

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY 24th APRIL, 2006.

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Mayor P Hynes

IL LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

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

Oifigigh:

Mr. P. Gallagher, County Manager; Messrs. J. Cullen, F. Dawson, J. Morgan, P. Ridge, K. Kelly, Directors of Service; G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance, L. Gavin, R. Killeen, M. Timmons M. Ni Chionna, Senior Engineers; T. Murphy, County Secretary; A. Comer, G. Scully, Senior Executive Officers; D. Mahon, Administrative Officer; C. McConnell, Senior Planner; M McGrath, Senior Staff officer; P. O’ Neachtain, Oifigeach Gaelige; G. Healy, Staff Officer; S. Elwood, Clerical Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

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A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

- John Reilly, Cloon, Claregalway, Co. Galway
- Grainne Byrne, The Glebe, Kinvara, Co. Galway
- Doris Mannion, Sky Road, Clifden, Co. Galway

Mary & Christy Daly, Ballyroe, Kilconly, Tuam, Co. Galway
Michael Condon & Family, Gilmartin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Mannion and agreed that the May Monthly Meeting would be held on the 22nd May 2006 in O'Dea's Hotel, Loughrea, commencing at 2.30p.m.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS

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The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 27th March 2006 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins and seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta.

Arising from the Minutes, Cllr. Canney stated that the Members had been informed that the cost of providing speed limits at schools around the county would be in the region of €3.5m and he asked that the County Manager seek funding from the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the NRA in order that these speed limits be provided. Cllr. Canney also proposed that the Council request the Department for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to lift the current embargo on the recruitment of staff by the Council, in order that the Roads allocation could be spent, and this was seconded by Cllr. Reilly.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 27th of March, 2006 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Comh Ni Fhatharta and seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

Arising from the Minutes, Cllr. D. Connolly asked if any progress had been made regarding the disposal of farm plastics and Mr. Cullen stated that the Council was in contact with a company dealing with the disposal of farm plastics, in an effort to come up with a solution to the problem.

Cllr. D. Connolly referred to the operation of Recycling Centres in the County and in particular the one in Ballinasloe and he suggested that all materials should be accepted at such centres. Mr. Cullen outlined the current policy in relation to this issue and confirmed that the matter is receiving continuing attention.

In reply to Comh. O Cuaig, Mr. Cullen said that a reply had not been received from the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding the proposal to extend the Carna/Kilkieran R.W.S.S. On the question as to whether works could be carried out on the Cashla Regional Water Supply Scheme ahead of approval of the EIS, Mr. Cullen stated that a site investigation

contract had first to be undertaken and that that contract was due to be awarded soon. He said that, if approved, some of the pipework will be done as part of the Camus Group Water Supply Scheme.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION 827

The Report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 2nd March, 2006 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. McHugh and seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly.

Arising from the Report, Cllr. M. Connolly stated that the Tuam Area Committee would like to meet with Mr. Dolly, Senior Engineer, prior to the meeting with the N.R.A. to discuss footpaths. Mr. Morgan stated that a briefing meeting would be held before the meeting with the N.R.A.

REPORT BY CHAIR OF HOUSING SPC ON ACTIVITIES OF HOUSING SPC 828

Cllr. T. Walsh, Chairperson of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee presented a report on the activities of the Housing S.P.C. which had already been circulated to each Member.

The Members complimented the SPC and the Housing staff for their work in the area of housing provision. Cllr. Willers referred to the Essential Repairs Grants Scheme operated by the Council and the Housing Aid for the Elderly Scheme operated by the Health Service Executive, and said that this often led to unnecessary duplication.

Cllr. Mannion stated that he would like to see investment being put into the refurbishment of dilapidated housing estates.

It was proposed by Cllr. Welby, seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh that the report on activities of Housing SPC be noted.

REPORT BY CHAIR OF ENVIRONMENT, WATER & EMERGENCY SERVICES SPC ON THE ACTIVITIES OF ENVIRONMENT, WATER & EMERGENCY SERVICES SPC 829

Cllr. Cuddy, Chairperson of the Environment, Water & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee, presented a report dated 21st March, 2006 on the activities of the Environment, Water & Emergency Services S.P.C. which had already been circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly that the report on activities of Environment, Water & Emergency Services SPC be noted

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF ROADS ACT 1993 830

On the proposal of Cllr. Feeney, 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 County Road LT 45017 in the townland of Ballynagran and extending north for a distance of 45 metres in the townland of Ballynagran and finishing at Peter Cloonan's gate in the townland of Ballynagran – Loughrea.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE RURAL HOUSE WITH SERVICES AT ARDMORE, KILKERRIN, CO. GALWAY 831

Report dated 6th April, 2006 was already circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Cuaig, seconded by Comh. O'Tuairisg, the proposal to construct a single rural house with services at Ardmore, Kilkerrin, County Galway was approved.

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR GALWAY – OUTLINE PERMISSION TO ERECT 4 NUMBER INDUSTRIAL UNITS, FOUL SEWERAGE PUMPING STATION AND ALL ASSOCIATED SERVICES TO SERVE THE ABOVE NUMBER INDUSTRIAL UNITS, IN THE TOWNLAND OF AIRGLOONEY, TUAM. PLANNING REFERENCE NUMBER 05/4095 832

Report dated 18th April, 2006 was already circulated to Each Member.

Planning Reference No. 05/4095

APPLICANT: *Bernie Hynes.*

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Outline Permission to erect 4 number industrial units, foul sewerage pumping station and all associated services to serve the above 4 number industrial units.

LOCATION: The site is located in the townland of Airglooney, Tuam. The site is located within an existing industrial estate off the Ballygaddy Road, which is located immediately north of the proposed new Tuam By-Pass.

PLANNING HISTORY:

No previous planning applications on this site.

ASSESSMENT: The proposed Industrial development is located on lands primarily zoned for industrial purposes in the Tuam Local Area Plan 2005-2011; however, a small portion of the site (area not stated) is zoned for residential purposes. The proposed development, if permitted, would contravene a land use zoning objective of the Tuam Local Area Plan, as industrial uses are not normally permitted on residentially zoned lands.

ZONING: The site is zoned 'Industrial & Residential in the Tuam Local Area Plan 2005-2011.

SUBMISSIONS: Submissions could be accepted up to and including the 31/03/06, however, no submission to the proposed Material Contravention were received by the Planning Authority.

RECOMMENDATION: The development as proposed is generally in accordance with the zoning objectives in the Tuam Local Area Plan. Accordingly, a recommendation to contravene the current Tuam Local Area Plan is recommended.

It is recommended to grant with appropriate conditions.

STATUTORY CONSIDERATION: A decision to grant permission cannot be made unless a resolution is passed by the members requiring that such a decision be made in accordance with Section 34(6)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Public notice of the Council's intention to consider deciding to grant permission was given on 3rd of March 2006 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections.

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

The latest date for a decision on this application is 27/04/2006.

Cllr. Reilly proposed, that having considered the Planning Application made by Bernie Hynes, and having considered Mr. Ridges Report, Galway County Council, in accordance with provisions of provisions of Section 34 (6)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 hereby require that a decision to grant permission be made in the case of this application.

Cllr. M. Connolly seconded this proposal.

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

AR SON: Cllr. Burke, Cllr. Canney, Cllr. Connaughton, Cllr. Cannon, Cllr. Conneely, Cllr. M. Connolly, Cllr. Cuddy, Cllr. Feeney, Cllr. Healy Eames, Cllr. Hoade, Mayor Hynes, Cllr. Joyce, Cllr. Kyne, Cllr. Mannion, Cllr. McDonagh, Cllr. McHugh, Cllr. Mullins, Comh Ní Fhatharta, Comh. O’Cuaig, Comh O’Tuairisg, Cllr. Regan, Cllr. Reilly, Cllr. Tierney, Cllr. T. Walsh, Cllr. Welby, Cllr. Willers (26)

IN AGHAIDH: (0)

GAN VOTAIL: Cllr. D. Connolly (1)

The Mayor declared the proposal carried.

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR GALWAY – PERMISSION IS SOUGHT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 3 STOREY OVER BASEMENT. MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF THE PROVISION OF A LEISURE CENTRE (TO INCLUDE SWIMMING POOL AND INDOOR CLIMBING WALL), RESTAURANT, JUICE BAR, RETAIL UNITS, MEDICAL CENTRE, 3 NO. OFFICE UNITS, SIGNAGE, ESB SUBSTATION, 233 NO. CARPARKING SPACES AND ALL ANCILLARY SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS AT ORANMORE (OLD ARRABAUN DAIRY SITE).
PLANNING REFERENCE NUMBER 05/2796 833

Report dated 18th April, 2006 was already circulated to Each Member.

Planning Reference No. 05/2796

APPLICANT: *Shane Connolly, Tim Rabbitte and Gerry Rabbitte*

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Permission is sought for the construction a 3 Storey over basemaent, Mixed use development consisting of the provision of a

leisure centre (to include swimming pool and indoor climbing wall) restaurant/juice bar, retail units (anchor retail unit and associated offices and 9no. separtae retail units) 7 no. residential units, medical centre, 3no. Office units, signage, ESB substation, 233 no. carparking spaces and all ancillary site development works at Oranmore (old Arrabaun Dairy Site)

DEVELOPMENT LOCATION: The site is located in the townland of Oranmore previously known as the Arrabaun dairy site)

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION: This proposal is a material contravention of Section 2.6: Settlement Strategy of the County Development Plan 2003-2009. Currently, the household allocation for this tier of the settlement strategy in the County Development Plan 2003-2009 has reached it allocation. The proposal is also a material contravention of the Oranmore Development Plan 2001-2006 in that the site in question is zoned residential in the Oranmore Plan.

PLANNING HISTORY: No recent planning history on the site. However, there is an existing commercial use on the site.

ORANMORE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2001-2006: The site is currently zoned Residential in the Oranmore Development Plan 2001-2006. It is considered that the development as described above is appropriate in light of the current commercial usage on the site and the nature of the mixed use development

DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT: The total area of the site is 0.9167 Ha. The proposal is for a mixed use development as described above. The application was sent on additional information and some minor amendments were made to the proposal. The proposal was then re advertised in light of these amendments.

Roads: The roads section has no objection to the proposal.

Water Services: The applicants have consulted with Water Services. The development is considered satisfactory with attached appropriate conditions.

Housing: An agreement is required with the Housing Department in regard to compliance with Part V of the Planning and Development Act.

SUBMISSIONS: Submissions could be accepted up to and including 18/04/06. No submissions have been received to date.

STATUTORY CONSIDERATION: A decision to grant permission cannot be made unless a resolution is passed by the members requiring that such a decision be made in accordance with Section 34(6)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Public notice of the Council's intention to consider deciding to grant permission was given on 21st March 2006 and the notice invited members of the public to submit representations or objections.

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

The latest date for a decision on this application is 15/05/06.

Cllr. McDonagh proposed, that having considered the Planning Application made by Shane Connolly, Tim Rabbitte and Gerry Rabbitte and having considered Mr. Ridges Report, Galway County Council, in accordance with provisions of Section 34 (6)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 hereby require that a decision to grant permission be made in the case of this application.

Cllr. Hoade seconded this proposal.

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

AR SON: Cllr. Burke, Cllr. Canney, Cllr. Connaughton, Cllr. Cannon, Cllr. Conneely, Cllr. M. Connolly, Cllr. Cuddy, Cllr. Fahy, Cllr. Feeney, Cllr. Healy Eames, Cllr. Hoade, Mayor Hynes, Cllr. Joyce, Cllr. Kyne, Cllr. Mannion, Cllr. McDonagh, Cllr. McHugh, Cllr. Mullins, Comh Ní Fhatharta, Comh. O'Cuair, Comh O'Tuairisg, Cllr. Regan, Cllr. Reilly, Cllr. Tierney, Cllr. S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh, Cllr. Welby, Cllr. Willers **(28)**

IN AGHAIDH: (0)

GAN VOTAIL: Cllr. D. Connolly (1)

The Mayor declared the proposal carried.

ADOPTION OF BARCELONA DECLARATION

834

Report dated 21st February, 2006 was already circulated to Each Member.

Mr. Mahon gave a brief summary of the Barcelona Declaration stating that the aim of the Declaration was to encourage local government to make enhanced

provision for the inclusion of people with disabilities in the community which it represents.

He said that after the adoption of the Barcelona Declaration by the Members, an Implementation Plan could then be developed by the Council to address Access to Quality Customer Services, Access to the Built Environment and Access to Information and Communication Technology. He also stated that the adoption of the Barcelona Declaration was one of the actions proposed in the recently adopted Social Inclusion Strategy of the Council.

Cllr. Healy Eames welcomed the Barcelona Declaration and complimented the Council on having implemented some of the provisions of the Declaration already.

Cllr. Mannion welcomed the document, however he stated that the implementation of the provisions contained in the Declaration would be dependent on finance being available.

Cllr. D. Connolly proposed that the Community Wardens be given a brief to monitor disabled parking spaces around the county in order to ensure that these spaces are kept free for people with disabilities. He also stated that Government Departments should take greater steps to employ people with disabilities.

Cllr. Reilly stated that C.I.E. will not provide new bus shelters without securing sponsorship to fund the shelters and he proposed that the Council write to C.I.E. indicating to them that Galway County Council did not agree with this policy. Cllr. Fahy seconded this proposal.

On the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly, the Barcelona Declaration was adopted by the Council.

GORT REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME UPDATE REPORT 835

Report was already circulated to Each Member.

Cllr. Fahy thanked Mr. Cullen for the detailed report on the Gort Regional Water Supply Scheme. He stated that the Council should provide a container of water in Gort town in case of emergency as he felt that if a serious fire occurred, the water pressure in the town would not be adequate to deal with it.

He also stated that he hoped that there would be no delays in acquiring the proposed water supply source at Lough Cutra.

Cllr. Willers stated that some locals had concerns regarding the water levels of Lough Cutra and asked if the Council had considered any alternative source.

Mr. Cullen stated that the Consulting Engineers for the Gort R.W.S.S. had examined a number of options for water supply to the proposed scheme and had identified Lough Cutra as the most suitable source. He stated that an Environmental Impact Statement and a Water Abstraction Order would have to be completed for the scheme and that members of the public could air their concerns at that stage and any concerns would be considered by An Bord Pleanála.

WATER METERING PROJECT UPDATE

836

Report dated 22nd February, 2006 was already circulated to Each Member.

Mr. Cullen stated that the Government's Water Pricing Policy Framework required the charging of non-domestic customers of water and wastewater services and the recovery of the full costs of providing such services to these customers. He said that in order to implement the national water services pricing policy, local authorities were required to achieve universal metering of the water supplied to the non-domestic sector by the end of 2006. He stated that the Council had signed a contract with Celtic Anglian Water for the Design Build and Operate of the water metering contract. He stated that the value of the contract for the Design Build element was €6,561,729.04 plus V.A.T. and that the remaining Operate element of the contract would cost €627,000, at present day value, for the collection, billing and debt recovery of non-domestic service charges for a ten-year term. He stated that there were approximately 10,500 customers surveyed in Galway County and that the meter installation programme would be completed by the end of 2006 with the Operate element commencing in January 2007, with volumetric billing. He stated that it would be impossible to determine the charge for 2007 until October/November, 2006 and that it was inevitable that the charge would vary from year to year due to factors such as cost, new water and wastewater schemes and changes in use of patterns between domestic and non-domestic sectors.

Cllr. D. Connolly stated that he hoped with the introduction of the water meters, the current abuse of water supply would be diminished. He stated that the fact that the contractors installing the meters could not tell the customers what the charge would be was a cause of great annoyance and distress to the customer. He stated that agriculture was becoming increasingly unviable and that this was yet another form of taxation which would further diminish the income of farmers.

Cllr. T. Walsh stated that the customer, especially the farming community, were willing to accept reasonable charges for water supply, but they had some very genuine concerns about it, and gave the example of group schemes where meters

had previously been installed. He also stated that it was unfair that farmers who had fragmented farms would be required to pay for each metre.

Cllr. McHugh stated that the matter was handled unsatisfactorily by the Council and that the customer was being asked to sign forms with no proper explanation or information regarding the charges to be paid for the meters.

Cllr. Connaughton stated that the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government had said that, because many of the farms in the West of Ireland were fragmented, the necessity for some farmers to pay for three or more water meters could be reviewed.

Cllr. Welby stated that many group water supply schemes had installed new meters and that it did not make sense that these meters be replaced.

Mr. Cullen stated that it was clear from the comments of the Members that the matter of communication had become an issue and he stated that the Council had taken steps with Celtic Anglian Water during the week with a view to ensuring that the customer would be given the proper information. He stated that he was aware that farmers had concerns and he said that the Council would meet with farming interests to discuss these concerns.

REVIEW OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

841
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The variations to the County Development Plan for County Galway dated April 2006 were already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Mannion, it was agreed that this item be deferred for discussion to the Area Committee Meetings. It was also agreed that the variations to the County Development Plan be put on public display, and Mr. Ridge confirmed that this would be done the following week. He stated that the variations would be on display for four weeks and that the public would be invited to make submissions. He stated that the Council would prepare a report on the submissions received and this would be put before the Council for consideration. He also stated that the variations to the Plan must be adopted within 14 weeks of its publication in the press.

TO APPROVE AMENITY GRANTS 2006 (1ST ROUND ALLOCATION)

838

Report dated 24th April, 2006 was already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Joyce, the Amenity Grants 2006 (1st Round Allocation) were approved.

TO APPROVE COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME DEVELOPMENT 2006 (1ST ROUND ALLOCATION) 839

Report dated 24th April, 2006 was already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Joyce, the Community Based Economic Development Financial Assistance Scheme Development 2006 (1st Round Allocation) were approved.

TO APPROVE ARTS GRANTS 2006 840

Report dated 18th April, 2006 was already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Joyce, the Arts Grants 2006 were approved.

CONFERENCES 841

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

“Training Programme for Elected Member of SPC” Tullamore Court Hotel, 28th March 2006.

Cllr. M. Fahy, M. Mullins, P. Feeney, J. Cuddy,

“Conference on Opinion Polls” Great Southern Hotel, Rosslare, Co. Wexford. 31st March 2006, 1st April 2006.

Cllr. J. Joyce,

“LAMA L.G. – Delivering the Future Now”, Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny, 20th & 21st April 2006.

Cllr. J. Joyce

“Waste Management Conference” Downings Bay Hotel, Downings, Co. Donegal 24th -26th April 2006.

Cllr. T. Welby, Cllr. J. Cuddy.

“Kerry Environmental Conference” – The Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry. 26th-29th April 2006.

Comh. Ni Fhatharta, Cllr. M. Regan

“Annual International Association of Hydrogeologists” Tullamore Court Hotel, 25th & 26th April 2006.

Cllr. J. Conneely, S. Walsh, S. Canney.

“What Lies Ahead” – Longford Arms Hotel, Longford, 27th & 28th April 2006.

Cllr. F. Healy Eames

“Drogheda Cross Border Focus” Europa Hotel, 27th -29th April 2006”

Cllr. W. Burke.

“The Cost of Waste Disposal” Carrigaline Court Hotel, Carrigaline, Co. Cork. 4th & 5th May 2006.

Cllr. W. Burke.

NASC “Regional Competitiveness & Innovations” The Central Hotel, Donegal Town, 11th May 2006.

Comh. Ni Fhatharta, Cllr. M. Hoade, M. Mullins, J. Mc Donagh.

“3 Day Annual Partnership Conference”, The Hibernian Hotel, Mallow, Co. Cork 18th-20th May 2006.

Cllr. M. Regan.

“Enhancing an Enterprise Culture – The Role of the Local Authorities” Glor Irish Music Centre, Ennis, Co. Clare. 25th & 26th May 2006.

Cllr. F. Healy Eames.

“BMW Regional Assembly Annual Conference” The White House Hotel, Ballinlough, Co. Roscommon”- 8th June 2006.

Cllr. F. Healy Eames. *as given: -*

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 18 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 842

The following reply was given: -

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl go bhfuil an srúthán seo ag draenáil talamh agus go bhfuil sé faoi churaim an uinéiri talúna é a chothabháil. San suíomh ina trasnaíonn an srúthán an bother, tá sé seo i staid mhaith agus ní údar srianta é.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 19 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 843

The following reply was given: -

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl go gcosnóidh sé timpeall €300,000 an ciliméadar chun cosán coisithe a dhéanamh ar bother Cladhnach, An Cheathrú Rua.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 20 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 844

The following reply was given: -

“Déanfaidh an Comhairle Contae scrúdu ar an iarratas seo agus cuirfidh Fáinní Tarrthála mar atá riachtanach/ag teastáil.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 21 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 845

The following reply was given: -

“I wish to inform you that there is no accident history associated with this junction on the N63. The volume of cars using this junction does not meet the criteria for provision of the lane under existing national standards. It is highly unlikely funding will be forthcoming from the National Roads Authority given the above facts.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 22 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 846

The following reply was given: -

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“I wish to inform you that a review and assessment of the location will be carried out and if appropriate a submission will be made for funding under the Low Cost Accident Scheme.”

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

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The following reply was given: -

“I wish to inform you that the junction in question will be reviewed and the appropriate signage erected in the near future.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 24 – CLLR. M. FAHY

848

The following reply was given: -

“The provision of a second junction south of Gort is not included in the current scheme which is being carried forward to CPO and EIS stage. However, the junction could be constructed at a later stage if the need arises. No estimate is available for this as the junction would first have to be designed before a cost estimate could be completed.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 25 – CLLR. M. FAHY

849

The following reply was given: -

“I wish to inform you that there is no funding available for these works in 2006. As there is private land required to increase the turning radius, a project could be considered under the Community Involvement Scheme. Application forms for 2007 will be available in September, 2006.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 26 – CLLR. M. FAHY

850

The following reply was given: -

“I wish to inform you that this location requires extension of existing drainage system and surface reshaping/renewal to direct the water towards the inlet gullies. An estimate of the cost to carry out these works will be prepared and submitted to the National Roads Authority for funding allocation.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 27 – CLLR. P. HYNES

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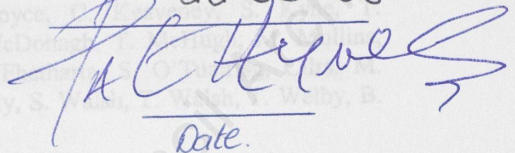
The following reply was given: -

"Due to poor foundation in this present house it is not possible to consider the application for Improvement in Lieu improvement works. Subject to them being eligible for Social Housing, the Council is willing to consider providing a new Rural Social House on the basis that the existing house is demolished. They would be provided with a mobile home while works are in progress."

CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIÚ ANSIN

Submitted, Approved & Signed

22.05.06



Date.

Mr. P. Gallagher, County Manager, Messrs. J. Cullen, J. Morgan, E. ... P. Ridge, K. Kelly, Directors of Service, L. Gavin, M. Lavelle, Senior Engineers; T. Minahy, County Secretary; A. Cimer, G. Scully, Senior Executive Officers; C. McConaill, Senior Planner; P. O'Neachtain, Oifigeach Gaoilge; M. McGrath, Senior Staff Officer; J. Keane, Staff Officer.

On the proposal of Cllr Mullins and seconded by Cllr Kynne, it was agreed that Cllr McDonagh chair the meeting in the absence of the Mayor.

Tuairisc an cruinnidh le ... paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

823

Cllr McDonagh proposed a vote of sympathy to the families of the two former Council members John Mannon and Toddy Byrne both of whom had passed away in recent years. Cllr McDonagh spoke of their contribution to the Council and of the loss that they would be to their families.

The members expressed their votes of sympathy to the families of both Councillors and spoke of their contributions to the work of the Council and to the people of their areas.

The Manager on behalf of the Management and staff of Galway County Council expressed a vote of sympathy to the families of two former members of the Council. He