#### COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

#### MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL, ON MONDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2005

#### **CATHAOIRLEACH:**

#### Mayor Pat Hynes

#### **I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

Oifigigh:

#### Baill:

Cllrs. W. Burke S. Canney, C. Cannon, Cllrs. J. Conneely, D.Connolly, M.Connolly, J.Cuddy, M. Fahy, F. Healy Eames, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, T. McHugh, M.Mullins, S.O'Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers.

Messrs P. Gallagher, County Manager, K. Kelly, F. Gilmore, J. Morgan, P. Ridge, Mr. F. Dawson Directors of Services, Mr. G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance, Mr. R. Killeen, & Ms. Maire NiChionna, Senior Engineers, Messrs. T. Murphy, A. Comer, D. Barrett, Senior Executive Officers, L. Kavanagh, Senior Engineers, Mr. A. Farrell, Admin. Officer, Ms. M. McGrath, Senior Staff Officer, .R.O'Boyle, and B. Donnellan, J. Keane, Staff Officers.

#### Thosnaigh an cruinniu leis an paidir

#### **RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY**

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A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

Liam & Maureen Bergin, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe, Co.Galway. Mr. Eamon Cahill, Lydican, Claregalway, Co. Galway. Mrs. Annie Golding, Killaan, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. The Cooke Family, Cornfield, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

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Mr. Alfred Seale, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. Mrs. Ann Donelan, Beechlawn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. Mary Kilkenney, Skecoor, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. Mrs. Mary Coyne, Cornamona, Co. Galway.

Cllr. Mullins said he wished to extend congratulations to Cllr. Sinead Connaughton on her marriage to Mr. Chris Mc Loughlin and he wished them a long, happy and successful life together. The Mayor and the Manager on behalf of the staff, also extended best wishes to Cllr. Connaughton.

Congratulations were also extended to the Galway Ladies Minor Football Team on winning the All-Ireland title. Comh. Ni Fhatharta said she wished to congratulate in particular Ms. Claire Molloy who is a member of that team and is a daughter of Mr. Evan Molloy, S.E.E., with Galway County Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Burke and agreed, that item No. 15 be taken directly after Item No. 2.

It was proposed by An Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh and agreed that Items No. 12 and 13 be deferred to the end of the meeting.

# CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON THE 27thJUNE, 2005.526

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. J. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr.Mullins.

Cllr. Mullins referred to the issue of the Kiltulla to Kilconnell Road. He said that the matter was to be looked into and he wondered what status this was at. He said that a bad accident had taken place recently on this road.

Mr. Morgan said that a report on the matter would issue to members of the Ballinasloe Area Committee as soon as possible.

# REPORTSOFCOMMITTEEMEETINGSFORCONSIDERATIONANDADOPTION.527

The Report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 20th June, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of An Comh. NiFhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

An Comh O'Cuaig enquired as to the present position regarding the C.P.O at Pearse's Cottage, Rosmuc.

Mr. Morgan said that there were a lot of landowners involved in this commonage and the various titles and other interests in the land were being investigated.

Comh O'Cuaig also referred to the proposal to provide a New Road to Connemara and roads in Connemara generally. He said that Deputy E. O'Cuiv had set up a Meeting with the NRA at which it was proposed that Councillors would attend, but this did not happen and Councillors were excluded from the Meeting. Cllr. D. Connolly confirmed that Mr. Barry of the NRA has now agreed to meet the Councillors for the Connemara Area. It was agreed that Mr. Morgan would also attend this meeting.

An Comh. NiFhatharta referred to the second last paragraph of the Minutes regarding the abolition of the prior notice system and said she was not happy with it. Cllr. S. Walsh said he also had problems with the new system. Mr. Ridge stated that under the new system, where a planning application is to be refused, the applicant is given the reasons for the refusal, and allowed to extend the decision time on the application. Regarding availability of planners reports, Mr. Ridge explained that refusals mean that files stay alive and can be seen, while files that are withdrawn cannot be inspected.

The Report of the Corporate & Culural Affairs SPC Meeting held on the 14th July, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr.Willers.

The Report of the Roads & Transportation SPC Meeting held on the 13th April, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

The Report of the Environment, Water & Emergency Services SPC Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy.

Cllr. Welby referred to the launch of signage in Oughterard on the Zebra Mussel disease and , he said that the Minister should be written to in relation to the spread of this disease. Ms. Ni Chionna said that the Minister of Environment , Heritage and Local Government and Minister for Communications, Marine & Natural Resources had been written to regarding the control of movement of boats from infested areas into the Great Western Lakes with the view to controlling the spread of the Zebra Mussel.

The Report of the Planning & Sustainable Development SPC Meeting held on the 14th April, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Cannon

The Report of the Ballinasloe Area committee Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Mannion.

Cllr. Mannion referred to the issue of verge trimming and said that main roads were getting priority and that smaller roads should be prioritised for safety reasons. He said he was aware of the Wildlife issue whereby cutting could not take place at certain times. Cllr. Mullins said he supported this and said that very little verge trimming had been done. Cllr. Joyce also asked what amount of funding is set aside for verge trimming and said that this should be increased.

An Comh. Ni Fhatharta proposed that the Budget should say what the allocation is for each Engineering Area for verge trimming. Cllr. Fahy said that Duchas had advised that cutting cannot take place until September and he proposed that the County Manager write to DOEHLG stating that trimming should take place from the lst July each year. Cllr. Reilly seconded this proposal. Cllr. Cuddy said that he agreed that there was a problem in relation to verge trimming but that the Council also had to comply with the Wildlife Act and that good work was being done with limited resources. Cllr. S. Walsh suggested the use of Community Involvement Schemes to address this issue. He also referred to stone walls erected by the Council over the past number of years and said that trees were growing through them, and that something should be done before the walls start collapsing.

Mr. Morgan said that verge trimming comes up for discussion each year and that landowners were responsible for their hedges, fences and walls. He said funding is limited and that any further funding would have to come out of the road maintenance fund. He said Duchas were trying to carry out their function in accordance with the law. He said that the Council have carried out hedge trimming in some areas on safety grounds if absolutely necessary, but that the Council had to respect the law in relation to wildlife. Cllr. Healy-Eames asked Mr. Morgan who is responsible for the shoreline. Mr. Morgan said that lands above the high Water Mark are the responsibility of the Council and land below the high water mark are the responsibility of the Department of Communication, Marine & Natural Resources.

The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on the 18th May, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Healy-Eames, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh.

The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Healy-Eames, seconded by Cllr. Hoade

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Cannon, seconded by Cllr. Fahy.

Cllr. Willers referred to the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting at which submissions were to be discussed, she said she did not receive the submission until 6.00 p.m on the evening before the meeting and she said this was not good enough and she wanted to

record her dissatisfaction. Mr. Ridge apologised, but said that the Meeting had been held at the Councillors request.

# FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE 528

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Healy-Eames, it was agreed that Cllr. J. McDonagh be appointed to the Vocational Education Committee, following the resignation of Cllr. B. Willers.

Cllrs. Mullins, McDonagh and Healy Eames paid tribute to the great work carried out by Cllr. Willers during her term of office and wished her well. Cllr. McDonagh thanked the Members for appointing him to the Committee.

#### REPORT BY CHAIR OF HOUSING SPC ON ACTIVITIES OF HOUSING SPC.

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It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Burke and agreed, that and this Item item be deferred to the September Meeting.

# REPORT BY CHAIR OF ENVIRONMENT, WATER & EMERGENCY SERVICESSPC ON ACTIVITIES OF ENVIRONMENT, WATER & EMERGENCY SERVICESSPC.530

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Burke and agreed, that and this Item item be deferred to the September Meeting.

## DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF ROADS ACT 1933 531

On the proposal of Cllr. Joyce, seconded by Cllr. Mannion, the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the atatutory procedure having been complied with:

"L-87071 – Extension of road L-87071 starting from its current terminal point which is 461 metres south of its junction with L-8707, at Ballynew

(Clonmacnowen BY) townland and extending southwards via Loughaunbrean (Clonmacnowen BY) for a distance of 243 metres ending at Loughaunbrean (Clonmacnowen BY) townland.

On the proposal of Cllr. McHugh, 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

L-87073: Beginning at it junction with L-87071 in Loughaunbrean

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(Clonmacowen BY) townland in a westward direction for a distance of 87 metres, via Loughaunbrean (Clonmacnowen BY) townland and ending in Loughaunbrean (Clonmacnowen BY) townland – Ballinasloe.

#### TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – DEMOLITION OF TWO EXISTING HOUSES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO THREE-BEDROOMED SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES AND FUEL SHED AT NO. 7 & 8 GILMARTIN ROAD, TUAM 532

Report dated the 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. McHugh, seconded by Cllr. Reilly the proposal to demolish two existing houses and construct two three-bedroom semi-detached houses and fuel shed at No. 7 & 8 Gilmartin Road, Tuam was approved.

# TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND<br/>DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – DEMOLITION OF TWO EXISTING<br/>HOUSES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO FOUR-BEDROOM SEMI-<br/>DETACHED HOUSES AND FUEL SHED AT NO. 59 & 60 GILMARTIN ROAD,<br/>TUAMTUAM533

Report dated the 15th July, 2005 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Canney, seconded by Cllr. McHugh, the proposal to demolish two existing houses and construct two four-bedroom semi-detached house and fuel shed at No. 59 & 60 Gilmartin Road, Tuam was approved

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

On the proposal of Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, the proposal to construct 16 houses at Bullseye Wood, Woodford was approved.

#### TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE RURAL HOUSE WITH SERVICES AT CLADDAGHDUFF, CO. GALWAY. 535

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Report dated the 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. J. Conneely, the proposal to construct a single rural house with services at Claddaghduff, Co. Galway, was approved

#### TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NO. DWELLING HOUSES WITH SERVICES AT O'KEEFE PARK, GLENAMADDY, CO. GALWAY. 536

Report dated the 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Canney, the proposal to construct 2 No. Dwelling houses with Services at O'Keefe park Glenamaddy, was approved.

#### TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY, TWO-BEDROOM SELF-CONTAINED DWELLING UNIT IN THE CURTILAGE OF THE DWELLING HOUSE AT KILLOMORAN, GORT. 537

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

On the proposal of Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, the proposal to construct a single storey, two-bedroom self contained dwelling unit in the cartilage of the dwelling house a Killomoran, Gort, was approved.

# TO CONSIDER THE ADDITION TO AND DELETIONS FROM THE RECORD OF<br/>PROTECTED STRUCTURES AS PER SECTION 55 OF THE PLANNING AND<br/>DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 AS AMENDED538

Mr Ridge stated that following on from the deferral of this item from the Council Meeting of the 27/6/2005 it was agreed to bring this item to the various area committee meetings for consideration. These meetings took place in the last few weeks with the exception of the Conamara Area Committee and decisions were reached on the various structures. He explained that they were now grouped into, structures where the decision was deferred, structures which had not yet been discussed, structures where agreement was reached to have them included/retained on the Record of Protected Structures and structures where agreement was reached to have them deleted/not included on the Record of Protected Structures.

Structures not yet been discussed or deferred from area meetings.

On the proposal of Cllr Mullins and seconded by Cllr Mannion it was agreed to delete RPS Reg.No **116**, St Kerrills Former Church building, Ballyglass from the Record of Protected Structures.

On the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta and seconded by Comh O' Tuairisg it was agreed to delete RPS Reg. No **794**, Áras Éanna Inisheer from the Record of Protected Structures. Cllr Kyne enquired as to the status of RPS Reg. No 696 Moycullen National School (old) as he believes that the owner was not properly notified.

Mr Ridge stated that this was not part of the Section 55 notices being considered at this meeting but stated that he would check this out.

On the proposal of. Comh. Ni Fhatharta and seconded by Cllr Welby it was agreed to add RPS Reg. No.1007, Gleann Aoibheann, Fakeeragh and RPS Reg No 837, House, Cill Einne to the Record of Protected Structures.

Cllr Welby also enquired if the bridge in Oughterard was a protected structure as it had been recently damaged and that he had concerns for the safety of the bridge. Mr Ridge stated that this bridge was not on the Record of Protected Structures.

Cllr S. Walsh enquired as to the status of a two storey house on Main Street Oughterard owned by Pat O'Halloran as it had been previously agreed not to include it on Record of Protected Structures.

Mr Ridge stated that he would check this matter.

Structures where agreement was reached at Area level to have them deleted from or not included in the RPS

On the proposal of Cllr McHugh and seconded by Cllr Reilly it was agreed that RPS Reg No.867 The Courthouse Tuam would not be included on the Record of Protected Structures.

Cllr Reilly requested that the areas committees meet again following the letter from the Roads Section in relation to the deletion of all bridges from the Record of Protected Structures.

Cllr McHugh stated that a compromise had been reached between the Roads and Planning Sections in relation to the inclusion of the bridges on the RPS but that he would like to hear the views of Mr. Morgan in relation to bridges that are in urgent need of repair.

Mr Ridge stated that by retaining the bridges on the RPS it creates a level of awareness among the public as to the importance of these structures. The Council must ensure that these structures are properly maintained using the right materials and methods. He stated that the NRA also has a code of practice for dealing with bridges.

Protected structures may be subject to alteration and improvement in order to ensure that they continue to function safely for the purpose for which they were constructed. Cllr Canney enquired as to the advantage financially or otherwise of including the bridges on the RPS.

Mr Morgan stated that he was happy to agree with the list of bridges prepared by the Planning Department to be retained on the RPS. He also stated that an agreed position on the repairing of listed bridges would be outlined shortly. He stated that a programme of inspections had commenced and that some bridges were in a serious need of repair. An engineering inspector from the NRA would advise the in-house engineers on this and some agreement would be reached with the Planning Department on the most appropriate solution.

He agreed that these 31 bridges on the RPS were important structures and most still have a function carrying traffic and people.

Cllr McHugh proposed that the Council accept the recommendations of the Area Committees and retain all bridges on the RPS

On the proposal of Cllr Reilly and seconded by Cllr Connolly it was agreed to delete all bridges in the Tuam Electoral Area from the Record of Protected Structures and that all other bridges be retained on the Record of Protected Structures. The deleted bridges were as follows RPS Reg. nos. 3Castlereagh Bridge, Durrow, 4Ballyaghaungeag Bridge, Cloonee 13 Milltown Bridge, Cartron, 15 Fertamore Bridge, Fertamore, 18 Dunmore Bridge, Dunmore 43 Mount Talbot Bridge, Srahaunnagort, 60 Moat Bridge, Moat, 63 Mountbellew Bridge, Treanreagh, 82 Corofin Bridge, Corofin and 831 Shop Street Bridge, Tuam, Townparks 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Division.

On the proposal of Cllr Connolly and seconded by Cllr Reilly it was agreed to delete the following from the Record of Protected Structures RPS Reg. Nos. **35** Convent of Mercy Tuam, Townparks 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, **36** Convent of Mercy Tuam, Townparks 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, **1015** The Glebe, Dunmore, Breanra, **253** Moyode Lodge, Moyode and **59** Moat Lodge, Moat.

## Structures where agreement was reached at Area level to have them retained on or added to the RPS

On the proposal of Cllr Cannon and seconded by Cllr Willers it was agreed to add the following structures to the RPS, RPS Reg. Nos **1016** Thatch Cottage, Meelick, **1166** Church, Kilcolgan, **1222** Brooke Lodge, Ballyglunin, **1223** Thatch Cottage, Ballynacloughy, Maree, **1224** Fiddaun House, Fiddaun, **1225** Woodville House, Ballygaraun, **1230** St. Matthews Church, Glenloughan, Ballinasloe, **375** F. O'Dea, Cartron, Kinvara, **496** Oakley Park, Gowil, Portumna, **796** Ballyglunin Railway Station, Coolfowerbeg, **821** Thatch Cottage, Balroebuckbeg, **866** The Mill, Tuam, Townparks 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, **872** Lodge House, Fynagh, Eyrecourt, and **873** Danesfort, Gortnakilla, Loughrea.

Mr Ridge stated that RPS Reg No 1052 could not be considered as the notification was not received by the owner.

# TO APPROVE RAISING OF LOAN TOWARDS PROVISION OF REGIONAL OFFICES AT: 539

- (a) <u>Tuam €2.0 m</u>
- (b) <u>Loughrea €3.5</u>

Report dated the 19th July, 2005 was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Cllr Reilly, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly, the proposal to raise a loan of  $\notin$ 5.5m towards provision of regional offices at Tuam and Loughrea, to be repaid over 20 years, was approved.

Cllr. Canney enquired if consideration could be given to the provision of a Courthouse at the proposed Tuam Regional Offices site. as this location is very central. He said that it would be a worthwhile venture and should be considered.

Mr. Kelly replied said that it would not be unusual to do this, but that the lst Phase of the works would have to go ahead. He said the lst phase would only take up part of the site, and that the matter could be discussed further with the Court Service.

Cllr. Reilly said he would like to thank Mr. Gilmore, DOS for his assistance in securing temporary accommodation for the Court in Tuam Town Hall.

#### **TO CONSIDER TAKING IN CHARGE POLICY**

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A copy of the Council's Policy on the Taking in Charge of Estates, dated July 2005 had already been circulated to each member.

Cllr Cannon thanked his colleagues on the SPC for producing such an innovative far reaching policy document and stated that it strikes the best balance and urged the Council to adopt this policy.

Cllr McHugh stated that he had concerns in relation to the fact that all bonds shall be open ended as outlined on page 4 of the Taking in Charge Policy Document.

He also had concerns in relation to depth of footpaths and other inaccuracies in this policy document and felt that it should be examined in depth by engineering experts. Cllr Ní Fhartharta proposed that the policy document be referred to the area committees

to consider it and to refer back to the SPC. Cllr Mullins seconded this proposal.

Cllr Keaveney also stated that the document was not user friendly and also expressed concerns as to the taking in charge of historical housing estates.

Cllr Canney stated that there were no timeframes outlined for the taking in charge of historical or new housing estates and stated also that as bonds were not index-linked they become less valuable

Mr Ridge complimented the Planning SPC for the work that was done in compiling this policy document.

With regard to bonds he stated that open ended bonds provided the best security to house occupiers. It also encourages developers to finish off the housing estates.

He also pointed out that the minimum requirements of Galway County Council for roads in housing estates were set out in Specification Appendix 2 of the Policy Document and the specification for footpaths was set out in "Recommendations for Site Developments Works for Housing Areas"-Department of Environment and Local Government.

Mr Ridge added that he felt that the SPC were being sidelined in relation to this policy document, the first that had been produced by the committee and added that its summary rejection called into question the role of the SPC.

Cllr McHugh took issue with the above statement from Mr Ridge and stated that it was unfair to the Members as there were gross anomalies in the document. He added that this document would not protect people who reside in housing estates. He stated that the document was not complete.

Cllr Mannion stated that they were within their rights as members to refer this document back to the area committees for discussion before accepting it.

Cllr Hugh stated that there were serious issues in this document and enquired if consultative advice had been sought from the legal or engineering areas. Cllr Ni Fhartharta stated that in her opinion the SPC was an advisory body but that all documents come back to the Council for approval.

Cllr S.Walsh complimented the SPC on this document. He added that there would be five different perspectives on this document if it was brought to the area committees and suggested that it be dealt with at Council or at the SPC meetings. He further stated that the in house engineering staff were adequate and that it was not necessary to seek outside consultative advise. He expressed concern that the bonds were open ended.

Cllr M. Connolly stated that the taking in charge procedure by the Planning Dept was very slow and proposed that housing estates in Mountbellew and Moylough be taken in charge immediately.

Cllr Cuddy expressed concerns at the omission of time limits for developers. He also queried the situation with the historical housing estates and the situation with Management Companies taking over housing estates.

Cllr Healy Eames stated that this document should be proofed by the five area committees and that a stronger document would then emerge from this.

Cllr Reilly stated that time limits for developers should be included in the document and that bonds should be index linked.

Cllr Cannon stated that he could not see the advantage of going back to the area committees with this document and suggested that any concerns that have arisen should be brought as submissions to the Director of Planning and which could then be considered at the next SPC meeting.

He also stated that it was not necessary to employ consultants as all the necessary expertise can be found within this organisation for any part of the document.

He stated that a balance must be struck between the rights of developers and the rights of residents.

Cllr Ní Fhartharta took issue with Cllr Cannons' statements and stated that her earlier proposal to return to the area committees with this document still stood.

The County Manager stated that it was an area of grave concern to many that there isn't a Taking in Charge Policy in place by Galway County Council and added that this was an important test case on how the Council does its business and formulates policy. It would not be possible to debate everything at Full Council level therefore the SPC have been given that responsibility. He also advised the Members that a precedent would be set here in the manner in which they proceed with this policy document. He stated that the chairperson of the SPC had outlined his position and that the SPC should be charged with considering this matter further.

Cllr Cannon proposed that submissions should be made in relation to any concerns with this document before the next SPC meeting and these will be brought to the Council. This was seconded by Cllr Welby.

Cllr Ní Fhartharta stated that she was not withdrawing her earlier proposal to bring this document back to the area committees, then to the SPC and finally back to the Council. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Healy Eames.

cond Allocation 25<sup>th</sup> July 2003

The County Manager explained that decisions on policies were made by the Full Council but it would be a more efficient procedure if this could be done via the SPCs which reflect political and geographical groupings. Cllr Cannon proposed to move the SPC meeting to the second week in September and that all area committees meetings should be held prior to this date and all submissions arising from these meetings be brought to the SPC. He stated that a final draft of the Taking in Charge policy would be brought before the Full Council.

This was seconded by Cllr Hoade and agreed.

#### **TO APPROVE OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR 6 MONTHS 30/06/05**

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

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Mullins, seconded by An Comh. Ni Fhatharta, the members approved overdraft accommodation of  $\notin$ 10M for the six months period from 1st July, 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2005, subject to sanction of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

#### TO APPROVE DRAFT CUSTOMER ACTION PLAN FOR 2005-2009 542

The Draft Customer Service Action Plan, 2005-2009 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal Cllr. Keaveney, seconded by Cllr. Healy-Eames, the Draft Customer Action Plan for 2005-2009 was approved.

#### TO APPROVE DRAFT STRATEGIC ARTS PLAN.

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The Draft Strategic Arts Development Plan for 2005-2008 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal o Cllr. Keaveney, seconded by Cllr. Walsh, the Draft Strategic Arts Plan for 2005-2008 was approved.

# TO APPROVE COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS SCHEME 2005 (ROUND 2) 544

Report dated the 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. NiFhatharta, the 2nd Round Allocation of the Community Based Economic Development Grants were approved as follows:-

Community Based Economic Development Grant Scheme 2005 Second Allocation 25<sup>th</sup> July 2005.

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| Ref No         Group           E05/03         Carrantryla 50 <sup>th</sup><br>Commemoration |  | Proposal   | Area     | Amount<br>Recommended<br>€1,000.00 |  |
|---|--|--|----------|------------------------------------|--|
|   |  | Production of magazine and the<br>organisation of a function to<br>commemorate the 50 <sup>th</sup><br>Anniversary of Carrantryla<br>winning the Galway Senior<br>Football Championship. | Tuam     |                                    |  |
| E05/33  | Foroige – Athenry<br>Adolescent Support<br>Project   | Promote social inclusion through<br>targeting groups who are isolated<br>in the community  | Loughrea | €1,000.00                          |  |
| E05/35  | Carrabane<br>Community<br>Development<br>Company Ltd   | Set up of Community Website.   | Loughrea | €1,000.00                          |  |
| E05/36  | BEALACH –<br>Pairtneireacht<br>Iompair Aitiuil<br>Chonamara  | Support for the BEALACH Rural<br>Transport Initiative towards the<br>provision of rural bus services in<br>the Conamara Region.  | Conamara | €1,500.00                          |  |
| E05/45  | Inishbofin<br>Development<br>Company   | Purchase of equipment to be used<br>for training/classes on Inishbofin<br>and to enable the development of a<br>broadband internet café  | Conamara | €4,300.00                          |  |
| E05/47  | Compántas Lir<br>To document the history of<br>amateur drama in<br>Claregalway/Carnmore, the book<br>"Stage by Stage" tells the story of<br>drama since the 1930s. |  | Oranmore | €1,500.00                          |  |
| E05/49  | Moycullen<br>Community<br>Development<br>Association<br>(MCDA)   | To carry out a feasibility study<br>into how a number of community<br>assets and proposed assets should<br>be best utilised so as to generate<br>the maximum social and economic         | Conamara | €1,500.00                          |  |
| E05/50  | Tuam Travellers  | benefit for the community.<br>To develop and implement   | Tuam     | €2,500.00                          |  |
| 200100  | Iuam Iravellers     To develop and implement       Education &     FETAC module on horse care.       Development     Group Ltd                                     |  | i duini  |                                    |  |

Total Allocation – July 2005 €14,300.00

#### TO APPROVE AMENITY GRANT SCHEME 2005

Report dated the 19th July, 2005 was already circulated to each Member.

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On the proposal of Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. Reilly, the 1st Round Allocation of the Amenity Grants were approved as follows:-

#### Galway County Council Amenity Grant Scheme 2005

| Ref No Group |  | Proposal  | Area        | Amount<br>Recommended |  |
|--------------|--|---|-------------|-----------------------|--|
| A05/01       | Tullykyne<br>Community<br>Council                      | Development of Tullykyne<br>Community Pitch.  | Conamara    | €1500.00              |  |
| A05/04       | Bullaun<br>Parish Hall                                 | Painting of outside of hall.<br>Painting of interior of hall.<br>Sanding and lacquering of  | Loughrea    | €1000.00              |  |
|              | Carramanagh<br>Resident<br>Association,<br>Oughterard. | hall floor. Installation of<br>emergency lighting.<br>Repairs to some windows<br>and replacement of others.   | Conamara    | ₹750.00               |  |
| A05/05       | Glen Celtic<br>AFC,<br>Glenamaddy                      | Development of training area, i.e. surface, lighting.   | Tuam        | €1000.00              |  |
| A05/09       | Ashbrook<br>Residents                                  | Grass cutting and<br>maintenance. Maintenance   | Oranmore    | € 750.00              |  |
|              | Association,<br>Oranmore.                              | of trees/shrubs. Reseeding<br>small green area. Planting<br>of new trees/shrubs. Anti<br>dog fouling signs/Dogs on<br>leads.  | Ballinasloe | £1000.00<br>£1000.00  |  |
| A05/14       | Cluid<br>Residents<br>Association,<br>Clifden          | To develop a flower bed<br>area on left hand side of<br>entrance to St Joseph's<br>Court. The main aim  | Conamara    | €1500.00              |  |
|              | Cast Ow<br>Deciation.<br>Headford.                     | <ul> <li>would be to:</li> <li>Encourage elderly<br/>residents to take part in a<br/>project which would<br/>contribute to their<br/>mental and physical</li> </ul> | Oranmore    | €500.00               |  |
|              | Ballymacward<br>Hall<br>Development<br>Committee       | <ul> <li>wellbeing.</li> <li>Improve the visual impact of St Joseph's Court to residents and</li> </ul>   | Ballinasloe | £1500.00              |  |
|              | Killimor &   | visitors.   | Ballinasloe | €1250.00              |  |

#### **First Round Allocations July 2005**

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| A05/17 | Abbeyknock<br>moy<br>Community   | Maintenance and<br>installation of fire alarm<br>system in community   | Tuam        | €1000.00 |
|--------|--|--|-------------|----------|
|        | Development<br>Co Ltd  | centre as required by fire regulations.  | Ballinasloe | €750.00  |
| A05/18 | 5/18 Roundstone Refurbishment of sec<br>Community Development facilitate VEC adult<br>Ltd education, senior citi<br>meeting rooms, yout<br>centre. |  | Conamara    | €1000.00 |
| A05/21 | Killererin<br>Community  | To upgrade and improve existing facilities in  | Tuam        | €1000.00 |
|        | Council  | community centre to<br>facilitate all groups<br>possible in parish of<br>Killererin.   | Loughrea    | 6123900  |
| A05/26 | Carramanagh<br>Resident<br>Association,<br>Oughterard.   | Tree planting in estate.<br>Clear open spaces and<br>reseed and lay grass seed.<br>The installation of benches.<br>Installation of name plate<br>with numbers of houses. | Conamara    | €750.00  |
| A05/33 | Eyrecourt<br>Community<br>Hall   | Install new heating system.  | Ballinasloe | €1000.00 |
| A05/34 | Lawrencetow<br>n Community<br>Enterprise Co<br>Ltd   | Reconstruction, repair and<br>painting of dressing rooms,<br>toilets, showers at<br>community sports field   | Ballinasloe | €1000.00 |
| A05/35 | Lawrencetow<br>n Pastoral<br>Council   | New front and back doors<br>at community hall<br>Replacement of damaged<br>floor area. Completion of<br>parking area outside hall.                                       | Ballinasloe | €1000.00 |
| A05/44 | Castleview<br>Residents<br>Association,<br>Headford.   | Grass cutting on<br>Castleview estate for 2005,<br>supply shrubs, top soil etc,<br>sign bearing the name<br>"Castleview" as gaeilge,<br>weed killer.                     | Oranmore    | €500.00  |
| A05/51 | Ballymacward<br>Hall<br>Development<br>Committee   | To fence and cover the<br>surface with Astroturf for<br>the playing of soccer and<br>basketball.   | Ballinasloe | €1500.00 |
| 405/52 | Killimor &   | Purchase of ride on  | Ballinasloe | €1250.00 |

|         | District<br>Development<br>Society         | lawnmower.   |             |          |
|---------|--|--|-------------|----------|
| A05/57  | Killimor<br>Leisure &<br>Fitness           | Purchase a water<br>treatment/filter system for<br>the community gym.  | Ballinasloe | €750.00  |
| A05/59  | Kiltevna<br>Community<br>Council           | To construct to new<br>boundary wall from Pierce<br>& Geraldine Martyn's<br>house to the Blue Cucu pub<br>in Kiltevna. This is part of<br>the overall plan for village<br>of Kiltevna. | Tuam        | €2500.00 |
| A05/64  | Tynagh<br>Community &                      | - Refurbishment of community pitch   | Loughrea    | €1250.00 |
|         | Pitch<br>Development<br>Committee          | surface.<br>- Upgrading and<br>safety<br>improvements on   | Ballinasloe | C. 000   |
|         | Ballineurry<br>Leisure<br>Centre<br>Glinsk | terraces.<br>- Provision of<br>lighting for night<br>training.   | J.C.        | €750.00  |
|         | Williamstown<br>Parish Hall<br>Committee   | - Extending pitch<br>length, re-seeding<br>etc   | Tuam        | €750.00  |
| A.05/92 | Leenane<br>Development<br>Association      | - Re-sanding and<br>drainage of pitch<br>and surrounding<br>area.  | Conamara    | C1250.00 |
| A05/65  | Duniry<br>Community &                      | - Resurfacing, resodding,  | Loughrea    | €1250.00 |
|         | Pitch<br>Development<br>Association        | resanding<br>community pitch<br>area<br>- Upgrading and<br>tiling public toilet  | Oranmore    | £500.00  |
| \05/103 | Community<br>Council Ltd                   | area, flooring and<br>hygiene standard<br>improvements   | Loughrea    | £1000.00 |
| A05/73  | Ballinasloe<br>Community<br>Radio          | Creation of a dedicated<br>studio space within the<br>youth café to accommodate<br>the community radio<br>station.   | Ballinasloe | €1250.00 |
|         |  | Purchase of a radio-   |             |          |

|                        |  | controlled microphone to  |             |            |
|------------------------|--|---|-------------|------------|
| 105/107                | Ard Aoibhinn<br>Residents                                    | allow us to have live<br>outside broadcasts.  | Loughrea    | €1250.00   |
| Sportsfield e<br>Co-op |  | Purchase lawn mower,<br>erect ball stop net.  | Loughrea    | €750.00    |
| A05/84                 | Cleggan /<br>Claddaghduff<br>Community                       | Clean, paint and decorate<br>the interior and exterior of<br>the centre. To stand and                       |             | €1000.00   |
|                        | Council  | repolish wooden floor,<br>affix & repair light fittings.  | Tuam        | €750.00    |
|                        | Comhairle<br>Ceantar na<br>nOilean Teo.                      | Provide floor protectors<br>and mats for floor. To<br>repair perimeter fence on<br>tennis court.            | Conattara   | 61000.00 C |
| A05/85                 | Lawrencetow<br>n Community<br>Enterprise Co.<br>Ltd.         | Upgrading of central<br>heating in Lawrencetown<br>Community Enterprise<br>Centre                           | Ballinasloe | €1250.00   |
| A05/87                 | Ballincurry<br>Leisure<br>Centre<br>Glinsk                   | Erect Leisure Centre on site of old ball alley  | Tuam        | €750.00    |
| A05/88                 | Williamstown<br>Parish Hall<br>Committee                     | Purchase 15 tables needed for various parish functions  | Tuam        | €750.00    |
| A05/92                 | Leenane<br>Development<br>Association                        | Develop play and pastime<br>facilities for a mother and<br>toddlers group based in the<br>community centre. | Conamara    | €1250.00   |
| A05/95                 | Furbo Boxing<br>Club   | Provision of protective gear and training gear  | Conamara    | €500.00    |
| 405/102                | Cloonarkin<br>Drive<br>Residents'<br>Association<br>Oranmore | Maintenance of green<br>spaces and planting   | Oranmore    | €500.00    |
| 405/103                | Gort<br>Community<br>Council Ltd                             | Paint and upgrade the leisure centre  | Loughrea    | €1000.00   |
| .05/105                | Monivea<br>Community<br>Alert Group                          | Purchase bowling<br>equipment for senior<br>members<br>To start active-age group.                           | Loughrea    | €1500.00   |
|                        | Ballinasloe<br>Town  | To hold summer and<br>Christmas function for  | Ballinasloe | 6500.00    |

|   | 0/0  | senior citizens  |             |          |
|---|--|--|-------------|----------|
| A05/107   | Ard Aoibhinn<br>Residents<br>Association,<br>Monivea.                    | Purchase lawnmower,<br>refurbish existing pump<br>house, kerbing and<br>footpaths, maintain<br>flowerbeds, shrubs and<br>weed killer, tarmac road<br>surface, upgrading of soak  | Loughrea    | €1250.00 |
|   | Town   | away area.   |             |          |
| A05/109   | Williamstown<br>GAA Club   | Mark out car park spaces in existing car park.   | Tuam        | €750.00  |
| A05/111   | Comhairle<br>Ceantar na<br>nOilean Teo.                                  | Halla pobail Thir an Fhia a pheinteail lasmuigh  | Conamara    | €1000.00 |
| A05/115   | Cloughanover<br>– Social Club  | Retile floor in community centre   | Oranmore    | €750.00  |
| A05/122   | Athenry<br>Snooker Club  | To fit and supply lockers<br>for cues and accessories.<br>To refurbish two snooker<br>tables i.e. cloth, slate<br>repair, pockets and table<br>accessories.  | Loughrea    | €500.00  |
| 405/124   | The Gables<br>Residents<br>Association,                                  | Sow trees, build wall and grass cutting.   | Loughrea    | €500.00  |
|   | Portumna   | Award in recognic to   | Loughrea    | €500.00  |
|   | Williamstown<br>Village<br>c/o<br>Williamstown<br>Development<br>Company | Award in recognition of<br>Williamstown nomination<br>to represent County<br>Galway in category 1 Pride<br>of Place Award 2004. The<br>Pride of Place Competition<br>is run in association with<br>Co-operation Ireland. | Tuam        | €500.00  |
| otal Alloc<br>IX DAT<br>HE SUBI<br>S PER S<br>DOLAS A | Kinvara<br>Village<br>c/o Kinvara<br>Community<br>Council                | Award in recognition of<br>Kinvara's nomination to<br>represent County Galway<br>in category 2 Pride of Place<br>Award 2004. The Pride of<br>Place Competition is run in<br>association with Co-<br>operation Ireland.   | Loughrea    | €500.00  |
| pocial Me<br>theory Lo                                | Ballinasloe<br>Town  | Award in recognition of Ballinasloe Town's   | Ballinasloe | €500.00  |

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| MANAGE<br>aplement<br>Domestic V  | c/o<br>Ballinasloe<br>AIT  | nomination to represent<br>County Galway in category<br>2 Pride of Place Award<br>2004. The Pride of Place<br>Competition is run in<br>association with Co-<br>operation Ireland.   | olicy – Galwy | 547<br>w County Non- |
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| treport de<br>tr. R. Kill<br>te implem<br>Policy Fran-<br>the water of<br>idvertised<br>Consulting<br>contract fo | Loughrea<br>Town<br>c/o Loughrea<br>Environmenta<br>l Group                                    | Award in recognition of<br>Loughrea Town's<br>nomination to represent<br>County Galway in category<br>3 Pride of Place Award<br>2005. The Pride of Place<br>Competition is run in<br>association with Co-<br>operation Ireland.     | Loughrea      | €500.00              |
| Sovice Pro<br>and mainte<br>Mr. Killeer<br>Imp  | Eyrecourt<br>Village<br>c/o Eyrecourt<br>& District<br>Community<br>Development<br>Company Ltd | Award in recognition of<br>Eyrecourt Village's<br>nomination to represent<br>County Galway in category<br>1 Pride of Place Award<br>2005. The Pride of Place<br>Competition is run in<br>association with Co-<br>operation Ireland. | Ballinasloe   | €500.00              |
| Imp<br>Galw   | Portumna<br>Town<br>c/o Na Calai<br>South East<br>Galway CDP,<br>Portumna                      | Award in recognition of<br>Portumna Towns<br>nomination to represent<br>County Galway in category<br>2 Pride of Place Award<br>2005. The Pride of Place<br>Competition is run in<br>association with Co-<br>operation Ireland.      | Loughrea      | €500.00              |

#### Total Allocation €39,750

# FIXDATE FOR SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER MANAGERS REPORT ON<br/>THE SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT ATHENRY LOCAL AREA PLAN<br/>AS PER SECTION 20(3) (d)(i) OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT,<br/>2000 AS AMENDED.2000 AS AMENDED.546

On the proposal of An Comh NiFhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Reilly it was agreed that the Special Meeting to consider Managers Report on the submissions received on the Draft Athenry Local Area Plan be fixed for the 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2005.

#### MANAGER'S BUSINESS

Implementation of National Water Services Pricing Policy – Galway County Non-Domestic Water Metering Project.

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A report dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2005 was already circulated to each Member

Mr. R. Killeen, gave a brief outline on the proposed Water Metering Project which is to be implemented by the Council in order to adhere to the Government's Water Pricing Policy Framework whereby local authorities are required to achieve universal metering of the water supplied to the non-domestic sector by 2006. He said the project had been advertised and tendered in accordance with all EU Procurement directives, and Atkins Consulting Engineers were appointed as the Employer's Representative to prepare a contract for the purpose of achieving universal metering of the water supplied to the nondomestic sector. He said that the Council will shortly sign a contract with the Private Service Provider, this contract will entail both the installation of meters and the operation and maintenance of the system over 10 years.

Mr. Killeen, made the following presentation regarding the Project:

Implementation of National Water Services Pricing Policy

## GALWAY COUNTY NON-DOMESTIC WATER METERING PROJECT

Implementation of National Water Services Pricing Policy

## GALWAY COUNTY NON-DOMESTIC WATER METERING PROJECT

#### INTRODUCTION

The Government's Water Pricing Policy Framework requires the charging of non-domestic customers of water and waste water services and the recovery of the full costs of providing such services to these customers.

In order to implement the national water services pricing policy, local authorities are required to achieve universal metering of the water supplied to the non-domestic sector by 2006.

#### CURRENT GALWAY WATER METERING STATUS

• There are currently 340 non-domestic customers metered in County Galway with many others billed on a fixed charge basis.

• This project will involve the installation of meters on all non-domestic customers in the County.

#### CONTRACT PROCUREMENT

- Atkins Consulting Engineers were appointed as Employer's Representative to prepare a contract for the purpose of achieving universal metering of the water supplied to the non-domestic sector
- The project was advertised and tendered in accordance with all EU procurement directives.
- Competitive tenders were returned and, following a tender evaluation in accordance with a pre-ordained marking scheme, Galway County Council will shortly sign a contract with a Private Service Provider. The contract will entail both the installation of meters and the operation and maintenance of the system over ten years.

#### SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope of services required of the private service provider (PSP) under the terms of the contract will include the following:

- Pre-Installation Surveys;
- Design of Meter Installations;
- Maintenance of Customer Database;
- Installation of Meters;
- Maintenance of Meters;
- Meter Readings;

• Customer Billing;

• Revenue Collection.

#### SUPERVISION

Galway County Council and the Employer's Representative Atkins, will supervise the performance of the private service provider (PSP).

The contract will require that the local authority's personnel undertake

- Spot-checks of meter reads,
- Review of proposals for new meter installations,
- Spot-checks of meter accuracies and
- Inspection of completed meter installations,

It is not envisaged that the Galway Water Metering Project will impact on any other duties or activities currently undertaken by local authority personnel outside of those directly related to water meter installation, reading, billing, revenue collection and meter maintenance.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Galway County Council and the Employer's Representative (ER) are now embarking on a communication exercise, which will include

- Press Notices
- Radio Notices
- Individual written notices to all non domestic customers

Once a contract is signed, the PSP will also engage in the communications exercise by contacting each non-domestic customer to organise an initial survey of their premises and will be in a position to deal with queries from customers.

#### COMMENCEMENT

The PSP is due to commence the project on the 5<sup>th</sup> September and will complete all installations by December 2006.

Cllr. Feeney asked if it would be possible to have a dry run on the metering system to allow customers to check for leaks. Mr. Killeen said the meter will be installed at the stopcock which will be at the boundary of the premises and the customer will be responsible for any leaks on his/her side of the stopcock. He said that bills are likely to be issued initially on a quarterly basis and customers will have access to the meter box and have an opportunity to remove leaks. If a customer thinks that water usage is high because of leaks that customer can do night survey which would reveal any leaks on the customer side of the stopcock.

In reply to a query from Cllr. S. Walsh in relation to B&B's, Mr. Killeen said that water charges will be demanded of non-domestic customers for non-domestic water usage. Where water consumption as metered includes for domestic use an allowance for that use will be made accordingly. In reply to a query from Cllr. Feeney in relation to farmers, Mr. Killeen said that the principle as outlined above will apply to all customers where water consumption includes domestic and non domestic usage.

#### SCÉIM TEANGA

The County Manager informed the meeting that the Scéim Teanga Údaráis Áitiúla Chontae na Gaillimhe 2005-2008 was being launched next week and he thanked Páid Ó Neachtain, Oifigeach Gaeilge for his work in relation to the drafting of this scheme.

#### **MAYORS BUSINESS.**

flousing which meets local demand,

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An Comh. O'Cuaig referred to the five men from the Mayo Gaeltacht who were now in prison (the Rossport 5) and he asked the Council to support his call for their immediate release. He said that efforts should be made to ensure that Shell would refine the gas at sea rather than on land. The Mayor said he would also like to support the Rossport 5 in their efforts to get justice. It was proposed by Comh. O'Tuairisg seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed to write to Shell and the Minister of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources in relation to this matter.

# TO CONSIDER MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE SUBMISSIN RECEIVED ON THEDRAFT HEADFORD LOCAL AREA PLAN AS PER SECTION 20 (3) (d) (i) OF THEPLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 AS AMENDED.549

Mr Ridge explained that there must be a proposer and a seconder for each issue in the Manager's Report on the submissions received on the Headford Local Area Plan and any dissention must be recorded, otherwise it will be assumed that it is agreed by all to accept or reject the recommendation on a particular issue in the Manager's Report.

On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to accept Mr Ridge's proposal.

Mr Ridge further stated that the level of proposed zoning taking place in Headford was not in accordance with the principles of proper planning and sustainable development. He referred to extracts from a complaint received from members of the public regarding the Planning Department's decision to grant planning permission for an application on a particular site. He stated that it was a clear example of how the planning system can be brought into disrepute by poor planning decisions. He outlined that the strategic aim of a Local Area Plan was to set out a clear framework for the sustainable development of towns and villages. It is necessary to identify sufficient lands for future housing, enterprise, commerce, open space uses and community facilities while protecting and preserving the town's/village's intrinsic character, heritage and amenity and making a positive contribution to an improvement in quality of life.

The Local Area Plan sets out policy statements and objectives that respond to specific development issues affecting Headford. The Local Area Plan addresses the existing townscape quality of the central core of Headford and identifies opportunities for environmental enhancement of the commercial area. The Local Area Plan is designed to stimulate development and direct it to appropriate locations. It is within the framework of the plan that public services will be provided and investment decisions made

This Plan contains a significant amount of residential land, some of which is located at a distance from the existing town. This can lead to ad hoc, haphazard development and will create a need for an uneconomical extension of services to these lands.

If all the land proposed to be zoned for residential development is developed, Headford for example could, potentially, grow to a population of 8,072. Too rapid expansion of settlements will have adverse impacts on their character, identity, setting and the quality of life of local communities.

In essence communities need:

• Housing which meets local demand,

- A strong and expanding economic base,
- A transport and physical infrastructure which supports economic development,
- Good public services,
- Proper community facilities,
- Good community safety,
- And good quality design

Zoning excessive amounts of residential land will result in an imbalance between residential and community, recreational, employment zonings.

It will make it difficult to develop Headford as a self sufficient town and difficult to define the town boundary.

It will encourage haphazard, isolated islands of development which will lead to uneconomic provisions of services-water, wastewater, footpaths, public lighting.

It will be difficult to maintain local identity and character and it will be difficult for local people living in new isolated residential estates to enjoy a good quality of life.

Zoning is really about balance. At its best, zoning can help strike the elusive balance between quality of life and economic vitality.

Mr Ridge further stated that Headford as a town has a fine solid structure, an orderly system from the centre out, but that now lands were been zoned on the periphery of the town with no services, no sense of place, nothing to connect these developments to existing development and to contribute to the overall strength of the town.

Cllr Healy Eames requested the breakdown of the different zonings now in Headford.

Mr Ridge stated that following on from the decisions made at the area committee meetings the land zonings were as follows:

| Total zoned residential land     | 288 acres |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Total zoned village centre       | 44 acres  |
| Total zoned community facilities | 43 acres  |
| Total zoned enterprise land      | 41 acres  |
| Total zoned recreation & amenity | 18 acres  |

He then invited Ms Burke to present the Manager's Report on the submissions received on the Draft Local Area Plan.

### Issue 1 – Zoning Requests

- Submitted by:
- a. Bernadette Burke
- b. Noel Burke, c/o Stephen Dowd & Associates
- c. Liam & Fidelma Butler
- d. Fenella Carey, Callanan & Walsh, c/o Sean Dockery & Associates, Headford District Association, Catherine Murphy, Headford Development Association Ltd
- e. Callanan & Walsh, c/o Sean Dockery & Associates
- f. Callanan & Walsh, c/o Sean Dockery & Associates
- g. Karen Collis
- h. Charlie Connelly c/o Oliver Higgins, Tomás Mac Oireachtaigh, Headford GAA Club
- i. Frank Corbett
- j. Noel Corbett
- k. Peter Corbett
- 1. Peter Corbett

m. Rory Corbett n. Tom Creaven, c/o Jarlath Creaven o. Tom Creaven, c/o Oliver Higgins p. John Fitzgibbon g. James Flanagan Jim Joyce r. s. Pat Joyce t. Richard Keane, Lough Corrib Nursing Home u. Patrick Kearns v. Noel King w. Brendan Kyne x. Tom McDonagh y. S. McHugh z. Teresa Monaghan aa. Thomas Monaghan bb. Eamon Monahan cc. Anne Mullen dd. P.J. Myers ee. Sr. Philomena Noone, Presentation Sisters ff. Ciaran O'Connor gg. Frank O'Connor hh. Liam Thorton, Headford Co-Operative Mart Ltd ii. John Killian Varley jj. Fursey Walsh

#### 1a Bernadette Burke

#### Recommendation:

No change to Draft Plan. On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of this submission from proposed residential (phase 2) to residential (Phase 1).

1b Noel Burke, c/o Stephen Dowd & Associates

#### Recommendation:

No change to Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of this submission from proposed residential phase 2 to residential Phase 1 and to extend the plan boundary to include an additional 5.7 acres zoned residential Phase 1 and 5.8 acres zoned Recreation and Amenity.

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#### **1c Liam & Fidelma Butler Recommendation:** No change to Draft Plan.

Mr Ridge pointed out that the Demesne Road on which the subject lands are located is not wide enough to allow two cars to pass. He added that when you take into account the extra 240 houses that can be developed from the proposed zonings of lands the subject of submissions 1c 1x,1y,1z,1p and 1t it will not be possible for the Demese Road in its present state to accommodate this.

On the proposal of Cllr Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to extend the Plan Boundary and to zone the lands the subject of this submission which are outside the proposed plan boundary as residential (Phase 1).

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1d Fenella Carey

Callanan & Walsh C/O Sean Dockery & Associates Headford District Association, C/O John McGrath, Chairperson Catherine Murphy, Director of Headford Development Association Ltd

**Recommendation:** 

Change from Enterprise to part Enterprise and part Community Facilities, see map 1.

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of this submission from proposed Enterprise to Village centre, Enterprise and Community facilities and incorporating a playground objective as per the submission of the Headford Development Association.

1e Callanan & Walsh C/O Sean Dockery & Associates Recommendation:

No change recommended.

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cuddy it was agreed to extend the Plan boundary and zone the lands the subject of this submission residential.

Mr Ridge pointed out that this proposed zoning now results in a mixture of community facilities enterprise and residential zonings sandwiched together in this one area and stated that it was unacceptable from a planning perspective.

#### 1f Callanan & Walsh, C/O Sean Dockery & Associates

#### **Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

On the proposal of Cllr Cuddy and seconded by Cllr McDonagh it was agreed to extend the plan boundary and zone the lands the subject of this submission as residential phase 1.

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#### 1g Karen Collis

#### **Recommendation:**

Change proposed zoning from residential to village centre (mixed development). On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Healy Eames it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

#### 1h Charlie Connolly, C/O Oliver Higgins Tomas Mac Oireachtaigh, Headford GAA Club

#### **Recommendation:**

Having regard to the fact that this will increase the amount of community land and will improve the community facilities in Headford, it is recommended to change from proposed Residential (Phase 2) to Community Facilities.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hoade seconded by Cllr Hoade it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of this submission from proposed Residential (phase 2) to Residential (phase 1)

#### 1i Frank Corbett

#### Recommendation:

No change recommended.

On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of this submission from proposed Enterprise to Residential.

#### 1j Noel Corbett

#### Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan

On the proposal of Cllr Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr. Mc Donagh it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

#### 1k Peter Corbett

#### **Recommendation:**

Change proposed residential zoning to village centre (mixed development). On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

#### 11 Peter Corbett

#### **Recommendation:**

No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Cuddy it was agreed to extend the plan boundary and to zone the lands the subject of this submission residential

#### 1m Rory Corbett Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan boundary.

On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to extend the plan boundary and zone the lands the subject of this submission residential (Phase 1).

1n Tom Creaven, C/O Jarlath Creaven

#### **Recommendation:**

No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to extend the plan boundary and zone the lands the subject of this submission as residential (Phase 1)

## 10 Tom Creavan, C/O Oliver Higgins

#### **Recommendation:**

No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to extend the Plan boundary and zone the lands the subject of this submission as residential.

#### 1p John Fitzgibbon

#### **Recommendation:**

Based on these factors it is considered that these lands should remain unzoned and outside the plan boundary, therefore no change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr McDonagh it was agreed to extend the Plan boundary and zone the lands the subject of this submission as residential

1q James Flanagan

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Cllr Hoade stated that she proposes to zone the lands the subject of this submission for residential as there is a requirement for a house for a child with special needs.

Mr Ridge outlined that there is a planning application with the Planning Authority for three dwellings on these lands.

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of this submission from proposed Community facilities to Residential

1r Jim Joyce

**Recommendation:** No change to the Draft Plan.

Cllr Hoade stated that these lands adjoin lands that are being used for commercial activities by the largest business and largest employer in Headford and that extra lands are required so as to substantially increase the facilities at this location.

Cllr McHugh stated that this business has been in Headford for the last 25 years and that this proposed zoning should not have been omitted from the Draft Plan.

Mr Ridge stated that the preparation of a Town plan should be carried out in accordance with the principles of proper planning and sustainable development and not for the expansion needs of a particular person or business.

Cllr Hoade pointed that this zoning was being proposed irrespective of the individuals involved but for the employment needs of the town of Headford.

Cllr Healy Eames stated that each submission or zoning issue comes from an individual but that the Council must look at the knock on affects for the community.

Cllr Cuddy stated that this proposed enterprise zoning was joining an existing business which otherwise would not be able to expand. He further added that we must do all that we can to improve employment in the area.

Cllr. Regan stated that he would considered it poor planning if these lands were not zoned enterprise to accommodate this employer.

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to extend the Plan boundary and to zone the lands the subject of this submission as Enterprise

1s Pat Joyce

#### Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

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 Richard Keane

 Recommendation:
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No change to the Draft Plan.

Ms Burke pointed out that on a map which was sent to the Planning Authority on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2005 to clarify exactly the lands included in this submission, now includes an extra strip of land which connects the lands the subject of the original submission to the Tuam Road.

Mr Ridge stated that these lands were 1km from St George's Square along a poor road with no services or 4 miles from St George's Square along the Tuam Road and he strongly advised against the zoning of these lands.

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to extend the Plan boundary and zone the lands the subject of this submission as Community Facilities. It was agreed to use the updated map received by the Planning Authority on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2005

1u Patrick Kearns .

#### **Recommendation:**

No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

1v Noel King

**Recommendation:** No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr Cuddy and seconded by Cllr McDonagh it was agreed to retain the proposed village centre (mixed development) zoning on the lands the subject of this submission and to remove specific objective UD 5 for car parking.

1w Brendan Kyne

#### **Recommendation:**

No change to the Draft Plan.

Cllr Cuddy proposed to zone the lands the subject of this submission residential as these lands adjoin all public services and also adjoin lands zoned for residential.

Mr Ridge stated that he was strongly opposed to this proposal and stated that it would lead to the severing of community facilities and that this location was ideal for community facilities as it was near to the village centre and existing community facilities. He enquired as to the purpose of the local area plan process if this type of land zoning is to continue.

Cllr Cuddy stated that there was a lot of land zoned for community facilities.

Mr Gallagher stated that he supports Mr Ridge's opposition to this zoning and added that it is a challenge faced by us all to produce a development plan in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development for major public interest and not for private interest.

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy and seconded by Cllr Hoade it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of this submission from proposed community facilities to residential (phase 1).

#### 1x Tom McDonagh

#### Recommendation:

Based on these factors it is considered that these lands should remain unzoned and outside the plan boundary, therefore no change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to extend the plan boundary and zone the lands the subject of this submission as residential (Phase 1.)

## 1y S. McHugh

## Recommendation:

Based on these factors it is considered that these lands should remain unzoned and outside the plan boundary, therefore no change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames, it was agreed to extend the plan boundary and zone the lands the subject of this submission as residential (Phase 1).

1z Teresa Monaghan

#### **Recommendation:**

Based on these factors it is considered that these lands should remain unzoned and outside the plan boundary, therefore no change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to extend the plan boundary and zone the lands the subject of this submission as residential (Phase 1).

#### 1aa Thomas Monaghan

**Recommendation:** No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr McDonagh it was agreed to extend the plan boundary and zone the lands the subject of this submission as residential (phase 1).

1bb Eamon Monahan

**Recommendation:** No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr Hoade it was agreed to change the zoning of the lands the subject of this submission from proposed residential (phase2) to residential (phase 1).

## Icc Anne Mullen, on behalf of the residents of St George's Court Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

1dd P.J. Myers Recommendation: No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr Cuddy and seconded by Cllr McDonagh it was agreed to extend the Plan boundary and zone the lands the subject of this submission residential (phase 1).

1ee Sr. Philomena Noone, Presentation Sisters

#### **Recommendation:**

No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to extend the plan boundary and to zone the lands identified in this submissions as lands behind the school as Community Facilities and to change the zoning on the remaining lands in this submission from proposed Recreation & Amenity to Community facilities and Village Centre (Mixed Development).

Mr Ridge enquired as to why 1(w) was zoned for residential and not community facilities if 1(ee) is now required by the school for future school/educational developments.

Cllr Cuddy stated that the lands the subject of submission 1(w) are required by the landowner for housing for his family.

#### 1ff Ciaran O'Connor

**Recommendation:** 

Change from proposed Residential to Village Centre (Mixed Development).

On the proposal of Cllr Cuddy and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

**1gg** Frank O'Connor Recommendation: No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr McDonagh it was agreed to extend the Plan Boundary and zone the lands the subject of this submission as Enterprise.

1hh Liam Thornton, Headford Co-Op Mart Ltd. Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of this submission as Village centre (Mixed Development) Community facilities and Enterprise as it appeared in this submission and to also include specific objective for car parking and to delete RA1 specific objective for a playground.

**1ii** John Killian Varley Recommendation: No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr Cuddy and seconded by Cllr McDonagh it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of this submission from proposed Community facilities to Enterprise on 2.7 acres and to residential on 1.1 acres.

1jj Fursey Walsh

**Recommendation:** No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr Mc Donagh and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of this submission from proposed Community Facilities to Residential (Phase 1).

Mr Ridge stated that this was a further example of the severing of community facilities and where again proposed community facilities zonings are a distance away from the village centre. He added that this type of zoning was not considered proper planning and was totally opposed to it.

**Issue 2 – Written Content of the Plan** Des Kearney Michael Moloney Mark Duffy

**Recommendation:** 

1. Remove specific objective T5 On the proposal of Cllr Cuddy and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

2. Amend Draft Plan as indicated in the Manager's Report

On the proposal of Cllr Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr Hoade it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

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#### 3. No change to Draft Plan

On the proposal of Cllr Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr McDonagh it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

#### 4. No change to Draft Plan

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

5. Amend as in the Manager's Report output of the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

6. Amend as in the Manager's Report. On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to

accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

**Issue 3 – Population & Demography vis-à-vis the Settlement Strategy** Mark Duffy Brian Kenny, Department of Heritage, Environment & Local Government

Recommendation: No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr McDonagh it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

#### **Issue 4 – Transportation**

Mark Duffy Michael Moloney Headford District Association The Maguire Family Pat Joyce

#### **Recommendation:**

No change to the Draft Plan. On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy and seconded by Cllr. McDonagh it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

Issue 5 – Water and Drainage Mark Duffy Michael Moloney John Killilan Varley Gregory Ford, Western Regional Fisheries Board

#### Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan. On the proposal of Cllr Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

#### Issue 6 – Water Quality

Carra Mask Corrib Water Protection Group

#### **Recommendation:**

No change to the draft plan On the proposal of Cllr Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

Issue 7 – Flood Plains Office of Public Works

#### Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan. On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

Issue 8 – Public Consultation/Display Michael Moloney The Maguire Family

#### Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan. On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr McDonagh it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

**Issue 9 – Urban Design – See Map 2 for detail** Noel Burke, c/o Stephen Dowd & Associates Liam & Fidelma Butler Margaret McNamara

#### **Recommendation:** No change to the Draft Plan

On the proposal of Cllr Cuddy and seconded by Cllr McDonagh it was agreed to accept the suggested realignment of secondary access route at the exit on to the Cong Road as per the submission by Noel Burke.

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On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr McDonagh it was agreed to remove the secondary access objectives from the urban design framework map as per submissions by Liam & Fidelma Butler and Margaret McNamara.

Mr Ridge stated that by removing these indicative access routes from certain areas will destroy the whole concept of the Plan and the Urban Design Framework outlined for Headford. He explained that the land would become increasingly landlocked in the future.

Issue 10 – Sustainable Development & Energy Willie Campbell Michael Moloney

#### Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan On the proposal of Cllr Cuddy and seconded by Cllr McDonagh it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

#### **Issue 11 – Community Facilities** Michael Moloney Headford District Association

**Recommendation:** 

Change from Enterprise to part Enterprise and part Community Facilities, as per 1D.

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of this submission village centre, enterprise and community facilities and incorporating a playground objective.( as per Submission 1D).

#### Issue 12 – Children's Playground

Headford District Association The Maguire Family Little Friends Montessori School & Others Cloughrmover Mother and Toddler Group Parents of Children at Headford National School Karen Loughlin, Freestyle Xtreme Ltd Bobby Sparrow & Others, Headford Area Playground Initiative (HAPI) Headford Women's Group Fenella Carey & Others, HAPI Mary, Michael & Sarah Heenan James Whyte, Presentation College

#### **Recommendation:**

Change from Enterprise to Community Facilities, see map 1.
 Change from Residential to Recreation & Amenity, see map 3.

1 On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of this submission community facilities and incorporating a playground objective. (As per submission 1D).

2. On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of this submission from proposed Residential to Community Facilities.

Issue 13 – Amenity Walk Headford District Association Gregory Forde, Western Regional Fisheries Board

Recommendation: No change to the Draft Plan

On the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to accept the recommendation in Manager's Report but to outline in the Plan the amenity walkway that comes within the Plan boundary as per the submission from the Headford District Association.

**Issue 14 – Nature Conservation** Michael Moloney

#### **Recommendation:**

No change to Draft Plan. On the proposal of Cllr Cuddy and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

Issue 15 – Waste Recycling Michael Moloney

#### Recommendation:

No change to Draft Plan On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Hoade it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

#### Issue 16 – Western Regional Guidelines

Brian Kenny, Spatial Policy, Department of Enviromnment, Heritage & Local Government

#### **Recommendation:**

No change to the Draft Plan. On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

#### **Issue 17 - Strategic Environmental Assessment** Brian Kenny, Spatial Policy, DoEHLG

#### Recommendation:

Include paragraph in Appendix 1 stating:

The Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (S.I 436 of 2004) came into effect from 21<sup>st</sup> July 2004 and transpose the requirements of Directive 2001/42/EC otherwise known as the SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Directive. Under these regulations screening for SEA is required for the preparation of Local Area Plans. As the consultation process for the Headford Local Area Plan began in March 2004 this requirement does not apply in this instance. Submissions on the Headford Local Area plan were initially invited between the 4<sup>th</sup> March and the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2004.

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

Issue 18 – Corrib – Headford Arterial Drainage Scheme – See Map 3 for detail. Office of Public Works

#### Recommendation:

Include the following policies:

- No development should take place within 5 meters of the maintenance channels
- <u>The Office of Public Works should be consulted with regard to any proposed</u> <u>development in or adjacent to these watercourses. (See Map 3).</u>

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

Issue 19 – Miscellaneous Mark Duffy Headford District Association Office of Public Works Gregory Forde, Western Regional Fisheries Board The Maguire Family Michael Moloney

#### Recommendation:

No change to Draft Plan On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Hoade it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

#### **Issue 20 – Forward Planning Submissions**

- 1. Amend the text as shown:
  - Section 1.4
    - Pg 9 Remove reference to waste from this Section.
    - Section 1.6

Pg 9 Include the following sentence after ....commercial waste. "Galway County Council is working with the private operators in County Galway to ensure that the segregated collection system is extended to include organic waste".

- 2. Add Specific Objective T3 (car parking) as shown in map 3.
- 3. Amend the proposed Architectural Conservation Area boundary, map 3.
- 4. Typing corrections and editing of document and maps.

On the proposal of Cllr Cuddy and seconded by Cllr Hoade it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report but to delete specific objective T3 (car parking).

Cllr Hoade thanked Ms Burke and all the officials for all the work done on the Headford Local Area Plan.

# TO CONSIDER MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE SUBMISSION RECEIVED ON<br/>THE DRAFT LOUGHREA LOCAL AREA PLAN AS PER SECTION 20 (3) (d) (i)OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 AS AMENDED.550

The meeting became inquorate before discussion took place on this item.

#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS

#### NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 26 - CLLR. S. CANNEY

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#### The following reply was given: -

"Where walls have been set back as a result of road widening by Galway County Council resulting in Eircom/E.S.B. poles being exposed, the matter will be dealt with between Galway County Council and Eircom/E.S.B. as appropriate. Eircom have given an undertaking that they will deal with orders placed as speedily as possible.

Where walls have been set back by developers/individuals under planning etc resulting in Eircom/E.S.B. poles being exposed, the relocating of such poles is a matter between the developer/individual and Eircom/E.S.B."

#### NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 27 - CLLR. S. CANNEY

The following reply was given: -

"Galway County Council plans for office accommodation in Tuam are well advanced and the provision for a Courthouse is not included and no application from the Court Service has been received for same."

#### NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 28 - CLLR. S. CANNEY

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#### The following reply was given: -

"Set out hereunder is the number of outdoor workers (Roadworkers and Waterworks Caretakers) employed by Galway County Council in each electoral area at 1<sup>st</sup> June 2005, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 and 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2003. Figures at 01/06/2004 and 01/06/2003 are not available.

| Electoral Area | 01/06/2005 | 30/09/2004 | 01/01/2003 |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Ballinasloe    | 43         | 41         | 40         |
| Conamara       | 111        | 114        | 115        |
| Tuam           | 75         | 77         | 81         |
| Loughrea       | 77         | 79         | 81         |
| Oranmore       | 26         | 26         | 22         |

#### NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 29 - CLLR. M. FAHY

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#### The following reply was given: -

"Funding for Recreation and Amenity is provided from Development Levies and not the Revenue Budget so it is not possible to provide for a People's Park in Gort in 2006 Budget. The Council when deciding on projects under the heading Recreation and Amenity will examine the overall needs of the area and the resources available."

#### NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 30 - CLLR. M. FAHY

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#### The following reply was given: -

"Works will be carried out here in the coming weeks."

#### NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 31 - CLLR. M. FAHY

The following reply was given: -

"Verge trimming/grass cutting will be carried out on roads, on a priority basis, as resources permit."

#### NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 32 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

The following reply was given: -

"I am to advise that the matter has been referred to the Area Engineer with a request to undertake remedial action in regard to the skip at Lackagh Burial Ground."

#### NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 33 - CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

#### The following reply was given: -

"Ba é an dáta deiridh chun tairiscintí a fháil isteach do Scéim Séarachais na Ceathru Rua, Gréasán Bailiúcháin ná an 20 Meitheamh and cuireadh na tairiscintí ar fad a faigheadh chuig na hInnealtóirí Comhairleacha. Táthar ag fanacht ar thuairisc molta tairisceana le theacht óna Comhairleoirí fós, le na chuir isteach ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta & Rialtais Áitiúil lena gceadú."

#### NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 34 – COMH C. NI FHATHARTA 559

#### The following reply was given: -

"Is mian liom a chur in iúl duit go gcuirfear an obair seo igcrích de réir mar atá achmhainní ar fail, ar bhunús tosaíochta."

#### NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 35 - COMH C. NI FHATHARTA

#### The following reply was given: -

"Is mian liom a chur in iúl duit go bhfuil RPS-Kirk McClure Morton, Innealtóirí Comhairleacha, ceaptha aga n gComhairle Contae chun staidéar féidearthachta a dhéanamh ar an gCéibh ar an taobh ó thuaidh d'Inis Oírr. Ceapadh na comhairleoirí chun féachaint ar chostas oibreacha feabhsúcháin chun déileáil le beireadh barr na dtonnta, áisean ancaire a fheabhsú agus chun feabhsúcháin sábháilteachta a dhéanamh. Síneadh an ceapachán seo chun tabhairt faoi múnlú tonnta agus chun measunaigh a dhéanamh ar áiseanna farantóireachta rolladh ann/rolladh as d'Inis Oírr.

Tá cheithre rogha tugtha sa gcéad dréacht den staidéar féidearthachta. Déanfar meastachán ar chostas gach rogha. Freisin, déanfar múnlú ríomhaire ar gach rogha tugadh sa staidéar ag tabhairt aird ar an trá cóngarach. Beidh an chéad dréacht don tuairisc seo ar fail go luath i Mí Lúnasa, 2005, agus déanfar comhairliú ansin.

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Déanfar múnlú fisiceach ar an rogha is fearr mar atá curtha síos sa staidéar féidearthachta"

#### **CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN**

Submitted, Approved & Signed

26.09.05 Date

Thosaigh an crist Chi teis an paidi

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Solution of Sympathy was extended to the following

Mr. John Hogan, Donmore, Tuam, Co. Gaiway

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