

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY  
COUNCIL HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL, ON  
MONDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2005.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:**

Mayor P. Hynes

**ILATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Baill**

Cllrs. W. Burke S. Canney, S. Connaughton,  
Comh. S.O'Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Conneely, 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, T.  
McHugh, M.Mullins, Comh.S.O'Tuairisg, Cllrs. M.  
Regan, T. Reilly, J.Tierney, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T.  
Welby, B. Willers.

**Oifigigh:**

Mr. P. Gallagher, County Manager; Messrs. J.  
Cullen, F. Gilmore, P. Ridge, F. Dawson, K.  
Kelly, Directors of Service; M. Lavelle,  
A/Director of Service; T. Murphy, County  
Secretary; D. Barrett, A. Comer, Senior  
Executive Officers; M. Doddy, Conservation  
Officer; M. McGrath, Senior Staff Officer; P.  
O'Neachtain, Oifigeach Gaeilge; K. Fitzgerald,  
R. Burke, B. O'Neill, Assistant Planners; B.  
Donnellan, J. Keane, G. Healy, 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. John Hogan, Dunmore, Tuam, Co. Galway.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS.**

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The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Joyce. Arising from the Minutes, Cllr. Joyce asked when would the Members get an update regarding the allocation of income received in respect of development contributions and the Manager stated that the Members would be updated in this regard at the next Finance Committee Meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Finance Committee would be held prior to the September monthly meeting.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Healy Eames. Arising from the Minutes, Cllr. D. Connolly referred to the second paragraph on Page 7 which began "Cllr. Connolly stated that he was not in favour of changing the present system of prior notices....." He stated that this should read "Cllr. M. Connolly stated that he was not in favour of changing the present system of prior notices". It was agreed that this amendment would be made. Cllr. D. Connolly wished to put on record that he was in favour of the abolition of the prior notice system.

Some of the Members stated that they had encountered problems since the abolition of the prior notice system and that their constituents were not in favour of the abolition of the prior notices, while other Members stated that once they explained the new system of pre-planning meetings to their constituents, they understood that the prior notice system had been replaced with a more practical system.

Cllr. D. Connolly proposed that the Planning Department issue guidelines on proper practice regarding the new system in place in the Planning Department since the abolition of prior notices, in order to clarify matters for the Members. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh.

Mr. Ridge welcomed Cllr. D. Connolly's proposal that guidelines be prepared for the Members.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held at the Shannon Oaks Hotel, Portumna on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2005 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Tierney. Arising from the Minutes, Cllr. Kyne asked if the future Part 8 Process in relation to the Inner Relief Road at Moycullen would refer to the road in its entirety or just the section through the County Council lands and Mr. Ridge confirmed that it would refer to the road in its entirety.

Also arising from the Minutes, Cllr. Feeney stated that he wished to make a correction to item no. 457 on Page 31 under the heading "Toll Scheme N6 Galway – Ballinasloe". In the third paragraph under this item it was recorded that "Cllr. Feeney agreed that toll roads are a good idea", however Cllr. Feeney wished to have this statement deleted as he did not state this. It was agreed that the sentence be amended to read as follows "Cllr. Feeney stated that he was concerned that people would be forced on to minor roads in order to avoid the crippling costs of the toll".

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION** 481

The Report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Mullins

The Report of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Welby

The Report of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Welby

The Report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Mullins. Arising from the Report, Cllr. D. Connolly expressed concern regarding the Creagh Junction which he stated was in need of finalisation. He also asked what were the Council's plans for the Civic Amenity Site in Ballinasloe.

Mr. Kelly stated that the issues surrounding the landfill and the Civic Amenity Site were being considered by Ballinasloe Town Council but that the continuation of the Civic Amenity Site would need to be viable and if continued would be substantially different to that currently in operation.

Also arising from the Report, Cllr. Mullins stated that there was an increase in the volume of traffic on the Kiltulla to Kilconnell Road due to the works being carried out on the proposed landfill site and that passing lorries were knocking stones off the walls in the area. He stated that he felt that it was the Council's responsibility to improve the road and he proposed that the developer should be asked to make a contribution towards the cost of the road improvement works and this was seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly. Cllr. Mullins also stated that flashing lights would need to be erected at the approach to the two schools at New Inn due to the increase in traffic going through the village.

Mr. Kelly stated that the Council would look into the issues raised regarding the Kiltulla to Kilconnell Road.

The Report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on 22nd February, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Tierney, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Willers.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Willers.

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 6th May, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Comh. O'Cuaig, seconded by Cllr. Conneely.

Arising from the Report, Comh. O'Cuaig referred to the proposal to provide a new road from Galway to Carna and he expressed disappointment that Council members were not invited to a meeting between Oireachtas members and NRA officials held recently.

Cllr. Burke proposed that the new Chief Executive Officer of the N.R.A. be invited to address a forthcoming Meeting of the Council and this was seconded by Comh. O'Tuairisg.

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 12th May, 2005 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Conneely, seconded by Comh O'Tuairisg.

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

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On the proposal of Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. Burke, 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 Co. Road L82651 in the townland of Ballingarry and extending east for a distance of 213 metres in the townland of Ballingarry and finishing at John Gleeses gate in the townland of Ballingarry. – Loughrea.

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF ROADS ACT 1993** 483

On the proposal of Cllr. Kyne, seconded by Cllr. Welby, 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 L53683 in the townlands of Knockranny and Slievaneena in a northwest direction for a distance of 525 metres. – Oughterard.

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF ROADS ACT 1993** 484

On the proposal of Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, 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 L 71521-0 in the townland of Ballyboggan and extending for a distance of 610 metres in the townland of Ballyboggan – Ballinalsoe.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – PLACEMENT OF A PREFABRICATED DWELLING WITH SERVICES AT KYLEMORE VILLAGE, LETTERFRACK, CO. GALWAY –** 485

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

On the proposal of Cllr. Conneely, seconded by Cllr. Welby, the proposed placement of a prefabricated dwelling with services at Kylemore Village, Letterfrack, Co. Galway, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.0389 HECTARES AT ST. COLEMANS'S TERRACE, GORT, CO. GALWAY TO MR. SHANE MINOGUE.** 486

Report dated 1st June, 2005 was already circulated to each Member..

On the proposal of Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. Burke, the disposal of 0.0389 hectares at St. Coleman's Terrace, Gort, Co. Galway to Mr. Shane Minogue, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.1288 HECTARES AT DANGAN, TUAM, CO. GALWAY TO MR. PAUL LOUGHNANE-**

487

Report dated 13th June, 2005 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Mullins, the disposal of 0.1288 hectares at Dangan, Tuam, Co. Galway to Mr. Paul Loughnane, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.68 ACRES AT BALLYTRASNA, GARDENFIELD, TUAM, CO. GALWAY TO MR. CATHAL CLOONAN -**

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

On the proposal of Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Keaveney, the disposal 0.68 acres at Ballytrasna, Gardenfield, Tuam, Co. Galway to Mr. Cathal Cloonan, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.0073 HECTARES AT 11 ST. COLEMAN'S TERRACE GORT, CO. GALWAY TO MS. MARIE KEELY -**

489

Report dated 14th June, 2005 was already circulated to each Member..

On the proposal of Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. Burke, the disposal 0.0073 hectares at 11 St. Coleman's Terrace Gort, Co. Galway to Ms. Marie Keely, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.0063 HECTARES AT 10 ST. COLEMAN'S TERRACE, GORT, CO. GALWAY TO MS. MARGARET FORDE -**

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Report dated 14th June, 2005 was already circulated to each Member..

On the proposal of Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. Burke, the disposal 0.0063 hectares at 10 St. Coleman's Terrace Gort, Co. Galway to Ms. Margaret Forde, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.155 HECTARES AT NO. 22, NO.23, NO.24, NO.25, THE CRICKET FIELDS, TUAM, CO. GALWAY -**

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

On the proposal of Cllr. Canney, seconded by Cllr. Keaveney, the disposal **0.155 hectares at No. 22, No.23, No.24, No.25, The Cricket Fields, Tuam, Co. Galway**, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.97 HECTARES AT NO. 28, NO.31, NO. 34, NO. 36, NO.48, NO.57, GARRAI GLAS, ATHENRY, CO. GALWAY –** 492

Report dated 14th June, 2005 was already circulated to each Member..

On the proposal of Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Burke, the disposal **0.97 hectares at No. 28, No.31, No. 34, No. 36, No.48, No.57, Garrai Glas, Athenry, Co. Galway**, was approved.

**TO CONSIDER MANAGERS REPORT ON THE SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT PORTUMNA LOCAL AREA PLAN AS PER SECTION 20 (3) (D) (I) OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000. –** 493

The Mayor invited Mr Paul Ridge to present the Manager's Report on the submissions/observations received on the Portumna Draft Local Area Plan.

Mr. Ridge explained that during the draft display period 63 submissions/observations were received and these have been grouped into a range of issues.

He stated that the Manager's Report is divided up into 11 issues. The order in which they appear should not be interpreted as a priority listing. Issues have been grouped and arranged for convenience purposes only.

- Issue 1: Proposed Outer Residential Zoning in Portumna Forest Park
- Issue 2: Requests for Rezoning
- Issue 3: Urban Design Framework
- Issue 4: Proposed Relief Road
- Issue 5: Natural Heritage
- Issue 6: Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Issue 7: Population Target & Residential Zoning
- Issue 8: Policy Context
- Issue 9: Retail
- Issue 10: Workhouse Complex
- Issue 11: Miscellaneous

He further explained that the Planning and Development Act provide a period of six weeks for the Elected Members to consider this report and to decide whether to make, amend or revoke the Plan.

If the proposed amendments are not a material alteration to the proposals concerned, then the plan can formally be made by resolution of the Council. If however the proposed amendments are material then the Act provides a four week period for the public to make submissions and observations on them.

At the end of this public display period, a Manager's report will be prepared on the submissions and observations received and the Council will then have to make the final plan either with or without the proposed amendments. The making of the Local Area Plan is done by resolution of the Council.

During the entire plan-making process, the Council is restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. They must also take into account statutory obligations and any relevant Government guidelines, policies and objectives in force.

Mr Ridge then invited Ms. Fitzgerald to go through each of the issues contained in the Manager's Report beginning with Issue 1

*Recommendation:*

*No change recommended*

**Issue 1: Proposed Outer Residential Zoning in Portumna Forest Park**

**Submitted by:**

Friends of Portumna Forest Park (1222 signatures)

Ann Touhy, Peter Summers, A. Murray, An Taisce, Paddy Wilkinson, Janet Brody, Joe Hogan, J. Carty, Des & Sinead Salmon, Angela & Dermot McGrath, Maria Burke, An Gairdin, Noreen Lyons & Anne Mills, Borris Dalton, Barbara Corcoran, Catherine Flynn, Geraldine Gibbons, Margaret Donnelly, Eileen Sheehy, Phyllis Lambe, Helen Forde, Christopher Borgye, Sandra Dalton, Anna Slevin, Borrisokane Community Response, Frank & Annette Abberton, Thomas Talbot, Deirdre Talbot, Roisin Twomey, Noelle Anne Curran, Veronica O' Connor, Geraldine Canning, Gundrun Singer, Chris & Derek Finnerty, Joe Tierney, Woodford Community School, Coillte Teoranta (Gerry Britchfield, Director Land & Enterprise Development)

**Recommendation:**

No change to draft Plan zoning.

Include objective stating: Require an in-depth ecological assessment to be undertaken prior to the commencement of any development on the Forest Park site and that cognisance be taken of the findings of the assessment.

***It was proposed by Cllr. Burke seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed to zone the lands the subject of submission Issue 1 amenity and environment.***



**Issue 2: Requests for Rezoning**

**Submitted by:**

Mr. William Conway c/o Dermot Walsh Architects, John & Mary Rourke, John Horan, Paul Copage & Tony Williams (Beech Grove Developments), John Keane, Paul Dillon, Keith & Alison Dagg, Francis Dillon c/o Senator Ulick Burke, Eugene McEntee c/o Brian Callagy & Associates, P.J Hogan, Eamon & Mary Murray c/o Gerard Moylan & Co., Paul & Connie Copage, D. Lynch c/o Peter Summers

**Introduction:**

The following issues relate to zoning requests. Map 2 illustrates where each request relates to.

**2A William Conway c/o Dermot Walsh Architects**

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended

*Mr Ridge stated that he was opposed to the zoning of these lands residential as they may be liable to flooding.*

*Cllr Burke stated that these lands were outside the floodplain area*

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Willers and agreed to zone the lands the subject of issue 2A residential*

**2B John & Mary Rourke**

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

Cllr. Burke stated that there was already significant proportion of lands zoned for recreation, amenity and environment. He pointed out that the lands in question are adjacent to lands zoned residential and opposite lands zoned for industrial purposes and that the request for rezoning seemed appropriate.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed to zone the lands the subject of issue 2B residential with a 20-30m buffer along the river*

**2C John Horan**

**Recommendation:**

Retain proposed community facility zoning as identified in the Draft Local Area Plan.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. Burke and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**2D Paul Copage & Tony Williams Beech Grove Developments**

**Recommendation:**

2D (i) Recommend that lands are zoned from Residential Phase 2 to Community Facilities.

*2D (i) It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

2D(ii) Recommend that lands are zoned from Residential Phase 2 to Residential Phase 1.

*2D (ii) It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**2E John Keane**

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**2F Paul Dillon**

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**2G Keith & Alison Dagg**

**Recommendation:**

Recommend that land is zoned tourism and enterprise.

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**2H Francis Dillon**

**Recommendation:**

Recommended to proposed community facility zoning

No change recommended.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Canney, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**2I Eugene McEntee**

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. D.Connolly and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**2J P.J. Hogan**

**Recommendation:**

Amend zoning matrix to facilitate the development of marina within amenity & environment zoning. (See Appendix 1)

Include Policy: 'Consult with the NPWS of DoEHLG in relation to any proposed developments in or near designated sites'.

Include specific objective: Require an in-depth ecological assessment to be carried out for all proposed developments in areas designated as SAC, SPA or NHA.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**Issue 3: Urban Design Framework**

**2K P.J. Hogan**

Submitted by:

**Recommendation:**

Recommend that land is zoned tourism and enterprise.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**2L Eamon & Mary Murray**

**Recommendation:**

2L (i) No change recommended to proposed community facility zoning.

2L (ii) Change proposed recreation & amenity zoning to tourism and enterprise.

*2L (i) It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

*2L (ii) It was proposed by Cllr. D Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**2M Paul & Connie Copage**

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**2N D. Lynch**

**Recommendation:**

Amend Plan to include enterprise zoning on part of subject lands. (See Map 2B & Appendix 1).

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**Issue 3: Urban Design Framework**

**Submitted by:**

M. Clossick c/o Brian Callagy & Associates, Paul & Connie Copage, Father Brendan Lawless P.P., Cormac Horan, Finian Matthews, Spatial Policy, DoEHLG.

*Recommendation:*

*Revise urban design framework to accommodate issues raised. See Map 3B.*

**Introduction:**

The following issues relate to the urban design framework. Map 3 illustrates where each request relates to.

**3A M. Clossick**

*Recommendation:*

**Recommendation:**

Revise urban design framework to accommodate issues raised. See Map 3B.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**3B Paul & Connie Copage**

**Recommendation:**

Revise urban design framework to accommodate issues raised. See Map 3B.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**3C Father Brendan Lawless P.P.**

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

Ms. Fitzgerald brought attention to an error in the report relating to the first and second line in the response which should state "The subject lands are proposed to be zoned community facility in the draft Plan.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Willers and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**3D Father Brendan Lawless P.P.**

**Recommendation:**

No change to draft Plan.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**3E Cormac Horan**

**Recommendation:**

Revise urban design framework to accommodate issues raised. See Map 3B.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**3F Finian Matthews, Spatial Policy, DoEHLG.**

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**4E Martin, Ann & Brendan Touhy**

**Issue 4: Proposed Relief Road**

**Submitted by:**

Tom & Mary O'Connor, Brendan Joyce c/o A. Gerard Moylan, Michael Monaghan, Woodpark & District Residents Association, Martin, Ann & Brendan Touhy c/o Conor Hayes Consulting Engineer, Patricia Nic Aodgháin

**4F Patricia Nic Aodgháin**

**Introduction:**

The following issues relate to the proposed relief road. Map 4 illustrates where each request relates to.

**4A Tom & Mary O'Connor**

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**4B Brendan Joyce**

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**4C Michael Monaghan**

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

*It was proposed by Cllr. D.Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**4D Woodpark & District Residents Association**

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Willers and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**4E Martin, Ann & Brendan Touhy**

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**4F Patricia Nic Aodgháin**

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Willers and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**Issue 5: Natural Heritage**

**Submitted by:**

Finian Matthews, Spatial Policy, DoEHLG., Julie Fossitt, NPWS

**Introduction:**

The following issues relate to natural heritage.

**5A Text Changes**

Submitted by:

Finian Matthews, Spatial Policy, DoEHLG.

Amend Plan to accommodate the text changes as outlined in the Draft Plan.

Introduction:

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

#### **5B cSAC Boundary**

Amend the Plan to include the following additional paragraph:

**Recommendation:**  
Amend map to show correct cSAC boundary.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

#### **Issue 6: Strategic Environmental Assessment**

Issue 6: Policy Context

Submitted by:

Finian Matthews, Spatial Policy, DoEHLG.

Finian Matthews, Spatial Policy, DoEHLG.

Introduction:

This issue relates to the requirement to screen plans for Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Recommendation:

Recommendation: Include the following paragraphs:

Include paragraph in Appendix 2 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 Portumna Local Area Plan began in March 2004 this requirement does not apply in this instance. Submissions on the Portumna Local Area plan were initially invited between the 4<sup>th</sup> March and the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2004.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

The Regional Planning Guidelines identify the upgrading of the R355 Portumna to Ballinacree for better transport links into larger settlements and eventually connecting to the NSS Gateways.

#### **Issue 7: Population Target & Residential Zoning**

In section 2.12 Tourism.



**Submitted by:**

Finian Matthews, Spatial Policy, DoEHLG.

**Introduction:**

This issue relates to population projections for the Plan area and the amount of land proposed to be zoned residential.

**Recommendation:**

Amend the Plan to include the following additional paragraph:

There are approximately 301 acres proposed to be zoned residential in the draft Plan. This comprises 26 acres for inner residential, 208 acres for Phase One, 57 acres for Phase Two and 10 acres for outer residential. Of the total proposed residential zoning 147 acres remains undeveloped.

Submitted by:

*It was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

Introduction:

This issue relates to retail development in Portumna.

**Issue 8: Policy Context**

Recommendation:

**Submitted by:**

Finian Matthews, Spatial Policy, DoEHLG.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**Introduction:**

This issue relates to policy context for the Local Area Plan.

**Recommendation:**

Amend plan to include the following paragraphs:

*In the Introduction to the Plan:*

In preparing this Plan regard has been given to national and regional trends. Documents consulted include the National Spatial Strategy, the White Paper on Rural Development, the Regional Planning Guidelines and other DoEHLG publications and guidelines. The Regional Planning Guidelines make specific reference to Portumna identifying it as a key town in south Galway and recognise that there is potential for development along the Shannon at Portumna. In addition they identify tourism, particularly the tourist potential of the Shannon as an area of opportunity.

*In Section 2.4 Transportation:*

The Regional Planning Guidelines identify the upgrading of the R355 Portumna to Ballinasloe for better transport links into larger settlements and eventually connecting to the NSS Gateways.

*In section 2.12 Tourism:*

The Regional Planning Guidelines make specific reference to the opportunities for developing tourism in Portumna. In particular they highlight the tourist potential for the River Shannon, the many archaeological, historical sites and geological phenomena and the clustering of rural tourism attractions to create a tourism trail such as Portumna Castle.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**Issue 9: Retail**

**Submitted by:**

Tesco c/o The Development Planning Partnership.

**Introduction:**

This issue relates to retail development in Portumna.

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**Issue 10: Workhouse Complex**

**Submitted by:**

South East Galway Integrated Rural Development c/o AP McCarthy Planning Consultants, South East Galway Integrated Rural Development c/o Helen O'Keefe Planning Consultant.

**Introduction:**

This issue relates to the workhouse complex.

**10A South East Galway Integrated Rural Development c/o AP McCarthy Planning Consultants**

- i. No change recommended.
- ii. Amend zoning matrix to allow medical and related consultants open for consideration in the zoning matrix.

- iii. Amend Plan to ensure all references to the workhouse complex as being the OPW district offices or County Buildings in the Plan are referred to as the former Workhouse complex.

*It was proposed by Cllr. D Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Willers, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**10B South East Galway Integrated Rural Development c/o Helen O'Keeffe, Planning Consultant**

**Recommendation:**

Recommend to include objective in the plan as Objective AH9.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Connolly seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**Issue 11: Miscellaneous**

**Submitted by:**

Na Calai Community Development Project

**Introduction:**

A variety of issues were raised in the submission received from Na Calai Community Development Project.

**Recommendation:**

No change recommended.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Willers seconded by Cllr. Burke, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

**Forward Planning Amendments**

• **Objective IE3 – Change conservation to protected.**

**IE3** Facilitate the development of enterprise related activities at the workhouse complex. These must have regard to the protected status of the workhouse complex.

• **Section 2.11: Include the following text:**

The Regional Planning Guidelines identify as requirements for change and development the promotion of timber and craft industries and the promotion of enterprise centres in the key towns of south Galway, i.e. Portumna.

• **Error on identified Protected Structures.**

RPS 462 should not have been included on Table 2.1 as it is not a protected structure. Recommend deleting this from Table 2.1 and Map 4 Built Heritage.

RPS 1003 should not have been included on Table 2.1 as it is not a protected structure.

Recommend deleting this from Table 2.1 and Map 4 Built Heritage.

• **Section 5.2.7 Public Open Space**

Amend public open space requirement to read:

Residential zones (greenfield) – minimum of 10-15% of the total site area.

• Amend the zoning matrix to have 'hotel' permitted in principle in the Tourism and Enterprise zone.

• Any text, spelling, grammatical and mapping errors will be corrected in the amended Plan.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Cannon, and agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report and make the necessary text changes as set out above.*

**Additional Amendments Proposed**

Cllr. Burke referred to an area of lands, approx. 6 acres located on the north side of the Tynagh Road which were zoned residential phase II. He identified the lands in question by reference to a site marked "G" on the zoning legend Map 1. He stated that the lands should be zoned residential rather than residential phase II.

*On the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Fahy it was agreed to rezone the lands identified on the zoning map, marked "G," from residential Phase II to residential.*

Cllr. Burke referred to lands owned by Sean and Kathleen O'Hare which he believed was outside the flood plain. The lands in question were zoned recreation and amenity. He said that the lands were adjacent to and formed a natural extension of the town centre and he recommended that the lands be zoned town centre (mixed development). The lands in question was identified on the zoning map marked "A". Ms. Fitzgerald confirmed that the lands in question were outside the flood plain area and there was no objection in principle to the proposed rezoning.

***On the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Feeney it was agreed to rezone the lands identified on the zoning map, marked "A," from recreation and amenity to town centre (mixed development).***

Cllr. Feeney referred to an area of lands which were zoned inner residential. The lands in question were bounded by the Inner Relief Road and by other lands zoned town centre and community facilities. He felt that the Inner Residential zoning was less appropriate in this area than ordinary residential zoning and he proposed that the lands be rezoned to residential accordingly. This was seconded by Cllr. Willers and she stated that Portumna was not ready for high density development in this area. Cllr Burke also concurred with this proposal.

Mr Ridge pointed out that the proposed inner residential zoning was consistent with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government's Guidelines on Residential Density which recommends a density of 12-20 units to the acre on lands zoned residential. and stated that this was not dense development. He further added that high density development involves 40-100 units to the acre. 12-14 units to the acre is not considered as high density.

***It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Willers and agreed to zone the lands which had been identified by Cllr. Feeney from inner residential to residential***

Cllr Burke thanked all the councillors for their objectivity in this process to date. He also thanked Ms. Fitzgerald for her presentation of the Manager's Report and for her help, efficiency and courtesy throughout the process and stated that it was done in a very professional manner.

The Mayor also stated that he wanted to be associated with these comments.

Mr Ridge also complimented the Councillors on their excellent approach to this Plan and the efficient way in which it was dealt with. He stated that it was a good plan which will allow Portumna to grow in a sustainable manner. He also complimented Ms. Fitzgerald on her work throughout the Plan.

Mr Ridge outlined the next stage of the process.

He stated that the proposed amendments and material alterations will be put on public display for a four week period.

At the end of this public display period, a Manager's report will be prepared on the submissions and observations received and the Council will then have to make the final plan either with or without the proposed amendments. The making of the Local Area Plan is done by resolution of the Council.

**TO CONSIDER THE ADDITIONS TO, AND DELETIONS FROM, THE RECORD OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES AS PER SECTION 55 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000. – 494**

Report dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2005 was already circulated to each Member.

Cllr. Connaughton proposed that Holy Rosary Convent at Mountbellew be delisted from the Record of Protected Structures.

Ms. Doddy recommended that the structure be retained on the RPS.

Cllr Connaughton stated that the Holy Rosary Sisters had made a huge contribution to Mountbellew over the years but now the Order were dwindling and they were finding it difficult and financially draining to maintain this building. She pointed out that it must not have been of major historical interest previously as planning permissions were granted on site. She further stated that in an engineer's report commissioned by the Sisters, it was stated that the building was in an advanced state of disrepair and had no historical interest.

On the proposal of Cllr Connaughton and seconded by Cllr. Canney it was agreed not to accept the recommendation of the Conservation Officer and to delist Structure 66 Holy Rosary Convent at Mountbellew from the Record of Protected Structures.

Mr Ridge enquired if the Planning Authority had considered all written submissions/observations received and if it had regard for all observations received from the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. It was agreed that it had.

Mr Ridge pointed out that there are 30 bridges included in the list of proposed deletions from the RPS and suggested that these be taken as one.

Cllr. Canney proposed to deal with all the bridges as one entity and this was seconded by Cllr Keaveney.

Ms Doddy recommended that all the bridges be retained on the Record of Protected Structures. She explained that if a structure has been included in the RPS because in the opinion of the Planning Authority, it is of special interest, it should not be deleted from the RPS unless, in the opinion of the Planning Authority, it is no longer of special interest. According to the guidelines issued by the Minister this will generally take place only when the structure has entirely lost its special interest value through major accident or where new information has come to light which proves that a special interest value was mistakenly attributed. Deletion from the RPS may also come about where it has been decided that a more appropriate method of protecting a particular structure would be by including it within an Architectural conservation area.

She added that the bridges proposed for deletion have not lost any of their special interest. The bridges throughout the county are a testament to the engineering skills of those who designed them and the craftsmanship of those local people who built them. The NRA is now promoting the use of lime mortar in repair work to existing masonry arch bridges on national roads where the historic fabric of the structure justifies this work.

It is a factor in the Ministers consideration for the allocation of funds under the Urban and Village Renewal Conservation program if a structure is included on the RPS. Several bridges in the county have received Conservation grants both in the current and past years.

Protection in relation to a protected structure includes conservation, preservation, and improvement compatible with maintaining the character and interest of the structure.

If a building outlives the function for which it was built, for example, a convent, sympathetic reuse can allow the architectural heritage to continue to be enjoyed and used into the future. Several projects have been successfully undertaken throughout the county to adapt Protected Structures to new uses.

A building is not eligible for the local authority Conservation Grant scheme unless included in the RPS. Other funding authorities such as the Heritage Council also take account of the protected status of the structure when considering allocating grant funding.

Cllr Joyce stated that Banagher Bridge should be retained on the RPS as it was worthwhile preserving this bridge.

Cllr Canney enquired if work could be carried out on the bridges such as widening the Corofin Bridge as there has been increased traffic due to huge residential developments in the area He also stated that work on cracks on the Ballyglunin Bridge have been neglected.

Cllr. M. Connolly stated that in most situations the bridges are too narrow and are being damaged from time to time and he proposed to delete as many as possible.

Cllr Healy Eames enquired if the owners of the cottages listed on the proposed additions were aware of their inclusion.

Cllr Reilly stated that Shop Street Bridge, Tuam, Reg. No 831 should be retained on the RPS and stated that the Ballyglunin bridge should be inspected by an engineer as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Mullins enquired as to how this list was compiled and also enquired if essential repair work on these bridges would be hindered by their inclusion on the RPS

Ms Doddy confirmed that public safety comes first and that bridges can be repaired and maintained while on the RPS

On the proposal of Cllr Mullins and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to defer this item to the July Meeting.

It was agreed that each of the Area Committees would meet prior to the July meeting and discuss the proposed deletions from and additions to the RPS pertaining to their areas.

It was agreed that the decision taken on Reg 66 Holy Rosary Convent at Mountbellew still stood and had not been deferred.

**REVISED SCHEME OF LETTING PRIORITIES –** 495

Report dated 16th June, 2005 was already circulated to each Member..

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Burke, the Revised Scheme of Letting Priorities was agreed.

**SERVICE INDICATORS –** 496

Report dated 22nd June, 2005 was already circulated to each Member..

Mr. Kelly gave a summary of the report stating that the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government launched a new initiative entitled “Delivering Value for People – Service Indicators in Local Authorities” early in 2004. He also stated that the revised format introduced a set of 42 indicators, incorporating in excess of 150 individual figures for comparison, which would be common to all local authorities and would cover a broad range of local authority functions. He stated that the report included the indicators which Galway County Council, Ballinasloe, Loughrea and Tuam Town Councils had compiled for 2004 and he stated that it was expected that these indicators would match or exceed the average performance of local authorities throughout the country.

He stated that there would be an independent system of monitoring and verification of performance against the indicators which would be carried out by the Local Government Management Services Board and that the Board would make an annual report to the Minister on the performance of local authorities against the 42 indicators.

Mr. Kelly said that all of the service indicators are presented as single figures and therefore it is expected that there may be divergence in results between local authorities which may have practical explanations due to local factors not experienced elsewhere. It is quite evident that local authorities may differ due to geographic area, population, budget, local priorities and other factors.

**TO APPROVE ARTS GRANTS 2005–** 497

Report dated 21st June, 2005 was already circulated to each Member..

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Burke, the Arts Grants 2005 were approved.



**TO APPROVE COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 2005 –** 498

Report dated 21st June, 2005 was already circulated to each Member..

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Burke, the Community Based Economic Development Grants 2005 were approved.

Arising from the Report, Cllr. Burke proposed that an allocation of €7,000 be given to the Galway County Community Games and this was seconded by Cllr. Willers. Mr. Dawson stated that no application had been received in this regard and that if an application was completed, it would be considered.

Cllr. Cuddy stated that some funding should be allocated to the Claregalway Drama Group and Mr. Dawson stated that no formal application had been received and that an application should be completed and submitted.

**HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS –** 499

Report dated 21st June, 2005 was already circulated to each Member..

On the proposal of Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly, the Higher Education Grants Scheme 2005 was adopted.

**MANAGER BUSINESS** 500

**ROAD GRANT ALLOCATIONS.**

Details of grant allocations for roadwork's were circulated to each member together with a copy of Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government circular RLS 22/2005 requesting Local Authorities to prepare a multi-annual roadwork's restoration programme for the period 2006-2008.

In reply to Cllr. D. Connolly Mr. Lavelle said that the allocation for pavement and minor Improvement Works is for works to be carried out in 2005. Mr. Lavelle also informed him that €50,000 of the allocations for Ballinasloe streets was to be spent on Creagh Junction.

**LOCAL AREA PLANS**

Comh O'Cuaig enquired regarding the present position of the Local Area Plans for the Gealtacht area, especially an Cheathrú Rua and Bearnna. Mr. Ridge said that a work programme setting out the position in relation to each town plan/local area plan will be circulated to members as soon as possible. In relation to the local area plan for an Cheathrú Rua and the Gealtacht he said that a draft should be available by August/September 2005. In relation to Bearnna Mr. Ridge said that population projections in the area were being examined but he hoped that

Bearna and Oranmore Draft Local Area Plans should be ready by September/October 2005.

**MAYORS BUSINESS**

501

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh and agreed that the July meeting to be held on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 should commence at 11am.

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 23 - CLLR. C. CANNON**

502

*The following reply was given: -*

“The Preliminary Report for Kinvara Sewerage Scheme was submitted to the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in February 2003 for approval. The Department has recently raised some queries and a revised Preliminary Report is currently awaited from the Consulting Engineers. It is expected to have this report submitted to the Council by the end of August 2005 for submission to the Department in September 2005. Once the Preliminary Report is approved, the Council can then proceed to the next stage which is the preparation of Contract Documents. It is not possible at this stage to indicate when this scheme will go to construction but the matter is being pursued in the normal manner.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 24 – CLLR. J. CUDDY**

503

*The following reply was given: -*

“The Council is in the process of appointing Consulting Engineers to act as Employers Representative for a single Design/Build/Operate contract for the treatment works elements of four sewerage schemes, one of which is Claregalway. The successful appointment will also be required to act as consulting engineers for the collection system for three of the schemes one of which is Claregalway, which will be grouped under a single conventional contract. Both the DBO documents and Contract Documents are to be submitted to Council within 9 months of the appointment of consultants. Following on from this, these documents will have to be submitted to the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government, for approval. It is not possible to indicate at this time when this scheme will go to construction but the matter is being pursued in the normal manner.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 25 - CLLR. J. CUDDY** 504

*The following reply was given: -*

"2003: Amenity Grants Sportsfields/Activities	€23,250
Economic Grants	€3,500
2004: Amenity Grants Sportsfields/Activities	€22,750
Playgrounds	€40,000
Economic Grants	€9,880

In addition to this funding, the Council is working with a number of organizations with a view to providing play facilities."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 26 - CLLR. J. CUDDY** 505

*The following reply was given: -*

"Commencement Notices are submitted under the Building Control Act 1990, and Building Control Regulations 1997, there is a requirement that the Commencement Notice must be submitted not less than 14 days and not more than 28 days and be accompanied by the appropriate fee. Where a Commencement Notice complies with this requirement it must be accepted, however if it does not comply, it is deemed invalid.

Failure to comply with conditions of Planning Permission must be dealt with by the way of Enforcement procedures contained in the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Regulations."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 27 - CLLR. M. FAHY** 506

*The following reply was given: -*

"The Contract Documents for the Loughrea R.W.S.S. extension to Craughwell are currently with the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government, awaiting approval. Once the documents are approved, the Council can then go to tender.

Regarding the Craughwell Sewerage Scheme, the Council is in the process of appointing consulting engineers to act as Employers Representatives for a single Design/Build/Operate contract for the treatment of works elements for four sewerage schemes, one of which is Craughwell. The successful appointment will also be required to act as consulting engineers for the collection system for three of the schemes one of which is Craughwell, which will be grouped under a single conventional contract. Both the DBO documents and Contract Documents are to be submitted to Council within 9 months of the appointment of consultants.

Following on from this, these documents will have to be submitted to the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government, for approval. It is not possible to indicate at this time when this scheme will go to construction but the matter is being pursued in the normal manner.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 28 - CLLR. M. FAHY**

**507**

*The following reply was given: -*

“As the N18 is a National Primary Route the allocation of funding for construction of footpaths is a matter for the National Roads Authority. A submission for funding will be made to the Authority.”

A report is being prepared on the flooding referred to at this location.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 29 – CLLR. M. FAHY**

**508**

*The following reply was given: -*

“The revised Contract Documents for Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme extension to Clarinbridge & Kilcolgan Water are currently with the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government, and awaiting approval. Once the documents are approved the Council can then go to tender.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 30 - CLLR. J. MCDONAGH**

**509**

*The following reply was given: -*

“The Castle Ellen section of the Tuam – Athenry road has a good horizontal and vertical alignment. There is adequate sight distance along this section of road to allow for vehicles to overtake, therefore the installation of the proposed continuous white line is currently deemed unnecessary.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 31 - CLLR. J. MCDONAGH**

**510**

*The following reply was given: -*

“Galway County Council staff have inspected the site of the alleged flooding and are currently working to alleviate the cause of the flooding in the area.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 32 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 511**

*The following reply was given: -*

“The road at River Village, Carrowtober West, Athenry shall be repaired as soon as resources allow, in the interim routine maintenance will be carried out as required.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 33 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 512**

*The following reply was given: -*

“Cheannaigh an Comhairle Contae 0.706 acra talún uaigh an t-Uasal Micheál Ó Conghaile, Leitirmóir na Coille chun síneadh a cur leis an reilig áitiúil. Tugadh deis do thógaláí áitiúla athfhriotal a chur chuig an gComhairle do bhalla cloiche chun dul timpeall ar an síneadh. Measú go raibh na h-athfhriotal a thainig isteach ró-chostasach, agus dá bhrí sin ní raibh an Comhairle ábalta ioc as a balla a thógail de bharr easpa airgid. Cuireadh ceist ar an bparóiste breathnú ar rogha eile - balla bríce. Cuireadh ceist ar an innealtóir áitiúil athfhriotal a lorg ó thógaláí áitiúil do bhalla bríce a thógail.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 34 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 513**

*The following reply was given: -*

“Táim ag cur in iúl duit to bhfuil an Comhairle Chontae ag scrúdú na féidearthachtaí maidir le trá feiliúnach i gceantar Chill Chiaráin/Chárna a roghnú do iarratas ar stadais an Bhrat Gorm.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 35 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 514**

*The following reply was given: -*

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl duit go gcostnóidh sé timpeall €150,000 chun obair feabhsíúcháin a dhéanamh ar an mbóthar seo.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 36 – CLLR. S. Ó TUAIRISG 515**

*The following reply was given: -*

“Nil aon suiomh ag an Chomhairle Contae I gCamus faoi láithair. Má thagann suiomh sasuil ar fail beidh muid sásta an scéal a scrudu arís.”

*The following reply was given: -*

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 37 – CLLR. S. Ó TUAIRISG** 516

*The following reply was given: -*

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl duit go bhfuil an bóthar seo timpeall 1700m ar fhad, agus go gcosnóidh sé €150,000 é a athchóiriú. Áfach, leanfaidh an Comhairle Chontae ar aghaidh leis an cothabháil nó go mbeidh airgead ar fáil don athchóiriú.”

*The following reply was given: -*

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 38 – CLLR. S. Ó TUAIRISG** 517

*The following reply was given: -*

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl duit taréis fiosriúcháin a dhéanamh, nach bhfuil aon phlean ag an gComhairle Chontae comharthaí bóthair a chur sna ceantair seo faoi láthair.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 39 – CLLR. T. WALSH** 518

*The following reply was given: -*

“This location on the Glenamaddy – Dunmore Road will be assessed with a view to determining the most appropriate measure to alleviate the situation.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 40 – CLLR. T. WALSH** 519

*The following reply was given: -*

“A Safety Audit will be carried out at this location with a view to having the site included as a Low Cost Accident Prevention Scheme in 2006. As an interim measure warning signs will be erected as soon as possible.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 41 – CLLR. T. WALSH**

**520**

*The following reply was given: -*

“This is a cross roads junction where LT64093 (840m) and LT64094 (63m) access onto LS649. It is considered that the provision of stop signs are not warranted at this location. The rectification of poor sight distance would be a suitable project for the Community Involvement Scheme.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 42 – CLLR. T. WELBY**

**521**

*The following reply was given: -*

“The Council purchased 0.706 acres of land from Mr. Michael Conneely, Lettermore na Coille for an extension to the existing burial ground. Quotations were sought from local builders to construct a stone wall around the extension. The quoted prices received were considered too expensive. The council was not in a position to fund the construction of the wall as the budget for burial ground development is limited. The Parish were requested to consider the cheaper option of a block wall. The area engineer was requested to seek quotations from local builders for a block wall.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 43 – CLLR. B. WILLERS**

**522**

*The following reply was given: -*

“The Contractor has been requested to restore the road within the Estate. We hope to be in a position to sign the contract within the next three weeks.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 44 – CLLR. B. WILLERS**

**523**

*The following reply was given: -*

“Following a public tender process and consideration of a proposal submitted by a local developer to Design, Build, and Part Finance a Swimming Pool and Leisure Facility in Loughrea, the Council has submitted a request to the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism for grant assistance for the proposal. A reply from the DAST is awaited. The developer in question has been granted planning permission for the project by Galway County Council.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 45 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

524

The following reply was given: -

“The Preliminary Report for the Gort Regional Water Supply Scheme and the Landslide Report, is currently being reviewed by the technical staff in the Water Services Section. It is expected that both reports will be submitted to the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government for approval, the Council can then proceed to the next stage, which is the preparation of Contract Documents.”

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Messrs. J. Conroy, D. Conroy, M. Conroy, J. Cuddy, M. Fyhy, P. Feeney, F. Healy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, T. O'Connell, M. Mullins, Comb. S. O'Tuairing, Cllrs. J. Tierney, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers.

Submitted, Approved & Signed

25.07.05

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
date

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Messrs. P. Gallagher, J. Cullen, F. O'Leary, J. Dawson, Directors Of Services; G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance; A. Comer, A/Director of Service; T. Murphy, County Secretary; D. Barrett, Senior Executive Officer; M. Lavelle, Senior Engineer; C. Kelly, J. Keane, Staff Officers.

Thosnigh an cruinnio leis an paidir.

Cllr. McDonagh relayed apologies from Cllr. Connaughton who was not in a position to attend meeting through illness and he wished her a speedy recovery on behalf of her colleagues on the Council.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

473

A resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following -

- Maura and Rachel Doherty on death of Sean Doherty, Costhall, Co. Roscommon.
- Carmel Lee, Carrowanhanless, Brownesgrove, Tuam, Co. Galway.
- John Burke, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
- Bernie & Ollie Burke, Castlebin, New Inn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.