

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2007.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Mayor M. Mullins.

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill: Cllrs. 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, P Hynes, J. Joyce, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, Comh. S. O’Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, J Tierney, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers.

Oifigigh: Mr. F. Gilmore, County Manager, Messrs. J. Cullen, J. Morgan, F Dawson, P. Ridge, K. Kelly, M. Timmins, Directors of Service; G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance; M. Lavelle, L. Gavin, Senior Engineers, D. Barrett, A. Comer, T. Murphy Senior Executive Officers, P. Carroll Administrative 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:-

- Mr. Paddy Coen, Attymon, Athenry, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Eric Gleeson, Tuam, Co. Galway.
- Ms. Margaret Kearney, Cregboy, Claregalway, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Joe Dooley, Carnmore, Oranmore, Co. Galway.
- Mrs. Kitty Glynn, Persse Park, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
- Mrs. Winnie Spellman, Newtowndaly, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

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The Mayor welcomed the Teachers and pupils of St Benin's Training Centre Tuam to the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS

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The minutes of the monthly Meeting held on 22nd January, 2007 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr Mannion and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames.

Cllr Willers wanted to know if the Kilraine issue had been discussed at the Oranmore Area meeting.

Cllr Healy Eames said that it would be discussed at the next Area Committee meeting.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 12th February, 2007 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Mannion.

Cllr Fahy asked that this Special meeting be reconvened. He said he had voted against the rezoning proposal of 24 acres (Issue IE in the Managers Report) on the advice of the Council which said the lands were liable to flooding but he was now aware that this was not the case.

Mr. Ridge said that the Ordnance Survey maps showed it to be a marshy area. He said the primary reason the Council were not in favour of the proposal was that the lands were outside the town boundary and it was deemed not a sustainable development.

Cllr Cuddy said that the landowner in question was seeking legal advice in relation to the matter.

Cllr Cuddy stated that the minutes were inaccurate and he asked to have them amended as it was stated that he seconded the proposal in relation to item 1(i) on page 9 and this was not the case and that it was Cllr Reilly who seconded this proposal. It was agreed to amend the minutes accordingly.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

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The report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 15th January 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr T Walsh and seconded by Comh O'Cuaig.

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In reply to Cllr Cuddy, the County Manager said that the Corporate Policy Group had discussed the issue of members of deputations being allowed to question Council officials at area committee meetings and it had been decided not to recommend any change in the Standing Orders which would allow this.

The report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 18th September 2006 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Comh O'Tuairisg and seconded by Cllr Conneely.

The report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 11th December 2006 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Comh O'Tuairisg and seconded by Cllr Conneely.

The report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on 21st December 2006 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr D Connolly and seconded by Cllr Mannion.

Cllr D Connolly proposed that Aughrim be used as pilot area for bus shelters.

The Mayor asked for an update at the next meeting in relation to bus shelters.

The report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 13th October 2006 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Mc Donagh and seconded by Cllr Hoade.

Cllr Hoade asked if a meeting of the Joint Committee of The Ardaun corridor was being arranged.

The County Manager said that it will be discussed at the next Corporate Policy Group meeting and the members will be informed.

The report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 4th December 2006 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Cuddy and seconded by Cllr McDonagh.

The report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 15th January 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Cuddy.

The report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 22nd January 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Cuddy.

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The report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 29th January 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Cuddy and seconded by Cllr Hoade.

The report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 6th February 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Hoade.

The report of the Planning & Sustainable Development SPC Meeting held on 23rd November 2006 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr D Connolly and seconded by Cllr Feeney.

The report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 30th January 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr McHugh and seconded by Cllr M Connolly.

Cllr M Connolly referred to the taking in charge of estates and asked that the reports on the Meadow Court Housing Estate in Mountbellew be expedited.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 –THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DEMOUNTABLE DWELLING AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES AT DERRYBRIEN SOUTH, LOUGHREA.

1176

Report dated 14th February, 2007 was circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Cllr Hynes, seconded by Cllr Feeney, the construction of a demountable dwelling and associated services at Derrybrien, Loughrea was approved.

TO APPROVE AMENITY GRANTS 2007 (1ST ROUND ALLOCATION)

1177

Report dated 20th February, 2007 was circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr Keaveney, seconded by Cllr T Walsh, the Amenity Grants 2007 (1st Round Allocation) were approved as follows:

Amenity Grants Scheme 2007

1st Round Allocation - February Meeting of Galway County Council

Ref No	Group	Proposal & Conditions	Amount Recommended (€)
A07/21	Dunmore Traders	Provision of Christmas Lights for 2007	

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		<p>All lighting shall comply with health and safety/fire requirements, and shall be of a design complimentary to the scale and character of the vernacular streetscape.</p> <p>No brackets shall be attached to any buildings without the prior consent of the Forward Planning Section, and no lighting shall be erected without the prior consent of the local Area Office of Galway County Council</p> <p>The grant hereby awarded shall be at least matched by the same amount from local traders</p>	€2,500
<p>A07/18</p> <p>Ref No A07/15</p>	<p><u>Cappatagle Community Development Group</u></p> <p>Group <u>Cregg View Residents</u></p>	<p>Provide & Erect 18 stone place names. The proposed Townland signs shall be bilingual. The official translation and script/lettering of each shall be approved by a competent authority. (e.g. place names committee of Galway County Council).</p> <p>The signs shall be made of local natural stone and shall be of a scale in keeping with their surrounds.</p> <p>The signs shall be inserted into stone or other local existing walls to the satisfaction of the local engineering office. Should free standing signs be in question, they shall be of natural boulder variety and shall not be monumental in character. The sighting of any free standing stones must be to the satisfaction of the local engineering office.</p> <p>Lime mortar shall be used to fix the signs in all stone walls unless otherwise agreed with the Forward Planning Section of Galway County Council.</p> <p>All signage design and location shall comply with health and safety regulations, and shall not interfere with road safety.</p> <p>Proposal Planting of green areas with trees, refurbish and restock flower beds</p> <p>This grant shall not be used towards the provision of new flower beds. Instead the monies shall be spent on the provision of native trees and shrubs throughout the site, in the interests of natural traditional landscape design and maintenance ease.</p>	<p>€2,000</p> <p>€750</p>
A07/14	<u>Tuam Rugby Football</u>	<p>Pitch Improvements, fencing, lighting, Astro Turf</p> <p>This funding shall be spent on existing pitch</p>	€1,500

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	<u>Club</u>	improvements unless otherwise agreed.	
<u>A07/13</u>	<u>Roundstone Community Development</u>	Propose to complete refurbishment of the community hall	€1,500
<u>A07/24</u>	<u>Ballygar and District Co. Ltd.</u>	To further enhance the equipment available for a variety of sports This grant is for the purchase of sports equipment only. Choice of equipment shall be gender friendly and disability friendly and age friendly. Please return data to show how each of these 3 requirements will be met by proposed equipment choice. All equipment shall comply with health and safety/fire requirements.	€1,500
<u>A07/17</u>	<u>Duniry Community Pitch Development</u>	To completely upgrade of pitch and to install water softening plant in order to improve water quality. This grant shall be used for the provision of the water softening plant.	€1,500
<u>A07/11</u>	<u>Bullaun Parish Hall</u>	Upgrade heating system and upgrade of toilet facilities. All works shall comply with health and safety/fire requirements. All requirements of the Fire Officer and HSE shall be met in relation to the proposed upgrading.	€1,500

Ref No	Group	Proposal	Amount Recommended (€)
<u>A07/09</u>	<u>Castleview Residents Association</u>	Grass cutting, maintenance of laneways, flower beds, shrubs	€750
<u>A07/07</u>	<u>Williamstown Development Co.Ltd.</u>	To erect and install demountable stage The proposed work shall be to the satisfaction of the Fire Officer, and shall comply with all Health and Safety requirements.	€1,500
<u>A07/04</u>	<u>Gurteen Community Development Association</u>	Purchase & Erect 22 townland stone signs The proposed Townland signs shall be bilingual. The official translation and script/lettering of each shall be approved by a competent	€2,000

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<u>A07/02</u>	<u>Clonfert Sportsfield Pitch Development Committee</u>	<p>Sand slit, Store, Drain, Level and re-seed pitch</p> <p>The works shall be carried out to best practice standards.</p>	€2,000

Total Allocation – February 2007
€19,000

TO APPROVE COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME GRANTS 2007 (1ST ROUND ALLOCATION)

1178

Report dated the 20th February, 2007 was circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr Canney, seconded by Cllr Mannion, the Community Based Economic Development Financial Assistance Scheme Grants (1st Round Allocation) were approved as follows:

1st Round Community Based Economic Development Grant Scheme 2007

Ref No	Group	Proposal	Area	Amount Recommended
E07/02	A.R.C. Clifden Ltd.,	Purchase of equipment in order to	Conemara	€2,000

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		continue to upgrade the existing community centre.		
E07/12	Clonberne Community Centre Company Ltd.,	Contribution toward the cost of a Resource Worker who assists the committee with all the day to day bookwork, provides administrative support to the community and carries out research.	Tuam	€6,350
E07/11	Bealach	Contribution towards the costs of running the rural transport initiative for 2007. Bealach aims to develop its bus services in areas currently not serviced with particular emphasis on additional services in relation to the social needs of the elderly and the youth of the county.	Conemara	€6,350
E07/08	B.R.B. Community Council / Senior Citizens, Recess	Contribution towards the upgrading of furnishings to promote the increased use of the facility and provision of new heating heating system in the 'Old School' Community Hall.	Conemara	€1,800
E07/13	Na Calai Community Development Project Ltd	Assistance towards Youth Café and Youth Consultation in Portumna	Loughrea	€5,000
E07/14	Afesca Tuam Youth Advice Café	Assistance towards Youth Café and Youth Consultation	Tuam	€4,000
E07/15	Ballinasloe Youth Project	Youth Consultation Programmes	Ballinasloe	€3,000
E07/16	Oranmore Development Association	Youth Consultation Initiative	Oranmore	€2,000
E07/07	Connemara Radio	Contribution towards the provision of training in order to increase the skills of volunteers and provide the opportunity for this project to create sustainable services to other stations and communities. All courses will be	Conemara	€2,750

	to FETAC Level 4 accreditation.		
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Recommended Allocation – February 2007

€33,250

TAKING IN CHARGE POLICY

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Mr. Ridge stated that the Council were awaiting Ministerial Guidelines in respect of Taking in Charge and he recommended that this item be deferred.

He stated that the Building Control function would in future be dealt with in the Housing Directorate and that staff would be relocated to deal with this function.

Cllr. Feeney stated that he was disappointed that the Taking in Charge Policy had been agreed 18 months ago but that nothing has happened since then. The Council did not need to wait for Ministerial Guidelines to implement the policy, while residents were paying large amounts to management consultants.

Cllr Canney stated that the Council should look at what estates are ready to take in charge and to go ahead with the taking in charge of these estates. He queried the number of staff assigned to building control and when they would be in place.

Cllr Cannon stated that there were numerous unfinished estates and enforcement was failing to bring these developers to task. He said that there were some very well finished estates where the residents were left in a limbo because the Council were failing to take them in charge.

Cllr Mannion stated that he understood that the Council could implement its own policy and deal with ministerial guidelines afterwards.

The County Manager stated that it had not been implied that the current policy would not be implemented. He said that a structure for a Building Control Unit had been agreed and a programme of taking in charge would be embarked on. He stated that initially 6 staff would be working in Building Control, and he would report back to the Members with a works programme and the costs involved in taking in charge of estates.

ROADS PROGRAMME 2007

1180

Report dated 26th February, 2007 was circulated to each member.

Cllr. McHugh said that there was 276 Km in total of National Secondary roads and that a lot of these were in the Tuam Electoral Area. He said there was only €2.2 million in total allocated for the East of the County which is not sufficient.

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He said that the roads in Dunmore town were in a disgraceful condition but that no funds were being provided.

He said the amount being provided, for Non National Roads was declining each year and he could not support the Roads Programme.

Cllr Canney said that the €5m allocation for the Tuam by pass would not allow it to progress much. He said the same was happening with the new N17; just enough money was being given to it to keep it progressing. He said this was a stop gap approach and that he could not support the Roads Programme either. He said a meeting was needed immediately with the NRA and Minister Cullen.

Cllr M Connolly said he could not accept the Roads Programme as it had inadequate funding for Secondary roads. He said the Tuam to Dunmore road is in a disgraceful condition. He said that the N63 is a very busy road and that parts of it were in a state of collapse.

Cllr Connaughton said that the allocation for the Tuam area was not acceptable. She said the N63 road was very narrow and was a danger to pedestrians. She said funding for the design of the Liss Bridge had been approved in 2004 but that nothing had been done since. She agreed that a meeting with the NRA was needed.

Cllr Kyne welcomed the Roads Programme and especially the funding for the N59. He said that he hoped there would be funds allocated next year for the Clydagh Bridge and also for the road into Moycullen.

Cllr Cuddy welcomed the increased funding for the Oranmore Area. He wanted to know what the €1.5m allocation for the Galway to Tuam road is for. He said he was disappointed that there was no funding for the footpaths in Claregalway where two National Roads meet.

He said the increase of 70% for verge trimming was welcome.

He also wanted to know what the € 25,000 for abandoned vehicles and € 10,000 for weighbridges had to do with the Roads Programme. He said that there was €200,000 for the Loughgeorge junction in the 2006 Roads programme as well and hoped that this money would be spent in 2007.

He wanted to know how a bus lane could be accommodated through the narrow streets of Claregalway and also what happened to the development contribution money collected in Claregalway for traffic lights.

Cllr T Walsh said he recognizes the difficulty his colleagues have with the Roads Programme but would think it wrong not to adopt the Roads Programme. He also welcomed the funding for the Ballymoe Road.

Cllr. Joyce said that Council staff deserved praise for the work being done on the roads but there should be more money for County Roads. He asked that a list of dangerous crossroads be created.

Cllr Mannion said that he could empathise with his colleagues in the Tuam Electoral Area. He said that the N63 was in a deplorable condition and that the bridge on the road between Ballygar and Ballyforan was in danger of collapse.

He referred to the number of telephone poles which were in poor condition and he asked that Telecom be asked to carry out a survey and replace those in a bad condition.

Comh O'Cuaig said that he welcomed the funding for the N59.

He wanted to know what was the present position on the proposal to extend the new road from Galway to Rossaveal as far as Screebe.

Comh O'Tuairisg said that the €3.5m allocated to Derrylea road would only do a mile or so of road works and that the pressure needed to be kept on for further funding. He asked that the Council progress the implementation of the new speed limits especially outside schools.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Walsh, and agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting continue after 6.00p.m.

Cllr Conneely welcomed the Roads Programme and in particular the funding for the N59 and he was hopeful that additional funding would be got next year, but he was disappointed with the funding for the Clifden Engineering Area.

Cllr Cannon noted the allocation of €65,000 for St Clerans Bridge and said that the work should be expedited.

Cllr Welby welcomed the Roads Programme and the funding proposals. He asked was there any proposals for bye laws for the Piers in the County. He wanted to know was there any allocation for car parking in Cleggan as many people living on and visiting Inishboffin leave their cars on the Mainland.

The Mayor said that the funding for the N6 was distorting the overall budget. He said that there was still an infrastructural deficit even though we were in a boom period.

He said that unless there was huge investment in Regional and Minor Roads there will be serious difficulty in the future serving the business and economic activity of the County. He said that local roads which were being damaged by the new N6 should be reinstated.

He said he welcomed the new signage on the Regional roads and would like to thank all the staff of the Roads team who work in difficult conditions. He said he appreciated their efforts but didn't think that there were enough workers to deal with all the issues.

Mr. Morgan commended the Roads work force and welcomed the comments in relation to road signage. In relation to the allocation for the Tuam Electoral Area he said that the Council makes a submission to the DOEHLG and the NRA for projects and that the final decision in relation to the allocation of funds rests with these bodies. He said there is no consultation or feedback in relation to the allocation. He said the allocations made by the NRA are based on the County as a whole and not based on Electoral Areas.

He said that Galway would be one of the main beneficiaries of the Inter Urban routes in the next five years. He said the NRA must operate within a budget and have to decide priorities. He said he will arrange a meeting with the NRA to discuss funding for roads which had not had allocations. He said Mr. Michael Dolly, Senior Engineer had already contacted the NRA inspectors to get a meeting in relation to East Galway. He said the most of the roads the Councillors had mentioned had been referred to the Department already.

Mr. Morgan said the €5m for the Tuam by pass will initiate the acquisition of land process with Construction due to commence in 2009. He said the €1.5m for Galway to Tuam road is to advance the publication of the EIS and CPO process.

He said the N6 contract for the Galway to Ballinasloe Section would be signed next month. The Athlone to Ballinasloe section is to commence construction early next year. He said that the N17 & N18 projects are in the queue after the N6. The decision of an Bord Pleanála is awaited on the N18 road. Indications are that funding will be made available from the Dept for this project.

He said the land acquisition by CPO on the N63 at Abbeyknockmoy was not completed before the end of 2006 and therefore the NRA did not give any funding. This project will be included next year.

He said the N59 is the longest National Secondary Road in the County and the expenditure on this route was justifiable and is part of Transport 21. It is also a tourist route and is the only National Secondary Road to be included in Transport 21.

In relation to abandoned vehicles he said that they are part of the Roads remit if they are on a public road if not then they are the responsibility of the Environment Section.

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He said Weighbridges are owned by the Council and are part of the Transport System and that the Gardai have requested that more of them be provided across the County. He stated that it is intended that the Bus Corridor will fit in the middle of the Claregalway Village and that a decision will have to be made on the sacrificing of turning areas.

He said that the Loughgeorge Junction project was included in the programme to go ahead this year. He said in relation to the three year roads programme that it was good to have such a programme as people knew that if a road was included in the Programme it had a reasonable chance of going ahead.

In relation to bridges he said that there are 1400 bridges in the County and that these will all have to be surveyed but that there was not sufficient staff to get the work done. He said the Area Office staff will make every effort to assist in the process.

In relation to Telegraph poles he said that Telecom are now a private company and they operate as such. He instanced dealings the Council had with them recently in relation to their services located in the public road in Loughrea where road improvement works are currently in progress.

He said that the Council was expecting the go ahead from the Dept in relation to the road to Screebe and that there is funding available for the Barna to Rossaveal part of this road. He stated that he would get back to the members as soon as possible in relation to Speed Limits.

He said that bye laws could be drawn up for Piers. He said that car parking in Cleggan is being discussed and that he is hopeful that the Private sector will get involved to allay the costs.

Mr. Morgan asked the members to pass the Roads Programme or else no part of the works contained in it can be started. Cllr M Connolly proposed that the Roads programme be deferred and that this would send a message back to the NRA.

The County Manager strongly urged the members to give their approval to the programme. He said it was hard to implement the programme as it was, given the problems of delays in land acquisition. To delay the start of the programme would put the whole programme in jeopardy. He said the Council will be meeting with the NRA shortly and will bring the strong views of the Councillors to the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Joyce, seconded by Cllr. Cannon and agreed "*That the members for the Tuam Electoral Area and the chairs of the other Electoral Area Committees request a meeting with the NRA to discuss the National Roads Grants Allocation for 2007*"

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In reply to Cllr. Cuddy, Mr. Morgan said that the NRA had refused to sanction funding for a footbridge in Oranmore.

Cllr Cuddy asked whether the NRA had been asked to fund lighting and footpaths for Claregalway. Mr. Morgan said that the NRA had said they will not be providing funding for this.

Cllr Healy Eames proposed the adoption of the Roads Programme and this was seconded by Cllr S Walsh.

Cllr M Connolly proposed that the adoption of the Roads Programme be deferred for a number of weeks with the exception of the early starts already agreed at Area meetings. This was seconded by Cllr Canney.

A vote was taken on Cllr. Canney's proposal and the result of the vote was follows:

AR SON: Cllrs. S. Canney, S. Connaughton, M Connolly, T. Mannion, T. Mc Hugh (5)

IN AGHAIDH: Cllrs. J. Conneely, D. Connolly, J. Cuddy, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, S. Kyne, M. Mullins, Comh S. O'Cuaig, S. O'Tuairisg, Cllrs. J. Tierney, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers (16)

GAN VOTÁIL: Cllrs. C. Cannon, P Hynes. (2)

The Mayor declared the proposal lost.

WATER SERVICES INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – REVISION TO APPROVAL PROCEDURES.

1181

This item was deferred until the next monthly meeting on the proposal of Cllr Mannion and seconded by Cllr Hoade.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS.

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Pre-Planning Meetings

Cllr McDonagh wanted to know if the pre planning meetings had been cancelled. He said these meetings had replaced the Prior Notice system but now seemed to be gone. He said these meetings were important due to the cost of submitting a planning application.

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Cllr Hoade said she had raised the issue of staff shortages in the planning office with Mr. Kelly. She said she wanted confirmation that interviews to recruit additional staff had taken place.

Cllr Mannion said that there were other issues in relation to planning that he would like to raise and felt that there was a need for a special meeting for that purpose.

Cllr Welby raised the issue of EPA testing for planning applications. He said that qualified people were signing off on EPA tests but that they were still being refused by the Council.

Mr. Ridge thanked the Councillors for their patience. He said that staff shortages were a difficulty and that there were still a number of unfilled vacancies in the Planning Section.

He said that the surge of applications before Christmas were coming up for decision now and that approximately 100 applications in relation to quarries would also have to be dealt with in the immediate future.

He said that he hoped the pre planning meetings would resume again in early April.

He said that pre planning reports were still being issued and that there was a comprehensive list of guidelines available to agents.

In relation to EPA testing Mr. Ridge said that certification was being received by the Council saying the site was suitable but that works needed to be done. He said that a small number of the results were questionable and that a balanced judgement was required.

He said he would welcome a special planning meeting as the review of the County Development Plan would have to commence in the near future.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mc Donagh, seconded by the Mayor and agreed that a Special meeting of the Council would be held at 2.30pm on the 2nd April to discuss planning issues.

In reply to Cllr. Cannon, Mr. Kelly said that the matter of sending documentation relating to Council meetings by email was being examined and members would be consulted with a view to meeting the requirements of each member.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 11 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1183

The following reply was given:-

“There is an allocation in the current Water Services Investment Programme 2005 – 2007 to provide an upgraded water main on the Ennis Road in Gort. The Gort Area Office hopes to proceed with the preparation of tender documents for this work shortly and they intend to liaise with the Roads & Transportation section with regard to any proposals they may have to provide an overlay on the N18. A more definite date for upgrade of the main can be determined once plans for the N18 have been ascertained.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 12 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1184

The following reply was given:-

“The lands sought by GRACE for the development of a resource recovery park were acquired for housing and are still required for that purpose. Also, there are concerns that the provision of a site by the Council could be regarded as unfairly favouring one group, while potentially undermining the viability of commercial waste collection activities in the area.

At a recent meeting of the Loughrea Area Committee, it was agreed that the Community & Enterprise Unit of the Council would assist in fleshing out the business aspect of the proposal submitted by GRACE pointing up the possible difficulties – such as those mentioned above – and exploring the possibility of a joint venture with a commercial operator.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 13 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1185

The following reply was given:-

“I wish to inform you that the only road scheme approved on the N66 for 2007 is at Cois Carraig for a length of approximately 200 metres and this will be completed by direct labour of the Electoral Area Roads Staff. The further road to Coorheen Cross is not included in this scheme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 14 – COMH. C. NÍ FHATHARTA

1186

The following reply was given:-

“Beidh an Rannóg Timpeallachta i dteagmháil leis na ranna cuí chun féachaint ar na féidearthachtaí maidir le leithis phoiblí a chur ar fail ag Trá na Trá Báine, Léitir Móir.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 15 – COMH. C. NÍ FHATHARTA 1187

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl go ndéanfar staidéar ar an droichead agus an bother réigiúnach ag Coláiste Lurgan agus Siopa an Phobail ar mhaithe le cúrsaí sabháilteacht. B’fhéidir go mbéifear in ann obair a dhéanamh faoin Scéim Timpistí Costais Íseal.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 16– COMH. C. NÍ FHATHARTA 1188

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl go bhfuil moill curtha ar Plean Trácht don Cheathrú Rua a réiteach de bharr oibreacha atá ar súil sa mbaile. Tá súil ag an Comhairle Contae Plean a chur le chéile go luath chun go mbeadh an Dreacht Plean ar taispeántas poiblí faoi deire an tsamhradh.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 17 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 1189

The following reply was given:-

“It is intended with the cooperation of local landowners to carry out improvements to alleviate flooding in this area as part of the 2007 Roads Programme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 18 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 1190

The following reply was given:-

“I wish to inform you that the provision of pedestrian crossing in New Inn will be examined, and if appropriate, will be included in the Council’s submission for funding under the 2008 Programme for Low Cost Safety Improvement Works.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 19 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 1191

Cllr D Connolly proposed:

“That Galway County Council calls on the Government to renegotiate the Corrib Gas Field Deal”. This was seconded by Comh Ó Cuaig.

Cllr Joyce said that Companies should not be asked to renegotiate a deal which was in place for a number of years. He said the Company (Shell) took a chance and that they were now benefiting from this. He said this was all done legally and he said he would not wish to be associated with the motion

Cllr Cuddy asked why Galway County Council would be trying to usurp Mayo County Council. He said there is a binding contract in place and he too would not wish to be associated with the motion.

Cllr Joyce proposed that the motion not be supported. This was seconded by Cllr Regan.

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

AR SON: Cllrs. C.Cannon, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Mannion, M. Regan, S. Walsh, T. Welby. (10)

IN AGHAIDH: Cllrs. S. Canney, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, S. Kyne, T. Mc Hugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O' Cuaig, J. Tierney, T. Walsh, B. Willers (13)

GAN VOTÁIL: Comh. S. O' Tuairisg (1)

The Mayor declared Cllr Joyce's proposal lost.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 20- CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

1192

The following reply was given:-

"The Group Water Scheme would need to make an application to the Council to extend their scheme to Lackaghbeg (if this is what they wish to do) together with a layout map to identify the proposed works. Galway County Council will then assess the application. A submission was made to DOEHLG in December 2006 for funding for proposed works in 2007. This scheme was not included in this submission. Any grant aid that might be payable to this scheme will be dependant on the following factors:

1. Galway County Council programme of prioritised works for 2007
2. Galway County Council assessment of the application
3. Allocation for 2007
4. DOEHLG policy / priority in relation to the allocation granted to the Council for 2007.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

1193

The following reply was given:-

“The Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee decided that the Electoral Area Committees would meet together and bring forward their joint proposals for the review of speed limits. This proposal could be included in their deliberations. On completion of their submissions the Road Design Section will consult with the Area Engineering Staff, Gardaí and NRA and will submit a comprehensive report to each Electoral Area Committee and full Council. The Conamara Area Committee has made its submission and is the only Committee to date that has done same.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 22 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

1194

The following reply was given:-

“I wish to inform you that the 2007 Draft Public Lighting Programme does not include provision for a light at “The Old Forge” in An Ruán Mór/Lachtgeorge.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 23 – CLLR. M. HOADE

1195

The following reply was given:-

“The oral hearing of objectors to the C.P.O. for the Galway City Outer Bypass has not yet taken place. A further C.P.O. as suggested, would be premature pending a decision by An Bord Pleanála on the C.P.O. for the Galway City Outer Bypass. Galway County Council are examining numerous proposals with private developers in respect of potential future sites.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 24 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1196

The following reply was given:-

“Each planning application is treated on its own merits and it would be ultra-vires to pre-empt refusals on any planning application”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 25 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1197

The following reply was given:-

“This work has been and will continue to be carried out as normal in the Gort Area over the Winter/Spring months.

The labour resources in the Gort Area and in the Loughrea Electoral Area will be maintained at the level required to complete the Roadworks Programme for 2007.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 26 – CLLR. M. FAHY **1198**

The following reply was given:-

“This road is not included in the 2007 Roads Programme. It will be considered for inclusion should additional funding become available. In the interim routine maintenance will continue to be carried out as required.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 27 – CLLR. P. HYNES **1199**

The following reply was given:-

“I wish to inform you repairs will be carried out on this road, as required, under routine maintenance, as resources permit.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 28 – CLLR. P. HYNES **1200**

The following reply was given:-

“I wish to inform you that L8579 Carrigeen is included in the 2007 Roadworks Programme for road reconstruction. In the meantime any pothole repairs that are required will be attended to.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 29 – CLLR. P. HYNES **1201**

The following reply was given:-

“I wish to inform you repairs will be carried out under Routine Maintenance as resources permit.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 30 – CLLR. S. CANNEY **1202**

The following reply was given:-

“All Council Tenants were given the option of Oil Fired Central Heating, Solid Fuel or Storage Heating however 9 tenants have not expressed their preference to the Council to date despite a number of reminders being sent. Otherwise the Central Heating Programme will be fully completed shortly with the exception of Tuam Town Council which is to go to contract within the next few weeks. The Central Heating Programme will be available up to 2008.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 31 – CLLR. S. CANNEY

1203

The following reply was given:-

“There were 19 applications to take estates in charge in 2004, 14 in 2005 and 18 in 2006. There have been 3 applications to date in 2007.

One (1) Housing estate has been taken in charge in the last 5 years”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 32 – CLLR. S. CANNEY

1204

The following reply was given:-

“The CPO process is not appropriate in this instance as the lands required to achieve sight distance at the junction are to facilitate the upgrade of a private road.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 33 – COMH. S. O’TUAIRISG

1205

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl go ndéanfar meastachán ar an gcostas a bhainfidh leis an bother seo a uas-ghrádú chun go bhféadfaidh machnamh a dhéanamh ar é a thógáil.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 34 – COMH. S. O’TUAIRISG

1206

The following reply was given:-

“ Is mian liom a chur in iúl go ndéanfar machnamh ar soilse poiblí a chur ar fail sa gceantair seo má bhíonn airgeadú ar fail.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 35 – COMH. S. O’TUAIRISG

1207

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY 26th
MARCH, 2007.**

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cllr. M. Mullins

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

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

Oifigigh:

Mr. F. Gilmore, County Manager; Messrs. J. Cullen, F. Dawson, J. Morgan, K. Kelly, Directors of Service; G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance; L. Gavin, J. Eising, M. Lavelle, R. Killeen, Senior Engineers; T. Murphy, County Secretary; D. Barrett, A. Comer, Senior Executive Officers; M. O'Donnell, Administrative Officer; M. McGrath, Senior Staff Officer; G. Healy, Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

1208

A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mr. Johnny Kelly, Cloonthue, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Timothy Family, Creggs Road, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway.
Muintir Ui Chadhain, Cill Chiarain, Conamara, Co. na Gaillimhe.

WATER CRISIS

1209

It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow discussion on the water crisis in the City and parts of the County.

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Mr. Cullen made a report to the members on the current situation and background to the boil water notice that had issued in respect of the Galway City area and part of the County.

He said that on Tuesday 13th March 2007, Galway County Council was contacted by the Health Service Executive West who were concerned about an increased number of cases of cryptosporidium in Galway City and certain areas of the County.

Cryptosporidium is a parasitic organism, which can be found in the intestines of humans and many other mammals. The parasite multiplies in the gastrointestinal tract of the infected host, which then excretes oocysts of the parasite in its faeces in very large numbers. Cryptosporidium can be found in soil, food or water or on surfaces that have been contaminated with infected faeces.

Cryptosporidiosis is caused by the ingestion of the cryptosporidium oocysts. Symptoms of the illness include watery diarrhoea, stomach pains, headache, vomiting. The incubation period is generally up to two weeks, with the illness in healthy individuals usually being of two to three weeks duration, from which the patient fully recovers.

Cryptosporidiosis is transmitted in a number of ways, including person to person, animal to person, waterborne and food borne transmission. Contamination of drinking water supplies is one of the recognized transmission routes for cryptosporidium. Other mechanisms include direct or indirect contact with infected animal faeces (for example as a result of inadequate hand washing following farm visits or ingestion of contaminated food stuffs) or human to human transmission (swimming pools, household secondary cases).

Surface and ground waters can become contaminated with cryptosporidium through a variety of routes, including :

- o Run-off from agricultural land following the spreading of slurry.
- o Discharge from sewage treatment works or septic tanks.

Outbreaks associated with contaminated water occur particularly, during the lambing/calving season in Spring and again in the autumn period. Following periods of heavy rain, large numbers of oocysts, can be washed into rivers and streams causing difficulties where the water is abstracted for drinking water purposes. The oocysts are resistant to disinfection treatment using chlorination but the water treatment processes of coagulation, flocculation and filtration can be effective in removing the majority of oocysts. Pasteurisation at temperatures above 70°C is effective in killing the parasite.

The Irish Drinking Water Regulations (SI 439 of 2000) do not require routine testing of drinking water for the presence of cryptosporidium. Water supplies are to be monitored for the presence of the indicator parameter *Clostridium perfringens*. If the level of this organism exceeds 0/100ml, the supply should be tested for the presence of cryptosporidium.

An initial meeting was held between Galway Co. Council, Galway City Council & HSE West on Wednesday 14th March. The HSE West outlined their concern about the increased number of cases of cryptosporidiosis reported in Galway City and certain areas of the County. They were aware of 41 reported cases at this time, which was far higher than what would have been expected.

A Joint Incident Response Team comprised of representatives from the three agencies was set up & first met on Thursday 15th March. The Team includes environmental and water services professionals, veterinary expertise, scientist, public and environmental health professionals,

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with advice from the Environmental Protection Agency and Health Protection Surveillance Centre. At this time, there was no conclusive evidence of water contamination. However, following recommendations from the HSE West, a "Boil Water Notice" was issued on Thursday 15th March as a precautionary measure to protect public health. The notice covered the entire city area and parts of the county. The area covered by the Boil Notice was determined by reference to the three water supplies in question. The members of Galway County & City Councils were notified in advance of the Boil Notice being made public.

A communications campaign was initiated to disseminate information to the public regarding the situation.

It was agreed that the criteria for lifting the Boil Notice would be a combination of consistently good test results from water samples coupled with a marked reduction in the number of cases of cryptosporidiosis reported to the HSE West.

Both the City and County increased their sampling of the water for *Cryptosporidium*. As the situation developed, more cases of infection were reported, and test results indicated that there was contamination of the water supply, both in the city, and in part of the county (Headford area). Increased sampling and site investigations, coupled with epidemiological testing have continued in a concerted effort to determine the cause of the contamination. The Joint Incident Response Team has met a total of six times to date, as well as holding two teleconferences with the E.P.A.

Specific Actions to Date

From the health perspective, the HSE is continuing to investigate other possible sources of the infection, conducting epidemiological investigations, communicating with food premises, health professionals including GPs, as well as health facilities such as hospitals and nursing homes.

From the local authorities' perspective, the County & City councils have significantly increased their sampling regime with continuous testing for *Cryptosporidium*.

Galway County Council staff have conducted aerial surveys and walk-over inspections to try to establish the source of contamination.

Leaflet drops were organised with the assistance of the Community Wardens & Waterworks caretakers. While homes, schools & business premises within the 'boil notice' area were covered with the distribution of the initial precautionary notice, reminder notices were issued in the Headford, Barna & Moycullen areas after positive test results indicated contamination in these locations.

Galway County Council conducted a full review of operating procedures at the relevant waterworks.

Galway County Council published notices in local & national newspapers & issued an hourly radio notice in order to inform members of the public about the situation, and to stress the importance of boiling water before consumption. All information has also been made available on the County Council website, and the site has been updated regularly with any new developments.

A phone-in information line (091-509214) was set up to answer any queries that the public may have. This information line has been kept open in the evenings and on weekends.

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Galway County Council, with the assistance of the Dept of Agriculture & Food, has issued guidelines on good farming practice to all farmers in the Corrib catchment.

Conclusion

Mr. Cullen said that since the commencement of the current situation, virtually the full resources of the Environment & Water Services Unit had been employed to respond, and he acknowledged the work and commitment of all the team.

In the detailed discussion that followed members asked if there was any indication, as yet, as to what the possible source of the contamination might be; also what the sampling regime was and whether the problem could have been detected sooner. Questions were also raised as to the possibility of providing water in tankers or finding alternative supplies and the possibility of isolating the problem to specific areas.

Mr. Cullen said that investigation work was being undertaken both by the Council and the HSE to try and find a possible source, but it may be that it may not be possible to identify any one particular source of contamination. He explained that the sampling regime on all public water supplies in the County Galway are in compliance with the EU and Irish National Drinking Water Regulations and there is nothing the Council could have done to detect the Cryptosporidium earlier. In relation to the provision of drinking water from tankers he said that was not feasible as the Council could not regulate the manner in which people would collect or store the water and would therefore have to advise that the water be boiled also. He said he was examining the possibility of an alternative supply for the Headford area.

The Mayor and members complimented the staff of the Environment, Water & Emergency Services Directorate for their response to the situation and all hoped it would be resolved as quickly as possible.

Mr. Cullen thanked the members for their support and their responsible approach to the whole situation. He said that continuing to work in the closest collaborating with the Health Service Executive and indeed, Galway City Council, no effort would be spared in ensuring that normal public water service is restored in the affected areas at the earliest opportunity.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

1210

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 26th February 2007 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Keaveney.

Arising from the Minutes, Cllr. McHugh asked if a reply had been received from the N.R.A. to the Council's letter requesting a meeting to discuss the National Roads Grants Allocations for 2007.

Mr. Murphy said that the N.R.A. had not yet replied to the Council's letter but Mr. Morgan stated that he had discussions with the N.R.A. on this matter.

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Cllr. Canney asked when would progress be made regarding the taking in charge of housing estates and the County Manager stated that staff would be put in place to progress applications over the coming months.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

1211

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 22nd January 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Conneely and seconded by Comh. Ní Fhatharta.

The Report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on 30th January 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Joyce.

The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 26th February 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Healy Eames and seconded by Cllr. Hoade.

TO CONSIDER THE MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE MOYCULLEN LOCAL AREA PLAN 2005-2011.

1212

Report already circulated to Each Member.

Cllr Canney declared an interest in the proposed Amendment No 1 on the Maigh Cuilinn Local Area Plan and absented himself from the meeting.

The Mayor invited Mr Gavin to present the Manager's Report on the submissions that were received on Amendment No 1 on the Maigh Cuillin Local Area Plan.

Mr Gavin stated that the Maigh Cuilinn Local Area Plan was adopted on the 5th September 2007 and was valid for six years. He explained that Amendment No 1 was concerned with the re-zoning of lands comprising an area of 0.18 hectares (0.44 acres) of land. The proposed re-zoning would change from Village Centre (Mixed Development) to Recreation and Amenity in the town land of Cill Ráine/Killarainy.

This Amendment was on public display from November 30th 2006 to January 11th 2007 during which time a total of 4 submissions were received. He added that the submissions were divided into 3 issues in the Manager's Report and that today the 26th March 2007 was the final day for consideration of the Manager's Report.

Mr Gavin commenced with Issue 1,

Issue 1: Zoning of Village Centre (Mixed Development) remain the same

Submission 1

Submitted By:

Rhatigan Developments

C/o AP McCarthy

Consultants Ltd,

Block 1, GFSC,

Moneenageisha Road,

Galway

Planning

Summary:

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The subject lands are 0.18 hectares (0.44 acres) and are currently zoned Village Centre (Mixed Development). The site is located at a lower level behind buildings that front onto the main street in Moycullen. Access to the site is restricted, as it is currently through the Woodlands Park private housing estate. The site contains a cluster of native mature woodland and a stream running into a swallow hole. There are exposed concrete and plastic pipes on the site. It is isolated and surrounded on all sides by Village Centre (Mixed Development) zoning. Within the Moycullen Local Area Plan boundary, there is significant land zoned for Community Facilities, 10 hectares (24 acres). Rezoning of the lands to Recreation & Amenity is unlikely to protect and retain in the long term. Observer suggests the inclusion of a site specific objective affording protection to the sensitive features of the lands to be included in the LAP. The objective could refer to the protection and retention of the stream, the swallow hole, and the mature trees in a manner that will integrate them into the surroundings.

Response:

The site in question contains a number of native mature trees on site, waterfall and stream that runs into a swallow hole. The site does not register on the significant tree survey for the county, prepared by Galway County Council for the whole of the county to recognise and list areas where significant trees are located. However, the area is significant to the local natural habitat and diversity of the area. The five (5) metre buffer in the Local Area Plan will provide some protection for the mature trees in the area.

The plan already includes Objective NH3, which states "*Seek to survey/map the woodland, hedgerows and treelines so that the current ecological networks can be identified, maintained or enhanced.*"

The trees provide a natural buffer between the newer development of Rhatigans and the existing Woodlands private housing estate. The objectives and policies contained within Development Control Standards should guide development on this site, such as **Policy 3.12.1 (pg29)** "*To recognise that nature conservation is not just confined to designated sites and acknowledges the need to protect non-designated habitats and landscapes and to conserve the biological diversity of the County. The Natural Heritage of the area includes a wide variety of diverse habitats, including lakes, rivers, aquifer/groundwaters, blanket bog, heath, rock outcrops, woodland, trees/groups of trees, stonewalls, hedgerows and associated wildlife.*"

Policy 3.12.6 (pg29) "*To protect those trees and groupings of trees which add to the natural amenity of Maigh Cuilinn with Tree Preservation Orders used if necessary.*"

Recommendation:

The zoning should remain the same. If the zoning remains as Village Centre, and the Policies and Objectives and Development Control Standards set out in the Plan are adhered to, then the site should be incorporated into any future development on the nearby site as part of the open space requirements, as set out in the County Development Plan. In addition, include a new objective NH6 "**Wherever possible, existing healthy trees should be protected and retained.**"

Issue 1: Zoning of Village Centre (Mixed Development) remain the same

Submission 2

Submitted By:

Padraic Rhatigan

J.J. Rhatigan & Company

Building Contractors

Head Office

Wolfe Tone House

Summary:

If the proposed amendment to the development plan is allowed to proceed, an area of property will not be available for development. The owners of the site have given a commitment to the local residents regarding any future development of the site. Difficult to develop around the site and design maybe compromised due to a change in zoning.

Response:

The site in question contains a number of native mature trees on site, waterfall and stream that runs into a swallow hole. The site does not register on the significant tree survey for the county, prepared by Galway County Council for the whole of the county to recognise and list areas where significant trees are located. However, the area is significant to the local natural habitat and diversity of the area. The five (5) metre buffer in the Local Area Plan will provide some protection for the mature trees in the area.

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Issue 2: Change the zoning to Recreation and Amenity.

Submission 3

Submitted By:
Dermot Rush, Chairman
Woodlands Park
Residents Association,
c/o 24 Woodlands Park,
Moycullen
Co. Galway

3.1 General Comment on the zoning

Summary:

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This wooded area and waterfall to be re-zoned recreation and amenity and maintain its current usage as a recreational area for residents.

Response:

There is ample usable open space within the housing estates and within the Moycullen area. Currently there are 42 acres zoned in the North, East and West of Moycullen plan area, so no additional open space is needed in this area. The area is overgrown and there are exposed pipes on the site, making it unsafe for people to use in its current state. Also the steep slope makes the site user-unfriendly.

The Planning Authority is confident that the objectives contain in Chapter 4-Urban Design Framework in the Maigh Cuilinn Local Area Plan, which is an indicative framework, would be included in any future development of the area. Contained in the Urban Design Framework is UD9 "*Protect residential amenity of existing and proposed residential areas from proposed new developments, through screening and detailed landscaping proposals consisting of native species indigenous to the area.*"

Also under the policies and objectives (Policies 3.12.1, 3.12.6 and NH3 pg 29-30) of the Maigh Cuilinn Plan protection to the trees and the biodiversity of the site would be a consideration in any application on this site.

Recommendation:

To keep the current zoning of Village Centre, as the Plan supports the retention of any area of trees, groups of trees, woodlands under Policy and Objective 3.12.1, 3.12.6 and NH3. Also include a new objective, NH6 "**Wherever possible, existing healthy trees should be protected and retained.**"

3.2 Buffer Residential Zone:

Summary:

The creation of a Buffer residential zone between any proposed commercial development on the main road and the existing houses in the Woodlands Park estate.

Response:

The plan addresses this issue under the Urban Design Framework, UD9, to protect the residential amenity of existing and proposed residential areas from proposed new developments, through screening and detailed landscaping. UD 11 addresses the issue of a development buffer between existing residential development and new development. The issue is also address under Chapter 5, Development Control Standards, 5.3.18 (pg 54) "There is a need to ensure that existing trees, woodlands and hedgerows especially along field boundaries, are protected and integrated into the development and their biodiversity value is maximised." In addition, the need to protect existing healthy trees and ensure they are retained on site of any new development.

Recommendation:

The plan supports the need to protect the trees in the Moycullen area. Also the Urban Design Framework creates a five (5) metre buffer zone under both UD9 and UD11. In addition the Development Control Standards address the need to have a residential five (5) metre buffer zone. The buffer zone should be incorporated into any proposed applications for development.

3.3 Road Access:

Summary:

Ensuring that whatever road access is planned does not open up the current internal roads in the estate.

Response:

The Urban Design Framework suggests an amenity corridor as well as a local access route adjacent to the site. If a roadway was to be created through the site it would be contrary to the policies and objectives of the current Maigh Cuilinn plan 2005-2011. Pedestrian access could be created through an access route from the N59 to the site.

Recommendation:

No vehicular access through the site that would create through ways into a private estate, as it would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Issue 3: Impact of flood risk

Submission 4

Submitted By:

Conor Mc Dermott,
Engineering Services,
OPW Head Office,
51 St. Stephen's Green,
Dublin 2.

Summary:

Impact of flood risk on development and the development in a flood plain

Response:

This is not applicable to the land in question in Moycullen. There is a stream/waterfall on site and a swallow hole. Any application on site would have to show how these would be protected/ incorporated into the development without affecting drainage of the area.

Recommendation:

The impact of flood risk on this site has no effect on the rezoning of the site. Whether the site is Recreation and Amenity or remains Village Centre, the flood risk is minimal on this site.

Cllr Kyne stated that he had recommended this proposed Recreation and Amenity Zoning on the lands the subject of Amendment No 1 of the Maigh Cuilinn Local Area Plan 2005-2011 on numerous occasions over the last two years.

He also enquired if there were any financial implications for the County Council if the proposed zoning was accepted and if this land could be used as part of the Open space requirement for a larger site.

Mr Gavin explained that as far as he could ascertain there were no financial implications for Galway County Council associated with this proposed change of zoning.

He added also that the subject land could be used as part of the Open Space requirement provided it is included as part of a planning application.

It was proposed by Cllr Kyne and seconded by Cllr Welby to reject the recommendations in the Manager's Report and to zone the lands the subject of Amendment No 1 for the Maigh Cuillinn Local Area 2005-2011 from Village Centre to Recreation and Amenity and that the following objective be inserted into the Plan, "that the environment and ecological diversity of the area be protected".

A vote was taken on Cllr. Kyne's proposal and the result was as follows:

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AR SON: Cllrs. C. Cannon, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, J. Cuddy, P. Feeney, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, M. Mullins, Comh. S Ó Cuaig, S. Ó Tuairisg, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers. (15)

IN AGHAIDH: Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, T. Reilly. (4)

Gan Votáil: Cllr. T. Mannion, Comh. C Ni. Fhatharta (2)

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Moycullen Local Area Plan as amended.

PRESENTATION ON MARINE DEVELOPMENT BY DR. PETER HEFFERNAN,
C.E.O. MARINE INSTITUTE.

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It was agreed to defer this item.

WATER SERVICES INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – REVISION TO APPROVAL
PROCEDURES

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Report in relation to this matter had already been circulated to Each Member.

Cllr. Feeney asked what effect the Government cap of €10,000 per house on funding of water and sewerage schemes had on the Council's water services programme and Mr. Cullen stated that where the cost of a scheme exceeded €10,000 per house, the Council would be required to fund the balance of the cost and this would have high cost implications for the Council.

Cllr. Cuddy stated that local authorities should be allocated a block grant in respect of water and sewerage schemes, similar to the roads grants.

Mr. Cullen stated that a block grant is received from the DOEHLG in respect of small water supply schemes, but not for larger schemes.

Comh. O'Cuaig proposed "that the Council would write to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and ask that the cap of €10,000 per house be removed" This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Healy Eames, and agreed.

In response to Comh. O'Cuaig's query about the Costello Regional Water Supply Scheme, Mr. Cullen said that while the CPO and EIS were ready for publication on 1st February 2007 as had been planned, the Council was asked to defer the publication to facilitate a request by NPWS for further time for consultation. He said that in the interests of trying to preempt any objection that might be raised later, he felt it was prudent to facilitate this request. He said the consultation is taking place and would be brought to a conclusion as quickly as possible.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, it was agreed that the Standing Orders of the Council be suspended so that the Meeting could continue after 6 p.m.

PROPOSED VARIATION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2003 – 2009 –

Report dated 20th March, 2007 was already circulated to Each Member.

Mr Gavin explained that the Planning Authority wish to advertise a proposed Variation to the County Development Plan 2003-2009 in order to amend Policy 42 and Objective 13 to facilitate the development of the N17 as part of the Atlantic Corridor to motorway status
On the proposal of Cllr Keaveney and seconded by Cllr Healy Eames it was agreed to advertise the proposed Variation to the County Development Plan 2003-2009 in order to amend Policy 42 and Objective 13.

Cllr. S.Walsh enquired as to the effect of this amendment to the N59 route.

Mr Gavin explained that it involves the North South access along the Atlantic Corridor from Tuam to Gort.

ADOPTION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2007-2013 OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Draft Strategy already circulated to Each Member

Mr. Dawson gave a summary of the Draft Economic Development Strategy 2007-2013 stating that the Draft Strategy was prepared in pursuance of the objectives of Galway County Council's Corporate Strategy and had been endorsed by the Planning and Sustainable Development S.P.C and also had been presented to each of the Electoral Area Committees of the Council. He stated that the Draft Strategy outlined the role that Galway County Council will take in order to achieve its corporate objective of balanced and sustainable development and that the Strategy will implement focused interventions, containing specific targets, in the areas that will not benefit directly from major infrastructural investments as outlined in the new National Development Plan. These areas include the North West, North East, South East and Gaeltacht areas and Islands of the county and these initiatives will be in addition to county level commitments in the following;

- Developing road transportation, public transportation, air & sea transportation, water and wastewater services, waste management, broadband infrastructure.
- Promoting our tourism product, promoting our arts, language and cultural product, promoting rural enterprise.
- Supporting rural enterprise development, innovation and E-business, market towns and food industries.
- Provision of industrial land, co-ordinating mechanisms to support economic growth.
- Providing a Business Response Unit, supporting community enterprise centres, facilitating networking and support for the business sector.
- Facilitating educational support initiatives, developing local capacity.

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He stated that in the Draft Strategy, priority zones requiring intensive support from the public sector are identified and intervention programmes for these zones are presented and that this focused approach in the peripheral areas of the county is undertaken to achieve balanced development throughout the county.

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Comh. Ní Fhatharta, the Economic Development Strategy 2007-2013 was adopted by the Council.

ARTS GRANTS 2007.

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Report dated 20th March, 2007 was already circulated to Each Member.

ARTS ACT GRANTS 2007 ALLOCATIONS

Ref No	Applicant	Group Activities/ Mission	Type	Electoral Area & District Covered	Amount Recommended
ART 07/86	AKIN	To showcase new work by AKIN to a wide audience. To facilitate the professional development of the artists.	Professional	Conamara/ Oranmore/ Loughrea	800
ART 07/60	All Ireland Open Dancing Festival 2007	To host the "All Ireland Open Dancing Festival 2007". To promote dancing (old time and modern), especially to help the disadvantaged, both youth and elderly from all areas.	Community	Countywide	500
ART 07/82	An Taibhdhearc ar son "Na Crosáin Amharclann Óige na Taibhdheirce	Tá sé mar aidhm ag Na Crosáin áis do scíleanna gairmiúla agus modheolaíochta na hamharclainne trí mheán na Gaeilge a sholáthar don aos óg agus chun feabhas na hamharclainne a	Professional	Conamara	1,000

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		chur chun cinn ar son agus I gcomhpháirt le daoine óga.			
ART 07/85	An tAmhrán Beo	To hold a concert of traditional singing in August 2007.	Community	Loughrea	500
ART 07/25	Arts & Historical Society Glenamaddy	Promoting the arts in as many formats possible to the local community and surrounding areas. To bring theatre/drama to the local community at an affordable cost to those less well off. Provide a facility for local drama groups to organise workshops.	Amateur	Tuam	600
ART 07/31	Aughrim Development Company Ltd	To involve the people of Aughrim in arts and culture particularly the youth. Propose to hold a weekend festival in Aughrim on 16 th & 17 th June 2007.	Community	Ballinasloe	500
ART 07/19	Baboró Galway International Arts Festival for Children	“To explore with children the wonder of their world through the magic of creative expression”. To uphold the standards that have led to Baboró’s reputation for excellence and innovation, thereby further consolidating its position as Ireland’s leading	Professional	Countywide	5,000

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		Arts Festival for children and to continue to provide a socially inclusive high quality arts experience for all.			
ART 07/73	Ballinasloe Community Arts Group	To provide an opportunity especially to young people to develop their existing skills and to explore new and innovative creative opportunities.	Community	Ballinasloe	4,600
ART 07/44	Ballyglunin Youth Group	To provide capacity building activities to its members and participants enabling them to become more active and socially aware in their local community.	Community	Tuam Anaghdown, Lackagh, Turloughmore, Corofin, Abbeyknockmoy, Athenry & Ballyglunin	600
ART 07/20	Blue Teapot Theatre Company	Blue Teapot Theatre Company is committed to creating theatre which is of interest to a learning disabled audience. The company will research and develop new ways of creating and using drama to support people with learning disabilities in exploring their lives and enabling them to take control of their future.	Community/ Professional	Oranmore/ Loughrea	5,000
ART 07/22	Branar Drámaíochta Teo	The provision of high-quality professional educational theatre workshops and productions to schools and	Professional	Countywide	1,000

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		educational institutes through the medium of Irish. Branar focuses on the use of drama as a catalyst for learning in particular in a school's based environment. Aim to cultivate a central role for educational theatre in the national educational system.			
ART 07/53	Brigit's Garden	To extend and develop its professional arts programme. Support for music in the gardens summer series of concerts and Summer Solstice event. Support for major sculpture exhibition.	Community	Conamara	500
Ref No	Applicant	Group Activities/Mission	Type	Electoral Area & District Covered	Amount Recommended
ART 07/27	Caltra Art Camp	To provide worthwhile alternative activities for the youth of the area by providing artistic pursuits.	Community	Ballinasloe	1,800
ART 07/61	Carmelite Abbey Choir – Loughrea	To make available the opportunity for people in the community to participate in the learning and performance of sacred choir music. To produce a CD, new music etc	Community	Loughrea	500

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ART 07/07	Catastrophe	To stretch the ideas of Traditional Irish Theatre both in form and content. To give new playwrights the opportunity to have their plays produced by a professional theatre company.	Professional	Tuam	1,000
ART 07/06	Chrysalis Dance	To unite the disciplines of classical ballet and contemporary dance to create a form of neo-classicism with contemporary influences to expand the lexicon of dance.	Professional	Oranmore	1,000
ART 07/74	Cinemobile – Fis na Milaioise Teo	To support Cinemobile's new policy of screening seven days a week and facilitate extra screenings at the weekends. To publish the "Cinemobile School's Brochure" in 2007 and thus strengthen the school screenings again in 2007. To strengthen the Cinemobile Outreach policy in 2007.	Professional	Countywide	2,500
ART 07/33	Clann Resource Centre/ Oughterard Youth Arts Festival	To expand community arts work. To facilitate a group of young people to extend a public mural in the centre of the village of Oughterard.	Community	Conamara	1,200

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		Classes in samba drumming and circus skills. To hold the Oughterard Youth Arts Festival 2007.			
ART 07/48	Claregalway Art Club	To create an environment where artists can exchange their ideas and develop their work. To hold exhibitions, trips to galleries etc.	Community/ Amateur	Oranmore	500
ART 07/40	Clarinbridge Choral Singers	To bring to the community an ongoing involvement in and appreciation of the classical and traditional choral works – in the four-voice harmony mix of soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections.	Community	Oranmore Clarinbridge	500
ART 07/39	Clarinbridge Community Arts Festival	The aim of the Clarinbridge Arts Festival is to promote the arts and the various branches of creative activity.	Community	Oranmore	1,500
ART 07/69	Clifden Arts Society	To maintain the monthly recitals and involve all students. To provide music for the Day Care Centre, local hospitals and senior citizens.	Community	Conamara	2,000
ART 07/66	Clifden Community	To plan a programme in order	Community	Conamara	12,000

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	Arts Festival	to celebrate 30 years of the Clifden Arts Festival. To put on arts events that will reach and appeal to the whole community. To maintain the strong educational links with all the schools, honouring the first festival which took place in the community school with a poetry reading.			
ART 07/15	Clifden Writers Group	To provide a safe and nurturing environment in which new and established writers can learn and practise their craft and to support new writing ventures within the community.	Community	Conamara Clifden	500
ART 07/08	Coiste Cairde Áras Mhic Dara	To help participants identify their own abilities and capabilities. To enable the participants to create a four page publication in the form of a newsletter. To impart skills in the artistic processes involved in completing such a project (writing, drawing, design, layout etc).	Community	Conamara	500
ART 07/34	Coiste Comórtha Joe Éinniú	Comoradh a dhéanamh ar an amhránaí clúiteach Joe Éinniú agus caomhnú agus cur	Community	Conamara	500

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		chun cinn ealáin an t-sean nós.			
ART 07/32	Coiste Ghlor na nGael	Féile Raifteirí ar siúl 9-10 Márta mar chuid de Sheachtain. Réimse fairsing imeachtaí ar siúl i gcomharseriocht Chreachmheoil – aird néisiúnta air. Seisi ún ceoil turas oighreachta, comórtas filíochta ceardhanna ar an tsean-nós, ar an fhidil ceolchoirm mór.	Community	Loughrea	500
ART 07/47	Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Loughrea	To hold a week long summer school. To teach music to students, new tunes, also dancing and singing partly through the medium of Irish.	Community	Loughrea	500
ART 07/96	Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann - Renvyle	To host the 2007 County Fleadh Cheoil.	Amateur	Conamara Countywide	500
ART 07/59	Conamara Environmental Educational & Cultural Centre	To increase opportunities for people of all ages with the arts and the environment in a meaningful way through quality programming that enables and encourages participation thus expanding audiences for the arts and the environment. Examples of	Community	Conamara	2,500

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		events: Taréis na Féile Bríde, Bog Week, Inishbofin Summer School, Mol an Óige Concerts, Music Classes/Workshops etc.			
ART 07/35	Coole Music School	To give children and adults the opportunity to learn, enjoy and create music through many different instruments, choirs, orchestras, chamber music, creative musical projects, workshops, courses, public performances, concert outings and recordings.	Professional/Community	Loughrea	2,000
ART 07/87	Cooley Collins Traditional Music Festival Committee	To celebrate to promote the best of traditional music, céili bands, dancing and to increase the public participation in these traditional arts.	Community	Loughrea	1,000
ART 07/97	County Fleadh Ceoil	Hold the County Fleadh in Dunmore, Co Galway.		Tuam/Countywide	3,000 Also supported through Economic grant
ART 07/78	Cups and Crowns Educational Theatre Company	To provide a bilingual Theatre In Education service to schools and groups in the west	Professional	Countywide	3,000

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		of Ireland. To achieve artistic excellence and explore new forms of theatre while keeping young people at the core of creative inspiration.			
ART 07/09	Druid Performing Arts Ltd	To create a unique environment for the development and presentation of innovative and challenging theatre of the highest possible standard for the widest possible audience. Druid's artistic policy includes the development of new work and writers as well as revisiting the classics of the Irish dramatic repertoire.	Professional	Countywide	4,000
ART 07/65	Earwig!	To provide Tuam and it's surroundings with an outlet for its wealth of creative talent using street theatre as an active and practical approach to expanding community involvement in artistic activities.	Community	Tuam	2,500
ART 07/24	East Galway School of Music	To provide music lessons for people in the East Galway area. To encourage young people to participate in music projects in classical, traditional, rock, jazz and pop. Visit to concerts, recitals	Community	Tuam	2,200

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		etc. To take part in various ensembles/groups.			
ART 07/26	Féile Caomhán	To run the Féile Caomhán Festival in May 2007.	Community	Conamara Árainn	600
ART 07/03	Fíbin Teo	Na caighdeán a bhainfeadh amach go dtí seo i ndrámáiocht trí Ghaeilge do pháistíá shárú. Cur i láthair/stil físiúil a úsáid a bheirfidh greim ar lucht féachana Cuma cé mhéad dá bharr.	Professional	Conamara	3,200
ART/ 07/96	G126	To provide a resource for artists throughout Galway, to provide them with ongoing support and exhibition space.		Countywide	1,500
ART 07/77	Galway Arts Centre	As part of this year's Cúirt International Festival of Literature outreach programme, two authors will read from their works in the auditorium of Brigit's Garden in Roscahill.	Professional	Conamara (Countywide)	1,500
ART 07/41	Galway Arts Festival	To continue to provide the people of County Galway access to world class arts at an affordable price. To assist the festival to develop its Writer in the County Programme and further develop another major	Professional	Countywide	7,000

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		international visual project on the Aran Islands. To assist Galway Arts Festival continue to develop the festival as Ireland's premier arts event.			
ART 07/12	Galway Circus Project	To create one or more forums for young people and adolescents with various social backgrounds to learn and practise circus skills together therefore promoting the idea of youth circuses. To provide affordable classes in order to allow audience development and participation in remote areas and small festivals in Co Galway.	Community	Countywide	1,000
ART 07/18	Galway Jazz Club	To bring music to new people and new venues. Aims to enrich, inspire and encourage those already involved in music and those who have no previous engagement with music.	Community	Countywide	6,000
ART 07/11	Galway Film Fleadh	To present a programme of some 70 or so Irish and international features in July 2007, coupled with a diverse range of associated events including masterclasses,	Professional	Conamara	2,500

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ART 07/18	Glenamaddy Theatre Festival	seminars, outreach events, The Festival Film School, The Fleadh Blah (debate), a high profile Public Interview, and the highly regarded Galway Film Flair – a specialist market providing a unique interface for filmmakers and financiers. In November, a second satellite event, the Junior Film Fleadh which caters specifically for young people.	Community	County-wide	800
ART 07/18	Galway Jazz Club	To promote jazz as an arts form in County Galway. Presenting quality concerts in comfortable, listening environments by facilitating workshops for musicians of all levels in order to gain a greater understanding of jazz and by promoting local jazz groups.	Community	Countywide	800
ART 07/21	Glenamaddy Players	To run drama workshops to promote public interest. To produce a three-act play with the aim of participating in the Drama League of Ireland Festivals. Also to perform in the local town hall theatre.	Amateur	Tuam	600

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ART 07/64	Glenamaddy Theatre Festival	To continue to bring amateur drama to Glenamaddy. To run an amateur drama festival in March (open and confined sections). Also to hold an art competition during the festival.	Amateur	Tuam & Countywide	600
ART 07/84	Glink Ladies Club	To hold dancing lessons and music.	Community	Tuam	400
ART 07/30	Glink Song Contest	To run the 20 th Glink Song Contest. Aims to give a "shop-window" to both established and budding songwriters throughout Ireland.	Community/ Amateur	Tuam	1,000
ART 07/70	Gombeens Theatre Troupe	Gombeens Theatre is a meeting together of jesters, minstrels, clowns, troubadors, buffoons and musicians. To increase the production values of work. To reach and maintain an overall higher professional level. To bring to a wider audience.	Professional	Tuam Countywide	1,300
ART 07/67	GRACE "Changing Colours" Arts Festival	To bring education of the arts, integration and youth participation through performance art, music and visual practice for all members of this	Community	Loughrea	800

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		society. To create a multi-cultural Arts Festival.			
ART 07/45	Headford District Association/Headford Arts Group	To promote Headford and its environs as a thriving cultural hub of music, drama, dance, photography and mime. To encourage collective community involvement in the arts by providing a platform for local people to get involved.	Community	Oranmore	500
ART 07/49	Junior Film Fleadh	To address young people as a distinctive cinema going audience in a way that caters for their particular needs and tastes. To encourage young people to become involved in film through screenings, workshops and other related activities.	Professional	Countywide	3,500
ART 07/79	Kilconnell Festival Committee	To run the "Kilconnell Festival" on the last week in June 2007 encompassing a series of artist events.	Community	Ballinasloe	600
ART 07/01	Kinvara Drama Group	To use drama as a focal point for development of	Community/Amateur	Loughrea	500

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		artistic expression by the local community. To run drama workshops and produce one act plays throughout the year			
ART 07/71	Lady Gregory Autumn Gathering	To attract attention to the cultural associations of Coole Park. To renew interest in the varied achievements of Lady Gregory and her co-workers. To encourage both cultural development and historical research.	Community	Loughrea	2,000
ART 07/10	Letterfrack Film Society	To continue to promote world cinema of cultural and artistic merit in Conamara. To expand the programme and increase accessibility to a wider audience. To promote activities more widely and effectively.	Community	Conamara	600
ART 07/37	Letterfrack Writers Group	To have a series of poetry workshops throughout the year. To accommodate and facilitate writers groups. To attend seminars, workshops etc.	Community	Conamara	600
ART 07/46	Little John Nee Theatre Co	To create new artistic experience, primarily through theatre, music and storytelling.	Professional	Countywide	2,000
ART	Lorg	Aim to heighten the	Professional	Countywide	2,200

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07/23	Printmakers	awareness of printmaking as an accessible, unique and innovative art form through workshops, newsletters and classes with various artist groups within the community. To provide both emerging and established artists with the opportunity to make and exhibit their work. To facilitate training classes to allow printmakers to advance their artistic careers by expanding their knowledge of all printmaking processes, in addition to facilitate the development of the visual arts in Galway.			
ART 07/23	Galway Arts Centre		Professional	Loughrea	500
ART 07/24	Meenaghty Cultural Gateway		Amateur		500
ART 07/25	Meenaghty Social Services		Amateur		500
ART 07/81	Loughrea Creative Writing Group	To further encourage the theory and practice of creative writing among members of the local community, so as to develop minds by stretching ideas and encouraging imagination and creativity.	Community	Loughrea	600
ART 07/82	Meenaghty Cultural Gateway		Professional	Countywide	1,000
ART 07/43	Loughrea Literary & Historical Society	To run the "Edward Martyn Festival Weekend". To hold lectures of local and national interest on a regular basis throughout the year.	Community	Loughrea	600
ART 07/51	Meenaghty Cultural Gateway		Community	Countywide	2,000

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ART 07/13	Macnas Ltd	To work with six Loughrea schools over a six week period to devise, design, make, rehearse and perform in their St. Patrick's Day parade. To run a workshop programme open to volunteers, providing training in performance, drumming, stilting etc.	Professional	Loughrea	5,500
ART 07/75	Merging Culture Galway	To hold an art class once a week and to hold an exhibition each year.	Amateur	Tuam	500
ART 07/28	Moylough Social Services	To introduce the group to a new form of art. To encourage and help older people to participate in new activities to improve their mobility and well-being.	Community	Tuam	500
ART 07/56	Music for Galway	Music for Galway brings music and musicians from around the world to Galway and offers audiences in the West of Ireland the opportunity to hear music performed in a stimulating atmosphere.	Professional	Countywide	1,000
ART 07/51	Music Matters	To enhance the musical and cultural life of the communities of	Community	Oranmore/ Tuam/ Loughrea/ Ballinasloe	3,000

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		East Galway through access to and the provision of instrumental tuition, orchestras, workshops, recitals and teacher training.			
ART 07/04	Oranmore Art Group	To promote the arts through painting. To hold exhibition of work etc.	Amateur	Oranmore	500
ART 07/88	Playing with Sound	Aims to create a high quality samba band as an ongoing community event in Gort, in collaboration with members of the local Brazilian and wider community.	Community	Loughrea Gort	500
ART 07/63	Pléaráca Teo	Clár litriocata agus dramaíocata don óige. Sraith ceardlanna crathaitheacha do dhaoine fásta. Campaí samhraidh a reachtáil i mí Iúil 2007. Tionscnamh fis ealaine a fhorbairt i gConamara. Féile Phlearáca Chonamara ar reachtail go héifeachtach.	Community	Conamara	5,500
ART 07/55	Pléarác Teo d.b.a. Coiste Chóilín Sheáin Dharach	To run the festival in honour of Cóilín Seoige, a widely respected sean-nós dancer (hold a three day sean-nós dance festival, promote	Community	Conamara	800

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		singing, music etc).			
ART 07/76	Portumna Active Retirement Association	To run three art and health related courses: 1. Art Courses 2. Craft Classes 3. Music and dance events. 4.	Community	Loughrea	500
ART 07/50	Portumna Arts Group	To establish a youth theatre in Portumna. To produce two productions annually.	Community	Loughrea	800
ART 07/36	Portumna Pen Pushers	To publish material produced by Portumna Pen Pushers.	Community	Loughrea	500
ART 07/14	Roundstone Traditional Irish Music	To encourage and maintain childrens experience of Irish Music and dance through tin whistle classes, sean nos dance classes, music and dance displays.	Community	Conamara Letterdyfe, Inishnee, Roundstone, Ellistrin, Coogla, Errisbig and Murvey	600
ART 07/05	Roundstone Traditional Irish Night	To encourage the performance of the traditional arts in the community centre and to facilitate workshops throughout the year.	Community	Conamara	600
ART 07/16	Solstice Community Arts Group	To promote collective community involvement in the arts by providing a platform for locals to engage in a variety of arts events. To make arts more accessible	Community	Oranmore	1,200

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		to the wider community through innovative and inclusive means.			
ART 07/54	Spirit of Voice	To present and promote an intercultural music production across County Galway.	Community	Conamara/ Gort	500
ART 07/17	St Grellan's Youth Development Group	To provide a safe environment for young people to meet and learn new skills. To facilitate workshops etc.	Community	Ballinasloe	500
ART 07/80	The Brothers of Charity Services County-wide service and Art Programme	The Art & Personal Outcomes Project aims at helping people with disabilities to explore the world of creative expression and to promote equality of access to the arts. A wide variety of projects will be encouraged including music, drama, visual art, training programmes, puppetry, participation in exhibitions and festivals.	Community	Conamara/ Oranmore Casla & Clarinbridge Ballinasloe	09,000
ART 07/29	The Inishlacken Project	The Inishlacken Project celebrates island life through the visual arts. The project aims to continue the unique visual heritage of a small, uninhabited island engaging with visual artists and the local community.	Community	Conamara	1,500

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ART 07/83	Theatrecorp Theatre Company	Theatrecorp is a theatre company performing plays from the European classic canon. It primary audience is the people of the west of Ireland. To provide mask workshop classes. To provide support to certain elements of the production directly affecting artists residents in the county. To provide a number of specially made props.	Professional	Tuam	1,000
ART 07/52	Tiernascragh Youth & Leisure Club	To provide dance and music classes.	Community	Loughrea	500
ART 07/58	Western Traveller Intercultural and Development Association	To run art workshops to enhance the boxing club by taking inspiration from the interest in boxing culture. To create four mural wall panels.	Community	Tuam	500
ART 07/38	Western Writers Centre	To enhance it's County programme by providing further outreach writers' services in the form of visits by well-known writers, both to read and to provide creative writing workshops. To create a liberal readings/workshop programme over a period of twelve months. Provide a series of talks on the nature and formulation of writers' groups and the benefits of	Professional/ Community	Loughea/ Conamara	2,000

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		establishing such a community-orientated facility in one's area.			
ART 07/62	Williamstown Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (Mickie Timothy Festival)	To run the Mickie Timothy Festival. To foster and promote traditional music, song and dance through workshops, sessions, concerts and ceili's. To hold music and set-dancing classes, busking competitions etc.	Amateur	Tuam	800
ART 07/57	Your Man's Puppets	To contribute high quality, professional puppet theatre to the ever expanding area of children's theatre. To produce a new piece of high quality theatre in County Galway. To bring storytelling, puppetry and theatre skills to a targeted group (5 th & 6 th class) within a school setting as part of Gort's Art Festival Day.	Professional	Countywide	1,500

TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED FOR 2007 €150,600

On the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Mannion, the Arts Grants 2007 were approved.

At this point, the Mayor left the Meeting and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. T. Walsh took the Chair.

TO APPROVE DRAFT RECREATION & AMENITY FRAMEWORK 1219

Report dated 20th March, 2007 was already circulated to Each Member.

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Mr. Kelly said that communities are anxious to see progress in relation to the use of Development Contributions in assisting with the provision of recreation and amenity facilities throughout the County. Having already agreed a policy on playground provision, which is currently being implemented, the focus of the Recreation and Amenity Framework is on a number of new areas.

The four areas identified i.e provision of land, development of walking routes, the development of passive recreation areas and the development of all weather pitches are seen as a next step in efforts to provide for the recreation and amenity needs of the population of the County.

He said that consultation with community groups had taken place through the Community & Voluntary Forum and that the Draft Framework had been endorsed by the Corporate & Cultural Affairs Strategic Policy Committee and the Corporate Policy Group. He said that the Framework will require monitoring and review and he was recommending its adoption by the full Council.

Cllr. Hoade welcomed the document especially the fact that community groups had been consulted regarding its content.

In reply to Cllr. Cannon, Mr. Kelly said that the Community, Enterprise & Economic Development Unit will co-ordinate the work of the Youth Advice Café Sub Group established under the Social Inclusion Measures Group of the County Development Board and seek to ensure that the maximum funding is made available to the County in 2007 and beyond to support the development of Youth Cafés.

Cllr. Kyne stated that due to the high cost of land in the Moycullen and Barna areas, there was no land available for the provision of a library, playground, community centre etc. He asked if there would be any other source of funding available for the purchase of land in these areas.

Mr. Kelly stated that it was hoped that land would be made available in the future through the planning process.

Cllr. O'Cuaig wished to put on record that he did not support the proposal contained in the document which stated "it is proposed that a fund would be established to assist in the acquisition of recreation and amenity lands in settlement centres which have experienced a significant population increase".

Mr. Kelly stated that the Council must note that areas of population growth were contributing a lot of funds by way of development contributions, and that the provision of lands was the only area in the document where reference was made to areas of higher population growth getting preference.

On the proposal of Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. Joyce, the Draft Recreation & Amenity Framework was approved by the Council.

TO APPROVE AMENITY GRANTS 2007 (2ND ROUND ALLOCATIONS) 1220

Report dated 20th March, 2007 was already circulated to Each Member.

Amenity Grants Scheme 2007

2nd Round Allocation - March Meeting of Galway County Council

Ref No	Group	Proposal & Conditions	Amount Recommended (€)
<u>A07/28</u>	<u>Woodford Youth Club</u>	Upgrade of Hall Flooring Funding towards sand, lacquer, mark courts and equipment of the Hall	€3,000
<u>A07/29</u>	<u>Moylough Parish Sportsfield</u>	Upgrade of dressing rooms This grant is for the upgrading of the dressing rooms and plumbing attached to that upgrade	€1,200
<u>A07/31</u>	<u>Comhairle Pobail and Spidéil</u>	Bord Picnic, suíochán poiblí ag ceibh nua Design of seating to be approved prior with Forward Planning	€2,000
<u>A07/39</u>	<u>Dr. Duggan hall</u>	Enhance appearance of the interior Contribution towards the painting of the hall	€2,000
<u>A07/43</u>	<u>Portumna Christmas Events</u>	Funding towards the Christmas events of 2007 All lighting shall comply with health and safety/fire requirements, and shall be of a design complimentary to the scale and character of the vernacular streetscape. No brackets shall be attached to any buildings without the prior consent of the Forward Planning Section, and no lighting shall be erected without the prior consent of the local Area Office of Galway County Council	€750
<u>A07/44</u>	<u>Clonberne Community Centre</u>	Redevelopment of Community Centre facilities Contribution towards the funding of seating, lighting and facilities of the hall	€1,000
<u>A07/48</u>	<u>Claregalway Community</u>	Re-planting and landscaping of areas around Claregalway Village	€1,000

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	<u>Development Association</u>		
<u>A07/50</u>	<u>Coiste Forbatha an Mhána</u>	Purchase of equipment to improve sports hall	€1,500
<u>A07/51</u>	<u>St. Michael's Community Centre</u>	Purchase of Equipment Purchase of chairs and tables – this will allow the community centre to function	€2,000
<u>A07/54</u>	<u>Mullagh Development Committee</u>	Purchase of Landscaping equipment Contribution to purchase of tools and equipment	€1,000
<u>A07/56</u>	<u>Creig na Coille Residents</u>	Contribution to the maintenance and upkeep of areas Grass cutting etc	€750
<u>A07/60</u>	<u>Meadow Court Residents Association</u>	Funding toward the upkeep and maintenance Grass cutting etc	€750
<u>A07/65</u>	<u>Ardrahan Tidy Towns</u>	Funding towards grass cutting All works shall comply with Health & Safety plus usage of high visibility clothing. Please consult with the Area Engineer	€1,000
<u>A07/26</u>	<u>Portumna Castle & Crafts</u>	Funding towards the replacement of equipment	€500

**Total Allocation
March 2007**

€18,450

On the proposal of Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh, the Amenity Grants 2007 (2nd Round Allocations) were approved by the Council.

TO APPROVE COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME GRANTS 2007 (2ND ROUND ALLOCATIONS) 1221

Report dated 20th March, 2007 was already circulated to Each Member.

**Community Based Economic Development Grant Scheme 2007
2nd Round Allocation**

Ref No	Group	Proposal	Area	Amount Recommended
E07/58 & E07/59	Oughterard Community Council	Two applications merged Planning of Open day Workshop and public meeting.	Connemara	€1,600

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		Note: Any training should seek 3 tenders and recommend that the group liaise with Community & enterprise. Also needs assessment need to be carried out		
E07/52	Clann Resource Centre	Funding towards Needs assessment and audit	Connemara	€1500
E07/53	Clann Resource Centre	Contribution towards operating a local Anti – Poverty Strategy Group	Connemara	€4,500
E07/18	Oughterard Tourism Development Association	Funding towards the upgrade of office and funding towards in house printing	Connemara	€5000

Allocation	€12,600
Agricultural Shows Allocation (Breakdown Attached)	<u>€18,900.00</u>
Total	€31,500

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS 2007

Category 1 Small €700	Ballyconneely Carrroe Connemara Pony Performance Show Cashel Connemara Claddaghduff Glenamaddy Milltown Spiddal
Category 2 Medium €900	Claregalway Gort Tuam Tullira
Category 3 Large €1,100	Athenry Corrandula Loughrea Mountbellew Oughterard
Category 4 Extra Large	Clarinbridge Clifden

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€1,400	Ballinasloe
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Total Allocation: €18,900

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Hoade, the Community Based Economic Development Financial Assistance Scheme Grants 2007 (2nd Round Allocations) were approved by the Council.

ELECTION OF 1 COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM – WEST 1222

Report dated 20th March, 2007 was already circulated to Each Member.

Comh. Ni Fhatharta proposed that Cllr. J. Conneely be elected to the Regional Health Forum, West as a result of the resignation of Cllr. S. Walsh and this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Reilly, and agreed.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE 1223

Report dated 20th March, 2007 was already circulated to Each Member.

Mr. Murphy informed the Members that in accordance with the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 2001 and following the resignation of one member of the Vocational Education Committee, the Council wished to appoint one member (which must be male, in order to retain gender balance as stipulated in the Composition of Vocational Education Committee Regulations 2004). Mr. Murphy informed the Members that following public advertisement, four nominations were received by the closing date for consideration by the Members, as follows:

Mr. Mattie Kilroy, Caltra, Ballinasloe An tUas. Pádraig Ó Baoill, Gleann na Sleithe, Baile Locha Riach, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Mr. Sean Nolan, Vocational School Athenry (Doughiska, Merlin Park, Galway)
Tomás Ó Nidh, Muighros, Carna, Co. Galway.

It was proposed by Comh. O’Cuaig, seconded by Comh. O’Tuairisg, and agreed, that an t-Uas Tomás Ó Nidh be nominated to the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

ELECTION OF CHAIR OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

1224

Comh. Ní Fhatharta proposed that Cllr. S. Walsh be appointed as Chairperson of the Planning and Sustainable Development S.P.C. to replace Cllr. Cannon and this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Conneely and agreed.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

1225

Mr. Morgan informed the Members that the Council had received approval from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for the design of the Barna to Rossaveal and Rossaveal to Screeb sections of the proposed new access road to Conamara.

Mr. Morgan circulated a report dated 26th March, 2007 to each Member advising them that a sum of €530,790 had been allocated to Galway Co. Council under the Non-National Roads CLÁR/Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government Roads Co-Fund 2007. It was proposed by Cllr. Joyce and seconded by Comh. Ní Fhatharta and agreed that the list of proposed roads to be funded under the Non-National Roads CLÁR/Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government Roads Co-Fund 2007, as set out in the report of 26th March, 2007, be approved.

Cllr. Welby referred to the letter which the Mayor of Galway City had forwarded to An Bord Pleanála outlining his objection to the construction of the Galway City Outer Bypass. He said that he was surprised by the Mayor's intervention and also the fact that the letter was written on the Mayor's headed notepaper.

An Comh. Ní Fhatharta also expressed her disappointment with this letter and she said that his statement that there was not widespread political support for the proposed road was not true. She objected to the statement made in his letter that there was no large centre of population in Conamara.

The Mayor stated that the Mayor of the City may have been at odds with his own Council regarding this matter as Galway City Council had already approved the road and so had the Galway Chamber of Commerce.

Cllr. Kyne also expressed concern at the views of the Mayor of the City. He said that the proposed Galway City Outer Bypass was a vital road for the people of Conamara and Galway.

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Cllr. O’Cuaig stated that the population of Conamara was bigger than some counties and he welcomed the approval received for the design of the Rossaveal to Screeb section of the proposed new access road to Conamara.

An Comh. Ní Fhatharta proposed that the Council support the Resolution as set out in the letter dated 20th February, 2007 from Leitrim County Council “that Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Environment, Heritage & Local Government to have An Bord Pleanála divided into four independent statutory regions” and this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

MAYOR’S BUSINESS

1226

On the proposal of Cllr D.Connolly and seconded by Cllr Keaveney it was agreed that an item in relation to planning in Aughrim be put on the agenda for the Special Meeting of the Council on the 2nd April 2007.

CONFERENCE

1227

On the proposal of Cllr. J Mc Donagh, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly, 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 :-

“ AMAI Spring Seminar” – Bradon Hotel, Tralee, 9th-10th February 2007.

Cllrs. C. Ni Fhatharta, M Fahy, F. Healy Eames, J. Cuddy, P. Hynes, T. Walsh, T. Mc Hugh, S. Walsh, T. Reilly, J. Conneely.

“ Mid-West Regional Authority, 13th Annual Conference” Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, 15th -16th February 2007

Cllrs. J. Mc Donagh, T. Welby, M. Hoade, F. Healy Eames, P. Hynes, M. Fahy, J. Cuddy.

“ TJK Conferences Ltd. – Planning Seminar for Councillors”, Earl of Desmond Hotel, Tralee, 17th February 2007

Cllr. S. O’Tuairisg.

“Colmcille Winter School – The Contribution of the GAA to the Sporting and Social Life in Ireland”, Colmcille Heritage Centre, Letterkenny, 23rd-25th February 2007.

Cllrs S. O’Tuairisg, M. Fahy, P. Hynes, T. Mannion.

“Kadenza Consultancies – Energy & The Development Plan, Sustainable, Renewable Efficient”, Clonmel Park Hotel, Clonmel, 2nd-4th March 2007.

Cllr. P. Hynes.

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“Rural & Regional Development Conference”, Bayview Hotel, Killybegs, 2nd-3rd March 2007.

Cllr. J. Mc Donagh.

“Environment Exhibition”, RDS Dublin.

Cllrs. J. Mc Donagh, M. Regan, F. Healy Eames.

“Association of County & City Councils – Annual Conference 2007”, Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, 8th-10th March 2007.

Cllrs J. Cuddy, M. Hoade, J. McDonagh, J. Joyce, P. Hynes, M. Mullins, T. Mannion, C. Ni Fhatharta, M. Connolly, M. Fahy, S. Connaughton.

“Rattoo Heritage Society – Annual Conference” – Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, 28th March – 1st April 2007.

Cllrs. P. Hynes, M. Regan, J. Mc Donagh, M. Fahy, S. O’Tuairisg, T. Reilly S. Walsh.

“Bray Town Council – Anti Social Behaviour” Mermaid Co. Wicklow Arts Centre, Bray, 3rd April 2007.

Cllr. S. Connaughton.

“L.A.M.A – Annual Spring Conference” – Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, 12th -13th April 2007.

Cllrs. C. Ni. Fhatharta, J. Mc Donagh, S. Canney, M. Hoade, F. Healy Eames, J. Tierney, J. Joyce, S. O’Tuairisg, S. Connaughton, M. Mullins, J. Conneely. T. Walsh, P.Feeney, P. Hynes, J. Cuddy.

“Western Development Commission – The Western Rail Corridor” – Mc William Park Hose, Claremorris, 13th April 2007

Cllrs. P. Feeney, S. Connaughton.

“Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly – Regional Governance” – Killashee House Hotel, Naas, Co. Kildare, 20th April 2007.

Cllr. J. Mc Donagh.

“Confederation of European Councillors – Building the Platform for Peace & Prosperity” – Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, 27th April 2007.

Cllr. J. Mc Donagh, T. Walsh, P. Feeney, T. Reilly.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 16 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1228

The following reply was given:-

“It is not possible to rescind the decision made on 25th July 2006, however, in the review of the County Development Plan, a more refined Rural Housing Policy can be considered”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 17 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1229

The following reply was given:-

“Pumps are installed and fully operational, there has not been any significant improvement in service pressure on the Ennis road. It is proposed to replace water mains on the Ennis road by way of SLI when the design is finalized by the Gort area office.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 18 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1230

The following reply was given:-

“There are concerns that the provision of a site by the Council could be regarded as unfairly favouring one group, while potentially undermining the viability of commercial waste collection activities in the area.

At a recent meeting of the Loughrea Area Committee, it was agreed that the Community & Enterprise Unit of the Council would assist in fleshing out the business aspect of the proposal submitted by GRACE pointing up the possible difficulties – such as those mentioned above – and exploring the possibility of a joint venture with a commercial operator.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 19 – CLLR. C. CANNON

1231

The following reply was given:-

“I wish to advise that it is intended to invite tenders for the rehabilitation of St. Cleran’s Bridge, Craughwell prior to the end of March 2007. Thereafter, allowing for the tender period, the assessment of tenders received and subject to a successful award of contract, it is anticipated that work may commence in May 2007.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 20 – CLLR. C. CANNON

1232

The following reply was given:-

“Water supply should be available to Craughwell in June/July of this year. Additional supply for group schemes in the surrounding areas will not become available until the next phase of the Loughrea RWSS scheme is commissioned. Contract documents are currently being prepared for this scheme and it is envisaged that this scheme will be commissioned in mid to late 2009.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21 – CLLR C. CANNON

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The following reply was given:-

"Galway County Council is currently preparing a Brief for engagement of consultants to prepare contract documents for the scheme with a view to going to tender in early 2008. A site has been selected to the north of the village outside the current local area plan's zoned area."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 22 – COMH. C. NÍ FHATHARTA

1234

The following reply was given:-

"Déanfar suibhéireacht i 2007 chun gach foinse dóchúil a aimsiú. Tá bróisiúr ar cothabháil umar seipteach dhá n-ullmhú faoi láthair agus scaipfear iad i roinnt míosa."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 23 – COMH. C. NÍ FHATHARTA

1235

The following reply was given:-

"Déanfar scrudú mar gheall ar an faidhb seo agus cuirfear tuairisc ar fáil i gcionna cúpla seachtain."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 24 – COMH. C. NÍ FHATHARTA

1236

The following reply was given:-

"Seoltar litir chuile bhliain chuig gach Oifig Ceantair chun a chinntiú go bhfuil fearas sábhailte seiceáilte agus soláthraithe ag ceantair snámha sa gContae sul má thosaíonn an séasúr snámha."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 25– CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

1237

The following reply was given:-

"A map has been forwarded to you to highlight the road in question. An estimate will be provided to you upon return of the marked map, if the road satisfies existing taking in charge criteria."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 26 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

1238

The following reply was given:-

"A total of 124,226 vehicles were taxed with Galway County Council during 2006. 93,861 of these vehicles were private vehicles and the remainder a mixture of cycles, tractors and commercial vehicles. The sum of €36,334,371 was collected up to 31st December, 2006. A total of 230,350 motor tax transactions were carried out in the process of taxing these vehicles."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 27 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

1239

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The following reply was given:-

"I wish to inform you the signs at Ballymurphy Cross will be upgraded and lines will be installed at this junction when the lining contractor is next in the area."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 28 – CLLR. S. CANNEY

1240

The following reply was given:-

"(a) If the Council receive a request to take the estate in charge it will be considered similar to other applications

(b) The developer is the owner of the road

(c) The developer is responsible for the road condition

(d) Other than contributing to the resurfacing of the road there is no other agreement entered into with the developer".

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 29 – CLLR. S. KYNE

1241

The following reply was given:-

"I wish to inform you that Galway County Council had sought funding for right turning lanes into each of these schools in the past. The NRA looked at these locations namely Rosscahill School and Newtown School and refused funding for both of these locations. We will put forward these locations again in 2008 for a potential scheme but these may be delayed until the speed limit review is completed".

Criochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin

Submitted, Approved + Signed

Michael Mullins

23RD APRIL 2007
Date.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY 2nd
APRIL, 2007.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. M. Mullins

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

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

Oifigigh: Mr. F. Gilmore, County Manager; Messrs. J. Cullen, P. Ridge, K. Kelly, Directors of Service; G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance; L. Gavin, M. Lavelle, R. Killeen, M. Timmins, Senior Engineers; T. Murphy, County Secretary; A. Comer, Senior Executive Officer; C. McConnell, Senior Planner; P. Carroll, Administrative Officer; A. Farrell, A/Town Clerk, Ballinasloe; M. McGrath, Senior Staff Officer; G. Healy, Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniu leis an paidir.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.1203 HECTARES AT CALTRADUFF, BALLYFORAN, BALLINASLOE, CO. GALWAY TO BRIAN GARVEY & JOHN PAUL GARVEY 1242

Report dated 21st March, 2007 was already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly, the proposal to dispose of 0.1203 hectares at Caltraduff, Ballyforan, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway to Brian Garvey & John Paul Garvey was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.094 HECTARES AT TOWNSPARK, EYRECOURT TO MICHAEL HOARE 1243

Report dated 12th March, 2007 was already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Mannion, the proposal to dispose of 0.094 hectares at Townspark, Eyrecourt to Michael Hoare was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – LOUGHREA SEWERAGE SCHEME – WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION, PHASE 2 1244

Report dated 27th March, 2007 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly, the proposal in respect of Loughrea Sewerage Scheme – Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion, Phase 2 – was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – LOUGHREA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME, PHASE 2 1245

Report dated 27th March, 2007 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, the proposal in respect of Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme, Phase 2 – Proposed Reservoirs and Trunk Mains, was approved.

PRESENTATION BY PLANNING STAFF IN RELATION TO THE FORTHCOMING REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN. 1246

It was agreed to defer this item.

PLANNING ISSUES

1247

The following issues were raised by the Members.

Cllr Mannion referred to the lack of continuity in planning recommendations/decisions due to on going staff changes in the Planning Office. He also referred to the current lack of pre-planning meetings and the type of work contracts offered to the planners.

He also referred to the issue of the requirement of housing need confirmation for planning permission for sites now inside the GTPS area since the variations to the County Development Plan 2003-2009 in July 2006. Many applicants do not now have a housing need as their names appear on Planning permissions prior to these variations being adopted in July 2006.

Cllr Mannion stated that the permitted house design appears to be the personal choice of the planner.

He added that the Design Guidelines for the Single Rural House which are now part of the County Development Plan were being interpreted too rigidly; there should be an opportunity for the applicant to put his or her own stamp on the house design.

Cllr Healy Eames referred to the planning issues in relation to the urban to rural movement in areas such as Oranmore and Clarinbridge and the requirement for a housing need. She also requested that urban/local be redefined in this context. She also enquired if there could be a means made available to check the progress of planning applications apart from the assurance of the extension of time being made available if an application is recommended for refusal.

She also enquired as to whom the planners are accountable and the role of the elected members in the planning process

Cllr Hoade referred to the shortage of staff in the Planning Department and also to the absence of pre-planning meetings.

Cllr Willers referred to the possibility of a designated area in which to meet a planner rather than having access to the entire planning office.

She also referred to Clár designated areas in the Derrybrien and Gort areas where development should be encouraged and promoted, yet since the variations to the County Development Plan in July 06 housing need forms are a new requirement in order to obtain planning permissions.

She also referred to the planning restrictions in the town fringes and to the definition of a "local".

Cllr Cuddy stated that the life enurement clause was unsustainable and added that he did not agree with "the freezing of lands."

He also requested definition for "local and "urban generated" for areas such as Kilcolgan. He also disagreed with the need for a person to prove intrinsic links with the area, where the planning application is on family lands.

He added that septic tanks and purification systems should be monitored so that they are built in accordance with the specifications laid down.

He stated that a written report should be made available after all pre-planning meetings.

He also enquired as to why the Council when carrying out road works can replace stone wall with wooden fencing and yet the individual building his/her house must replace the stone walls with stone.

Cllr S Walsh enquired as to why there is resistance to the policies made by the Elected Members in relation to such issues as the 7 year enurement and also to Policy 93 of the County Development Plan 2003-2009

He also had issue with the requirement of a housing need in certain Gaeltacht areas within the GTPS.

He added that individuals from /reared in the Classes 4& 5 areas and who apply for planning permission in these areas should be accommodated regardless of whether it's on family lands or not.

He added that there was no facility available for the discussion of a planning application while it is on an Extension of time.

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He stated that the densities in Settlement centres was too low and suggested a density of 6 houses per acre or 8-12 houses per acre where there is a good sewage system in place.

Cllr Cannon requested more consistency in the assessment of planning applications. He also stated that a written report should be supplied following the pre-planning meetings as a matter of form.

He suggested a planning seminar for all the planning agents.

He added that the reasons for refusal on an initial planning application are not always consistent with the reasons for refusal on a subsequent application which creates difficulty for the applicant who endeavours to solve the initial problems only to be refused again for different reasons.

He agreed with the previous comments on urban generated development and requested that this situation be reassessed

He agreed with Cllr. Willers on the issue of development in the Clár areas within the GTPS boundary.

He stated that in light of the recent concerns in relation to the pollution of ground waters the Local Authority should insist on every single one off rural house having a proprietary waste water treatment system.

Comh Ni Fhatharta requested the life time enurements be examined and that if retention of planning is sought where an applicant has resided in the house for 7 years, the enurement should be removed.

She also requested that some form of preparatory work for septic tanks / percolation areas should be allowed on sites before planning permission is applied for in light of the many problems encountered with septic tanks and percolation areas.

Comh O'Cuaig referred to the interpretation by the Planning Officials of the policies /rules drawn up by the Elected Members.

He also referred to some agents and the poor standard of applications that are being submitted by them.

Cllr Connaughton enquired as to when the preplanning meetings for Tuam would resume and also added that a written report should follow on from the preplanning meetings.

She also stated that as elected members, an opportunity should be made available to them to discuss the progress of a planning application.

She enquired as to the situation with the Mountbellew Local Area Plan adding that it appears that due to the lack of resources there still isn't a plan available for the village. She referred to the inconsistencies with planning decisions.

She referred to planning applications with genuine housing need that are experiencing difficulty because of the amount of development that has taken place in that area in the past.

Cllr Reilly enquired as to when the preplanning meeting would recommence

He also referred to the quality of planning applications submitted by some of the agents and added that a seminar should be organised again for them.

He suggested increasing the density of housing in the settlement centres which in turn would help with the survival of local schools, post offices and shops.

Cllr D.Connolly referred to the turnover of staff in the Planning Office, the resumption of the preplanning meetings and the quality of planning applications from some agents.

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Cllr Feeney requested a definition for an "urban area" and also had a query in relation to the planning restriction on nieces and nephews applying for planning permissions on family lands. He also enquired as to the staffing in the Law Agents Office in relation to planning enforcement cases

Cllr Welby stated that urban generated rural housing was a major issue that needed to be addressed.

He also referred to the Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) in the Conamara region and the discrepancies between the requirements of Duchas officials and the Planning Dept. and the extra costs incurred by the applicant making a planning application in these areas.

He stated that more recently a lot of planning applications were being put on an Extension of Time as opposed to a Further Information Request and added that the agents cannot discuss the problems of the planning applications that are on EOTs with the Planning officials.

He said that the planning restrictions in the Class 5 areas need to be re-examined.

Cllr Hynes requested that the preplanning process be restored immediately. He also asked that the planning restriction within areas of the GTPS be re-examined especially the Clár Regions.

Cllr M. Connolly requested also that the planning restriction within areas of the GTPS be re-examined especially the Clár Regions.

He said that written reports should be made available after the preplanning meetings. He added that some mechanism should be available to discuss planning applications that are on EOT. He also referred to increasing the density of housing in the settlement centres such as Milltown and Ballyglunin.

The Mayor strongly supported the requests for the immediate resumption of the preplanning meetings. He also referred to the issues with the staff and the phone system in the Planning Office. He referred to the requirement of a stone wall in front of houses and asked if there could be some other alternative to this.

Mr Ridge thanked the Members for their comments.

He stated that the Planning Authority was embarking on the review of the County Development Plan 2003-2009 and added that full engagement and communication with the Elected Members was essential to the process.

Mr Ridge added that it was necessary to go beyond the debate on single rural housing. Maintaining and improving the quality of life in the County was imperative. It was also important to attract foreign direct investment into the County. He added that there is an obligation on the Council to continue with the policies for the Strategic Economic Corridor. He added that the development of the roads, rail and bus infrastructure was important, that the Gateway city must be extended out to the whole county and connected to the hub town of Tuam. Policies must be in place that will ensure that development takes place in a sustainable manner.

It will be necessary to have an innovative approach to this. He stated that rural housing was important but added that there were also other issues to be considered and that it was necessary to recognise that it was planning for the people of the county.

In reply to the various issues that arose from the Members, Mr Ridge stated that the Settlement Strategy was the framework strategy for what was being done by the Planning Authority. He said that increasing the housing densities in the settlement centres was defeating the whole purpose of the settlement strategy.

In relation to the life time enurement clause Mr Ridge said that this clause was a condition of planning which cannot be changed. The monitoring of septic tanks will be included as part of the Building Regulations shortly.

He stated that the movement of staff from the Planning Department is a reflection of the quality of those staff members who are successful in getting promotions in other local authorities.

He stated that the preplanning meetings should resume as soon as possible hopefully the end of April. He added that there was an over reliance on the preplanning meetings as there was a lot of information available to the public in the County Development Plan and numerous guideline documents.

In relation to Enforcement he stated that enforcement will be given priority consideration and that the Members will be kept informed of the progress.

He stated that the concerns that the Members have in relation to planning restrictions within the GTPS area will be addressed within the whole area of Planning control during the review of the County Development Plan 2003-2009.

He stated that there was not a lot that the Planning Authority can do in relation to the Special Areas of Conservation as these areas are designated areas and that their status must be acknowledged.

Mr Ridge said that the restrictions in relation to urban to rural movement forms part of the Ministerial Guidelines for Sustainable Rural Housing. He added that there are only a small number of planning applications affected by these restrictions and that the whole issue can be discussed during the review of the County Development Plan Process.

He agreed to look at the issue of urban generated development in villages such as Kiltulla and Kilcolgan.

Cllr S. Walsh stated that Minister O'Cuiv excluded the scheduled towns from the issue of urban generated development and that it only applied to Dublin and Galway City.

Mr Ridge stated that it includes areas around Galway City.

Mr Ridge agreed to furnish the Members with statistics to show the number of grants of permissions in the Class 4 areas.

He added that the majority of planning applications are granted and it that there are only a small number of cases where permission is not given.

PLANNING – ORANMORE

1248

Cllr Cuddy proposed that that the process to vary the Oranmore Local Area Plan should commence immediately.

Mr Ridge stated that any decision to rezone lands in Oranmore that are designated Special Areas of Conservation must be based on all the designated SAC lands in Oranmore, otherwise it would be left open for challenge.

Cllr Cuddy stated that it was a small area of land that was incorrectly dealt with during the Local Area Plan process and he requested that it be dealt with immediately.

Cllr Healy Eames seconded Cllr Cuddy's Proposal

Mr Ridge strongly advised against this proposal adding that An Bord Pleanála have already adjudicated on the planning decision on these lands.

Cllr Kyne requested to see a map of the lands in question and it was agreed to defer the matter pending submission of same.

PLANNING – AUGHRIM

1249

Cllr D. Connolly referred to the historical background of Aughrim and the planning restrictions as a result for the local people.

He proposed that the County Development Plan be revisited as a matter of priority and that amendments be made that will facilitate the local people in Aughrim to get planning permission.

The Mayor seconded this proposal.

MAYORS BUSINESS

1250

Water Crisis

The Mayor stated that the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government Mr. Dick Roche, T.D. met with the Mayor of Galway City, the Mayor of the County of Galway, and with the Managers and Senior Officials from both Councils, and with senior officials from the HSE, on Friday 30th March, 2007 to consider the problems being caused by the outbreak of cryptosporidium contamination in the water supply in the Galway City area and environs.

He said it was noted at the meeting that there was a very high level of co-operation between the two local authorities involved and the HSE in trying to resolve the problem. The Minister gave an undertaking to assist the local authorities in their joint efforts, and he acknowledged the efforts of the HSE and the local authorities in protecting public health in the affected area.

The Mayor said that a package of measures were discussed to deal with the water quality issue in terms of short term, medium term and long term solutions and that further work would be required to finalise this package but it was agreed that it should include:

Short Term:

1. The two local authorities would look at reducing the impact on householders arising from the current difficulties.
2. Efforts to identify the source or sources of the outbreak would continue.
3. It is intended to increase water supply from the Tuam (Luimnagh) plant to augment the city supply. It is intended that the additional supply from this source would come on stream within a matter of weeks.

4. The old Terryland Water Treatment Plant will be phased out as additional supply is delivered from the Tuam system.
5. Demand Management measures to deal with any short fall in capacity in advance of the medium term measures coming into operation will be examined by both local authorities.
6. The Department undertook to look at providing assistance in relation to staffing issues to deal with the immediate problems. In addition, the recent City Council application for additional staff to deliver its water services programme is to be considered by the Department.
7. That Fáilte Ireland will be approached to put in place a campaign advertising that Galway City and County remains open for business.
8. Additional resources to be provided from the Local Government Fund for both local authorities to cover exceptional costs, including water quality testing, currently arising.

Medium Term:

9. The installation of a water treatment Package Plant at Terryland to provide 18 million litres per day which should come on stream before the end of the year.

Long Term

10. A commitment from Galway City Council and the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to fast-track the advancement of the new Treatment Plant in Galway at a cost of over €21 million.
11. The Minister also announced that he was providing €27.4 million for increased storage and water conservation measures in Tuam Main Drainage Scheme. This would also allow for additional water to be made available to the City in the longer term.
12. All parties acknowledged that the current Water Services Programme 2005 – 2007 which included €451 million for water and waste water treatment, could bring significant benefits to the county and city and that all parties would work to accelerate the delivery of these projects, in particular the water treatment plants around Lough Corrib.

The Mayor also stated that it was acknowledged at the meeting that further work needed to be done on all these issues and all parties agreed to work closely until the problem was resolved.

He said that the HSE emphasised that boiled tap water was safe to drink and the public should continue to boil water. The HSE also advised that there was no benefit to be gained from boiling bottled water and advised that boiled mineral water should not be used to prepare infant formulae.

He stated that the boil water notice would not be rescinded until there was a consistently safe, high quality water supply and that there was a marked decline in human infection.

Mr. Cullen stated that there had been a lot of speculation in the papers over the weekend regarding the treatment plant at Oughterard and he stated that it was misleading to speculate that the Oughterard plant was the cause of cryptosporidiosis.

He said that the Oughterard Treatment Plant had been upgraded in 1978 for secondary treatment. He acknowledged that the plant was overloaded but he said that the plant was operating satisfactorily and was sampled on a monthly basis. In December 2006, the DOE gave approval to the preliminary report for a new Oughterard WWTP and a brief is being prepared for the appointment of consultants to prepare the contract documents for the scheme.

He said that he had met with the consultants for the upgrade works which are underway at Luimnagh to discuss the works that would need to be undertaken to provide additional water pumping capacity within the shortest possible timeframe. That assessment is being carried out and he said he was reluctant to speculate how long the works will take. They will be expedited and given the utmost urgency.

Cllr. Healy Eames stated that villages and towns around County Galway such as Kinvara, Clarinbridge, Oughterard and Clifden were in urgent need of proper sewerage schemes and she also stated that grants to facilitate the upgrading of septic tanks to puraflo systems should be provided as a matter of urgency.

Cllr. Keaveney acknowledged that the Regulations did not require routine testing of drinking water for the presence of cryptosporidium, but he suggested that in light of the current outbreak, the Council should put in place a procedure for testing for cryptosporidium in the water.

Cllr. D. Connolly stated that agriculture had been mentioned as one of the possible causes of cryptosporidium and he asked what evidence existed to support this view. He also stated that proposals were in place for the extraction of water from the River Shannon to service Dublin and he made the point that this water may be needed to service the counties in the vicinity of the Shannon in the future.

Cllr. Hoade asked if the Council had considered providing drinking water to homes in the county in light of the boil notice and Mr. Cullen stated that if the Council were to provide tankers of water to the affected areas, this would pose as many risks as tap water and the Council would have to instruct the public to boil this water also.

Cllr. Joyce stated that the Council should be aware of the need to protect the quality of water in the County and to this end, he proposed that Galway County Council temporarily ban the spreading of sewage sludge on farm land in the County. That this ban be made known immediately to those companies involved in the spreading of the sludge. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly and agreed.

Mr. Cullen stated that this matter would be examined and if the Council had the power to legally ban the spreading of sludge in the County, this would be arranged.

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However, he stated that the Regulations regarding the spreading of sludge was a matter for the Department of Environment and if it was illegal to do so then it could not be done.

The Mayor asked Mr. Cullen and the Manager to look into this matter and find out if the Council could exert some pressure in order to stop the spreading of sludge in the county and report back in the matter.

Cllr. T. Walsh stated that it was important that a distinction be made between sludge and slurry, stating that farmers were allowed to spread slurry on their lands at certain times of the year, and this should be allowed to continue.

Mr. Cullen said he impressed on the Minister the need to speed up the provision of water and sewerage facilities and also the need for additional staff.

2007 GRANT ALLOCATION FOR THE LOCL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME

1251

Mr. Morgan informed the members that a grant of €1,845,345 has been allocated to the Council by the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government in respect of the operation of the Local Improvements Scheme (LIS) in 2007.

The grant allocation represents an increase of €241,550 or 15% on the 2006 grant allocation of €1,603,795.

CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIÚ ANSIN

Submitted, Approved & Signed

Michael Yullin's

28th May 2007

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY 23rd April 2007.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Mayor M. Mullins.

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

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

Oifigigh: Mr. F. Gilmore, County Manager, Messrs. J. Cullen, J. Morgan, F. Dawson, Directors of Service; G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance; Martin Lavelle, Senior Engineer, D. Barrett, Senior Executive Officer, T. Murphy, County Secretary; A Farrell Administrative Officer, J. Keane, Staff Officer, Ms A. Dolan, Environmental Scientist

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

1252

A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mr. Tommy Kelly, Kilmoylan, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mr. Martin Huban, Derrada, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. N. Grady, Forest View, Woodford Road, Portumna, Co. Galway.
Mr. Bertie Henry, Old Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Ms. Mary O’Reilly, Old Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mr. Liam Moroney, Woodford, Co. Galway.
Ms. Kate Ó Cuanáigh, Maimín, Litirmóir, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Mr. Robert Burns, Cosmona, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Cllr McDonagh proposed that the Annual General Meeting of the Council would take place on Friday the 8th June 07 at 3.00pm. This was seconded by Cllr Mannion and agreed.

Mayor Mullins said that the May monthly meeting would be taking place in Ballinasloe at a venue to be arranged.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS

1253

The minutes of the monthly Meeting held on 26th March, 2007 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr Tierney and seconded by Cllr McDonagh.

Arising from the minutes Comh O'Cuaig wanted an update on the putting together of a team to progress the design of the Conamara access road.

Mr. Morgan said that approval had been received from the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government on 19th April 2007 and that a team comprising a Senior Executive Engineer, Executive Engineer, Assistant Engineer and a Technician would be advertised for shortly.

Comh O'Cuaig asked had there been any reply from the Department of Environment Heritage & Local Government to the query raised in relation to the €10,000 cap on sewerage schemes.

The Mayor stated that no reply had been received from the Department.

In reply to Comh Ó Cuaig, Mr. Cullen said that negotiations were ongoing with the National Park and Wildlife Service regarding the Costello Regional Water Supply Scheme.

Cllr Joyce wanted to know what was the update in relation to a proposal that he had made at the special meeting on the 2nd April 2007 in relation to a temporary ban on the spreading of sludge in East Galway. He said that he was told that the Council would have to check with its Law Agent in relation to the proposal.

Mr. Cullen said that the legal opinion that was received on the temporary ban proposal that was passed was that it was outside of the powers of the Council to implement the proposal. He said that there is statutory provision for the spreading of sludge on agricultural land. He said that there was no difference between a temporary ban and a permanent one.

Cllr Joyce said he was most unhappy with the response and that the material should not be accepted for land spreading.

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The Mayor said that the regulations governing the spreading of slurry are made at a National level and need to be reviewed.

Cllr Mannion said that other Local Authorities are depositing sludge in East Galway. He said that Mutton Island was developed as a quick solution to the Sewerage problems in Galway. He said that as if it had been built on the mainland it could have been extended but that there were restrictions now on further developing it.

Cllr M Connolly said that there was an EU Water Framework directive sub committee in that area, namely the Shannon District Advisory Committee. He said the Council should write to them ask them to test and monitor the water in the area. He said they should be asked if the sludge spreading in East Galway is impacting on the water quality in the area. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Reilly and agreed.

Cllr Joyce said that he had not received a copy of the Council's legal advice.

The Manager said that he would provide the Elected Members with a written copy of the advice, and that he had already informed Cllr. Joyce by phone and the Ballinasloe Elected Members had also been informed at a recent Area Committee Meeting.

Cllr Mannion asked regarding the present situation in relation to the Sludge Management Plan

Mr. Cullen said that Sludge Management Plans would have important roles to play in the future. He said that there are delays in getting the new Sludge Management Plan to the draft stage. He said he hoped it would come before the Environment SPC as soon as possible.

Cllr Mannion said that if the Sludge Management Plan is adopted it should be sent to the Department with a request for the necessary funding to implement it.

The Mayor said that he hoped all the elected members would work together in bringing forward the Sludge Management Plan.

Cllr D Connolly proposed that "Galway County Council calls on the Minister for Environment to change the Statutory Provisions for the spreading of sludge (Sludge Management) and for the prohibition of the spreading of sludge in a raw or semi raw state and that sludge be treated to the proper level and temperature and in a dry or peleted form" This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Tierney and agreed.

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Cllr Mannion said that he was concerned with Planning issues that he had raised at the last meeting had not been dealt with satisfactorily.

Cllr McHugh asked what had happened with the request to the NRA for a meeting to discuss the funding allocations received from them. He said the situation had got worse and especially so in Dunmore.

Mr. Murphy said that a reply had been received that said the NRA would meet with the Chairs of each Electoral Area Committee, the Mayor and two officials.

It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr M Connolly and seconded by Cllr Cuddy that the Chair and vice-Chair of each Electoral Area Committee, the Mayor and Council Officials would attend the meeting.

Cllr Reilly wanted his disagreement with this arrangement noted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

1254

The report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on the 20th March 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Comh Ni Fhatharta and seconded by Cllr Keaveney.

The report of the Corporate & Cultural Affairs SPC Meeting held on 12th March 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Keaveney and seconded by Cllr McDonagh.

The report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 23rd February 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Reilly and seconded by Cllr Connaughton.

The report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 26th February 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr McHugh and seconded by Cllr Reilly.

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

1255

On the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Healy Eames, the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedure having been complied with:

Local road L-61941 which extends a distance of 695m east from its junction with the L-6194 in the townland of An Chreig Dhubh, Orán Mór.

Electoral Area: Oranmore

Cllr Joyce wanted to know if this proposal to declare this road to be a public road meets with all the regulations.

Mr. Morgan said he would investigate and revert back to Cllr Joyce.

**TO ADOPT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL (SRUTHÁN PIER)
EXPLOSIVE BYE LAWS 2007 –**

1256

Report dated the 17th April was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. D Connolly, seconded by Comh Ó Cuaig the Council approved the adoption of the Galway County Council (Sruthán Pier) Explosive Bye Laws 2007.

**TO ADOPT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL (CÉ AIRCÍN) EXPLOSIVE
BYE LAWS 2007 –**

1257

Report dated the 17th April was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh O’Cuaig, seconded by Comh Ni Fhatharta, the Council approved the adoption of the Galway County Council (Cé Aircín) Explosive Bye Laws 2007.

**TO ADOPT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL (CÉ CASLA) EXPLOSIVE
BYE LAWS 2007 –**

1258

Report dated the 17th April was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Comh O’Cuaig, the Council approved the adoption of the Galway County Council (Cé Casla) Explosive Bye Laws 2007.

**APPOINTMENT OF MS. MARTINA MOLONEY, 37 LISROLAND VIEW,
KNOCKBRIDGE, DUNDALK, COUNTY LOUTH AS COUNTY
MANAGER, GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, WITH EFFECT FROM 5TH
JULY, 2007.**

1259

On the proposal of Comh Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr McDonagh, the Council approved the appointment of Ms. Martina Moloney, 37 Lisroland View, Knockbridge, Dundalk, County Louth as County Manager, Galway County Council, with effect from 5th July, 2007.

**PRESENTATION ON MARINE DEVELOPMENT BY DR. PETER
HEFFERNAN, C.E.O. MARINE INSTITUTE.**

1260

Dr. Heffernan gave a presentation dealing with the Marine Institute's role in implementing Sea Change under the following headings:

- 1) Strategic Management of Sea Change
- 2) Scientific and Technical Co-ordination
- 3) Management and administration of Marine NDP component.

The Mayor thanked Dr. Heffernan for his presentation and noted that the work of the Institute could have a major impact on our lives in the future

Mr. Morgan said that the Council will do what it can in terms of infrastructure to aid the Marine Institute.

He circulated a report on Coastal and Maritime Developments in County Galway. He said that the level of investment in the marine and coastal protection is very substantial and there will be an on-going need for resources to maintain and regulate the operation of these facilities. While the programme of ongoing works seeks to improve and develop existing facilities there is a need for marina type facilities to be developed along the Western Sea Board. This could not be done by Galway County Council due to the costs involved but the Council will support realistic proposals in this regard.

Comh O'Cuaig said that the Council should be liaising with other agencies in relation to Marine issues and he suggested that the Council should have a Marine Committee.

Comh O'Tuairis said that fishing stocks were being depleted by foreign fishing vessels and that something should be done to stop this extraction of fish from Irish waters.

He also said that the infrastructure such as power lines was not there to harness the electricity that could be generated by wave power.

Cllr Welby said that the small numbers of jobs created in Cill Chiarain are the equivalent of bigger numbers in the larger towns.

PRESENTATION ON THE SIGNIFICANT WATER MANAGEMENT ISSUES REPORT JUNE 2007 BY WESTERN RIVER BASIN DISTRICT PROJECT.

1261

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Paddy Kavanagh Project Manager Western River Basin District to the meeting. Mr. Kavanagh said that a booklet entitled "Significant Water Management Issues Report June 2007" will be published by the Local Authorities in the Western River Basin District in June 2007 which will set out the main factors that affect our waters.

It will explain how land use can affect the status of water and what measures are in place and proposed to reduce this impact.

After the booklet comes out, there will be a six months consultation period until December 2007.

He said that the format of the SWMI report is being coordinated by the DEHLG in consultation with the various RBDs and each report will be specific to each RBD even though up to 70% will be generic to all RBD reports as the main water issues are of a National dimension.

Cllr D Connolly wanted to know how proposed abstractions from the River Shannon would affect County Galway. He also asked what is the impact of the spread of human slurry on farm lands.

Cllr Canney said that the public feel that all is not well with the quality of water in the County. He said there was no accountability for the timescale taken to progress a water or sewerage scheme from design to construction.

Cllr Willers asked who is responsible for the maintenance of rivers and streams in the County.

Comh O'Tuairisg said the problem of foreign weed in our lakes needed to be taken seriously. He said that boats affected by the Zebra Mussel were travelling to Lough Corrib & Lough Mask and that national regulation was needed to control the spread of same.

Mr. Kavanagh said that water abstraction is not a major issue in the Western district as there is a plentiful supply and that new guidelines would be issued to Local Authorities.

He said that there is timescale for the implementation of the measures contained in the Western River Basin District Plans and reports would be sent to EU and then referred to the European Court Of Justice if the plans were not properly implemented on time.

Mr. Kavanagh said that the cleaning and maintenance of Rivers if polluted is a function of the Council and if not polluted then it is the responsibility of the OPW for routine maintenance.

He said that legislation is needed to prevent the movement of boats to stop the spread of the Zebra Mussel already found in Lough Conn, Co. Mayo.

He said a public awareness campaign was needed to highlight the danger of the African Pond weed of which there is twenty two acres on Lough Corrib at the

moment. He said it was not possible because of EU Fair trade legislation to ban its sale.

TO APPROVE AMENITY GRANTS 2007 (3rd ROUND ALLOCATIONS) –

1262

Report dated the 17th April was circulated to each Member.

Amenity Grants Scheme 2007

3rd Round Allocation

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Ref No	Group	Proposal & Conditions	Amount Recommended (€)
<u>A07/93</u>	<u>Williamstown Playground Committee</u>	Gravel path and shrubs leading to playground Funding towards the pathway leading to playground	€1,000
A07/96	<u>Renvyle Sports & Social Co Ltd</u>	Replace door and tile floors of dressing rooms This grant is towards the up grade of the above in the Marian Hall and attached dressing rooms	€4,600
A07/61	<u>Cumann Peile Naomh Anna</u>	Provide Netting behind goals Funding granted towards the purchase. Note: prior agreement wit planning dept, ensuring planning is not required.	€2,500
<u>A07/78</u>	<u>Comharchumanna Sailearna Teo</u>	Purchase of Seating Funding towards the purchase of seating. Prior to purchase photographic evidence of seating to be forwarded and agreed with by both Community & Enterprise and Forward Planning	€3,000
<u>A07/01</u>	<u>Tynagh Community & Pitch Development</u>	Continued Pitch development Funding is granted towards the lengthening of Pitch and installation of goal posts and re-sod.	€2,000
<u>A07/45</u>	<u>Bullaun Sportsfield Co-op</u>	Upgrade of Kitchen and lighting Funding towards the kitchen and lighting only	€1,500
<u>A07/72</u>	<u>Moyne Villa Football Club</u>	Shelter hedging for Pitch Funding towards the shelter hedging	€1,000
<u>A07/87</u>	<u>Gort & South</u>	Upgrade of courts	€1,500

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	<u>Galway Community & Leisure</u>	Funding towards the re-plaster, paint of racquet ball courts	
<u>A07/124</u>	<u>Maree Juvenile Basketball (Special Needs)</u>	Kits for training Funding towards kits for training of Special Needs Basketball	€1,080
<u>A07/70</u>	<u>Williamstown Tidy Towns Committee</u>	Develop flower bed area at Kilnalog Cross Funding towards purchase of materials for same	€1,500
<u>A07/125</u>	<u>Killimor GAA Club</u>	To develop training facilities Funding towards clearing of ground - phase 1	€3,000

Total Allocation – April 2007
€22,680

On the proposal of Comh Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr Healy Eames, the Council approved the Amenity Grants 2007 (3rd Round Allocations).

**TO APPROVE COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME GRANTS 2007 (3RD ROUND
ALLOCATIONS) –**

1263

Report dated the 17th April was circulated to each Member.

**Community Based Economic Development
Grant Scheme 2007
3rd Round Allocation**

Ref No	Group	Proposal	Area	Amount Recommended
E07/45	Bullaun Defibrillator fund	Funding towards purchase of training mannequin	Loughrea	€750
E07/22	North East Galway Development Co	Upgrade of Coach house Funding towards the upgrade as above	Tuam	€3,600
E07/64	Piper Reilly Committee	Contribution towards the Connaught Fleadh Ceol Note : Logo must feature on any promotional material, programme of events which the group issue	Tuam	€3,000
E07/37	Burrenbeo(Kinvara Beo)	Development of Business Plan Funding towards the Plan on condition the group liase with Community & Enterprise and Heritage officer on the plan and	Lougrea	€5000

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		proposal should consult with Fáilte Ireland West.		
E07/57	Western Traveller & Intercultural Dev. Assoc. Ltd	Centralised Phone System for Centre Funding towards the above system	Tuam	€3,100
E07/24	Tuam Athletic Club	Purchase of Lap top & Printer for training use Funding recommended for above	Tuam	€500
E07/50	Fohenagh- Killure- Kilgerril Community Council	Upgrade of community centre Funding towards to upgrade of facilities in the Community centre	Ballinasloe	€3,000
E07/20	Board of Mgmt Killasolan NS	50th Commemoration of school funding towards the book publishing element	Ballinasloe	€2,500
E07/66	Galway East Tourism	Galway East Tourism Business Plan 2007-2009 Funding towards above Business plan		€10,000

Total Allocation: €31,450

On the proposal of Cllr Reilly, seconded by Cllr Regan, the Council approved the Community Based Economic Development Financial Assistance Scheme Grants 2007 (3rd Round Allocations)

CRYPTOSPORIDIUM OUTBREAK – UPDATE

1264

Mr. Cullen advised the members on the current situation, with regard to the ongoing water contamination issue under the following headings:

- Epidemiology Summary and number of cases.
- Strategy to resolve the current situation & key dates.

Epidemiology Summary

As of 23rd April 2007 there have been 195 laboratory confirmed cases of cryptosporidiosis. There has been a reduction in the number of new reported cases over the past number of weeks. This would indicate that the Boil Water Notice is achieving the desired effect. However, it is important to note that the number of new cases is still above the expected background level. The HSE are conducting advanced epidemiological surveys in order to gather more information on the individual cases.

Proposed Strategy to resolve the current situation.

1. **Headford:** The Council has made an agreement to take a supply of water from the Caherlistrane/Kilcoona Group Water Supply on a temporary

basis until such time as the planned water supply extension from Luimnagh is finished. The necessary works to enable the temporary supply to be used are completed and the connection has been made. However, in order to minimise the demand on the Group Scheme source and so protect the integrity of the supply, leak detection measures and mains repair will have to be undertaken in Headford and the group schemes served from the Headford network. This work has already commenced and will be completed as quickly as possible.

2. **Moycullen and Bearná:** The Council is determining the feasibility of supplying the County area to the West of the City with supplies from Oughterard and Spiddal. Provided it is technically possible to do so without interference to the Oughterard and Spiddal supplies themselves, then this measure will be put into place in a temporary basis pending the restoration of the normal supply arrangement for this area.
3. **Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme:** In order to optimise the water treatment process at Luimnagh and provide further protection against cryptosporidium infiltration, a process of coagulation and flocculation will be introduced. Although difficult to establish because of the very clear raw water quality, it is hoped to have this process in place by 7th June 2007.
4. **Galway City Water Supply:** A key objection for the resolution of the current situation is the discontinuation of water production from the 'old' water treatment works at Terryland in Galway City. This can be achieved by supplying additional volumes of water from the County through the Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme served by the Luimnagh water treatment plant to a capacity of 48,000m³ per day was due to be completed in September/October 2007. Efforts are being made to accelerate the programme of works and it is now planned to have the additional water pumping capacity in place by 15th June 2007. This will enable a total of 17,000 m³ per day to be made available to the city and allow the old treatment works at Terryland to be taken out of commission.

Ahead of this, arrangements are now being put in place to make an emergency supply available to the City. At present, 2,000 m³ per day is supplied, but with modification to the pumping arrangements this can be increased to 9,800 m³ per day with effect from 8th May, increasing to 11,000 on 18th May and finally to the planned 17,000 m³ per day in mid June. This emergency supply may enable the City Council to take the Terryland supply out of commission sooner.

Indicative Timeline - Key Dates

In summary the key milestones & timelines are as follows:

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- 8th May:** Commencement of Emergency Supply to Galway City via Knocknacariageen
Average Daily capacity to city = 9,800 metres cubed per day.
- 18th May:** Availability of Second Stage Pumping at Knocknacariageen Pumping Station
Average Daily capacity to city = 11,000 metres cubed per day.
- 7th June:** Dosing of Coagulant Chemicals and building of sludge blanket in existing four clarifiers (7th June is completion date).
Average Daily capacity to city = 11,000 metres cubed per day.
- 15th June:** Two new Raw Water Pumps Available
Average Daily capacity to city = 17,000 metres cubed per day.
- 31st August:** Installation of SCADA system for full automatic control of pumping and treatment.
Average Daily capacity to city = 17,000 metres cubed per day.
- Feb. 2008:** Installation of Ultra Violet Treatment at Luimnagh Plant.

Boil Water Notice:

Queries have been raised as to how long the current boil notice will remain in place. It is not possible to predict precisely when the notice will be lifted. There are criteria to be met, which have been set out by the HSE as follows:

- (1) There is a marked decline in human disease: that is a return to at least the low levels usually seen at this time of year, for several weeks (at least 2 incubation periods i.e. 4 weeks).
- (2) There is effective water treatment to remove cryptosporidium: according to Galway City and County Councils this will be 7th-15th June for Luimnagh and 15th June at the earliest for the City.
- (3) There is clean water, safe for human consumption, assurance that the system is robust and that the water is of acceptable quality.

This will take at least 2-4 weeks and possibly considerably longer depending on the issues above, after the water is being treated effectively.

In conclusion, all of the measures outlined above are necessary to bring about a resolution of the current situation and will be implemented without delay.

Cllr Welby said that Barna and Moycullen should have an alternative arrangement for water supply put in place instead of the City supply. He said the City is supplied by an old plant which when it fails Moycullen suffers also.

Mr. Cullen said that it would be a number of weeks before an alternative water supply for Barna and Moycullen was available. He said it was important that the water supply for Oughterard and Spiddal was not compromised by abstracting too much water.

He said that a targeted approach to the free water scheme was needed and that the City scheme was not necessarily getting to the people in most need. He said the Councils approach is to target those in most need throughout the County i.e. elderly, vulnerable and disabled through Social workers, Housing Liaison officers, Day Care Centres, Community Crèches and through the Community Warden scheme.

He said that the Council would have to look at a water charges waiver for Local Authority tenants and business premises.

He said the City would have to pay for the additional water that is delivered to it.

Cllr D Connolly said that the Government was responsible for this crisis and he proposed "That Galway County Council ask the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government for necessary funding to provide clean fresh drinking water to people living in the areas of the County affected by the outbreak of Cryptosporidium" This proposal was seconded by Cllr Canney.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

1265

Mr. Murphy said that the following item had been omitted from the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 26th March 2007. "It was proposed by Comh Ni Fhatharta seconded by Cllr. Conneely and agreed that Cllr. S Walsh be appointed Chair of the Planning and Sustainable Development SPC" On the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly seconded by Cllr. Reilly, the above minutes were amended accordingly.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

1266

Cllr Feeney said that two areas were identified in Athenry for car parks a number of years ago, but they had never been developed. He said there were car parking meters in Athenry town but these were still not commissioned.

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Mr. Morgan said that in one case the development of the car park was being delayed pending a decision from An Bord Pleanála regarding an adjoining development and in the other case consultations with the OPW were ongoing relating to the acquisition of the site.

Cllr Reilly enquired regarding the provision of taxi ranks in Tuam. He said that the Taxi Regulator had been to Tuam and that some drivers had been threatened with fines.

The Manager said that work on the traffic management plan for Tuam was progressing and would soon be finished.

CONFERENCES

1267

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Mc Donagh, seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion, 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:-

**“Rattoo Heritage Society” Annual Conference Golf Hotel, Ballybunion.
28th March – 1st April 2007**

Cllrs. P. Hynes, M. Regan, M. Fahy, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, Comh. Ó Tuairisg.

“Western Development Commission” – The Western Rail Corridor – Promoting Regional Balance” – Mc William Park Hotel, Claremorris, 13th April 2007.

Cllrs. P. Feeney, S. Connaughton.

“Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly – Regional Governance” – Killashee House Hotel, Naas, Co. Kildare – 20th April 2007.

Cllrs. J. Mc Donagh.

“Confederation of European Councillors” – Building the Platform for Peace & Prosperity – The Role of Local & Regional Government in North-South Economic Co-operation – Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny – 27th April 2007

Cllrs J. Mc Donagh, T. Walsh, P. Feeney, T. Reilly.

“L.A.M.A – Annual Spring Conference” Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney – 12-13th April 2007.

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Cllrs J. Mc Donagh, S. Canney, M. Hoade, F. Healy Eames, C. Ni Fhatharta, J. Conneely, T. Walsh, P. Feeney, P. Hynes, J. Cuddy.

“Bray Town Council – Anti Social Behaviour” – Mermaid County Wicklow Arts Centre, Bray – 3rd April 2007.

Cllrs. S. Connaughton.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 15 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1268

The following reply was given:-

“During the course of the bad weather in December 2006 and January, February 2007 the diving board at the Long Point suffered damage. The repair works needed are extensive. These works will consist of installing new slab decks either by pouring new slabs or by placing precast units. This work will require substantial funding. The area office will shortly prepare a report on this issue. However it will take a considerable amount of time for these works to be completed as we would have to comply with the current procurement guidelines. Discussions with the Fisheries Board would also need to be carried out as there would be possible time restrictions within which the works could be carried out.

In terms of the immediate Health & Safety at this location “No Diving” signs have been erected along the diving area. We have temporarily cordoned off access to the diving area which has suffered damage. We will shortly be looking to have this cordoned off by means of a more permanent solution until such time that the area is made safe”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 16 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1269

The following reply was given:-

“The Planning Authority is only empowered to implement and enforce legislation as set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended and Regulations. The Planning Authority cannot comment further on this issue.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 17 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1270

The following reply was given:-

“The Preliminary Report is with our consultants. Galway County Council is waiting on this report. No agreement has been made with the farmers in question. Would you please contact Mr. John Mc Myler in relation to this scheme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 18 – COMH. C. NÍ FHATHARTA 1271

The following reply was given:-

“Tá Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ag fanacht le foilsíú treoracha ar clúdach Riosca Dóiteáin & Éigeandála ó an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil. Nuair atá siad foilsithe, beidh an Comhairle Chontae in ann breathnú ar an gá le haghaidh Staisiún nua in iarthair na Gaillimhe.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 19 – COMH. C. NÍ FHATHARTA 1272

The following reply was given:-

“Déanadh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe scrúdú ar na tránna i gceantar Carna/Cill Chiaráin, maidir le trá a aimsiú a bheadh feiliúnach do Bhrat Gorm i gcomhar lenár bPolasaí Uisce Snámha 2006.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 20– COMH. C. NÍ FHATHARTA 1273

The following reply was given:-

“Seolfar an Réamh Thuairisc chuig an Roinn roimh dheireadh mhí Aibreán.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1274

The following reply was given:-

“I wish to inform you the proposal for road works at Belville, Athenry will be put forward to the NRA for a Low Cost Remedial Measure Scheme for 2008. A decision will be made by the NRA based on accident history and cost benefit analysis.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 22 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1275

The following reply was given:-

“I wish to inform you that contract documents will be prepared for the N18 Roundabout immediately after the CPO for the Bealnabradan Roundabout is advertised. Hopefully, it will be completed in 2007.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 23 – CLLR. J. CUDDY

1276

The following reply was given:-

“I wish to inform you that contract documents will be prepared for the N18 roundabout immediately after the CPO for the Bealnabradan Roundabout is advertised. Hopefully, it will be completed in 2007.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 24– CLLR. J. CUDDY

1277

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council are currently undergoing training on the new Conditions of Engagement for consultants which came into force at the beginning of this year. A Brief for consultants to prepare the Preliminary Report for the scheme must be prepared in accordance with these new conditions of engagement and every effort is being made to have the brief for the Clarenbridge scheme completed at the earliest possible time. It should be noted that Galway County Council have taken the initiative of procuring our own training in advance of the training to be rolled out by the Department, in an effort to progress outstanding briefs. ”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 25 – COMH. SÉAN Ó TUAIRISG

1278

The following reply was given:-

“Tá Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ag fanacht le ceadú ar an gConradh DTF (DBO) do Scéim Séarachais Uachtar Ard.

Tá Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ag fanacht le ceadú a dhul ar aghaidh chuig stáid Doiciméid Conartha do Scéim Séarachais An Chlocháin.

D’fhreagair Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ceisteanna le gairid a d’ardaigh an Roinn Comhshaoil maidir le Scéim Séarachais na Tulaigh agus beidh dhá seoladh chuig an Roinn go gairid.

Ba chóir go mbeadh Scéim Séarachais Leitir Fraic ag dul ar thairiscint go gairid.”

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SUBMITTER APPROVED + SIGNED

Michael Jullins

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