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**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL, ON MONDAY, 26<sup>th</sup>  
SEPTEMBER, 2005.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Mayor Pat Hynes

**ILATHAIR FREISIN:**

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

**Oifigh:** Mr. P. Gallagher, Co Manager; Messrs. J. Cullen,  
K. Kelly, P. Ridge, F. Dawson, Directors of  
Services; G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance, T.  
Murphy, County Secretary; A. Comer, Senior  
Executive Officer; P. Carroll, Jean Brann A. Farrell,  
Administrative Officers; L. Gavin, Senior Engineer;  
C. McConnell, V. Loughnane, Senior Executive  
Planners; R. Burke, K. Fitzgerald, Assistant  
Planners, J Keane, B. Donnellan, Staff Officers.

**Thosaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir**

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

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A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mr. & Mrs Carmel Hynes & The Hynes Family, Dangan, Moycullen, Co. Galway.  
The Mercy Sisters, Portumna, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Eamonn Hannon, Moycullen, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Con Hynes, Portumna, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Annie Madden, N.T & Family Brackernagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. J. Murray, Falty, Old Town, Athlone, Co. Roscommon.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS.**

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The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr M. Mullins and seconded by Cllr. Mannion.

The Minutes of the Special meetings held on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2005 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

Cllr. Kyne stated that Page 6 of the minutes were incorrect in relation to Issue 11-MA19, that a recreation and amenity strip, trees and waterfall were to be retained, but that they had been removed and changed to village centre with 5 metre buffer. He stated that the zoning map contained in the Moycullen Local Area Plan needed to be amended to reflect the correct position.

Mr. Ridge stated that he did not doubt Cllr. Kyne's interpretation of what had been said at the Council meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2005, but that the plan had been proposed, seconded and made in accordance with the legislation and this is the plan that must now be used.

He stated that the map in question was not a zoning map, but was an indicative Urban Design Framework on how the Council consider the town should develop and that the issue of a 5 – 10 metre strip is not as significant as one might think as it would be reviewed by development control when, and if, a planning application is submitted.

Cllr. Kyne stated that the maps sent out with the Minutes were not correct and had not been proposed by him. Mr. Ridge again stated that the issue of waterfall and trees can be dealt with through development control. Cllr. Kyne stated that this was an important zoning and it was not acceptable to say that the plan he proposed to be adopted could not be changed. He stated that the incorrect plan had been sent out.

Cllr. Feeney stated that it was unwise to publish a plan as a finished document until the minutes were finally adopted and added that there were also inconsistencies in the Athenny Plan.

Mr. Ridge stated that there were pressures being put on officials to prepare plans within strict time scales but that he would be happy to bring back draft documents to members for agreement prior to publication but that this would involve setting new time scales. He stated that under standing orders, a resolution passed can not be revisited until six months later and that members may re-examine this issue again in 6 months time if they so wish.

Cllr. Kyne stated that the Council were bending over backwards to facilitate developers and their cheque books. The County Manager stated that this remark was uncalled for and unacceptable in relation to the inferences made and insisted that it be withdrawn.

The Mayor stated that it was an inappropriate remark and asked Cllr. Kyne to withdraw it. Cllr. Kyne said that he wanted a response regarding the Moycullen Plan before he would withdraw his remark. The County Manager stated that the remark was incorrect and asked that it be withdrawn. Cllr. Kyne stated that it was easier for big businesses to get permission than it was for the smaller developer. The County Manager stated that an allegation had been made to the effect that developers were getting preferential treatment and he wanted this allegation withdrawn.

Cllr. Kyne stated that he would withdraw the derogatory part of his remark. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting for 5 minutes.

Cllr. Kyne stated that he had a clear recollection of what was proposed by him but accepted that this proposal was not what he intended. It was agreed that in future any proposals from the floor of the Council Chamber would be accompanied by the documentation and maps.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mc Donagh and seconded by Cllr. Mannion and agreed to deal with items no. 19 & 20 at this stage.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION**

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The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Fahy and seconded by Cllr. Burke.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Regan and seconded by Cllr. Burke.

The Report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Mullins

The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Mary Hoade.

**MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR GALWAY FOR PERMISSION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (190 DWELLINGS PROPOSED) INCLUDING A SINGLE STOREY CRËCHE IN THE TOWNLAND OF COSMONA, LOUGHREA.**

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Ms. Mc Connell gave details of the application, referring to the report dated 19<sup>th</sup> September 2005, which was circulated to each Member.

**Planning Reference No. 05/1150**

**APPLICANT:** Paul Connolly and John Curley.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Permission for the development of a housing development consisting of a total of 190 dwellings and a single storey crèche. Housing units are as follows: 2 x 5 bed detached, 54 x 4 bed semi-detached, 54 x 3 bed semi-detached, 59 x 3 bed terraced and 21 x 2 bed terraced.

**LOCATION:** The site is located in the townland of Cosmona, Loughrea. The site is accessed via the Cosmona Road which runs between the existing Galway Road and the proposed new Loughrea By-Pass to the immediate north of the site.

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

**ASSESSMENT:** The proposed development is a large housing development on residentially zoned lands within the Plan area of Loughrea. Whilst it is considered that the development of a total of 190 housing units on this site is excessive and, if permitted, would contravene the Settlement Strategy of the Galway County Development Plan 2003 – 2009 by exceeding the number of permitted dwelling units for the entire plan period 2003 – 2009.

It is proposed to permit a maximum of 90 dwelling units and a single storey crèche on the site.

**ZONING:** The site is zoned for residential purposes in the current Development Plan for Loughrea.

**SUBMISSIONS:** Submissions could be accepted up to and including 14/09/05. No submissions have been received.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The development as proposed is generally in accordance with the zoning objectives in the current Loughrea Development Plan and those of the Draft Loughrea Development Plan.  
It is recommended to grant a reduced number of dwelling units on the entire site area with appropriate 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 2000 Planning Act.

Public notice of the Council's intention to consider deciding to grant permission was given on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2005 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 12/10/2005.

Cllr. Regan stated that 190 units were applied for and asked if the recommended 90 were for the entire site. Ms. McConnell stated that 90 was recommended at the moment, but when the settlement strategy review is being carried out, this limit will be looked at and a subsequent application may be made for the balance of this site. She confirmed that the material contravention process would be required for every application in Loughrea until the review is carried out, which is underway at present. Cllr. Joyce asked if such increased development will affect the future needs in Loughrea for water and sewerage services, and if so would it defer proposals in the Ballinasloe area. Mr. Ridge stated that the additional housing would impact on services but that there is a water services programme in place for the County, he added that the settlement strategy which will be discussed shortly at SPC meetings will address the imbalance between towns/villages. Cllr. Mannion stated that future County Development Plans should be more ambitious as settlement projections as set down in the recent County Development Plan were being exceeded. Mr. Ridge agreed that projections had been understated, but that figures had been based on the 1996 census whereas future projections would be based on more up to date census figures.

Cllr. Willers proposed that having considered the planning application made by Paul Connolly and John Curley and having considered the report dated 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2005, Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of section 34(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended hereby require that a decision to grant permission be made in the case of this application. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Regan.

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

**AR SON:** Clls. W. Burke, S. Canney, C. Cannon, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O’Cuaig, S. O’Tuairisg, M. Regan, T. Reilly, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers. (26)

**IN AGHAIDH: (0)**

**GAN VOTÁIL: (0)**

**The Mayor declared the proposal carried.**

**MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR GALWAY FOR PERMISSION FOR 105 NO. 2 STOREY HOUSES; 38 NO. FOUR BEDROOM HOUSES, 59 NO. THREE BEDROOM HOUSES AND 8 NO. TWO BEDROOM HOUSES, A SITE RESERVED FOR A CRÈCHE FACILITY (432 SQ.M APPROX) AND FOR THE PROVISION OF A TEMPORARY SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT AND PERCOLATION AREA WITH ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING AND SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN THE TOWNLAND OF LAKEVIEW, CLAREGALWAY.** 578

Ms. Mc Connell gave details of the application, referring to the report dated 19<sup>th</sup> September 2005, which was circulated to each Member.

**Applicants Name: Walter King and Stephen Harris**

**Application Planning Reference No: 04/5247**

**Description of development:** Proposal for 105 no. 2-storey houses: 38 no. four bedroom houses, 59 no. three bedroom houses and 8 no. two bedroom houses, a site reserved for a crèche facility (432 sq.m. approx,) and for the provision of a temporary sewage treatment plant and percolation area with associated car parking and site development works

**Development Location:** Lakeview Claregalway

This proposal is a material contravention of Section 2.6: Settlement Strategy of the County Development Plan 2003-2009

The site is currently zoned Residential and Recreational and Amenity in the Claregalway Local Area Plan 2005-2011

Currently, the household allocation for this tier of the settlement strategy in the County Development Plan 2003-2009 having regard to Policy 18 has reached its allocation. In light of the fact that the Claregalway Local Area Plan has recently been adopted and the site in question is predominantly zoned residential, it is considered that the development of 105 dwelling houses and a site for the provision of a crèche in the townland of Lakeview of Claregalway is an appropriate development on lands zoned for phase 1 residential development in the village of Claregalway. The layout of the proposal is also in line with the indicative Urban Design Framework Objectives Map 2 in the Plan.

The area zoned Recreation and Amenity connects the site of the national school and the GAA pitches in Claregalway. The proposed development complies with the standards in relation to open space, car parking and private open space set out in the Plan. The development will be serviced by a temporary treatment plant.

The proposal in its entirety comprises of 105 two storey dwelling houses which is broken down into the following components of 38 no. four bedroom houses, 59 no. three

bedroom houses and 8 no. two bedroom houses, a site reserved for a crèche facility (432 sq.m. approx.) and for the provision of a temporary sewage treatment plant and percolation area with associated car parking and site development works. This provides a good mix of unit types, with both detached, semi detached and terraced units. The terraced units are located on the part of the site that is closest to the proposed Neighbourhood Centre in the indicative Urban Design Framework Objectives Map of the Local Area Plan 2005-2011 and complies with the principle of sequential development. The site reserved for the provision for a crèche is also located in the Neighbourhood Centre area. There are a series of linkages also proposed within the development and connections with the Neighbourhood Centre which are desirable. Overall the proposal provides an appropriate development on these Phase 1 Residentially zoned lands within the Local Area Plan boundaries of Claregalway.

Cllr. Healy Eames queried the status of the sewerage treatment plant for Claregalway. Mr. Cullen stated that contract documents were being prepared which would then be forwarded to the Department for approval. Cllr. Cuddy asked if the Council were aware that some of the land in question was prone to flooding and would proper drainage be put in place to prevent adjoining lands from flooding. Ms. McConnell stated that the application had been referred to the Environment Section who were aware of the position and a hydrological report addresses this issue.

Cllr. Healy Eames proposed that having considered the planning application made by Walter King and Stephen Harris and having considered the report dated 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2005, Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of section 34 (6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended hereby require that a decision to grant permission be made in the case of this application.

Cllr. Cuddy seconded this proposal. A vote was taken on this proposal and the result of the vote was as follows:

**AR SON: Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, C. Cannon, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O’Cuaig, M. Regan, T. Reilly, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers. (25)**

**IN AGHAIDH (0)**

**GAN VOTÁIL (0)**

**The Mayor declared the proposal carried.**

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF HOUSING SPC ON ACTIVITES OF THE HOUSING SPC.**

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Cllr. T. Walsh read his report on the activities of the Housing SPC which had been circulated to each member.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE ENVIRONMENT, WATER & EMERGENCY SERVICES SPC ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ENVIRONMENT, WATER & EMERGENCY SERVICES.** 580

Cllr. Cuddy read his report on the activities of the Environment, Water & Emergency Services SPC which had been circulated to each member.

Arising from the Report, Cllr. Mannion proposed that a waiver system for refuse collection be considered for the elderly. Cllr. Burke seconded this proposal and stated that other counties had a waiver scheme.

Comh. O' Tuairisg stated that the Zebra mussel had been detected in Lough Corrib and that there was now a requirement for National legislation on the matter.

Cllr. Fahy stated that the company that collected plastic Farm wrapping had ceased collection from farmers since 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2005. He requested that the Council intervene as burning the plastic was no longer an option. Cllr. Walsh seconded this proposal.

Cllr. D. Connolly pointed out that the wrap for plastic included a recycling charge. He also wanted to know if the drawing up of a management plan for Western River Basin district was the responsibility of the County Council. He also wanted to know the position in relation to staff being let go from the Ballinasloe Landfill Site.

Cllr. Keaveney expressed his support for the waiver scheme for the elderly also. He also wanted to know if the Council is aware of the legal advice given in the case of Limerick City Council - the advice being that under EU law it is illegal for a private company to offer a waiver scheme.

Cllr. Reilly wanted to know if the recycling levy on plastic wrapping could go directly to Galway County Council who could then provide an operator as the existing operator had ceased to exist after a year. He also stated that the Tuam recycling centre was a wonderful facility and proposed that it would remain in the hands of Galway County Council.

Cllr. M. Connolly stated that the people selling the plastic are legally obliged to collect it. He also seconded Cllr. Reilly's proposal that the Tuam recycling facility continue to be operated by the Council.

Cllr. Mullins stated that a monopoly situation could develop whereby collectors of waste and those disposing of it were the one company. He also wanted to know when a decision would be taken as to whether the Ballinasloe recycling centre would continue in operation. He said that if it were closed the side roads would again become a dumping ground for white goods and that the cost of keeping the recycling centre open would be less than the tidy up costs of the illegally dumped waste as a result of its closure.

Comh. O Tuairisg stated that there are 3 recycling centres in County Galway but none in south Connemara. He stated that some parts of Connemara are fifty miles from Clifden and that a facility is needed in South Connemara and also in North Connemara.

Mr. Cullen made the following points in answer to the issues raised.

- The Council has written to the Department of the Marine re the Zebra mussel.
- In relation to Farm plastic the Council could not intervene in the collection process.
- In relation to the Western River Basin management plan Galway County Council is the lead authority in developing a programme of measures. These have to be adopted by 2009.
- The recycling centre in Ballinasloe is operated by the Town Council and they will decide on the future of same.
- In relation to waivers this is a topic for consideration by the SPC. The legal position referred to in Limerick will have to be researched.
- It had been agreed that all issues in relation to the Tuam Recycling Centre would be initially considered by the Tuam area committee meeting.
- In relation to the Connemara recycling facilities the matter will be investigated.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE GALWAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD.** 581

Cllr. Mullins read the report of the Chair of the Galway County Development Board, which had been circulated to each member.

**THE REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE ROADS & TRANSPORTATION SPC ON THE ACTIVITIES ON THE ROADS & TRANSPORTATION SPC** 582

Comh. O'Cuaig read the report of the activities of the Roads & Transportation which had been circulated to the each member.

He welcomed an allocation of €100,000 which had been announced by Minister O'Cuiv for preliminary design work on a new Connemara road to Rossaveal.

Comh. O' Tuarisg stated that the road to Rossaveal had to be developed so that the harbour could develop and that it could then be extended to Carraroe, the Islands and Carna. He welcomed the fact that Mr. Barry of the NRA was coming to Furbo to meet with members of the Oireachtas, Councillors and Council officials.

In reply to queries from the members Mr. Morgan stated;

- That the NRA had informed the County Manager that a target date of 2008 had been set for construction to begin on the Galway City Outer Bypass.
- Review of school speed limits was ongoing and the Council had written to the Department of Transport requesting a suitable type of traffic sign for schools. A standard sign for national use was being developed and members would be kept informed of progress in this regard.
- In relation to park and ride he hoped that the private sector might get involved in the provision of same.
- Department of Transport had provided funding of €1m for QBC on the N17, and it is hoped that work will begin before Christmas.
- The Council supported the proposal to open the Western Rail Corridor and hoped that the Tuam/Athenry/Galway line would be in operation as soon as possible.

In reply to Cllr. Burke, Mr. Morgan said that the Council had written to Mr. Barry of the NRA, inviting him to a meeting of the Council, but he had replied stating that he was not in a position to attend. Cllr. Burke said that this was not acceptable and that a further letter should be sent to Mr. Barry. This proposal was seconded by Comh. O'Cuaig and agreed.

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

583

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

Road commencing at junction with the Local Road LP 1304 in the Townland of Coillin an Léana and extending south for a distance of 1850 metres in the townlands of Coillin an Léana, Cruachroim, Ceapach Chorcoíge Thiar and finishing at rear gate to Ashford in the townland of Páirc na bhFia. – Oughterard

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.9 ACRES TO MR. DAVID BARRETT, DONNELLAN DRIVE, LOUGHREA CO. GALWAY.**

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Report dated 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Mullins, the disposal of 0.9 acres to Mr. David Barrett, Donnellan Drive, Loughrea, Co. Galway, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.178 HECTARES AT NO 86 CLUAIN RI, ATHENRY, CO. GALWAY.**

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Report dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Mullins the disposal of 0.178 hectares at No. 86 Cluain Ri, Athenry, Co. Galway was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.36 HECTARES AT NO. 1, NO. 2, NO.3, NO.4, NO.5, NO.6, NO.7, NO. 8, NO.9, NO. 10, NO.11, NO. 12, ARD GUAIRE, GORT, GO. GALWAY.** 586

Report dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Mullins, the disposal of 0.36 hectares at No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No.4, No.5, No.6, No.7, No.8, No.9, No.10, No.11, No12 Ard Guaire, Gort, Co. Galway, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.3 HECTARES AT NO. 19, NO.20, NO. 21, NO.22, NO.23, NO.24, NO. 25, NO. 26 MYLES PARK. COROFIN, CO. GALWAY.** 587

Report dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Mullins, the disposal of 0.3 hectares at No. 19, No.20, No.21, No.22, No.23, No. 24. No. 25, No.26 Myles Park, Corofin, Co. Galway, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.13 HECTARES AT NO. 2, NO. 4, NO. 5, AN SRUTHAIN, LOUGHREA, CO. GALWAY.** 588

Report dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2005, was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Mullins, the disposal of 0.13 hectares at No. 2, No.4, No. 5. An Sruthain, Loughrea, Co, Galway, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.0414 HECTARES AT NO. 13, NO. 14, NO. 17 CUIRT CREGG, CLIFDEN, CO. GALWAY.** 589

Report dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Mullins, the disposal of 0.0414 hectares at No. 13, No.14, No.17 Cuirrt Cregg, Clifden, Co. Galway, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF THE N17 TUAM BYPASS IN THE TOWNLANDS OF KILLEENAUN, KILMORE, KILLALOONTY, AIRGLOONY, GARRACLOON, KILCLOGHANS, DEMESNE AND MOUNTPOTTER AT TUAM, CO. GALWAY.** 590

Report dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly, the construction of the N17 Tuam bypass in the Townlands of Killeenaun, Kilmore, Killaloonty, Airgloony, Garracloon, Kilcloghans, Demesne & Mountpotter at Tuam, Co. Galway was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FIRE STATION AT CLIFDEN, CO. GALWAY. –** 591

Report dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2005 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Comh. O' Tuairisg, the construction of a new Fire Station at Clifden, Co. Galway, was approved.

Comh Ni Fhatharta stated that the Council should continue in its efforts to try and provide a fire station for South Connemara.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF 6 NO. HOUSES AT CLARINBRIDGE, CO. GALWAY. –** 592

Report dated 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Hoade, construction of 6 No. houses at Clarinbridge, Co. Galway, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF 50 NO. SOCIAL HOUSES AT RAHEEN, ATHENRY, CO. GALWAY AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS INCLUDING FOR STORM SERVICES, FOUL SERVICES AND FOUL TREATMENT WORKS, WATER SUPPLY, ESB, TELECOM, ROADS, FOOTPATHS, PUBLIC LIGHTING, ETC. –** 593

Report dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Cannon, construction of 50 no. social houses at Raheen, Athenry, Co. Galway and associated site works including for storm services, foul services and foul treatment works, water supply, ESB, telecom, roads, footpath, public lighting etc. was approved.

**TO CONSIDER THE MANAGERS REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON THE ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE PORTUMNA LOCAL AREA PLAN PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 20 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED.** 594

**Recommendation:**

The Mayor invited Ms. Fitzgerald to present the Manager's Report on the amendments/material alterations to the Draft Portumna Local Area Plan. Ms. Fitzgerald stated that the amendments/material alterations to the Draft Portumna Local Area Plan were on display from 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 to 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2005 and 3 submissions were received during this time. She stated that the Manager's Report was divided up into 3 issues which have been grouped and arranged for convenience purposes only.

- **Issue 1:** MA 1
- **Issue 2:** MA 8
- **Issue 3:** MA11

A summary of each issue is given followed by the Manager's response and recommendation. Map 1 illustrates where each issue relates to.

**Ms. Fitzgerald began with Issue 1.**

**Issue 1: MA 1**

**Submitted by:**

Coillte Teoranta c/o AP McCarthy Planning Consultants.

**Introduction:**

The following issue relates to Material Alteration 1. The Draft Plan proposed to zone the subject lands Outer Residential. Material Alteration 1 proposed zoning the subject lands Amenity & Environment. Map 1 illustrates where the request relates to.

**Recommendation:**

Zone lands Outer Residential as proposed in the Draft Portumna Local Area Plan.

**On the proposal of Cllr. Burke and seconded by Cllr. Cannon it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of submission MA1 from proposed outer residential to amenity and environment.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Burke and seconded by Cllr. Willers it was agreed to adopt the Portumna Local Area Plan **Issue 2: MA 8**

**Submitted by:** Tesco Ireland Ltd. c/o DTZ Piedad Consulting effort that had been put in to the Portumna Local Area Plan.

**Introduction:**

The following issue relates to Material Alteration 8. Material Alteration 8 proposed zoning the subject lands from Residential to Enterprise. Map 1 illustrates where the request relates to.

**Recommendation:**

Include the following policies in Section 3:

Policy 3.10.17 *Maintain and enhance Portumna's function as a service hub for south-east Galway.*

Policy 3.10.18 *Ensure that new commercial development complements the existing town centre in terms of commercial viability and continued prosperity.*

Policy 3.10.18 *Facilitate commercial development within the town centre or at appropriately zoned locations if it is demonstrated that there are no suitable town centre sites.*

**On the proposal of Cllr. Burke and seconded by Cllr. Willers it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.**

			Area	Amount Recommended
A05/02	Mullagh Community Development	Maintain equipment for the purchase of lawnmower, flower and flower boxes, signage.	Loughrea	€1,000.00
A05/06	Dunmore	Wild life features at the Turlough, small parking area. To complete lower land can project. Reseed opposite the National School, Moyvough.	Tuam	€750.00
A05/07	Oort Chamber	To clean up area in and around	Loughrea	€1,250.00

**Issue 3: MA 11**

**Submitted by:** John Hickey, Hickey Homes.

**Introduction:**

The following issue relates to Material Alteration 11. The subject lands were proposed to be zoned Inner Residential in the Draft Plan. Material Alteration 11 proposed to zone the subject lands Residential. Map 1 illustrates where the request relates to.

**Recommendation:**

Zone lands the subject of Issue 3A and 3B Inner Residential as proposed in the Draft Portumna Local Area Plan.

**On the proposal of Cllr. Burke and seconded by Cllr. Cannon, it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of Issue 3A (MA 11) Residential. It was also agreed to zone the lands the subject of Issue 3B (MA 11) town centre.**

**On the proposal of Cllr. Burke and seconded by Cllr. Willers it was agreed to adopt the Portumna Local Area Plan.**

Cllr. Burke thanked the Planning Department for the time and effort that had been put in to the Portumna Local Area Plan.

**TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2004.** 595

Mr. Ger Mullarkey, Head of Finance submitted to the members for consideration the audited Annual Financial Statement for the Council for the year ended 31/12/2004 together with the Statutory Audit Report of the Local Government Auditor on the accounts.

The Annual Financial Statement was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Mannion.

**AMENITY GRANTS SCHEME – 2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND ALLOCATIONS** 596

On the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Hoade the Amenity Grants Scheme – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Allocations were approved as follows:-

Ref No	Group	Proposal	Area	Amount Recommended
A05/02	Mullagh Community Development	Maintenance equipment for the upkeep of landscaped areas (purchase of lawnmower). Flower and flower boxes, heather etc. Purchase local signage.	Loughrea	€1,000.00
A05/03	Moylough Community Council	Wild life feature at the Turlough, Moylough. To provide notice boards giving information on wildlife and fauna. To provide a small parking area. To complete town land sign project. Reseed and provide seating area opposite the National School, Moylough.	Tuam	€1,000.00
A05/06	Dunmore Traders	To erect lights, pay for power and removal of lights for the town at such a special festive season Christmas.	Tuam	€750.00
A05/07	Gort Chamber	To clean up area in and around	Loughrea	€1,250.00

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A05/23	of Commerce (Tidy Town)	the old railway station where there has been a lot of illegal dumping.	Ballinasloe	€750.00
A05/10	Carrantryla 50 <sup>th</sup>	To produce a quality magazine to celebrate 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Carrantryla winning county championship in 1955. To provide a historic perspective on the socio-economic conditions pertaining around Dunmore, North Galway in 1925-1963.	Tuam	€750.00
A05/24	St Kierills Festival Committee		Ballinasloe	€1,000.00
A05/12	Belclare Community Council	Rebuild stone boundary walls to perimeter of sports field.	Tuam	€1,000.00
A05/13	Portumna Tidy Towns Group	To enhance the Galway County Council section this at present facilitates car parking; by placing picnic tables and seating, potted plants/flowers/shrubbery. This area looks out on Lough Derg and beyond to Tipperary and Clare.	Loughrea	€1,750.00
A05/15	Williamstown Heritage Society	To purchase and erect five heritage signs showing places of historical interest. Also to purchase and erect two signs, one at each of Kildaree and Moore old cemeteries.	Tuam	€1,250.00
A05/16	Caltra Community Council	Continued on-going development work with Tidy Towns maintaining village environment. Points have continued to increase in National and Local Tidy Towns. Visual enhancement of the village for the benefit of all.	Ballinasloe	€1,750.00
A05/28			Tuam	€1,500.00
A05/20	Maam Women's Group	To seek funding to engage an engineer to carry out a survey of the internal works/refurbishment of Maam Courthouse, with a view to the provision of community services and development.	Conamara	€1,000.00
A05/22	Killarerin Community Council	Erection of town land signs.	Tuam	€1,000.00

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A05/23	Colemanstown United Development Committee	The planting of trees and shrubs around the perimeter of the grounds and clubhouse to enhance its visual appearance and the surrounding environment.	Ballinasloe	€750.00
A05/24	St Kerrills Festival Committee	To run a dance for one day duration on Lough Na hInch Island in 2006 to mark the centenary of the last dance there in 1906.	Ballinasloe	€1,000.00
A05/25	Caherlistrane Community Alert and Development Group	To erect 68 town land name inscribed stones in Caherlistrane parish. Such stones to give a sense of identity, heritage and belonging to the people who live there and which act as indicators to people trying to locate addresses within the parish (in particular the emergency services in attending incidences in the parish). The erection of the stones which will have the town land name etched into them will have the old Irish names preserved for future generations. The stones would also be of much interest to tourists en route through the parish to the Corrib Country and Knockma.	Oranmore	€1,000.00
A05/32	Development Company Ltd		Oranmore	€2,000.00
A05/36	Eyrecoort Tidy Towns		Ballinasloe	€1,500.00
A05/38	Clonfert Development Association		Ballinasloe	€750.00
A05/39	Dinnmore Tidy Towns		Tuam	€2,000.00
A05/42	Maslick Development Group		Ballinasloe	€1,500.00
A05/28	Glenamaddy Community Development Company	To develop and landscape tract of land in Glenamaddy so as to provide a public amenity that will be inclusive of:	Tuam	€1,500.00
A05/43	Church Restoration Assoc Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playground</li> <li>• Footpaths</li> <li>• Gardens – for the use and enjoyment of children, the elderly and those with special needs.</li> </ul>	Ballinasloe	€1,250.00
A05/45	Comhairle Muintir an Chaisil Teoranta		Conamara	€1,500.00
A05/29	St Jarlath's Court Residents Association	To fence off the open area at the rear of St Jarlath's Court with fence/hedge and gates.	Tuam	€750.00

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A05/30	Ballymoe Development Centre Ltd	Purchase and erection of basketball posts to outdoor court already in place. Supply of scrubs and bedding plants to enhance area around Fr Flanagan statue.	Tuam	€1,250.00
A05/31	Woodford Development Group	Replace lawn mower, strimmer and other equipment and put in raised shrubs, trees to be replaced and new trees to be sown. Work to be completed at Marian Shrine. Entrances to nature reserve to be landscaped. Work to start on bay area.	Loughrea	€1,000.00
A05/32	Maree Community Development Company Ltd	To develop the site to a degree where it can be used for sporting and recreational needs.	Oranmore	€2,000.00
A05/36	Eyrecourt Tidy Towns	To purchase tools, bedding plants and compost.	Ballinasloe	€1,500.00
A05/38	Clonfert Development Association	To erect grotto.	Ballinasloe	€750.00
A05/39	Dunmore Tidy Towns	Ongoing maintenance of bog-walk.	Tuam	€2,000.00
A05/42	Meelick Development Group	To repair slipway at Meelick Quay. To erect information point board. To erect lighting. To develop swimming area, play area. Plant trees, shrubs and develop the embankment. Picnic area. Seating area. To clean up walk way to weir.	Ballinasloe	€1,500.00
A05/43	Castleblakeney Church Restoration Assoc Ltd	Wooden Staircase to tower of Heritage Centre.	Ballinasloe	€1,250.00
A05/45	Comhairle Mhuintir an Chaisil Teoranta	Additional works in line with the Cashel village renewal plan for the community centre site, fair green and environs and proposed extension to community hall. Provide safe play area with playground equipment on the fair green. Construct link pathway to shore-side picnic	Conamara	€1,500.00

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		area.		
A05/46	Clonfert Development Group	To complete the conservation of the Yew Walk at Clonfert. This will involve removing the timber lift by Coillte after the first phase and stacking them.	Ballinasloe	€1,000.00
A05/48	South East Galway Archaeological & Historical Society	To purchase a power point data projector and laptop in order to make quality presentations. To have as a community resource to be availed of by community groups in the area.	Ballinasloe	€1,250.00
A05/49	Eyrecourt & District Community Development Company Ltd	Completion of Civic Centre by addition of two plaques on limestone plinths dealing with "The Eyre Family" and "The O'Madden's" (formerly local chieftan's) to compliment existing plaque on similar limestone plinth "Introduction to Eyrecourt". Purpose – Generation of Civic Pride through sense and knowledge of 'place' and 'heritage' of interest to locals and tourists and to stimulate further interest. Existing plaque 'introduction to Eyrecourt' used in primary school and NUI Maynooth as teaching aid.	Ballinasloe	€1,500.00
A05/50	Milltown Tidy Towns	Replace decaying trees with new native town trees. Lower wash wall/bridge/footpaths etc (hire of washer for two weeks). Provide flowers, shrubs etc. Maintain grass margins, amenity park etc, (petrol for lawnmower). Provide new ride on mower.	Tuam	€1,750.00
A05/51			Conamara	€2,000.00
A05/53	Killimor Tidy Towns	Provide flower boxes and baskets to enhance the streetscape. Provide hedging and shrubs at various locations. Plant trees, spray weeds.	Ballinasloe	€1,750.00
A05/52			Loughrea	€1,250.00
A05/54	Tuam Mill Museum	Repairs to mill wheel. Enhancement of heritage through landscaping of mill	Tuam	€1,250.00
A05/55			Loughrea	€2,250.00

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		grounds and river bank.		
A05/55	Oughterard Tidy Towns Committee	To carry out works in the environs of Oughterard to improve walking routes and to install amenities i.e. Improve walks and install new seating, improve and install new signage on walks, install pat adjacent to schools parallel to river, Clear vegetation in vicinity of bridge and install planting and feature. Expose existing stone walls and repair same. Install seating at boathouse and replant area. Install historical plaques in relations to literary and historical figures i.e. James Joyce, Nora Barnacle, D O'Connell, Humanity Dick.	Conamara	€2,000.00
A05/67	Community Development Company Ltd		Loughrea	€750.00
A05/68	Carrabane Community Development Group		Loughrea	€1,000.00
A05/69	Portumna & District Angling Association		Ballinasloe	€3,000.00
A05/74	Clonsilla Rural Residents		Clonsilla	€750.00
A05/56	Killimor GAA Club	Plant trees at field boundaries. Provide raised flower/shrub beds.	Ballinasloe	€750.00
A05/75			Tuam	€750.00
A05/58	Williamstown Development Co Ltd	To re-erect three village pumps on original sites. Clean up, plaster, paint and provide for soakage from run off water. Planting of shrubs and flowers adjacent to village pump sites.	Tuam	€1,000.00
A05/77	Drumree Tidy Towns Group		Drumree	€750.00
A05/60	Labane/Ardrahan Community Development Association	To obtain and erect signage at the site. To make a car park area. Rebuild stone wall to separate car park from private property. Architects report.	Loughrea	€1,000.00
A05/78			Conamara	€1,500.00
A05/61	Bealach	Complete Design, architectural modeling and community consultation to gain agreement on the site of pilot rural bus shelters, resulting in costed model, site maps, feasibility and roll-out plan for rural shelter initiative.	Conamara	€2,000.00
A05/79	Clonsilla		Clonsilla	€750.00
A05/62	Ardrahan Tidy Towns	Spray, put in clay, pick stones, lay grass seeds and roll – JCB to be used, also tractor and trailer for cleaning purposes.	Loughrea	€1,250.00
A05/80	Shannon Park District		Ballinasloe	€750.00
A05/66	Abbey	Initiation of small bird/wildlife	Loughrea	€2,250.00

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A05/81	Community Development Association	sanctuary adjacent to "Finnegan's Garden"	Ballinasloe	€750.00
A05/67	Carrabane Community Development Company Ltd	Provide forest path and picnic area in a substantial piece of forestry with the starting point for this walk located in Carrabane village.	Loughrea	€750.00
A05/68	Carrabane Community Development Group	Develop the green area outside Kilconieron hurling field by planting additional shrubs, erecting three picnic tables and four litter bins.	Loughrea	€1,000.00
A05/69	Portumna & District Angling Association	Improve physical access to the association's grounds by landscaping green areas, resurfacing driveway, paths and parking area.	Ballinasloe	€3,000.00
A05/74	Creggs Rural Development	General upkeep of village	Tuam	€1,750.00
A05/75	Cloondroon Residents	Creation of picnic area	Tuam	€750.00
A05/76	Oranmore Community Development - Tidy Towns Group	Landscape triangular area, laying of topsoil, grass seeding and planting of trees.	Oranmore	€1,750.00
A05/77	Oranmore Community Development Association	Install new concrete footpaths and ancillary works for both wheelchair and pram access to new children's playground and adjoining Scoil Mhuire	Oranmore	€1,750.00
A05/78	Comhairle Mhuintir an Chaisil Teoranta	Uncompleted works with the Cashel village renewal plan for the community centre site, fairgreen and environs & proposed extension to community hall. Construct link pathway to shore side picnic area.	Conamara	€1,500.00
A05/79	Headford GAA Club	Demolition of existing clubhouse and construction of new clubhouse.	Oranmore	€750.00
A05/80	Shannon Park and District Residents	Maintenance of presentation of Shannon park open spaces.	Ballinasloe	€750.00

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	Association	Maintain the newly developed	Loughrea	€750.00
A05/81	St Josephs Park Residents Association	Erect 3 new stone flower beds, plant 5 to 6 new trees, service and petrol for community lawnmower, paint of estate street furniture and fencing, lawn grass cutting, weed control, new ride on lawnmower for estate / green areas.	Ballinasloe	€750.00
A05/108	Seoltóirí part Onna Teo		Ballinasloe	€750.00
A05/110	Mullough		Tuam	€750.00
A05/89	Williamstown Tidy Town	Develop entrance to village by planting of shrubbery, native trees and 2 seats	Tuam	€1,750.00
A05/91	North East Galway	Adjust building to make access for people with disabilities.	Tuam	€2,000.00
A05/93	Boula Development Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Construct car park outside Boula Hall</li> <li>- Erect Lighting</li> <li>- Landscaping Area</li> </ul>	Ballinasloe	€750.00
A05/94	St Thomas GAA Club	Extension of hall to cater for all community activity.	Loughrea	€750.00
A05/97	Headford District Association	Erect 4 tourism information signs to be erected on the 4 approach roads to Headford	Oranmore	€1,250.00
A05/98	Gurymadden Village Enhancement Group	Carry out village improvements consisting of provision of stone walls, flower beds, lighting and paths.	Loughrea	€750.00
A05/99	Oughterard Community Centre	Resurface an outdoor tennis / basketball court, erect outside basketball posts, tennis posts and to fence in and secure this area.	Conamara	€1,000.00
A05/100	Roundstone Community Development Council Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Replacement of tennis courts</li> <li>- Repair of subsiding areas of existing tennis courts</li> <li>- High grade fencing to surround the facility</li> <li>- Ducting to be put in place to allow for possibility of floodlighting in the future.</li> </ul>	Conamara	€1,500.00
A05/104	Fr. Sammon Community Centre Committee	Feasibility study, an architectural design and planning permission	Loughrea	€1,000.00

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A05/106	Poolboy Cemetery Monivea Voluntary Committee	Maintain the newly developed area, purchase a lawn mower, path ways to be created, kerbing and leveling of grounds, create extra grave spaces and to make site a safe and accessible area.	Loughrea	€750.00
A05/108	Seoltoiri port Omna Teo	Improve public slipway accessing the lake in Portumna.	Ballinasloe	€750.00
A05/110	Moylough Community Council	Purchase of lawnmower, planting of trees, purchase of bench, purchase of shrubs, painting of community hall.	Tuam	€750.00
A05/112	Comhairle Ceantar na nOileain teo	Obair cothabhala agus coirithe a dheanamh ar a gceibh. An slip a ath-thogail. Sconsai a ath-thogail. Lathair picnic a ghlanadh agus a reiteach.	Conamara	€1,500.00
A05/117	Tynagh Tidy Towns	To burn off, add top soil and re-seed the Church of Ireland cemetery. To put pebbles on the existing path.	Loughrea	€1,750.00
A05/118	Williamstown Development Co Ltd/Williamstown Angling Club	To erect a jetty for launching boats at Kilbeg Lake. To erect a bridge across a stream to allow anglers access to the eastern side of the lake.	Tuam	€750.00
A05/119	Athenry Project Society	Complete construction of a stone wall which was started approximately 10 years ago.	Loughrea	€750.00
A05/120	Tuam RFC	Create new playing surface below existing training pitch.	Tuam	€750.00
A05/121	Athenry Arts & Heritage Centre	Upkeep of the centre.	Loughrea	€750.00
A05/123	Ballygar & Districts (Ballygar – Newbridge – Toghergar) Co Ltd	Enhance sporting and recreational opportunities by providing more equipment.	Tuam	€750.00
A05/125	Kilbegnet Development Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redevelopment of park beside Historical Society, Creggs ie flower beds, park benches.</li> <li>• Erection of more tourism signs around the parish.</li> </ul>	Tuam	€750.00

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sowing of native grasses and flowers in wild life park (Creggs).</li> <li>Book to promote the historical values of the parish.</li> </ul>		Recommended
A05/126	Killalaghton Community Hall	Build a boundary wall joining the community hall and children's preschool to create a safe environment for users of the facilities. Footpaths and walking areas are also proposed.	Ballinasloe	€750.00
A05/127	Glinsk Community Development Society Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of stone "Townland Signs"</li> <li>Continued implementation of "Village Enhancement Plan"</li> <li>Implementation of first phase of "Environmental Plan" for Glinsk Heritage Park</li> </ul>	Tuam	€750.00
A05/128	Corofin Community Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve general appearance on local amenity sites, enhance river bank walk by erecting seating area, securing and updating security fence protecting river walk which has deteriorated over the past. Improving the walk way in general.</li> </ul>	Tuam	€750.00
A05/129	Athenry Soccer Club	Purchase of equipment and development of a 5 a side pitch in Moonbaun	Loughrea	€750.00

Total Allocation €87,250

**COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME 2005 – 3<sup>RD</sup> ROUND ALLOCATION –**

597

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Comh Ni. Fhatharta the Community Based Economic Development Financial Assistance Scheme 2005 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round allocation was approved as follows:-

Ref No	Group	Proposal	Area	Amount
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				<b>Recommended</b>
E05/12	Comhairle Mhuintir an Chaisil Teo	Office services, development and equipment.	Conamara	€2,500.00
E05/29	Foram Pobail Chontae na Gaillimhe	Appointment of a Development Officer to work with the Community Forum on a countywide basis.	Countywide	€10,000.00
E05/32	South East Galway IRD	Operation of tourist information office  Upgrading of training centre	Loughrea	€2,500.00
E05/37	Monivea Community Council Ltd	Development of Plan for Monivea	Loughrea	€1,500.00
E05/59	Imeachtai Gaelsaoire	Support of the "An Baile Beo" competition.	Conamara	€9,000.00
E05/60	West of Ireland Holidays Ltd.	Promotion of tourism in the Galway region including the generation of a "Galway Profile" at Knock International Airport.	Countywide	€8,253.00

**Total Allocation – €33,753.00**

**September 2005**

**GALWAY COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA PROGRAMME OF ACTIONS UPDATE**

**598**

The Galway County Electoral Area Programme of Actions Update report was considered. The report was approved by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Cllr. Reilly.

**2006-2008 MULTI-ANNUAL ROAD RESTORATION PROGRAMME.**

**599**

Report dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 2005, was circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. Reilly and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta that the 2006-2008 Multi-Annual Road Restoration Programme be approved by the Council.

**EU CO-FINANCED SCHEME OF GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON NON-NATIONAL ROADS- PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING IN 2006.**

**600**

Report dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 2005, was circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and seconded by Comh. O' Tuairisg that the EU Co-Financed scheme of grants for improvement works on non-national roads – proposals for funding in 2006 be approved by the Council.

**2005 RESTORATION GRANT FOR LOCAL SECONDARY AND LOCAL TERTIARY ROADS.**

601

Report dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 2005, was circulated to each Member

It was proposed by Cllr. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. Mullins and agreed that the 2005 Restoration Grant for local secondary and local tertiary roads be approved by the Council.

**PAYMENT OF EXPENSES TO THE NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE ISLAND COMMITTEE.**

602

Report dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 2005, was circulated to each Member

It was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and seconded by Comh. O' Tuairisg that the payment of expenses to the non-council members of the Island Committee be approved by the Council.

**MANAGER'S BUSINESS**

603

Mr. Murphy said that the Leenane Community Centre which included the new Leenane Branch Library was being officially opened by Minister O'Cuiv on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

It was agreed that the Mayor would officially open Headford Branch Library at the date to be arranged.

It was agreed to invite Minister for Arts Sports & Tourism Mr. John O'Donoghue T.D. to officially open Tuam Swimming Pool at a date to be agreed with the Ministers office.

In reply to Comh. O'Cuaig Mr. Murphy said that the Council had invited submissions to do a feasibility study regarding the provision of the swimming pool in the Connemara area and that these submissions were being examined at present.

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

604

Cllr. Cuddy proposed that the Council call on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to exclude schools, community centres, sports clubs, and charitable organisations from the non-domestic water and sewerage charge being introduced in accordance with the Polluter Pays Principle. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

Cllr. Mullins proposed that this resolution be circulated to all Local Authorities and this was agreed.

In reply to Cllr. Reilly, Mr. Cullen said that he would investigate the position regarding extending the Milltown sewerage scheme to the local industrial park.

In reply to Comh O’Cuaig, Mr Cullen said that problems in relation to the Preliminary Report on the Costello RWSS had now been resolved and the DOEHLG had given approval in principle to the Preliminary Report.

In reply to Cllr. Mannion the County Manager said that the arrangement, whereby the “prior notice” system was discontinued and had been replaced by the “pre-planning report” system, was being examined and he would revert to the Council in relation thereto.

### **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 31 - CLLR. C. CANNON**

605

*The following reply was given: -*

“The sewerage treatment plant in Loughrea is presently operating close to its design capacity. However, a small but significant increase in design capacity can be achieved by altering the operating regime and the Council is currently considering this matter.

The plant is monitored on an ongoing basis by the permanent on-site staff. A detailed technical report on the operation of the plant has been prepared by Consultants. This report has been forwarded to the DOEHLG to support the case for funding of interim works and upgrade the plant for increased capacity. The report has not been submitted to the Council. It has been submitted to the Department and approval is awaited.”

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 32 – CLLR. C. CANNON**

606

*The following reply was given: -*

“The Preliminary Report for Kinvara Sewerage Scheme was submitted to Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government in February 2003. In April 2005 the DOEHLG requested revisions to be carried out to the Preliminary Report and requested an updated report be sent to the Department for approval. The Consulting Engineer is currently preparing an updated Preliminary Report on Kinvara Sewerage Scheme. It is proposed to submit the updated report in mid October 2005 for Departmental approval.

The original Preliminary Report for Loughrea RWSS was prepared in 1977. A supplementary report on the Loughrea RWSS extension to Craughwell was prepared in December 2000. This scheme is now at an advanced stage and the Contract Documents

were approved for the scheme in July 2005. The scheme is currently at Tender Stage and construction works should start on this scheme in 2006. An advance contract to this scheme in Loughrea town is presently under construction.

The Preliminary Report on Craughwell Sewerage Scheme was approved by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government. The current status on this scheme is that it is now included in a bundle of four sewerage schemes which include Carraroe, Craughwell, Claregalway and Milltown.

In August 2005 a Consulting Engineer was appointed to prepare contract documents for the bundle of schemes and to act as Clients Representative for the DBO element of the sewerage treatment works."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 33- CLLR. J. CUDDY**

**607**

*The following reply was given: -*

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"The Council have no plans to extend water supply to industrial units on the Headford Road as described. The supply of water to Carrowbrowne is a scheme undertaken by the City Council to facilitate their own landfill at Carrowbrowne and is an extension of the City Water Supply Scheme."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 34 - CLLR. J. CUDDY**

**608**

*The following reply was given: -*

"I wish to inform you that Galway County Council have analysed the Lough George area of Claregalway in association with the Safety Section of the National Roads Authority. It is proposed by the National Roads Authority to provide a High Cost Accident Scheme at this location in 2006. The design details are not yet available for this proposal."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 36 - CLLR. M. FAHY**

**609**

*The following reply was given: -*

"The current status of the Gort RWSS is as follows:

A revised Preliminary Report (PR) submitted by the Consultants, HGLOC is currently under review by Galway County Council. Once the PR is recommended by Galway County Council, the report will be forwarded to the DOEHLG for final approval.

The next stage will require the completion of the following statutory processes; the Environmental Impact Statement, the Water Abstraction Order and the Procurement of Consultants for the Contract Documents and Detailed Design Element of the Works.

It is envisaged that construction of the project will commence in 2008/2009. In the interim period, Galway County Council is aware of the demands on the existing water supply network and is proactive in carrying out water conservation measures in alleviating pressure on same."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 37 – CLLR. M. FAHY**

610

*The following reply was given: -*

“The Preliminary Report for Kinvara Sewerage Scheme was submitted to DoEHLG in February 2003. In April 2005, the DoEHLG requested revisions to be carried out to the Preliminary Report and requested an updated preliminary Report on Kinvara Sewerage Scheme. It is proposed to submit the updated Preliminary Report in mid-October 2005 for DoEHLG approval. Following the approval of the Preliminary Report the procurement of the scheme will involve a Design Brief to be prepared and a Consulting Engineer appointed to prepare Contract Documents and Tender Documents which are all subject to DoEHLG approval.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 38 - CLLR. J. MCDONAGH**

611

*The following reply was given: -*

“Galway County Council are awaiting an estimate for a new booster pump from E.P.S. of Ballyhaunis, to service the Kilcolgan area.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 39 – CLLR. S. KYNE**

612

*The following reply was given: -*

“The Council is aware of this matter and is in the process of getting an estimate for repairs to this wall. Considerations will be given to carrying out the works in 2006.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 40 – CLLR. S. KYNE**

613

*The following reply was given: -*

“There is no funding available for this work in the current year. Application will be made to the National Roads Authority to include this project in their 2006 allocations”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 41 – CLLR. S. KYNE**

614

*The following reply was given: -*

“I wish to inform you that the tidy up of this area is being carried out within the next few days. Galway County Council do not provide bus shelters. This request should be referred to Bus Éireann.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 42 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH**

615

*The following reply was given: -*

“This proposed roadway must first be brought up to suitable standard before it can be taken in charge. The cost involved in bringing this roadway up to an adequate level to be taken in charge by Galway County Council is approximately €9,500.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 43 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH**

**616**

*The following reply was given: -*

“I wish to inform you that the first of the requested signs (Galway) is now in place at Aughclogeen. The second sign (Tuam) will be put in place before the week ending 23/09/2005.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 44 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH**

**617**

*The following reply was given: -*

“I wish to inform you that an initial survey indicates that there is unlikely to be sufficient land available on the roadside of the walls for the provision of a footpath as the walls at the location are not recessed. The Area Office will refer back directly to you with its fundings and estimate if appropriate, following a more comprehensive study.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 45 – COMH. C NI FHATHARTA**

**618**

*The following reply was given: -*

“Is mar seo leanas atá an staid reatha ar Scéim Soláthair Uisce Réigiúnach Chasla:

- Réitigh Innealtóirí Comhairleacha Réamh-Thuairisc uasdháitithe agus cuireadh an tuairisc chuig an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil do cheadú i mí Iúil 2004.
- Cheadaigh an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil an Réamh Thuairisc i Mí na Samhna 2004, de réir leasaithe ar an Réamh Thuairisc agus an Tuairisc Imeach Chostais (Marginal Cost Report). Tá Innealtóirí Comhairleacha ag obair ar na tuairiscí leasaithe I láthair na huairé agus cuirfear chuig Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil do cheadú iad.
- Beidh Ráiteas Tionchar Timpeallacht le réiteach do SSUR Chasla. Tá an t-innealtóir comhairleach ag réiteach Tuairisc Scópála faoi láthair a chuirfear chuig an mBord Pleanála.
- Nuair atá R.T.T. ceadúnaithe agus an Réamh Thuairisc leasaithe curtha chuig an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil, is é an chéad phróiseas eile

sa scéim ná réiteach na nDoiciméid Conartha a bheith de réir rialacha soláthar poiblí áit go gcaithfear Nóta Eolais & Achomair Deartha a réiteach agus a bheith ceadaithe ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil chun gur féidir Innealtóir Comhairleach a cheapadh chun doiciméid Conradh a réiteach don ghréasán agus chun gníomhú mar Ionadaithe Cliant do Sholáthar DTG (DBO) na hoibreacha cóireála..”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 46 – COMH. C NI FHATHARTA**

619

*The following reply was given: -*

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl duit go bhfuil an Plean Trácht done Spidéal á chur le chéile faoi láthair agus beidh moltaí faoi stad bus iniata sa Phlean.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 47 – COMH. C NI FHATHARTA**

620

*The following reply was given: -*

“Fógraíodh an Conradh do “Conradh Scéim Séarachais na Ceathrú Rua Uimh.1 - Uasghrádú Séarach agus Oibreacha Athshlánaithe” ar an 25 Aibreán 2005. Ba é an dáta deiridh do thairiscintí a bheith istigh ná an 20 Meitheamh 2005.

- Cuireadh tuairisc ar na tairiscintí a chuig an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil do cheadú. Nuair a cheadaíonn an RCORA an Tuairisc ar na Tairiscintí beidh an scéim seo réidh chun a dhul chuig Conradh agus táthar ag súil go dtosódh oibreacha conartha roimh dheireadh na bliana.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 49 – COMH. S O TUAIRISG**

621

*The following reply was given: -*

“Nuair atá Deontais Ard Oideachais á níoc le scoláirí atá ag staidéar i Sasana, íoctar I bpoint Sasanach (Sterling) iad agus mar sin ní bhíonn ar an scoláire táillí austriú airgeic a íoc.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 50 – COMH. S O TUAIRISG**

622

*The following reply was given: -*

“Tá Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe faoi láthair ag iarraidh suíomh oiriúnach a aimsiú do Ionad Athchúrsála i gceantar Chasla. Tá an scéal seo pléite le Údáras na Gaeltachta freisin chun iarracht suíomh oiriúnach a aimsiú.

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Níl aon phelan ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Ionad Athchúrsála a chur ar fail I gCeantar Chorr na Mona/An Fahirce faoi láthair.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 51 – CLLR. T. WELBY**

623

*The following reply was given: -*

“The contract drawings for Letterfrack Sewerage Scheme are complete. Construction works on this project is proposed to commence in February/March 2006.

With regard to Clonbur Sewerage Scheme, the contract drawings are currently being finalised. Construction works on this project is proposed to commence in March/April 2006.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 52 – CLLR. T. WELBY**

624

*The following reply was given: -*

“Galway County Council is treated as a non-taxable entity for VAT purposes. This means VAT is paid on purchases and the Council cannot recover these VAT payments. The Council is not required to register for VAT in respect of goods supplied by them but it is required to register and account for VAT in respect of goods received from other Member States of the EU.

Due to the fact that Galway County Council does not recover VAT, it is not accounted for separately on the financial system therefore a figure cannot be given for VAT paid.

From January to September 2005 Galway County Council paid €54692.01 in respect of VAT on goods received from other Member States of the EU.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 53 – CLLR. T. WELBY**

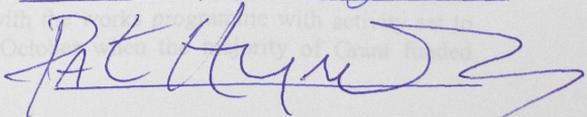
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*The following reply was given: -*

“The Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government raised queries on the submitted Preliminary Report and these have been addressed by the Consulting Engineers. A report on the queries raised was submitted to the DoEHLG in mid August 2005 for approval.”

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*Submitted, Approved & Signed*



*24.10.05*  
Date