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**CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON FRIDAY THE 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE , 2006.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:**

Mayor P Hynes

**I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Bail:**

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. Morgan, F. Gilmore, K. Kelly, Directors of Service; L. Gavin, M. Lavelle, Senior Engineers; G Mullarkey, Head of Finance, T Murphy, County Secretary; A. Comer, J Brann, Senior Executive Officers; C. McConnell, Senior Planner; M McGrath, Senior Staff officer, J Keane, Staff Officer.

**Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.**

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

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**A resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:**

Ms. Peggy Finn, Doonaree, Cappataggle, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Mrs. Annette Hoare, Barnaboy, Lawrencetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Mr & Mrs Pat Daly, Ironpool, Kilconly, Co. Galway.

Ms. Carmel Brennan Forde, C/o National Irish Business Bank, Kiltartan House, Forster Street, Galway.



**TO APPROVE RECREATION & AMENITY POLICY - PLAYGROUNDS**

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Report dated 17/5/06 was already circulated to the members.

Mr. Kelly gave a summary of the policy and outlined its main features. He stated that while the issue of Recreation and Amenity Provision is dealt with in many of the Council's policy documents it was considered necessary to prepare a specific policy document.

The Corporate and Cultural Affairs SPC has considered this issue over recent months and while it is agreed that there are a number of areas to be considered in an overall Recreation and Amenity Policy, it was accepted that the first element of the Policy dealing with Playgrounds needed to proceed more urgently. The remainder of the overall Policy will be developed over the next few months.

Given the level of interest throughout the County in the provision of playgrounds, the various elements of Recreation and Amenity to be funded and the limited funding available, it is clear that financial assistance cannot be provided to all proposed playgrounds.

The proposed policy seeks to provide financial assistance to a further three playgrounds per Electoral Area in the period 2006-2008. It commits to providing insurance cover to communities which develop their own playground provided certain conditions are met including entering an agreement regarding the management and maintenance of the facility.

The policy seeks to ensure reasonable access to playground facilities throughout the County while having due regard to the centres of population.

Mr. Kelly said that the Policy has been endorsed by the Corporate & Cultural Affairs SPC.

Cllr Keaveney complemented Mr. Kelly for his work in the preparation of the Policy. He said that the three additional playgrounds per Electoral Area over the years 2006 to 2008 was a major step forward. He said there would be significant investment involved and that the Community now had a role to play and not just an active interest. He stressed the importance of an overall Recreation & Amenity Policy and agreed that the playgrounds module of this policy needed to be addressed immediately.

Cllr Joyce said that he was happy to support the policy. He said that when one village sees a playground the next one will want one. He said it was not possible to have one in every village and that the support of the voluntary sector was needed if the policy was to work.



He said that walking was now the most popular past time. He said that more funds should be reserved in this policy for walking routes and that footpaths should be treated as an amenity and not part of roads.

Cllr Hoade congratulated Mr. Kelly and the SPC and said that it was an excellent document and that greater investment was needed in recreation and amenity facilities. She wanted to know when the selection of sites would commence. She said that the policy should continue after 2008.

Cllr Canney welcomed the commitment of one playground per electoral area per year. He said it should be policy in the County Development Plan to provide a playground in every settlement centre.

Comh. Ni Fhatharta said that the policy referred to having due regard to providing playgrounds in areas that experience significant new residential development. She said that parts of Conamara did not experience this and that a better wording could have been used.

She proposed that one playground be provided in the Gaeltacht area.

She asked for clarification in relation to policy number 9 as to what the wording "all other things being equal" means.

She stated that the contribution of 25% by the community is too big as the cost of the playgrounds can be between thirty to one hundred thousand euro. She said that due to the rural nature of some areas that a smaller % be requested. She also welcomed the fact that the Communities would retain ownership of the playgrounds.

She wanted to know what other aspects of recreation and amenity policy that were referred to in policy 16.

Cllr Fahy welcomed the policy and the great spread of the playgrounds around the County. He stated that it was important that CCTV cameras would be installed where there were small children playing.

Comh O Tuairisg welcomed the policy but said there would be a problem with fundraising in the less populated areas. He said there was a decline in the Conamara area due to the lack of facilities and that small schools were closing.

Cllr S Walsh said he supported Comh O Tuairisg and that every settlement centre should have a playground.

Cllr D Connolly thanked Mr. Kelly and all those involved in the preparation of the Policy. He said that there were difficulties in the past with insurance. He also thanked Mr. Cullen and Ms. Ann Mallaghan for their contribution.



He said that a partnership approach between the Council and the Community to fundraising was the best approach.

Cllr Healy Eames welcomed the Policy and said it was badly needed. She said that the Policy was an example of a partnership approach between the Council and the Community. She said that the fact that the insurance problem had been worked out was a big step forward.

She said there was a hard working community group in Headford and she hoped that they would benefit from this Policy.

She asked how the Lisheenkyle community who are within 10 miles of Oranmore could hope to get a playground under this policy.

Cllr Cuddy complimented the SPC on the preparation of the document and said that it was long overdue. He said that he thinks three playgrounds per area is aspirational.

He asked if the development of a playground was dependent on the availability of land. He referred in particular to the cost of land in Oranmore.

He said that Claregalway should get priority as it had no playground.

He asked was there any onus on a developer to provide a playground as part of the planning control process.

He also wanted to know who decides the standards for equipment to be used in playgrounds if the local community is providing the equipment.

Cllr Reilly said that he welcomed the policy but had reservations about it.

He wanted to know if there would be clear signage on age displayed at all playgrounds. He asked that there should be an emergency fund for repairs and wanted to know who was responsible for the management and supervision of the playgrounds.

Cllr D Connolly wanted to know what was the mechanism to evaluate the progress of the policy and would there be progress reports.

Cllr Welby stated that the policy should take into account the rural aspect of Conamara and that the East of the County had lots of playgrounds developed in the past whereas there were none in Conamara.

Mr. Kelly made the following points in reply to the queries raised:



- The key to success is the interaction with the Community and that because there was a Community contribution there would be equity in the arrangement. Some Community groups had no funds when making their proposals whereas others had dealt with all issues when making theirs.
- Walkways weren't precluded from the Development Contribution Scheme but that they had to be distinguished from footpaths. The development of the Loughrea Walkway was an example of the use of funding from development contributions.
- In the next couple of weeks it would be determined where the various playgrounds in the electoral areas would be.
- He said that the demands of population centres over a 1,000 population, centres with development pressure and those in rural areas could all be met under the three playgrounds per electoral area policy.
- The provision of three playgrounds per electoral area would be reviewed to ensure that this policy was working.
- "All other things being equal" means that if all the applicant's proposals are equal then the largest population centre will get priority
- The provision of CCTV at playgrounds was not possible to include in all playgrounds but may be worthwhile in some.
- Galway Rural Development would co-fund some of the playgrounds and that the Council would work with them.
- It was not possible to provide all centres with playgrounds but that it would be good if there was one within ten miles.
- In relation to the cost of providing land that some Communities had access to their own lands and that the Council would help others that did not.
- The certification standard for playgrounds was ROSPA certification and this would be used for all community groups.
- The need for signage was accepted but the supervisory work would have to be done by the Community.

The Recreation & Amenity Policy was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney, seconded by Cllr. Willers.



**MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY SETTLEMENT STRATEGY OF THE GALWAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2003-2009 FOR PERMISSION TO DEMOLISH EXISTING DWELLINGHOUSE AND TO CONSTRUCT 3 NO. DETACHED HOUSES, 42 NO. SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES, 6 NO TERRACE HOUSES, 10 NO. APARTMENTS, A CRÈCHE, SEWAGE EFFLUENT TREATMENT SYSTEM AND ALL ASSOCIATED SERVICES AT CAHERONAUN, DANESFORT ROAD, LOUGHREA.** 889

**PLANNING REFERENCE NO. 05/3642 APPLICANT: T & P CURLEY.**

**APPLICANT:** T&P Curley

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Permission to demolish existing dwellinghouse and to construct 3 No. detached houses, 42 No. semi-detached houses, 6 No. terraced houses, 10 No. apartments, crèche, sewerage treatment plant and all ancillary site works

**LOCATION:** The site is located in the townland of Caheronaun, Danesfort Road, Loughrea.

**PLANNING HISTORY:**

05/2797 – incomplete application for similar development

04/4244 – permission for 131 dwelling units (various) on site incorporating the subject site – withdrawn.

**ASSESSMENT:** The proposed development is a large housing development on residentially zoned lands within the Plan area of Loughrea. It is considered that the development of a total of 61 housing units, crèche and proprietary effluent treatment plant on this site is reasonable. However, if permitted, the development would contravene the Settlement Strategy of the Galway County Development Plan 2003 – 2009 by exceeding the number of permitted dwelling units for the entire plan period 2003 – 2009.

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

**SUBMISSIONS:** Submissions were accepted up to and including 23/05/06. No submissions were received in that time.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The development as proposed is generally acceptable in terms of layout and density and is compatible with the existing land uses and zoning objectives in the vicinity.



It is recommended to grant with conditions.

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

Public notice of the Council's intention to consider deciding to grant permission was given on 26<sup>th</sup> April 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 20/06/2006.

**AR SON:** Cllr. W. Burke, S. Canney, C. Cannon, S. Connaughton, J. Conneely, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, Comh. O'Cuaig, Cllr. J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, P Feeney, F. Healy Eames, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, S. Kyne, T. Mannion, J. Mc Donagh, T. Mc Hugh, M. Mullins, Comh. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Tuairisg, Cllr. M. Regan, T. Reilly, J. Tierney, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers. (28)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTAIL:** Cllr. C. Keaveney (1)

The Mayor declared the proposal carried.

**CONFERENCES**

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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 :-

**"The Cultural Development of your County" Birr Theatre & Arts Centre, , 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> June 2006.**

Cllr. J. Mc Donagh.

**"Confederation of European Cllrs. L.G & the Planning System North & South" The Ferrycarrig Hotel, Wexford - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2006.**



Cllr. F. Healy Eames

**“Chamber of Ireland 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Regional Policy Forum” – Mullingar Park Hotel – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2006.**

Comh. Ni Fhatharta

**“Byrne Perry Summer School” – Christian Brothers School, Wexford St. Gorey – 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June 2006.**

Cllr. J. Mc Donagh, W. Burke.

**“Synge Summer School” – Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2006.**

Cllr. W. Burke.

**“Dr. Douglas Hyde Summer School” – Ballaghaderren, Co. Roscommon – 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July 2006.**

Cllr. M. Hoade, J. Mc Donagh.

**“Planning Seminar for Councillors” – Baltimore Harbour Hotel, Baltimore, West Cork. – 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July 2006.**

Cllr. M. Hoade.

**“The John Hewitt International Summer School” – Market Place Theatre, Armagh City – 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2006.**

Cllr. W. Burke.

***CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIÚ ANSIN***

*Submitted, Approved & Signed*

*[Handwritten Signature]*

*26.06.06*  
*Date*



**CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT O'DEAS HOTEL, LOUGHREA ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY, 2006.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Mayor P Hynes

**IL LATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Baill:**

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

**Oifigeigh:**

Mr. P. Gallagher, County Manager; Messrs. J. Cullen, J. Morgan, F. Dawson, F. Gilmore, P. Ridge, K. Kelly, Directors of Service; G Mullarkey, Head of Finance, R Killeen, L. Gavin, M. Lavelle, M Ni Chionnaith Senior Engineers; A Breathnach Senior Executive Engineer, T Murphy County Secretary; D Barrett . A Comer, G. Scully, Senior Executive Officers; R Burke, Senior Planner; M McGrath, Senior Staff Officer, J Keane, Staff Officer.

**Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.**

The Mayor welcomed the Councillors, Staff and Officials of Galway County Council and the Media to Loughrea. He also welcomed Mr. John Concannon of Ireland West Tourism.

The Members paid tribute to Cllr. Hynes for his successful year as Mayor and commended him for his performance during his term of office and said that he had shown great commitment and leadership in all his duties as Mayor.

The Mayor stated that the smooth running of the meetings throughout the year was a tribute to the Councillors. He said that there was no conflict at the meetings



and he thanked the County Manager for his leadership. He thanked the Directors of Services and staff of the Council for their assistance and advice during the year.

He said that he was pleased he was Mayor for the launch of the Report on the Loughrea Lake Amenity Walk which would provide many benefits to the town of Loughrea and also he was glad to see that the new area offices in Loughrea had also come to fruition during his term as Mayor.

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

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A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

The family of the late Fr. Eamon McInerney, Ballindereen, Co. Galway

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS**

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The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2006 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr Mullins and seconded by Comh O’Cuaig

At the request of Cllr. Welby it was agreed that the Minutes be amended to show that he had declared an interest in respect of Issue 3(t) and Issue 3(u) (on pages 23 and 24 respectively of the Minutes) of the Managers Report on submissions received on the Draft Oughterard Local Area Plan.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2006 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

Cllr Healy Eames proposed that there be an item on the agenda of the next Council meeting in relation to a special development contributions scheme for Oranmore. This was seconded by Cllr McDonagh and agreed.

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

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The report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Willers and seconded by Cllr Fahy.

The report of the Roads & Transportation SPC Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2006 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Comh O Cuaig and seconded by Cllr Reilly.

**REPORT BY CHAIR OF GALWAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
ON ACTIVITIES OF GALWAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD.**

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Cllr. Keaveney, Chairperson of the Galway County Development Board presented a report on the activities of the Galway County Development Board which was circulated to each Member.

Cllr D Connolly said it was worthwhile to focus on sports facilities for Women as development of these is imbalanced. Cllr Canney stated that the roll out of broadband should have included Tuam and that every effort was needed to get it included as it was a hub town. Cllr Mullins welcomed the level of funding for youth advice cafés but said that the funding in Ballinasloe had been reduced already.

Cllr Healy Eames welcomed the report and supported Cllr D Connolly proposal for women's facilities and asked what format the new Education Forum would take. Cllr Mannion complimented Cllr Keaveney and Mr. Frank Dawson and said it was an example of a good reference document in the Council. He stated that the sports partnership should be expanded to include existing facilities so as to ensure availability to the widest groups possible

Mr. Dawson said he wished to endorse what the Chairman of the Board had said. He said the committee was looking at the financing of the youth Cafes and that they wanted them to be extended to other towns. He said the Council had taken the lead in pointing out to the Department the need for "Metropolitan Area Networks (MANS)" for Tuam and he was confident it would be successful. He said the Council had been requested by the Galway County V.E.C., to establish an Education Forum and that one of the stake holders will take the lead role in this initiative. In the meantime the Council would host the Forum but that it would then become self sustaining within a year. He said that a Sports Partnership was being formed and that it was hoped that the Irish Sports Council would provide funding for a Sports Officer.

Cllr Canney asked was it the funding or the approval for the project that the Council was waiting on from the Department. He asked that the Council would write again to the Department to regenerate the project.



Cllr Reilly said that he wished to condemn the damage to the new playground in Tuam. He asked that the Council would erect security fencing around the playground to prevent dogs from entering it.

The report by the Chair of the County Development Board was noted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. D Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Mannion

**REPORT BY CHAIR OF ROADS & TRANSPORTATION SPC ON  
ACTIVITIES OF ROADS & TRANSPORTATION SPC**

856

Comh O Cuaig, Chairperson of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee presented a report on the activities of the Roads & Transportation S.P.C. which was circulated to each Member.

Cllr D Connolly complimented Comh O Cuaig and the officials who contributed to the report. He said that slow progress was being made in relation to the issue of speed limits at the schools. He referred in particular to Ballaghlea National School. He said there should be no financial barrier in regards to safety. He said it would not be fair on the area committees to decide priorities for funding for flashing lights for the schools in their areas. He said the provision of bus shelters should be considered a priority.

Cllr Mannion agreed with Cllr D Connolly that nothing should be spared financially in regard to children's safety.

Cllr Joyce wanted to know where the new regulation in relation to road openings had come from. He said that it was now a requirement for contractors to have insurance cover of €6m. He said that the Council should do the work and charge for it.

Cllr Canney welcomed the report and wanted to know what impact the embargo on recruitment would have.

Cllr S Walsh said that there was a problem in Roscahill whereby the NRA did not recognize the settlement centre there. He said the NRA would not give the speed limits that are wanted there. He proposed that the Council erect them themselves.

The County Manger said that staff issues affect the delivery of Capital Programmes and also the day to day operations of the Council. The embargo on staff recruitment was part of the last National Pay Agreement and he hoped that the next National Pay Agreement would not include such an embargo.

Mr. Morgan said that the issue in relation to Ballaghlea National School was progressing and that the Gardai were being consulted. He said that the review of the schools in the County had been a useful exercise in establishing the parameters for the provision of speed limits.



In relation to road openings he said that it did not make sense to sign contractors up to conditions of the contract and then for the Council to do the works themselves. What was required he said was to ensure that the contractors completed the project.

Cllr Healy Eames said that speed limit review should have been done before metrification was rolled out. She asked could a timescale be put in place for contractors to reinstate roads.

Cllr Mannion wanted to know what projects are being held up as a result of the staff recruitment embargo.

The County Manager said any new areas of work that needed additional staff were being held up. He agreed to provide a list of these projects to Cllr Mannion.

Cllr T Walsh said that the most important thing is road safety and he asked why rumble strips or ramps could not be put in outside schools on the Regional roads. In relation to Ballaghlea, he asked why land on the same side as the school could not be sourced for playing facilities.

Cllr Keaveney asked could a pedestrian bridge be provided for Ballaghlea School. He said that the Council were over-utilizing the private sector because of recruitment problems. He said that this had led to considering outsourcing the planning control process.

Mr. Ridge said that it was never considered to outsource the planning function and that Council staff produced all but one of the Local Area Plans in-house this year.

Cllr Mannion said what is important is value for money and that in some instances specialists are needed.

Cllr Reilly called on the Council to upgrade and realign the N17 north of Tuam at Marley, Balltrasna as there were 2 fatal accidents in the past. He said that significant signage was needed. Cllr Ml Connolly seconded this proposal.

The report by the Chair of the Roads & Transportation SPC was noted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Mullins and seconded by Cllr McDonagh.

**PRESENTATION BY MR. JOHN CONCANNON IRELAND WEST TOURISM.**

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John Concannon, Chief Executive Officer, Ireland West Tourism presented an overview of actions lead by Ireland West for the 2005 to mid 2006 period. He stated that Tourism is potentially the most sustainable industry in the West of



Ireland and is critical to the economic debate on County Galway. He distributed an information pack and showed a new DVD promoting the region, which is currently being shown on long-haul flights into Ireland.

He stressed the need for innovation and investment in activities (eg: walking routes) in rural areas in a climate which favours short stays and city breaks. He underlined that continued investment in access to the region by air, road and rail is critical.

Mr. Concannon thanked members for their significant contribution to the 'Wake Up to the West Campaign'. This campaign targeted at domestic tourists was the result of a new partnership between Galway County Council and the local authorities of Galway City, Mayo and Roscommon, whereby each partner's contribution was matched by Fáilte Ireland. The campaign has resulted in significant television, radio and web coverage promoting the West. He also highlighted the appointment of Ciara O'Mahony as Tourism Officer specifically for County Galway.

Cllr Healy Eames congratulated Mr. Concannon on the good work being done by Ireland West Tourism.

Cllr Mullins said it was good to see East Galway being promoted now as well as the West and that the Council had to be conscious of value for money.

Cllr Mannion complimented Mr. Concannon and said that there was huge potential in East Galway.

Cllr D Connolly said that East Galway had a lot to offer and that the River Suck should be mentioned as an angling area.

Comh O Tuairisg said that while tourists were visiting Conamara they were not spending much money there as most were on day trips and not staying over night.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF A PREFABRICATED CO-LOCATION UNIT AND PERIMETER FENCING AT CROWE ST, GORT, CO. GALWAY.** 858

Report dated 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2006 was already circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Cllr Feeney, seconded by Cllr Willers, the proposal for the construction of a prefabricated co-location unit and perimeter fencing at Crowe St, Gort, Co Galway was approved.



**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF A PREFABRICATED DWELLING WITH SERVICES AT SLIEVEROE, HEADFORD, CO. GALWAY.** 859

Report dated 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 was already circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Cllr Canney, seconded by Cllr Healy Eames, the proposal for the construction of a prefabricated dwelling with service at SlieveRoe, Headford, Co Galway was approved.

Cllr Canney asked that the council examine the possibility of using these prefabricated dwelling units to alleviate the housing shortage.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE PROPOSAL TO DISPOSE OF 0.0293 HECTARES OF LAND IN THE TOWNLAND OF CLIFDEN (MARKET STREET/MARKET SQUARE) TO MARTIN AND RITA ACTON AND ACTON CONSTRUCTION LIMITED** 860

Report dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 was already circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Cllr Kyne, seconded by Cllr Healy Eames, proposal to dispose of 0.0293 hectares of land in the townland of Clifden (Market Street/Market Square) to Martin and Rita Acton and Acton Construction Limited was approved.

**TO CONSIDER THE MANAGERS REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON THE MATERIAL ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE GORT LOCAL AREA PLAN PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 20 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED.** 861

The Mayor invited Ms. Burke to present the Manager's Report on the submissions/observations received on the amendments and material alterations to the Gort Local Area Plan.

Ms Burke explained that the amendments and material alterations to the Gort Local Area Plan. had been on display for 4 weeks up to and including the 18/04/2006. She added that in total, 8 written submissions were received within the 4-week period, however 4 of these did not relate to the Material Alterations.

She explained that in line with the requirements set down by the Planning Acts, the Full Council must consider this report and adopt the Gort Local Area Plan by 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2006.

Ms. Burke began with Issue 1



## Issue 1 – Context of Plan

### Submitted by:

Finian Matthews, Dept. of Environment, Heritage and Local Government

### Summary:

This issue relates to the Local Area Plan in terms of a Regional and Local context.

It is recommended that a review of the proposed material alterations is undertaken in the context of other towns in the settlement hierarchy to ensure consistency with the Regional Planning Guidelines, the County Development Plan and the Galway County Housing Strategy.

### Response:

Under current provisions, the Planning and Development Act 2000 provides that county and city development plans will in so far as is practicable, be consistent with such national plans, policies or strategies as the Minister for the Environment and Local Government determines relate to proper planning and sustainable development. A planning authority must also have regard to any current regional planning guidelines when making and adopting a development plan. The Act also provides that a local area plan must be consistent with the relevant city or county development plan.

At present this Local Area Plan is not consistent with the Regional Planning Guidelines for the West Region 2004 – 2024, the Galway County Development Plan 2003 – 2009 and the Galway County Housing Strategy.

### Regional Planning Guidelines for the West Region

The Regional Planning Guidelines for the West Region were adopted in May 2004. Section 4 of the Guidelines contains Strategic Goals for the Region. In terms of Spatial Structure the following policies have been agreed:

- To identify strategic roles for the larger towns including Gort.
- To support the development in towns and villages in the region that is in sympathy with the existing built environment and ensures that any approved development is in keeping with the town / village ethos which may be unique to each village.
- To minimise sprawling development of towns and villages so as to create a consolidated town or village form.

Gort is included in Zone H, South Galway. This zone is in the south of the region and includes most of South County Galway. It contains the



hinterlands of Loughrea, Portumna and Gort. These towns are identified as the Key Towns for the region.

It is clear that the amendments and material alterations to the Draft Plan disregard the policies of the Regional Guidelines, in that they will allow Gort to develop in an unconsolidated manner.

### **County Development Plan**

The County Development Plan identifies Gort on the second tier of the G.T.P.S. Area Settlement Hierarchy. Within the Plan period, the revised Settlement Strategy allocates 700 households to Gort. The amount of land currently zoned in Gort will allow for over 2,400 units. This directly conflicts with the Settlement Strategy policy.

Gort is identified as a Service Hub in the County Development Plan. Gort needs to develop an increasing degree of self-sufficiency. However, considering the amount of residential land zoned in comparison to lands zoned for community facilities, recreation and amenity and other land uses this is unlikely to happen. Instead, Gort is likely to become a dormitory town of Galway City.

### **Galway County Housing Strategy**

The County Housing Strategy was prepared in accordance with Part V of the Planning & Development Act 2000 for the period January 2001 – December 2006. The Housing Strategy estimated that approximately 7,882 units should be provided during this period.

While it is recognised that the Housing Strategy will have to be revised this year, there is still an excessive amount of land zoned Residential in the Gort Plan for the plan to be consistent with this Strategy.

### **Recommendation:**

It is clearly illustrated that the Amendments and Material Alterations to the Draft Gort Local Area Plan render it inconsistent with plans and policies at a County and Regional level. This disregards the hierarchy of plans and the legal requirement to remain consistent with each preceding plan. Therefore it is recommended the following Material Alterations are deleted:

- MA 1, MA3, MA4, MA5, MA6, MA7, MA8, MA9, MA10, MA11 and MA14.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney and seconded by Cllr. Willers that the lands the subject of MA 1, MA3, MA4, MA5, MA6, MA7, MA8, MA9, MA10, MA11 and MA14 remain as per the amended Draft Plan and to reject the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*



*A vote was taken on Cllr Feeney's proposal and the result of the vote was as follows:*

**AR SON:** Cllr. Canney, Cllr. Connaughton, Cllr D.Connolly, Cllr M. Connolly, Cllr. Fahy, Cllr. Feeney, Cllr Hynes, Cllr Keaveney, Cllr Kyne, Cllr Mullins, Comh. O'Tuairisg, Cllr. Reilly, Cllr. Welby, Cllr. Willers (14)

**IN AGHAIDH (0)**

**GAN VOTAIL:** Cllr. Joyce, (1)  
*The Mayor declared Cllr Feeney's proposal carried*

## Issue 2 – Additional Residential Zoning

### Submitted by:

Finian Matthews, Dept. of Environment, Heritage and Local Government,

### Summary:

This issue relates to the additional land zoned Residential, (MA3, MA4, MA5, MA6, MA7, MA8, MA9, MA10, MA11, MA13 and MA14)

- It is essential that decisions to zone land should be made in an open and transparent manner. These decisions should be clearly justified on the basis of established need (i.e. as indicated in the Settlement Strategy) and support the aims and strategy of the County Development Plan and the Local Area Plan.
- When zoning land for development, it is important to ensure that consideration be given to the future availability or capacity to provide supporting infrastructure such as community services, health care, education, public open space, retail and other services.
- These principles do not appear to be adhered to in the proposed amendments.

### Response:

It is recognised that there are surplus lands proposed to be zoned Residential. The Draft Plan proposed 358 acres of residential zoning. While this would be in excess of the requirements of the County Development Plan settlement framework, it would allow a degree of flexibility in promoting development if some lands were not presented for development.

However the Council directed additional residential zonings to a total of 411 acres in the Amended Draft, making the Plan exceed the settlement objectives of the County Development Plan.



This Local Area Plan is designed to stimulate development and direct it to **appropriate** locations. However by significantly over zoning; we are unable to do this. This Plan contains a substantial amount of residential land. This can lead to ad hoc, haphazard development and creates a need for an uneconomical extension of services to these lands. The quality of life for residents in these peripheral areas will be diminished as they will be car-dependant and may lack adequate infrastructural requirements such as footpaths and public lighting.

It should also be noted that the excessive residential zonings render the Local Area Plan inconsistent with the hierarchy of plans, such as the National Spatial Strategy, Regional Planning Guidelines and the County Development Plan. The Plan is also contrary to both the Settlement Strategy and the Galway Transportation and Planning Study.

It is recognised that the location of the additional residential zonings has not been based on established need and is contrary to the strategic aim of the Local Area Plan.

It is also acknowledged the Local Area Plan will not result in an efficient use of existing infrastructure.

This Local Area Plan will not achieve the balance necessary for the development of a sustainable community therefore it is recommended that the additional residential lands are deleted from the adopted Plan.

#### **Recommendation:**

Based on all the reasons shown above it is recommended that the additional Residential Zonings are deleted. (MA3, MA4, MA5, MA6, MA7, MA8, MA9, MA10, MA11, MA13 and MA14)

*It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney and seconded by Cllr. Willers that the lands the subject of MA3, MA4, MA5, MA6, MA7, MA8, MA9, MA10, MA11, MA13 and MA14 remain as per the amended Draft Plan and to reject the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

*A vote was taken on Cllr Feeney's proposal and the result of the vote was as follows:*

*AR SON: Cllr. Canney, Cllr. Connaughton, Cllr D.Connolly, Cllr M. Connolly, Cllr. Fahy, Cllr. Feeney, Cllr Hynes, Cllr Kyne, Cllr Mullins, Comh. O'Tuairisg, Cllr. Reilly, Cllr. Welby, Cllr. Willers (13)*

*IN AGHAIDH Cllr Keaveney (1)*

*GAN VOTAIL:, (0)*

*The Mayor declared Cllr Feeney's proposal carried*



Recommendation:

Delete MA1

**Issue 3 – MA1**

**Submitted by:**

Julie Fossitt & Brian Kenny, National Parks & Wildlife Services,  
Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government  
Thomas Leech

**Summary:**

Concerns have been expressed by the NPWS regarding the land contained in MA1. This land supports semi-natural woodland, scrub and grassland beside the Castletown River, and is within the floodplain of that river. The river flows in a northerly direction and then disappears underground, emerging later in the turlough within Coole-Garryland Complex cSAC. MA1 is also part of a larger site of ecological importance that was identified in Stage 1 of the Route Selection Study for the N18 Gort to Crusheen road scheme. In this report the site is given an ecological rating of 'B', a site of national importance for habitats and biodiversity.

The zoning of the lands in MA1 as industry will result in the partial or complete loss of an area of known ecological and biodiversity importance. It also has the potential to have indirect negative effects on Coole-Garryland Complex cSAC through impacts on the water quality and supply in the Castletown River.

The zoning of these lands as industry contravenes a number of policies in the current Draft Local Area Plan for Gort, and in the Galway County Development Plan.

It is requested that the area contained in MA1 is examined to ensure it is consistent with Land Registry maps provided.

**Response:**

The importance of protecting flood plains and sites of ecological and biodiversity importance is a priority within Galway County Council. Both the County Development Plan and this Local Area Plan contain policies and objectives which recognise this. In order to remain consistent with these policies and maintain this area as an area of ecological and biodiversity importance, it is recommended that this Material Alteration (MA1) is excluded from the adopted Local Area Plan.

However, it should be noted that the maps have been examined and it is acknowledged that there is a discrepancy in the Material Alterations map.



**Recommendation:**

Delete MA1 Port Station & Western Rail Corridor

Or, if this is not deleted

Amend Map 1 – Land Use Zoning as per the map provided.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Willers and seconded by Cllr. Feeney that the lands the subject of MA1 remain as per the amended Draft Plan and to reject the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

*A vote was taken on Cllr Willers's proposal and the result of the vote was as follows:*

*AR SON: Cllr. Canney, , Cllr M. Connolly, Cllr. Fahy, Cllr. Feeney, Cllr Hynes, Comh. O'Tuairisg, Cllr. Welby, Cllr. Willers (8)*

*IN AGHAIDH Cllr D.Connolly Cllr Keaveney (2)*

*GAN VOTAIL:, Cllr Kyne, Cllr Mullins (2)*

*The Mayor declared Cllr.Willers proposal carried.*

*On the proposal of Cllr Feeney and seconded by Cllr Willers it was agreed to amend Map 1 –Land Use Zoning as presented to the meeting.*

**Issue 4 – MA2**

**Submitted by:**

Mr Pat Callanan, Mr John Hickey & Mr Brian Melia, C/O AP McCarthy Planning Consultants

**Summary:**

It is requested that MA 2 is extended to include the Recreation & Amenity land adjacent to it and it is all zoned as Town Centre (Mixed Development).

**Response:**

MA 2 only includes the land within that Material Alteration boundary. At this stage of the Local Area Plan process it is not possible to discuss the changing any other zoning. Therefore it has not been possible to consider this request.

**Recommendation:**

No change to the Material Alterations document.

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



**Issue 5 – Gort Station & Western Rail Corridor**

**Submitted by:**

Finian Matthews, Dept of Environment, Heritage & Local Government

**Summary:**

The Department requests that the Material Alterations and Amendments to the Draft Local Area Plan address the critical role Gort can play in contributing to the viability of the Western Rail Corridor.

**Response:**

It is recognised that the reopening of the Western Rail Corridor will have a huge impact on the town of Gort. Accordingly, the Draft Plan provides a range of zoning that would allow the town to grow and take advantage of the opportunities that this will bring.

However, the Amended Draft Plan provides significantly more residential land than required within the Plan period. This will result in unbalanced zoning. There will be a presumption for more residential units and less community facilities, industry and other land uses. This will result in Gort becoming a dormitory town for Galway City instead of increasing its self sufficiency.

**Recommendation:**

Revert to original zonings in Draft Local Area Plan.

*It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney and seconded by Cllr. Willers that zonings remain as per the amended Draft Plan and to reject the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

*A vote was taken on Cllr Feeney's proposal and the result of the vote was as follows:*

*AR SON: Cllr. Canney , Cllr M. Connolly, Cllr. Fahy, Cllr. Feeney, Cllr Hynes, Cllr Keaveney Cllr Kyne, Cllr Mullins, Comh. O'Tuairisg, , Cllr. Welby, Cllr. Willers (11)*

*IN AGHAIDH (0)*

*GAN VOTAIL: Cllr D Connolly (1)*

*The Mayor declared Cllr Feeney's proposal carried*



## Issue 6 – Flooding & Flood Plains

### Submitted by:

Finian Matthews, Dept. of Environment, Heritage & Local Government

### Summary:

It is requested that the potential for flooding as a result of the Material Alterations is examined and appropriate policies are included to manage existing and potential flooding issues.

### Response:

There is an objective contained within the Draft Plan to have regard to any flood plain details including maps and data that may be issued by the Office of Public Works during the lifetime of this Plan. There are also Development Control Standards in the Draft Plan which deal with developments adjacent to or in areas prone to flooding.

### Recommendation:

No change to the Amendments and Material Alterations document.

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

### Note:

The Final publication of the Local Area Plan will aim to contain photographs of the area. Any text or mapping errors will be corrected.

*On the proposal of Cllr Feeney and seconded by Cllr M. Connolly it was agreed to adopt the Local Area Plan for Gort as amended.*

*Cllr Feeney thank the Members and officials for their work with the Gort Local Area Plan.*

*Mr Ridge also complimented the Members and the officials for their work.*



**PRESENTATION ON REPLACEMENT OF CONNACHT WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

862

Mr. Cullen made a presentation on the Review of the Connacht Waste Management Plan. He said that the Draft Replacement Waste Management Plan had been on public display from the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2005 to the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2006. It had been circulated to Councilors and Oireachtas Members and a non-technical summary was issued to all the community and voluntary groups which form part of the Community Fora of the 6 Local Authorities. He outlined the Plan Review Process from the current Plan through the initial public consultation, preparation of the Draft Replacement Plan and further consultation in the published draft to the point where the Replacement Plan was now about to be made. He stated that a total of 57 written submissions had been received during the consultation period and these related principally to issues such as prevention, reduction and reuse, recycling, organic waste, education and awareness, landfill and thermal treatment, and waste collection services and systems. He referred to progress in recycling achieved during the term of the current Plan and advised that achievement of future recycling targets was likely to prove more difficult having regard to the projected waste generation in future years. He outlined the main policies to be included in the Replacement Plan in areas such as waste prevention, uncollected waste, household waste recycling, thermal treatment, landfill and materials recovery facilities. He also advised that Galway County Council, in partnership with Galway City Council, Galway Mayo Institute of Technology, Údarás na Gaeltachta and Galway Chamber had been chosen for a pilot Waste Prevention Demonstration Programme aimed at reducing the amount of waste produced by the domestic, commercial and industrial sectors.

Cllr. Canney stated that there was a need for emphasis on litter enforcement, particularly in the vicinity of bottlebanks. He also expressed the view that there should be a form of waiver to assist those who could not afford waste charges. Cllr. D. Connolly welcomed the policy to increase the number of Bring Centres but stated that it was important to facilitate the widest range of recycling possible at these Centres. He also queried the inclusion of an objective in the Plan for a PPP assessment of Thermal Treatment. Cllr. Keaveney strongly supported the need for a waiver system. He noted that the presentation on the Plan was part of a consultation and that the making of the Plan was an executive function. Cllr. Willers expressed concern at the level of illegal dumping and stated there was a need for more recycling facilities. Cllr. Healy Eames welcomed the proposed Green Business Officers but felt the inclusion of thermal treatment in the Plan was a contradiction of recycling objectives. Cllr. Mullins reiterated the need for a waiver scheme and felt also that secondary schools should be targeted in awareness programmes. Cllr. M. Connolly stated that Local Authorities must be given powers to regulate the collection of waste through competitive tendering by the private operators. This, he said, was recommended previously and supported



by the Council. Cllr. Joyce asked about the remediation of closed landfills and if this aspect was included in the Plan. Cllr. Mannion raised this matter also and supported the suggestion by Cllr. M. Connolly that there should be competitive tendering for collection routes. Cllr. Welby enquired about liaison with other Local Authorities and other Regional Waste Plans in the context of the concerns of the thermal treatment option being included in each. Comh O'Tuairisg supported the view that there was a need for greater surveillance to deal with illegal dumping and also a need for a recycling centre in South Connemara. Cllr. Connaughton stated that if further landfill was needed that it should be provided in North Connacht, outside County Galway, as Galway had already played its part. She supported the Green Schools project and the proposed Green Business Officers. Cllr. Fahy supported these proposals also.

Responding to the points raised by the Cllrs, Mr. Cullen welcomed the support for the work of the Environmental Awareness Officer, particularly the Green Schools Programme, and confirmed that over that over the lifetime of the new Waste Management Plan there would be a continued emphasis on awareness. He acknowledged the need to continue to promote recycling and provide additional recycling centres in areas such as South Connemara. With regard to future landfill, he said that the Plan identified the need for a landfill in North Connacht and that in the longer term additional landfill will be required in the region. When this would be needed would be dictated by progress on achievement of recycling targets and availability of thermal treatment. He said there had been consultation with other Local Authorities and regions in the Plan review process and it did not necessarily follow that if each regional plan included thermal treatment as an objective that there would be a thermal treatment in each region. In effect, the provision of such facilities and their location would be determined by their economic feasibility. On the question of remediation of closed landfills, he said that the Council is required to prepare an inventory of sites, prepare a risk assessment and then assess the resources required. With regard to waivers, he said that the Council had already agreed a policy position on this as recommended by the Strategic Policy Committee, that support to people should be provided through the Social Welfare system as applies in the use of other services such as ESB and telephones. He said the Council had also agreed a position previously on the question of competitive tendering for waste collection opportunities so as to increase the availability of household waste collection services and he strongly supported the Council on this position.

In relation to Farm Film Plastics, Mr. Cullen advised the Members that it was likely that the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government would fund a once-off collection of the legacy farm plastics that had built up. He said discussions were taking place with regard to collection points and dates for collection.

Mr. Cullen advised that the Replacement Waste Management Plan would be made within the next few days. This was noted by the Members.



**AN SPIDEAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN**

863

Report dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2006 was circulated to each Member.

Comh O Tuairisg stated that he was surprised to hear at the Conamara Area Meeting earlier today that the adoption of An Spideal Traffic Management Plan was an executive function and asked why it was on the agenda if it was not a reserved function.

Mr. Morgan confirmed that the adoption of the Plan was an executive function but he stressed that the consultation process had gone on for 2 years in relation to this Plan, the Gardai had been consulted and the statutory process had been followed. He said that all submissions received had been taken in to consideration.

**GORT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN**

864

Report dated 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr Fahy, the Gort Traffic Management Plan was noted.

Cllr Fahy proposed that a deputation of the seven Councillors in the Loughrea Electoral Area go to meet Minister for Transport to discuss the refusal of the NRA to provide a second exit onto the N18 by pass of Gort. This was seconded by Cllr. Joyce and agreed.

**ADOPTION OF THE "HARBOUR EXPLOSIVE BYE-LAWS FOR CALADH MÓR & CORA POINT PIER, INIS MEÁIN, ÁRAINN, CO. NA GAILLIMHE**

865

A report on the "Harbour Explosive bye-laws for Caladh Mór & Cora Point Pier, Inis Meain, Arainn, Co. na Gaillimhe was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh Ni Fhatharta, and seconded by Cllr Kyne the report on the "Harbour Explosive bye-laws for Caladh Mór & Cora Point Pier, Inis Meáin, Arainn, Co. na Gaillimhe was adopted.

**TO APPROVE AMENITY GRANTS 2006 (2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND ALLOCATION)**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Round Allocations were approved as follows:

Report dated 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr Keaveney, Amenity Grants 2006 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Allocations were approved as follows:



Ref No	Group	Proposal	Amount Recommended (€)
A06/06	Ballinasloe Tennis Club	Refurbishment of 3 courts, nets, fencing, dressing rooms and toilets	1,500
A06/11	Cloughanover Social Club	Replace three wooden gates and make and hang an extra gate at the community centre over 2 phases	1,000
A06/13	Bullane Parish Hall	1. Upgrade the heating system. 2 Paint the interior & exterior	1,000
A06/16	Bullane Sportsfield Co-OP	1. Paint the dressing rooms. 2. Paint the entrance gates. 3. Re sod the goalmouths. 4. Refit the storeroom with power points	1,000
A06/20	Kiltevena Community Council	Remove existing roadside boundary and replace with natural stone wall & the provision of a 2m wide footpath	1,500
A06/23	Lawrencetown Community Enterprise Co LTD	Area Enhancement. Purchase of 1. Special Tree Seat. 2. Shrubs.3. Strimmer	1,500
A06/24	Killalaghton Hall Development Group	1. Dry Lining of main hall. 2. Paint the inside and outside. 3. Convert old toilets for use as storage area to include kitchenette. 4. Replace 2 doors	1,000

**Total Allocation**

**€8,500**

**TO APPROVE COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME DEVELOPMENT 2006 (2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND ALLOCATION)**

**867**

Report dated 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr Mullins, the Community Based Economic Development Financial Assistance Scheme Development 2006 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Allocations were approved as follows:

Ref No	Group	Proposal	Area	Amount Recommended



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E06/60	Community, Enterprise & Economic Development Unit Galway County Council ( Lead Partner )	Develop a county marketing initiative for enterprise including (i) a brochure of Enterprise Space (ii) a promotional video (iii) a brochure for towns as investment locations. The above items support this councils commitments as the lead partner under the County Development Boards Programme of Action Ref ED5	County Wide	€7,600
E06/58	Mid - West Regional Authority	Development of an integrated marketing strategy for Lough Derg. Marketing actions will focus on (i) Promotions (ii) Trade & Consumer Fairs (iii) Advertising (iv) Print (v) Production (vi) Distribution (vii) FAM Trips (viii) Joint Promotional activities & partnership plans (ix) Indicative annual marketing costs (x) Potential for Funding	Loughrea	€10,000
E06/40	E-Galway Initiative	Organised an eGalway week which involves over 40 activities in the city and county aiming at increasing the level of awareness of	County wide	€6,000



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	Public Consultation 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2006.	broadband among potential users of the service.	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday	
E06/02	History of Gaelic Games in Garbally College	To publish a history of Gaelic Games in Garbally college, which was launched by GAA president on May 13 <sup>th</sup> 2006.	Ballinasloe	€1,000
E06/59	Galway County Council Galway Rural Development HSE Teagasc Producers Tourism Agencies	Publishing a 'Good Food Guide for Galway' The primary purpose of the Guide is to promote local food producers in the County. It is focused on enhancing & supporting the local & rural economy. It is one of the first steps in creating a regional food brand for local producers of quality food produce in County Galway.	County Wide	€6,000

**Recommended Allocation – May 2006**

€30,600

**TO APPROVE RECREATION & AMENITY POLICY – PLAYGROUNDS**

868

It was proposed by Comh Ni Fhatharta , seconded by MI Connolly and agreed, that and this Item be deferred to a Special Meeting of the Council to be held at 2.00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2006.

**MANAGERS BUSINESS**

869

Mr. Cullen advised the Members of the process for the Review of the Water Services Investment Programme/Assessment of Needs.

The process consisted of:

1. The preparation of the draft in consultation with the Planning and Environment Section. The completion date being Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2006.
2. Presenting this to the SPC by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2006.
3. Advertisement of Public Consultation, this to be completed by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2006.



4. Public Consultation for the period of 1 month Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2006.
5. The preparation of report on Council's response to public comments to be completed by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2006
6. Submission of report to the full Council
7. The preparation of report on Council's response to public comments
8. The submission of the draft to the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006

Mr. Murphy said the Council had passed a resolution at the February 2006 Monthly meeting to dispose of a site at Poolboy, Ballinasloe to Dolmac Plant & Hire Ltd. which should have been disposed of to Domac Plant & Hire Ltd. He said that a further resolution of the Council was needed to correct this error. It was proposed by Cllr. Joyce, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh and agreed to dispose of 0.45ha/1.11 acres at Poolboy, Ballinasloe to Domac Plant & Tool Hire Ltd.

Cllr Kyne proposed a material alteration to the Moycullen plan. He said this proposal had been passed at the area level. It involved a parcel of land to be changed to recreation and amenity. He said it was not subject to a planning application.

Cllr Welby seconded the proposal.

Mr. Ridge said that this proposal must be in writing and must be for planning reasons.

Cllr. Kyne said he would provide the request in writing.

#### **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 19 – CLLR. C. KEAVENEY**

870

*The following reply was given: -*

“(1) The Council received €19,250 from the PRTB in November 2005. (2) This money will be used to fund the inspection of houses in conjunction with the new Rental Accommodation Scheme. (3) Approval for the staffing of the Rental Accommodation Scheme has just been received by the Council and recruitment is underway. The inspection of houses registered with the PRTB will be included in the duties of the successful candidate.”

*The following reply was given: -*



**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 20 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 871**

*The following reply was given: -*

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl gur féidir Plean Trácht a dhéanamh don Cheathrú Rua. Beidh Cur isteach mór sa mbaile de bharr scéim séarachas atá le cur isteach, mar sin, níl sé réadúil Plean Trácht a chur I bhfeidhm go dtí 2007.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 21 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 872**

*The following reply was given: -*

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl go ndéanfar tuairisc go luath ar meastachán costas an droichead a leathnú.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 22 – COMH C. NI FHATHARTA 873**

*The following reply was given: -*

“Tá d’iarratas curtha ar aghaidh chuig an Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha dán-aire siúd.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 23 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 874**

*The following reply was given: -*

“The monument concerned is being examined with a view to having necessary improvement works carried out.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 24 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 875**

*The following reply was given: -*

“Galway County Council has currently no plans to provide bus shelters in Aughrim.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 25 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 876**

*The following reply was given: -*



“A road safety audit is not generally carried out for improvements to non-national roads as this would have major implications in terms of resources and delays. Funding was sought from, and provided by, the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government to carry out improvement works on a section of this road for improved road safety comprising road realignment/widening where required, road strengthening and resurfacing. A design is being prepared for the works involved to address the road safety issues incorporating road realignment/widening and improving sight distance at bends, where possible, having regard to the physical restriction and topography of the area.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 26 – CLLR. F. HEALY EAMES 877**

*The following reply was given: -*

“Galway County Council includes the provision of a management company in applications for permission in excess of 5 dwellings where common areas/open space and other services of public utility exist. This provision is necessary due to the financial constraints of the council for maintenance.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 27 – CLLR. F. HEALY EAMES 878**

*The following reply was given: -*

“(i) The issue of resurfacing of the balance of the Marre/Renville Road is being raised with the consultants for the project, with a view to having the work completed at the earliest possible date. (ii) The section of footpath on the approach to Beal na Bradan Bridge is currently being reviewed by the area engineer and a report on same will be prepared and made available in the future. (iii) A contractor has been selected and work shall commence on successful completion of final negotiations with the effected landowners.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 28 – CLLR. F. HEALY EAMES 879**

*The following reply was given: -*

“Enforcement proceedings have commenced in this case and which is listed for Court on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2006.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 29 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 880**

*The following reply was given: -*



"I wish to inform you that the Stage 2 review of Speed Limits will include all proposals from the Elected Members. Approval from the N.R.A. will be required for all proposals on National Routes."

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

**881**

*The following reply was given: -*

"I wish to inform you that the Local Area Office will prepare a report and recommendation on this proposal. The report will be forwarded to you in the near future."

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

**882**

*The following reply was given: -*

"I wish to inform you that the Local Area Office will erect the required "STOP" sign in the near future. The lines required at the location have been included on our programme and will be put in place when the contractors are next in the vicinity."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 32– CLLR. M. FAHY**

**883**

*The following reply was given: -*

"The Preliminary Report was submitted to the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government and Galway County Council are awaiting approval for same."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 33 – CLLR. M. FAHY**

**884**

*The following reply was given: -*

"Response works on the sewer network should commence in May 2007 and on the treatment works in November 2007."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 34 – CLLR. M. FAHY**

**885**

*The following reply was given: -*



"I wish to inform you that this road is a local secondary 8587, 8588 and tertiary 45072 running from Kinvara to Clare Border. Any widening would require land acquisition. There is no funding available in 2006 for such works."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 35 – CLLR. P. HYNES**

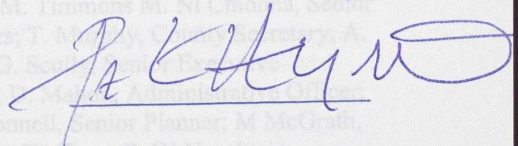
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The following reply was given: -

"Notices under the Derelict Site Act 1990 had been served on the original owner of this building. It has now come to our attention that the owner has since died. A search in the Land Registry revealed a different owner and a Notice was served to him. He has since contacted the Council to state he no longer owns this property and we are endeavoring to ascertain the correct owner. When this information is to hand, Notices under the Derelict Site Act 1990 will be served and the necessary action taken."

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Submitted, Approved & Signed



26.06.06  
Date

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

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A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

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