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**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY 28th
APRIL, 2008.**

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. S. Canney

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill: Cllrs. M. Carey, J. Conneely, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, Comh. S. O’Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, P. Feeney, M. Finnerty, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, M. Maher, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O’Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S Walsh, T Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers.

Oifigigh: Ms. M. Moloney, County Manager; Messrs. J. Cullen, P. Ridge, K. Kelly, F. Dawson, Directors of Service; G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance; M. Dolly, M. Lavelle, Senior Engineers; B. McDermott, County Secretary; M. Owens, Senior Executive Officer; C. McConnell, Senior Planner; B. Higgins, Heritage Officer; P. O’Neachtain, Oifigeach Gaelige; G. Healy, Staff Officer.
Ms. Maura Saddington, I.D.A
Mr. Barry Donnelly, I.F.A.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

1657

A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mr. Shane Reilly, 7 Woodlands, Lackagh, Co. Galway
Mrs. Mary Lynch and Family, Cartron, Ballinderreen, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway
Peadar Mac An Iomaire, Uasal, An Cnoc, Indreabhán, Co. na Gaillimhe
Ms. Maura Harney, Glentaun, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mr. Finbar Gantley and Family, Newtown, Tubber, Gort, Co. Galway
Ms. Carmel McHugh and Family, Gardenfield, Tuam, Co. Galway
Ms. Mary Mullen and Family, Dublin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

1658

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 31st March, 2008 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Mannion.

Arising from the Minutes, the following issues were raised:

Comh. O’Cuaig referred to the E.P.A. Drinking Water Report which had identified a number of water supply schemes which were either at risk or where treatment processes needed to be upgraded. He said that many of these were in the Conamara area and asked if the Council had proposals to address this matter.

Mr. Cullen stated that in the report presented to the Council the previous November, he had highlighted the schemes which were at risk or where treatment deficiencies existed. He said a Remedial Action Programme was being developed and would be presented to the Council at the May Monthly Meeting.

Mr. Cullen in response to Cllr. D. Connolly confirmed that no reply had been received by the Council from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding the request for the removal of the €10,000 cap on funding for small schemes.

In reply to queries from Cllr. Welby and Cllr. Kyne concerning the Moycullen water supply, Mr. Cullen said it was intended to link Moycullen to the Oughterard Water Supply so as to provide a backup in case of emergency. He said that works were needed at the Oughterard Treatment Plant and the Abstraction Order limit there had already been reached. He said that plans were well advanced for a new reservoir at Tonabrucky which, when complete, would provide greater security for the Moycullen Water Supply.

Cllr. Feeney referred to the Tynagh Mines site and asked if a copy of hydrology reports could be made available. Mr. Cullen said that any reports the Council had would be made available and he further advised that it was intended to re-establish the local Liaison Group with a view to improving communication between the Council and local interested parties.

Cllr. Cuddy asked if there was any progress on the Part 8 Planning Process regarding the Claregalway, Milltown and Craughwell Sewerage Schemes and Mr. Cullen stated that some progress had been made with the National Parks & Wildlife Service. However, he stated that it would be necessary for the Council to carry out surveys on septic tanks in the areas in question as this was requested by the NPWLS.

Cllr. Regan referred to the Council’s letter to the Members dated 18th April, 2008 which gave a comparison of the number of indoor and outdoor staff employed by the Council in 1995 and 2007. He stated that the figures showed that the level of indoor staff had increased while the number of outdoor staff had decreased and he stated that it was important that the number of outdoor staff employed by the Council be maintained and that staff be replaced when they retire.

Mr. Kelly stated that there was a changed environment in the local authority service since the introduction of Better Local Government particularly with the introduction of new legislation in relation to the Environment, Health & Safety, Planning and Enforcement, Heritage and Conservation, the Official Languages Act etc. There was also a greater emphasis on customer service, all of which necessitated the employment of extra indoor staff. He stated that indoor staff included all Administrative grades, Engineers, Contract staff, NRDO staff, Planners, Technicians and specialist posts. He confirmed that there was no restriction on replacement of outdoor staff on retirement. Mr. Kelly also stated that a direct comparison between the 1995 and the 2007 figures was difficult due to changes in the collation of the figures. The increase in flexible working options, the increase in contract staff for capital schemes, the reduction in FÁS workers and the increase in staff due to additional services have all impacted on the figures. In particular he pointed to the fact that the numbers employed in the General Operative to the General Services Supervisors grades had increased by 29 in the period although the overall figure for outdoor staff had shown a reduction. He advised that the outdoor staffing structure was currently being reviewed.

The Manager stated that one third of the Council's budget was spent on staffing costs but the level of indoor staff was necessary in order to keep up with the increasing demands on the local authority services as outlined by Mr. Kelly.

Comh. O'Tuairisg requested that the lake which is the source of the Carna/Kilkieran Water Supply Scheme be fenced off as cattle and other animals have access to it. Mr. Cullen stated that this matter would be examined.

Cllr. Fahy stated that there were local authority houses around the county which were in need of repair and the maintenance budget was not adequate for same. Mr. Gilmore asked Cllr. Fahy to supply details of the houses in question so that the matter could be examined.

Cllr. Joyce referred to the Roads Programme stating that part of the road at Kilconnell leading to the landfill site was in a very bad state of repair. Mr. Dolly stated that substantial works had been carried out on this road but he agreed that there was a shortfall in funding which left a section of the road to be repaired at a later date. However, he stated that the Council would make efforts to secure funding from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government to complete these works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

1659

The Report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on 11th March, 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.0756 HECTARES AT BAUNOGUE, LOUGHREA, CO. GALWAY 1660

Report dated 8th April, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Hynes, the proposed disposal of 0.0756 hectares at Baunogue, Loughrea, Co. Galway, was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF COUNTY COUNCIL LAND AT CREGBOY, CLAREGALWAY FOR LAND IN THE TOWNLAND OF LAKEVIEW, CLAREGALWAY. 1661

Report dated 9th April, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Hoade, the proposed exchange of County Council land at Cregboy, Claregalway for land in the townland of Lakeview, Claregalway, was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE RURAL HOUSE AND EFFLUENT TREATMENT SYSTEM AT WOODLAWN, BALLINASLOE, CO. GALWAY. 1662

Report dated 28th February, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Mannion, the proposed construction of a single rural house and effluent treatment system at Woodlawn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – R360 Curragh West Realignment. 1663

Report dated 3rd April, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. McHugh, seconded by Cllr. Reilly, the proposed R360 Curragh West Realignment was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – KINVARA INNER RELIEF ROAD. 1664

Report dated 13th April, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member

Ms. McConnell presented the Planners Report prepared pursuant to Article 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 on the Kinvara Inner Relief Road, to the Meeting, which outlined the following: its location, the nature and extent of proposed development, evaluation with respect to proper planning and development of Kinvara area, the list of observations and submissions received, a summary of the submissions and conditions attaching to the proposal.

An amendment was put forward by Cllr. Feeney to realign the road slightly as demonstrated to the members on a map.

On the proposal of Cllr. Feeney and seconded by Cllr. Regan, the proposed Kinvara Inner Relief Road was approved, as per the recommendation in the Planner's Report dated 13th April, 2008, but including the amendment as put forward to the Meeting by Cllr. Feeney.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL 1665

Report dated 22nd April, 2008 was already circulated to each Member.

Cllr. Mullins proposed that the Casual Vacancy in the Membership of the Council be filled by Mr. Michael Finnerty and this was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh, and agreed.

Cllr. Finnerty then took his seat on the Council. He thanked his proposer and seconder and he extended his good wishes to his predecessor, Mr. Joe Tierney.

The Mayor welcomed Cllr. Finnerty to the Council and stated that he had served on the Council previously, during which time he had served as Cathaoirleach of the Council. He stated that Cllr. Finnerty had a reputation as a very hard worker and a proactive and vibrant Member of the Council.

The County Manager congratulated Cllr. Finnerty on his co-option to the Council and stated that she looked forward to working with him.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE 1666

Report dated 22nd April, 2008 was already circulated to each Member

Cllr. Mullins proposed that the Casual Vacancy in the Membership of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee be filled by Cllr. Michael Finnerty and this was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh, and agreed.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CORPORATE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE 1667

Report dated 22nd April, 2008 was already circulated to each Member

Cllr. Mullins proposed that the Casual Vacancy in the Membership of the Corporate & Cultural Affairs Strategic Policy Committee be filled by Cllr. Michael Finnerty and this was seconded by Cllr. McDonagh, and agreed.

TO APPROVE AMENITY GRANTS 2008 (3rd ROUND ALLOCATIONS)

1668

Report dated 28th April, 2008 was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Mannion, it was agreed that the Amenity Grants 2008 (3rd Round Allocations) be approved.

TO APPROVE COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME GRANTS 2008 (3rd ROUND ALLOCATIONS)

1669

Report dated 28th April, 2008 was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. Joyce, seconded by Cllr. Mullins, it was agreed that the Community Based Economic Development Financial Assistance Scheme Grants 2008 (3rd Round Allocations) be approved.

TO APPROVE HERITAGE GRANTS 2008

1670

Report dated 21st April, 2008 was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhartharta, seconded by Cllr. Reilly, it was agreed that the Heritage Grants 2008 be approved.

Cllr Joyce complimented the various heritage groups for the tremendous work they carry out on a voluntary basis and he also acknowledged the work of the Council staff in processing the applications.

TO ADOPT THE BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

1671

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhartharta, seconded by Cllr. Keaveney, it was agreed to adopt the Biodiversity Action Plan 2008 - 2013.

TO APPROVE THE ATHENRY TOWN WALLS CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

1672

On the proposal of Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Willers, it was agreed to approve the Athenry Town Walls Conservation and Management Plan.

Cllr. Feeney acknowledged the work of the Heritage Officers, the Athenry Walled Town Steering Group and other agencies who were involved in the preparation of the Plan. He also acknowledged the considerable support and funding received from the Heritage Council towards the Plan. He asked if the Plan had any statutory standing and if the Athenry Town Walls would be protected as a result of the Plan.

Mr. Ridge stated that the purpose of the Athenry Town Walls Plan was to enable people to fully understand the significance of the town walls in Athenry and that the document identified factors which could impact upon the significance of the walls.

He added that the plan did not have a statutory standing but that it can be incorporated into the County Development Plan. The plan will be launched at the National Irish Walled Towns Network Meeting on Thursday 17th July 2008 he informed the Members.

Cllr. Joyce enquired if it was necessary for the Councillors to get copies of plans and documents which did not pertain to their areas, such as the Local Area Plans.

Mr. Ridge stated that he would check this out, but added that it may be part of the statutory process that these plans be submitted to all of the Elected Members.

PRESENTATION BY MS. MAURA SADDINGTON, AREA DIRECTOR, IDA.

1673

The Mayor introduced Ms. Maura Saddington, Area Director, IDA and invited her to make a presentation to the meeting regarding the IDA and its role in attracting industry to the west of Ireland.

Ms. Saddington gave a summary of the functions of the IDA by making the following points:

- The Government's National Spatial Strategy (NSS) sets out the framework for development and the aims of the NSS were a major focus of the IDA
- The IDA must think and act regionally not locally
- The concentration for Foreign Direct Investment is on gateway and hub locations
- Economic benefits radiate outwards across the regions – commuting is the norm in developed economies

She stated that the IDA competes for:

- More highly qualified and better paying jobs
- High value capital intensive manufacturing
- Increasing focus on knowledge intensive service activities
- Major emphasis on investment in research and innovation

She also stated that competition is increasingly global, not just European, and that Ireland is competing against advanced economies such as the United States, Germany and France, where city regions with populations of over one million are not unusual, with all of the resulting infrastructure, which is to their advantage.

In relation to Foreign Direct Investment she stated that:

- FDI represents 7% of employment in Ireland - 1 job out of every 14
- Overall FDI employment is static, decreasing as % of labour force
- The economic impact is hugely significant:
 - Sales of €128bn, exports of €107bn in 2006
 - Direct expenditure in Irish economy of €35bn in 2006
 - Major effect on employment creation across the various regions in sub-supply and services

She concluded by stating that good infrastructure is very important in attracting industry to the region, such as the road network, rail and air services and the availability of water and wastewater services.

The members expressed disappointment at the lack of investment being attracted to the county with the exception of Athenry and Oranmore.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Saddington for her presentation and there followed a questions and answer session.

Following this the County Manager thanked Ms. Saddington for her presentation and stated that the debate was evidence that economic development was close to the heart of the Members.

She stated that the Council had an Economic Development Strategy in place and was working towards providing an appropriate mix of infrastructure to attract investment to the county. She also stated that the Council worked with as many agencies as possible, including the IDA, Enterprise Ireland and the Enterprise Board, to ensure that development is secured. She stated that working hand in hand with the IDA was the best way to ensure that the county is marketed adequately.

The Mayor stated that the Members were aware that the IDA was working very hard and always gave great support to the Council and he stated that the Council would continue to co-operate with the IDA into the future.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

1674

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

PRESENTATION BY MR. BARRY DONNELLY, IFA, ON WORLD TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

1675

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Barry Donnelly, IFA County Chairman, and invited him to make a presentation to the Meeting regarding the upcoming World Trade Negotiations and their implications for farming into the future.

A copy of Mr. Donnelly's presentation was circulated to each of the Members. Mr. Donnelly then made his presentation stating that the purpose of the presentation was to make the Members aware of the IFA's views as follows:

- E.U. Trade Commissioner, Mr. Peter Mandelson, was striving to demolish CAP
- CAP benefits EU producers and consumers and provides food security and price stability
- Under WTO, import tariffs for beef, dairy and lamb would be cut by 70%, leading to flood of imports into Europe
- Mandelson was pressing for WTO Ministerial Meeting in Geneva in late May, 2008 to get a deal

- The IFA feel strongly that Mr. Mandelson must be stopped or:
 - There will be devastating losses across rural Ireland in agri-business and associated services
 - Beef sector will be wiped out

He stated that the IFA felt that if CAP is demolished:

- Europe will be flooded with beef, dairy, lamb, pork and chicken imports
- The family farm structure will be destroyed
- Corporate ranchers, multinational traders/shippers and international supermarket chains will reap huge profits
- Not one job will be created in industry or services in Europe.

He also stated that the IFA felt that the impact of the cuts proposed by Mr. Mandelson were as follows:

- Ireland's livestock industry would be decimated
- Milk prices will be cut
- There will be serious losses in sheep, pigs, poultry and grain sectors
- There will be a total loss to the economy of €4bn
- 50,000 jobs will be lost in rural towns
- 50,000 farmers will lose their livelihoods

He stated that the IFA estimates that €134m will be cut in value of farm output in Galway. The Mayor thanked Mr. Donnelly for his presentation. A question and answer session took place following which it was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed *"That the position of EU Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson in the WTO negotiations represents a grave and unacceptable threat to Irish farming, the food industry and employment in the Irish economy; We call on the Minister for Agriculture, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Taoiseach to assert Ireland's vital national interest at the highest level in Europe by rejecting Mandelson's concessions."*

MANAGERS BUSINESS

1676

The Manager referred to the recently published Green Paper on Local Government Reform and it was agreed that the Mayor would talk to the Party Whips with a view to making a submission on same. The County Manager informed the Members that the officials would give the Members any support they needed in this regard.

Mr. Cullen informed the Members that approval had been received from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to the Preliminary Report regarding Roundstone Water Supply Scheme

Ms. McDermott informed the Members that the official opening of Dunmore Library would take place on 19th May, 2008 and the official opening of the Community Playground and Skatepark at Dublin Road, Tuam would take place on 29th May, 2008 and that the Mayor would perform these official openings, with the approval of the Members. This was agreed.

Ms. McDermott also informed the Members that the Mayor would lay the Foundation Stone at Tuam Regional Offices on 26th May, 2008, with the approval of the Members, and this was agreed.

MAYORS BUSINESS

1677

The Mayor informed the Members that the May Monthly Meeting would be held in the Town Hall, Tuam on the 26th May, 2008, at 3.30 p.m., with the approval of the Members, and this was agreed.

The Mayor stated that he would like to invite the following teams to a Civic Reception in County Hall at the June Monthly Meeting:
Portumna Hurling Team who won the All Ireland Senior Club Hurling Final,
Moycullen Football Team who won the All Ireland Intermediate Club Football Final
Moycullen Under 20 Basketball Team who won the All Ireland final.
This was agreed.

Referring to N.O.M No. 39 Comh. O'Tuairisg proposed the following:

"Molaim go gcuirfeadh Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe aighneacht i gcóir scéimeanna speisialta spreagúil Cánach (Tax Incentive Schemes) do:

- a) *Na hOileáin ar Chósta na Gaillimhe*
- b) *Ceantair Clár i nGaeltacht na Gaillimhe*

chuig na coimisinéirí ioncaim faoi réir a athbhreithniú ar an gCóras Cánach atá le déanamh go luath, agus chuig an Aire Airgeadais (agus Taoiseach go luath) agus Cathaoirleach Coiste na nAiri a bhfuil an cúram ortha moltaí Thuarascáil na Gaeltachta a chur i bhfeidhm.

Scéimeanna cosúil le Scéim Uachtar na Sionna atá i gceist. Bhí an scéim seo an-éifeachtach agus chuidigh sé chun an titim sa daonra a chasadh."

The proposal that this Motion be passed was seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh, and agreed. The County Manager agreed that the Council officials will assist with a submission in this regard.

Comh. O'Tuairisg enquired as to the situation regarding the Bearna Local Area Plan. Mr. Ridge in reply stated that 14 submissions had been received which are being considered and the Members will be kept informed.

Cllr. D. Connolly asked for an update regarding the materials entering the Landfill site at Kilconnell and Mr. Cullen stated that an investigation is being carried out by the Council and a report will issue to the Members at appropriate time.

In reply to Cllr. Reilly, Mr. Cullen confirmed that the tenders for Tuam Main Drainage Scheme were being evaluated and would be sent to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government for approval as soon as possible.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1678

The following reply was given:-

“The remaining work on the Gort Urban and Village Renewal Project involves receiving a connection from the ESB. Further liaison between the contractor and the ESB is required and is taking longer to resolve than had been anticipated.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 22 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1679

The following reply was given:-

“Unfortunately, it is not possible for the Council to provide a start up date for the provision of a Recycling Centre at Rathruddy, Loughrea. While proposals have been developed for a facility to incorporate a Recycling Centre, Animal Welfare Shelter and County Council Depot, the emerging costs of the proposal are significantly in excess of what would have been anticipated. The proposal is being re-examined to see if savings could be achieved, but should this not be possible, it will be necessary to find an alternative location for the various elements of the proposal.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 23 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1680

The following reply was given:-

“This information was sent to each Member in letter dated 18th April 2008.”

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

1681

The following reply was given:-

“Bhí an Rannóg Timpeallachta i dteagmháil le Comhairle Ceantair na nOileáin maidir le trána ina gceantar. Tá eolas curtha ar aghaidh chucu faoi ‘scéim’ nua atá ar oiriúnach do thránna tuaithe ar an nglaoitear ‘An Gradam Cósta Glas’. Tá an scéim seo dhá chur i bhfeidhm go náisiúnta i mbliana. Roimhe seo bhí sé teoranta do Chósta Oirthear na hÉireann. Nuair atá machnamh déanta ag an ngrúpa ar an eolas atá seolta chucu déanfaidh siad teagmháil leis an Rannóg Timpeallachta agus beidh muid sásta casadh leo chun plé a dhéanamh ar céna trána a bheadh oiriúnach le cur chun cinn don ghradam seo. Ní gá do thránna a chuirtear ar aghaidh don ghradam seo a bheith ainmnithe faoi na Rialacháin d’Uisce Snámha ach is gá go mbeadh monatóireacht dhá dhéanamh ar cháilíocht an uisce snámha agus caithfidh Coiste Bainistíochta Tránna a bheith curtha in áit.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 25 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1682

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl go gcuirfear tuarascáil ar fáil faoin gcostas an Droichead a leathnú.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 26 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1683

The following reply was given:-

“Tá an staid mar a bhí luaite sa bhfreagra ar Fhógra Rúin 1921 i mí Feabhra 2008. Ní bheadh ar ár gcumas an trá seo a ainmniú do stádas an Bhratach Gorm go dtí go mbíonn an caighdeán atá riachtanach dhá bhaint amach go seasta ag cáilíocht an uisce ag Trá na bhForbacha.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 27 – CLLR. J. JOYCE 1684

The following reply was given:-

“A section of this road will be improved as part of the new N6 Construction tie-ins. The remaining section for improvements will be considered under future roadworks programmes, as funding permits.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 28 – CLLR. J. JOYCE 1685

The following reply was given:-

“The outstanding works to expedite the completion of the scheme in Eyrecourt are the undergrounding of ESB cables/wires and some minor civil works to facilitate the connection of the new lights. The cost of carrying out the undergrounding works was remitted to the ESB in November 2006. I am not in a position to explain the delay in completing the works. On receipt of your Notice of Motion a number of enquiries were made with the ESB and a reply is still awaited. In relation to the minor civil works, these will be carried out by Council staff and I am advised that staff should be available to carry out these works within the next month provided we see some advancement by the ESB in relation to the major item as set out above.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 29 – CLLR. J. JOYCE 1686

The following reply was given:-

“The Council will examine the need for an extension to the burial ground in this area and establish whether a suitable site is available. However, it must be pointed out that the funds available for burial ground extensions in 2008 are fully committed.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 30 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1687

The following reply was given:-

“The Council has not received an application to take Cloonarkin Drive Estate in charge. An application form would have to be completed by either the Residents or the Developer. Our current Taking in Charge Policy Document is available on the Council’s website which includes a three page application form at the end of the document.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 31 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1688

The following reply was given:-

“As the Rathfee Road, Turloughmore is not included in the 2008 Roads Programme the extent of works that can be carried out is limited to routine maintenance such as pothole repair and maintaining water tables. Routine maintenance works will be undertaken as deemed necessary within the limits of available resources.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 32 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1689

The following reply was given:-

“The provision of a parking area at Baunmore National School, Claregalway is a matter for the Board of Management of the School and the Department of Education and Science.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 33 – CLLR. J. CUDDY 1690

The following reply was given:-

“The sightline improvement works at Cregmore Cross have been substantially completed with only minor landscaping works currently outstanding. No funding is provided in the 2008 Roads Programme for safety improvement works at Ballymurphy Cross or Corrandulla Cross and in the absence of such funding it is not possible to undertake improvement works at these locations in the current year.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 34 – CLLR. J. CUDDY 1691

The following reply was given:-

“Litter control is undertaken on this section of road on an ongoing basis within the limits of available resources.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 35– CLLR. J. CUDDY

1692

The following reply was given:-

“The Council does not hold this information and has made enquiries with the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in relation to same. In the absence of this information being available for the Department, the Council will have to survey the other 87 planning authorities to seek this information which will take some time if this is required.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 36 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1693

The following reply was given:-

“The works will be undertaken in the current year. It was not possible to undertake the junction improvement works in late 2007 as scheduled, due to flooding at this location.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 37 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1694

The following reply was given:-

“The Glenbrack area will be impacted by the N18 Gort – Crusheen Scheme and route lighting at this location will be considered in this context. The provision of route lighting at Labane on the N18 National Primary Route requires approval and funding from the National Roads Authority and no funding is currently available from the National Roads Authority for such works.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 38 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1695

The following reply was given:-

“The Council in partnership with FÁS actively supports and encourages the development of opportunities for community employment in the County. The Council currently sponsors five Community Employment Schemes and continues to engage with local communities in supporting privately sponsored Community Employment Schemes and Rural Social Schemes.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 39 – COMH. S. O’TUAIRISG

1696

The following reply was given:-

“Notice of Motion number 39 was discussed at the meeting and a proposal was put to the Members.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 40 – COMH. S. O’TUAIRISG

1697

The following reply was given:-

“Chuir Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe an Réamhthuirisc ar Scéim Séarachais An Spidéil chuig an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil i mí na Nollag 2007. Nil ceadú faighte go dtí seo. Scriobhfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe chuig an Roinn arís ag léiriú an phráinn a bhaineann leis an ábhar seo.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 41 – COMH. S. O’TUAIRISG

1698

The following reply was given:-

“Tá suíomh oiriúnach aitheanta ag an gComhairle agus tá i mbun idirbheartaíochtaí lena cheannach faoi láthair. Nuair atá sé sin curtha i gcrích, leanfaidh an Comhairle leis an bpróiseas pleanála reachtúil do fhorbairt na suímh. Ag brath ar an maoiniú cui a bheith ar fáil, ba cheart go mbeadh an áis réidh i dtreo deireadh 2008 nó luath i 2009.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 42 – CLLR. T. WELBY

1699

The following reply was given:-

“There have been no recorded accidents at this location during the period January 2003 to December 2005. The data for 2006 and 2007 has not been made available to date by the Road Safety Authority. The last recorded accident at this location based on available data was in 1999.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 43 – CLLR. T. WELBY

1700

The following reply was given:-

“Previous requests to the National Roads Authority to provide funding for the provision of a right turning lane at this location have been unsuccessful. The review of speed limits is currently ongoing with a view to bringing proposals to Council at the earliest possible date.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 44 – CLLR. T. WELBY

1701

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council is currently examining the possibility of linking the Oughterard and Moycullen Water Schemes. In addition to this link Galway County Council is working with Galway City Council to improve the supply and storage at

the Tonabrocky Reservoir to ensure greater consistence of supply to the Barna and Moycullen areas.

Criochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + SIGNED

Stain Banney

26th MAY 2008

Date

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY, 31ST
MARCH, 2008

CATHAOIRLEACH

Mayor S. Canney

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

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

Oifigigh:

Ms. M. Moloney, County Manager, Messrs J. Cullen, J. Morgan, F. Gilmore, K. Kelly, F. Dawson P. Ridge, Directors of Services; G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance; M. Lavelle, L. Gavin E. Molloy, Senior Engineers; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer; A. Comer, M. Owens, Senior Executive Officers; M. Gaughan, Arts Officer; B. Barrett, Admin. Officer; P. O'Neachtain, Irish Officer, and Ms. R. O'Boyle, Staff Officer.

Professor Jimmy Burke, Teagasc.

Thosnaigh an cruinniu leis an paidir

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

1620

A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mrs. Mary J. Hickey, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. M. McGrath, Ballyhale, Headford, Co. Galway.
Maura Corgan, Newmannin, Clostown, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Brennan Family, Boyounagh, Glenamaddy, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Patricia O'Donnell, 61 Dublin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway

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Kenny Family, St. Joseph Park, Tuam, Co. Galway
Bridie Kiernan & Family, 1 Parkmore Tce, Tuam, Co. Galway
Gerry Mc Inerney & Family, The Mill, Dooras, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
Andy Gardiner, Drim, Kylebrack, Loughrea, Co. Galway
Noel Conroy, Wellpark, Abbey, Loughrea, Co. Galway. The Ward Family

A Resolution of Sympathy was also extended to the Islamic Community and the families and friends of the children killed in the fatal accident at Kilrickle. The members requested that a report be provided by the Roads Department when the cause of this accident is known.

Cllr. Burke proposed that the Portumna Hurling Club be given a Civic Reception to mark their recent achievement in becoming the All Ireland Club Hurling Champions, 2008, this was seconded by Cllr. Regan and agreed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS 1621

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 25th February, 2008 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy.

Arising from the Minutes Cllr. Kyne referred to Page 4 of the Minutes – Minute No. 1593 – Connemara Electoral Area - Declaration of Road to be Public Road – Road commencing at Junction with Local Road LI320 in the townland of Coill Bhruachlain and extending south as appropriate for a distance of 200 metres in the townland of Coill Bhruachlain and finishing at Browns in the townland of Coill Bhruachlain – he said that this item had actually been withdrawn. The amendment to the Minutes was agreed.

In reply to Cllr. Cuddy's query in regard to the 3 Part 8's deferred at the January meeting, the County Manager informed the members that a response would be sought from NPWS and it was hoped that this item would be included on the agenda for the next monthly meeting.

REPORT ON COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

1622

The Report of the Corporate & Cultural Affairs SPC Meeting held on the 18th February, 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of An Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh.

The Report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on the 6th February, 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. McHugh, seconded by Cllr. Reilly.

Arising from the Minutes, Cllr. Keaveney referred to the issue of compliance by the Council with the provisions of the Disability Act with particular regard to access for the disabled in the Tuam Area.

In reply Mr. Kelly said he would follow up on the issues raised and advised that the Disability Action Plan for Galway County Council had been passed. Works had been identified and carried out he said including some in Tuam and the works comply with best practice. He informed the Members that Audits had been carried out, and work was continuing.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on the 14th February, 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Burke.

Arising from the Minutes Cllr. Feeney referred to the Tynagh Mines site and in particular the serious concerns about public health and environmental risks. He said that recent sampling of private wells had shown very high concentration of heavy metals thought to arise from contamination from the old mines site. He said that the community had endured the legacy of the Tynagh Mines contamination for many years and action was being demanded to ensure the site was fully remediated. He said the Department of Communications Energy and Natural Resources had a particular responsibility to ensure this happens and that funding was made available for it. He said Galway County Council had a responsibility also to prevent activities in the area that might make the situation worse and he proposed that an immediate ban on all future development at the site be imposed by the Council. He also proposed that the Council write to the Minister for Energy Communications and Natural Resources and request that funding be made available for the complete rehabilitation of the site. Cllr. Burke requested that legal opinion be sought on the options open to Galway County Council to pursue the owners of the site, and Cllr. Willers requested that sampling of wells be undertaken and the relevant householders informed of the results.

Mr. Cullen advised that a joint project was being led by the Environmental Protection Agency dealing with the characterisation of historic mine sites in Ireland and their environmental risks. This report which will deal with the Tynagh Mines site will be released this year and, in his view, was likely to be the best argument for central funding for the overall remediation of the site. He said it was not possible for the Council to impose a unilateral ban on development as the Council was legally obliged to consider any application for Planning Permission in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and the terms of the County Development Plan. He confirmed that he would seek the legal advice as requested and arrange for sampling to be carried out on wells in the area.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on the 10th March, 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Regan.

Cllr. Fahy referred to the Irish version of the name of Gort which appears on signs as "An Gort". He said that Gort was always known in Irish as Gort Inse Guaire. He proposed that the signs should be changed back to the old name.

Mr. Morgan said that the names were set down by the Placenames Commission and could not be changed by Galway County Council. It was agreed that the Council would write to the Commission and raise this issue with them.

The Report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on the 16th January, 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Mannion.

The Report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on the 21st February, 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on the 15th October, 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Kyne, seconded by An Comh. O Cuaig

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on the 19th November, 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Kyne, seconded by An Comh O Cuaig.

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on the 22nd November, 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of An Comh. O'Cuaig, seconded by Cllr. Kyne.

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on the 26th November, 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Kyne, seconded by An Comh. O Cuaig.

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on the 4th December, 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Kyne, seconded by An Comh O Cuaig.

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on the 10th December, 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Kyne, seconded by An Comh O' Cuaig.

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on the 19th February, 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of An Comh O Cuaig, seconded by Cllr. Kyne.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE CITY & COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE

1623

Report dated the 19th March 2008 was already circulated to each Member

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Burke and agreed that Cllr. Willers fill the vacancy in the Membership of the City & County Liaison Committee.

TO APPROVE AMENITY GRANTS 2008 (2nd ROUND ALLOCATIONS) 1624

Report dated the 25th March, 2008 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr Keaveney, seconded by Cllr. Reilly, it was agreed that the Amenity Grants 2008 (2nd Round Allocations) be approved.

TO APPROVE COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME GRANTS 2008 (2ND Round Allocations)

1625

Report dated the 25th March, 2008 was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr Connaughton, it was agreed that the Community Based Economic Development Financial Assistance Scheme Grants 2008 (2nd Round Allocations) be approved.

The Members thanked the staff of the Community & Enterprise Unit for their work regarding the two grant schemes.

TO APPROVE PUBLICATION OF DRAFT BYE-LAWS FOR BEACHES, RECREATIONAL CRAFT AND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (JET SKIES)1626

Copy of the Draft Bye-Laws for Beaches, were already circulated to each Member.

The Draft Bye-Laws for Beaches, Recreational Craft and Personal Watercraft (Jet Skies) were introduced by Cllr. Dermot Connolly, Chairperson of the Corporate & Cultural Affairs Unit, as follows:-.

He noted that Beach Bye Laws for the County Health District of Galway have been in operation since 1997, and that the proposed bye-laws re-state or update a number of these provisions and include additional provisions which are now possible following the enactment of the Maritime Safety Act 2005.

This Act among other things aims to enhance public safety and amenity and to protect natural and other heritage areas by granting locally based Authorities enhanced powers to regulate the use of personal watercraft and recreational craft and in particular fast powercraft in coastal waters, lakes and rivers.

These Draft bye-laws were the subject of a public invitation for submissions and any submissions received have been considered and taken into account.

He pointed out the main elements of the new bye-laws not covered under the existing provisions relate to

- revised definitions for Personal Watercraft, Fast power craft and power craft.
- provisions relating to surf boards, sail boards and kite boards.
- control of dogs on beaches including the prohibition of dogs on beaches between the hours of 11am and 7pm during the Summer season.
- Provision relating to Personal Watercraft, Fast Power Craft and Powercraft on Coastal waters and on Loughrea Lake and Lough Corrib.

In some areas the use of beaches and waters by bathers and other recreational users have been adversely affected by the activities of others and these bye-laws will provide a basis for action where such problems are encountered in the future.

He confirmed that the matter of bye-laws in respect of Lough Derg is a matter for Waterways Ireland.

He noted that these Draft bye-laws have been considered and approved by the SPC and are commended to Council for approval to go on public display.”

Cllrs. Joyce and Carey welcomed the document and enquired if there was any reason why Lough Mask is not mentioned in the Bye-Laws. Cllr. Carey pointed out that some of the shoreline of Lough Mask is in County Galway. The Members enquired if Mayo County Council and Galway City Council had Bye-Laws in place. Cllr. Hoade asked where the Bye-Laws will be on display.

Mr. Kelly confirmed that the Bye-Laws will go on public display for a month in Áras an Chontae, Area Offices & Libraries. He also said he would examine the Bye Laws being drafted for Lough Mask by Mayo County Council and said that the part of Lough Mask in County Galway will be included in the Galway County Council Bye Laws. He also confirmed that the City Council are working on Draft Bye Laws.

It was proposed by, Cllr D. Connolly, seconded by, Cllr Carey and agreed that the Draft Bye-Laws be put on public display.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

1627

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

PRESENTATION BY PROFESSOR JIMMY BURKE ON GM RESEARCH. 1628

It was agreed that the presentation on GM Research by Professor Jimmy Burke of Teagasc proceed at this time.

The Mayor welcomed Professor Burke to the Meeting, and invited him to proceed with the presentation.

Professor Jimmy Burke told the meeting that Genetically Modified crops are being grown around the world by farmers and that this technology is being widely used in many countries by our competitors. Some of their products produced using GM technology is already coming into this country he said.

For example two maize by-products, corn gluten and distillers grains, are vital ingredients in animal feed and account for up to 30% of Irish feed rations for beef cattle and dairy cows. A total of 800,000 tonnes of these maize by-products are imported from the US every year by animal feed companies. EU policy decisions relating to GM regulation could effectively eliminate access to these imports with serious repercussions for the agricultural sector in this country according to Prof Jimmy Burke who said that additional costs of €40-60 million per year could be added to livestock feed costs if we were to source non GM material with no possibility of recovering these extra costs from the market place.

Such a scenario would have a serious effect on animal feed prices and on the competitiveness of livestock products on our major export markets. The situation with protein feed is even more serious and most of the world's soya bean is now nearly all of the GM type. We have a very rigorous approval systems in Europe for GM crops and products derived from them but it is important that the EU approval system for these new products is not unduly delayed over and above that operating elsewhere in the world as otherwise there could be serious repercussions for the agricultural sector generally. The emergence of biotechnology has also raised many questions of enormous public interest stated Prof Burke including the safety of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in food production, the effects of GMOs on the environment but their record to date internationally has been very good he said. There is now 280 million acres of GM crops grown world wide and has been expanding at double digit growth rates every year since 1996. Currently, the debate in Europe around the risks and benefits of biotechnology is quite polarised and it is widely accepted that the debate should be more open, transparent and inclusive with a greater level of understanding by all the stakeholders. Openness and transparency are also required in policy making process.

In the absence of independent and credible information on biotechnology, the general public is not given the opportunity to gain an understanding of, and make informed decisions on, the use of biotechnology in the agricultural and other sectors stated Prof Burke who went on to say that Teagasc has invested significantly in this area in recent years and will continue to do so in the years ahead.

To move the debate forward there is a need for greater understanding of the issues on all sides, a need for participation of the all the stakeholders in the decision making process and the need for transparency he said. The question as to what the best position should be for Ireland on this issue was discussed and he said that this is a politically sensitive one and that it was not Teagasc's role to get involved in the politics of this issue but it is their job to examine the science involved. It is also their job he stated to research the technology, to evaluate its use in other countries, to determine the benefits and risks of adopting GM technology in Ireland.

After a short questions and answers session, the Mayor thanked Prof Burke for his presentation, the content and quality of which were very educational. He suggested that the Members could discuss this topic further at a later date.

ROADS PROGRAMME 2008

1629

A copy of the Roads Programme, 2008 had been circulated to each Member.

Mr. Morgan referred to the National Roads budget and pointed out that it is €130m this year and will double for each of the next two years

The Members said they welcomed the report and thanked Mr. Morgan and the Roads Staff on presenting such a concise and readable report.

Cllr. Regan enquired as to the number of indoor and outdoor staff. He was informed that information has been prepared and will be forwarded to all Members.

In relation to the Roads Programme he pointed out that every year the money is divided evenly. He suggested that as the Conamara Electoral Area receive Gaeltacht Grants, that this should be taken into consideration when monies are being distributed.

Cllr Welby pointed out that not all of Conamara is in the Gaeltacht.

Cllr. McHugh welcomed some of the road works in Tuam Electoral Area, but said it was hard to belief that roads were only being resurfaced every 6-7 years. He also queried the works being carried out on the Galway to Ballinasloe Road by PPP.

Cllr. Feeney welcomed the works planned for the Raheen Link Road but said the amount of €100,000 seemed small. He said the Local Improvement Scheme Allocation had dropped since last year. He also pointed out that some routes which were interfered with because of the works on the N.6 were in a poor state because they were not repaired properly

Cllr. M. Connolly highlighted that small stop end roads are never repaired and he said that some mechanism should be found to repair them.

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Cllr. Cuddy referred to the total amount of funding for the Oranmore Electoral Area compared to the rest of the county.

Cllr. Keaveney welcomed the report and said it was a fair and equitable distribution of the funds available, he welcomed the money being spent on the National Primary routes, but referred to the R332 from Tuam to Ballinrobe which remains on the programme. He also referred to the N6 and asked if PPP's were value for money.

Cllr. Mullins said that the roads were Third World Quality referring to the weight of vehicles, weather etc., and said that roads should be brought back to a usable condition. He referred to the N6 PPP and said that the State is still providing the bulk of the money.

Cllr. Willers referred to the provision of public lighting at the Lake Road, Loughrea, and on the N66 at Cuscarrick, Loughrea. She also referred to the amount of time spent discussing Speed Limits over the past year and now there appears to be no funding for same

Cllr. Reilly said he welcomed the allocation for footpaths but was disappointed with the allocation for Local Improvement Schemes.

Cllr. Connaughton referred to the repairs carried out recently to the roads but due to the constant rain they are still dangerous. She welcomed the €50,000 for safety measures at Moylough National School and asked when work will commence at the School.

The Mayor also referred to the lack of funding for local roads and National Secondary Roads. He said that sufficient funds were not made available to carry out these works.

Cllr. Joyce asked if Clár Funding is available this year for County Roads. Mr. Morgan replied by saying all funding was given out in 2006.

Mr. Morgan then gave the following replies to the queries raised above:-

He explained that the brief for funding covers the whole County. The Council tries to maintain the roads network of 6,500 kilometres. Funding is allocated on a mileage basis, and specific grants are received from the Department of Transport based on the Programme of Works submitted by the Council. He explained that the Council have little or no say in the PPP Contracts.

He referred to the proposal regarding speed limits which came before the Members at last Month's meeting with costings in the region of € 1.5 to 2m, and explained that the Council did not have the money. He said the Council would look for more funding from the Department and concentrate on Towns, Villages and Schools.

Cllr. Keaveney proposed that an application for an extra €2m be made to the Department of Transport and this was seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

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In reply to a query raised by Cllr. Hoade regarding a Draft Lighting Policy which had been brought before the SPC Committee, Mr. Morgan said that as the Draft Policy was not adopted by the Council, the existing Lighting Policy is still in place.

Mr. Morgan said the Raheen Link Road is being constructed by the Housing and Roads Units at a cost of €100,000 and should be completed by the end of the year.

In reply to queries on the N.6 Ballinasloe-Athlone Road he said arrangements are in place with the NRA to maintain these roads during construction.

He agreed that the Local Improvement Scheme allocation is down this year, but said that there is nothing the Council can do about this.

He agreed that the National Secondary allocation is also down. He said the Council had met with the NRA, but they only have limited funding.

In regard to the Oranmore Electoral Area Allocation he said the Council allocate the funding available as best as possible

He said that the roads in Conamara are under particular stress and higher costs have to be taken into consideration with regard to supply of materials etc.

It was proposed by An Comh NiFhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Mullins, and agreed that the Roads Programme be approved.

UPDATE ON WATER SERVICES PROGRAMME

1630

Report dated 31st March, 2008 was circulated.

The Report set out the current position of Schemes included in the Water Services Investment Programme, other schemes not included in the programme but where works are necessary and finally the emerging remedial action programme for existing public water supplies.

In response to a query from An Comh O'Cuaig, Mr. Cullen advised that the Council was still awaiting a determination from An Bord Pleanala on the Environmental Impact Statement for the Cashla Regional Water Supply Scheme.

An Comh. O'Cuaig also enquired as to whether it was possible to connect the Oughterard Water Supply Scheme to the Moycullen Scheme so that water could be available from that source if there were difficulties in Moycullen. Mr. Cullen said that it was intended to create the link between the two schemes but that there were capacity issues at the Oughterard Plant that would need to be addressed also.

He also enquired about the situation in Roundstone where a Boil Notice had issued on the previous Friday. Mr. Cullen stated that a water sample had returned a positive result of cryptosporidium and a Boil Notice had been put in place. He said the Plant was being assessed to see what interim measures could be taken, and that it was intended to extend the water supply from Carna/Cill Chiaráin to provide a longer term solution.

Cllr. Connaughton asked if there was any update on the Mountbellew Sewerage Scheme. Mr. Cullen advised that the next stage was the preparation of a brief for appointment of consultants to prepare contract documents and that that was proceeding.

Cllr. D. Connolly asked about the Kilconnell Scheme - he asked that the Department be written to regarding the cap on funding. Cllr. Mullins referred to the €10,000 cap and said that no settlements in small villages will get a scheme if this is the case. He said he seconded Cllr. Connolly's proposal that the Cap be removed. He said the Kilconnell scheme was promised as far back as 2002.

Mr. Cullen said that the Council had written to the Department stating that it was not appropriate to apply the €10,000 ceiling specifically in the case of Kilconnell and also generally in County Galway. He said that it was his understanding from a meeting with senior department officials that the €10,000 cap was being reviewed.

Cllr. M Connolly referred to the funding allocation for the Rural Water Programme and Mr. Cullen said that even though Galway County Council got the biggest allocation in the Country the allocation for new schemes and upgrading was not sufficient and was already fully committed.

Mr. Cullen briefed the Members on the disruption to Water Supply in the Moycullen and Barna areas that had occurred the previous week. He advised that the Council had put a contingency plan into operation to try and maintain a supply to as many areas as possible. The difficulty was caused by a serious water loss on a watermain in the City area on Wednesday last causing the levels in the Tonabrocky Reservoir to fall resulting in a supply interruption particularly in the high areas in Barna and Moycullen. The Council introduced a water supply from Spiddal to serve the Barna Village area and tried to maintain the supply within the core area of Moycullen for as long as possible. Stationary Water Tankers were provided at selected locations and mobile supply tankers were brought in to resupply the static tanks and contribute to the Moycullen Reservoir. The Council liaised with the Health Service Executive on any priority medical cases that might need a supply and all Nursing Homes in the affected area were checked. Individual supplies were made available to Hotels and Public Houses. Water was restored to all areas by lunch time on Saturday and Mr. Cullen thanked the Council staff who had made a huge effort in their response.

The Mayor complimented all of the staff in the Water Services Department for their efforts.

ARTS ACT GRANTS 2008

1631

Report was circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by An Comh. Ni Fhatharta, it was agreed that the Arts Act Grants 2008 be approved.

Cllr. D. Connolly referred to the great work carried out by these groups and referred in particular to the Ballinasloe Arts Group who are finding it increasingly difficult to provide funding, and he asked that Galway County Council explore ways to advance further funding to this group.

Cllr. Joyce referred to the state of the Town Hall in Ballinasloe and said that work needed to be done to modernize it. In reply Ms. Gaughan said that funding may be available from the Capital Enhancement Scheme.

MANAGERS BUSINESS

1632

The Manager read out a letter received from Cllr. Joe Tierney tendering his resignation and said that the filling of this position would appear on the April Agenda.

Cllr. Mullins said he would like to thank Cllr. Tierney for his efforts on behalf of his constituency. He said he understood that Cllr. Tierney could not continue as a Member of the Council due to heavy work commitments. The Mayor and all the members joined with him in wishing Cllr. Tierney well in the future.

Cllr. Keaveney referred to the role of the Community Warden with specific reference to the amount of time spent dealing with traffic management issues. He said he was strongly of the view that the Wardens needed to be able to spend a lot more time dealing with unauthorized dumping and also developing the community aspect of their role. He said that the Community Warden Scheme had been an excellent initiative and the Wardens themselves had shown great commitment as had the rest of the council staff. He suggested that alternative arrangements be considered for the pay and display management so as to free up time for the wardens in other areas of activity. This was supported by Cllr. D. Connolly who said that some areas are blackspots for dumping at weekends.

Mr. Cullen said he appreciated the compliments paid to the Community Wardens and referred to the establishment of the scheme which was done through partnership between the management and unions in the council. He said that while traffic management and paid parking were part of the warden duties, efforts were being made to contract out the collection of parking fees.

Mr. Cullen referred to the Carna/ Cill Chiarain Regional Water Supply Scheme and the Headford Sewerage Scheme both of which were almost complete and suggested that

arrangements be made to have them officially opened. It was agreed by the Council that the Minister be invited to open the schemes.

MAYORS BUSINESS

1633

PRESENTATION TO MR. TONY MURPHY, RETIRED COUNTY SECRETARY.

The Mayor on behalf of all the Members paid tribute to Mr. Murphy and references were made to his qualities of tolerance and patience in his dealings with the Members and the fact that he was a man of great knowledge in local government who was always available to give advice and guidance, especially to the respective Chairpersons and Mayors of the County during their terms of office. He was also described as a great friend to many of the Members who had worked with him for many years.

The Mayor then presented Mr. Murphy with a gift on behalf of the Members and extended best wishes to him and stated that he would be a great loss to Galway County Council.

The Manager paid tribute to Mr. Murphy on her own behalf and on behalf of the staff of Galway County Council and stated that not only was he held in high esteem in Galway County Council but also in many other local authorities and communities in the county. She thanked Mr. Murphy for his help and advice since she came to Galway County Council and stated that he was a man of great knowledge, wisdom and good humour. She wished him good health to enjoy his retirement and extended best wishes to him and his family in the future.

Mr. Murphy said he had enjoyed working with the Members and thanked them for their kind words and for the gift they had presented to him. He also thanked the Manager and Staff of the Council

It was proposed by Cllr. Mc. Donagh, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed that the Annual General Meeting be held on the 16th June, 2008 at 3.30 p.m.

CONFERENCE

1634

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

“Tipperary International Peace Conference” Ballykisteen Hotel, 25th – 27th April

Cllr. M. Fahy

“TJK Conferences – Planning Seminar for Councillors” Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick, 5 April 2008

Cllr. T. Welby

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 13 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1635

The following reply was given:-

“The site for the treatment plant has not yet been acquired. Presently consultants are being appointed to prepare contract documents for the scheme and should approvals be given quickly work will commence in 2009.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 14– CLLR. B. WILLERS

1636

The following reply was given:-

“The Preliminary Report for the Gort Regional Water Supply is going to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in March 2008. It is expected the advance works on the provision of watermain along the Ennis Road will be done this year.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 15 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1637

The following reply was given:-

“The Fair Trade approach is monitored by the National Fair Trade Office, Dublin. A number of requirements must be met in order to become a Fair Trade Town. The majority of these are business related and therefore the progression of the initiative would best be advanced by the relevant Chamber of Commerce.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 16 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA

1638

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl go mbeadh ballaí le cur siar chun cosán coisithe a chur ar fáil.

De bhár an obair seo, bheadh costas ard i gceist, timpeall €90,000, ag glacadh mbeadh an talún ar fáil.

Níl airgeadú ar fáil faoi láthair chun an obair seo a dhéanamh.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 17 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA

1639

The following reply was given:-

“Tá foirgneamh iar-Chlochiar na Trócaire i gCarna faighte ag Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh. Tá sé beartaithe acu an fhoirgneamh a athchóiriú agus a úsáid do chuspóirí oideachais agus pobail. Tá Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe i gcomhráit le OÉG le súil spás leabharlainne poiblí a sholáthar mar chuid de fhorbairt fhoirgneamh an Chlochair.”

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

1640

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl go ndéanfar scrúdú ar seo agus cuirfear tuairisc ar fáil maidir leis an cosán coisithe go luath.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 19 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

1641

The following reply was given:-

“The Council has a current application on hand in relation to the taking in charge of Oakfield Estate. The first step in progressing this application is that the Council will undertake a survey of the estate to establish its current status in respect of the services and infrastructure in the estate. This survey will be commenced within the next couple of weeks.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 20 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

1642

The following reply was given:-

“A submission is being prepared to be forwarded to the Department of Transport.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

1643

The following reply was given:-

“A Developers Bond has been lodged in relation to the above planning permission and is still in place and available where works approved in the planning permission remain undone. The Council does not have a current application on hands for the taking in charge of this estate.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 22 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1644

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council has not yet received its annual allocation from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, in respect of the following grants:

- Disabled Persons Grant
- Mobility Aids Grant
- Housing Adaptation Grant
- Essential Repairs Grant
- Housing Aid for Older People Grant

The Council will fund the above grants in accordance with the amounts allocated to Galway County Council for matching contributions.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 23 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1645

The following reply was given:-

“Footpath works were carried out at Traught in 2007. There are concrete footpaths to the beach and there are no plans to install timber walkways.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 24 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1646

The following reply was given:-

“The site for the treatment plant has not yet been acquired. Presently consultants are being appointed to prepare contract documents for the scheme and should approvals be given quickly work will commence in 2009.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 25 – CLLR. M. REGAN

1647

The following reply was given:-

“There are no funds available for further works at Templemartin, Craughwell in the current year. The matter will be raised with the National Roads Authority in the context of future proposals for safety measures on the N6.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 26 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1648

The following reply was given:-

“This road is not included in the 2008 Roads Programme. Therefore, the extent of works which can be carried out in the short term is limited to routine maintenance, such as pothole repair & opening of water tables to relieve flooding. The road will be examined to determine the extent to which drainage is an issue.

This road can be considered for inclusion in future roads programmes.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 27 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1649

The following reply was given:-

“Improvement works were undertaken in Tynagh Village during 2007 and consequently a temporary road surface is currently in place. It is intended, subject to available funding, that the works will be completed in 2008. In the interim, routine maintenance works are being undertaken and will continue to be undertaken as necessary pending the completion of the improvement works.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 28 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1650

The following reply was given:-

“This road is not included in the 2008 Roads Programme. Therefore, extensive works cannot be undertaken, however routine maintenance such as pothole repair & opening of water tables to alleviate flooding will be undertaken as deemed necessary.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 29 – CLLR. S. CANNEY

1651

The following reply was given:-

“The Fair Trade approach is monitored by the National Fair Trade Office, Dublin. A number of requirements must be met in order to become a Fair Trade Town. The majority of these are business related and therefore the progression of the initiative would best be advanced by the relevant Chamber of Commerce.

Fair Trade tea and coffee is served at the Council Meetings.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 30 – CLLR. S. KYNE

1652

The following reply was given:-

“There are 25 GWSS in Connemara Electoral Area that are on the Annex 14 list and are of concern to the DEHLG in terms of possible ECJ fines. The said 25 schemes are

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outlined on the attached xls file. Four of the twenty five schemes are already taken in charge. Please refer to attached file. Twelve of the twenty five schemes are due to get their water quality problems solved by being connected to and taken in charge by Galway County Council. Again the details are shown on attached file. Most of the 12 schemes above have requested the County Council to take them in charge but not all the twelve have requested to be taken in charge.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 31 – CLLR. S. KYNE

1653

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council will arrange to have the signage removed within the next few weeks.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 32 – CLLR. S. KYNE

1654

The following reply was given:-

“This request has been referred to the Area Engineer to assess the feasibility of carrying out the clean-up, and the Environment Section will revert to you at the earliest possible date.”

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

1655

The following reply was given:-

“Tá iniúchadh dhá dhéanamh ar an ábhar seo ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe i láthair na huaire.”

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

1656

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl gur déanadh oibreacha ag an suíomh seo ar taobh an Spidéal de Siopa an Phobail i 2007.

Tá gá comhaontú a fháil ó uinéirí an talamh ar an dá thaobh den sruthán chun go bhféadfaidh an droichead coisithe a dhéanamh.

Déanfar idirbheartaíocht ar seo go luath.”

Criochnaigh an Cruinniu Ansin

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + SIGNED
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Si Bannu

23th APRIL 2008

DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY 25th
FEBRUARY, 2008.**

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cllr. S. Canney

LLATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

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

Oifigigh:

Ms. M. Moloney, County Manager; Messrs. J. Cullen, P. Ridge, K. Kelly, J. Morgan, Directors of Service; M. Lavelle, Senior Engineer; G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance, T. Murphy, County Secretary; A. Comer, B. McDermott, Senior Executive Officers; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer, M McGrath, Senior Staff Officer. P. O'Neachtain, Oifigeach Gaeilge; J. Keane, Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

1590

A Resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mr. Gerald Brennan, Bayaunagh, Williamstown, Co. Galway.
Ms. Nora Carrig, St. Josephs Place, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Rita Lynch, Cortown, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Sylvie Linnane & Family, Rinneen, Gort, Co. Galway.
Eddie & Patricia Coughlan, Barna, Co. Galway.
Cllr. Pat & Mrs. Jenny Sullivan, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Judy Hanlon, Bellevue, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Tom Purcell, Kilgarve Park, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Joan Gleeson & Family, Kilcloghans House, Kilcloghans, Tuam, Co. Galway

Cllr Kyne said he wished to congratulate the Moycullen Football team on winning the All Ireland Club Intermediate Football Championship and also the U-20 Moycullen Basketball team on their recent success.

Cllr. T Walsh proposed that Minister for Education be written to and requested to immediately fulfill her commitment to proceed with the construction of the new Community School in Glenamaddy. This was seconded by Cllr. D Connolly and agreed by the members.

Cllr. D Connolly paid tribute to Treasa Ni Cheannabhain and her daughter and their involvement in humanitarian work, their recent trip to Gaza and their safe return home.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

1591

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 28th January 2008 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhatharta seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

Arising from the minutes, Comh O'Cuaig referred to his proposal that a meeting between the Conamara Electoral Area Cllrs and the Oireachtas members be held in Maam Cross to discuss the issue of funding allocated to the N59. He wished to know if the meeting was arranged.

Comh O'Tuairisg said that he had contacted the Oireachtas members who are willing to attend such a meeting which he will arrange.

Comh O'Cuaig proposed that the County Council would write to the Government to provide as a matter of urgency adequate broadband availability to 100% of the population, this was seconded by Cllr. Mullins and agreed.

Cllr. Burke wanted to know if his proposal at the last Monthly meeting in relation to drawing down the Bond for the completion of the Cois na hAbhainn Estate, Bridge Rd, Portumna is to be implemented. He also asked if the work was not done by the developer could the money in the bond could be drawn down straight away

In reply to Cllr. Burke, Mr. Ridge said that the Council is engaged in a process, however it is not a straightforward situation. He said the Insurance Company has the option of carrying out the work or giving us the funding to carry it out.

The County Manager referred to the 3 Part 8's deferred at the last monthly meeting. She updated the members in relation to the meeting which had taken place on 14th February 2008 between the NPWS, Department of Environment Water Services Division, representatives of Galway County Council from the Planning and Water Services Units, the County Manager and Galway County Councils Consultants. The priorities identified at the meeting were a) to improve inter-organisational working arrangements in order to advance project delivery in a timely manner having regard to the requirement for compliance with the legislation b) Identify how best to progress difficulties in relation to the 3 schemes:- Craughwell, Milltown, Claregalway. She advised that the meeting was fruitful and that a further meeting had been arranged

which took place on February 19th between relevant staff and consultants which achieved clarity in relation to the requirements of NPWS. Work is underway at present on finalizing the response to the NPWS which has a target completion date of early March. Following this it is hoped for a speedy turnaround time to allow the planning for these three schemes to proceed.

Cllr Cuddy said that the NPWS knew that these schemes were being proposed long before they lodged their objections and that the delay was unfair on the three communities awaiting these schemes.

Cllr S Walsh said that the NPWS were also part of the Dept of the Environment and that one part of the same Dept was holding up the other while it was the County that was suffering. He said that the same situation applies to the much needed bridge in Oughterard Village

Cllr Reilly complimented the Manager on taking up this issue, however, he said it was not acceptable that vital infrastructure is being held up in these three areas.

Comh Ni Fhatharta said that the Costello Regional Water Supply scheme was being held up also. She said that a late objection was received from the NPWS also in relation to the Gaeltacht Plan.

Mr. Ridge said that the late submission that was received in relation to the Gaeltacht Plan was not formally included in the Managers report.

In reply to Cllr. Cuddy the County Manager stated that it could not be guaranteed that the 3 Part 8 reports would be included on next months agenda but every effort would be made to ensure this happens.

Cllr Joyce thanked the County Manager for her efforts and said he hopes that a similar situation will not arise again.

Mayor Canney expressed the hope that the issue will be back on the agenda for the next monthly meeting.

In reply to Cllr. Fahy, Mr. Murphy said that the Council had written to the Minister in relation to flooding in South Galway but that no reply had been received to date.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION 1592

The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 1st October, 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Cuddy.

The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 10th October, 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Hoade.

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

The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 3rd December, 2007 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 3rd December, 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. Carey.

The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 17th December, 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Cuddy.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 17th January, 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Burke and seconded by Cllr. Regan.

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF
ROADS ACT 1993** **1593**

On the proposal of Cllr. S Walsh, seconded by Cllr Kyne, the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedure having been complied with:-

Road commencing at junction with Local Road L1320 in the townland of Coill Bhruachláin and extending south as appropriate for a distance of 200 metres in the townland of Coill Bhruachláin and finishing at Browns in the townland of Coill Bhruachláin.

Electoral Area: Conamara

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

Road commencing at junction with Local Road L71121 in the townland of Lydacan and extending north as appropriate for a distance of 250 metres in the townland of Lydacan and finishing at Donovans (End of road) in the townland of Lydacan.

Electoral Area: Oranmore

On the proposal of Comh O' Tuairisg, seconded by Cllr. Conneely, the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedure having been complied with:-

Road commencing at junction with Local Road L-53862 in the townland of Forramoyle West and extending north as appropriate for a distance of 120 metres in the townland of Forramoyle West and finishing at Mairtin Curran's House in the townland of Forramoyle West.

Electoral Area: Conamara

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

Road commencing at junction with Local Road L-4214-100 in the townland of Curhoor and extending west as appropriate for a distance of 98 metres in the townland of Curhoor and finishing at this point in the townland of Curhoor.

Electoral Area: Loughrea

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

The Road commences at the current end of the Public Local Road with number L-71531 in the townland of Shoodaun and extends south for a distance of 120 metres in the townland of Shoodaun and terminates outside Margaret & Tommy Maloney newly constructed dwelling house in the townland of Shoodaun.

Electoral Area: Ballinasloe.

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

Road commencing at junction with Local Road L-62161 in the townland of Annaghkeen and extending south as appropriate for a distance of 100 metres in the townland of Annaghkeen and finishing at south end of new Group Water Scheme Reservoir in the townland of Annaghkeen.

Electoral Area: Oranmore.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.0475 HECTARES AT
CAISLEAN RI, ATHENRY, CO. GALWAY**

1594

Report dated 6th February, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh, the proposed disposal of 0.0475 hectares at Caislean Ri, Athenry, Co. Galway was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SERVICED DWELLING AT KILLEENAN MORE, BROWNSGROVE, CO. GALWAY. 1595

Report dated 3rd December, 2007 was circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. McHugh, seconded by Cllr. Reilly, the proposed construction of a new serviced dwelling at Killeenan More, Brownsgrrove, Co. Galway was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE RURAL HOUSE AND EFFLUENT TREATMENT SYSTEM AT CLOUGHBRACK UPPER, CLONBUR, CO. GALWAY . 1596

Report dated 17th January, 2008 was circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Comh O'Tuairisg, seconded by Cllr. Conneely, the proposed construction of a single rural house and effluent treatment system at Cloughbrack Upper, Clonbur, Co. Galway was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW RESERVOIR TO REPLACE THE EXISTING RESERVOIR AT THE SAME LOCATION IN ORDER TO UPGRADE THE WATER STORAGE FACILITIES OF THE CLONBUR/CORNAMONA PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SCHEME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ARDAUN DOOREY, GORTNAGLASSA AND MAAM VALLEY GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES 1597

Report dated 5th February, 2008 was circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Comh O'Tuairisg, seconded by Cllr. Conneely, the proposed construction of a new reservoir to replace the existing reservoir at the same location in order to upgrade the water storage facilities of the Clonbur/Cornamona Public Water Supply Scheme in partnership with the Ardaun Doorey, Gortnaglassa and Maam Valley Group Water Supply Schemes was approved.

Comh O'Cuaig asked if the water in Doorey was fit for consumption as he thought that a boil notice was in a place.

Mr. Cullen said that the public water supply in the area was not under any restriction however he thought that the Doorey Scheme referred to was a private group scheme. He undertook to check the position and inform Comh. O'Cuaig.

ROADS PROGRAMME 2008 -

1598

Mr. Morgan said that the details of the Roads Programme 2008 had only been received by the Council on Friday last. He asked for the permission of the members to go ahead with the roads schemes programme on the list as time was limited and that a full report would be made available at the March monthly meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Burke, seconded by Cllr Regan and agreed by the members.

Cllr Canney said that the funding for Local Improvements Schemes was down from €1.6 million in 2007 to € 970,000 in 2008. He suggested that the Council write to Minister O'Cuiv and request that the reduction in funding be made up from an allocation from the Clar programme.

In reply to Cllr. Joyce, Mr. Morgan said that a list of the schemes in the Clár area will be sent to Minister O'Cuiv in the expectation that he will fund same.

Cllr Burke proposed that the Council write to the Director of IDA Ireland and invite him to a meeting to outline to the Council the programme of works that are to be undertaken in the County. This was seconded by Cllr Mullins and agreed.

TO APPROVE AMENITY GRANTS 2008 (1ST ROUND ALLOCATION) 1599

Report dated 25th February, 2008 was circulated to Each Member

Ref	Group	Proposal	Allocation	Area
A08/66	EyreCourt Tidy Towns Group	Funding towards purchase of professional lawn mower for grass cutting in village	€1,250	Ballinasloe
A08/67	Monivea Foróige	Funding towards IT equipment	€770	Ballinasloe
A08/02	Ard Aoibhinn Residents Association	Funding towards upkeep of green	€750	Oranmore
A08/25 & A08/26	Demesne Cottages Residents Association	Funding towards purchase of rubbish pickers and strimmer & upkeep/renew of shrubs	€400	Tuam

Total Allocation – February 2008 €3,170

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Joyce and agreed, the Amenity Grants 2008 (1st Round Allocation) was approved.

**TO APPROVE COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME GRANTS 2008 (1ST ROUND
ALLOCATION)**

1600

Report dated 25th February, 2008 was circulated to Each Member

Ref	Group	Proposal	Allocation	Area
E08/19	Tuam Community Childcare Centre	Funding towards to purchase of equipment to meet the physical and development needs.	€2,500	Tuam
E08/15	Ballinasloe Chamber	Funding towards website	€2,250	Ballinasloe
E08/40	Monivea Foróige	Funding towards 1 st Aid Course & kayaking	€1,900	Ballinasloe

Total Allocation – February 2008 €6,650

On the proposal of Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed the Community Based Economic Development Financial Assistance Scheme Grants 2008 (1st Round Allocation) was approved.

**TO CONSIDER THE MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE SUBMISSIONS
RECEIVED ON THE AMENDMENTS AND MATERIAL ALTERATIONS TO
THE DRAFT GAELTACHT LOCAL AREA PLAN AS PER SECTION 9 (F)(I)
& (II) OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT
2002**

1601

The Mayor invited Mr. Kavanagh to present the Manager's Report on the submissions received on the Amendments and Material Alterations to the Draft Gaeltacht Plan. Mr Kavanagh commenced with Issue I (Ábhar 1)

Cllr S. Walsh declared an interest in the lands the subject of MA 8 as shown on the Carraroe land use zoning map.

- Ábhar 1** **Crioslú**
- 1.1** **An Cheathrú Rua**
- 1.1.1.** **Coiste Pobail na Ceathrú Rua**

Achoimre:

Tacaíocht iomlán do na hathraithe MA1, MA2, MA3, MA4 and MA5 a chuireadh isteach ar son an Choiste Pobail. Tá siad tábhachtach maidir le soláthar áiseanna pobail agus caitheamh aimsire sna toadhcháí.

Freagra:

Tháinig an tacaíocht céanna ó na Comhairleoirí Chontae freisin.

Moladh:

Coinnigh na hathraithe sa Phlean.

On the proposal of Comh O'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh O'Cuaig it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

1.1.2 John Crossan

Achoimre:

Objection to most of the zoning alterations as being on ecologically sensitive areas, some of them being priority habitats.

- The area MA9 is on "blanket bog which is a Priority Habitat and modification will be in breach of E.U. Habitats Directive.
- The area MA6 contains habitat which is complex and ecologically sensitive.
- The area MA10 poses a threat to the trophic status of Loch Scailp Dónaill.
- The area MA11 is also on an ecologically sensitive area which is protected under the Wildlife Act and E.U. Habitats Directive. It should preferably contain an open zoo or pet farm.
- The re zoning also poses a threat to the trophic status of Loch an Mhuillin.

Freagra:

There are no sites containing European Designations on An Cheathrú Rua Peninsula. Cill Chiaráin Bay which adjoins the west coast of the peninsula is Euro Site SAC No 002111.

The land cover on the undeveloped land within the plan boundary is generally similar to the open rural hinterland of this part of Conamara.

Most of west Conamara has been losing population, and a core principal of this plan is to help in stemming this loss and restoring the population which has been the custodian of the cultural and natural environment of this area. This will involve a balance between development and conservation and indeed within the broad understanding of conservation, sustaining the minority ancient culture which is under threat as well as the natural environment which it has co-existed with.

Development Plan policy is to allow a modest measured growth in existing serviced centres and to protect the open rural parts of Conamara, including its coastal zone. It would seem preferable therefore to locate development in the areas zoned for the different uses as shown on Map No.6.1 rather than having a scatter of development demands in a random manner on the rural landscape.

The application of the mitigation measures, which are set out in Section 9 of the Environmental Report, and also of the Environmental Policies of Section 4 of the Local Area Plan, to the assessment and determination of planning applications should minimise any adverse effects on local eco-systems.

In the case of areas MA9 and MA6 which are both exploited lowland Atlantic Bogs mitigation measures will be required in the case of development proposals.

In the case of MA11 which is composed of wet grassland with an area of marsh development applications will be assessed in the context of 9.2.2, M.M.2 of the Environmental Report.

In the case of area 10, it is advisable to retain the Recreation and Amenity zoning of the Draft Plan on this area which adjoins Loch Scailpdonnail rather than the amended Residential Zoning.

The quality status of Loch an Mhuilinn should improve when the new effluent treatment works are completed. The MA4 zoning is correctly establishing its present use and will allow better access for amenity purposes in the years ahead.

Moladh:

Revert to Recreation and Amenity zoning on MA10.

Otherwise no changes to amended draft zonings.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhartharta and seconded by Comh O'Tuairisg it was agreed to retain the zonings on MA6, MA9, MA10, MA11 as per the Amendments and Material Alterations to the Draft Gaeltacht Plan.

1.1.3 Údarás na Gaeltachta

Achoimre:

In aghaidh MA5

- Tá go leor tailte crioslaithe le haghaidh caitheamh aimsire sa Phlean seachas é seo.

Freagra:

Tá an píosa beag talún seo in aice le tithe an Chomhairle Chontae. Tháinig roinnt aighneachtaí isteach chuig and Dréacht Phlean a rá go raibh gá le áit súgradh do pháistí gar do na tithe. Tá an Coiste Pobail sásta leis seo freisin.

Moladh:

An t-athrú a choinneáil.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhartharta and seconded by Comh O'Tuairisg it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

On the proposal of Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh, it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the Meeting to continue after 6 p.m.

1.2 An Spidéal

1.2.1. Celine Ní Dhiréain

Achoimre:

Tá sí go láidir i gcoinne na leasaithe MA6 agus MA8

- Tá luach ar leith ag baint leis an talamh agus an choill ó thaobh timpeallachta An Spidéil.
- Bhí stádas “Caitheamh Aimsire” ar na tailte go dtí seo.
- Tá neart talamh crioslaithe cheanna féin do thithíocht agus tá deacrachtaí le tithe a dhíol san áit.
- Ba cheart stádas S.A.C. a bheith ar diméin An Spidéil.

Freagra:

Comhairlítear, mar a déanadh san Dréacht Phlean, na tailte seo a fhágáil mar “Caitheamh Aimsire” ach, ar a laghad, fanacht go dtí go mbeidh an staidéar déanta ar an Diméin sula ndéanfar aon bheart críochnaithe ar an gcrioslú.

Ó thaobh an S.A.C. de, is faoin Roinn Comhshaoil tailte oiriúnacha a mholadh don Aontas Eorpach leis an stádas sin a bhronnadh orthu.

Moladh:

An crioslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar Diméin An Spidéil go dtí go gcuirfear críoch leis an staidéar atá geallta.

Comh o’Tuairisg stated that there was a lot of controversy in relation to the residential zoning of the lands the subject of MA6. He added that the Community Council in An Spidéil would be agreeable to a single house on the lands provided that there were footpaths allowed along the Bolluisce River

He stated also that there were a number of submissions received strongly opposing any development on these lands.

He added that the rights of the landowner must also to be acknowledged.

He stated also that it was a unique wooded area adjoining the Owenboliska that was rich in ecology and heritage, He proposed that a study be carried out on the lands associated with Spiddal house and domain

It was proposed by Comh O’Tuairisg and seconded by Comh O’Cuaig that the lands the subject of MA6 be zoned from proposed residential to proposed Recreation and Amenity as in the Draft Gaeltacht Local Area Plan and that PRA 1 of Section 7.6.8 of the plan be amended as follows

PRA 1 “no development will be considered North of the R336 until the specialist study of the Spiddal House and demesne lands is completed and then any development will be subject to the findings and recommendations of this study. For those lands South of the R336 consideration will be given, prior to the completion of the study, to the provision of a single house to meet the housing need of the landowners family. The design and siting of this house shall seek to maintain the recreation, amenity and environmental quality of these lands.”

Comh O’Tuairisg also stated the following, that this re-wording would be a specific policy and as such, would override the zoning matrix. This would allow the entire area to remain zoned for recreation and amenity but would give comfort to landowner(s) regarding the possibility of the development of a single residential unit somewhere on the lands between the road and the sea. The avoidance of specific re-

zoning to residential has benefits both for the Planning Authority and the landowner. The Planning Authority is not tied to a specific location for a dwelling (there may be better ways of permitting a single house somewhere on the entirety of this portion of lands where it can be well screened). There is an opportunity for the landowner, but no obligation, to offset the possible negative perception of a house, to the South of the road, by offering public access for recreational purposes to some or all of the area (walkways, stiles, etc). It would be accepted that such access could not unduly compromising the landowner's legitimate entitlement to the enjoyment of his property in privacy and with security. As stated, the permitting of a house would not necessarily be contingent on the securing of these facilities.

Comh OCuaig stated he supported this proposal.

Comh Ní Fhartharta stated that a housing development on the lands the subject of MA 6 was never in question, just a single house for the landowner. She also sought clarification on the study area and whether it also included the lands associated with MA6.

Cllr Kyne also supported this proposal and added that it recognised the sensitivity of the area but also allowed the landowner to build a house on the lands and also gave peace of mind to the local residents in the area.

Mr Ridge stated that it was his intention to carry out a study on all of the lands associated with Spiddal house and Demesne that there was no reason to distinguish the lands north and south. The only reason the southern piece was treated differently was that the landowner wants to build a house on the lands. Mr Ridge stated that there was nothing in this policy to guarantee planning permission.

Mr Ridge referred to the Strategic Environment Assessment and read the following from the assessment, "this (residential) zoning would be likely to have significant adverse impacts upon the mature broadleaf woodland. Potential impacts could occur on the landscape of the village and the context of Protected Structures. The removal of the Recreational and Amenity zoning objective from lands adjacent to the banks of the Owenboliska would be likely to impact upon the ecological connectivity and flora and fauna of the Owenboliska River which is capable of supporting and is likely to contain various salmonid species which are protected under the Habitats Directive." He added that this was a clear indicator on how detrimental residential development would be to the environment and also for the necessity of a specialist study of the area.

He also stated that public access to private lands can only be guaranteed if the landowner allows access or if the Council buys the land. Mr Ridge suggested that they insert this policy into the plan, have the study carried out and revisit the issue when the study has been completed.

Cllr S. Walsh asked if they as Councillors had to accept the outcome of the study.

Mr Ridge stated that results of the study would be used to inform them as part of the development management.

Cllr S Walsh stated that he was of the understanding from the last Conemara area meeting that the lands north of the R336 would remain unzoned until a study was carried out and that the zoning would be revisited at a later date depending on the results of the study. He added that this did not now appear to be the case,

He proposed to zone the lands the subject of MA6 south of the R336 residential for a house with an area limit of 250m² He added that this would safeguard the applicant obtaining planning permission for a single house.

The Members asked to have the study presented to them at a future date and after discussion it was agreed to do so.

Mr Ridge stated that this was a statutory plan and that all decisions should be based on the principles of proper planning and sustainable development.

He added that there was no statutory basis for the study. He stated that as the SEA had pointed out, a study would be necessary to examine how such sensitive lands could be developed.

A counter proposal by Cllr S. Walsh was made to Comh O'Tuairisg's proposal on the lands the subject of MA6

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It was proposed by Cllr. S Walsh seconded by Cllr. Conneely and agreed to zone the lands the subject of MA6 Residential allowing for one single housing unit with a floor area of not exceeding 250m²

A vote was taken on the proposal made by Cllr.S. Walsh and the result of the vote was as follows:

AR SON: Cllr. Conneely, Cllr. Feeney, Cllr. Hoade, Cllr. S. Walsh, (4)

IN AGHAIDH: Cllr. Canney, Cllr Carey, Cllr. Keaveney, Cllr. Kyne , Comh Ní Fhartharta, Comh. O'Cuaig, Comh. O'Tuairsg (7)

GAN VOTAIL: Cllr Connaughton, Cllr. Hynes Cllr. Mannion, Cllr. Willers (4)

The Mayor declared the proposal by Cllr S Walsh defeated and the proposal by Comh O'Tuairisg carried.

It was proposed by Cllr Walsh, seconded by Comh O'Tuairisg and agreed to zone the lands the subject of MA 8 Recreational and Amenity pending the completion of a study on Teach An Spidéal and its Demesne.

1.2.2 Áine Ní Chonchubhair

Achoimre:

I gcoinne MA6 agus MA8 mar gur seod Áitiúil agus Náisiúnta an choill agus go bhfuil

a dhóthain crioslú tithíochta ann cheana féin. Ba chóir Diméin An Spidéil a chrioslú mar "Caitheamh Aimsire".

I gcoinne MA5, MA7, MA9 & MA10 atá ar bhruach na h-abhann ba cheart crioslú

"Caitheamh Aimsire" a bheith ar na tailte.

I gcoinne MA12. Ba cheart crioslú "Caitheamh Aimsire" a bheith air

Freagra:

Glactar leis an dtábhacht atá ag Diméin An Spidéil san tsráidbhaile agus san réigiún,

agus moltar gur cheart fanacht le moltaí an staidéir sula gcuirfear aon chríoslú forbartha ar aon chuid des na tailte.

Tá 55 heicteár crioslaithe le haghaidh tithíocht san Dréacht Phlean. Is leor é sin don uimhir tithe a bhéas ceadaithe san bhaile i rith tréimhse an Phlean gan an teorainn a leathnú agus breis tailte a chríoslú.

Moladh:

- Críoslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar Diméin An Spidéil go dtí go mbeidh moltaí an staidéar ar fáil.
- Teorainn an Phlean a fhágáil i gcomhréir leis an Dréacht agus gan breis tailte a chríoslú.
- An críoslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar an píosa breise talún seo agus aon riachtanas tithíochta clainne a lonnú ar na tailte a bhí crioslaithe san Dréacht.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhartharta and seconded by Comh O’Tuairisg it was agreed not to accept the Manager’s Report in relation to the lands the subject of, MA5, MA7, MA9, and MA10 but to retain the zoning on the subject lands as it appeared in the Amendments and Material Alterations of the Draft Gaeltacht Local Area Plan as agreed at the Conamara Area Meeting.

On the proposal of Comh O’Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Ní Fhartharta it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of MA 12 but to follow the land boundary as indicated on a map presented to the meeting by Comh O’Tuairisg.

1.2.3 Máire Uí Chonchúir

Achoimre:

- MA8, a bheith crioslaithe mar Caitheamh Aimsire.
- MA6, an choill a fhágáil mar atá, is cuma faoi teach aonair.

Freagra:

Glactar leis an dtábhacht atá ag Diméin An Spidéil san tsráidbhaile agus san réigiún, agus moltar gur cheart fanacht le moltaí an staidéir sula gcuirfear aon chríoslú forbartha ar aon chuid des na tailte.

Moladh:

Críoslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar Diméin An Spidéil go dtí go mbeidh moltaí an staidéir ar fáil.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

1.2.4 Seán Ó Caoimh

Achoimre:

In aghaidh MA6, MA8 & MA12. Ba cheart na tailte úd a chrioslú le haghaidh Caitheamh Aimsire mar gheall ar an dtábhacht atá acu d'aitheantas an Spidéil.

Tá tábhacht éiceolaíocht le coill an Spidéil.

Téann an abhainn thar bhruach san choill isteach in MA6 go minic.

Freagra:

Glahtar leis an dtábhacht atá ag Diméin An Spidéil san tsráidbhaile agus san réigiún, agus moltar gur cheart fanacht le moltaí an staidéir sula gcuirfear aon chrioslú forbartha ar aon chuid des na tailte.

Moladh:

An Crioslú "Caitheamh Aimsire" a fhágáil ar Diméin An Spidéil go dtí go gcuirfear críoch leis an staidéar ata geallta. Freisin MA12 a chrioslú mar "Caitheamh Aimsire".

Decisions on MA 6, MA8 and MA12 have been dealt with under 1.2.1 and 1.2.2

Niall Mac Uidhílin

Achoimre:

- Mí-shásta le MA6 agus MA8.
- An buntáiste ag dul do chlann amháin seachas pobal na háite.
- Tá luach an-mhór ag baint leis an Diméin ó thaobh na staire, na timpeallachta agus na háilleachta de.
- De réir na tuarascála timpeallachta déanfar dochar don timpeallacht fíor-speisialta má chrioslaítear é le haghaidh tithíocht.
- Ba cheart é a chrioslú do "Caitheamh Aimsire" go dtí go mbeidh an staidéar críochnaithe.

Freagra:

Glahtar leis an dtábhacht atá ag Diméin An Spidéil san tsráidbhaile agus san réigiún, agus moltar gur cheart fanacht le moltaí an staidéir sula gcuirfear aon chrioslú forbartha ar aon chuid des na tailte.

Moladh:

An crioslú "Caitheamh Aimsire" a fhágáil ar Diméin An Spidéil go dtí go gcuirfear críoch leis an staidéar atá geallta.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

Cormac Ó Cualáin

Achoimre:

An objection to MA6 which proposes to change the draft zoning which was "Recreation and Amenity" to Residential.

Why was zoning changed in advance of the proposed Staidéar.

Are there alternative family lands other than the Demesne.

Has there been a declaration under Section 27 of the Planning Act?

Were the Councillors made aware of the housing demand and population growth in the village?

Were the tourism bodies consulted by the Councillors?

Were the terms and spirit of the Coastal Zone Management Strategy considered by the Councillors?

No final decision should be made of the zoning until all of the above matters have been duly considered.

Freagra:

It was considered that the family housing need which was the subject of a submission could be accommodated with a significant adverse effect on the Demesne and the Bolluisce River

This has not been established.

There has been no declaration under Section 27.

Table 5.4(a) of the Draft Plan shows the demographic trends in the Cois Fharrage area since 1996, while 7.3.4, 7.3.5 and 7.3.6 deal with the trends in the village and the supply of land to meet the projected demand.

There have been no submissions from any of the tourism bodies. The nine well-publicised and generally well attended public workshops afforded many opportunities for those bodies or of their constituent members to contribute to the draft. Some Údarás na Gaeltachta members did attend. They were partners in the tourism plans mentioned.

The document entitled "Review of Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Principles of Best Practise" is a very extensive and detailed publication. It will be a guiding document to objective 65 of the County Development Plan which has yet to be undertaken. The determination of the zoning of the site of MA6 should be decided on its effect on the Environmental quality of An Spidéil and on its contribution to the integrity of the curtilage and Demesne of Teach An Spidéil.

Moladh:

Retention of "Recreation & Amenity" zoning on the site pending the completion of the "staidéar" on Teach An Spidéil and its Demesne.

Decision on MA 6 has been dealt with under 1.2.1

Pádraic Breathnach

Achoimre:

An objection to MA6

It is in close proximity to the River and is the only residential zone on this stretch of land between the R336 and the beach. There are adequate zoned lands elsewhere.

The site should be included in the “Staidéar” of the Demesne.

Freagra:

The importance of this wooded area adjoining Bolluisce River is accepted and should be protected from non-essential development. The staidéar is important in establishing expert opinion on its ecosystems and in determining whether or not it should be built on.

Moladh:

Retention of “Recreation and Amenity” zoning on the site pending the completion of the “staidéar” on Teach An Spidéal and its Demesne.

Decision on MA 6 has been dealt with under 1.2.1

Claudia & Traolach Ó Cualáin

Achoimre:

An objection to the proposal to “have some of the lands which form part of the domain of An Spidéil House zoned for housing”

It is against the wishes of the community.

If developed the village character will be destroyed.

There are sufficient lands zoned for Residential Development

Freagra:

The importance of this wooded area adjoining Bolluisce River is accepted and should be protected from non-essential development. The staidéar is important in establishing expert opinion on its ecosystems and in determining whether or not it should be built on.

Moladh:

Retention of “Recreation and Amenity” zoning on the site pending the completion of the “staidéar” on Teach An Spidéal and its Demesne.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

Seosamh Ó Cualáin

Achoimre:

An objection to the proposal to have some of the lands which form part of the domain of An Spidéal House zoned for housing.

- It would be a sad sad day for the community as the village character would be destroyed.
- He would have no objection to a single house for the family member involved but is opposed to the re-zoning.
- There are sufficient lands zoned for Residential Development.

Freagra:

The importance of this wooded area adjoining Bolluisce River is accepted and should be protected from non-essential development. The staidéar is important in establishing expert opinion on its ecosystems and in determining whether or not it should be built on.

Moladh:

Retention of "Recreation and Amenity" zoning on the site pending the completion of the "staidéar" on Teach An Spidéal and its Demesne.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

Bríd Ní Shírin

Achoimre:

In aghaidh MA6 mar go raibh sé glactha ag Comhairle Forbartha An Spidéil go bhfágfaí an píosa talún seo mar "Caitheamh Aimsire".

- Ba cheart an choill a fhágáil an chaoi a bhfuil sé.
- Tá tábhacht ag baint le áiseanna turasoíreachta san tsráidbhaile.
- Tá neart tithe folamh, gan díol san Spidéal.
- Bhí sé le tuiscint ón gComhairle Chontae nach gceadófar forbairt ar thaobh na farraige den bpríomh bhóthar ach i gcásanna eisceachtúla.

Freagra:

Glactar leis an dtábhacht atá ag Diméin An Spidéil san tsráidbhaile agus san réigiún, agus moltar gur cheart fanacht le moltaí an staidéir sula gcuirfear aon chrioslú forbartha ar aon chuid des na tailte.

Moladh:

An crioslú "Caitheamh Aimsire" a fhágáil ar Diméin An Spidéil go dtí go gcuirfear críoch leis an staidéar atá geallta.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

John & Thelma Morris

Achoimre:

An objection to MA6

They own half of the natural Sycamore Wood, the Gate Lodge and Seafield House.

Natural native woods are rare on the west coast and should be preserved.

The wood contains 100 native wildlife species.

The area is prone to flooding.

Any houses built would be too expensive for the locals.

Freagra:

The importance of this wooded area adjoining Bolluisce River is accepted and should be protected from non-essential development. The staidéar is important in establishing expert opinion on its ecosystems and in determining whether or not it should be built on.

Moladh:

Retention of "Recreation and Amenity" zoning on the site pending the completion of the "staidéar" on Teach An Spidéal and its Demesne.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

Diarmaid Ó Cualáin

Achoimre:

An objection to MA6

- This area of mature deciduous vegetation is significant to the environmental and visual character of An Spidéal.
- The village relies on Tourism and this resource would be diminished if residential development were allowed on this site.
- There is adequate zoning elsewhere in the village for its future residential needs.

Freagra:

The importance of this wooded area adjoining Bolluisce River is accepted and should be protected from non-essential development. The staidéar is important in establishing expert opinion on its ecosystems and in determining whether or not it should be built on.

Moladh:

Retention of "Recreation and Amenity" zoning on the site pending the completion of the "staidéar" on Teach An Spidéal and its Demesne.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

R Ó Luaithráin

Achoimre:

I gcoinne MA5, MA6, MA7, MA8, MA9, MA10 & MA12

- Ba cheart coill An Spidéil a chosaint agus crioslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a chuir ar MA6 & MA8. Tá achar mór den Spidéal crioslaithe do thithíocht cheana féin.
- Ó thuaidh den bhóthar níl ach stráice beag talún crioslaithe do “Caitheamh Aimsire” ar bhruach na h-abhann. Ba cheart MA5, MA7, MA9 & MA10 a chrioslú mar “Caitheamh Aimsire”.
- Ó thaobh MA12 ba cheart é a bheith crioslaithe mar “Caitheamh Aimsire”. Tá a ndóthain tithe ceadaithe sa Spidéal cheana féin.

Freagra:

- Maidir le MA6 agus MA8, glactar leis an dtábhacht atá ag Diméin an Spidéil san tsráidbhaile agus san réigiún, agus moltar gur cheart fanacht le moltaí an staidéir sula gcuirfear aon chrioslú forbartha ar aon chuid des na tailte.
- Maidir le MA5, MA7, MA9, MA10 & MA12, is soiléir go bhfuil 55 heicteár crioslaithe le haghaidh tithíocht san Dréacht Phlean. Is leor é seo don uimhir tithe a bhéas ceadaithe san bhaile i rith tréimhse an Phlean gan an teorainn a leathnú agus breis tailte a chrioslú.

Moladh:

- An crioslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar Diméin An Spidéil go dtí go gcuirfear críoch leis an staidéar atá geallta.
- Teorainn An Phlean a fhágáil i gcomhréir leis an Dréacht agus gan breis tailte a chrioslú.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

Decisions on MA5, MA7, MA9, MA10, and MA12 have been dealt with under 1.2.2

1.2.14 Comhairle Pobail An Spidéil

Achoimre:

Cé go bhfuil siid ag tacú le mianta na clainne teach aonair a thógáil ar a gcuid tailte, ba cheart a chinntiú nach gcuirfear isteach ar an mbealach siúlóide cois abhainn agus mar sin an crioslú a chuir ar athló go dtí go mbeidh an staidéar críochnaithe.

Freagra:

Glactar leis an dtábhacht atá ag Diméin An Spidéil san tsráidbhaile agus san réigiún, agus moltar gur cheart fanacht le moltaí an staidéir sula gcuirfear aon chrioslú forbartha ar aon chuid des na tailte.

Moladh:

An crioslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar Diméin An Spidéil go dtí go gcuirfear críoch leis an staidéar atá geallta.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

1.2.15 Patricia Robinson

Achoimre:

An objection to MA6, MA8 & MA12

- It would be disgraceful to permit building on the wooded area of MA8.
- Buildings on MA6 and MA12 would destroy the beach area.

Freagra:

In the case of MA6 & MA8 the importance of the woodland of An Spidéal Demesne and the Bolluisce River is accepted and should be protected from non-essential development. The staidéar is important in establishing expert opinion on its ecosystems and in determining whether or not it should be built on.

- In the case of MA12 there are sufficient lands zoned for residential development in the Draft Plan without further extending such zoning.

Moladh:

Retention of "Recreation & Amenity" zoning on MA6 and MA8 pending the completion of the "staidéar" on Teach An Spidéil and its Demesne and also the retention of "Recreation & Amenity" zoning on MA12.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

Decision on MA12 has been dealt with under 1.2.2

1.2.16 Donncha Ó hÉalaithe

Achoimre:

In aghaidh MA6 and MA8.

- Déanadh na hathraithe gan mianta an phobail a chuir san áireamh agus in aghaidh comhairle an bhainisteora.
- De réir na tuarascála timpeallachta bheadh tionchar diúltach ag na hathraithe ar éiceolaíocht agus ar thírdhreach an tsráidbhaile.
- Ba cheart crioslú "Caitheamh Aimsire" a bheith ar an dá shuíomh go dtí go mbeidh an staidéar atá beartaithe ar fáil.

Freagra:

Glactar leis an dtábhacht atá ag Diméin An Spidéil san tsráidbhaile agus san réigiún, agus moltar gur cheart fanacht le moltaí an staidéir sula gcuirfear aon chrioslú forbartha ar aon chuid des na tailte.

Moladh:

An crioslú "Caitheamh Aimsire" a fhágáil ar Diméin An Spidéil go dtí go gcuirfear críoch leis an staidéar atá geallta.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

1.2.17 Brian Ó Cinnéide agus Eithne Uí Chinnéide

Achoimre:

In aghaidh MA6, MA8 & MA12

- Is páirt dár ndúchas Abhainn Bholuisce agus an choill mór thimpeall agus níor chóir iad a dhamáistiú.
- Bheadh tionchar ag na beartaithe ar éiceolaíocht na háite freisin.
- Téann an Abhainn thar maoil isteach in MA6 go minic.
- Níl an limistéar ina bhfuil MA12 feiliúnach do thithíocht mar gheall ar áilleacht an cheantair.
- Tá neart tailte crioslaithe le haghaidh tithíocht cheana féin.

Freagra:

- Glactar leis an dtábhacht atá ag Diméin An Spidéil san tsráidbhaile agus san réigiún, agus moltar gur cheart fanacht le moltaí an staidéir sula geuirfear aon chrioslú forbartha ar aon chuid des na tailte.
- Glactar freisin go bhfuil a dhóthain tailte crioslaithe le haghaidh riachtanais tithíochta na háite ar feadh tréimhse an Phlean gan talamh breise a chrioslú.

Moladh:

- An crioslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar Diméin An Spidéil go dtí go geuirfear críoch leis an staidéar atá geallta.
- An crioslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar MA12 agus aon riachtanas tithíochta claimne a lonnú ar na tailte a bhí crioslaithe san Dréacht.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

Decision on MA12 has been dealt with under 1.2.2

1.2.18 Mairéad Ní Fhéinne

Achoimre:

In aghaidh MA6, MA8 & MA12

- Is páirt dár ndúchas Abhainn Bholuisce agus an choill mór thimpeall agus níor chóir iad a dhamáistiú.
- Bheadh tionchar ag na beartaithe ar éiceolaíocht na háite freisin.
- Téann an Abhainn thar maoil isteach in MA6 go minic.
- Níl an limistéar ina bhfuil MA12 feiliúnach do thithíocht mar gheall ar áilleacht an cheantair.
- Tá neart tailte crioslaithe le haghaidh tithíocht cheana féin.

Freagra:

- Glactar leis an dtábhacht atá ag Diméin An Spidéil san tsráidbhaile agus san réigiún, agus moltar gur cheart fanacht le moltaí an staidéir sula gcuirfear aon chrioslú forbartha ar aon chuid des na tailte.
- Glactar freisin go bhfuil a dhóthain tailte crioslaithe le haghaidh riachtanais tithíochta na háite ar feadh tréimhse an Phlean gan talamh breise a chrioslú.

Moladh:

- An crioslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar Diméin An Spidéil go dtí go gcuirfear críoch leis an staidéar atá geallta.
- An crioslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar MA12 agus aon riachtanas tithíochta clainne a lonnú ar na tailte a bhí crioslaithe san Dréacht.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

Decision on MA12 has been dealt with under 1.2.2

1.2.19 Pádraic De Bhaldráithe

Achoimre:

In aghaidh MA6 and MA8.

- Tá sé mar chuspóir san Dréacht Phlean staidéar a dhéanamh ar an Diméin leis an gcumas forbartha agus caomhnaithe a chinneadh.
- De réir na tuarascála timpeallachta bheadh tionchar diúltach ag na hathraithe ar éiceolaíocht agus ar thírdhreach an tsráidbhaile.

Freagra:

Glactar leis an dtábhacht atá ag Diméin An Spidéil san tsráidbhaile agus san réigiún, agus moltar gur cheart fanacht le moltaí an staidéir sula gcuirfear aon chrioslú forbartha ar aon chuid des na tailte.

Moladh:

An crioslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar Diméin An Spidéil go dtí go gcuirfear críoch leis an staidéar atá geallta.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

1.2.20 Máire Ní Shíomóin

Achoimre:

In aghaidh MA6, MA8 and MA12

- Ba cheart go mbeadh ceantar Diméin An Spidéil caomhnaithe ina iomláine.
- Is seod áitiúil agus náisiúnta an choill. Níl a leithid le fáil in aon áit eile i gConamara Theas.

- Ba cheart an crioslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar an Diméin agus ar MA12 mar go bhfuil na céadta tithe ceadaithe cheana féin sa Spidéal.

Freagra:

- Glactar leis an dtábhacht atá ag Diméin An Spidéil san tsráidbhaile agus san réigiún, agus moltar gur cheart fanacht le moltaí an staidéir sula gcuirfear aon chrioslú forbartha ar aon chuid des na tailte.
- Glactar freisin go bhfuil a dhóthain tailte crioslaithe le haghaidh riachtanais tithíochta na háite ar feadh tréimhse an Phlean gan talamh breise a chrioslú.

Moladh:

- An crioslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar Diméin An Spidéil go dtí go gcuirfear críoch leis an staidéar atá geallta.
- An crioslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar MA12 agus aon riachtanas tithíochta clainne a lonnú ar na tailte a bhí crioslaithe san Dréacht.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

Decision on MA12 has been dealt with under 1.2.2

1.2.21 Pádraig Ó Máirtín

Achoimre:

In aghaidh MA6, MA8 & MA12

- Is páirt dár ndúchas Abhainn Bholuisece agus an choill mór thimpeall agus níor chóir iad a dhamáistiú.
- Bheadh tionchar ag na beartaithe ar éiceolaíocht na háite freisin.
- Téann an Abhainn thar maoil isteach in MA6 go minic.
- Nil an limistéar ina bhfuil MA12 feiliúnach do thithíocht mar gheall ar áilleacht an cheantair.
- Tá neart tailte crioslaithe le haghaidh tithíocht cheana féin.

Freagra:

- Glactar leis an dtábhacht atá ag Diméin An Spidéil san tsráidbhaile agus san réigiún, agus moltar gur cheart fanacht le moltaí an staidéir sula gcuirfear aon chrioslú forbartha ar aon chuid des na tailte.
- Glactar freisin go bhfuil a dhóthain tailte crioslaithe le haghaidh riachtanais tithíochta na háite ar feadh tréimhse an Phlean gan talamh breise a chrioslú.

Moladh:

- An crioslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar Diméin An Spidéil go dtí go gcuirfear críoch leis an staidéar atá geallta.

- An crioslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar MA12 agus aon riachtanas tithíochta clainne a lonnú ar na tailte a bhí crioslaithe san Dréacht.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

Decision on MA12 has been dealt with under 1.2.2

1.2.22 John Crossan

Achoimre:

An objection to the change of zoning on Spiddal Demesne North and South of the R336.

- The lands are in an S.A.C. and zoning for development would be a breach of the European Habitats Directive and the E.U. Water Framework Directive as transposed into Irish Law.
- Development zoning would also be in breach of the Wildlife Act as amended (2000).
- The lands of the demesne should be zoned “Recreation & Amenity”.

Freagra:

The importance of An Spidéal House and its Demesne including Bolluisce River is accepted and should be protected from non-essential development. However it is not designated as a candidate Special Area of Conservation or as a Natural Heritage Area under the Wildlife Amendment Act 2000.

The proposed staidéar is important in establishing expert opinion on its ecosystems and in determining whether or not it should be built on.

Moladh:

Retention of “Recreation and Amenity” zoning on the site pending the completion of the staidéar on Teach An Spidéal and its Demesne.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

1.2.23 Alasdair Mac Cana

Achoimre:

An objection to MA6

- The area concerned is pretty much the only coastal woodland between Bearna Woods and West Conamara.
- It has been a recreational area for generations of An Spidéal’s children and gave them an appreciation of nature.
- There are ample alternative lands for housing development.

Freagra:

The importance of this wooded area adjoining Bolluisce River is accepted and should be protected from non-essential development. The staidéar is important in

establishing expert opinion on its ecosystems and in determining whether or not it should be built on.

Moladh:

Retention of "Recreation and Amenity" zoning on the site pending the completion of the "staidéar" on Teach An Spidéal and its Demesne.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

1.2.24 Údarás Na Gaeltachta

Achoimre:

Scéim píolóta tithíochta a chur ar fáil do Ghaeilgeoirí ar MA9. Tá géarghá le scéim nua tarraingteach le dream atá colach air agus báúil don Ghaeilge a mhealladh chuig an Spidéal. Chun é a chuir i bhfeidhm ba cheart staidéar grinn, proifisiúnta a dhéanamh le hionchur ón Údarás, an Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta, an Chomhairle Chontae agus ionadaithe an phobail.

Freagra:

Tá an coincheap nuálach agus tarraingteach agus b'fhiú é a thriall, ach tá MA9 taobh amuigh den teorainn mar a bhí san dréacht Phlean. Tá a dhóthain tailte crioslaithe do thithíocht taobh istigh de teorainn an Dréacht Phlean le riachtanais an cheantair a shásamh i rith tréimhse an phlean. Is féidir a leithéid scéim a leanúint ar na tailte atá crioslaithe taobh istigh den teorainn.

Moladh:

Glacadh leis and teorainn mar a bhí ó thuas san dréacht agus gan na tailte breise a chrioslú.

Decision on MA9 has been dealt with under 1.2.2

1.2.25 Sinéad Ní Chualáin

Achoimre:

An objection to MA6

- The area which is comprised of mature deciduous woodland and adjoins the Bolluisce River should be preserved and protected as it is the only natural woodland in the Gaeltacht Area.
- Residential development on the site will destroy the natural beauty of the area.
- There are ample lands for housing development zoned elsewhere.
- There is no proper public sewerage scheme to cater for such development.

Freagra:

The importance of this wooded area adjoining Bolluisce River is accepted and should be protected from non-essential development. The staidéar is important in

establishing expert opinion on its ecosystems and in determining whether or not it should be built on.

Moladh:

Retention of "Recreation and Amenity" zoning on the site pending the completion of the "staidéar" on Teach An Spidéal and its Demesne.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

1.2.26 Máire Ní Neachtain

Achoimre:

In aghaidh MA6 & MA8

- Cuireann an moladh seo as go mór do dheis a bheith ag an bpobal taitneamh a bhaint as an gcuid seo den cheantar.
- Déanadh an moladh i gcoinne comhairle ón mbainisteoir agus ó CAAS.
- Ba cheart an Diméin a chrioslú mar "Caitheamh Aimsire".

Freagra:

Glahtar leis an dtábhacht atá ag Diméin An Spidéil san tsráidbhaile agus san réigiún, agus moltar gur cheart fanacht le moltaí an staidéir sula gcuirfear aon chrioslú forbartha ar aon chuid des na tailte.

Moladh:

An crioslú "Caitheamh Aimsire" a fhágáil ar Diméin An Spidéil go dtí go gcuirfear críoch leis an staidéar atá geallta.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

1.2.27 Róisín Ní Chuanaigh

Achoimre:

An objection to MA6

- The area which is comprised of mature deciduous woodland and adjoins the Bolluisce River should be preserved and protected as it is the only natural woodland in the Gaeltacht Area.
- Residential development on the site will destroy the natural beauty of the area.
- There are ample lands for housing development zoned elsewhere.
- There is no proper public sewerage scheme to cater for such development.

Freagra:

The importance of this wooded area adjoining Bolluisce River is accepted and should be protected from non-essential development. The staidéar is important in establishing expert opinion on its ecosystems and in determining whether or not it should be built on.

Moladh:

Retention of "Recreation and Amenity" zoning on the site pending the completion of the "staidéar" on Teach An Spidéal and its Demesne.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

1.2.28 Caitriona Ní Chonchubhair

Achoimre:

An objection to MA6 and MA8

- The scenic area involved should not be used for housing development but could be used as a local amenity for walks and as a tourist attraction.

Freagra:

The importance of this wooded area adjoining Bolluisce River is accepted and should be protected from non-essential development. The staidéar is important in establishing expert opinion on its ecosystems and in determining whether or not it should be built on.

Moladh:

Retention of "Recreation and Amenity" zoning on the site pending the completion of the "staidéar" on Teach An Spidéal and its Demesne.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

1.2.29 Tadhg Ó Conaill

Achoimre:

In aghaidh MA6 and MA8

- Má chuirtear forbairt ar na tailte seo scriosfar an chuid deireanach de talún infreastruchtúir áineasa sa mbaile.
- Déanfar dochair do cháilíocht uisce na h-abhann agus do chúrsaí iascaireachta.
- Tá fíor thábhacht ag baint le turasóireacht sa cheantair ó thaobh eacnamaíocht an Spidéil. Déanfar damáiste don ghustal seo má leagtar na crainn.

Freagra:

Glactar leis an dtábhacht atá ag Diméin An Spidéil san tsráidbhaile agus san réigiún, agus moltar gur cheart fanacht le moltaí an staidéir sula gcuirfear aon chríoslú forbartha ar aon chuid des na tailte.

Moladh:

An críoslú "Caitheamh Aimsire" a fhágáil ar Diméin An Spidéil go dtí go gcuirfear críoch leis an staidéar atá geallta.

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

1.2.30 Eoin Ó Droighnéain

Achoimre:

In aghaidh MA6 and MA12

- Mar phrionsabal, níor cheart crioslú tithíochta a bheith ó dheas den R336.

Freagra:

- I dtaobh MA6 glactar leis an dtábhacht atá ag Diméin An Spidéil san tsráidbhaile agus san réigiún, agus moltar gur cheart fanacht le moltaí an staidéir sula geuirfear aon chrioslú forbartha ar aon chuid des na tailte.
- I dtaobh MA12 tá an píosa breise seo ó dheas de na tithe atá buailte leis and R336. Is tírdhreach oscailte gan fhorbairt é seo go Trá na Céibhe a ba cheart a fhágáil mar atá.

Moladh:

An crioslú “Caitheamh Aimsire” a fhágáil ar Diméin an Spidéil go dtí go geuirfear críoch leis an staidéar atá geallta.

Freisin MA12 a chrioslú mar “Caitheamh Aimsire”

Decisions on MA 6 and MA8 have been dealt with under 1.2.1

Decision on MA12 has been dealt with under 1.2.2

Ábhar 2 Cáilíocht Chónaitheach

2.1. Conradh na Gaeilge Maigh Cuilinn

Achoimre:

Cuirfear Clásal Feidhme Teanga i bhfeidhm i gcás 50% de na haonaid i bhforbairtí cónaitheacha ina bhfuil dhá aonad nó níos mó taobh istigh de Phlean Ceantar Áitiúil Mhaigh Cuilinn.

Freagra:

D’fhás an daonra i dtoghroinn Mhaigh Cuilinn ar chéatadán 73.6% idir 1996-2006. San am céanna thit líon na gcainteoirí laethúla Gaeilge ó 24% (timpeall) go 20%. Cé go bhfuil gá le scéim pólótach le cainteoirí Gaeilge a mhealladh isteach sa bhaile, bheadh sé mí-réadúil go mbeadh a leithéid de mhargadh le haghaidh 50% den méid tithe atá leagtha amach i bPlean Forbartha an Chontae.

Moladh:

Glacadh le na Polasaithe seo:

Cáilíocht Chónaitheach i gCeantar na Gaeltachta (Dréacht 4)

Mar a léiríodh sa phlean seo cheana féin, tá an-bhrú teanga ar chuid de na ceantair atá níos gaire do Chathair na Gaillimhe de bharr an tionchair ó fhorbairt na Cathrach. Ach sin ráite, tá ceantair eile níos faide siar agus ar na hoileáin atá an-láidir ó thaobh na Gaeilge de ach fós atá faoi bhrú den chineál céanna de bharr meath daonra. Tá na polasaithe seo a leanas leagtha amach mar chosaint in aghaidh na gcúinsí sin taobh istigh de na teorainneacha a bhaineann le pleanáil chúil agus le forbairt inmharthanach.

Sainmhíniú ar an bPolasaí ‘Neartú Gaeltachta’

Cuirfear cultúr teanga agus oidhreachta na Gaeltachta chun cinn níos fearr lena bheith fábharach d’iarratasóirí atá ag iarraidh forbairtí buana/fadtréimhseacha cónaitheacha a dhéanamh ach iad a bheith in ann a léiriú go mbaineann siad le ceann de na catagóirí seo a leanas:

- a. Déanfar measúnú faoi fhorálacha an Phlean Forbartha Contae ar dhaoine áitiúla mar atá sainithe i bPlean Forbartha an Chontae, agus daoine atá fostaithe, féinfhostaithe nó atá ag cruthú fostaíochta sa cheantar.

nó

- b. Imirceoirí as an gceantar agus garbhaill a dteaghlaigh atá ag fillleadh abhaile, mar atá sainithe i bPlean Forbartha an Chontae.

nó

- c. Gaeilgeoirí atá in ann a gcumas labhartha Gaeilge a léiriú faoi réir riachtanais an Chomhairle Contae agus atá in ann a léiriú gur buntáiste fadtéarmach a bheadh iontu do ghréasán traidisiúnta, cultúrtha, ealaíne, oidhreachta agus teanga na bpobal fuinniúil Gaeltachta.

Tá an clásal feidhme i Neartú Gaeltachta ar aon dul leis an gclásal ginearálta reatha feidhme ach gur féidir leat cáiliú faoin gclásal má tá tú in ann Gaeilge a labhairt. Forbairtí Cónaitheacha ina bhfuil 2 aonad nó níos mó

Cuid 1: Ceantair Ghaeltachta atá taobh istigh de Theorainn Staidéir Iompair agus Phleanála na Gaillimhe, (GTPS, M. Fómh. 1999). Taobh thiar den Choirib gan na ceantair atá liostaithe i gCuid 2 a áireamh.

Cuirfear Clásal Feidhme Teanga (%LEC) i bhfeidhm ar chuid de na haonaid i bhforbairtí cónaitheacha a bhfuil dhá aonad nó níos mó iontu taobh istigh den cheantar GTPS. Beidh codán 80% (slánaithe suas) ar a laghad de na tithe sin faoi shrian Chlásal Feidhme Teanga, nó i gcomhréir le líon na ndaoine a labhraíonn Gaeilge go laethúil, bunaithe ar an daonáireamh is deireanaí atá foilsithe cibé acu is airde. Beidh an polasaí ‘Neartú Gaeltachta’ i bhfeidhm ar an 20% eile de na haonaid in aon fhorbairtí den chineál sin.

Beidh tréimhse 15 bliana i gceist le gach clásal srianta, idir Neartú Gaeltachta agus Clásal Feidhme Teanga, ón dáta a dtosófar an chéad lonnaitheacht in aonad cónaitheach.

Forbairtí Cónaitheacha ina bhfuil 2 aonad nó níos mó

Cuid 2 a: Ceantair Ghaeltachta atá taobh amuigh de Theorainn Staidéir Iompair agus Phleanála na Gaillimhe, (GTPS, M. Fómh. 1999) agus Taobh Thiar den Choirib. Beidh clásal feidhme Neartú Gaeltachta 15 bliana ag dul le gach forbairt cheadaithe chun an cineál lonnaitheachta a shrianadh taobh istigh de na catagóirí atá liostaithe.

Forbairtí Cónaitheacha ina bhfuil 2 aonad nó níos mó

Cuid 2 b: Ceantair Ghaeltachta atá Taobh Thoir den Choirib, seachas Baile Chláir. Forálacha Phlean Forbartha an Chontae amháin a bheidh i bhfeidhm.

Forbairtí Cónaitheacha ina bhfuil 2 aonad nó níos mó

Cuid 2 c: Teorainneacha Phlean Cheantar Áitiúil Mhaigh Cuilinn agus Bhearna
Cuirfear Clásal Feidhme Teanga i bhfeidhm i gcás 30% de na haonaid i bhforbairtí cónaitheacha ina bhfuil dhá aonad nó níos mó taobh istigh de Phlean Cheantar Áitiúil Mhaigh Cuilinn agus Bhearna.

Forbairtí Cónaitheacha ina bhfuil 2 aonad nó níos mó

Cuid 2 d: Teorainn Phlean Cheantar Áitiúil Bhaile Chláir
Cuirfear Clásal Feidhme Teanga i bhfeidhm i gcás 20% de na haonaid i bhforbairtí cónaitheacha ina bhfuil dhá aonad nó níos mó taobh istigh de Theorainn Phlean Cheantar Áitiúil Bhaile Chláir.

Cuid 3: Forbairtí Cónaitheacha ina bhfuil Tithe Aonair

Beidh clásal feidhme Nearthú Gaeltachta i bhfeidhm i gcás tithe aonair, taobh istigh agus taobh amuigh de cheantair chónaitheacha, agus taobh istigh agus taobh amuigh den cheantar GTPS, Taobh Thiar den Choirib amháin, agus caithfidh siad cáiliú faoin bpolasaí Nearthú Gaeltachta.

Cuid 4:

Déanfar iarratais ar chead taobh amuigh de theorainneacha pleananna ó iarrthóirí atá ag cónaí laistigh de theorainneacha Pleananna forbartha Mhaigh Cuilinn, Bearna, An Cheathrú Rua agus An Spidéal a mheas má tá siad in ann riachtanas tithíochta a chruthú mar atá sonraithe sa bPlean Forbartha Contae

Comh O'Tuairisg presented the Gaeltacht Residential Qualification as outlined by the Members following the Connemara Area Committee Meeting on the 19/02/2008 as follows:-

Gaeltacht Residential Qualification (Draft 5)

Residential Qualification in the Gaeltacht Area

The determinant of residential qualification in Gaeltacht Areas will be Policy 90 of the County Development Plan as amended July 2006.

The following is the text of Policy 90 which will be inserted in its entirety into the Gaeltacht Plan.

In determining whether an application within the Galway Transportation and Planning Study (GTPS) area is intended to meet a genuine rural generated housing need, the provisions of the "*Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2005*" (Appendix 6) shall be considered. The following factors will also be considered on the documentary evidence presented on a case by case basis.

(a) Those applicants with links to the area through long standing existing close family ties seeking to develop their first home on existing family farm holdings.

or

(b) Those applicants who have no family lands but who wish to build their first home within the community in which they have long standing links and where they have spent a substantial, continuous part of their lives (i.e. have grown up in the area, schooled in the area and have existing close family connections in the area e.g. son or

daughter of longstanding residents of the area). Having established a substantiated rural housing need, such persons making an application on a site within an 8km radius of their original family home will be considered favourably, subject to normal development control criteria and provided the site is not closer to Galway city than the original family home or encroaches within the urban fringe of the towns of Gort, Loughrea, Athenry or Tuam.

or

(c) Those applicants who are functionally dependant on a part time or full time basis on the immediate rural area in which they are seeking to develop. Employment in neighbouring towns or villages will not in itself qualify an applicant as having a rural generated housing need.

or

(d) Those applicants who lived for substantial periods of their lives in the rural area, then moved abroad and who now wish to return and build their first house, in this local area, to reside near other family members. Special consideration will be given to the immediate family of emigrants returning to this local area.

or

(e) Special consideration shall be given to cases of exceptional health circumstances – supported by relevant documentation from a registered medical practitioner and a disability organisation proving that a person requires to live in a particular environment or close to family support, or requires a family member to live in close proximity to that person. In that instance a family member shall be defined as the brother, sister, son, daughter, niece, nephew or grandchild of the person with such exceptional health circumstances.

or

(f) A Language Enurement will not apply to housing developments of two or more houses in those District Electoral Divisions of the Gaeltacht where less than 20% of the population speak Irish on a daily basis based on the 2002 Census data.

A Language Enurement clause will be applied on a proportion of houses (in housing developments of two or more houses) inside the GTPS boundary subject to the minimum percentage described above.

This proportion will be determined by reference to the percentage of persons in the relevant District Electoral Division, using the Irish Language on a daily basis, in accordance with the 2002 Census data.

The position of the Irish Language in the areas outside the GTPS boundary, which is predominantly contained within the Clár area, will be protected by restricting the qualification to buy houses in housing developments of two or more houses to the following categories:

- Local people as defined in the County Development Plan.
- People who are employed, self employed, are creating
- Employment in the area provided that work is expected to be on a long term basis.
- Returning emigrants for the area or people returning to the area from other parts of Ireland.
- The immediate family members of emigrants and migrants.
- Irish speakers.

In addition to Policy 90 of the County Plan it was decided to adopt the following policies relating to Residential Developments of 2 or more houses.

Residential Developments of 2 or more houses

Section (a) Areas within the Galway Transport and Planning Study Boundary (GTPS, Sept. 1999) excluding those areas in (c) below

A Language Enurement Clause (%LEC) will be applied on a portion of residential units in developments of two or more units. The proportion of homes to which a Language Enurement Clause applies will be a minimum of 80% (rounded up) or to the proportion of persons using the Irish Language on a daily basis, in accordance with the latest published Census whichever is the greater. The remainder will be restricted to the qualifying categories of persons referred to in Policy 90 of the County Development Plan and will have a general Enurement Clause of 15 years duration attached or may also qualify under the Language Enurement Clause. The Language Enurement Clause will continue to be for a duration of 15 years from the date of first occupancy of the unit.

Residential Developments of 2 or more houses:

Section (b) **Gaeltacht areas, west of the Crib which are outside the Galway Transport and Planning Study Boundary (GTPS, Sept. 1999)**

The qualifying categories are those indicated in Policy 90 of the County Development Plan and they will be subject to the Gaeltacht Enurement Clause of duration 15 years.

Residential Developments of 2 or more houses

Section (c) **Local Area Plan Boundaries of Maigh Cuilinn, Bearna and Baile Chláir.**

Within the Local Area Plan boundaries of Maigh Cuilinn, Bearna and Baile Chláir a Language Enurement Clause will be applied to 20% of the units in residential developments of two or more units.

Section (d) **Residential Developments of Single Houses**

Single houses throughout the Gaeltacht west of the Corrib the provisions of Policy 90 of the County Development Plan will apply.

In addition consideration will be given to Irish speakers who can prove their competence to speak Irish in accordance with Galway County Councils requirements and who can demonstrate their ability to be a long term asset to the traditional, cultural, arts, heritage and language networks of vibrant Gaeltacht Communities. A Language Enurement Clause of 15 years duration will apply to eligible applicants in this category.

A General Enurement Clause of 7 years duration applies to eligible applicants under Policy 90 of the County Development Plan

Comh O'Tuairisg proposed to amend Section (d) of this policy so that it includes Class 4 and Class 5 areas.

Mr Ridge stated that he had serious difficulties with this as it would open up unique scenic areas like the Aran Islands to holiday home developments etc.

Clr S Walsh stated that he agreed with Mr Ridge's concerns but added that there were local people in the Class 4 areas finding it difficult to get planning permission. He added that it was important to preserve these areas but added that there were lands in these areas on back roads etc that were not focal points and which do not require such stringent planning controls.

Mr Ridge advised including a statement that consideration would be given to applicants in Class 4 areas that were not in prominent scenic locations and who will use the house as their permanent principal residence.

Comh O'Cuaig stated that there was a need for more Irish speakers in the class 4 areas such as Carna but added that there was need for programmes or incentives to attract people to the areas.

Mr Ridge stated that once people are permitted into these areas, site prices will go up and the young people of the area will be priced out of the market.

He added that in areas such as Clonbur and Conamona south of the Galway /Mayo Border where planning restrictions exist the population has increased whereas in areas in Mayo, north of the border the population has declined.

On the proposal of Comh O'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh O'Cuaig it was agreed that in relation to Section (d) consideration will be given to Irish speakers who can prove their competence to speak Irish in accordance with Galway County Councils requirements and who can demonstrate their ability to be a long term asset to the traditional, cultural, arts, heritage and language networks of vibrant Gaeltacht Communities in Areas 1,2,and 3 and in Class 4 areas that are not in prominent scenic locations and who use the house as their permanent principal residence. A Language Enurement Clause of 15 years duration will apply to eligible applicants in this category.

Comh O Cuaig stated that the only issue that he had with the Néartú Gaeltachta Policy was the 7 years enurement clause for local people and the 15 year enurement clause for Gaeilgeoirí

He also asked why there wasn't a 7 year enurement clause for the local person in housing estates as well as for the single rural house.

Comh Ní Fhartharta stated that the 15 year enurement clause comes from Bord Pléanala decisions due to development pressure from the Galway city.

She stated that she had no problem with 15 year enurement on estates inside the GTPS but for areas outside of this she would prefer it to be more open.

Mr Ridge stated that inside settlement centres in housing developments of 2 or more units, the 80% proportion of houses to which a language enurement clause applies, the clause will be for 15 years and the remainder based on Policy 90 will also have a 15 year enurement everywhere.

Clr S.Walsh stated that local people without Irish who want to buy a house in Spiddle the enurement clause should only have a duration of 7 years.

Comh O'Cuaig proposed that outside the GTPS a 7 year enurement clause should apply regardless of it being a single rural house or a house in a housing estate and for Gaeilgeoirí coming in to an area a 15 year enurement should apply.

Comh Ní Fhartharta stated that Irish speakers inside the GTPS should have the 15 year language enurement and added that there should be no distinction between local people inside or outside the GTPS area where both should have the 7 year enurement. Comh O'Cuaig stated that it was difficult to explain how a 7 year enurement applies on the edge of a town and that a 15 year enurement applies just inside the town. Mr. Ridge explained that outside the towns the applicant would qualify on the essential housing need requirements (7 year enurement) whereas Irish speakers would qualify specifically under their ability to speak Irish and would accept a 15 year enurement.

Mr Ridge summarized the issues raised as follows: Inside and outside the GTPS a 15 year enurement would apply to those who qualify under the Irish language. Inside and outside settlement centres a 15 year enurement would apply to those who qualify under the Irish language. Local People qualifying under Policy 90 of Galway County Development Plan inside and outside the GTPS a 7 year enurement would apply. There would be no distinction made between single rural houses and houses in estates outside the GTPS.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhartharta and seconded by Comh O'Cuaig it was agreed that the 80% proportion of homes to which a language enurement clause applies in developments of 2 or more houses within the GTPS, the language enurement clause will be for a duration of 15 years.

It was also agreed that Gaeltacht areas, west of the Corrib which are outside the GTPS in residential developments of 2 or more houses where the qualifying categories are those indicated in Policy 90 of the CDP would be subject to the Gaeltacht Enurement Clause of duration of 7 years (reduced from 15)

On the proposal of Cllr Kyne and seconded by Comh Ní Fhartharta it was agreed that within the local area plan boundaries of Maigh Cuilinn, and Bearna, and Claregalway the language enurement clause would apply to 20% of the units in residential developments of two or more units.

2.2 Heffernan & Associates

Achoimre:

The application of the Residential qualifications/restrictions to the settlements west of the Corrib would ensure the death of the settlements. It would also lead to development pressures outside the centres where land is cheaper, and so undermine the basic settlement policy.

Freagra:

Eleven of the thirty-five designated settlement centres west of the Corrib are not in the Gaeltacht and consequently will not be directly affected by the Plan. Of the remainder, the smaller settlements which are inside the G.T.P.S. boundary have

shown modest but gradual growth (114 houses permitted in a four year period). The Local Service centres of Bearna, An Spidéal, Maigh Cuilinn and the Service Hub of An Cheathrú Rua have had substantial residential growth (568 houses permitted in the past 4 years). This does not indicate a failure of the settlement policies.

The legal remit of the County Council as set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000, Section 10.2(m) is to protect "the linguistic and cultural heritage of the Gaeltacht including the promotion of Irish ...". This requires a balance between catering for the development needs of the local communities and using development and spatial policies to protect and promote its indigenous culture. There are policy variations in the Plan with a view to achieving this aim.

The 80/20% is not universally applicable, as the submission seems to suggest. In the case of Bearna and Maigh Cuilinn the language enurement clause is only applied to 20% of the group houses (as per amended draft).

Moladh:

Adopt the following Policies:

Residential Qualification in the Gaeltacht Area

As previously described in this plan some areas closer to Galway City are experiencing severe linguistic pressures in areas affected by the development of the City. However, other areas further west and on the Islands while being very strong from a language point of view are experiencing pressures of equal measure from population decline. The following policies are designed to help to counteract these issues within the constraints of proper planning and sustainable development.

Definition of the 'Nearthú Gaeltachta' Policy

The linguistic and cultural heritage of the Gaeltacht will be further promoted by being favorably disposed towards applicants for permanent/long term residential developments who can demonstrate that they belong to one of the following categories:

- a. Local people, as defined in the County Development Plan, and people who are either employed, self-employed or creating employment in an area will be assessed under the provisions of the County Development Plan.
or
- b. Returning emigrants and migrants from the area and their immediate families, as defined in the County Development Plan.
or
- c. Irish Speakers who can prove their competence to speak Irish in accordance with Galway County Council's requirements and who can demonstrate their ability to be a long term asset to the traditional, cultural, arts, heritage and language networks of vibrant Gaeltacht communities.

A Nearthú Gaeltachta enurement clause is similar to the current general enurement clause except that you can qualify under the clause if you speak Irish.

Residential Developments of 2 or more units

Section 1: Gaeltacht areas that are within the Galway Transport and Planning Study Boundary, (GTPS, Sept. 1999.) West of the Corrib and excluding the areas listed in Section 2.

Within the GTPS area a Language Enurement Clause (%LEC) will be applied on a portion of units in residential developments of two or more units. The proportion of homes to which a Language Enurement Clause applies will be a minimum of 80% (rounded up) or to the proportion of persons using the Irish language on a daily basis, in accordance with the latest published Census whichever is the greater. The 'Nearthú Gaeltachta' Policy will apply to the other 20% of units within such developments. All enurements clauses both Nearthú Gaeltachta and Language Enurement Clause will have a duration of 15 years from the date of first occupancy of the residential unit.

Residential Developments of 2 or more units

Section 2 a: Gaeltacht areas that are outside the Galway Transport and Planning Study Boundary, (GTPS, Sept. 1999.) and West of the Corrib. Nearthú Gaeltachta enurement clause to restrict occupancy to the listed categories will be attached to all permitted developments for 15 years.

Residential Developments of 2 or more units

Section 2 b: Gaeltacht areas that are East of the Corrib excluding Claregalway.

The provisions of the County Development Plan only will apply

Residential Developments of 2 or more units

Section 2 c: Local Area Plan Boundaries of Maigh Cuilinn and Bearna
Within the Local Area Plan Boundaries of Maigh Cuilinn and Bearna a Language Enurement Clause will be applied to 30% of the units in residential developments of two or more units.

Residential Developments of 2 or more units

Section 2 d: Local Area Plan Boundary of Baile Chláir
Within the Local Area Plan Boundary of Baile Chláir a language enurement clause will be applied to 20% of the units in residential developments of two or more units.
Section 3: Residential Developments of Single Houses
Single houses, both inside and outside settlement centre areas, and inside and outside the GTPS area, West of the Corrib only, will have to qualify under the Nearthú Gaeltachta policy and will be subjected to a Nearthú Gaeltachta enurement clause.

Section 4:

Applicants living within the development Plan boundaries of Moycullen, Bearna , An Cheathrú Rua and An Spidéil seeking permission outside the plan boundaries shall be considered if they can establish housing need as defined by the County Development Plan

Decisions as per 2.1

Achoimre:

Glacadh leis an gCáilíocht Chónaitheach agus le 15 bliain mar thréimhse an chláisail ceangailte ach gur féidir taobh istigh den 15 bhliain, an teach a dhíol dóibh siúd atá luaithe i gcatagóirí a, b, c den bpolasaí Neartú Gaeltachta.

Freagra:

Ó thaobh bainistíochta de beidh sé indéanta

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.4 **Seán Ó Ráighne, Cumann Forbartha Chois Fharráige**

Achoimre:

Tacaíocht don Cháilíocht Chónaitheach, go háirithe na céatadáin 80/20%.

Freagra:

Glacadh leis an dtacaíocht

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.5 **Áine Ní Chonchubhair**

Achoimre:

Tacaíocht don gcosaint atá tugtha don Ghaeilge san bPlean.

Freagra:

Glacadh leis an dtacaíocht.

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.6 **Máire Uí Chonchúir**

Achoimre:

Tacaíocht don gcosaint atá tugtha don Ghaeilge san bPlean.

Freagra

Glacadh leis an dtacaíocht.

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.7 Colm O Cinnseala

Achoimre:

Tacaíocht leis na h-athraithe atá san Dréacht Phlean go háirithe na sonraí a bhaineann le Neartú na Gaeltachta.

Ó thaobh na scéimeanna tithíochta de níor cheart dul níos lú ná 80% do Ghaeilgeoirí. Má cheadaítear a leithéid, agus má ghlactar leis na figiúirí ón daonáireamh, ba cheart go mbeadh an céatadán bunaithe ar chumas Gaeilge chuile dhuine sa teach.

Freagra:

Baineann an 80% (slánaithe suas), nó figiúirí na gcainteoirí laethúla ón daonáireamh, leis na bailte taobh istigh den G.T.P.S. ach amháin i gcásanna Bhearna, Mhaigh Cuilinn agus Bhaile Chláir gur leor 20% (faoi láthair). Tá roinnt bheag de na bailte eile i gConamara ina bhfuil an céatadán faoi 80%. Le cosaint a thabhairt dóibh siúd ba cheart an céatadán a bheith 80%, nó an figiúir ón daonáireamh, pé ceann is mó, ar a mbeidh an clásal srianta teanga riachtanach.

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.8 Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Coiste Pobail na Ceathrú Rua

Achoimre:

Tacaíocht iomlán don Dréacht athraithe, go háirithe don Neartú Gaeltachta agus don gcoinníoll teangan ar 80% de na scéimeanna taobh istigh den G.T.P.S. Ba cheart go mbeadh an 80% riachtanach i bparóiste an Chillín go hiomlán.

Freagra:

Tá toghroinn an Chrompáin, ina bhfuil An Cheathrú Rua suite taobh istigh den G.T.P.S. Níl Leitir Móir ná Leitir Mealláin gur cuid de pharóiste An Chillín iad, istigh san G.T.P.S. Baineann an polasaí “Neartú Gaeltachta” le Leitir Móir agus Leitir Mealláin agus ní bhaineann an céatadán 80% (clásal teanga) leis na bailte atá iontu. Ceaptar gur leor an polasaí “Neartú Gaeltachta” sa ceantracha láidre teanga taobh amuigh den G.T.P.S. leis an gcultúr a chosaint agus le spreagadh a thabhairt don daonra ag an am gcéanna.

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.9 Treasa Uí Lorcáin

Achoimre:

Tacaíocht iomlán don bpolasaí “Nearthú Gaeltachta”. Tabharfaidh sé seans maith dos na dreamanna atá luaite a dtithe a thógáil, an Ghaeltacht a láidriú agus teachtaireacht dearfach a thabhairt don saol mór faoin nGaeilge.

Freagra:

Glactar leis an dtacaíocht.

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.10 Darach Ó Tuairisg

Achoimre:

Tacaíocht don nGaeltacht a choinneal mar atá

Freagra:

Glactar leis an dtacaíocht

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.11 Siobhan & Brain Imbusch

Achoimre:

Residential Qualifications – Section 3 single houses. Applicants from within the plan boundaries of Bearna, An Spidéal, An Cheathrú Rua, Maigh Cuilinn, seeking permission outside the plan boundaries in all areas of the Gaeltacht will not be refused permission on the basis of being urban generated once they can establish housing need and considered local as defined in the County Development Plan.

Freagra:

It is likely that a number of such applicants will qualify under the Nearthú Gaeltachta policy depending on the merits of each individual case. As a specific interpretation of Policy 95 of the County Development Plan the Councillors agreed the following motion “Applicants living within the development Plan boundaries of Moycullen, Bearna, An Cheathrú Rua and An Spidéal seeking permission outside the plan boundaries shall be considered if they can establish housing need as defined by the County Development Plan.”

Moladh:

As per the Moladh in 2.2.

Decisions as per 2.1 as regards the Residential Qualifications in the Gaeltacht
On the proposal of Cllr S Walsh and second by Cllr Kyne it was also agreed to insert the following into the Residential qualification in the Gaeltacht,

“Applicants living within the development Plan boundaries of Maigh Cuilinn, Bearnna , An Cheathrú Rua and An Spidéil seeking permission outside the plan boundaries “**shall not be regarded as urban generated and**” shall be considered if they can establish housing need as defined by the County Development Plan.

2.12 Aodán Mac Donncha, Comhairle Pobail An Spidéil

Achoimre:

Tacaíocht don gCáilíocht Chónaitheach, go háirithe an 80% sa Spidéal do dhaoine le líofacht Gaeilge; fáilte freisin don bpolasaí Nearthú Gaeltachta.

Freagra:

Glacadh leis an dtacaíocht

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.13 Debbie Ní Fhlatharta

Achoimre:

Amend category C of the Nearthú Gaeltachta policy as follows:

“Irish speakers who can prove their competence to speak Irish in accordance with Galway County Council’s requirements

OR

Can demonstrate their ability to be a long term asset to the traditional, cultural, arts, heritage or through self education from the language networks of vibrant Gaeltacht communities and education of their children through the Irish Language”.

Freagra:

It is considered that the policy as stated is sufficient to allow competent Irish speakers who wish to have a permanent residence in vibrant Gaeltacht Community to be assessed on the merits of each individual case. The details of demonstrating their ability to be a long term asset to the life of the community can be assessed in the context of a Planning Application and an available pre-planning consultation.

Moladh:

As per the Moladh in 2.2.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.14 Murt Ó Cualáin, Coiste Forbartha na bhForbacha

Achoimre:

Tacaíocht iomlán don Cháilíocht Cónaitheach ach an tréimhse ceangail a bheith 12 bliain ar a mhéid.

Freagra:

Glactar leis an dtacaíocht ach amháin an tréimhse 12 bliain. Féach 3.2 mar leanas.

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.15 Donncha Ó hÉalaithe

Achoimre:

- In ionad Clásal Teanga a chur ar 20% de na tithe i Maigh Cuilinn, Baile Chláir agus Bearna go gcuirfí abairt ag tabhairt le fios go mbreathnófaí go fabhrach ar iarratas le scéim tithe, a bheadh teoranta do theaghlaigh, a thógtar trí Ghaeilge.
- Go mbeadh 80% ar a laghad de na tithe sna scéimeanna taobh amuigh den G.T.P.S. faoi shrian an chlásal Gaeilge an fhad is atá 51% ar a laghad den daonra ina gcainteoirí Gaeilge agus 30% ina gcainteoirí laethúla. Sa gcás nach cainteoirí Gaeilge 51% ar a laghad den daonra nach mbeadh an polasaí “Nearthú Gaeltachta” á fheidhmiú.

Freagra:

- Tá roinnt aighneachtaí ag iarraidh an céatadán tithíochta le clásal teanga a ardú ó 20% i gcás Mhaigh Cuilinn agus Bhearna seachas é a bhaint as. Moltar go n-ardófaí é go 30%.

Ó thaobh polasaí leith scéim do Ghaeilgeoirí, tá sé scríofa cheana féin i bPlean an Chontae (polasaí 205) agus luaite freisin i 3.3.7 den Dréacht Phlean seo.

- Go coitianta tá na toghranna atá taobh amuigh den G.T.P.S. ag cailliúint daonra. Tá an Ghaeilge láidir i ndeisceart Chonamara ach i bhfad níos laíge i dtuaisceart Chonamara. Tugann an polasaí “Nearthú Gaeltachta” seans do dhaoine breise cur fúthu ins na toghranna thiar agus ó thuaidh agus ionchur dearfach a dhéanamh sna háiteanna sin gan dochar a dhéanamh don teanga. Má leantar leis an gclaonadh déimeagrafaíochta mar atá, ní bheidh a dhóthain daoine ina gcónaí ins na háiteanna úd le pobail bríomhar, nua-aimseartha, gaelach i gcannas a dhúiche féin a bheith ann. Más rud é nach bhfuil na polasaithe ag obair go sásúil leis an teanga agus an cultúr a chothú agus a chur chun cinn, is féidir an Plean Áitiúil a athrú nó iarratas pleanála mí oiriúnach a dhiúltú de réir cuid 10 den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000.

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.16 Proinsias Ó Raghallaigh

Achoimre:

- In general there has been a welcome for the Gaeltacht Plan and the additional categories of people who qualify for housing.
- The onus of proof in relation to establishing housing need is excessive at the moment. The interpretation of local housing need under the new plan should be more facilitating.
- The input of Irish Speakers from other areas of the Country would be welcome but the 15 year enurement would be a serious deterrent.
- The 15 year enurement would have a serious negative impact on the building industry which employs 40% of the men and women in the Gaeltacht and would result in those workers immigrating to where building work was available and thereby reducing local native speakers.

Freagra:

A total of 847 houses have been permitted in the Gaeltacht settlement villages which are within the G.T.P.S. area in the four year period May 2003 – May 2007. These are in addition to the single rural houses which have been granted based on local housing need.

In the same period approx 100 houses have been granted in Gaeltacht villages which are outside the G.T.P.S. area. This is an indication of the continual trend of increased development pressure close to the jobs and services of Galway City and of the outward pressures for housing development from the City's housing needs.

Those same trends are affecting the eastern side of the County where peripheral areas are also losing population and where there are no language "restrictive" policies.

The enurement condition which existed pre 2002 and which had no time limit was not deemed to be a deterrent to people who had a genuine local housing need. A 15 year time limit should not deter genuine applicants while guarding against shorter term market speculation which would have a serious negative impact on the Cois Fharraige Gaeltacht in particular.

The construction industry in Conamara is more likely to be affected by downward national trends than by local settlement policies, which indeed encourage additional categories of residents to those mentioned in earlier development plans.

Moladh:

As per the Moladh in 2.2.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.17 Pádraig Ó Ceithearnaigh, Airdeall

Achoimre:

- Fáiltíonn roimh an gcosaint atá san bPlean don Ghaeilge ach cúis díomá freisin nach bhfuil an cosaint maith a dhóthain san gceantar taobh amuigh den G.T.P.S.

- Moltar leasú ar chuid 2.a den Cháilíocht Chónaitheach. Beidh clásal feidhme “Nearthú Gaeltachtaatá liostaithe, ach a dhéanamh cinnte de nach mbeidh an céatadán daoine le Gaeilge líofa níos isle ná an líon cainteoirí Gaeilge san D.E.D. ina mbeidh an fhorbairt le déanamh de réir torthaí an daonáireamh is deireanaí atá ar fáil.”
- Moltar leasú ar chuid 3
Beidh clásal feidhme “Nearthú Gaeltachta” i bhfeidhm i gcás tithe aonair den Choirib amháin”, agus, le gur féidir breithiúnas a dhéanamh ar an iarratas faoin bpolasaí Nearthú Gaeltachta, beidh foirm speisialta breise le líonadh ina dtabharfar sonraí faoi cúlra teanga agus faoi áitiúlacht an iarratasóra chomh maith le colas faoin úsáid atá beartaithe a bhaint as an detach.

Freagra:

Go coitianta tá na toghranna atá taobh amuigh den G.T.P.S. ag cailliúint daonra. Tá an Ghaeilge láidir i ndeisceart Chonamara ach i bhfad níos laige i dtuaisceart Chonamara. Tugann an polasaí “Nearthú Gaeltachta” seans do dhaoine breise cur fúthu in sna toghranna thiar agus ó thuaidh agus ionchur dearfach a dhéanamh sna háiteanna sin gan dochar a dhéanamh don teanga.

Má leantar leis an gclaonadh déimeagrafaíocht mar atá, ní bheidh a dhóthain daoine ina gcónaí ins na háiteanna úd le pobail briomhara, nua-aimseartha, gaelach i gceannas a dhúiche féin a bheith ann.

Más rud é nach bhfuil na polasaithe ag obair go sásúil leis and teanga agus an cultúr a chothú agus a chuir chun cinn, is féidir an Plean Áitiúil a athrú nó iarratas pleanála mí oiriúnach a dhiúltá de réir cuid 10 den Act Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000.

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.18 Sonya Nic Lochlainn

Achoimre:

Fáiltíonn an tÚdarás roimh na polasaithe i leith an Cháilíocht Chónaitheach ach cúpla athrú a dhéanamh.

- An clásal srianta teanga a ardú ó 20% go 35% i gcas Mhaigh Cuilinn agus Bhearna.
- Dul i gcomhairle le saineolaí pleanála teanga le teimpléid a leagadh síos do Ráiteas Tionchar Teanga.
- Scéim píolótach tarraingteach tithíochta a chur ar bun sa Spidéal le dream atá eolach agus báúil don Gaeilge a mhealladh don bhaile. Gur chór staidéar féidearthachta a dhéanamh le ionchur ón Údarás, an Comhairle Contae agus Roinn na Gaeltachta.

Freagra:

Meastar go bhfuil an céatadán 20% ró bheag le cosaint agus spreagadh a thabhairt don Ghaeilge. Beidh fás 300 tithe molta do Mhaigh Cuilinn agus 350 do Bhearna sna sé bliana 2009-2015. Má chuirtear clásal srianta teanga ar 30% díobh beidh 210 agus 245 tithe ar fáil ar an margadh oscailte. Moltar a leithéid de scéim píolótach tithíochta mar atá luaite don Spidéal agus le próiseas comhairliúcháin a réachtáil idir na córais stáit len é a fheidmiú.

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.19 Máire Ní Neachtain

Achoimre:

Tacaíocht don gCáilíocht Chónaitheach ach an céatadán a bheith ar a laghad 80% thart ar an Spidéal.

Freagra:

Glacadh leis an dtacaíocht.

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.20 Áine Máire Ní Fhlatharta, An Fóram do Phobail Iorras Aithneach, Carna

Achoimre:

- Moltar na hathraithe seo in ionad catagóirí b agus c den “Nearthú Gaeltachta”
 - b. Imirceoirí as an gceantar agus daoine as an gceantar atá in áiteacha eile in Éirinn agus garbhaill clainne an dá aicme seo atá ag iarraidh filleadh chun cónaithe ar a gceantar dúchais.
- Moltar an t-athrú seo ar 2a (Nearthú Gaeltachta)

Mar chuid dá bpolasáí “Nearthú Gaeltachta” féadfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe clásail a chur le chuile fhorbairt a cheadófar a fhágfaidh nach féidir an fhoirgnimh atá í gceist a dhíol ar an margadh oscailte ar feadh tréimhse nach rachaidh thar 7 mbliana. Is féidir leas a bhaint as an gclásail seo chun sriain a chur ar an gcineál Ionnaíochta a bheidh ceadaithe taobh istigh de na rannóga daoine atá luaite sa gcuid seo de Phlean Áitiúil na Gaeltachta.
- Moltar an t-athrú sé mar chuid 3 (Nearthú Gaeltachta)

Féadfaidh an Chomhairle Contae clásail a chur ar thithe aonair sna ceantair Ghaeltachta taobh thiar den Choirb a stopfadh díol an tí ar an margadh oscailte ar feadh 7 mbliana, ar a mhéid agus baineann sin le tithe aonair taobh istigh

agus taobh amuigh de cheantair chónaithe. Tosóidh tréimhse an chlásail atá luaite san abairt thuas ar an lá a dtosaíonn cónaí sa teach/foirgnimh atá i gceist. Féadfaidh an Comhairle Contae clásail i dtaobh céatadán chuí do Ghaeilgeoirí a chur i bhfeidhm i scéimeanna 2 theach, agus níos mó ná sin sna ceantair chónaithe atá taobh istigh de theorainn and GTPS (leagan 1999) agus rialacha cuí eile a chur leo.

Freagra:

Glactar go bhfuil ceartú ag teastáil ar “Nearthú Gaeltachta” í mar a leanas “b. – Imirceoirí as an gceantair agus daoine as an gceantar atá in áiteacha eile in Éirinn agus garbhaill clainne an dá aicme seo, atá ag iarraidh fillleadh chun chónaithe ar a gceantar dhúchais.

Ó thaobh an clásail srianta de ní ghlactar leis gur leor tréimhse 7 mbliana le cosaint a thabhairt don dteanga agus leis na spriocanna éagsúla atá liostáilte san staidéar teangeolaíochta a chur ar bun. Ní ghlactar ach oiread, gur constaic mhór tréimhse 15 bliain do dhaoine ar mhaith leo cur fúthu go buan san áit.

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.21 Bertie Ó hAinmhire, An Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta

Achoimre:

- Fáilte don dteachtairacht dhearfach sa Dréacht Phlean faoi thacaíocht an Údaráis Pleanála don teanga sa Ghaeltacht.
- Gur chóir an céatadán tithíochta do Ghaeilgeoirí a bheith níos mó ná an céatadán cainteoirí laethúla sna ceantair go bhfuil an céatadán sin faoi 44%.
- I gcás tithe aonair, gur chóir an polasaí Nearthú Gaeltachta a bheith ceadaithe i gceantair “CLÁR” atá suite í leibhéal 4 agus 5 den tírdhreach.

Freagra:

- Go coitianta tá na toghranna atá taobh amuigh den GTPS ag cailliúint daonra. Tá an Ghaeilge láidir i ndeisceart Chonamara ach i bhfad níos laige i dtuaisceart Chonamara. Tugann an polasaí “Nearthú Gaeltachta” seans do dhaoine breise cur fúthu ins na toghranna thiar agus ó thuaidh agus ionchur dearfach a dhéanamh sna háiteanna sin gan dochar a dhéanamh don teanga.

Má leantar leis an gclaonadh déimeagrafaíoch mar atá, ní bheidh a dhóthain daoine ina gcónaí in sna háiteanna úd le pobail bríomhara, nua-aimseartha, Gaelach i gceannas a dhúiche féin a bheith ann.

Más rud é nach bhfuil na polasaithe ag obair go sásúil leis an teanga agus an cultúr a chothú agus a chur chun chin, is féidir an Plean Áitiúil a athrú nó iarratas pleanála mí oiriúnach a dhiúlta de réir cuid 10 den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000.

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

2.22 Eoin Ó Droighnéain

Achoimre:

- Coinníoll teanga a chur ar 90% de na tithe sna scéimeanna idir Na Forbacha agus an Cheathrú Rua.
- I gcás iarrthóirí ar chead pleanála nach as an nGaeltacht iad, coinníoll teanga a chur i bhfeidhm ar thithe aonair taobh amuigh de an sráidbhailte sna ceantair Gaeltachta uilig.
- Daoine nach as an Ghaeltacht ó dhúchas iad, ach atá ag obair i dtionscail theanga – bhunaithe a bheith san áireamh sna haicmí daoine atá i dteideal cead pleanála a fháil do thithe aonair taobh amuigh de na sráidbhailte.

Freagra:

- Meastar go bhfuil an céatadán 80% maith a dhóthain le cosaint a thabhairt don teanga agus, san am gceanna, seans a thabhairt do dhaoine eile nach bhfuil Gaeilge acu faoi láthair ach a bheadh mar bhuntáiste don phobail, agus a thabharfadh deis don phobal an Ghaeilge a mhúineadh dóibh.
- Dá gcuirfí an dara sprioc i bhfeidhm ní bheadh cead ag daoine ar mhaith leo postanna a chruthú, nó daoine ag filleadh ar áit a muintire, nach bhfuil Gaeilge acu, chur fúthu taobh amuigh de na lonnaíochtaí.
- Tá said imeasc na n-aicmí atá luaite san bpolasaí “Nearthú Gaeltachta”.

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1

Decisions as per 2.1

2.23 Coiste Ghlor na nGael, An Spidéil

Achoimre:

- Fáilte don bpolasaí Nearthú Gaeltachta agus don seans a thugann sé do dhaoine le Gaeilge teacht chuig an nGaeltacht agus cur fúthu ann.
- Moltar go mbeadh céatadán na dtithe le clásal teangan ar a laghad i gcomhréir le líon na gcainteoirí laethúla.

- Moltar go mbeadh coinníoll teangan í bhfeidhm ar thithe aonair taobh amuigh de na sráidbhailte sna ceantair Gaeltachta uile.

Freagra:

- Glactar gur chóir go mbeadh an clásal srianta ag baint le 80% nó líon na gcainteoirí laethúla, pé ceann is mó, de na tithe sna lonnaíochtaí taobh istigh den GTPS. Is iad Maigh Cuilinn, Bearna agus Baile Chláir na heisceachtaí, ach a mbeidh na céatadán dóibh siúd ar a leibhéal nó níos mó ná líon na gcainteoirí.
- I gcás na lonnaíochtaí taobh amuigh den GTPS ina bhfuil an daonra ag laghdú, tabharfaidh an polasaí “Nearthú Gaeltachta” seans dóibh an daonra a ardú le daoine a mhealladh isteach a bhéas mar bhuntáiste don phobal, gan tionchar diúltach a bheith ar an dteanga.
- Dá gcuirfí an sprioc seo í bhfeidhm, ní bheadh cead ag daoine gan Gaeilge, ar mhaith leo postanna a chruthú, nó daoine gan Gaeilge ag fillleadh ar áit a muintire, cur fúthu taobh amuigh de an lonnaíochta.

Moladh:

Mar atá sa Moladh i 2.1.

Decisions as per 2.1

Ábhar 3 An Coinníoll Srianta

- 3.1 Seo liosta de an daoine ar mhaith leo an Coinníoll srianta Nearthú Gaeltachta, atá molta do thithe aonaracha, a ghiorrú ó 15 bliana go seacht mbliain.

Micheál Mac Oireachtaigh	Caitlín Uí Chlochartaigh	Níoclás Ó Conchubhair
Ciarán Ó Flatharta	Patsy Ó Fatharta	Peadar Óg Conghaile
Seán Ó Márta	Gearóidín Ní Neachtain	Peigín Uí Mhárta
Jason Seoighe	Caitriona Ní Mhárta	Máirtín Ó Márta
Máire Ní Mhárta	Máirtín Gearóid Ó Márta	Micheál Seoighe
Nóra Seoighe	Tomás Seoighe	Mairéad Seoighe
Peadar Seoighe	Comhairle Pobail An Spidéil (do daoine áitiúla a fhaigheann teach aonair ar bhun riachtanas tithíochta)	Paraic Ó Cinnchnamha
Brendan Corry	P. McDonagh	Seán Ó Flatharta
Máire de Bhailís	Tomás Ó Súilleabháin	Pádraic Ó Súilleabháin
Seosamh De Bháil	Máire De Bháil	Seán Ó Cinnchnamhaith
Cóilín Ó Maoliú	Cóilín Ó Flatharta	Micheál Ó hIarnáin
Sean Ó Máille	Áine B Ní Máille	Máire Bé Ní Chualáin
Colman Ó Gaonáin	Tomás Ó Loideáin	Michael Nee
Carmel Ní Ghubáin	Mac Dara Mac Fhlanncha	Proinsias Ó Raghallaigh
Sean Ó Conghaile	Máire Ní Chonghaile	Seosamh Ó Conghaile
Eibhlín Nic Dhonncha	Pádhraic Ó Conghaile	Nuala Taqi

Farah Taqi	Rebecca Taqi	PJ Dundass
Barbara Dundass	Michael Dundass	Maria Ní Neasa
Michelle Ní Neasa	Nóirín Ní Cheannbháin	Sharon Ní Cheannbháin
Mag Ní Cheannbháin	PJ McDonagh	Johnnie Morgan
Máirín Nic	Stephanie Nic	Laura Nic
Dhonnchadha	Dhonnchadha	Dhonnchadha
Cáit Nic Dhonnchadha	Caitlín Nic Dhonnchadha	Lisa Nic Dhonnchadha
Paraic Mac Donnchadha	Tomas Mac Donnchadha	Cian Mac Donnchadha
Pól McDonnchadha	Triona Nic Dhonnchadha	Mac Dara Breathnach
Peadar Ó Catháin	Pádraic Ó Súilleabháin	Máirtín Ó Súilleabháin
Broná Ní Chuinneáin	A Ó Loideáin	Adrienne Uí Chatháin
Peadar Ó Ceannabháin	T. Taqi	Áine Nic Dhonnacha
Olivia McDonagh	Micheál Seoighe	Maire Bean Uí Fhlatharta
Máirtín Ó Flatharta	Joanne Ní Fhlatharta	James Ó Flatharta
Anna McDonagh	Máire Nic Dhonnchadha	Áine Breathnach
Nora Breathnach	Bairbre Uí Fhlatharta	Máire Ní Fhlatharta
Susan Ní Shúilleabháin	Siobhán Ní Shúilleabháin	Máire Ní Shúilleabháin

Achoimre:

Tá an tréimhse 15 bhliain ró-fhada agus gur masla é do phobal na Gaeltachta nuair is leor 7 mbliain mar choinníoll srianta san chuid eile den Chontae.

Freagra:

Ní ghlactar leis gur masla é ach a mhalairt. Má tá an tréimhse srianta ró-ghearr beidh seans ann go ndíolfar roinnt mhaith tithe ar an margadh oscailte le daoine nach bhfuil Gaeilge acu, agus dá bharr, go dtiocfaidh lagú ar an nGaeilge mar theanga cumarsáide sar i bhfad.

Tá roinnt mhaith moltaí san Staidéar Teangeolaíochta a d'fhoilsigh Roinn na Gaeltachta, gurb iad a gcuspóir an teanga a bhuanú, a threisiú agus a chaomhnú sa nGaeltacht. Tógfaidh siad roinnt mhaith ama a dtionchar a chur i bhfeidhm, agus ba cheart go mbeadh an Straitéis Lonnaíochta Pleanála fada a dhóthain go mbeadh na leasaithe iomlána ag obair le céille. Tá an tréimhse 7 mbliain ró-ghearr len é sin a dhéanamh.

Cuimhnigh go raibh srian-choinníoll síoraí go forleathan sa Chontae ó 1964 go 2002 agus nach raibh mórán gearán a bhí ina aghaidh, ach cead pleanála a fháil. Is féidir an srian a scaoileadh i gcásanna cruacháis mar a déanadh sna blianta a chuaigh thart.

Moladh:

An tréimhse srianta a choinneáil ag 15 bhliain.

Decisions as per 2.1 of Ábhar 2 Cáilíocht Chónaitheach

3.2 Teastaíonn Clásal Teanga 12 Bliain ar a mhéid ó Choiste Forbartha na bhForbacha.

Teastaíonn clásal ceangal 20 bhliain sna scéimeanna tithíochta a cheadaítear ar bhun an pholasaí "Neartú Gaeltachta" ó na Forbacha siar go hIndreabhán ó Dhonncha Ó hÉalaithe.

Freisin teastaíonn uaidh i gcás daoine áitiúil le riachtanas tithíochta clásal 7 mbliain, agus i ngach cás eile clásal 20 bhliain thart ar an Spidéal agus 15 bliain gach áit eile.

Achoimre:

Coiste Forbartha na bhForbacha

Is leor 12 bhliain mar thréimhse don choinníoll cheangail.

Donncha Ó hÉalaithe

- i. Ba cheart tréimhse 7 mbliana a bheith ceangailte do riachtanais áitiúil tithíochta
- ii. Ba cheart tréimhse 20 bhliain thart ar An Spidéal agus 15 bhliain in áiteanna eile a bheith ceangailte do dhaoine seachas iad thuasluaite i (i)
- iii. Ba cheart tréimhse 20 bhliain a bheith ceangailte do dhaoine a fhaigheann cead pleanála i scéim tithíochta sa Spidéal. Is iad seo na daoine a bhéas cáilithe
Cainteoirí Dúchais
Cainteoirí Líofa
Daoine le riachtanas tithíochta a bhfuil cónaí ortha
Sa cheantar le 5 bhliain ar a laghad

Freagra:

- Mar a dúradh thuas ní cheaptar gur leor tréimhse srianta 7 mbliain le cosaint cheart a thabhairt don teanga.
- Bheadh tréimhse 12 bhliain níos fearr, ach gan a bheith fóna le staidéar a dhéanamh ar na daonra déimeagrafach agus teanga agus pé athruithe ba cheart a chur i bhfeidhm le dualgas an Údarás Pleanála a chomhlíonadh
- Meastar gur leor 15 bliain le cosaint a chur ar bun agus tacaíocht a thabhairt do mholtaí réamhghníomhach an staidéar teangeolaíochta.

Moladh:

An tréimhse srianta a choinneáil ag 15 bliain.

Decisions as per 2.1 of Ábhar 2 Cáilíocht Chónaitheach

- 3.3 Seo liosta de na daoine a thacaíonn leis an gcáilíocht chónaitheach atá san Dréacht athraithe.

Jimí Ó Finneadha
Máire Uí Chonchúir
Trevor Ó Clochartaigh
Údarás na Gaeltachta

Seán Ó Ráighne
Máirín Mhic Lochlainn
Treasa Uí Loreáin
Máire Ní Neachtain

Áine Ní Chonhchubhair
Colm Ó Cinnseala
Airdeall
An Roinn Gnóthaí
Pobail, Tuaithe agus
Gaeltachta

Achoimre:

Tugtar tacaíocht láidir ó dhaoine aonaracha, ó Choistí Pobail agus ó ghníomhaireachtaí stáit do na polasaithe Cháilíochtaí Chónaithe

Freagra:

Glactar leis an dtacaíocht.

Moladh:

An tréimhse srianta a choinneáil ag 15 bliain.

Decisions as per 2.1 of Ábhar 2 Cúilíocht Chónaitheach

Ábhar 4

Ilgheáitheach

4.1. Comhairle Pobail An Spidéil

Achoimre:

- Go leasófaí alt 7.6.1 mar a leanas:

“Tá sé mar aidhm ag an Údarás Pleanála cosaint a thabhairt do stádas an Spidéil mar shráidbhaile Gaeltachta agus an sráidbhaile a fhorbairt mar áit ina bhféadfaí cainteoirí líofa Ghaeilge a mhealladh le theacht chun cónaí ann chun go bhféadfaí saol laethúil a chaitheamh trí mheán na Gaeilge. Chuige sin cuirfear i gcoinne aon fhorbairt a d’fhéadfadh díobháil a dhéanamh do theanga nó do chultúr an phobail agus déanfar staidéar, i gcomhar leis an bpobal áitiúil agus le Údarás na Gaeltachta le theacht ar an mbealach is fearr leis an sráidbhaile a fhorbairt mar shráidbhaile gaelach”.

Freagra:

Glactar leis an bhfoclaíocht nua atá molta.

Moladh:

An fhoclaíocht atá molta a chur in ionad 7.6.1.

On the proposal of Comh O’Tuairisc and seconded by Comh O’Cuaig it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager’s Report

4.2 Donncha Ó hÉalaithe

Achoimre:

- Alt 7.6.1 a ath-dhréachtá mar seo leanas

“Tá sé mar aidhm ag an Údarás Pleanála cosaint a thabhairt do stádas an Spidéil mar Shráidbhaile Gaeltachta agus cur i gcoinne aon fhorbairt a dhéanfadh díobháil do theanga ná do chultúr an phobail. Gabhfaidh an Comhairle Chontae i gcomhairle le Údarás na Gaeltachta, leis an Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta agus le Comhairle Pobail an Spidéil, féachaint le theacht aníos le plean teanga don Spidéil a bhéas mar aidhm aige, an Ghaeilge a neartú tuilleadh sa Spidéil agus an baile a fhorbairt mar Bhaile Gaelach, inar mbeidh raon leathan seirbhísí ar fáil trí Ghaeilge chomh maith le Béarla.”

- Go ndéanfaí template de fhoirm a ullmhú, tar éis dul i gcomhairle le saineolai ar phleanáil teanga, maidir leis an eolas a theastódh a bheith curtha ar fáil in aon Ráiteas Tionchar Teanga.
- Go gcuirfí coiste monatóireachta agus comhairlithe ar bun le ionadaithe ó Údarás na Gaeltachta, ó Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta agus ón

gComhairle Contae ina ndéanfaí monatóireacht ar fheidhmiú an polasaí Neartú Ghaeltachta mar bhealach leis an Ghaeilge a chaomhnú agus a chur chun cinn mar theanga pobail sa Ghaeltacht.

- Le gur féidir an polasaí Neartú Gaeltachta agus an Clásal Feidhme Teanga a chuir i bhfeidhm go héifeachtach, molaím go mbeadh foirm speisialta le líonadh i gcás gach iarratas ar chead chun teach aonair a thógáil sa gceantar Gaeltachta taobh thiar den Choirib ina mbeidh eolas tugtha (i) faoin gceangal atá ag an iarratasóir leis an gceantar áitiúil, (ii) faoi chúlra teanga an iarratasóra agus a theaghlach agus (iii) faoin úsáid a bhainfear as an detach nuair a bhéas sé tógtha, sé sin an bhfuil sé le cónaí ann, le ligean ar cíos, le díol ar aghaidh, le úsáid mar theach saoire.

Freagra:

- Glactar le bunús an mholadh. Tá sprioc cosúil leis molta ag Coiste Pobail an Spidéil agus moltar a dhéanamh ar 7.6.1 dá réir sin.
- Má ghlactar leis na polasaithe nua “Cáilíocht Chónaitheach” ní cheaptar go mbeidh gá le Ráiteas Tionchar Teanga go ginearálta. Nuair a cheaptar go bhfuil gá le na leithéid, I gcás iarratas pleanála ar bith, cuirfear próiseas ar bun cosúil le “Measúnú ar Thionchar ar an gComhshaoil” (E.I.A) ina mbeidh sé oibleagáideach ar an iarratasóir dul i gComhairle le Roinn na Gaeltachta, Údarás na Gaeltachta, agus Rannóg Pleanála Teanga O.E.G. san ag cuirfear eolas isteach faoin dtionchar a bhéas ag an bhforbairt ar an dteanga.
- Déantar monatóireacht san oifig pleanála i Leith claonta na gcinnithe ar fad an Chontae. Is mar gheall ar an monatóireacht seo, agus nithe suntasacha eile, a rinneadh athbhreithniú ar Phlean an Chontae i 2006. is féidir le Fóram na Gaeltachta ar a bhfuil baill den Údarás agus den Roinn Páirteach ionchur a bheith acu siúd ar monatóireacht ar na bhforbairtí atá á gceadú san Gaeltacht.
- Tá rialacháin náisiúnta ag baint le foirmeacha iarratais pleanála. Cloifear leo siúd ach cuirfear treoirilínite ar Leith ar fail do iarratasóirí le go mbeadh na polasaithe “Cáilíocht Chónaitheach” níos soiléir dóibh.

Moladh:

Pointe 1 – An Fhoelaíocht atá molta a chur in ionad 7.6.1.

Pointe 2, 3 and 4 – gan athrú ar an bPlean.

On the proposal of Comh O’Tuairisg and seconded by Cllr S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager’s Report

4.3 An Fóram do Phobal Iorras Aithneach

Achoimre:

In ionad pointe 6 de 3.3.1, é a athrú mar a leanas:

- “Spreagadh agus tacaíocht a thabhairt do thionscnaimh éagsúla, agus tionscnaimh thógála ina measc, a dhéanfadh leas do fhostaíocht sa gceantar, do athdaonrú an cheantair agus do na haidhmeanna í dtaobh forbairt na Gaeilge agus forbairt an phobail Ghaeltachta mar atá tugtha síos mar sprioc san Alt seo.”
- Na focail seo leanas a chur le pointe 5 de 3.3.2

“Coinneofar an bother nua se oar an árd-chaighdeán céanna idir Scríob agus Gaillimh agus roghnófar an cúrsa is gioraigh sa gcaoi agus go bhfaighidh pobail Gaeltachta iarthar Chonamara, atá ar gcúl ar bhun eacnamaíochta agus sóisialta, buntáiste iomlán as an mbóthar nua seo.”

- Na focail seo a chur le foclaíocht P.B.9
Ina ainneoin sin, féachfar chuige nach gcuirfidh cúinsí mar atá luaite san bhfo-alt seo aon bhlas as do chearta bunúsach an phobail Ghaeltachta ó thaobh seirbhísí bunúsacha ar nós tithíocht, bóithre, uisce, seirbhísí séarachais, leictreachais agus bun-sheirbhísí eile.
- Na focail seo a chur le foclaíocht P.C.3
Ach glactar leis nár cheart moill mhór, ná stop, a chur le cearta bunúsacha an phobail Ghaeltachta í daobh cúrsaí tithíochta, bóithre, uisce, séarachais agus seirbhísí eile de bharr ceisteanna mar seo.

Freagra:

- Glactar leis an sprioc mar atá léirithe agus, seachas pointe 6 de 3.3.1 a athrú, gur fearr an fhoclaíocht nua a chur leis.
- Ó thaobh dearadh an bhóthair nua, is ceist é sin do na h-innealtóirí atá cáilithe dó, ach go mbeidh an caighdeán sách maith le freastal ar riachtanais eacnamaíochta agus sóisialta an phobail thiar.
- Ó thaobh athrú a dhéanamh ar fhoclaíocht P.B.9 agus P.C.3, mar atá molta, ní foláir aitheantas a thabhairt do shuímh Eorpacha (SACanna nó SPAnna) agus gan tionchar sonrach diúltach a bheith ar an suímh úd. Ba cheart freisin pasáiste éiceolaíochta a fhágáil idir na suímh Eorpacha.

Is éard atá i gceist, ná cothromaíocht idir riachtanais forbartha an phobail agus caomhnú an chomhshaoil.

Moladh:

- Cuir na focail atá molta i bpointe i le 3.3.1.
- Gan athrú san bPlean ó thaobh na bpointí eile
On the proposal of Comh O'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Ni Fhartharta it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report but to insert the following wording to point 5 of 3.3.2 of the Gaeltacht Local Area Plan.
'Coinneofar an bóthar nua seo ar an árd-chaighdeán céanna idir Scríob agus Gaillimh'

4.4 Údarás Na Gaeltachta

Achoimre:

- Ba chóir don Chomhairle Contae dul i gcomhairle le saineolaí pleanála teanga nó sochtheangeolaí chun creatlach nó teimpléad a leagadh síos a leagadh amach ceistneoir cuí don chuspóir seo d'fhorbróirí ar cheantair agus d'fhorbairtí sonracha

agus go mbeadh ar gach RTT cloi leis na treoirlínte a bheas aontaithe ag an gComhairle Chontae.

Freagra:

Má ghlactar leis na polasaithe nua “Cáilíocht Chónaitheach” ní cheaptar go mbeidh gá le Ráiteas Tionchar Teanga go ginearálta. Nuair a cheaptar go bhfuil gá lena leithéid, i gcás iarratas pleanála ar bith, cuirfear próiseas ar bun cosúil le “Measúnú ar Thionchar ar an gComhshaoil” (E.I.A) ina mbeidh sé oibleagáideach ar an iarratasóir dul i gComhairle le Roinn na Gaeltachta, Údarás na Gaeltachta, agus Rannóg Pleanála Teangan O.E.G. sula cuirfear eolas isteach faoin dtionchar a bhéas ag an bhforbairt ar an dteanga.

Moladh:

Gan athrú ar an bPlean.

It was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.

Mr Ridge referred to the Strategic Environmental Report and stated that it forms an integral part of the Gaeltacht Local Area Plan process and added that the proposals put forward by the Consultants CAAS must also be adopted with the plan.

On the proposal of Comh O'Tuairisg and seconded by Cllr S.Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations as outlined in the Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Draft Gaeltacht Local Area Plan.

On the proposal of Comh O'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh O'Cuaig it was agreed to adopt the Gaeltacht Local Area Plan as amended above.

Comh O'Cuaig thanked the officials for facilitating the process particularly Mr. Kavanagh and his team who had put so much effort into it.

Mr. Ridge responded by also thanking his team, particularly Mr. Kavanagh who is due to retire shortly and he also thanked Páid O'Neachtain for his input into the process. The members joined in the tributes to Mr. Kavanagh.

MANAGERS BUSINESS

1602

Mr. Cullen informed the members that the Minister for State, proposed to launch the DBO 1 at Caherlistrane on Friday 29th February 2008. In response to Cllr. Cuddy, Mr Cullen confirmed that the Brief for the appointment of consultations in relation to Clarenbridge Sewerage Scheme was almost ready to be submitted to the Department of Environment.

MAYORS BUSINESS

1603

Cllr Feeney said that each member had received literature from Galway City Council in relation to the Gateway Innovation Fund. He requested a full debate on Ardaun. He said that the development of the Ardaun Project would provide for a population of 20,000 making it the second largest population centre in Connacht. The Council

supported proposals for the Gateway Innovation Fund but were not supporting Ardaun without seeing all relevant documentation.

Cllr. D Connolly said that the development of the Ardaun proposal should not be at the expense of the rest of the County.

Cllr. Hoade said that a Liaison Committee had been set up in relation to the Ardaun proposal but had not met for two to three years. She understood that proposals were to be put to the members in relation to this issue.

Cllr. Mannion said that the members would need to know the impact of the funding for the rest of the County.

Comh O`Cuaig said that there is a danger of getting carried away with the Ardaun proposal to the detriment of the rest of the county.

In reply Mr. Ridge said that a full debate on the Ardaun concept would be beneficial. He said that when the study is complete it will be presented to the members for their consideration; this is what was agreed when the members gave their backing to the three proposals. He pointed out that two thirds of Ardaun is in the County area and that additional funding for East and West Galway should be provided regardless of Ardaun. The Gateway funding is ring fenced and is in addition to any other infrastructural funding for East and West Galway.

Cllr. Feeney proposed that a special meeting be held to discuss the Ardaun proposal and this was seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

Cllr Regan wished to know what the increase in staff in County Hall was since 1995 in comparison to the numbers of outdoor staff for the same period.

The County Manager in reply said that this information would be provided.

The Mayor informed the members that this was Mr Murphy, County Secretary's last meeting as he was retiring shortly and he invited him to the Council meeting on 31st March 2008 as the members wished to make a presentation to him.

CONFERENCE

1604

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

“Association of City & County Councils – Annual Conference 2008” – 6th -8th March – Roganstown Country Club, Swords, Co. Dublin.

Cllrs. M. Carey, J. Mc Donagh, M. Regan, M. Hoade, M. Fahy, T. Mannion.

“LAMA Annual Spring Conference 2008 – 27th – 28th March – Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath”

Cllrs. J. Mc Donagh, R. Regan, M. Hoade, C Ni Fhatharta, J. Conneely, B Willers, M. Mullins, S. O’Tuairisg, J. Cuddy, S. Walsh J. Conneely, T. Mannion, M. Fahy

“Rattoo Heritage Society – 16th Annual Kerry Environmental Recognition Conference” 2nd - 6th April, Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry.

Cllrs. J. Mc Donagh, M. Hoade, C Ni. Fhatharta, M. Fahy.

“BMW Regional Assembly Annual Conference – Quality of Life, 1st May – Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise”

Cllr. J. Mc Donagh.

“Southern & Eastern Assembly – 9th Annual Regional Assembly Conference – 16th May, Marriott Druids Glen Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow”.

Cllr. J. Mc Donagh.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 19 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1605

The following reply was given:-

“Tá na gnímh a glacadh agus atá molta do Thrá na bhForbacha mar seo leanas:

Tá monatóireacht imscrúdaitheach ag cuimsiú Measúnú Riosca Sruthán Bhig curtha i gcrích níos faide suas an sruthán ón gceantar snámha chun cabhrú le ceantair agus fáthanna truaillithe a d’fhéadfadh a bheith i gceist a aithint. Ní raibh aon sruthán ar leith truaillithe ach go háirithe, a léirigh go bhfuil go leor foinsí isle truaillithe i gceist.

Moladh clár substaintiúil suirbhéanna ar dhabhacha séarachais i 2007. De bharr eachtra an Chripteaspóiridiam bhí sé riachtanach méid an chláir a laghdú agus cuireadh méid teoranta suirbhéanna i gcrích. Tá clár níos cuimsitheach de shuirbhéanna beartaithe d’Earrach 2008. Cuirfear gnímh i bhfeidhm san áit go n-aithnítear foinsí truaillithe. Déanadh scrúdú ar áitribh le ceadúnais sceitheadh sa gceantar i rith 2007. Eisíodh fógraí dlíthiúla san áit a bhí riachtanach agus tá cothabháil nó uasghrádú dhá dhéanamh ar riar córais cóireála fuíolluisce faoi láthair.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 20– COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1606

The following reply was given:-

“Tá sé beartaithe tosú ar Phlean Bainistíochta Tráchtá don Cheathrú Rua a chuir le chéile níos déanaí i mbliana.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1607

The following reply was given:-

“Is togra fíúntach é seo ach níl aon mhaoiniú ar fáil don togra seo i mbliana. Chaithfí tailte a fháil i dtosach chun an togra seo a áisiú ó tharla nach raibh aon rath ar idirbheartaíochtaí roimhe seo.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 22 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1608

The following reply was given:-

“The replacement sign is on order and will be erected upon delivery.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 23 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1609

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council recently carried out some remedial works at the location. Landowners have also been contacted regarding their obligations under the Roads Act relating to the discharge of water onto the public road.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 24 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1610

The following reply was given:-

“The location in question will be inspected and a report issued to you in due course.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 25 – CLLR. J. CUDDY 1611

The following reply was given:-

“The review of speed limits on National Routes will be submitted to the National Roads Authority for approval in due course.

The provision of traffic calming measures on a National Route is a matter for the National Roads Authority in terms of the provision of funding, and no funding has been made for traffic calming measures at this location in the 2008 National Roads allocations.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 26 – CLLR. J. CUDDY 1612

The following reply was given:-

“This road is not included in the 2008 Restoration Improvement Programme, however a section of 1,400 metres of the road is included in the Council’s 2008 – 2010 Multi Annual Roadwork’s Restoration Improvement Programme for reconstruction in 2009.

The issue of water lodging on the road will be examined and a report will be issued to you in due course.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 27 – CLLR. J. CUDDY **1613**

The following reply was given:-

“This matter will be raised with Officials from the Department of Transport in the near future.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 28 – CLLR. M. FAHY **1614**

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council will liaise with the Office of Public Works and the Department of Transport in relation to this matter.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 29 – CLLR. M. FAHY **1615**

The following reply was given:-

“The N18 to Crusheen Scheme is currently at tender stage and provides for one junction at Gort, located at the northern end of the town. In the event that traffic volumes justify a further junction at Gort at some future date, it will be possible to retrofit an additional junction at an appropriate location. Traffic volumes on the N18 will continue to be monitored in this regard.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 30 – CLLR. M. FAHY **1616**

The following reply was given:-

“There is no funding available at present to carry out such works.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 31 – CLLR. P. HYNES **1617**

The following reply was given:-

“Traffic Calming measures have been in place at this location for a significant period of time in the form of school flashing lights and road markings. Rumble strips are not appropriate due to the proximity of houses to the site.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 32 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1618

The following reply was given:-

“James & Teresa Kelly previously made application for an extension in 2002, as part of a DPG, which was refused following technical inspection. A separate application for extension has not been made to date, and if their circumstances have changed, they may make application to the Housing Unit, under a relevant scheme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 33 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1619

The following reply was given:-

“An application for extension was recently made by Mrs. Josephine Ward, 68 Fahy Gardens, Loughrea, and was refused as the provision of an extension would have been in contravention of the County Development Plan, due to remaining site size. However, the Housing Department has not closed this application as Ms. Ward has indicated that she may be willing to remove garden shed dwelling, and this will be further examined by our technical staff.”

Criochnaigh an Cruinniu Ansin

Submitted, Approved & Signed

Seán Hanney

31st March 2008

Date