:

The submission objects to the inclusion of the former Station House at Recess on the RPS, stating that it has been altered over the years and that no original features remain that are worthy of preserving architecturally.

Comment:

The railway played an important part in the development of Connemara in the 19th century. It is as a remaining feature in the landscape and for its contribution to the social heritage of the region, as well as for its architectural heritage value that the structure is proposed for protection.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on the RPS.

It was proposed by Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr Fahy and agreed to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures

Submission No. 10

Submitted by:

Philip Cribbin, Chief Executive Officer,
Co. Galway VEC,
The Hynes Building,
Galway.

RPS Ref. No. 563. Petersburg House.

Issues:

The CEO was instructed to make the submission on behalf of the committee. County Galway VEC objects to the proposal to offer protection to Petersburg House on the grounds that it was a ruin prior to the VEC's programme of renovation. The interior is modern. There is no intention to demolish the stables or any part of the buildings. It is believed by the committee that the proposed protection would militate against the future development of the Outdoor Education Centre.

Comment:

The VEC is to be commended on its undertaking of a programme of Refurbishment to a structure of architectural, social, and historical merit. The buildings have special historical interest because of their association with John Lynch, a signatory of the American Declaration of Independence.

The possible developments mentioned by the CEO at a meeting that might be undertaken in the development of the Centre in the future would not raise any major issues from an architectural conservation point of view. New and different uses may be considered for structures that need to develop in order to survive into the future.

In relation to the built heritage, protection can be defined as a method of managing change in order to ensure that what is of special interest is retained and that its future is secured for the benefit of current and future generations.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on the RPS.

It was proposed by Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr Fahy and agreed not to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures

Submission No. 11 Submitted by:

Hugh L. Musgrave,
Cleggan House,
Cleggan,
Co. Galway.

RPS Ref. No. 499, 501, 533, 534. Cleggan House, Cleggan Farm, signal tower and wayside shrine

Issues:

The submission objects to the proposed protection being offered to Cleggan House, (and model farm)(533), an associated house (534), a wayside shrine (501) and the ruin of a signal tower (499).

The owner points out that it is a commercial enterprise, in fifth generation ownership by his family, and that changes in response to changing domestic and agricultural practises have occurred over time.

It is stated that extensive refurbishment was carried out due to dry rot infestation in the 1990s, resulting in extensive alterations to the interior of the house, and that such change must be ongoing. Further information is requested regarding the structures proposed for protection. It is stated that no internal features warrant protection. Concern is expressed regarding the devaluation of the property in the event of sale, and it is stated that adequate protection is offered the structures by existing Planning Regulations.

Regarding the ruin of the signal tower, it is considered too late, after the ravages of time and wind to offer protection to what remains.

Regarding the way side monument, the writer states that he has paid to have it restored, and that it is not known whose death it commemorates, despite its quite recent date.

Comment:

Further information was supplied and the Architectural Conservation Officer carried out further inspection on site.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the associated house (RPS Ref. No. 534) be retained on the RPS. It is further recommended that the wayside memorial (501) be retained on the RPS. Following review, it is recommended that the ruin of the signal tower (RPS Ref. 499) be deleted from the RPS, as it is offered more appropriate protection as a Recorded Monument under the provisions of Section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1994.

It was proposed by Cllr. Joyce, seconded by Cllr. Fahy and agreed to accept the recommendation in this case.

Submission No. 12 Submitted by:

Ethna Whelan,
Co-ordination Unit
Dept. of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources

RPS Ref. No. 789 Coast guard Station, Inisheer.

Issues:

The Submission states that the Coast Guard has expressed concern regarding the addition of the above structure to the RPS. Concern is expressed that the structure referred to is the structure in use by the Inisheer Coast Guard Unit as a rescue shed. The department has an ongoing building project, which may include a Refurbishment of the Inisheer station House. It is stated that it would be beneficial if the station could be left off the list, pending this Refurbishment.

Comment:

Protection, as is being offered, does not mean a structure cannot be altered or refurbished. The proposed protected status is intended to ensure that any necessary interventions are undertaken in such a manner, as not to have an adverse impact on the special character of the structure.

An owner or occupier of a protected structure may request the Local Authority to issue a Declaration indicating the types of works, which could be carried out, without affecting the special character of the structure or any elements of the structure, which contribute to its special interest.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on the RPS.

It was proposed by Cllr Joyce , seconded by Cllr Fahy and agreed to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures

Submission No. 13

Submitted by:

Paul Costello,
Resident Engineer,
The Office of Public Works,
Western Drainage maintenance,
Headford,
Co. Galway

RPS Ref. No. 573 and 574 (Cong Canal)

Issues: The submission draws attention to the fact that the Cong Canal forms part of the Corrib drainage system, and that the OPW have a statutory responsibility for the maintenance of watercourses. Access to the canal must be maintained at all times, and that this channel does not tend to be problematic, requiring maintenance on a 5 year cycle.

Comment: The proper care and maintenance of a structure is a vital part of its conservation. The canal is being used as it was intended to be when built. There are no architectural conservation issues arising

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on the RPS.

It was proposed by Cllr Hoade , seconded by Cllr O'Malley and agreed to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures

Submission No. 14 Submitted

Bridget Conneely
Roundstone,

RPS Ref. No. 651 The former Courthouse, Roundstone

Issues:

The submission states its objection to the proposed inclusion on the RPS, as the structure would need to be changed for living accommodation. It is stated that the plaster is falling off, and that the tide comes up to the building in winter. This would result in the floors, doors and windows needing to be raised.

Comment:

Protection, as is being offered, does not mean a structure cannot be altered to accommodate a compatible change of use. The proposed protected status is intended to ensure that any necessary interventions are undertaken in such a manner, as not to have an adverse impact on the special character of the structure.

An owner or occupier of a protected structure may request the Local Authority to issue a Declaration indicating the types of works, which could be carried out, without affecting the special character of the structure or any elements of the structure, which contribute to its special interest.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on the Record of Protected Structures

It was proposed by Cllr Conneely, seconded by Cllr S. Walsh and agreed not to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures

Submission No. 15 Submitted by:

Thomas Owens,
Ballinafoile,
Headford Rd.
Galway

RPS Ref. No. 650. Ballagh House, Roundstone

Issues:

The submission states that it is accepted that Ballagh House is worthy of protection. It is further stated that it is intended to convert the existing outbuildings to holiday accommodation for the extended family. Protection will be accepted on condition that the extended family is allowed to develop the out offices as residential apartments.

Comment:

Protection, as is being offered, does not mean a structure cannot be altered to accommodate a compatible change of use. The proposed protected status is intended to ensure that any necessary interventions are undertaken in such a manner, as to not have an adverse impact on the special character of the structure. Any alterations or change of use are subject to general considerations of proper planning, as laid out by the Planning Acts, Planning Regulations and in the County Development Plan. An owner or occupier of a protected structure may request the Local Authority to issue a Declaration indicating the types of works, which could be carried out, without affecting the special character of the structure or any elements of the structure, which contribute to its special interest.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on the Record of Protected Structures

It was proposed by Cllr Fahy , seconded by Cllr Hoade and agreed to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures

Submission No. 16 Submitted by:

David Heffernan, on behalf of Breda McHugh
Architects,
Barna Village.

RPS Ref. No. 109 Thatched Cottage, Claregalway.

Issues:

The submission states that the client has no objection to the inclusion of the able structure on the RPS with the following provisions; that only the single storey thatched cottage be included, and that the two storey addition and all out houses be excluded. That the curtilage be confined to the area

shown on attached documentation, and that the terms of Reference are sufficiently flexible to allow for a variety of future uses.

Comment:

Protection, as is being offered, does not mean a structure cannot be altered to accommodate a compatible change of use. The proposed protected status is intended to ensure that any necessary interventions are undertaken in such a manner, as not to have an adverse impact on the special character of the structure. An owner or occupier of a protected structure may request the Local Authority to issue a Declaration indicating the types of works, which could be carried out, without affecting the special character of the structure or any elements of the structure, which contribute to its special interest. The Declaration also clarifies what areas of the property are of special architectural significance and which are not. The curtilage can be agreed formally by this mechanism.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on the Record of Protected Structures.

It was proposed by Cllr Hoade , seconded by Cllr Cuddy and agreed to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures

Submission No. 17 Submitted by:

John Coyle,
Chairman,
Renvyle House Hotel,
Connemara,
Co. Galway

RPS Ref. No. 497 Renvyle House Hotel.

Issues:

The submission objects to the inclusion of the structure on the RPS. The house was refurbished as a hotel in 1931, and has been modified, consistent with the operations of a hotel. The restrictions and conditions would be onerous, costly and make hotel's operation unworkable. Resort hotels have to evolve continuously. . The undefined nature of the curtilage would make any commercial planning unworkable. Renvyle House adds

significant indirect economic benefits to the area. Also, that since 1937 the structure has been well cared for and maintained.

Copies of letters to the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism from Mr John Coyle, and Ireland West Tourism were also forwarded to the Architectural Conservation Officer, which outline the difficulties facing tourism and express concern as the disadvantage of being protected, the added cost, and the disadvantage to the development of tourism in Connemara. Also a letter clarifying when the submission was made.

Comment:

Protection, as is being offered, does not mean a structure cannot be altered to accommodate a compatible change of use. The proposed protected status is intended to ensure that any necessary interventions are undertaken in such a manner, as to not have an adverse impact on the special character of the structure.

An owner or occupier of a protected structure may request the local authority to issue a Declaration indicating the types of works, which could be carried out, without affecting the special character of the structure or any elements of the structure, which contribute to its special interest. The Declaration also clarifies what areas of the property are of special architectural significance and which are not. The curtilage can be agreed formally by this mechanism.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on the Record of Protected Structures.

It was proposed by Cllr Conneely , seconded by Cllr O'Malley and agreed not to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures

Submission No. 18 Submitted by:

Sean and Deirdre O Confhaola,
Ros,
Casla,
Conemara,
Co. na Gaillimhe.

RPS Ref. No. 735. Costello Lodge

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Issues:

The submission objects to the inclusion of the structure on the RPS. Major Refurbishment was carried out to the house c.1994. The building as exists does not resemble what was there previously.

Comment:

The structure was designed by Sir Edward Lutyens in 1913, and acquires special significance because of this association. Despite alterations, the buildings retain architectural quality.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on the Record of Protected Structures

It was proposed by Cllr S. Walsh , seconded by Cllr O'Malley and agreed not to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures

Submission No. 19 Submitted by:

John Fleming
Senior Project Manager
NRA
St Martin's House,
Waterloo House,
Dublin 4

RPS Ref. No. 511,512,523,556,557,559,608,622,625,
627,629,639,648,661,668,710,712

Issues:

The submission states that the NRA commented on an earlier occasion, seeking to minimise the number of bridges being designated. This request seeming to have been taken on board, the Authority has no further comments, other than to rely on the capable office of the Director of Services responsible for National Roads in Galway, to ensure that those bridges and other structures identified for protection and associated with the National Road network in Galway are, in his opinion, reasonable.

Comment:

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Bridges in the West of the County are associated with the opening up and development of the West of the County. Many are associated with the pioneering work of the engineer, Nimmo. This association gives the structures Special Social and Historical Significance, as well as architectural and technical significance.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structures be retained on the RPS.

It was proposed by Cllr Connolly, seconded by Cllr S. Quinn and agreed not to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures

Submission No. 20. Submitted by:

James Morris,
Ballinaboy House
Clifden,
Co. Galway

RPS Ref. No. 609 Ballinaboy House.

Issues:

The writer makes observations on the proposed inclusion on RPS at request of his father, Lt. Col. A. Morris. The writer does not consider that the 2-storey extension, built 1964, a garage and a freestanding outbuilding should be included in the protection being offered.

Comment.

Protection is offered to structures or elements of structures of special interest. It is not intended to include elements of no interest, other than as they may affect the elements of special interest.

An owner or occupier of a protected structure may request the Local Authority to issue a Declaration indicating the types of works, which could be carried out, without affecting the special character of the structure or any elements of the structure, which contribute to its special interest. The Declaration also clarifies what areas of the property are of special architectural significance and which are not. The curtilage can be agreed formally by this mechanism.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on the RPS.

It was proposed by Cllr S. Walsh, seconded by Cllr Conneely and agreed to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures

Submission No. 21 Submitted by:

Eoghan Lehane
Commissioners of Irish Lights,
16 Lower Pembroke Street,
Dublin 2.

RPS Ref. No. 513, (Killary Harbour markers) 642 (Slyne Head Lighthouses), 757 Gun Islan Signal Tower), 758(Signal Tower Bofin Harbour), 759(Signal Tower Boffin Harbour), 768(Straw Island Lighthouse), 795 (South Island light house, Inisheer.).

Issues:

Submission is made objecting to the inclusion of structures in the care of the Commissioners of Irish Lights to RPS. (The Killary Harbour markers are not in its ownership or care). The legislative background to the superintendence and management of all light houses, buoys and beacons throughout Ireland is vested in the Commissioners of Irish Lights. Furthermore, the erection, placing or keeping on land of any lighthouse, beacon, buoy or other Aid to navigation on water or in the air, is exempted under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, (except for structures over 40 metres).

The CIL have a duty to ensure the safety of mariners, and it is considered that it is not appropriate that in attempting to achieve that objective, CIL should be restricted in any way in exercising their powers and fulfilling their statutory duties.

Comment:

Lighthouses have Special Architectural, Technical and Social Interest. Offering protection to these structures does not preclude their being used for the purpose for which they were. The proposed protected status is intended to ensure that any necessary interventions are undertaken in such a manner, as not to have an adverse impact on the special character of the structure.

An owner or occupier of a protected structure may request the Local Authority to issue a Declaration indicating the types of works, which could be carried out, without affecting the special character of the structure or any elements of the structure, which contribute to its special interest. The Declaration also clarifies what areas of the property are of

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special architectural significance and which are not. The curtilage can be agreed formally by this mechanism.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structures be retained on the Record of Protected Structures (Excepting the Killary markers, notification not having been made to appropriate body)

It was proposed by Cllr Joyce, seconded by Cllr S. Walsh and agreed to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures

Submission No. 22

Submitted by:

Gerard Kinneavy,
Camp Street,
Oughterard,
Co. Galway

RPS Ref No. 1013 House at Main St. Oughterard.

See also submission no 3

Issues:

The submission objects to the inclusion of the house on the RPS. The writer states that it has been unoccupied for 35-40 years and is not serviced. The house is stated to be in a poor state of repair, and is dangerous to passing pedestrians from falling slates. The owner is in the process of selling the property to the Oughterard Credit Union. The preservation of the house would involve extensive Refurbishment. Its closeness to the public road (Subject to traffic vibration) and its size makes it unsuitable for human habitation, and it would not meet building regulations. It is requested that the structure be removed from the RPS.

Comment:

Following further inspection, it is considered that the structure is not of sufficient special interest to warrant inclusion of RPS.

Recommendation:

RPS Ref. No. It is recommended that it be removed from the RPS

It was proposed by Cllr P. O'Malley, seconded by Cllr S. Walsh and agreed not to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures

Submission No. 23 Submitted by:

Josef Gschwandtner
Iselstrasse 8,
A-5101 Salzburg-Bergheim,
Austria.

RPS Ref. No. 562 Ebor Hall /Mount Morris, Clonbur

Issues:

The submission makes an objection to the inclusion of the structure on the RPS. The writer states that he is not in a position to view the proposed addition because he is returning to Austria. The objection is made in order not to loose the right of objection.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on RPS.

It was proposed by Cllr S. Walsh, seconded by Cllr O'Malley and agreed to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures

Submission No. 24 Submitted by:

M.I.G.&P.A. Clarke.
St. Martin's
Eyrecourt,
Ballinalsoe,
Co. Galway.

RPS Ref. No. 346 St Martin's Eyrecourt.

Issues:

The submission objects to the proposal to offer protection to the structure. The submission expresses displeasure at the manner in which notification was issued, and the manner in which the structure is recorded. Several questions were posed under the Freedom of Information Act. The writers state that they have worked for 25 years to save a condemned building, without grant aid. Due to lack of maintenance in the past, the interior has been substantially gutted, using contractors also employed by Heritage Council. The issue of privacy is raised, and access to the interior by Council employees.

Comment:

The issues raised under the Freedom of Information Act were answered separately.

Local Authority Officials may enter property only in accordance with powers conferred on them by statute.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the structure be retained on RPS due to its architectural and social interest.

It was proposed by Cllr. Joyce, seconded by Cllr O'Sullivan and agreed not to include this record in the Record of Protected Structures

Clarification:

RPS Ref No. 766 Thatched cottage at Oghil

Correspondence from the owner Ms Siobhan Nic Aonghusa queried the position regarding the planning permission granted to demolish the structure and build a new dwelling on the site.

In reply, it was stated that planning permission granted is valid.

In light of this, it is recommended that the structure be deleted from the RPS.

This was noted by the Council.

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The Mayor asked if there were any other proposals in relation to the 250 records that were part of the phase 2 process.

Cllr S. Walsh proposed that record No. 1014, House at Main Street, Oughterard, not be included in the RPS. This was seconded by Cllr O'Malley and agreed by the Council.

It was proposed by Cllr S. Walsh, seconded by Cllr O'Malley and agreed by the Council that the proposed Record of Protected Structures – Phase 2 as circulated but subject to the deletions agreed, be adopted.

It was agreed that as all submissions had been considered in relation to the Records included in Phase 2, it would not be necessary to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, 23rd July, 2003.

Mr Ridge said that the process for the adoption of the RPS was now completed. He would arrange to have the full RPS, comprising Phases 1 and 2 circulated to each Member. They could go through the RPS and submit to the planning office details of any additions or deletions they wished to make. When all the submissions from Councillors have been received the Planning Office will initiate the Statutory Process to enable the RPS to be amended.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

2102

Roads Grants

Mr. Morgan informed the Members that the N.R.A. had notified the Council of supplementary allocations in respect of National Primary and Secondary Roads as follows;

SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOCATION (€)	LOCATION/ROUTE
250,000	N6, Cappatagle
200,000	N6, Caherleveen, at Athenry Junction
150,000	N6, Ballinasloe
200,000	N17, Laght George
250,000	N59, Clifden to Leenane

He also advised of an allocation of €104,000 for the relining of junctions on the N17 in accordance with the N.R.A. design manual for roads and bridges in locations where the main line has a hard shoulder.

Water Supply Extension to Craughwell

Mr. T. Kavanagh informed the Members that approval had been received from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in relation to the Water Supply Extension to Craughwell as follows;

1. The preparation of contract documents for the scheme on the basis of the alternative route outlined as Option No 4 in the report submitted by the Council on the 23rd April, 2003 and with an estimated overall cost of €5.470m.
2. The preparation of contract documents for an advance section of the scheme with an estimated cost of €1.6m including €476,977 for additional works not included in the €5.470m above
3. The Council carrying out part of the advance section from the Boathouse to Mount Carmel Crescent by direct labour and at an estimated cost of €180,000.

The estimated cost of all the works is €5.95m

MAYORS BUSINESS

2103

The Mayor referred to the need for recycling within the County. He requested that a report be prepared on the current levels of recycling within the County indicating areas where recycling initiatives are taking place and what level of waste is being recycled and diverted from landfill. It was agreed to request the Environment and Conservation Strategic Policy Committee to examine and report on this matter.

CONFERENCES

2104

On the proposal of Cllr Fahy, seconded by Sen. Burke 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.

**“Technology in Tourism Development”, Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare.
28th/29th November 2003**

Cllr. P. O’Sullivan

**“LAMA Winter Conference”, Corrib Great Southern Hotel, Galway.
7th/8th November 2003**

Cllr. P. O’Sullivan

**“Fifth National Environment Conference”, Fairways Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth.
7th/8th October 2003**

Cllr. M. Mullins

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**"Transportation Policy in Ireland", Brandon Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
17th October 2003**

Cllr. M. Mullins

**"Dr. Douglas Hyde Conference", Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon.
18th – 20th July 2003**

Cllr. P. O'Sullivan

**"Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland", Talbot Hotel, Wexford.
11th – 13th September 2003**

Cllrs. S. Gavin, M. Hoade, Comh. P. O'Foighil

**"The importance of long-term Monitoring of the Environment", The Islander's
Rest, Sherkin Island, Co. Cork.
18th/19th September 2003**

Comh. P. O'Foighil

**"Role of Local Authorities – Greystones Town Council", La Touche Hotel,
Greystones, Wicklow.
3rd – 5th October 2003**

Cllr. P. O'Sullivan

NOTICES OF MOTION

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 15 – DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON – ROADS 2105

The following reply was given:-

"It has not been possible to identify the road in question from the description given. A reply will be available for next meeting of the Council if sufficient details are made available to identify the road."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 16 – DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON – LAND 2106

The following reply was given:-

"The Council is undertaking an investigation into the ownership of the lands along the river bank."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 17 – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM – LIGHTING 2107

The following reply was given:-

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"This junction was identified to the National Roads Authority at our most recent meeting and will be the subject of a Safety Audit in relation to the provision of traffic lights. We are hopeful that it will be included in the 2004 programme of works."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 18 – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM – WEIGHHOUSE

The following reply was given:-

2108

"The weighhouse is not in the Council's ownership and the Council would not therefore be in a position to carry out such works."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 19 – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM – TOILETS 2109

The following reply was given:-

"There is no funding available in the current year's estimates to carry out any upgrading on the gents public toilets in the Square in Gort. The Court Services would not be in favour of moving the gents toilets to the Courthouse and only reluctantly accommodate the ladies public toilets at present".

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 20 – CLLR. M. FAHY – ROADS

2110

The following reply was given:-

"This junction was identified to the National Roads Authority at our most recent meeting and will be the subject of a Safety Audit in relation to the provision of traffic lights. We are hopeful that it will be included in the 2004 programme of works."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 21 – CLLR. M. FAHY – WATER SUPPLY

2111

The following reply was given:-

"The Council has lodged a Preliminary Report with the Department of Environment and Local Government which contains proposals to supplement the water supply to Clarinbridge and Kilcolgan and is awaiting confirmation of funding approval in relation to same."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 22 – CLLR. M. FAHY – FIRE ENGINE

2112

The following reply was given:-

"I am to advise that the Council has made a written submission to the Department requesting funding for five new Class B Appliances in regard to the 2003 Fire Service Fleet Capital Programme. The recommended life span of a Class B Fire Appliance is fifteen years. The age profile of the current fleet indicates that Fire Appliances located at Portumna, Athenry, Clifden, Loughrea, Mountbellew and Galway are over fifteen and in some cases, over twenty years old. Two new Class B Fire Appliances, which are sanctioned by the Department in 2001 and 2002, are scheduled for delivery in the next few months. The Chief Fire Officer will assign them to where they are most urgently

required. A response is awaited from the Department in regard to the Council's submission."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 23 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – SIGNS 2113

The following reply was given: -

"The funding which would be required for these works is not currently available but representatives of the local committee should contact the Council's Area Engineer to discuss the matter of signage at the location in question"

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.24 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – WATER SCHEMES

The following reply was given: - **2114**

"The Council have a proposal from Corbally Group Water Scheme which outlined an extensive upgrading/replacement of the scheme. This proposal is currently being examined with a view to progressing works to improve water quality on the scheme in line with current government policy and discussions with the group scheme trustees/organisers will take place shortly".

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 25 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – ROADS 2115

The following reply was given: -

"This road will be considered when monies become available for tertiary road funding."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 26 – DEP. P. MCHUGH – SIGNS 2116

The following reply was given: -

"The proposal will be examined in the context of the Low Cost Accident schemes for 2004. A Safety Audit will be conducted at the location in relation to its present status."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.27 – DEP. P. MCHUGH – ROADS 2117

The following reply was given: -

"The Council is undertaking an investigation into the ownership of the lands along the river bank."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.28 – DEP. P. MCHUGH – SIGNS 2118

The following reply was given: -

"A public light was erected at this location in recent weeks. The funding that will be required to provide a footpath is not currently available. Representatives of the local committee should contact the Council's Area Engineer to discuss the matter of signage at the location "

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.29 – COMH. NI FHATHARTA – CAN BANK

The following reply was given: -

2119

“Cuirim tu ar an eolas go bhfuil an Comhairle Chontae ag deanamh iarratas chuig Richard Jordan, bainisteoir Rehab, chun ais breise do channai di a lonnu ag Ionad Pobal Ros a Mhil. Beidh an ais seo ar fail chomh luath agus is feidir.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 30 – COMH. NI FHATHARTA – ROADS

The following reply was given: -

2120

“Níl aon airgid ar fáil i gcóir an obair seo imbliana ach déanfar meastachán ar chostas na hoibre i dtreo is go bhféidir í a thabhairt san áireamh don bhliain seo chugainn.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.31 – COMH. NI FHATHARTA – ROADS

The following reply was given: -

2121

“D’aontaigh an Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta go n’iarrfaí meastacháin ó comhairleoirí innealtóireachta ar na táillí a bheadh i gceist maidir iarratais a ullmhú i gcóir cead pleanála agus i gcóir ceadúnas chun forbairt a dhéanamh ar an bhforchladach, maraon le Ráiteas Tioncar Timpeallachta a chur ar fáil don bhforbairt molta.

Nuair a gheofar na meastacháin seo iarrfar cead agus maoiniú on Roinn chun dul ar aghaidh leis na hiarrtais seo.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.32 – CLLR. K. QUINN – SAFETY

2122

The following reply was given: -

“There is no funding provided for this work in this year’s estimate. Specific funding will be required to carry out this work and it will be considered in next year’s estimates.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.33 – CLLR. K. QUINN – ROADS

2123

The following reply was given: -

“The Council had discussions with the residents living in the Carrowrevagh road and have advised them to apply for a Community Involvement Scheme. An advance warning sign for people travelling from the Dunmore side of the junction is being provided.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.34 – CLLR. K. QUINN – RIVER WALK

2124

The following reply was given: -

“The Council is undertaking an investigation into the ownership of the lands along the river bank.”

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NOTICE OF MOTION NO.35 – CLLR. T. RABBITTE – ROAD MARKINGS

The following reply was given: -

2125

“Road markings will be assessed and will be replaced where deemed necessary.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.36 – CLLR. T. RABBITTE – SAFETY 2126

The following reply was given: -

“This location will be checked and remedial measures will be taken if necessary.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.37 – CLLR. T. RABBITTE – POT HOLES

The following reply was given: -

2127

“Potholes will be filled as part of routine maintenance.”

CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINIÚ ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed

T. Rabitte

17.10.03

Date

CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY 7TH
JULY, 2003.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Mayor T Rabbitt

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill: Deps. J. Callanan, P. Connaughton, P. McHugh, Sen. U. Burke, Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O Foighil, Cllr.s P. O'Malley, P. O'Sullivan K. Quinn, S. Quinn, M. Regan, S. Walsh, T. Walsh

Oifigigh: Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, F. Dawson, J. Cullen, J. Morgan, F. Gilmore, P. Ridge, E. Lusby, Directors Of Services; T. Murphy, Senior Executive Officer, M. Barnicle, Staff Officer.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL

2087

Report dated 1st July, 2003 was circulated to each member.

The Mayor invited nominations to fill the vacancy consequent on the resignation of Deputy Noel Grealish.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Quinn, seconded by Cllr. Hoade it was agreed that Mr. Jim Cuddy, Lydican, Carnmore, Oranmore be co-opted to the Council to replace Deputy Grealish.

The Mayor welcomed Cllr. Cuddy as a member of the Council. The members also welcomed Cllr. Cuddy and hoped that he would have a rewarding time in the Council. Cllr. Cuddy then took his seat.

He thanked his proposer and seconder and said he was looking forward to working with the Members, Staff and Management of Galway County Council. He praised the

work of his predecessor Dep. Grealish and said that he was fully aware of the difficult task that lay ahead. He said that he would work full-time in the position and would do his best to work in the best interest of the people in his Electoral Area.
Cllr. Cuddy congratulated Cllr. Rabbitt on his appointment as Mayor and complimented the work done by the outgoing Mayor, Cllr. O'Sullivan.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff welcomed Cllr. Cuddy as a member of the Council.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF ROADS & TRANSPORTATION SPC **2088**

Report dated 1st July, 2003 was circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. S Quinn, it was agreed that Cllr. Cuddy would fill the Casual Vacancy on the Roads and Transportation SPC.

CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINIÚ ANSIN

Submitted, Approved & Signed

Z Rabbitt

17.10.03

Date

CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY 7TH
JULY, 2003.**

CATHAOIRLEACH: Mayor P O'Sullivan
Mayor T Rabbitt

IL LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill: Deps. J. Callanan, P. Connaughton, P. McHugh, Sen. U. Burke, Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O Foighil, Cllrs. P. O'Malley, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, M. Regan, S. Walsh, T. Walsh

Oifigigh: Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, F. Dawson, J. Cullen, J. Morgan, F. Gilmore, P Ridge, E. Lusby, Directors Of Services; T. Murphy, Senior Executive Officer, M. Barnicle, Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

2082

A resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mr. Paddy Campbell, Lissaniska, Killimor, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Mary Barrett, Coorhoor, Killeenadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. Bernard Larkin, Kilchreest, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Ms. Aine Ni Chiaragain, Comharchumann, Coor na Mona, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Mr. Michael Killilea, Caherlea, Claregalway, Co. Galway.

ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR YEAR 2003/2004

2083

Cllr. O' Sullivan, outgoing Mayor was in the Chair.

He thanked the County Manager, Councillors and Staff of the Council for their assistance and advice during the year. He referred to the progress made with the finalisation of the County Development Plan and thanked the staff and councillors for the work and effort made in this regard. He referred to the honour of becoming Mayor of the County and he thanked the outgoing Mayor of Galway City, Cllr. Val Hanley for his co-operation.

He also thanked his wife and family for their great support during his term of office and the St. Catherine's National School in Aughrim for allowing him to take a career break so as to carry out his duties of Mayor for the year.

The Members paid tribute to Cllr. O'Sullivan for his successful year as Mayor and applauded his success in bringing the County Development to a completion. They stated that Cllr. O'Sullivan boosted the public image of the Council during his term in office and thanked him for the patience and fairness shown to all members.

The County Manager thanked Cllr. O'Sullivan for his contribution to the Office of Mayor and complimented him on the excellent manner he represented the Council at events at home and abroad, he also wished him and his wife and family the very best for the future.

The outgoing Mayor asked for nominations for the position of Mayor of the County of Galway.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Loughnane that Cllr. Rabbitt be elected Mayor and as there was no other candidate proposed, Cllr. Rabbitt was declared elected Mayor of the County of Galway for 2003/2004 and he was invested with the Chain of Office.

CLLR RABBITT THEN TOOK THE CHAIR

Cllr. Rabbitt thanked his fellow Councillors who elected him Mayor and said he was honoured to take up the position. He thanked his family for their continued support and he paid tribute to the work carried out by Cllr. O'Sullivan during his term of office.

He said that he was aware of the changes occurring in the county e.g. Waste Management, Planning etc. but that he would embrace this change and as a full-time Mayor he would represent the public and enhance the reputation of the Council. He said he looked forward to working in close co-operation with the Mayor of the City, Cllr. Terry Flaherty who was in attendance at the meeting.

The Members congratulated Cllr. Rabbitt on his appointment as the youngest ever Mayor of the County of Galway and wished him well during his term of Office. The County Manager congratulated Cllr. Rabbitt on behalf of the Staff.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR YEAR 2003/2004

2084

It was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhathartha, seconded by Cllr. K Quinn that Cllr. Hoade be elected Deputy Mayor.

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Sen. Burke that Cllr. McDonagh be elected Deputy Mayor. A vote was taken on these proposals which resulted as follows:

For Cllr. Hoade

Deps. Callanan, P McHugh, Cllrs. M Connolly, J Conneely, M Cunningham, M Fahy, M Hoade, J Joyce, M Loughnane, T Mannion, Comh. C Ní Fhathartha, Cllrs. P O'Malley, P O'Sullivan, S Quinn, K Quinn, T Rabbitt, M Regan, S Walsh (18)

For Cllr. McDonagh

Sen. U Burke, Dep. Connaughton, Cllrs. Gavin, J McClearn, J McDonagh, T McHugh, M Mullins, Comh P O Foighil, Cllr. T Walsh (9)

Abstained

Cllr. P. Hynes (1)

The Mayor declared Cllr. Hoade elected as Deputy Mayor of the County of Galway for the year 2003/2004. Cllr. McDonagh congratulated Cllr. Hoade on being elected Deputy Mayor and he thanked his proposer and seconder. Cllr. Hoade thanked her proposer and seconder and congratulated Cllr. Rabbitt on being elected Mayor and said it would be an honour to work with him during the coming year.

NOMINATION OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE ATHENRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL TRUST LTD **2085**

It was proposed by Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan and agreed that Cllr. Cunningham be elected to the Athenry Community Council Trust Ltd. It was also proposed by Sen. Burke, seconded by Dep. Connaughton and agreed that Cllr. McClearn be elected to the Athenry Community Council Trust Ltd.

The persons nominated to the Athenry Community Council Trust Ltd., were as follows:

- (1) Cllr. Cunningham, Galway Road, Gort, Co. Galway.
- (2) Cllr. McClearn, Kilimor, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

MAYORS BUSINESS

2086

It was proposed by Mayor Rabbitt, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham and agreed that the next Monthly Meeting of the Council be held on Friday 18th July 2003 at 3pm.

CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIÚ ANSIN

Submitted, Approved & Signed


CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, BALLINASLOE, ON
MONDAY 23rd JUNE, 2003.**

CATHAOIRLEACH: Mayor P. O'Sullivan

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill: Deps. J. Callanan, P. Connaughton, P. McHugh,
Sen. U. Burke, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Cunningham,
M. Fahy, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, T. Mannion,
J. McClearn, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins,
Comh. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Foighil, Cllrs. K. Quinn,
S. Quinn, T. Walsh.

Oifigigh: Mr. Dónal O'Donoghue, County Manager, Messrs.
T. Kavanagh, J. Morgan, F. Gilmore, Directors Of
Services; T. Murphy, D. Barrett, Senior Executive
Officers; T. Collins, Senior Executive Engineer, G.
Healy, Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

MINUTES

2050

The Mayor stated that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 28th March, 2003 were not available and would be considered at a future Meeting of the Council.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 10th April, 2003 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Fahy.

Arising from the Minutes, Cllr. Joyce asked why the Percent for Arts Scheme provided by the Department of the Environment & Local Government was not being utilised by the Council. The scheme provides that 1% of the budget of a capital project may be used for the provision of a piece of art. The Manager stated that a report on this scheme would be prepared and placed as an item on the next Cultural & General Strategic Policy Committee Meeting for discussion.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 17th April, 2003 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. K. Quinn.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 28th April, 2003 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Hoade.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 26th May, 2003 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. K. Quinn, seconded by Cllr. Joyce.

REPORTS

2051

The Report of the Joint Meeting between the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee and the Planning & Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee held on 19th May, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham.

The Report of the Cultural & General Services Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 12th June, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. S. Quinn.

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

2052

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

Local Road LT 71191 commencing at junction with LT7119 and extending south for a distance of 185 metres in the townland of Rathfee – Oranmore.

(b) On the proposal of Cllr. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham, 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 Regional Road R349 and extending east for a distance of 169 metres in the townland of Cahertinny – Loughrea.

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

Local Road 61942 and extending east for a distance of 316 metres in the townland of Cregduff – Oranmore.

TO APPROVE RAISING OF LOAN OF €6.5M FROM THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

2053

On the proposal of Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. K. Quinn, the raising of a loan of €6.5m from the Housing Finance Agency was approved.

A discussion took place regarding Disabled Persons Grants and Essential Repairs Grants. Dep. McHugh asked if there had been any progress made in relation to the long waiting list for Disabled Persons Grants especially regarding high priority cases.

Cllr. Hoade asked had a letter been sent to the Department of the Environment and Local Government seeking a once-off payment in order to clear the backlog of applications.

Cllr. K. Quinn stated that she would like to see the priority applicants for the Essential Repairs and Disabled Persons Grants being dealt with as soon as possible

Mr. Gilmore stated that, given the large number of applicants for the Disabled Persons Grant Scheme, the Housing Section had prioritised the applications into three categories depending on the applicants level of disability as follows:

- 1 Fully dependent
- 2 Independent with help
- 3 Independent

He stated that the applications in Category 1 were being dealt with as quickly as possible. He stated that a request for increased funding had been sent to the Department, however the Council would have to come up with one third of the funding from its own resources. He also stated that the Department of the Environment & Local Government was carrying out a review of the Schemes at present.

Cllr. Joyce thanked the staff of the Housing Section, through the Director of Services, for their excellent work in dealing with applications for the Schemes.

NATIONAL ROADS PROGRAMME

2054

Mr. Morgan referred to his report, which had been circulated to each Member and stated that at the last Meeting of the Council, he was asked to prepare a progress report on the National Roads included in the Roadworks Programme. He stated that it was disappointing that the allocations for 2003 had been curtailed, but that this was outside the Council's control.

Cllr. McHugh thanked the Roads Section for the report. He said that the amount of money spent to date in 2003, in relation to the amounts allocated was quite small and that, with summer holidays etc. there seemed insufficient time to have works completed and monies claimed by the end of November. He also said there was a need for repair and improvement works on the N17 and that the funding allocated was insufficient, particularly having regard to the amount of money collected in road tax in County Galway.

Dep. Connaughton asked if the allocation of €2.6m in respect of the N6 would be spent within the year.

Mr. Morgan explained that with regard to the projects listed under "Major Improvement Works", the monies allocated would be spent on consultants fees and

topographical surveys etc. He said that such fees were paid on completion of reports and at certain milestones in the progress of the various projects and that he expected that the allocations would be used up within the year. Referring to the N6 Project, he said that the Council had found it necessary to commence court proceedings in order to gain entry to some lands. He said that objections and litigation were a cause for concern as they could delay projects and were outside the control of the Council. However, he stated that if there was a difficulty with spending monies allocated to a specific scheme, money is usually re-allocated to another scheme in the County.

Referring to the minor improvement works listed on Page 3 of the report, he explained that the majority of these projects involved pavement works which would be carried out by contract. Surveys had to be carried out and tenders sought before works could commence on these projects and progress with respect to these was set out in the report. He expected that these works would be completed and monies drawn down from the D.O.E. & L.G. within the year.

Dep. McHugh stated that it was vital that all monies allocated for 2003 would be spent within the year and he proposed that a special case be made to the National Roads Authority and the Department of the Environment & Local Government for extra funding for the N84.

Cllr. McDonagh asked what measures the Council were taking to alleviate the gridlock at Carnmore Cross and Mr. Morgan stated that it had been agreed with the N.R.A. that traffic lights would be installed at the cross roads. He stated that the design was completed and work would commence as soon as negotiations with the landowner concerned were finalised.

Cllr. Hoade stated that the N.R.A. seemed to favour the provision of resurfacing over road re-alignment and Mr. Morgan agreed that this was the case at the moment. However, he also stated that when the next 5-year plan was being completed, efforts would be made to ensure that realignment would be given priority.

The County Manager stated that the staff of the Roads & Transportation Department had worked hard to get the National Roads Plan for the County agreed and that senior management of the Council met with the executive of the National Roads Authority twice yearly to discuss the programme for spending. He also stated that the Government proposed to introduce new legislation to overcome the delays being caused by objections so that the schemes could progress at a faster pace. He also stated that the officials would make a case to the D.O.E. & L.G. for the introduction of multi-annual allocations so as to give the Council more scope to plan ahead for spending on roadwork schemes.

Cllr. Mullins asked if the Council was getting value for money regarding the employment of Consultants and the Manager stated that there was a strict monitoring system in place and he was satisfied that value for money was being achieved.

Cllr. McHugh proposed that Galway County Council would support the campaign that the railway line from Ennis to Colooney in Sligo be re-opened, this was seconded by Cllr. Connolly and agreed.

POLICY TRAINING FOR COUNCILLORS

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The Mayor referred to report dated 12th June 2003, in relation to Policy Training for Councillors. He urged members to attend and participate in the seminar on Environmental Policy.

MANAGERS BUSINESS

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The County Manager referred to the Local Government (No.2) Act 2003, copy of which had been circulated to the members. He said that the main purpose of the Act was to end the dual local authority/parliamentary membership from the next local elections in 2004 and to discontinue the arrangements which had been put in place to introduce direct elections of city and county cathaoirlioh at that time.

MAYORS BUSINESS

2057

The Members paid tribute to Mayor O'Sullivan for the excellent manner in which he carried out the business of the Council during his term as Mayor of the County of Galway and stated that he was a great ambassador for Ballinasloe and the County. The County Manager also paid tribute to Cllr. O'Sullivan for the effective and efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of Mayor.

CONFERENCES

2058

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

**“Clare Tourist Council – Winter Tourism Conference 2003”, The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare.
28th/29th November 2003**

Cllr. M. Mullins, Comh. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Foighil, Cllr. S. Quinn.

**“Association of Irish Regions – 6th Annual Conference”, Brandon Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
17th October 2003**

Cllr. M. Cunningham, Comh. P. O'Foighil, Cllr. S. Quinn.

**“International Humbert School – War & Peace”, Moyne College, Ballina, Co. Mayo.
1st – 6th July, 2003**

Cllr. J. McDonagh.

**“Byrne Perry Summer School”, Christian Brothers School, Wexford Street, Gorey, Co. Wexford.
27th – 29th June 2003**

Comh. Ni Fhatharta

**"2003 La Touche Legacy Seminar", La Touche Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
3rd – 5th October 2003**

Cllrs. M. Cunningham, M. Mullins, Comh. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Foighil, Cllr. S. Quinn

**"IPA – Policy Training Programme for Councillors – Environmental Policy",
IPA, 57/61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4.
12th July 2003**

Cllr. M. Mullins, Comh. P. O'Foighil.

**"A.L.D.A. Conference 2003", Dolman Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow.
12th/13th June 2003**

Cllr. J. McClearn.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 9 – DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON – DRAINS

The following reply was given:- **2059**

"No records exist that this drain was cleaned by Galway County Council. The cleaning of land drains is the responsibility of individual land owners."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 10 – DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON – SPEED LIMITS

The following reply was given:- **2060**

"The provision of a speed limit at this location will be considered for inclusion in the next speed limit review. This is considered a safe location for overtaking as it is a wide road with good sight distance."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 11 – CLLR. M. FAHY – LIGHTING

The following reply was given:- **2061**

"There is no funding currently available to provide this light. A light could be erected at this location if an allocation for its cost was made under the Councillors Lighting Programme."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 12 – CLLR. M. FAHY – WATER SCHEME

The following reply was given:- **2062**

"The Council currently has a submission with the Department of the Environment and Local Government in relation to extending the Loughrea Regional Water Supply to Craughwell. The Council is awaiting the Department's response to this submission".

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 13 – CLLR. M. FAHY – SPEED LIMITS

The following reply was given:-

2063

“There is a new 40 mph speed limit proposed for Kilbeacanty village under the current review. New speed limit signs will be installed when this review is complete.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 14 – CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE – SIGNS

The following reply was given:-

2064

“There is currently no funding available for the provision of this signage. However, an estimate of the cost involved will be prepared and the signs installed if funding becomes available.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 15 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – ENVIRONMENT

The following reply was given:-

2065

“A report has been requested from the Area Engineer and the Community Wardens in regard to the recurring illegal dumping at Glenmore, Athenry. The feasibility of undertaking a small environmentally-friendly project will be examined”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 16 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – ENVIRONMENT

The following reply was given:-

2066

“Galway County Council currently have no funding to carry out the undergrounding of these cables. However, this proposal will be considered for inclusion in future funding proposals.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 17 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – SAFETY SIGNS

The following reply was given:-

2067

“A full survey will be carried out at this junction. Any safety measures required will be put in place.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 18 – DEP. P. MCHUGH – SPEED LIMITS

The following reply was given:-

2068

“The provision of a speed limit at this location will be considered for inclusion in the next review of the speed limits. Improved road markings and signage are to be provided at this location as part of a road contract in this year’s road works programme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 19 – DEP. P. MCHUGH – IMPROVEMENT WORKS

The following reply was given:-

2069

“Improvement works will be carried out on the worst sections of the N17 under this year’s roadworks programme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 20 – DEP. P. MCHUGH – SPEED LIMITS

The following reply was given:-

2070

“The provision of a speed limit at this location will be considered for inclusion in the next review of the speed limits. There are school flashing lights already installed at this location.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 21 – COMH. NI FHATHARTA – ROADS

The following reply was given:-

2071

“Níl aon airgead ar fáil chun oibreacha deisiúcháin a dhéanamh ar an mbóthar seo. Déanfar gnáth obair air i mbliana.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 22 – COMH. NI FHATHARTA – ROADS

The following reply was given:-

2072

“Ní fheadfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe aon gearradh siar ar an bhfásra a dhéanamh roimh deireadh mí Lúnasa de réir an Achta Fiabheatha.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 23 – CLLR. P. O’SULLIVAN – ROADS

The following reply was given:-

2073

“Repairs have been carried out on this road in the past two weeks.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 24 – CLLR. P. O’SULLIVAN – ROADS

The following reply was given:-

2074

“Road drainage works are currently being carried out on this road.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 25 – CLLR. P. O’SULLIVAN – ROADS

The following reply was given:-

2075

“This road is in good condition apart from a short length which has deteriorated due to construction activity. The Council will carry out repairs at this location as its condition merits.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 26 – CLLR. S. QUINN – FOOTPATHS

The following reply was given:- 2076

“The provision of a footpath on the N83 will be considered for inclusion in the 2004 roadworks programme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 27 – CLLR. S. QUINN – PUBLIC LIGHTING

The following reply was given:- 2077

“There is no funding available in the current roadworks programme to provide this lighting. It will be considered for inclusion in the 2004 roadworks programme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 28 – CLLR. S. QUINN – SWIMMING POOLS

The following reply was given:- 2078

“A development contribution scheme is being prepared and this proposal will be considered in the context of the scheme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 29 – CLLR. K. QUINN – HOUSING

The following reply was given:- 2079

“The proposed site details have just been received and is currently being assessed by our Technical Staff”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 30 – CLLR. K. QUINN – REPAIRS

The following reply was given:- 2080

“This road will be resurfaced when the works on the sewerage scheme in Dunmore are completed.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 31 – CLLR. K. QUINN – LIBRARIES

The following reply was given:- 2081

“The Council are aware of the poor condition of this structure and an effort will be made to have it removed as soon as possible.”

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Submitted, Approved + Signed

P. O'Sullivan

18/7/03

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Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, ON MONDAY, 20TH JUNE, 2003

CATHAOIRLEACH

Mayor P. O'Sullivan

I LATHAIR FRESIN

Baill:

Deps. J. Callanan, P. Connaughton, P. McHugh, Sen. U. Burke, Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, Comh. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Foighil, Cllrs. P. O'Malley, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, M. Regan, S. Walsh.

Oifigigh

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager, T. Kavanagh, Director of Services, Environmental and Conservation Services Unit, P. Ridge, Director of Services Planning and Economic Development, J. Cullen, Directors of Services, Cultural and General Services Unit, J. Morgan, Director of Roads & Transportation Unit, E. Lusby, L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer, Messrs. T. Murphy, A. Comer, D. Barrett, Senior Executive Officers, Mr. C. Wynne, Senior Engineer, N.R.A, Ms. M. Killoran-Coyne, M. McGrath, Senior Staff Officers, Ms. R. O'Boyle, B. Donnellan, Staff Officers.

Thosnaigh and cruinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

2047

A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:

Mrs. Bridie Welby, Main Street, Oughterard, Co. Galway.
Mr. Pat Guinan, Skycur, Laurencetown, Co. Galway.

The Mayor stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss a number of planning issues and in particular the Planning Guidelines prepared by Planning Officials in respect of interpretation of policies contained in the County Development Plan.

It was agreed that the members would initially discuss the guideline entitled "Guidelines for Planning Applicants - Policy Interpretation Guideline Enurement Clause", a copy of which had been circulated to Members. Cllr. Loughnane stated that he was not in favour of the second paragraph on page one of the document where the 10 year enurement clause could be negotiated for a longer period, which he felt was too open.

Cllr S. Walsh stated that the 10 year enurement agreement had been agreed by the Members and should be adhered to. He added that all applicants for permission in the Conemara area were now subject to enurement clauses. He stated that the Restricted Roads enurement clause limited the use of the applicants house to sons or daughters and that Policy 83 in the Development Plan does not and should not refer to all applicants as the word "all" doesn't appear in Policy 83. He added that any discrepancies or contradictions now arising should have been addressed by Management and that it was not the responsibility of members to do this. Cllr. Joyce stated that Policy 91 and Policy 95 were not mentioned in the Guideline document and asked for clarification as to whether applicants, regardless of where they came from, would be facilitated when seeking permission in areas covered by these policies. Referring to DCStandard 1, an Comh. O'Foighil asked for an interpretation of the meaning of farm holdings as distinct from farm families, as there are farm holdings in Conemara that cannot be deemed to be farm families. He welcomed the interpretation given by the Planning Officials especially with regard to the Gaeltacht. Dep. Callanan asked that the areas where enurement clauses would apply be shown on a map.

Mr. Ridge stated that the General Enurement clause would be applied to all sensitivity Class 5, 4 and 3 areas and to a limited number of applications in Class 1 and 2 areas where there is excessive development pressure or where the area has been substantially overdeveloped to the point of suburbanization. Referring to Class 3 areas in south Galway, he stated that it included Kilcolgan and the Kinvara coast area surrounding the Burren. Mr. L. Kavanagh identified the class 3 areas on a map and stated that applicants, if they are from these areas, will have to prove a housing need and if permission is granted, an enurement clause will be a condition of such permissions. He stated that there are also some Class 3 areas in Woodford. Cllr. Regan stated that it was ridiculous to have areas in Woodford designated Class 3, as there are little or no inhabitants in this area. Cllr. Cunningham stated that the Council should have no control on enurement clauses after 10 years and that it should be limited to 10 years. He stated that the Restricted Roads enurement was too restrictive and queried the position where the applicant has no sons or daughters. He asked whether the Returning Emigrants clause was different from the General Enurement clause and that there should not be an enurement clause if the application is for a replacement house. Referring to settlement centres, he asked what was the advantage of living in a settlement centre if an enurement clause applies to such permissions. Referring to the interpretation on the bottom of page 6 of the guideline document he stated that sub-section 1 was at variance with Policy 93 and requested clarification as to which one was correct.

Mr. Ridge stated that under planning legislation planners were first and foremost restricted to the proper planning and sustainable development of an area in assessing a planning application and also to have regard to the Development Plan. He stated that the guidelines had been requested by the Members to show the basis on which planners make decisions on applications and that there is now greater transparency and openness in this planning department than in any other planning department in the country. Referring to the 10 year enurement clause, he stated that where the 10 year enurement clause does not afford adequate protection the guideline policy interpretation allows consideration to be given to negotiating a longer period with the applicant and the applicant to open these negotiations. This would apply to marginal cases. He added that the question of an enurement clause was an operational matter and while he accepted that the Development Plan gave one enurement clause, he had discussed the need for a range of enurement clauses to cover the policies of the Development Plan, at the recent Planning & Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting. With regard to the Returning Emigrant enurement clause, the 10 years commencing on the date of the emigrants return provides the necessary accurate control procedures.

Cllr Connolly queried whether the guideline document complied with the requirements of section 47 of the Planning and Development 2000. Cllr J.J. Mannion stated the guideline would have been more useful if it had been made available before the Development Plan was adopted, and that the only difficulty he had with the guideline was the effort to retain an open ended enurement clause.

Mr. Ridge stated that he had no difficulty in removing the part of the guideline referred to, that it had been included to strengthen marginal cases.

An Comh. Ni Fhatharta stated that she was satisfied with the interpretation on Returning Emigrant enurement clauses, but required more explanation on the Gaeltacht enurement clause and asked whether one could qualify under the Returning Emigrant enurement clause but not under the Gaeltacht enurement clause. She added that the General Enurement clause should be satisfactory for Restricted Roads.

Mr. Ridge stated that he did not want the Irish language used negatively and would not refuse a planning application due to lack of Irish, but would be more favourably disposed to those who speak Irish.

Dep. McHugh asked for clarification on marginal situations and stated that there was only one enurement clause in the Development Plan and introducing more was going beyond the correct interpretation of the Plan. He stated that a 10 year enurement clause is written into the Plan and that the word "should" in the second paragraph on page 1 of the guideline be changed to read "will".

Cllr. Rabbitt stated that he had no difficulty with the guideline document and proposed that the paragraph not be removed. Cllr. Gavin seconded his proposal.

Cllr. T. Mannion stated that the 2nd paragraph on page one of the guideline document should be left in if it was going to allow more people live in the county. Dep. Callanan asked whether people could come into settlement centres from outside the area. Mr. Ridge stated that the General enurement clause is not applicable within settlement centres but in Gaeltacht areas with small settlement centres, the Gaeltacht enurement clause

would apply, while the Restricted Roads enurement clause will apply in certain affected settlement centres.

Dep. McHugh asked what was the position with regard to Gaeltacht areas in the east of the county. Mr. Ridge stated that a linguistic impact statement will be required for more than 2 houses but less detail will be required where Irish is not strong.

It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane and seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh that the following paragraph be removed from page 1 of the Policy Interpretation Guideline Enurement Clause - *If the 10-year enurement clause does not afford adequate protection then consideration may be given to negotiating a longer period with the applicant. The applicant should open these negotiations:*

It was proposed by Cllr. Rabbitt that this paragraph not be removed. This was seconded by Cllr. Gavin. A vote was taken on Cllr. Loughnanes proposal and the result of the vote was as follows:

AR SON: Dep. J. Callanan, Cllr. J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, M. Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, J. McDonagh, Comh. Ni Fhatharta, Cllrs. P. O'Malley, S. Quinn, K. Quinn, S. Walsh. (13)

IN AGHAIDH: Cllrs. M. Connolly, S. Gavin, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, T. McHugh, Comh. P. O'Foighil, Cllrs. P. O'Sullivan, T. Rabbitt. (8)

GAN VOTÁIL: Dep. P. McHugh (1)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

It was agreed that Mr. Ridge would prepare a list of areas where there are over concentration of development in Class 1 & 2 areas outside the 15 km zone.

Cllr. S. Walsh stated that the enurement clause which applies to the Conemara area should be equally applied to the rest of the county, or at the very least to extend the terms of the Gaeltacht enurement clause. Referring to page 9 of the document entitled Policy Interpretation Guideline Rural Housing, he stated that he had understood that if an applicant was from the Gaeltacht that he would not have to prove his/her proficiency in Irish but that Clause(3) 2) on page 9 now excluded this, whereby you now had to prove proficiency in Irish to establish a housing need. Mr. Ridge stated that there are two ways for applicants for development to qualify in Gaeltacht areas: –

(a) where the General enurement clause will apply and,
(b) where the Gaeltacht enurement clause will apply. He stated that it was never intended to have the meaning as expressed by Cllr. Walsh and that speaking Irish was a plus and never intended to be a negative factor in obtaining planning permission. He stated that in general enurement clauses did not apply in East Galway.

The members then agreed the amended document entitled Policy Interpretation Guideline Enurement Clause.

The Members then discussed the document entitled "Guidelines for Planning Applicants – Policy Interpretation Guidelines Urban Fringe", a copy of which had been circulated to Members.

Members queried whether the one and a half mile restricted development zone around larger towns in the county still existed. Mr. Ridge replied that the one and a half mile restriction did not exist now, but that it is clear that the areas referred to have been traditionally protected, to enable the towns concerned to grow while not over spilling into the countryside. While the restriction has been removed, he was trying to signal that applicants would be unwise to submit applications in the expectation of getting permission in the areas on the fringes of towns.

The Mayor stated that it appeared that the one and a half mile restriction had been replaced by the Urban Fringe Policy. Dep. Connaughton asked whether families inside the old one and a half mile zone would now be entitled to permission. Mr. Ridge stated that they would be subject to the fact that they have a housing need and that each would be subject to an enurement clause. Sen. Burke stated that this document was an amendment to the Development Plan, that the urban fringe could extend out for three miles, that the urban fringe policy is not referred to in the Development Plan and should be rejected. Dep. McHugh stated that the Urban Fringe was referred to in the Development Plan, Section 1.4.1.2 and if it was in the Plan, it had to be accepted. Sen. Burke stated that it was referred to in the introduction to the Plan which had not been prepared by the Members. Dep. Connaughton asked if houses on the edge of the 15km zone will be referred to as urban fringe, as he expected a large concentration of housing applications on the limits of the 15km zone.

Mr. Ridge stated that planners were restricted to the proper planning and sustainable development of the county, having regard to the Development Plan and while he accepted that the one and a half mile restriction was to go, regard must be had to the above principles. He stated that he was trying to alert people that the impression of a free for all in the one and a half mile zone was not so and that refusals would issue. He added that a balance needed to be struck between the principles referred to and the need to meet the legitimate housing needs of local people. He stated that where there is a heavy concentration of housing, permission will be difficult to obtain if the applicant is not local. He stated that the towns to which the Urban Fringe Policy would apply are Tuam, Loughrea, Athenry and Gort and that while a more liberal view would be taken for smaller towns, he did not want to indicate a free for all in these smaller towns. Dep. Connaughton proposed that the Urban Fringe referred to would extend one mile out from the planning boundary of the towns referred to. Dep. Callanan seconded his proposal and it was agreed to by the Members.

The Members then agreed the amended document entitled Policy Interpretation Guideline Urban Fringe.

The Members then discussed the document entitled "Guidelines for Planning Applicants – Policy Interpretation Guideline Settlement Centres", a copy of which had been circulated to Members.

Cllr J.J. Mannion referred to the last paragraph on page two of the document, where it stated that the Restricted Roads enurement clause will apply to all settlement centres and sought clarification on this. Mr. Ridge stated that in most settlement centres this would

not apply, but that he would redraft the sentence for the sake of clarity. Mr. L. Kavanagh stated that an inventory of villages was being carried out at present with a view to preparing appropriate plans and that different types of development will be carried out and encouraged in settlement centres. He stated that he would like to see co-operatives getting together to develop their own treatment plants in these centres. Sen. Burke welcomed the idea of settlement centres and asked that certain tourism projects where the developer is the landowner be allowed, despite being located in areas of high scenic amenity. He asked whether people who wish to move development back into their land will be allowed to do so. Cllr. McHugh stated that the settlement centres will accommodate many people who have no connection to the land and that boundaries for settlement centres need to be agreed on a case by case basis. Cllr. Loughnane stated that there is a danger of a plethora of septic tanks in settlement centres, due to the lack of sanitary services and that potential development of say 50-60 houses should be encouraged where the developer provides a sewerage scheme and which would accelerate the development of the village.

Cllr. Gavin stated that areas where there is a demand for development should be used as a model or pilot scheme. Mr. L. Kavanagh stated that there is no specific requirement for public road frontage and therefore moving back from the public road would not be ruled out, and where this is done small clusters or cloghan type development might be suitable. Regarding village plans, he stated that it can take up to six months to prepare a plan and agreed that where there is a lot of local work done or enthusiasm evident it might make it a more viable area to prepare a plan. Mr. Ridge stated that under the concept of settlement centres there will be room within these centres to accommodate housing and cater for the centres own needs and that the need for a treatment plant should not be allowed to drag down the potential of the village to deliver.

Sen. Burke asked the position regarding an action plan for Shannon/Lough Derg area. The County Manager stated that guidance documents had been prepared and others will have to be prepared. He added that he wanted to have the plans prepared in-house if possible and it was important to prepare such an important plan as referred to by Sen. Burke as soon as possible to avail of any funds from the National Development Plan. He stated that he would encourage communities to contact the planning office to get broad guidance on steps they might take. There may be a lot of non statutory plans for some of these centres and it is important to develop a strategy for these settlement centres. The Members then agreed the amended document entitled Policy Interpretation Guideline Settlement Centres.

The Members then discussed the document entitled "Policy Interpretation Guideline Rural Housing", a copy of which had been circulated to Members and the document was agreed as presented.

The Members then discussed the document entitled "Rural Housing Need Form For Each Individual Adult Associated With An Application For Rural Housing", a copy of which had been circulated. Dep. McHugh stated that the question in the form regarding source of income was very detailed given that it will be a public document and that agents will not certify that the information given is correct as it is not their area of expertise. It was agreed to remove the requirement for agents to certify the Form and the amended document was agreed by the Members.

Cllr. Hoade asked for an update on the position regarding Pre planning meetings. Mr. Ridge stated that planning meetings would recommence from the 1st July 2003 and would be for pre planning and replies to further information's only. Cllr. Fahy asked what was the position regarding decisions on extensions of time. Mr. Ridge stated that there were a substantial number of extensions of time on hand and that planners would not be able to deal with them when their due date is reached. He proposed, therefore, to review all such files, write to the applicants asking them if they have any additional information, following which they will be dealt with over time and in advance of their due dates

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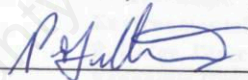
On the proposal of Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. Fahy, it was agreed that the attendance of the following members be approved at the Conferences set out hereunder, the cost of each Conference having been circulated to each Member: -

"Policy Training Seminar – Environment", IPA, 57/61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4. 12th July, 2003

Dep. P. McHugh, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, Comh. Ni Fhatharta, Cllr. K. Quinn.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed



13/7/03

Date

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY was carried by way of voting

Mr. P. Curry, Lawrence, Co. Galway

Ms. M. O'Brien, New York, Co. Galway

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, ON MONDAY, 9TH JUNE, 2003

CATHAOIRLEACH

Mayor P. O'Sullivan

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Oifigigh

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager, T. Kavanagh, Director of Services, Environmental and Conservation Services Unit, P. Ridge, Director of Services Planning and Economic Development, J. Cullen, Directors of Services, Cultural and General Services Unit, J. Morgan, Director of Roads & Transportation Unit, E. Lusby, L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer, Messrs. T. Murphy, A. Comer, D. Barrett, Senior Executive Officers, Mr. C. Wynne, Senior Engineer, N.R.A, Ms. M. Killoran-Coyne, M. McGrath, Senior Staff Officers, Ms. R. O'Boyle, B. Donnellan, Staff Officers.

Thosnaigh and cruinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

2037

A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:

Mrs. Phil Curley, Lawrencetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen & Nora Corless, Oakmount, Tuam, Co. Galway.

CONGRATULATIONS:-

2038

The Mayor and the Members of the Council and the County Manager congratulated Cllr. Hoade on the birth of her daughter, Rachael. Cllr. Hoade on behalf of herself and her Husband Willie, said she wished to thank her colleagues and the Officials for their good wishes.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – WOODPARK SEWERAGE SCHEME.

2039

Report dated the 3rd June, 2003 had been circulated to each Member.

Mr. Kavanagh informed the Meeting that the Contract Documents were being prepared at the moment and that this scheme was being linked in a Bundle with a number of other schemes. Cllrs. McClearn and Regan asked if agreement had been reached with land owners with regard to wayleaves, as they were of the opinion that there was some difficulty. Mr. Kavanagh said he would investigate the matter.

On the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. McClearn, the work as proposed was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – LOUGHREA BY PASS 2040

Report dated the 30th May, 2003 had been circulated to each Member.

Cllr. Loughnane referred to Submission No. 4 on Page 15 of Mr. Morgans report, submission by Mr. R. Deely, to have the old road continue to join Bullaun Road, as this is an accommodation road to Mr. Deelys land, which would be cut off. Mr. Morgan said that access to these lands will be maintained. In reply to Sen. Burke, Mr. Morgan said that the issues raised in the submissions would be dealt with during the process of acquisition of the necessary lands. Dep. Callanan referred to page 23 and asked Mr. Morgan to clarify the situation in relation to one house on the existing road. Mr. Morgan said a Roundabout is serving that road. In reply to Sen. Burke, Mr. Morgan said that the design speed on the proposed By-Pass road is 60m.p.h.

Mr. Morgan confirmed that the Design Team would be available to persons who have expressed concerns in relation to the By-Pass

On the proposal of Sen. Burke, seconded by Cllr. McClearn, the work as proposed was approved.

The following documents were circulated to each Member:

- (a) Policy Interpretation Guideline Rural Housing (Green)
- (b) Guidelines for Planning Applicants – Policy Interpretation Guideline Enurement Clause (Pink)
- (c) Guidelines for Planning Applicants – Policy Interpretation Guideline Urban Fringe (Blue)
- (d) Rural Housing Need Form (White)

A number of Councillors expressed their dissatisfaction with the documents and stated that they did not represent their interpretation of the County Development Plan. Cllr. McClearn said that the documents were unacceptable and proposed that the documents be withdrawn, and that a meeting be held at the earliest possible date to discuss planning specifically. Cllr. Fahy seconded this proposal.

Cllr. P. McHugh referred to the fact that the County Development Plan had now been adopted, and the fact that there were many inconsistencies and contradictions contained in it. He said he welcomed the introduction of Guidelines as they made some attempt at putting some sense into what was contained in the County Development Plan. He said that the Guidelines could be examined in depth and changed if required., and he did not agree with withdrawing them. He said the Members needed to establish whether they were in favour of accepting the principle of having Guidelines, and if so, examine the ones presented; Cllr. S. Walsh seconded this motion. Sen. Burke said that he supported the proposal to withdraw the documents. He stated that the Guidelines did not interpret what was in the County Development Plan, they actually amended it. He referred also to Question 6 on the “White” Form relating to source of income. He said this amounted to an invasion of privacy and that the Law Agent’s advice should be sought on same. Deputy Connaughton said he also had problems with the Guidelines but that there needed to be a base and that the Guidelines should not be withdrawn but examined and changed at a full Meeting of the Council. He said the Councillors came across new case histories, and had a broad outline of the major problems encountered by the general public in relation to planning.

Mr. Ridge said that this was the first time ever that the Members/Public have been given an insight into how the Planning Department functions. He said the Guidelines were the interpretation of the Plan put together by the Officials. He informed the Members that the County Development Plan had been gone through very carefully, and that this was the best interpretation they could get in the circumstances. He referred to the various Guidelines and said that making an application for planning can be very costly and that applicants needed to have a reasonable amount of certainty before they made an application. The Guidelines were the first step in this direction. He referred to the decentralisation of two planners to Loughrea and Ballinasloe and the problem they faced without having Guidelines. He agreed the Plan was not easy to interpret.

The Manager referred to the County Development Plan and said it was a complex Plan and there were many inconsistencies in it. He said that the Members had made the Plan and they had had ample opportunities to consider it. The Guidelines were prepared in order to try and help everyone, Planners, the Members and Public alike so that the best advice is available at all times.

It was proposed by Cllr. J.J. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh and agreed that a Special Meeting of the Council, to discuss the Guidelines, be held on Friday, 20th June, 2003 at 11.00 a.m.

SPEED LIMITS.

2042

Mr. Morgan referred to the report which had been circulated to the members. He said that there were approximately 300 Speed Limits signs to be changed as a result of the Review of Speed Limits, which the Council had carried out and the estimated cost of this work was €105,000. He said that the cost would have to come out of the Council's own funds for maintenance. He explained that the Department of Transport was in the process of reviewing Speed Limits nationally and that it was also proposed to introduce metric speed limits by the end of 2004. He said that it was likely that the Department would provide a grant to assist the metrification of these speed limits and therefore, the Council could save money and avoid duplication of work by deferring the adoption of the Speed Limit Bye-Laws until details of the programme for metrification were rolled out by the Department. He said that the Council were carrying out work at Cappataggle and the National Roads Authority had, in allocating funding for this work, requested that a Speed Limit of 50m.ph. be imposed at that location, as a safety measure and he asked therefore, for the Councils approval to an amendment in the existing Speed Limit Bye-Laws to incorporate this.

Cllr. Joyce said he welcomed the suggestion to introduce the 50 mph speed limit in the Cappataggle area. He proposed an amendment to the existing Speed Limit Bye-Laws, to incorporate the inclusion of a 50m.p.h. limit at Cappataggle, this was seconded by Cllr. Mullins and agreed. Cllr. McHugh said he would have no difficulty with deferring this item until early in 2004, but he hoped it was not a ploy to get out of doing the speed limits altogether. He said this had been going on for the past two years, and requested that this item be put back on the Agenda for Meeting early in 2004. Cllr. T. Mannion said that he wanted Speed Limits in settlement centres at the 300 metre or 500 metre limit, whichever applied, to the particular settlement in the County Development Plan. Cllr. Gavin stated that after a long consultation process with the Gardai, Community Groups and Area Committees these revised Speed Limits had been determined and it would be a shame if the revised programme were put on hold again. He said that the Speed Limits were being imposed in the interests of road safety and that the Council should never compromise on safety. Cllr. McClearn said that development in Killtulla was likely to be stifled because there was no speed limit and he proposed a 30m.p.h. speed limit for the village and he said that this should be included as an amendment to the existing Bye-Laws when the amendment in relation to Cappataggle was being done. This was seconded by Cllr. Loughnane.

Cllr. Cunningham said he agreed with Minister Brennan's metrication scheme. He said he had no problem with putting back the scheme until next year. He proposed that Kilbeacanty be included with Kiltulla and Cappataggle. Cllr. Mullins said he welcomed the proposal to impose 50m.p.h. speed limit for Cappataggle in the interest of safety. He asked that the Area Engineers examine the "Directional Signs" as some of them had become very dilapidated. Cllr. Connolly said he was in favour of the works going ahead now in the interest of health and safety. Cllr. Loughnane said that speed limits are needed in certain areas and referred in particular to Kiltulla and he said that Notice of Motion money could be used for this work. Cllr. S. Walsh said there should be no additional cost if the new poles were erected now and new signs placed on them when metrication comes in. Cllr. T. Mannion proposed that speed limits at Fohenagh Village also be included and this was seconded by Cllr. Joyce.

Mr. Morgan informed the Members that Maps of Speed Limit locations were available in each Area Office for reference purposes. He said the Council has broken the connection between speed limits and planning permissions in the County Development Plan. He said Kiltulla and Fohenagh were not in original schedule and therefore, consultations will have to take place before these could be included but Kilbeacanty had been approved. Dep. Grealish said that Cregmore National School should be included for safety reasons. The Mayor said that he considered that either all, or none of the works be done, and he proposed that all be done. Cllr. T. Mannion said that the Council should seek a definite indication from the Department that metrication will happen next year and that they will provide the necessary funding and he proposed that the adoption of the Bye-Laws be deferred until next year, provided the Department confirms that funding will be available, and this was agreed.

MANAGERS BUSINESS

2043

Mr. Morgan informed the Members that Roinn na Gnothai Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta has allocated a grant, in respect of €341,569 for Sceim na mBoithre Áise 2003/2004.

MAYORS BUSINESS

RESIGNATION OF DEP. GREALISH

2044

Dep. Grealish informed the meeting that he was resigning from the membership of the Council with effect from today's date. He said that he thoroughly enjoyed his four years as a Member of Galway County Council and he appreciated the cooperation he got from staff and members alike. He thanked Mayor Pat O'Sullivan, the members of the Council, the County Manager and staff, for their help and courtesy shown to him during his term of office.

Special Meeting 09/06/2003

The Mayor and the members paid tribute to Dep. Grealish and wished him well in his new role. The Mayor said that Dep. Grealish was a dedicated Councillor and that it had been a pleasure to work with him. The County Manager said that Dep. Grealish had been an excellent worker for his area and he thanked him for his kindness and courtesy to himself and the staff of the Council, during his term as Councillor.

TO FIX DATE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2045

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham and agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Council be held at 3.00p.m. on Monday 7th July, 2003.

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham and agreed that a Special Meeting of the Council be held immediately after the Annual Meeting, with a view to filling the casual vacancy resulting from Dep. Grealish's resignation from the Council.

CONFERENCES

2046

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

**"Byrne Perry Summer School" - Christian Brothers School, Gorey, Co. Wexford.
27th/29th June 2003**

Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, M. Loughnane, T. Mannion, S. Quinn.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed

Pat Fahy

18/7/03

Date

CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HIEL ON MONDAY 26TH
MAY, 2003.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Mayor P O'Sullivan

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Mr. Ernie Lusby, Finance Officer, F. Dawson, J.
Cullen, J. Morgan, F. Gilmore, P Ridge, Directors
Of Services; T. Murphy, Senior Executive Officer,
Ger Mullarkey, Finance Unit, M. Barnicle, Staff
Officer and Theresa Donohue, Assistant Staff
Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

2013

A resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mrs. Healy & family, Ballinabuckey, Peterswell, Co. Galway.
Muintir Ui Dhonncha, Cladhnach, An Cheathru Rua, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Maureen & Ritchard McHugh, 12 Newcastle Park, Galway.
Ms. Ann Nolan, Ballygar, Co. Galway.

Council Members and Officials congratulated Cllr. Mary Hoade and her husband William on the birth of a baby girl at the weekend.

The Mayor and Members paid tribute to Mr. Tom O'Donoghue, Law Agent, who is retiring from the Council on 4th June, 2003. The County Manager also thanked Mr. O'Donoghue for his 26 years of dedicated service to the Council.

REPORTS

2014

The Report of the Environmental and Conservation Services Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 7th March, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. T. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

The Report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on the 31st January, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Dep. Connaughton, seconded by Cllr. Connolly.

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The Report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on the 24th February, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Dep. Callanan, seconded by Cllr. Joyce.

Arising from this report, Cllr. Joyce and Cllr. Mullins drew attention to the Official Council Roads Schedule. In particular, they raised the issue of roads, which were taken in charge but were omitted from the Schedule and relevant funding. Mr. Morgan, said that he was aware of the problem and that a review would occur during the Summer. As a result of this review a Tracking system would be set up to ensure that all appropriate roads would be included on the official Schedule.

The Report of the Local Rural Water Monitoring Committee Meeting held on the 3rd of March, 2003 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr K Quinn.

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF THE ROADS ACT 1993 2015

(a) On the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Loughnane, 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 LT42181 in the townland of Gortnamannagh East and extending west/north for a distance of 408 metres in the townland of Gortnamannagh West – Loughrea.

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Road commencing at junction with Local Road L32012 and extending north west for a distance of 258 metres in the townland of Turoe– Loughrea.

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Road commencing at junction with Local Road L8227 and extending north for a distance of 176 metres in the townland of Larraga – Loughrea.

TO APPROVE OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2003 2016

Report dated the 30th April, 2003 was circulated to each member.

Arising from this report Cllr. McHugh expressed dissatisfaction with the high interest costs being incurred by local authorities as a result of overdraft facilities. He said that claims for recoupment on capital works were not being paid by Government Departments as quickly as heretofore and this was causing problems for many local authorities. He said that Galway County Council was collecting over €30 m per annum in Motor Tax and yet, adequate funding was not being provided for our national roads. Cllr. McHugh proposed that a report on the Programme of Works on NRA Roadwork Schemes be prepared for the June Monthly Meeting of the Council. This proposal was seconded by Dep. Connaughton and agreed.

Referring to the Council's Overdraft situation, the County Manager said that the Council is exercising adequate financial control from a revenue point-of-view, as evidenced by the Annual Financial Statement, which is on the agenda for consideration. However, in relation to Capital Schemes, he said that risks have to be taken whereby the Council prepare preliminary reports in the hope that projects will be approved when there is an upturn in the national economy. He said that claims in respect of Water and Sewerage schemes, Roads and Housing are immediately sent to the Department for recoupment. He said that guidelines are being prepared for the Corporate Policy Group, as to how financial reports will be submitted to the Council.

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TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL REPORT 2002 2018

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TO ADOPT CARPARK BYE-LAWS 2003 AND PARKING PLACES BYE-LAWS 2003 2019

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Arising from the report, Cllr. Loughnane raised the question regarding the number of additional carpark spaces provided in Loughrea. In reply, Mr. Morgan said thirty-five additional spaces will be available in Main Street carpark, as outlined in the Traffic Management Plan for Loughrea.

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On the proposal of Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. McHugh, it was agreed to adopt the Bye-Laws, as set out.

TO APPROVE THE RAISING OF A LOAN OF €3M FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CARPARKS 2020

Report dated the 16th May, 2003 was circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Connolly, it was agreed by the members to raise a loan of €3m to fund the development of carparks in the county.

GALWAY TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING STUDY (GTPS) 2021

Report dated the 19th May, 2003 was circulated to each member.

Sen. Burke expressed his disappointment that the study conducted excluded most of East Galway. He stated that the study focused on the needs of Galway City and Environs and failed to give recognition to the infrastructural requirements of the remainder of county Galway.

Cllr. T. Mannion and Cllr. McClearn stated that balanced growth should occur both in the city and county of Galway.

The County Manager said that it is essential the Council have a strategy in place in order to benefit fully from the National Development Plan. He said that investment follows good planning and it is essential that a strategic framework be put in place to ensure that the Council can access funding from state and other funding agencies.

He added that agreement was reached with the SPCs that an Economic Development Plan would be prepared for areas of the county outside the remit of the GTPS and this would identify local issues e.g. economic and population decline affecting the county. He said that it was essential that the process moved forward and that if members gave approval, the GTPS would go on display for two months and give the public an opportunity to make submissions and observations. He informed the members that the matter would be brought back to the Council together with the feedback received after the display period.

Comh Ní Fhatharta proposed that the Galway Transportation and Planning Study be put on public display for a period of two months, this motion was seconded by Cllr. Connolly.

Cllr McClearn proposed that the study not be put on public display, this motion was seconded by Cllr. T Mannion. A vote on Comh. Ni Fhatharta's motion was taken which resulted as follows:

AR SON: Sen. U. Burke, Dep. J. Callanan, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Mullins, Comh, Ni Fhatharta, Cllrs. P. O'Malley, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, M. Regan. (13)

IN AGHAIDH: Cllrs. T. Mannion, J. McClearn (2)

GAN VOTÁIL: (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

SPEED LIMITS 2022

Report dated the 16th May, 2003 was circulated to each member.

Mr. Morgan, Director of Services informed the members that the Department of Transport was reviewing the speed limit structure generally and also intended introducing new metric speed limits by the end of 2004.

These measures were likely to require the making of new bye laws. The metrication of speed limits would require the replacement of existing speed limit signs.

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Sen. Burke expressed his disappointment that the study conducted excluded most of East Galway. He stated that the study focused on the needs of Galway City and Environs and failed to give recognition to the infrastructural requirements of the remainder of county Galway.

Cllr. T. Mannion and Cllr. McClearn stated that balanced growth should occur both in the city and county of Galway.

The County Manager said that it is essential the Council have a strategy in place in order to benefit fully from the National Development Plan. He said that investment follows good planning and it is essential that a strategic framework be put in place to ensure that the Council can access funding from state and other funding agencies.

He added that agreement was reached with the SPCs that an Economic Development Plan would be prepared for areas of the county outside the remit of the GTPS and this would identify local issues e.g. economic and population decline affecting the county. He said that it was essential that the process moved forward and that if members gave approval, the GTPS would go on display for two months and give the public an opportunity to make submissions and observations. He informed the members that the matter would be brought back to the Council together with the feedback received after the display period.

Comh Ní Fhatharta proposed that the Galway Transportation and Planning Study be put on public display for a period of two months, this motion was seconded by Cllr. Connolly.

Cllr McClearn proposed that the study not be put on public display, this motion was seconded by Cllr. T Mannion. A vote on Comh. Ni Fhatharta's motion was taken which resulted as follows:

AR SON: Sen. U. Burke, Dep. J. Callanan, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Mullins, Comh, Ni Fhatharta, Cllrs. P. O'Malley, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, M. Regan. (13)

IN AGHAIDH: Cllrs. T. Mannion, J. McClearn (2)

GAN VOTÁIL: (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

SPEED LIMITS 2022

Report dated the 16th May, 2003 was circulated to each member.

Mr. Morgan, Director of Services informed the members that the Department of Transport was reviewing the speed limit structure generally and also intended introducing new metric speed limits by the end of 2004. These measures were likely to require the making of new bye laws. The metrication of speed limits would require the replacement of existing speed limit signs.

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MANAGERS BUSINESS

2023

In reply to Cllr. J. McClearn, Mr. Cullen stated that the Part 8 Planning process in relation to Woodpark Sewerage Scheme would be on the agenda of the next Council meeting on 9th June, 2003.

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Declaration of a road to be a public road – Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 - 1978

- (a) On the proposal of Cllr. Conneely, seconded by Comh. Ní 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 Co. Rd LT11051 and extending south for a distance of 1427 metres in the townland of Inishnee – Conamara.

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Road commencing at junction with Co. Rd LT11051 and extending east for a distance of 636 metres in the townland of Inishnee – Conamara.

Material Contravention of the Development Plan for the County of Galway, for permission to construct a nursing home, carpark and associated roads and services in the townland of Killarainy, Moycullen. 1979

Planning Reference No. 02/249 Applicant: Mr. Tim Bohan

Mr. Comer gave details of the application, referring to the report dated 22nd April, 2003, which was circulated to each Member.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Permission for the erection of a nursing home (to cater for 45 residents), carpark and associated roads and services.

LOCATION: The site is located in the townland of Killarainy, with access from the adjoining county road.

PREVIOUS HISTORY:

98/2436 Outline permission granted to Mr. & Mrs. Pat and Ailish White.
00/1149 Permission sought by Kenneth Daly for the construction of a dwellinghouse – refusal was recommended because it was considered to be premature pending the determination by the Road Authority of a

road layout for the Moycullen By-pass or any part thereof – application was subsequently withdrawn.

ASSESSMENT: The proposed development is located within the village of Moycullen – the planning authority in principle consider that it is appropriate that such facilities as nursing homes are located in towns and villages where adequate community services are located within a short distance. The site is zoned for Agricultural Development in the current zoning plan for the village of Moycullen contained within the current County Development Plan. The site is serviceable by the public sewer, surface water drains and a public water supply. The site is within walking distance of the Town Centre.

SUBMISSIONS: There are no submissions or objectors to this proposed development.

ZONING: The site is zoned as Agricultural in the current zoning plan for Moycullen contained within the current County Development Plan. Under the Draft Development Plan for Moycullen the site is zoned as recreation and amenity.

RECOMMENDATION: The development as proposed is acceptable in terms of layout, design and use and is compatible with the existing mix of land uses in the vicinity (residential and agricultural). Accordingly, a recommendation to contravene the current County Development Plan is recommended.

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)(a) of the Planning & Development Act 2000.

Public notice of the Council's intention to consider deciding to grant permission was given on 21st March 2003 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections.

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

The latest date for a decision on this application is 20th May 2003.

Cllr. O'Malley proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Mr. Tim Bohan, and having considered the Report dated 22nd April, 2003, Galway County Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 (3) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1963, as amended by Section 39(d) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1976, as amended by Section 45 of the Local Government Act 1991 hereby require that a decision to grant permission be made in the case of this application.

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Mr. Comer gave details of the application, referring to the report dated 22nd April, 2003, which was circulated to each Member.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Permission for the erection of a nursing home (to cater for 45 residents), carpark and associated roads and services.

LOCATION: The site is located in the townland of Killarainy, with access from the adjoining county road.

PREVIOUS HISTORY:

98/2436 Outline permission granted to Mr. & Mrs. Pat and Ailish White.
00/1149 Permission sought by Kenneth Daly for the construction of a dwellinghouse – refusal was recommended because it was considered to be premature pending the determination by the Road Authority of a

road layout for the Moycullen By-pass or any part thereof – application was subsequently withdrawn.

ASSESSMENT: The proposed development is located within the village of Moycullen – the planning authority in principle consider that it is appropriate that such facilities as nursing homes are located in towns and villages where adequate community services are located within a short distance. The site is zoned for Agricultural Development in the current zoning plan for the village of Moycullen contained within the current County Development Plan. The site is serviceable by the public sewer, surface water drains and a public water supply. The site is within walking distance of the Town Centre.

SUBMISSIONS: There are no submissions or objectors to this proposed development.

ZONING: The site is zoned as Agricultural in the current zoning plan for Moycullen contained within the current County Development Plan. Under the Draft Development Plan for Moycullen the site is zoned as recreation and amenity.

RECOMMENDATION: The development as proposed is acceptable in terms of layout, design and use and is compatible with the existing mix of land uses in the vicinity (residential and agricultural). Accordingly, a recommendation to contravene the current County Development Plan is recommended.

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)(a) of the Planning & Development Act 2000.

Public notice of the Council's intention to consider deciding to grant permission was given on 21st March 2003 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections.

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

The latest date for a decision on this application is 20th May 2003.

Cllr. O'Malley proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by Mr. Tim Bohan, and having considered the Report dated 22nd April, 2003, Galway County Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 (3) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1963, as amended by Section 39(d) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1976, as amended by Section 45 of the Local Government Act 1991 hereby require that a decision to grant permission be made in the case of this application.

Cllr. Gavin seconded this proposal.

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

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IN AGHAIDH: (0)

GAN VOTÁIL: (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

Filling of Casual Vacancy in Membership of County Galway Vocational Education Committee 1980

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On the proposal of Cllr. O'Malley, seconded by Cllr. Gavin, it was agreed that Mr. Máirtín Ó Curraoin, Baile Éamonn, An Spidéal, be elected to the Galway Vocational Education Committee in place of Ms. Eithne Nic Dhonnchadha.

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A number of members stated that some Tuam residents had expressed their concern that the proposed road through the Palace Grounds would have an adverse effect on the amenity of the area. They asked that an alternative route be selected, if possible. Mr. Morgan stated that the officials had spent a lot of time examining alternatives but no suitable alternative to the Palace Grounds could be identified and he said that the new road would open access to the new leisure facility when completed.

The County Manager said that the provision of the road through the Planning Grounds would be subject to the Part 8 Planning procedure and the public would have an opportunity to make submissions at that stage.

Dep. McHugh welcomed the Plan and he asked that the officials would meet with representatives of the hackney drivers in Tuam and Mr. Morgan agreed. Mr. Morgan also stated that hackneys were not legally entitled to have a pick-up area in the town. Dep. McHugh also stated that the Members were informed at a Tuam Town Council Meeting that Forster Place would be a one-way street but that it was shown in the Traffic Management Plan as two-way. Mr. Morgan stated that he would check this matter out.

Cllr. McHugh stated that there was a great need for a Traffic Management Plan for Tuam in order to plan for the future growth of the town and stated that it was important that it be approved and implemented as soon as possible.

Cllr. McHugh proposed that the Tuam Traffic Management Plan be approved and this was seconded by Dep. McHugh and agreed.

Mountbellew Traffic Management Plan 1982

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Dep. Connaughton proposed that the Mountbellew Traffic Management Plan be approved, this was seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh and agreed.

To approve sale of land at Dunmore in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001. 1983

Report dated 9th April, 2003 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. McHugh, seconded by Cllr. S. Quinn, the sale of Land at Dunmore in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, was approved.

To consider report under Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, regarding the following: 1984

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(a) Construction of two single rural houses with services at Cloonlooaun, Renvyle, Co. Galway.

The work as proposed was approved on the proposal of Cllr. O'Malley, seconded by Cllr. Conneely.

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To consider report under Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 – construction of an extension to the Clifden Branch Library 1986

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Cllr. Fahy referred to a number of planning applications that had to be withdrawn by the applicant due to the fact that the applicant had been advised by planning officials that the application was going to be refused by the planning authority. In one case the refusal was as a result of incomplete documentation submitted and another was due to the fact that the road leading to the site was not a public road. He stated that in the first case all necessary documentation had been submitted by the applicant, while in the other case the road in question was declared a public road at the January meeting of the Council. He stated that he had knowledge of many other applications, such as the above and added that it was very frustrating for members to have applications

incorrectly refused permission. He asked for the continuation of the extension of time facility and that every farmer should be granted planning permission for a site on their farm. He stated that he was withdrawing his threat of hunger strike and his vote of no confidence in the officials of the planning department and that he would have full confidence in planning staff, if the issues raised by him were investigated.

Cllr Cunningham agreed that the extension of time facility should be restored, that the prior notice facility was of great benefit to Members and he was happy that the prior notice facility still remains. Dep. Callanan stated that there needed to be more co-operation on all sides and that the extension of time and prior notice facility should remain. Cllr. Rabbitt stated the threatened withdrawal of the extension of time facility was a negative move and added that the number of planning clinics needed to be increased. Cllr. McClearn stated that he hoped that the meeting to be held in June to discuss planning issues would resolve a lot of issues.

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It was agreed to hold a Special Meeting, dealing with Planning issues on the 9th June, 2003.

Draft Annual Report 2002

1988

This item was deferred.

To note Annual Statement of Accounts of the Border, Midland & Western Regional Assembly, for year ended 31st December 2002

1989

Report dated 31st March 2003 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham the Statement was noted.

Managers Business.

1990

The County Manager informed the meeting that the Department of the Environment and Local Government has selected a number of Local Authorities to take part in a pilot project regarding the provision of an on-line system for Motor Tax and Galway County Council is one of the Local Authorities selected.

All Party Oireachtas Committee or the Constitution

1991

Mr. Murphy referred to a document, which had been circulated to the members inviting individuals and groups to make written submissions to the All Party Committee on the Constitution on a number of issues relating the property rights of citizens. He reminded the members that the closing date for making such submissions is 31st May, 2003.

Speed Limits

1992

In reply to Cllr. Cunningham Mr. Morgan said that the metrefication of speed limits is imminent and that it would not be feasible to erect signs now which would have to be replaced in the near future. He agreed with Cllr. Cunningham however that proposed locations for new speed limits could be dealt with. Following further discussion it was agreed to discuss this matter further at the next Council meeting and to have it included on the Agenda for same.

CONFERENCES

1993

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

“I.P.A. – Environment Policy & Practice”, Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo.
7th May 2003

Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Fahy, J. McDonagh, S. Quinn

“I.P.A. – Environment Policy & Practice”, IPA, Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4.

24th May 2003

Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Loug

“L.A.M.A.” Conference, K
24th/25th/26th April 2003

Cllr. K. Quinn

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24th/25th April 2003

Cllr. T. Rabbitt

“Clare Tourism Conferen
Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Cl
28th/29th November 2003

Cllr. M. Hoade

“Greystones Town Counc
Promotion of Arts & Cult
3rd/5th October 2003

Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Ho

“International Humbert !
Mayo.
1st – 6th July 2003

Cllr. J. McDonagh

“Byrne Perry Summer S
Christian Brothers Schoo
27th/29th June 2003

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South Tipperary County
6th/8th June 2003

Cllr. J. McDonagh, M. Re

“Oughterard Show Soci
6th/7th June 2003

Cllrs. J. Conneely, P. O’M

“General Council of Co
Hotel, Cork.

24th May 2003

Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Loughnane

“L.A.M.A.” Conference, Kilkenny.
24th/25th/26th April 2003

Cllr. K. Quinn

“L.A.M.A.” Conference, Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.
24th/25th April 2003

Cllr. T. Rabbitt

“Clare Tourism Conference – Technology in Tourism Development”, The Falls
Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare.
28th/29th November 2003

Cllr. M. Hoade

“Greystones Town Council – The Future Role of Local Authorities in the
Promotion of Arts & Culture”, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
3rd/5th October 2003

Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Hoade, Comh. Ni Fhatharta, Cllrs. P. O’Malley, M. Regan

“International Humbert School – War & Peace”, Moyne College, Ballina, Co.
Mayo.
1st – 6th July 2003

Cllr. J. McDonagh

“Byrne Perry Summer School – Culture in Revival : the Irish Experience”,
Christian Brothers School, Wexford Street, Gorey, Co. Wexford.
27th/29th June 2003

Cllrs. J. McDonagh, M. Regan.

South Tipperary County Council, Tipperary Excel Heritage Centre, Tipperary.
6th/8th June 2003

Cllr. J. McDonagh, M. Regan

“Oughterard Show Society Co Ltd”, The Lake Hotel, Oughterard, Co. Galway.
6th/7th June 2003

Cllrs. J. Conneely, P. O’Malley.

“General Council of County Councils – Annual Conference”, Silversprings
Hotel, Cork.

30th/31st May 2003

Cllrs. M. Cunningham, J. Joyce, Comh. Ni Fhatharta, Cllr. P. O'Malley

"Rattoo Heritage Society – 11th Annual Conference", Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry.

29th/30th/31st May 2003

Cllrs. M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Regan

"Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly – The future of Regional & Cohesion Policy in an Enlarged Europe", Hotel Kilkenny, Kilkenny.

23rd/24th May 2003

Comh. Ni Fhatharta, Cllrs. P. O'Malley, M. Regan

"Blackwater Valley Tourism – Reviewing Public support for Enterprise & Job Creation", The Hibernian Hotel, Mallow, Co. Cork.

16th/17th May 2003

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9th/10th May 2003

Cllr. M. Hoade, Comh. Ni Fhatharta, Cllr. P. O'Malley

Sherkin Island Marine Station 19th Annual Conference, Carrigaline Court Hotel, Carrigaline, Co. Cork

1st/2nd May 2003

Cllrs. M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Regan

European Councillors Conference, Hotel Pyramida, Prague, Czech Republic

9th – 12th October 2003

Cllr. T. Rabbitt, Comh. Ni Fhatharta, Cllr. M. Connolly

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.17 – DEP. P CONNAUGHTON – CEMETERIES

1994

The following reply was given: -

"The replacement of the collapsed wall involves considerable work and funding, which has been requested with a view to carrying out the work at the earliest possible

opportunity. In the mean time a temporary fence has been erected to prevent trespass by animals into the graveyard."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.18 – DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON – ROADS

1995

The following reply was given: -

"The road is not included in the current five year road works programme but routine maintenance will be carried out at this location. This road will be considered for resurfacing should extra funding become available."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.19 – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM – FLASHING LIGHTS

1996

The following reply was given: -

"Kilbeacanty is not in the school flashing lights programme for 2003. The location will be considered for inclusion in the 2004 programme."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.20 – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM – SIGNS 1997

The following reply was given: -

"The adoption of the finalised speed limit zones by the County Council has not as yet taken place. When these zones are adopted the speed limit signs will be erected."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.21 – CLLR. M. FAHY – PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS

1998

The following reply was given: -

"The criteria for installing pedestrian lights would not be met at this location. However, school flashing lights will be considered for inclusion in the 2004 programme."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.22 – CLLR. M. FAHY – WATER PRESSURE

1999

The following reply was given: -

"The Council are in discussion with the Department of Environment and Local Government in regard to seeking funding for the upgrading of the water mains in the town of Loughrea and in particular the area around the Old Galway Road and Athenry Road."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 23 – CLLR. M. FAHY – WATER

2000

The following reply was given: -

"With regard to the Clarinbridge / Kilcolgan Water Supply Scheme, all the relevant technical documentation is with the Department of the Environment and Local Government. Galway County Council are currently awaiting the Departments approval to same".

30th/31st May 2003

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Cllr. M. Hoade, Comh. Ni Fhatharta, Cllr. P. O'Malley

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Cllrs. M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Regan

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9th – 12th October 2003

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.17 – DEP. P CONNAUGHTON – CEMETERIES

1994

The following reply was given: -

"The replacement of the collapsed wall involves considerable work and funding, which has been requested with a view to carrying out the work at the earliest possible

opportunity. In the mean time a temporary fence has been erected to prevent trespass by animals into the graveyard."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.18 – DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON – ROADS

1995

The following reply was given: -

"The road is not included in the current five year road works programme but routine maintenance will be carried out at this location. This road will be considered for resurfacing should extra funding become available."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.19 – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM – FLASHING LIGHTS

1996

The following reply was given: -

"Kilbeacanty is not in the school flashing lights programme for 2003. The location will be considered for inclusion in the 2004 programme."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.20 – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM – SIGNS 1997

The following reply was given: -

"The adoption of the finalised speed limit zones by the County Council has not as yet taken place. When these zones are adopted the speed limit signs will be erected."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.21 – CLLR. M. FAHY – PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS

1998

The following reply was given: -

"The criteria for installing pedestrian lights would not be met at this location. However, school flashing lights will be considered for inclusion in the 2004 programme."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.22 – CLLR. M. FAHY – WATER PRESSURE

1999

The following reply was given: -

"The Council are in discussion with the Department of Environment and Local Government in regard to seeking funding for the upgrading of the water mains in the town of Loughrea and in particular the area around the Old Galway Road and Athenry Road."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 23 – CLLR. M. FAHY – WATER 2000

The following reply was given: -

"With regard to the Clarinbridge / Kilcolgan Water Supply Scheme, all the relevant technical documentation is with the Department of the Environment and Local Government. Galway County Council are currently awaiting the Departments approval to same".

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 24 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – ROADS 2001

The following reply was given: -

“This road will be considered when preparing the 2004 Road Works Programme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.25 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH & CLLR. T. MCHUGH – ROADS 2002

The following reply was given: -

“The relevant documentation with respect to this road is being prepared.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.26 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – FLOODING 2003

The following reply was given: -

“Galway County Council has no funds to carry out this work at the present time, but will consider the project in future proposals.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.27 – DEP. P. MCHUGH – FLASHING LIGHTS 2004

The following reply was given: -

“It will be considered in preparation for 2004 Road Works Programme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 28 – DEP. P. MCHUGH – LANDSCAPING 2005

The following reply was given: -

“In the absence of an Urban Renewal Grant for the village of Dunmore the works stated cannot be undertaken.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.29 – DEP. P. MCHUGH – ESTATES 2006

The following reply was given: -

“A formal request for taking in charge of the above estate has not been received by the Planning Department from the Rural Housing Organisation. When this request is made, the Planning Department will advise the developers of the details required so that a full inspection can be carried out prior to the taking in charge”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.30 – COMH. NI FHATHARTA – LANDSCAPING 2007

The following reply was given: -

“The Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources are carrying out the repair work at Barna pier. Current levels of funding do not provide for landscaping at the pier by Galway County Council however a general clean up will be carried out.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.31 – COMH. NI FHATHARTA – PLANNING

The following reply was given: -

“Tá comhairleoirí innealtóir ceaptha ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe agus tá Réamh Thuairisc déanta do fhorbairt Port Chill Rónáin. Ghlac Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe leis an Tuairisc seo agus seoladh chuig an Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreacht, Gaeltacht agus Oileáin é ar 9 Bealtaine 2002, ag lorg cead dul ar aghaidh leis an chéad pháirt eile den fhorbairt.

De bharr deachrachaí airgid táfar ag plé an fhorbairt a dhéanamh d’réir a chéile agus iarradh ar na comhairleoirí an tuairisc a scrúdú agus moltaí a chuir ar fáil.

Nuair a bheidh tuairisc na gcomhairleoirí críochnaithe cuirfear na sonraí de ar fáil.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.32 – COMH. NI FHATHARTA – LIGHTING

2009

The following reply was given: -

“Tá súil go gcuirfear soilse isteach ag Gort Mór Tír Ni agus Carna i mbliana. Bheadh costas timpeall €10,000 i gceist do gach aon solas ag Leitir Muchoo, Camus agus Ard Mór, sé sin €30,000 in iomlán.

Creidim go mbeidh an scoil in Ard Mhór ag athrú suíomh.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.33 – CLLR. T. WALSH – WALLS

2010

The following reply was given: -

“The replacement of the collapsed wall involves considerable work and funding, which has been requested with a view to carrying out the work at the earliest possible opportunity. In the mean time a temporary fence has been erected to prevent trespass by animals into the graveyard.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.34 – CLLR. T. WALSH – ROADS

2011

The following reply was given: -

“The Russeltown-Douros Road is in the 2003 Road Works Programme”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.35 – CLLR. T. WALSH – SIGNS

2012

The following reply was given: -

“The necessary signage will be erected as soon as possible.”

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved & Signed

P. Gillies

23/6/03

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, ON THURSDAY, 17TH APRIL, 2003

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Thosnaigh an cruinniu leis an paidir.

Material Contravention of The County Development Plan for the County of Galway for Outline planning permission to construct a new 12/13 classroom school in the townland of Carrownamanagh, Oughterard. 1973

Mr. Comer gave details of the application, referring to the report dated 3rd April 2003, which was circulated to each Member.

Planning Reference No. 02/3113

APPLICANT: The Boards of Management of Scoil an Chlochair and Scoil Chuimin Naofa, c/o Simon J. Kelly & Partners, Architects Corrib Castle, Waterside, Galway.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Outline planning permission for the erection of a new 12/13-classroom school comprising approx. 1900m². (Replacement of the existing 4 classroom school at this location).

LOCATION: The site is located in the townland of Carrownamagh, Oughterard, (at the approximate location of the existing school on a larger site)>

PLANNING HISTORY:

- 4104: Permission granted on a smaller site at this location for the erection of a National School, (10th January 1968).
- 12333: Permission granted for an extension to the National School on a smaller site at this location, (28th August 1972).

ASSESSMENT: The proposed development is an acceptable extension of the community facilities zoning in Oughterard Town. The site is partially zoned for Community Facilities (the site of the existing 4-classroom school) and the northern portion of the site is zoned agricultural. The site is serviceable by the public sewer and a public water supply is available, as there is an existing school on the site – which it is intended to demolish. The site is within walking distance of the Town Centre. The proposed enlarged school will intensify the traffic movements at this location but the revised documentation received 31st January 2003 show comprehensive details as to how the additional traffic movements can be catered for. The development as currently proposed will result in an improvement on the existing situation. Effectively the proposed enlarged school site encroaches into the northern agricultural zoning by 25m.

ZONING: The northern portion of the site is zoned as Agricultural while the southern portion (the majority) of the site is zoned for Community Facilities in the current zoning plan for Oughterard contained within the Current County Development Plan 1997. Under the Draft Development Plan for Oughterard (November 2001), the situation is the same.

SUBMISSIONS: There are no submissions or objectors to this proposed development.

RECOMMENDATION: The development as proposed is acceptable in terms of layout and is compatible with the existing land uses in the vicinity. The proposed development is effectively increasing the size of a school, the enlarged site that this requires extends into the agricultural zoning. Accordingly, a recommendation to contravene the current County Development Plan is recommended.

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)(a) of the Planning & Development Act 2000.

Public notice of the Council's intention to consider deciding to grant permission was given on 27th February 2003 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections.

If a resolution is passed, a decision will issue and must issue.

The latest date for a

Cllr. O'Malley proposed. Boards of Management considered the provisions of Section 176, as amended by the decision to grant permission.

Cllr. S. Walsh seconded.

A vote was taken on

AR SON:

IN AGHAIDH:

GAN VOTÁIL:

The Mayor declared

Mayors Business

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Walsh that the resolution be included as an item for the agenda for the April 2003 meeting.

Cllr. S. Walsh extended the meeting due to illness.

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 23rd April 2003.

Cllr. O'Malley proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by The Boards of Management of Scoil an Chlochair and Scoil Chuimin Naofa, and having considered the Report dated 3rd April 2003, 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. S. Walsh seconded this proposal.

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

AR SON: Deps. Callanan, Connaughton, Cllrs. M. Connolly, J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, M. Hoade, M. Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. Ni Fhatharta, Cllrs. P. O'Malley, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, S. Walsh, T. Walsh (22)

IN AGHAIDH: (0)

GAN VOTÁIL: (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

Mayors Business

1974

It was proposed by Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham and agreed that "Planning" be included as an item on the agenda for the next Monthly meeting of the Council on 28th April 2003.

Cllr. S. Walsh extended best wishes to Comh. O'Foighil, who is recovering from a recent illness.

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Submitted, Approved & Signed

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Resolution Of Sympathy

1965

A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following: -

Mr. Paddy Kelly, Sycamore Hill, Lawrencetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

**To consider Submissions on Material Alterations/Amendments
to the Loughrea Town and Environs Development Plan.**

1966

It was proposed by Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham and agreed that the submission received from the Western Regional Fisheries Board be excluded from consideration as there is no specific reference to the Material Alterations on display in the submission.

To make Loughrea Town & Environs Development Plan.

1967

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To make County Development Plan in accordance with Part II of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

1968

Cllr. Regan stated that before considering the County Development Plan other issues needed to be addressed.

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Cllr. Mullins welcomed some of the positive things said by Mr. Ridge and especially his commitment to the pre-planning meetings.

Cllr. Connolly said the Council cannot continue to do the job of paid professional planning agents. However, if it is possible to facilitate the public by granting E.O.T's, then it should be done. He said he did not wish to see genuine people being treated unfairly or frustrated just because of an increase in planning applications.

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Cllr. Mullins welcomed some of the positive things said by Mr. Ridge and especially his commitment to the pre-planning meetings.

Cllr. Connolly said the Council cannot continue to do the job of paid professional planning agents. However, if it is possible to facilitate the public by granting E.O.T's, then it should be done. He said he did not wish to see genuine people being treated unfairly or frustrated just because of an increase in planning applications.

Cllr. T. McHugh welcoming Mr. Ridges proposals said a lot of things could be solved by a phone call and that it would be very helpful if the planner could ring the agent, tell them

what is missing from the files, give them a few days to send it in and if it has not come in within that time then refuse the application. If it is found that this has to be done on a repeated basis with a particular agent then that agent should be put on notice that he will not be contacted again.

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Cllr. McClearn pointed out that Tiernascragh should be listed in Ballinasloe Electoral Area and not in the Loughrea Electoral Area, as it appears in the Pre-Publication Plan.

Dep. Mc Hugh said he had seen a number of Plans being adopted since 1985, but never had he seen more professionalism going into any Plan. He complimented colleagues, management, staff and in particular, Mr. Ridge.

In relation to the villages he asked if Plans for areas like Claregalway could be finalised, so that development could proceed.

Comh. Ni Fhatharta complimented everybody on the production of the Plan and on having it delivered on time.

She then proposed that the word "Gaeltacht" be omitted from the first line of paragraph number 10.7; page 84 of the Pre-Publication Draft of the Plan. This was seconded by Cllr. J.J. Mannion and agreed by the Council.

Comh. Ni Fhatharta handed in the following wording to replace policy 93 page 57 in the Pre Publication Draft:

"Existing families who require the replacement of an existing inhabited dwellinghouse will be considered to be within the essential rural housing need category and will be subject to an enurement clause in respect of the new house. The family/applicant shall not be obliged to demolish the old existing dwelling house unless it is deemed to be a traffic hazard."

Mr. Ridge stated that if the old existing house does not permit development of a new dwelling on the site because of lack of space then the old dwelling would have to be demolished to facilitate the new development.

Cllr. JJ Mannion said the purpose of the amendment is to ensure that families shall not be obliged to demolish the old existing dwelling and it is felt that it would be inappropriate to place an enurement condition on such dwellings when they had not previously been enured. However, the new dwellings should be enured.

Mr. Ridge accepted the wording submitted by Comh. Ni Fhartha but asked if they could include a provision that the dwelling could not be sold.

Cllr. JJ Mannion replied that the intent is that it could be used by the family. Until now when giving permission for a replacement dwelling the Council required the applicant to demolish the existing dwelling. The new policy will allow certain applicants in the Connemara area to retain their old dwellings.

He said the Council is not going to put forward a policy, which would require the applicants to demolish these buildings, or one which would prevent them from selling it.

Mr. L. Kavanagh suggested that a provision could be included to restrict the use of an existing old dwelling to "uses incidental to the family needs/uses".

Cllr. S. Walsh said he wished to highlight a situation whereby a family member who is resident in a county other than Galway inherits a family home, which is sub-standard. He said he feels they should be allowed demolish the unsightly dwelling and build a new one. The difficulty he highlighted in this case is that a person living and working outside the county would be unable to prove a housing need.

Mr. Ridge advised that the housing need requirements could not be any broader, as it now incorporates people from the area and returning emigrants etc.

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Mr. Ridge noted that this is a sub-group of Policy 93. He advised that Policy 93 states that the new dwelling shall be subject to an enurement clause. The group being represented by Cllr. Walsh would not be subject to an enurement clause and may not be residing in the area at all. He said this is unfair, as it is not treating all of the people the same. He advised that under the old Plan this category of applicant had to prove a housing need.

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To Approve Raising Of Loan Of €6.5m From The Housing Finance Agency
1970

On the proposal of Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. Fahy, the raising of a loan of €6.5 m from the Housing Finance Agency, was approved.

Declaration Of A Road To Be A Public Road – Section 11 Of Roads Act 1993: -
1971

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

Road commencing at N.63 and extending north and northeast for a distance of 706 metres in the townland of Lackaghmore – Oranmore.

Mayors Business

1972

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed that a letter be sent to the Department of Environment and Local Government, requesting approval to bring a supply from Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme to Clarinbridge/Kilcolgan.

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Submitted, Approved + Signed



23/6/03

Date