

CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

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

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. S. Canney

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

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

Oifigigh: Ms. M. Moloney, County Manager; Messrs. J. Cullen, P. Ridge, F. Gilmore, K. Kelly, J. Morgan, F. Dawson, Directors of Service; G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance; M. Lavelle, Senior Engineer; T. Murphy, County Secretary; D. Barrett, A. Comer, Senior Executive Officers; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer; C. McConnell, Senior Planner; D. Mahon, Administrative Officer; P. O’Neachtain, Oifigeach Gaeilge; B. Donnellan, D. Caulfield, G. Healy, Staff Officers.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

1483

A Resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:

Ms. Eileen Feerick & Family, Milltown, Tuam, Co. Galway
Mr. Seamus Higgins & Family, Bel Air Drive, Tuam, Co. Galway
Mrs. Martin Naughton & Family, Cloonaghlashie, Tuam, Co. Galway

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

1484

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 22nd October, 2007 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. McHugh.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 5th November, 2007 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

1485

The Report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on 4th September 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

The Report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on 24th September 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

Arising from the Report, and in relation to speed limits, Cllr. Mannion stated that the submissions he had made regarding speed limits should be included in the Council's proposals, without any amendments.

Cllr. Burke stated that the submissions made by the Area Committees should be brought forward to the full Council without any amendments.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Joyce and agreed that the review of Speed Limits be on the Agenda for the January meeting of the Council.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 4th October, 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Regan and seconded by Cllr. McDonagh.

Arising from the Report, and in relation to the Traffic Management Plan for Loughrea, Cllr. Regan expressed the view that the bus stop should be located on the Main Street in Loughrea .

Cllr. Willers said that this was a matter for discussion by the Loughrea Area Committee.

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 10th September 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Cllr. Conneely.

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 12th September 2007

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was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. S. Walsh and seconded by Comh. O'Tuairisg.

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 17th September 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Kyne and seconded by Comh. Ní Fhatharta.

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 24th September 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Kyne and seconded by Comh. O'Tuairisg.

The Report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 2nd October, 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. McHugh and seconded by Cllr. Reilly.

The Report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 5th November, 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. McHugh.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL

1486

Report dated 20th November, 2007 was circulated to each Member.

Cllr. Cuddy proposed that the Casual Vacancy in the Membership of the Council, consequent on Cllr. C. Cannon being elected to the Senate, be filled by Mr. Michael (Mogie) Maher, Clostoken, Loughrea, and this was seconded by Cllr. Welby and agreed. The Mayor and Members welcomed Cllr. Maher onto the Council. The County Manager on her own behalf and on behalf of the staff also welcomed Cllr. Maher and said that she was aware that he was a very active voice in the Loughrea Area. Cllr. Maher said he was looking forward to working with the members, staff and management of the Council.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF ATHENRY HERITAGE & TOURISM CO. LTD.

1487

Report dated 18th September, 2007 was already circulated to each Member.

Cllr. Welby proposed that the Casual Vacancy in the Membership of Athenry Heritage & Tourism Co. Ltd., be filled by Cllr. Maher and this was seconded by Cllr. Cuddy and agreed.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

1488

Report dated 18th September, 2007 was already circulated to each Member.

Cllr. Cuddy proposed that the Casual Vacancy in the Membership of the Planning & Sustainable Development Strategic Policy Committee be filled by Cllr. Welby and this was seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – PROVISION OF EXTENSION TO BURIAL GROUND AT BALLYMONEY SOUTH, DUNMORE, CO. GALWAY.

1489

Report dated 19th November, 2007 was already circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. McHugh, seconded by Cllr. Reilly, the proposed provision of an extension to burial ground at Ballymoney South, Dunmore, 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 KILLMORAN, GORT, CO. GALWAY.

1490

Report dated 10th October, 2007 was already circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, the proposed construction of a single rural house and effluent treatment system at Killmoran, Gort, was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE RURAL HOUSE AT TIMICAT, GLENAMADDY, CO. GALWAY.

1491

Report dated 7th November, 2007 was already circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Reilly, the proposed construction of a single rural house at Timicat, Glenamaddy, was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE RURAL HOUSE AT KILLUNEY, DUNMORE, CO. GALWAY.

1492

Report dated 7th November, 2007 was already circulated to Each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. McHugh, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, the proposed construction of a single rural house at Killuney, Dunmore, was approved.

TO APPROVE DISABILITY ACTION PLAN 2007-2015

1493

Report dated 18th September, 2007 was already circulated to Each Member

Cllr. Connolly, Chairperson of the Corporate & Cultural Affairs SPC, gave a brief summary of the Disability Act 2005 and the obligation on Local Authorities to produce an Action Plan in accordance with the Sectoral Plan of the DOEHLG. He said that the Action Plan must outline how the requirements of the Disability Act will be met in relation to the provision of services to people with disabilities.

Cllr. Connolly said that the Disability Act 2005 required public bodies to ensure, over time, that buildings and services are accessible to people with disabilities and that it placed an obligation on local authorities to integrate disability service provision with mainstream services, where this is practical and appropriate.

The Action Plan was prepared by the Corporate & Cultural Affairs Unit in association with a Disability Advisory Group established in 2006 to assist the Council in identifying areas that required attention and to offer assistance in developing specific actions to enhance the level of service for people with disabilities. In addition, submissions from the public were invited on the Action Plan.

He said that the objective of this Plan is to work to ensure that people with disabilities can access the same level of services as all customers, where practical and appropriate. This means ensuring that the services provided by the Council, public buildings and facilities, libraries, leisure centres, towns, streetscapes and public spaces become more accessible to all.

Cllr. Connolly thanked the members of the Disability Advisory Group, the Corporate & Cultural Affairs SPC, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Murphy, for taking the initiative to drive this important policy document forward and Mr. Mahon for his assistance in preparing the Action Plan. He said that the plan had been endorsed by the Corporate & Cultural Affairs SPC at its meeting held on 17th September 2007 and he was recommending it to the Council for adoption.

Mr. Mahon then gave a summary of the Disability Action Plan stating that the Plan is divided into a number of sections. The first part of the Plan outlines a series of actions to be delivered across three areas, - Access to Quality Customer Services, Access to the Built Environment and Access to Information and Communication Technology which is further divided into fourteen specific guidelines as detailed in the Plan.

He said that the second part of the Plan provides a brief summary of the prioritized schedule for the upgrade / retrofit and enhancement of buildings owned or occupied by the Council over the coming years. The Disability Act sets a clear timescale of 2015 for all public buildings to be fully accessible (where practical and appropriate). For the Council's existing building stock, a programme of accessibility measures would be phased in, over time, to ensure that all customers can fully access services, that accessible supports and technology are available to assist people with disabilities and that buildings and facilities become more user-friendly for all users. In order to achieve this the Council must prioritise expenditure over the coming years as progress will be dependent on a number of factors including the availability of funding.

He stated the Disability Action Plan outlined a challenging series of actions and measures to be introduced and enhanced in the coming years. A particular challenge would be to ensure that the Council's buildings and towns become more accessible and that the services provided by the Council cater for all those with a disability.

Cllr. Keaveney welcomed the Plan, but he stated that perhaps the Council would examine its application forms in relation to job vacancies and the qualifications required for certain posts. For example, the requirement that a candidate must have a drivers license often prohibits people with disabilities from applying for certain vacancies.

Cllr. M. Connolly stated that the Action Plan represented a huge step forward for the Council but he stated that it was important that the actions outlined in the Plan were carried out in every area of the Council, for example footpaths should be disability-proofed in order that wheelchair users could access them in towns and villages.

Cllr. Connaughton stated that it was important that playgrounds were accessible to children with disabilities

Cllr. Joyce also welcomed the Plan, he referred to the three new Housing Grants schemes which were replacing the Disabled Persons Grant and Essential Repair Grant schemes. He stated that these new grants were to be means tested, taking into account the combined income of all of those living in the house and would require applicants to submit a tax clearance certificate if the grant payment approved was over €10,000. He felt that this was unfair to the disabled person and that their eligibility for the grant should not be dependent on the means of other people living with them and he proposed that the Council write to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government asking that the scheme be changed accordingly. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

Comh. Ní Fhatharta stated that the actions outlined in the Plan were very positive but she said that improving public awareness of the needs of people with disabilities was the key to improving the quality of life of people with disabilities.

Mr. Kelly thanked Cllr. D. Connolly and the Members of the Council for their positive input and comments on the Disability Action Plan. He agreed that improving awareness of the needs of people with disabilities was crucial and he stated that awareness training had been arranged for Council staff in this regard. He stated that in relation to playgrounds, the Council was endeavoring to include some piece of equipment in every playground which would facilitate people with disabilities. With regard to footpaths, he stated that Mr. Mahon worked closely with the Area Engineers to ensure that they were aware of the requirement to disability-proof works being carried out.

Mr. Kelly also stated that the Council was an equal opportunities employer but that some jobs necessitated that candidates must hold a drivers license and this could not be avoided.

The County Manager thanked the Members for their valuable input into the discussion on the Disability Action Plan and she said that a key element of the Plan was

improving customer service to people with disabilities. She stated that the Council needed to prioritise its workload so as to ensure that available resources were used well and she said that implementation of some of the measures included in the Plan had already begun.

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Keaveney the Disability Action Plan was approved by the Council.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

1494

Cllr. Mullins proposed that the Standing Orders be suspended so that the Meeting could continue after 6 p.m. and this was seconded by Comh. Ní Fhatharta and agreed.

TO CONSIDER THE MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT GAELTACHT LOCAL AREA PLAN AS PER SECTION 20 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED

1495

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

Mr. Ridge stated that this was an important occasion as it was the first Local Area Plan for a Gaeltacht and he stated that the Irish Language is the most distinctive trait of a Gaeltacht Community, it is a valuable cultural and economic asset and that it is important for the County and for the Country to preserve it as an infrastructure and to get the best from it. The Gaeltacht, its language and its culture is under threat because of the normal continuous changes that any vibrant community undergoes. The biggest challenge to overcome for the Gaeltacht Communities is to embrace these changes in a way that would benefit the people of the Gaeltacht, but without losing the important traits that distinguishes them from other communities. He added that the Local Area Plan on its own could not preserve the Gaeltacht or the Irish Language but primarily provided for planning and local spatial development but that it can provide support to the Irish Language by putting objectives in place to protect it.

He stated that the challenge for the Planning Authority was to put policies in place to stop population decline, to develop a programme for economic, social and infrastructural development and yet preserve the Gaeltacht identity. A framework should also be provided so that organisations can provide investment and develop the economy in a way that was sympathetic to the language and culture of the Gaeltacht. He stated that the Development Plan could not save the Irish Language, but that policies in the plan would show the importance of Irish as a community language and as an economic and cultural resource. The Plan was designed to create a positive image of the language and of the Gaeltacht.

Mr. Ridge invited Mr. Kavanagh to begin the discussion on the submissions received to the Draft Local Area Plan for the Gaeltacht. Mr. Kavanagh stated that 60 submissions were received on the Draft Local Area Plan for the Gaeltacht between 16th August and 28th September, 2007. He explained that in this report the submissions were divided into 6 subjects, Zoning, Roads and Transportation, Water

Services, Housing, Heritage and Miscellaneous. He began with Issue 1 Zoning requests:

Issue 1 Zoning Requests

1.1 An Cheathrú Rua

Submitted By

- A Coiste Pobail na Cheathrú Rua**
- B B. Bríd Uí Loideáin**
- C C. Sean Ó Loideáin**
- D Máirtín, Deirdre, Aisling, Gráinne & Fearghal Ó Loideáin**
- E Michael Ó Loideáin**
- F Neasa de Bhailis**
- G Club gan Ainm**
- H Ionad Óige & Eolais**
- I Seán Mac Donncha**
- J Coiste Pháirc an Cháthánaigh**
- K Áine Bean de Bhailis**
- L Diarmaid & Caoimhín Ó Loideáin**
- M John Lydon**
- N Seán Ó Loideáin**
- O An Mheitheal Acmhainní Gaeilge**
- P Coiste Forbartha Céibh an tSrutháin**
- Q Micheál & Ann Ó Domhnaill**
- R Eoin Ó Loideáin**
- S NUIG**
- T Trevor Ó Clochartaigh**
- U Donncha Mac Donncha**

1.1 A Coiste Pobail na Ceathrú Rua

Achoimre

- Teorainneacha na gceantair buí (áiteanna chónaithe) a leathnú go bóthar Cuileán Thiar.
- Na suíomhanna ar a bhfuil Halla Éinne, Áras Mhic Dara an Scoil Náisiúnta agus an séipéal a ath-chrioslú do “áiseanna pobail”.
- An talamh le hais loch a’ Mhuilinn agus an R343 a chrioslú mar “áiseanna pobail”.
- Píosa talún le hais tithe an Chomhairle Chontae a chrioslú mar “áiseanna pobail/caitheamh aimsire”.
- Ar a laghad 25% de suíomh tithíochta a bheith ar fáil do “áiseanna pobail/caitheamh aimsire”.

Freagra:

- Meastar go bhfuil gá le spás le haghaidh caitheamh aimsire in aice le scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae, agus freisin go bhfuil gá le spás le breis forbartha a dhéanamh d’Áras Mhic Dara, baineann aighneachtaí eile freisin lena leithéid. Dá bhrí sin ba cheart breis talún a chrioslú le haghaidh tithíocht idir an teorainn sa dréacht phlean agus bóthar Cuileán Thiar.

- Glactar gur ceart cúirtealáiste Halla Éinne, Áras Mhic Dara, an Scoil Náisiúnta agus an tSéipéil a chrioslú mar “áiseanna pobail”.
- Glactar go bhfuil gha le áit súgradh do pháistí in aice leis na tithe.
- De gnáth ní mór 10%-15% de shuíomh scéim tithíochta a bheith ar fáil mar spás oscailte. Is leor é sin i scéim atá deartha go maith.

Moladh:

- Athraigh an crioslú soir ón scéim tithíochta ó “áit chónaithe” go “caitheamh aimsire” agus taobh thiar de Áras Mhic Dara ó tithíocht go “áiseanna an phobail”.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager’s report, to zone the piece of land adjoining the Galway County Council housing scheme from proposed residential to recreation and amenity and also within the strict curtilage of Áras Mhic Dara to zone the lands from proposed residential to community facilities.

- Athraigh an crioslú i gcúirtealáiste Halla Éinne, na scoile náisiúnta agus an tséipéil ó “lár an bhaile” go “áiseanna an phobail” agus i gcúirtealáiste Áras Mhic Dara ó “An tSráid Lár” go “áiseanna an Phobail”.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager’s Report.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg it was agreed to extend the plan boundary as far as the lakeshore, taking in the County Council Water Supply Intake Site and zone the lands beside Loch a Mhuilinn and the R343 from village centre to community facilities.

- Gan aon athrú sa phlean ó thaobh “spás oscailte” i scéim tithíochta.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg it was agreed to maintain the 10 to 15% open space for housing developments as per Galway County Development Plan 2003 – 2009.

1.1 B Bríd Uí Loideáin

Achoimre

- Sprioc ORA.2 – bealach isteach go talamh cúil a chosaint – a bhaint as.
- An talamh atá idir an Eastát Tionscail agus Páirc an Cháthánaigh a bheith crioslaithe mar “áit Chónaithe”. Beidh éileamh ag daoine sa chlann air mar áit chónaithe.
- An talamh atá ar chúl an Eastát Tionscail a bheith crioslaithe i gcomhar “áit chónaithe”.

Freagra:

- De bhrí go bhfuil bealach isteach eile ar fáil ón bpríomh bhóthar do na cúl tailte ní aon ghá leis anseo.
- Tá tuairim is 12 heicteár crioslaithe le haghaidh “caitheamh aimsire” idir Páirc An Cháthánaigh agus tailte an Mheitheal Acmhainní Gaeilge. Meastar gur leor é sé ar an taobh seo den tsráidbhaile go háirithe nuair atá éileamh tithíochta ag muintir Uí Loideáin.

- Tá sé tábhachtach suíomh a bheith ar fáil do chúrsaí tionscail agus tá an talamh seo le hais an Eastát Tionscail mar atá.

Moladh:

- Bain an sprioc ORA2 as an láthair seo.
- Athraigh an crioslú ó “caitheamh aimsire” go “áit chónaithe”.
- Fág an crioslú mar atá – gan athrú.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Cuaig, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager’s report.

1.1 C Seán Ó Loideáin

Achoimre:

- Athruithe a dhéanamh ar an mairís chrioslaithe mar a bhaineann sé le cúrsaí tionsclaíochta agus an crioslú a athrú ó “tionsclaíocht” go “áit chónaithe”.
- An garraí atá crioslaithe mar “caitheamh aimsire” a athrú go “áit chónaithe” mar go bhfuil éileamh ag an gclann.
- An sprioc ORA2 a chur ar ceal.
- Piosa talún atá soir ó thuaidh uaidh scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae a bheith crioslaithe le haghaidh “caitheamh aimsire”.

Freagra:

- Tá sé tábhachtach suíomh a bheith ar fáil do chúrsaí tionscail agus tá an talamh seo le hais an Eastát Tionscail mar atá.
- Tá tuairim is 12 heicteár crioslaithe le haghaidh “caitheamh aimsire” idir Páirc an Cháthánaigh agus tailte an Mheitheal Acmhainní Gaeilge. Meastar gur leor é sé ar an taobh seo den tsráidbhaile, go háirithe nuair atá éileamh tithíochta ag muintir Uí Loideáin.
- De bhrí go bhfuil bealach isteach eile ar fáil ón bpríomh bhóthar do na cúl tailte níl aon ghá leis anseo.
- Meastar go bhfuil gá le spás le haghaidh “caitheamh aimsire” in aice le scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae.

Moladh:

- Fág an crioslú mar atá, gan athrú

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Cuaig, It was agreed to retain the industrial zoning as is, but to amend the zoning matrix by deleting the following uses, Concrete, Asphalt, etc., plant, Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Recycling, Centre, Hazardous, Waste Depot, Industry-Extractive, Municipal Waste Incinerator, Recycling Facility<2000sqm, Recycling Facility>2000sqm, Refuse landfill, Refuse Transfer Station from the Industrial and Enterprise column.

- Athraigh an crioslú ó “caitheamh aimsire” go “áit chónaithe”.
- Bain an sprioc ORA2 as an láthair seo.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Cuaig, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager’s report.

- Athraigh an crioslú soir ó thuaidh ó scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae ó “áit chónaithe” go “caitheamh aimsire”.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh O’Cuaig, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager’s report.

1.1 D Máirtín, Deirdre, Aisling, Gráinne & Fearghal Ó Loideáin Achoimre

- Teorainneacha na gceantair buí (áiteanna chónaithe) a leathnú go bóthar Cuileán Thiar.
- Na suíomhanna ar a bhfuil Halla Éinne, Áras Mhic Dara an Scoil Náisiúnta agus an séipéal a ath-chrioslú do “áiseanna pobail”.
- An talamh le hais loch a’Mhuilinn agus an R3 a chrioslú mar “áiseanna pobail”.
- Píosa talún le hais tithe an Chomhairle Chontae a chrioslú mar “áiseanna pobail/caitheamh aimsire”.
- Ar a laghad 25% de suíomh tithíochta a bheith ar fáil do “áiseanna pobail/caitheamh aimsire”.

Freagra:

- Meastar go bhfuil gá le spás le haghaidh caitheamh aimsire in aice le scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae, agus freisin go bhfuil gá le spás le breis forbartha a dhéanamh d’Áras Mhic Dara, baineann aighneachtaí eile freisin lena leithéid. Dá bhrí sin ba cheart breis talún a chrioslú le haghaidh tithíocht idir an teorainn sa dréacht phlean agus bóthar Cuileán Thiar.
- Glactar gur ceart cúirtealáiste Halla Éinne, Áras Mhic Dara, an Scoil Náisiúnta agus an tSéipéal a chrioslú mar “áiseanna pobail”.
- Glactar go bhfuil gha le áit súgradh do pháistí in aice leis na tithe.
- De gnáth ní mór 10%-15% de shuíomh scéim tithíochta a bheith ar fáil mar spás oscailte. Is leor é sin i scéim atá deartha go maith.

Moladh:

- Athraigh an crioslú soir ón scéim tithíochta ó “áit chónaithe” go “caitheamh aimsire” agus taobh thiar de Áras Mhic Dara ó tithíocht go “áiseanna an phobail”.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager’s report, to zone the piece of land behind the Galway County Council housing scheme from proposed residential to recreation and amenity and also within the strict curtilage of Áras Mhic Dara to zone the lands from proposed residential to community facilities

- Athraigh an crioslú i gcúirtealáiste Halla Éinne, na scoile náisiúnta agus an tséipéal ó “lár an bhaile” go “áiseanna an phobail” agus i gcúirtealáiste Áras Mhic Dara ó “An tSráid Lár” go “áiseanna an Phobail”.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager’s Report. On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg it was agreed to extend the

plan boundary and zone the lands beside Loch a 'Mhuilinn and the R343 from village centre to community facilities.

- Gan aon athrú sa phlean ó thaobh “spás oscailte” i scéim tithíochta.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg it was agreed to maintain the 10 to 15% open space for housing developments as per Galway County Development Plan 2003 – 2009.

1.1 E Mícheál ó Loideáin

Achoimre:

- Athruithis a dhéanamh ar an mairtís chrioslaithe mar a bhaineann sé le cúrsaí tionsclaíochta agus an crioslú a athrú ó “tionsclaíocht” go “áit chónaithe”.
- An garraí atá crioslaithe mar “caitheamh aimsire” a athrú go “áit chónaithe” mar go bhfuil éileamh ag an gelann.
- An sprioc ORA2 a chur ar ceal.
- Píosa talún atá soir ó thuaidh uaidh scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae a bheith crioslaithe le haghaidh “caitheamh aimsire”.

Freagra:

- Tá sé tábhachtach suíomh a bheith ar fáil do chúrsaí tionscail agus tá an talamh seo le hais an Eastát Tionscail mar atá.
- Tá tuairim is 12 heicteár crioslaithe le haghaidh “caitheamh aimsire” idir Páirc an Cháthánaigh agus tailte an Mheitheal Acmhainní Gaeilge. Meastar gur leor é sé ar an taobh seo den tsráidbhaile, go háirithe nuair atá éileamh tithíochta ag muintir Uí Loideáin.
- De bhrí go bhfuil bealach isteach eile ar fáil ón bpríomh bhóthar do na cúl tailte níl aon ghá leis anseo.
- Meastar go bhfuil gá le spás le haghaidh “caitheamh aimsire” in aice le scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae.

Moladh:

- Fág an crioslú mar atá, gan athrú

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó'Cuaig, It was agreed to retain the industrial zoning as is and to amend the zoning matrix by deleting the following uses, Concrete, Asphalt, etc., plant, Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Recycling, Centre, Hazardous, Waste Depot, Industry-Extractive, Municipal Waste Incinerator, Recycling Facility<2000sqm, Recycling Facility>2000sqm, Refuse landfill, Refuse Transfer Station Station from the Industrial and Enterprise column.

- Athraigh an crioslú ó “caitheamh aimsire” go “áit chónaithe”.
- Bain an sprioc ORA2 as an láthair seo.
- Athraigh an crioslú soir ó thuaidh ó scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae ó “áit chónaithe” go “caitheamh aimsire”.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó'Cuaig, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's report.

1.1 F Neasa de Bhailís

Achoimre:

- Teorainneacha na gceantair buí (áit chónaithe) a leathnú go bóthar Cuileán Thiar.
- Cúirtealáiste Halla Éinne a chríoslú mar “Áiseanna an Phobail” agus spás oscailte a bheith ann.
- Teorainn an Phlean a leathnú go míle timpeall an bhaile le go mbeidh Céibh an tSrutháin agus Céibh Chaladh Thaidhg mar chuid den Phlean agus iad crioslaithe mar “áiseanna an phobail”.
- Talamh an Chomhairle Chontae le taobh loch a’Mhuilinn a beith crioslaithe mar “áiseanna an phobail”.
- Píosa talún le hais tithe an Chomhairle Chontae a chríoslú mar “áiseanna an phobail/ caitheamh aimsire”.

Freagra:

- De bhíri go bhfuil éileamh ar spás spraoi in aice le tithe an Chomhairle Chontae agus ar spás le Áras Mhic Dara a fhorbairt, laghdófar an méid talún a bhéas le fáil mar “áit chónaithe” san chuid seo den tsráidbhaile. Dá bhíri sín ní mór an teorann a leathnú go bóthar Cuileán Thiar agus breis talún a chríoslú mar “áit chónaithe”.
- Glactar gur cheart cúirtealáiste Halla Éinne a chríoslú mar “Áiseanna an Phobail”.
- Níor cheart teorainn forbartha na Ceathrú Rua a leathnú amach. Tugtar aitheantas dos na calafort í 6.3.9 den Phlean agus cuirtear béim ar bhunú muiríne ag céibh an tSrutháin.
- Beidh sé riachtanach an teorainn a leathnú beagán go imeall an locha agus suíomh an Chomhairle Chontae a athrú ó “lár an bhaile” go “áiseanna an phobail”.
- Glactar go bhfuil gá – le áit súgradh do pháistí in aice leis na tithe. De gnáth ní mór 10%-15% de shuíomh tithíochta a bheith ar fáil mar spás oscailte. Is leor é sin i scéim atá deartha go maith.

Moladh:

- Leathnaigh an teorainn go bóthar an Chuileán Thiar agus criosaigh an talamh le haghaidh “áit chónaithe”.
- Athraigh an Crioslú ar chúirtealáiste Halla Éinne ó “lár an bhaile” go “áiseanna an phobail”.
- Gan teorainn an Phlean a leathnú mar atá molta.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager’s report.

- Athraigh an crioslú ar suíomh an Chomhairle Chontae atá taobh leis an loch go “áiseanna an phobail” agus athraigh an teorainn más gá.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh O’Tuairisg it was agreed to extend the plan boundary and zone the lands beside Loch a’Mhuilinn and the R343 from village centre to community facilities.

- Athraigh an crioslú soir ó scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae ó “áit chónaithe” go “caitheamh aimsire”.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's report.

1.1 G Club gan Ainm

Achoimre:

- Ba chóir spás oscailte a bheith ar suíomh Halla Éinne, breis talún a bheith leis, agus an áit a fhorbairt mar pointe comhtheagmhála don bhaile. Freisin ba chóir an crioslú a athrú ó “lár an bhaile” go “caitheamh aimsire” agus “Áiseanna an Phobail”.
- Is ionad tábhachtach é seo do dhéagóirí na háite ina dtugtar seirbhís dhíreach, chuimsitheach dóibh.

Freagra:

- Glactar go bhfuil ról lárnach ag Halla Éinne i gcúrsaí pobail na Ceathrú Rua agus gur chóir an suíomh seo a chuir in oiriúint do sna todhchaí.

Moladh:

- An crioslú a athrú ó “lár an bhaile” go “áiseanna an phobail” agus giota talún eile ar chúl a chur leis.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's report.

1.1 H Ionad Óige & Eolais

Achoimre:

- Ba chóir spás oscailte a bheith ar suíomh Halla Éinne, breis talún a bheith leis, agus an áit a fhorbairt mar pointe comhtheagmhála don bhaile. Freisin ba chóir an crioslú a athrú ó “lár an bhaile” go “caitheamh aimsire” agus “Áiseanna an Phobail”.
- Is ionad tábhachtach é seo do dhéagóirí na háite ina dtugtar seirbhís dhíreach, chuimsitheach dóibh.

Freagra:

- Glactar go bhfuil ról lárnach ag Halla Éinne i gcúrsaí pobail na Ceathrú Rua agus gur chóir an suíomh seo a chuir in oiriúint do sna todhchaí.

Moladh:

- An crioslú a athrú ó “lár an bhaile” go “áiseanna an phobail” agus giota talún eile ar chúl a chur leis.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's report.

1.1 I Séan Mac Donncha

Achoimre:

- Suíomh Scoil Mhic Dara a bheith crioslaithe le haghaidh “áiseanna an phobail”.
- Suíomh Séipéal Mhic Dara bheith crioslaithe le haghaidh “áiseanna an phobail”.

- Suíomh Halla Éinne a bheith crioslaithe le haghaidh “áiseanna an phobail” agus píosa talún eile a chur leis, len é a fhorbairt mar ionad seirbhíse agus caitheamh aimsire don phobail.
- Céibh an tSrutháin agus an suíomh ó dheas uaidh a bheith crioslaithe le haghaidh “áiseanna an phobail” agus “caitheamh aimsire”.

Freagra:

- Glactar leis an sprioc.
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- Ní cuirtear crioslú talún taobh amuigh des na bailte de gnáth. Tá sprioc i 5.3.3 den phlean ag moladh “muiríne a dhéanamh ag Céibh an tSrutháin” Is féidir chur leis an sprioc sin.

Moladh

- Athraigh an crioslú ó “lár an bhaile” go “áiseanna an phobail”.
- Athraigh an crioslú ó “lár an bhaile” go “áiseanna an phobail”.
- Athraigh an crioslú ó “lár an bhaile” go “áiseanna an phobail” agus giota talún eile ar chúl a chur leis.
- Athraigh an sprioc i.5.3.3 go:
“Muiríne a dhéanamh ag Céibh an tSrutháin agus léirmheas a dhéanamh ar na tailte mór thimpeall mar ionad chaitheamh aimsire don phobail áitiúil agus do chuariteoirí”

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager’s report.

1.1 J Coiste Pháirc an Cháthánaigh

Achoimre:

- Cé go bhfuil páirc traenála á fhorbairt ag an gcoiste in aice le Páirc an Cháthánaigh tá gá le breis páirceanna imeartha le freastal ar chumainn áitiúla, scoileanna agus coláistí samhraidh.
Ba chóir an talamh soir ón bpáirc a chrioslú mar “caitheamh aimsire” agus píosa eile soir uaidh sin a chrioslú mar ionad cónaithe.

Freagra:

- Cé gur ionad tábhachtach é Páirc an Cháthánaigh agus gur seirbhís inmholta atá dhá dhéanamh ag an gCoiste tá breis is 13 heicteár crioslaithe mar “caitheamh aimsire” sa bhaile, an cuid is mo de in aice le Páirc an Cháthánaigh.

Moladh:

- Gan aon athrú a dhéanamh sa Phlean.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg, it was agreed not to accept the recommendation of the Manager’s report, but to extend the plan boundary and to zone part of the lands subject of 1.1.J to the rear of Páirc an Cháthánaigh for recreational and amenity

1.1 K Áine Bean de Bhailís

Achoimre:

- Teorainneacha na gceantair buí (áit chónaithe) a leathnú go bóthar Cuileán Thiar.
- Cúirtealáiste Halla Éinne a chrioslú mar “Áiseanna an Phobail” agus spás oscailte a bheith ann.
- Teorainn an Phlean a leathnú go míle timpeall an bhaile le go mbeidh Céibh an tSrutháin agus Céibh Chaladh Thaidhg mar chuid den Phlean agus iad crioslaithe mar “áiseanna an phobail”.
- Talamh an Chomhairle Chontae le taobh loch a’Mhuilinn a beith crioslaithe mar “áiseanna an phobail”.
- Píosa talún le hais tithe an Chomhairle Chontae a chrioslú mar “áiseanna an phobail/ caitheamh aimsire”.

Freagra:

- De bhrí go bhfuil éileamh ar spás spraoi in aice le tithe an Chomhairle Chontae agus ar spás le Áras Mhic Dara a fhorbairt, laghdófar an méid talún a bhéas le fáil mar “áit chónaithe” san chuid seo den tsráidbhaile. Dá bhrí sin ní mór an teorann a leathnú go bóthar Cuileán Thiar agus breis talún a chrioslú mar “áit chónaithe”
- Glactar gur cheart cúirtealáiste Halla Éinne a chrioslú mar “Áiseanna an Phobail”.
- Níor cheart teorainn forbartha na Ceathrú Rua a leathnú amach. Tugtar aitheantas dos na calafort í 6.3.9 den Phlean agus cuirtear béim ar bhunú muiríne ag céibh an tSrutháin.
- Beidh sé riachtanach an teorainn a leathnú beagán go imeall an locha agus suíomh an Chomhairle Chontae a athrú ó “lár an bhaile” go “áiseanna an phobail”.
- Glactar go bhfuil gá – le áit súgradh do pháistí in aice leis na tithe. De gnáth ní mór 10%-15% de shuíomh tithíochta a bheith ar fáil mar spás oscailte. Is leor é sin i scéim atá deartha go maith.

Moladh:

- Leathnaigh an teorainn go bóthar an Chuileán Thiar agus criosaigh an talamh le haghaidh “áit chónaithe”.
- Athraigh an Crioslú ar chúirtealáiste Halla Éinne ó “lár an bhaile” go “áiseanna an phobail”.
- Gan teorainn an Phlean a leathnú mar atá molta.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager’s report.

- Athraigh an crioslú ar suíomh an Chomhairle Chontae atá taobh leis an loch go “áiseanna an phobail” agus athraigh an teorainn más gá.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg it was agreed to extend the plan boundary and zone the lands beside Loch a ‘Mhuilinn and the R343 from village centre to community facilities.

- Athraigh an crioslú soir ó scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae ó “áit chónaithe” go “caitheamh aimsire”.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager’s report.

1.1 L Diarmaid, Caoimhín Ó Loideáin

Achoimre:

- Athruithe a dhéanamh ar an maitrís chrioslaithe mar a bhaineann sé le cúrsaí tionsclaíochta agus an crioslú a athrú ó “tionsclaíocht” go “áit chónaithe”.
- An garraí atá crioslaithe mar “caitheamh aimsire” a athrú go “áit chónaithe” mar go bhfuil éileamh ag an gclann.
- An sprioc ORA2 a chur ar ceal.
- Piosa talún atá soir ó thuaidh uaidh scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae a bheith crioslaithe le haghaidh “caitheamh aimsire”.

Freagairt:

- Tá sé tábhachtach suíomh a bheith ar fáil do chúrsaí tionscail agus tá an talamh seo le hais an Eastát Tionscail mar atá.
- Tá tuairim is 12 heictear crioslaithe le haghaidh “caitheamh aimsire” idir Páirc an Cháthánaigh agus tailte an Mheitheal Acmhainní Gaeilge. Meastar gur leor é sé ar an taobh seo den tsráidbhaile, go háirithe nuair atá éileamh tithíochta ag muintir Uí Loideáin.
- De bhrí go bhfuil bealach isteach eile ar fáil ón bpríomh bhóthar do na cúl tailte níl aon ghá leis anseo.
- Meastar go bhfuil gá le spás le haghaidh “caitheamh aimsire” in aice le scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae.

Moladh:

- Fág an crioslú mar atá, gan athrú

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Cuaig, It was agreed to retain the industrial zoning as is and to amend the zoning matrix by deleting the following uses, Concrete, Asphalt, etc. ,plant, Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Recycling, Centre, Hazardous, Waste Depot, Industry-Extractive, Municipal Waste Incinerator, Recycling Facility<2000sqm, Recycling Facility>2000sqm, Refuse landfill, Refuse Transfer Station Station from the Industrial and Enterprise column.

- Athraigh an crioslú ó “caitheamh aimsire” go “áit chónaithe”.
- Bain an sprioc ORA2 as an láthair seo.
- Athraigh an crioslú soir ó thuaidh ó scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae ó “áit chónaithe” go “caitheamh aimsire”.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Cuaig, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager’s report.

1.1 M John Lydon

Comh S. Walsh declared an interest in Submission I.1.M and absented himself from the meeting

Achoimre:

- Iarratas le trí suíomhanna atá amach thar an teorainn a chrioslú mar “áit chónaithe”.

Freagra:

- Tá breis is 29 heicteár crioslaithe mar “áit chónaithe” is leor iad siúd le riachtanais tithíochta a chomhlíonadh ar feadh tréimhse an phlean.

Moladh:

- Gan aon athrú a dhéanamh ar an bplean.

On the proposal of Comh O’Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Ni Fhatharta, it was agreed not to accept the recommendation of the manager’s report but to extend the plan boundary and zone the narrow strip of the lands subject of I.I.M community facilities and the lands to the east of Bothar An Chillin as residential

1.1 N Sean Ó Loideáin

Achoimre:

- An talamh ó thuaidh de Áras Mac Dara a chrioslú go “áiseanna an phobail” le go mbeadh sé oiriúnach i gcóir méadú san ionad.

Freagra:

- Glactar leis an sprioc.

Moladh:

- Athraigh an crioslú ó “áit chónaithe” go “áiseanna an phobail”.
- Athraigh an crioslú ó “caitheamh aimsire” go “áit chónaithe”.
- Bain an sprioc ORA2 as an láthair seo.
- Athraigh an crioslú soir ó thuaidh ó scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae ó “áit chónaithe” go “caitheamh aimsire”.

On the proposal of Comh Ni Fhatharta and seconded by Comh O’Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the manager’s report, except to zone the lands the subject of 1.1.N which are within the strict curtilage of Aras Mhic Dara for community facilities .

1.1. Ó An Mheitheal Acmhainní Gaeilge

Achoimre:

- Tá iarratas pleanála istigh ar an suíomh i gcomhair ionas pobail nua. Go fadtéarmach beidh amharclann, foirgneamh oideachais agus ionad fóillíochta san áit. Níl cuid dóibh siúd ceadaithe san crioslú “caitheamh aimsire” agus dá bhrí sin ba cheart an crioslú a athrú go “áiseanna an phobail”.
- Freisin tá píosa den suíomh ó thuaidh crioslaithe mar “áit chónaithe” agus be cheart é sin a athrú mar aon leis an gcuid eile

Freagra:

- Glactar gur tábhachtach an beart seo don bhaile. Beidh na h-úsáidí atá beartaithe “oscailte do mhachnamh” nó “ceadaithe i bprionsabal” faoi crioslú “áiseanna an phobail”.

Moladh:

- An crioslú a athrú ó “caitheamh aimsire” go “áiseanna an phobail”, an giota ó thuaidh a chur san áireamh.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the manager's report and to a correction of boundaries of property.

1.1. P Coiste Forbartha Céibh an tSrutháin

Achoimre:

- Go gcuirfi polasaí sa phlean a bheadh fabhrach d'fhorbairt na Céibhe mar ionad chaitheamh aimsire don phobail.
- Go gcuirfi polasaí sa phlean a bheadh fabhrach d'fhorbairt “Loch a'Mhuilinn” mar ionad chaitheamh aimsire don phobail.
- Go mbeadh suíomhanna, Halla Éinne, an tSéipéil agus na Scoile crioslaithe mar “áiseanna an phobail”.

Freagra:

- Tá sprioc i 5.3.3 den Phlean ag moladh “muiríne a dhéanamh ag céibh an tSrutháin”. Is féidir chur leis an sprioc sin.
- Tá sprioc i OBE8 de Phlean an bhaile a bhaineas le sin.
- Glactar leis an sprioc.

Moladh:

- Athraigh an sprioc i 5.3.3 go “Muiríne a dhéanamh ag Céibh an tSrutháin agus léirmheas a dhéanamh ar na tailte mór thimpeall mar ionad chaitheamh aimsire don phobail áitiúil agus do chuariteoirí”.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh S. Walsh, it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report

- Gan an Phlean a athrú.

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh, it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report It was noted that objective O.B.E. 7 deals with the above issues in submission 1.1.P and not O.B.E. 8 as mentioned in the Manager's Report.

- Athraigh an crioslú ar Halla Éinne, an tSéipéil agus an Scoil ó “lár an bhaile” go “áiseanna an phobail”.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report

1.1 Q(a) Micheál agus Ann Ó Domhnaill

Achoimre:

- Tá sé beartaithe scéim tithíochta a fhorbairt an píosa talún atá in aice leis an loch beag agus siar ó thuaidh on leabharlann. Tithe aonaracha a bhéas ann le spás glas ag gach aonad. Ba cheart an crioslú a athrú ó “caitheamh aimsire” go “áit chónaithe”.

- Tá cead pleanála do fhorbairt measetha faighte ar an gcuid den talamh atá crioslaithe mar “an tSráid Lár”. Tá an chuid eile den talamh crioslaithe mar “áit chónaithe”. Is féidir croilár tráchtála a bhunú sin áit.

Freagra:

- Tá formhór na dtailte ó thuaidh den bhaile crioslaithe mar “áit chónaithe”. Tá ganntanas spás oscailte a bhéas mar ionad ciúin, sámh i lár an bhaile.
- Meastar go bhfuil a dhóthain tailte crioslaithe do fhorbairt tráchtála idir “lár an bhaile” agus “an tSráid Lár”. Ba chóir go mbeadh rogha tithíochta ó dheas den bhaile, áit a mbeidh tromlach ionaid spóirt agus caitheamh aimsire.

Moladh:

- Gan aon athrú a bheith sa Phlean.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg, it was agreed not to accept the recommendation in the Manager’s Report, but to zone part of the lands subject of 1.1.Q (a) which adjoin Lough Scailp a’Dhomhaill from proposed recreation and amenity to residential and to zone part of the lands subject 1.1.Q (a) which are south of the main village road from proposed Residential to Town Centre.

1.1 Q(b) Eoin Ó Loideáin

Achoimre:

- Athruithe a dhéanamh ar an mairtís chrioslaithe mar a bhaineann sé le cúrsaí tionsclaíochta agus an crioslú a athrú ó “tionsclaíocht” go “áit chónaithe”.
- An garraí atá crioslaithe mar “caitheamh aimsire” a athrú go “áit chónaithe” mar go bhfuil éileamh ag an gclann.
- An sprioc ORA2 a chur ar ceal.
- Piosa talún atá soir ó thuaidh uaidh scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae a bheith crioslaithe le haghaidh “caitheamh aimsire”.

Freagairt:

- Tá sé tábhachtach suíomh a bheith ar fáil do chúrsaí tionscail agus tá an talamh seo le hais an Eastát Tionscail mar atá.
- Tá tuairim is 12 heicteár crioslaithe le haghaidh “caitheamh aimsire” idir Páirc an Cháthánaigh agus tailte an Mheitheal Acmhainní Gaeilge. Meastar gur leor é seo oar an taobh seo den tsráidbhaile, go háirithe nuair atá éileamh tithíochta ag muintir Uí Loideáin.
- De bhrí go bhfuil bealach isteach eile ar fáil ón bpríomh bhóthar do na cúl tailte níl aon ghá leis anseo.
- Meastar go bhfuil gá le spás le haghaidh “caitheamh aimsire” in aice le scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae.
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Moladh:

- Fág an crioslú mar atá, gan athrú

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg, It was agreed to retain the industrial zoning as is and to amend the zoning matrix by deleting the following uses, Concrete, Asphalt, etc. ,plant, Construction and

Demolition (C&D) Waste Recycling, Centre, Hazardous, Waste Depot, Industry-Extractive, Municipal Waste Incinerator, Recycling Facility<2000sqm, Recycling Facility>2000sqm, Refuse landfill, Refuse Transfer Station Station from the Industrial and Enterprise column.

- Athraigh an crioslú ó “caitheamh aimsire” go “áit chónaithe”.
- Bain an sprioc ORA2 as an láthair seo.
- Athraigh an crioslú soir ó thuaidh ó scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae ó “áit chónaithe” go “caitheamh aimsire”.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó’Cuaig, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager’s report.

1.1. R Ollscoil na h-Éireann, Gaillimh

Achoimre:

- Tá athrú ag teastáil san mairtís crioslaithe le go mbeadh forbairt sa seirbhíse ollscoile ceadaithe ar tailte atá crioslaithe mar “áit chónaithe”.

Freagra:

- Glactar go bhfuil úsáidí oideachais comhoiriúnach le cúrsaí tithíochta, go háirithe ar an scála atá i gceist.

Moladh:

- Athraigh an mairtís le go mbeadh cúrsaí ollscoile “oscailte do mhachnamh” i gcrioslú “áit chónaithe”.

On the proposal of Comh Ó’Cuaig and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager’s report.

1.1.S Trevor Ó Clochartaigh

Achoimre

- Teorainneacha na gceantair buí (áiteanna chónaithe) a leathnú go bóthar Cuileán Thiar.
- Na suíomhanna ar a bhfuil Halla Éinne, Áras Mhic Dara an Scoil Náisiúnta agus an séipéal a ath-chrioslú do “áiseanna pobail”.
- An talamh le hais loch a’Mhuilinn agus an R3 a chrioslú mar “áiseanna pobail”.
- Píosa talún le hais tithe an Chomhairle Chontae a chrioslú mar “áiseanna pobail/caitheamh aimsire”.
- Ar a laghad 25% sé suíomh tithíochta a bheith ar fáil do “áiseanna pobail/caitheamh aimsire”.

Freagra:

- Meastar go bhfuil gá le spás le haghaidh caitheamh aimsire in aice le scéim tithíochta an Chomhairle Chontae, agus freisin go bhfuil gá le spás le breis forbartha a dhéanamh d’Áras Mhic Dara, baineann aighneachtaí eile freisin lena leithéid. Dá bhrí sin ba cheart breis talún a chrioslú le haghaidh tithíocht idir an teorainn sa dréacht phlean agus bóthar Cuileán Thiar.
- Glactar gur ceart cúirtealaíste Halla Éinne, Áras Mhic Dara, an Scoil Náisiúnta agus an tSéipéal a chrioslú mar “áiseanna pobail”.

- B'fhearr polasaí a chuir sa téacs le cosaint a thabhairt do imeall an locha, seachas teorainn an bhaile a leathnú amach.
- Glactar go bhfuil gá le áit súgradh do pháistí in aice leis na tithé.
- De gnáth ní mór 10%-15% de shuíomh scéim tithíochta a bheith ar fáil mar spás oscailte. Is leor é sin i scéim atá deartha go maith.

Moladh:

- Athraigh an crioslú soir ón scéim tithíochta ó "áit chónaithe" go "caitheamh aimsire" agus taobh thiar de Áras Mhic Dara ó tithíocht go "áiseanna an phobail".

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's report to zone the piece of land behind the Galway County Council housing scheme from proposed residential to recreation and amenity and also within the strict curtilage of Áras Mhic Dara to zone the lands from proposed residential to community facilities

- Athraigh an crioslú i gcúirtealáiste Halla Éinne, na scoile náisiúnta agus an tséipéil ó "lár an bhaile" go "áiseanna an phobail" agus i gcúirtealáiste Áras Mhic Dara ó "An tSráid Lár" go "áiseanna an Phobail".

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report. On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg it was agreed to extend the plan boundary and zone the lands beside Loch a 'Mhuilinn and the R343 from village centre to community facilities.

- Gan aon athrú sa phlean ó thaobh "spás oscailte" i scéim tithíochta.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg it was agreed to maintain the 10 to 15% open space for housing developments as per Galway County Development Plan 2003 – 2009.

1.1.T Donncha MacDonncha

Achoimre:

- Tá 'bealach-slí' ag gabháil ón bpríomh bhóthar go dtí an cimín ar chúl an tséipéil. Tá an cimín le clárú ag Clárlann Na Talún agus ba cheart nach mbeadh aon bhac ar an gclárú toisc na tailte trína a gabhann an 'bealach-slí' a bheith crioslaithe.
- Tá dhá shórt crioslú ar a chuid talún ar bhóthar a'Chillín, crioslú "caitheamh aimsire le hais an bhóthair agus crioslú "áit chónaithe" ar chúl. Cúis imní nach bhfuil aon slí isteach thar an crioslú 'caitheamh aimsire' go dtí an 'áit chónaithe'. Ba mhaith leis go mbeadh an dhá giota crioslaithe mar an gcéanna le haghaidh 'áit chónaithe'.

Freagra:

- Níl na sonraithe faoin 'bhealach slí' léirithe ins an aighneacht, ach de gnách ní bhíonn aon tionchar ag 'crioslú' ar teideal a ghabhann le 'bealach-slí'. Dá gcuirfí isteach iarratas pleanála ar aon chuid des na tailte bheadh seans ag sealbhóir na bealaigh-slí an teideal atá aige a chosaint.

- Tá an píosa atá crioslaithe mar 'caitheamh aimsire' le hais na Scoile Chuimsitheach agus beadh sé riachtanach mar áit spraoi cóngarach don scoil, ar a bhfreastalaíonn timpeall 400 daltaí agus suas le 800 daltaí sna Coláistí Samhraidh.
- De réir an mairís crioslaithe beidh carrchlós 'oscailte do machnamh' ar suíomh go bhfuil crioslú 'caitheamh aimsire' air. Is dócha go dtabharfaí an aird ceann do bhóthar a bhéas ag dul tríd go dtí na cúl-tailte.

Moladh:

- Gan aon athrú ar an bPlean

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Ní Fhatharta, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's report regarding the 'bealach slí' and on the proposal of Connie Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó'Cuaig it was agreed to zone the lands the subject of I.1.T from proposed recreational and amenity to residential as per map.

1.2 An Spidéal

Aighneachtaí ó

- A. Seosamh Ó Cualáin
- B. Brendan Ó Flaherty
- C. Brian Callaghy & Associates
- D. Mrs. Eilís Canavan
- E. Comhairle Pobail An Spidéil
- F. Cáit Holland & Mary Lydon
- G. Máirín Éinne Ó Droighneáin
- H. Clóna Standúin
- I. Joe Thornton
- J. Dónal Standúin

1.2A Seosamh Ó Cualáin

Achoimre:

- To zone the portion of his lands which are zoned 'industrial' to 'residential', and allow a connection to the proposed relief road.

Freagra:

- This is a small area (0.5 hectares) of Mr Ó Cualain's Land which adjoins the Údarás media campus. The change of zoning which is sought will have no negative effect on the overall integrity of the Plan and there is no objection to it. The indication of any road connection between the lands and the relief road is premature pending the examination of a roads and pedestrian layout which will serve all development lands in the area.

Moladh:

- Change the zoning of the portion of the lands in question from industrial to residential. No change in plan in relation to the distributor road.

On the proposal of Comh Kyne and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's report but to include an access objective.

1.2B Brendan Ó Flaherty

Achoimre:

- To change the zoning of a narrow strip of land which adjoins the R336 and is opposite 'Trá na mBan from' Recreation and Amenity' to 'Residential/Commercial. The latter zoning was included in an earlier Draft Plan for An Spidéal which was never finalised.

Freagra:

- An extensive area of Mr Ó Flaherty's land is zoned residential. It is located on the eastern approach to the village, across the road from the public beach. It will be necessary to protect the amenity and privacy of the beach by setting back any housing development on the lands so as to avoid overlooking. This amenity strip can be included as part of the Open Space requirement and consequently should not negatively impact on the development potential of the lands.

Moladh:

- No change to the Draft Plan

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Welby, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's report.

1.2.C Brian Callagy & Associates

Achoimre:

- To change the zoning of lands north of the Údarás media campus from 'Industrial' to 'Residential'. Údarás have no interest in reacquiring these lands for industrial purposes. They in fact sold the lands to the McCluskey family for housing purposes.
- If the lands were to be developed by bodies other than Údarás it would have a negative effect on the media campus and existing residential amenity.
- The Planning Authority decided to grant permission for housing development on the lands. Bord Pleanála refused permission on appeal. The Bord Pleanála placed 'huge importance' on the arbitrary growth figures of the County Settlement Strategy. Its assessment of the danger of pollution is not valid because the proposed development included a treatment plant to EPA guidelines.

Freagra:

- It is accepted that the lands in question are located close enough to the services of the village centre to be suitable for residential development.
- It is accepted that Údarás have no further intention to use the lands for industrial purposes and that there are sufficient lands remaining in the ownership of Údarás to provide for the foreseeable expansion of their industrial/commercial activity. It is also accepted that some other types of industrial activity on the lands could have adverse effects on village character.
- The grounds of Bord Pleanála's refusal could be met in the context of the present provisions of 7.6.2 of the Draft Plan which makes provision for an appropriate rate of residential growth and the avoidance of suburban house designs and layouts. A more specific language enurement condition should give greater protection to the status of spoken Irish in An Spidéal.

- A measured growth of private waste water treatment plants to EPA standards can be accepted pending the implantation of the Public Sewage Scheme which is in the advanced planning stage with the Department of the Environment Heritage & Local Government.

Moladh:

- Change the zoning of the lands from 'Industrial to 'Residential'.

On the proposal of Comh Welby and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's report.

1.2 D Eilish Canavan

Achoimre:

- Objects to the industrial zoning on the Mc Cluskey lands. Any industrial development on the site would result in undesirable levels of noise and vehicular movements which would disturb the peace and quite of householders and their families.

The decision of the Local Planning Authority to grant housing development on the site was welcomed even though it was overturned on appeal.

Freagra:

- The issues are outlined in the response to 1.2.C above.

Recommendation:

- Change the zoning of the lands from 'Industrial' to 'Residential'.

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

1.2 E Comhairle Pobail An Spidéil

Achoimre:

- Athraigh an crioslú ar an dtalamh ó thuaidh de Ros na Rún ó 'tionsclaíocht' go 'áit chónaithe'
- Athraigh an crioslú ar an suíomh atá thart ar Ros Na Rún ó 'lár an bhaile' go 'tionsclaíocht'.
- Athraigh an crioslú ar chúl na bunscoile nua ó 'lár an bhaile' go 'aiseanna an phobail'.
- Tógtar bóthar áisiúil ó na tailte ó thuaidh ó dheas go dtí an scoil nua.

Freagra:

- Glactar go bhfuil na tailte oiriúnach do chúrsaí tithíochta agus go bhfuil siad gar go leor do sheirbhísí an bhaile. Mar atá soiléir ó 1.2.C thuas dhíol an t-Údarás formhór de na tailte le muintir McCluskey le haghaidh forbairt tithíochta.
- Tá an píosa seo talún in úsáid don dráma teilifíse Ros na Rún agus ba cheart dó a bheith crioslaithe mar 'tionsclaíoch'
- Glactar gur chuid de shuíomh na scoile an píosa talún seo agus gur chóir an crioslú a athrú

- Ba chóir go mbeadh ceangal ó na h-aiseanna chónaithe chuig an scoil, go háirithe trí bhealach siúlóide nó rothaíochta. Caithfear scrúdú breise a dhéanamh le leagan amach na mbóithre agus na geosáin coisithe a bhéas slán agus áisiúil a aithint.

Moladh:

- Athraigh an crioslú ó 'tionsclaíochta go 'áit chónaithe'
- Athraigh an crioslú ó 'lár an bhaile go 'tionsclaíocht'
- Athraigh an crioslú ó 'lár an bhaile' go 'aiseanna an phobail'
- Gan athrú a dhéanamh san phlean.

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Ní Fhatharta it was agreed to accept the recommendations in the Manager's Report. It was also agreed to include an objective to include for pedestrian and cycleway access from the school to the new relief road.

On the proposal by Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Welby it was also agreed as requested by Coiste Pobail, An Spideal to extend the plan boundary further north from lands marked 1.2.1 and to zone the lands owned by Udaras shown as 1.2.E as residential and allowing for the greenway buffer along Abhainn Bolisce

1.2. F Ms Cáit Holland and Ms Mary Lydon

Achoimre;

- There are two sections of land in question, subject lands 01 adjoins the R336 and the minor road to Baile Éamonn. Subject lands 02 adjoin the Baile Éamonn road and the proposed relief road.

Subject lands 01-zoned Recreation and Amenity.

These are considered more viable for the 'Village centre' use.

They are removed from all other recreational and amenity lands in the village.

They offer a prime opportunity to allow a natural extension of the main street which forms a focal point for the area.

They offer an opportunity to provide a land mark entrance/definite edge to the entrance to the village.

Subject lands 02- Zoned Community Facilities.

These are considered unsuitable for Community Facilities because of their location, removed from all other community facilities within the village and segregated from residential lands by the proposed relief road.

They offer to further consolidate the village centre and so strengthen the economic viability of the village.

They offer an opportunity to provide a definite streetscape along the relief road.

Freagra:

- Subject Lands 01

The lands front onto the R336 across from Trá na mBan.

They are low-lying, have extensive reed beds and are liable to flooding. Ground levels would have to be raised significantly to render them suitable for development. They would be regarded as being of local ecological interest. Any building development on

the lands would have to be set back so as to protect the amenity of the beach. In the event of the lands to the rear (which are zoned 'village centre') being developed Lands O1 could form part of its open space requirement.

In relation to providing a landmark entrance to the village, they are some 600 metres inside the eastern village boundary.

- Subject Lands O2

These lands will afford an opportunity to locate necessary village amenities at the heart of the development area. Most of the Community Facilities which are mentioned in the submission are church or school based, an exception being the library and the courthouse. The importance of Coláiste Chonnacht as the prime community asset has been outlined in the Plan, but a more accessible facility is necessary nearer the village. While the site is segregated from the residential lands to the north and east the levels of traffic on this local relief road will not pose a significant or unsafe barrier to its access.

Moladh:

- No alteration to the Plan.

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Ní Flatharta, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's report.

1.2 G Máirtín Éinne Ó Droighnéain

Achoimre:

- The subject lands, which are currently outside the current village boundary as defined within the Draft Gaeltacht Local Area Plan, be included within the boundary and zoned for residential land use. That the new relief road linking the R 336 and Maigh Cuilinn does not intercept the subject lands
- These lands had previously been included within the village plan boundary since 1997 and accordingly zoned for Residential Land use.
- The lands are strategically located to the North of the village within walking distance to the village crossroads.
- Development on these lands offers an important opportunity to open the Abhainn Bhoth Loiscthe at this point and to provide the riverside park, identified as a policy objective in the Gaeltacht Plan
- The lands are adequately served to cater for a residential development.
- These lands will provide an opportunity to provide a sustainable low density residential development to cater for recent growth in the area.
- The provision of the relief road on these lands will segregate the existing built pattern at this section of the village.

Freagra:

- The consultative process indicated a consensus that the village development boundary was too extensive and might invite excessive development. The County Development Plan allocated a growth of 120 housing units, with an additional possibility of 40 units during the six year duration of the Plan. There are approximately 55 hectares of development land zoned for residential development. This is more than adequate to cater for the expected organic growth rate.
- This is accepted.

- There is the initial challenge of developing a riverside amenity strip along the 700 metres between the R336 and the Northern boundary of the village within the lifetime of the plan.
- It is accepted that the lands could provide for low density residential development but the priority is to encourage growth within the village for the qualifying categories of people who wish to live there but who do not have family lands outside the village.
- The proposed link road between the existing R 336 and the proposed new R 336 has not been included in the draft plan and will have to go through the various phases of consultation, acquisition and compensation before being finally decided upon.

Moladh:

- No change to the Draft Plan

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Ó'Cuaig, it was agreed to extend the plan boundary and zone the lands the subject of 1.2.G residential allowing for approximately 25 metre greenway buffer along Abhainn Boluisce.

1.2 H Clíona Standún

Achoimre:

- Teastaíonn uaithi go mbeadh an talamh atá crioslaithe le haghaidh 'caitheamh aimsire' a athrú go crioslú 'áit chónaithe' mar a dteastaíonn uaithi teach a thógáil dí féin,

Rugadh agus tógadh í sa Spidéal
Tá Gaeilge líofa aici agus suim sa chultúr agus sa cheol
Tá sí i mbun gnó a muintire
Tá an suíomh i lár an bhaile

Freagra :

- Is cuid de diméin An Spidéil an suíomh seo, áit atá fíor – thábhachtach i dtírdhreach an tsráidbhaile agus ó thaobh a staire. De réir sprioc O.R.A.3 den bPlean ba cheart staidéar a dhéanamh faoin diméin lena fháil amach na féidearthachtaí ó thaobh a fhorbairt agus a chaomhantais. Go dtí go ndéanfar seo ba cheart an crioslú 'caitheamh aimsire a choinneáil. Má tá riachtanas tithíochta i gceist is féidir cead a thabhairt agus dul i gcoinne na gcrioslaithe más gá.

Moladh :

- Gan athrú sa Phlean

On the proposal of Comh S.Walsh and seconded by Comh Welby, it was agreed not to accept the recommendations of the Manager's report, but to zone the lands subject of 1.2.H from Recreation/Amenity to Residential and allowing for a 10 metre greenway buffer west of the Abhainn Bóluisce.

1.2 I Joe Thornton

Achoimre:

- That the lands in question which are located to the north and outside the village boundary be included within an extended boundary and zoned for residential use

The subject lands are considered suitable for the proposed land use on the basis that

An existing residential land use is already in place on the lands.

The lands were previously located within the village plan boundary as identified within the Galway County Development Plan.

They are located within walking distance of the village centre.

They are ideally located for low density residential housing.

The proximity to the Local Road ensures that they can be readily accessed and any development can be easily serviced by water and sewerage.

The inclusion of these land offers an opportunity to promote more sustainable consolidated patterns of residential development within An Spidéal Village, thus releasing pressure for one-off rural houses outside the plan boundary.

Freagra:

- The lands in question are one kilometre from the centre of the village, and while there may be low density use thereon, and while they may be serviceable and cater for low density housing, they are not dissimilar to many other sites in the neighbourhood.

The Village boundary, which was indicated on zoning plans, which were attached to the former County Development Plans, enclosed a larger development area for an Spidéal. The consultative process which preceded this Draft Plan agreed a consensus that the village development boundary was too extensive and might invite excessive development.

The current County Development Plan allocates a growth of 120 housing units, with an additional possibility of 40 units, during the six year duration of the Plan, This is in line with the population growth of An Spidéal in the last inter censal period.

There are approx 55 hectares of development land zoned for Residential Development in the Draft Plan. This is more than adequate to cater for the expected growth rates emanating from the village and its hinterland.

Moladh:

No change in the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Comh S. Walsh and seconded by Comh Ní Fhatharta it was agreed to extend the plan boundary and zone the lands, the subject of 1.2.I that are west of the Moycullen Road for Residential purposes

1.2 J Dónal Standún

Achoimre:

- 'An Spidéal House' designated as Area 1 which is on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) has been restored as the Standún Family home in recent

times. It is intended to protect the house and its identifiable curtilage for family use.

- The remainder of the family lands are regarded as suitable for two types of village development.

Area 2 is suitable for mixed town centre development and will counterbalance the recent trend of extending the commercial core of the village eastwards. It will also afford the opportunity of opening up the avenue to An Spidéal House and the amenity of the riverbank and woodland

Area 3 is west of the river and has a frontage on the Both Chuanna Road. It was zoned for residential development in previous County Development Plans. There is a proposal to link the existing R336 with the new R336 which will provide additional road access through these lands. The lands can provide infill sites to the existing houses which front on to the Both Chuanna road.

Freagra :

- It is not clear that the curtilage of the house, which forms part of the protection afforded to the house itself, has been satisfactorily defined, nor has any approach been made to the Planning Authority to reach a consensus on the matter. A declaration under Section 27 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 is a mechanism which may be used to clarify the issue.

It may be argued that the curtilage and attendant grounds had a different context and function from its origin, but its woodland surround, its supportive ecology and the enclosure it gives to the House is a significant part of the visual and environmental character of An Spidéal.

Any radical development proposal such as is indicated in the submission, which, if adopted, would form part of the Plan, requires further examination. Such an examination would assess the balance between the benefits to the public in terms of access to the rivers, the provision of new streetscape, the construction of road linkages, and the beneficial gain to the landowner, as against the intrusion on the centuries-old characteristics of An Spidéal Demesne which would be irreversible.

Specific objective O.R.A.3 requires a study of the Demesne, in conjunction with the owners and the local community with a view to reaching consensus on the Development possibilities and the conservation measures required to serve the owners and the public interests.

In the meantime it is recommended that the recreation and amenity zoning be retained. The Plan can be varied in the future, on completion of the study, if required.

Moladh :

No Change in the Plan

On the proposal of Comh Welby and seconded by Comh Ní Flatharta, it was agreed to unzone the lands the subject of 1.2.J and to carry out an area action plan of the Demesne, the subject of submission 1.2.J within 6 months.

Issue 2 Roads and Transportation

2.1.1 An Fóram do Phobal Iorras Aithneach

Achoimre:

- The new R336 Route to link Galway City with Scrib through the shortest Route
- Continue the upgrading of the N59
- Continue upgrading the R340

Freagra:

- A constraints study has been carried out on the proposed route. Consultants have been appointed to progress it to design stage. The shortest route will be one which balances the needs of the Communities to be served with the legal obligations to protect environmentally sensitive habitats and landscapes. Several objectives in the Plan support the construction of the Route.
- This is acceptable but depends on decisions and budgeting from the N.R.A.
- There is an ongoing programme of improvement to the R340.

Moladh:

- No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Cuaig and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the Manager's Report, but to include an objective in relation to the new R336 to coincide with objective number 14 of the County Development Plan 'to facilitate the development of a new motorway/dual carriageway/single carriageway as a strategic route from Galway to Ros a Mhíl Harbour and continue on to Screebe

2.1.2 Coiste Pobail Chamuis

Achoimre:

- Go bpleanálfai cosán an R336 agus cosán an líne leictreachais 110.KV le chéile agus iad a bheidh amach ó cheantracha ard áilleachta agus ó cheantracha chosanta.
- Go gcuirfí bealach le taobh an R336, mar atá, a bheadh feiliúnach mar cosán siúlóide agus rothaíochta.

Freagra:

- Nil sé seo indéanta, mar tá an líne leictreachais ós comhair An Bord Pleanála faoi láthair, tar éis é bheith diúltaithe cúpla bliain ó shin, agus tá cosán an R336 faoi scrúdú ag consultant.
- Ní dócha go bhfuil dóthain leithéid i mórán áiteanna ar an R336 le bealach slí siúlóide/rothaíochta a chur ar fáil. Déanfar scrúdú ar na feidearthachtaí le imeall mín féarach a chur in áiteanna a bheadh oiriúnach do choisithe.

Moladh:

- Sprioc a chur le 5.1.3 faoi "bóithre, trácht".
"Scrúdú a dhéanamh ar an R336 in aice le Camus le na fháil amach an bhfuil sé indéanta bealach slán coisithe/rothaíochta a chur leis an imeall"

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

Mr. Liam Kavanagh stated that the planning application under the Planning & Development (Strategic infrastructure) Act, 2006 for the 110 KV Electricity Line was due before An Bord Pleanála whereas the R336 was in the early stages of the planning process and was currently with consultants.

Cllr. Kyne and Cllr. Welby both expressed their support for the 110KV electricity line.

2.2.1 Coiste Forbartha Chorr Na Móna

Achoimre:

- Carrchlós a ath-fhorbairt ag an Ardán. Tá an obair atá déanta cheana féin lochtach.

Feabhas a chur ar na fo-bhóithre ceantair.

Freagra:

- Déanfar scrúdú ar an gcarchlós le pé ar bith athraithe gur ga leo a chur i gcríoch.
- Mar atá léirithe i 5.2.1 (iii) b den bplean bíonn caiteachas bliantúil ar na bóithre seo agus is dócha go leanfar leis i gcomhréir leis an airgead a bheas le fáil.

Moladh:

- Gan athrú sa phlean.

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

2.2.2 Comhair Chumann Dhúiche Sheoigheach

Achoimre:

- Na siúlóidí atá sa cheantair faoi láthair agus iad siúd atá dhá fhorbairt idir Chorr Na Móna agus an Fhairche, a chaomhnú agus a fhorbairt.

Freagra:

- Glactar leis an dtábhacht atá ag baint leis na siúlóidí mar áiseanna don phobail agus mar tháirge turasóireachta. Tabharfaidh an Chomhairle Chontae tacaíocht don fhorbairt.

Moladh:

- Cuir sprioc nua i 5.2.3 le bun struchtúr fisiciúil " Na bealaigh siúlóidí a fhorbairt agus a chaomhnú."

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Ó'Cuaig, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report, but to include the objective stated above as an additional principal in 3.3.2 of the plan.

2.3.1 Coiste Pobail na Ceathrú Rua

Achoimre:

- Plan tráchta don bhaile

- Géarghá forbairt a dhéanamh idir ar na bóithre áitiúil agus cosán coisithe a dhéanamh idir Casla agus An Cheathrú Rua.

Freagra:

- Glactar go bhfuil gá le plan tráchta agus cuirfear tús leis an bpróiseas an bhliain seo chugainn. Baineann sprioc O.P.1.1 leis.
- Tá clár athnuachan bóithre ar siúl ó bhliain go bliain. Cuirtear na bóithre seo istigh sa chlár má tá a dhóthain airgead ar fáil on Roinn Chomhshaoil agus ó Roinn na Gaeltachta.

Déantar forbairt ar chosán coisithe ins na sráid bailte mar chuid den chlár athnuachan ach ní cheaptar gur obair féideartha í cosán a thógáil idir Casla agus An Cheathrú Rua leis an méid airgead atá ar fáil agus le staid an bhóthair mar atá.

Moladh:

- Gan aon athrú sa Phlean.
- Gan aon athrú sa Phlean.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

2.3. 2 Neasa De bhailis

Achoimre:

- Plan tráchta don bhaile
- Géarghá forbairt a dhéanamh idir ar na bóithre áitiúil agus cosán coisithe a dhéanamh idir Casla agus An Cheathrú Rua.

Freagra:

- Glactar go bhfuil gá le plan tráchta agus cuirfear tús leis an bpróiseas an bhliain seo chugainn. Baineann sprioc O.P.1.1 leis.
- Tá clár athnuachan bóithre ar siúl ó bhliain go bliain. Cuirtear na bóithre seo istigh sa chlár má tá a dhóthain airgead ar fáil on Roinn Chomhshaoil agus ó Roinn na Gaeltachta.

Déantar forbairt ar chosán coisithe ins na sráid bailte mar chuid den chlár athnuachan ach ní cheaptar gur obair féideartha í cosán a thógáil idir Casla agus An Cheathrú Rua leis an méid airgead atá ar fáil agus le staid an bhóthair mar atá.

Moladh:

- Gan aon athrú sa Phlean.
- Gan aon athrú sa Phlean.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report.

2.3. 3 Áine bean De Bhailis

Achoimre:

- Plan tráchta don bhaile

- Géarghá forbairt a dhéanamh idir ar na bóithre áitiúil agus cosán coisithe a dhéanamh idir Casla agus An Cheathrú Rua.

Freagra:

- Glactar go bhfuil gá le plan tráchta agus cuirfear tús leis an bpróiseas an bhliain seo chugainn. Baineann sprioc O.P.1.1 leis.
- Tá clár athnuachan bóithre ar siúl ó bhliain go bliain. Cuirtear na bóithre seo istigh sa chlár má tá a dhóthain airgead ar fáil on Roinn Chomhshaoil agus ó Roinn na Gaeltachta.

Déantar forbairt ar chosán coisithe ins na sráid bailte mar chuid den chlár athnuachan ach ní cheaptar gur obair féideartha í cosán a thógáil idir Casla agus An Cheathrú Rua leis an méid airgead atá ar fáil agus le staid an bhóthair mar atá.

Moladh:

- Gan aon athrú sa Phlean.
- Gan aon athrú sa Phlean.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh Ó Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report.

2.3.4 Trevor Ó Clochartaigh

Achoimre:

- Straitéis níos cinnte a mholadh le bunú grúpa Comhordaithe d'Iompar Comhtháite
- Straitéis a chur in aithne faoi stadanna bus
- An Clár Taisteal Tuaithe a leathnú
- Plean tráchta don Cheathrú Rua
- Gá le forbairt ar na bóithre thart ar an gCeathrú Rua agus cosán coisithe idir Casla agus an Cheathrú Rua.

Freagra:

- Tugann an prionsabal straitéiseach atá luaite i 3.3.2 den bplean tacaíocht do sprioc 5.1.1 de straitéis Fhorbartha An Chontae. Is é cúram Bord Forbartha an Chontae na haicmí éagsúla a nasc le céile agus an straitéis a thiomáint go ceann scribe.

Beidh an Clár Taisteal Tuaithe agus seirbhís na mbus fite fuaite san straitéis.

- Ó thaobh plean tráchta don Cheathrú Rua, glactar go bhfuil gá leis agus cuirfear tús leis an bpróiseas an bhliain seo chugainn. Baineann sprioc O.P.1.1 leis.
- Maidir leis na bóithre áitiúil san sráid bhaile tá clár athnuachan bóithre ar siúl ó bhliain go bliain. Cuirtear na bóithre seo sa chlár má tá a dhóthain airgid ar fáil on Roinn Chomhshaoil agus ó Roinn Na Gaeltachta.

Déantar forbairt ar chosán coisithe ins na sráid bailte mar chuid den chlár athnuachan ach ní cheaptar gur obair indéanta í cosán a thógáil idir Casla agus An Cheathrú Rua leis an méid airgid atá ar fáil agus le staid an bhóthair mar atá.

Moladh:

- Gan athrú sa phlean

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report.

2.4.1 Evelyn and Vincent Parsons

Achoimre:

- The proposed distributor road will subdivide their property taking 25% of their rear garden. It contains a natural wildlife shelter and is known as Badgers Hill.
- The route chosen will be within 30m of the house and 15m of the septic tank and there will be interference with sea views.
- The location of a junction on the Baile Éamonn Road will isolate the local village community from the town centre and the volumes of additional traffic will contribute to a hazard.
- The alignment of the road should be moved closer to the village

Freagra :

- The route selected endeavours to maximize the existing roads and junctions. All such roads may sever lands and this is regrettable but necessary in the common good. The acquisition of lands for the road will be the subject of valuation and possible arbitration and will be dealt with as finances allow. The route will also be subject to Part 8 consideration by County Council Members at which time the ecology of the route will be reported on. Design Details such as levels, width, boundary treatment lighting, and safety audit will also be subject to the Part 8 process. It is not accepted that sea view amenity will be adversely affected.

Moladh :

- No change in Plan

On the proposal of Comh S. Walsh and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg, it was agreed to accept the Manager's Report but to allow for an adjustment to the relief road to avoid undue encroachment to the rear garden of the house of Evelyn and Vincent Parsons.

2.4.2 Mary Francis

Achoimre :

- This non-residential property will be severed by the distributor road leaving an area on the western side of little use value afterwards.
- The route will isolate the Baile Éamonn Community from the village centre and the volumes of new traffic will pose a safety hazard for this community.
- The route should be moved towards the village where it would have less impact on land owners and less impact on the development potential of adjacent lands.

Freagra :

- The route selected endeavours to maximize the existing roads and junctions. All such roads may sever lands and this is regrettable but necessary in the common good. The acquisition of lands for the road will be the subject of valuation and possible arbitration and will be dealt with as finances allow. The route will also be subject to Part 8 consideration by County Council Members

at which time the ecology of the route will be reported on. Design Details such as levels, width, boundary treatment lighting, and safety audit will also be subject to the Part 8 process. It is not accepted that sea view amenity will be adversely affected.

Moladh :

- No change in Plan

On the proposal of Comh S. Walsh and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg it was agreed to accept the manager's report but to take account of the adjustment of the relief road as referred to in 2.4.1

2.4.3 Coiste Pobail An Spidéal

Achoimre:

- Tacaíocht don R336 nua ach é a bheith níos faide ó thuaidh ná na cinn atá beartaithe faoi láthair
- Gur cheart an bóthar ceangail a bheith níos faide siar ón mbaile.

Freagra:

- Tá an próiseas roghnaithe don R336 idir lámha ag consultant faoi láthair. Beidh seans ag daoine áitiúil a thuairimí a thabhairt le linn an próiseas seo.
- Níl an bóthar ceangail léirithe san dréacht ach caithfidh sé bheith buailte ar an mbaile le muintir an bhaile a bheith ah baint úsáid as

Moladh:

- Gan aon athrú san Dréacht Phlean.

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

2.4.4 Fionntán Mac Aodha bhuí

Achoimre:

- Glactar go bhfuil gá le R336 nua ach go ndéanfar rogha cheart faoin mbealach. Moltar gan dul ar aghaidh leis an bplean go dtí go mbeidh an staidéar ar an teanga foilsithe agus scrúdaithe go fuarchúiseach.

Freagra:

- Glactar gur gá R336 nua a fhorbairt le freastal ar phobal na Gaeltachta mar atá cibé eolas a bhéas ar fáil ón staidéar.

Moladh:

- Gan athrú sa plean.

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

2.5.1 Comhair Caomhán Teo

Achoimre:

- Bóithre an Oileáin a fheabhsú agus a choinneáil

- Claíocha na mbóithre a dheisiú
- Breise soilse
- Salachar ón dromchla a ghlanadh
- Aitheantas do choisithe
- Luas feiliúnach tráchta

Freagra:

- Tá clár bliantúil ar siúl le bóithre Oileáin Árainn a dheisiú, chomh maith le bóithre breise a thagann faoi chúram an Chomhairle Chontae. Braitheann an dul chun cinn ar an méid airgead a chuirtear ar fáil ón Roinn Comhshaoil agus ó Roinn Na Gaeltachta.
- Níl aon dhualgas ar an gComhairle Chontae na claíocha a dheisiú. Luíonn an dualgas leis na húinéirí sé 50k.s.u uasluch tráchta an oileáin.

Moladh:

- Sprioc a chur le 5.5.3 in Inis Oírr ‘bóithre agus trácht’
- Clár na mbóithre bhliantúil a bhaineann le Inis Oírr a mhéadú.

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report, but for the yearly Roads Programme to be expanded to include all islands.

2.5.2 Comharchumann Forbartha Árann Teo

Achoimre:

- Parking facilities at harbour
- Daily cleaning of roads at Cill Rónáin and Cill Mhuirbhí
- Explain policy “limit growth of traffic”
- Speed limit adoption
- Footpaths at Cill Rónáin
- Designate cycling and walking routes
- One way traffic system in Cill Rónáin
- Lay-byes on lower road

Freagra:

- The layout and operation of traffic flow and parking will be finalised when the new pier is completed.
- Road maintenance is dependant on the resources made available from year to year.
- A continual growth in the volume of traffic and the size of vehicles will have serious implications for the safety of the islands road system and for the preservation of its unique environment. The implications for easier vehicular access from the mainland when the new pier is completed need to be examined in consultation with islanders.
- A speed limit of 50 K.S.U applies
- An annual programme of footpath improvements is planned, budget permitting.
- Walking and cycling routes will be examined and highlighted where feasible.
- A traffic management system for Cill Rónáin will be examined.
- The provision of lay-bys on the low road is desirable and will be provided for.

Moladh:

- Include additional objectives in Roads, Transportation in 5.5.3.
- "Introduce a traffic management system for Cill Rónáin."
- "Provide lay-byes on the lower road."

Concern was expressed regarding the control of vehicular traffic on to the island and a €100 levy on non local private cars was suggested. Mr. P. Ridge suggested that a study be carried out on the implications of traffic and control of same on the island.

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Ó'Cuaig, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report and for a study to be carried out on the implications for the traffic on the island as a result of roll on/roll off access when the new pier is completed.

2.6.1 Claregalway Community Development Association

Achoimre:

- Road improvement programme to continue including footpaths and street lighting.
- Traffic calming at National School
- Additional bus stops needed
- Pedestrian walkways required on the outside of bridges
- Develop safe cycling corridors

Freagra:

- The Baile Chláir Local Area Plan contains policies and objectives relating to all of the above proposals. The delivery of the specific objectives T.R.1 to T.R.9. of that Plan is an ongoing process and is dependant on the Annual funding from the D.E.H.L.G and its allocation by the Councillors.

Moladh:

- No change in the Draft Plan

On the proposal of Comh Cuddy and seconded by Comh S. Walsh, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report

2.7.1 National Roads Authority

Achoimre:

- The strategic objective of 3.3.2 which relates to the protection of the Galway City Outer Bypass corridor be repeated in the District. F. text.
- The text of Section 2.2.2 and D.C Standard 1 to be amended to reflect paragraph 3.3.4 of the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines.
- Include the requirement of providing Road Safety Audits for significant development proposals in the Development Control Standards.

Freagra:

- There is no objection to the proposed inclusion.
- There is no objection to the proposed inclusion.
- There is no objection to the proposed inclusion.

Moladh:

- Include the strategic objective of 3.3.2 relating to the City Outer Bypass in 5.6.3.

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Cuddy, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report

- Include a new paragraph – as the second paragraph of 2.2.2 – worded as follows:

The Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines requires Development Plans “to make it clear that direct access from future development should not be permitted to National Roads outside of the speed limit zones for towns and villages. Development control policy should, in the first instance, seek to channel traffic from new development onto existing local roads and in this way use established access points to gain entry onto National Roads”

On the proposal of Comh O'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Welby, it was agreed not to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report and to leave the text of Section 2.2.2 as is in the Draft.

- Include a new section 3 to D.C. Standard 1 as follows:
“In the case of significant development proposals planning applications should include Road Safety Audits and Transport and Traffic Assessments.

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

2.7.2 Construction Industry Federation

Achoimre:

- Agree that infrastructural development is a key factor in supporting a vital Gaeltacht.
- The necessity of a phased programme of infrastructural development in liaison with ‘necessary service providers’.
- The need for environmentally sustainable development of quarries without limiting its duration of time.

Freagra:

- Draft Plan is clear on this
- There are multi-annual roll-on programmes of infrastructural development adopted by the County Council. These are updated as required, having regard to the funding provided, principally by the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government but also by Roinn na Gaeltachta.
- Section 261 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 deals with the control of existing quarries, and there is a normal obligation under the Act to obtain Planning permission for new quarries. These processes take into account the location and the need for the quarry before applying conditions which may relate to environmental matters as well as time period.

Moladh:

- No change in the Draft Plan
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On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Ní Fhatharta, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report

2.7.3 Island Ferries Teo

Achoimre:

- Support for the proposed R336 in view of the large volumes of traffic on the existing R336 and ensuring delays to ferry services.

Freagra:

- Support submission is accepted

Moladh:

- No change to the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S.Walsh, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report

Issue 3 Water Services

3.1.1 Forum Pobail Iorras Aithneach

Achoimre :

- Ensure that Public Sewerage Schemes in Cill Chiaráin and Carna commence in 2008 in view of their importance for employment.

Freagra :

- The schemes are scheduled to commence in 2008 as indicated in the D.E.H.L.G. 3 year roll-on programme.

Moladh :

- No change in Plan

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

3.2.1 C.D.S. Teo

Achoimre :

- Go mbeadh scéim deontais ag an gComhairle Chontae chun na sean dabhach séarachais in aice leis an gCoirib a athnuachan

Freagra :

- Nil a leithéid de scéim deontais ann faoi láthair. Bhí leid on Roinn Chomhshaoil go mbeadh scéim dá short ar bun ach feitheamh le cinneadh on staidéar atá ar bun maidir le aibhneacha agus locha an Iarthair

Moladh :

- Gan athrú sa Phlean.

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

3.3.1

**Coiste Pobail na Ceathrú Rua
Neasa De Bhailís
Áine Bean de Bhailís
Cumann Áitritheoirí na Gleanna**

Móire

Island Ferries Teo

Achoimre :

- Go bhfuil dearadh agus suíomh an chóras Séarachais, atá le bheith suite ag Céibh an tSrutháin, mí-oiriúnach san áit atá tábhachtach i gcaitheamh aimsire agus turasóireacht an cheantair.
- Go gceanglófar na dabhach séarachais atá thart ar an loch leis an gcóras séarachais

Freagra :

- Beidh na hoibreacha faoi lán tseoil sar i bhfad agus ní féidir aon athrú a déanamh don scéim. Mar atá luaite thuas i 1.1.P den tuarascáil moltar sprioc i 5.33 den bplean mar leanas, *Muirine a dhéanamh ag Céibh an tSrutháin agus léirmheas a dhéanamh ar na tailte mór thimpeall mar ionad chaitheamh aimsire don phobal áitiúil agus do chuariteoirí
- Ní féidir faoin gconradh atá ann faoi láthair an scéim a leathnú thart ar an loch

Moladh :

- An sprioc nua a chur le 5.3.3
- Gan aon athrú sa Phlean

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S.Walsh, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report

3.4.1 Coiste Pobail an Spidéil

Achoimre :

- Go bhfuil gá láithreach le córas ceart séarachais agus gan ligean le scéimeanna tithíochta muna bhfuil córas cóireála sásúil leis agus cúram ceart air.

Freagra :

- Tá scéim séarachais dhá phleanáil faoi láthair de réir tuarascáil na Roinne Chomhshaoil 2008-2011. Glacann an Chomhairle Chontae gur cheart tús a chur leis an scéim chomh tapaigh agus is féidir bainneann P.S.2 leis.

Moladh :

- Gan athrú sa phlean

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S.Walsh, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report

3.5.1 Comhar Caomhán Teo

Achoimre :

- Aonad cóireála séarachais a sholáthar
- Córas uisce a fheabhsú agus foinse nua a aimsiú
- Leithris poiblí nua a sholáthar

Freagra :

- Níl sé ar an liosta reatha faoi láthair.
- Tá fiosrú ar súil le haghaidh foinse nua uisce a aimsiú. Tá sprioc ábhartha sa téacs
- Níl sé ar an liosta reatha faoi láthair.

Moladh :

- gan athrú sa phlean
- gan athrú sa phlean
- cuir sprioc nua faoi Bun struchtúr agus áiseanna (Inis Oírr) 'leithris poiblí nua a thógáil'

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S.Walsh, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report, but not to include the objective 'leithris poiblí nua a thógáil' and to leave the draft plan as is.

3.6.1 Claregalway Community Development Association

Achoimre :

- Improve quality of water supply

Freagra :

- No indication given as to what its deficiency is, unless it refers to the recent contamination with cryptosporidium which affected an extensive area of City and County.

Moladh :

- No change in plan

On the proposal of Comh Hoade and seconded by Comh Cuddy, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report

Issue 4 Housing

Mr. P. Ridge presented the following draft document on Residential Qualification in the Gaeltacht area to the Council.

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.

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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. 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 outside the Galway Transport and Planning Study Boundary, (GTPS, Sept. 1999.) and 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 20% 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.

The Mayor invited comments on the document presented to the meeting:

Comh Ní Fhatharta supported most issues in the document but stated that she could not support the 15 Year Enurement Clause in relation to single rural houses. Comh Ó'Tuairisg stated that he supported the language enurement clause being applied to 20% of the units and residential developments of 2 or more units in the local area plan boundaries of Moycullen and Barna. Comh Ó'Tuairisg stated that the length of the language enurement clause will cause difficulty. Comh S. Walsh welcomed the Nearthú Gaeltachta Policy but did not agree with the 15 year duration of the Enurement Clause, he stated that it should be 7 years for local people. Comh O'Cuaig stated that every area in the Gaeltacht was not the same and added that this document was what was agreed at the Connemara Area Meeting by majority, he stated that it was still possible to sell a house within the duration of the 15 year Enurement Clause to the stated categories as defined in the Nearthú Gaeltachta Policy. He added that it is necessary to bring people back to the Gaeltacht Areas. He added also that it will be possible to re-examine this policy when the public have had the opportunity to make submissions on this policy. Comh Conneely also stated that the 15 year

enurement should be changed to 7 years. Comh Cuddy stated that he wanted a 7 year enurement clause and also added that language enurement clause should apply to 20% of the units in residential developments of 2 or more units in the Local Area Plan Boundary of Baile Chláir. Comh Welby stated that this policy should be presented to the public to let them decide. Comh Kyne stated that he supported the policy to a large extent and added that it was people speculating in the housing market who would not agree with this policy, he stated that it was necessary to encourage people to move into the Gaeltacht and supported this policy being put forward for public display. Comh Hoade stated that she supported a 7 year Enurement Clause for Gaeltacht Areas east of the Corrib.

It was proposed by Comh Cuaig and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg to accept the policy as presented by Mr. P Ridge.

Comh Ó'Tuairisg suggested that a Tax Incentive Scheme such as the Upper Shannon Scheme be introduced, which would increase population through tax incentives. Comh Carey enquired as to whether there was any evidence to show that the Enurement Clause would keep the Irish Language alive. Mr. Ridge stated that the Neartú Gaelachta Enurement Clause was a broadening of the Gaeltacht Enurement Clause, the categories of people included in the Neartú Gaelachta Enurement Clause has been widened. He added that the planning process alone cannot save the Irish Language, however, it can provide the framework and he agreed that there was a need for some type of financial/tax incentive.

It was proposed by Comh Conneely and seconded by Comh S. Walsh to amend the document presented by Mr. P. Ridge by reducing the duration of the Enurement Clauses from 15 years to 7 years.

A vote was taken on Comh Conneely's proposal and the result of the vote was as follows:

AR SON: Comh Ó'Ceannaigh, Comh Ó'Conghaile, Comh Ní Hódach, Comh S. Breathnach. (4)

IN AGHAIDH: Comh Ó'Cuidithigh, Comh Ó Feinneadha, Comh Ó'Cadhain, Comh Ó'Meachair, Comh Ó'Cuaig, Comh Ó'Tuairisg, Comh Bheilbigh. (7)

Gan Vótáil: Comh Ní Fhatharta (1)

It was declared that the motion was lost.

4.1.1 Fóram do Phobal Iorras Aithneach

Achoimre:

- Add text to 2.2.2 to the effect that housing needs take preference over Environmental Designation and that a case should be made for an infrastructural corridor through protected environmental areas
- Add text to 2.3 to the effect that many more residential units are required

- In view of the decline of population in the area and the need for returning emigrants and their families it should not be necessary to attach a language Enurement condition to a permission

Freagra:

- It is illegal to permit development which is likely to cause significant negative effects on designated sites. This does not necessarily rule out developments have a compelling reason for such a location and which will have little impact on its habitat.
- There is no evidence that insufficient residential permissions are being provided in the Gaeltacht. The more perimeter areas have continued to lose population while the areas closer to the city have resisted speculative pressure from urban generated needs.
- It is not proposed to require an Irish language conditions on applicants who qualify for permanent residency in Gaeltacht areas outside the GTPS areas. People who can demonstrate their commitment to assimilate into those perimeter Gaeltacht communities, by their involvement in the business, social and cultural activities of the area, will be favourably considered.

Moladh:

- No change in Draft Plan
- No change in Draft Plan
- Change 5.1.2.1 and replace with new Residential qualification:

Residential Qualification in the Gaeltacht Area

Residential developments in the Gaeltacht Area will be assessed in terms of their location within or without the GTPS Boundary area which is defined as that area outlined in Figure 5 of the County Development Plan maps.

Section 1: All areas within the Gaeltacht that are within the Galway Transport and Planning Study Boundary, (GTPS), as amended.

Section 2: All other areas within the Gaeltacht.

Two specific policies are introduced to recognize and deal with the impacts being experienced in various parts of the Gaeltacht. 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.

Section 1: All areas within the Gaeltacht that are within the Galway Transport and Planning Study Boundary, (GTPS), Sept. 1999.

Residential Developments:

Developments of 2 or more units

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 the language enurement clause applies will be 80% (rounded up). The

'Nearthú Gaeltachta' Policy (see below) will apply to the other 20% of units within such developments. A list of the DEDs within the Gaeltacht and inside the GTPS to which these qualifications apply are attached as per Table 1. All language enurements will have a duration of 15 years from the date of first occupancy of the residential unit.

Single Houses

The 'Nearthú Gaeltachta' policy will also apply to single houses in this area both inside and outside settlement centre areas.

NOTE:

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 50% of the units in residential developments of two or more units.

Single houses will be treated as above.

Local Area Plan Boundary of Baile Chláir

Within the Local Area Plan Boundary of Baile Chláir a language enurement clause will be applied to 30% of the units in residential developments of two or more units.

Single houses will be treated as above.

Section 2. All other areas within the Gaeltacht.

It is the objective of this strategy to enable those Gaeltacht communities that have suffered population decline to be consolidated, promoted, sustained and strengthened by applying the 'Nearthú Pobail' policy (see below) to all developments in the area having regard to the principles of proper planning and sustainable development. A list of the DEDs within the Gaeltacht and outside the GTPS to which these qualifications apply are attached as per Table 2.

An appropriate enurement clause to restrict occupancy to the listed categories will be attached to permitted development for a period of 15 years.

'Nearthú Gaeltachta' Policy

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

- d. Local people as defined in the County Development Plan.
- e. People who are either employed, self-employed or creating employment in an area. They must be able to show that their work will be on a long term basis.
- f. Returning Gaeltacht emigrants from the area or those who return to their area from some other part of this country.
- g. Irish Speakers who can prove their competence to speak Irish in accordance with Galway County Council requirements.
- h. People who can demonstrate their ability to be a long term asset to the traditional, cultural, arts, heritage and language networks of vibrant Gaeltacht communities.

An appropriate enurement clause to restrict occupancy to the listed categories will be attached to permitted developments for 15 years.

'Nearthú Pobail' Policy

Under this policy the Planning authority will be favourably disposed to permanent residential development for people who can demonstrate their commitment to assimilate into Local Gaeltacht Communities by their involvement in the business, social and cultural activities of the area. Development management will report annually on the

number of houses permitted under this policy to allow future review of its effects on the consolidation and enhancement of the community and especially its language. An appropriate enurement clause to restrict occupancy to the listed categories will be attached to permitted development for a period of 15 years.

Table 1
Gaeltacht DEDs within the GTPS Area as amended

DED Number	DED Name
DED 040	Eanach Dhúin
DED 042	Baile an Teampaill (pt)
DED 044	Bearna (pt)
DED 046	An Carn Mór
DED 047	Ceathrú an Bhrúnaigh (pt)
DED 048	Baile Chláir
DED 051	Na Forbacha
DED 054	Cill Chuimín (Gaillimh)
DED 055	Cill Aithnín
DED 056	An Leacach Beag
DED 058	Lisín an Bhealaigh
DED 059	Maigh Cuilinn
DED 061	Sailearna
DED 062	Sliabh an Aonaigh
DED 063	An Spidéal
DED 065	Tulaigh Mhic Aodháin
DED 152	An Crompán

Table 2
Gaeltacht DEDs outside the GTPS Area as amended

DED Number	DED Name
DED 022	Binn an Choire
DED 031	An Uilinn
DED 033	An Cnoc Buí
DED 034	Maíros
DED 035	Abhainn Ghabhla
DED 037	Cloch na Rón
DED 039	Scainimh
DED 053	Inis Mór
DED 149	Camas
DED 150	An Fhairche
DED 151	Conga
DED 153	An Chorr
DED 154	Garmna
DED 155	Cill Chuimín (Uachtar Ard)
DED 156	Leitir Breacáin
DED 158	Leitir Móir
DED 160	An Ros
DED 161	An Turlach

Practical application of 80%Language Enurement Condition

Number of Units	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20	22	25	30	35	40
Number with %LEC	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	8	8	10	12	16	18	20	24	28	32
Number without %LEC	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	8

Practical application of 50%Language Enurement Condition

Number of Units	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20	22	25	30	35	40
Number with %LEC	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	8	10	11	13	15	18	20
Number without %LEC	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	15	17	20

Practical application of 30%Language Enurement Condition

Number of Units	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20	22	25	30	35	40
Number with %LEC	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12
Number without %LEC	1	2	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	8	10	14	15	17	21	25	28

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Welby, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report but to amend the new residential qualification in the Gaeltacht Area as follows

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:

- i. 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

- j. Returning emigrants and migrants from the area and their immediate families, as defined in the County Development Plan.

or

- k. 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.

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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. 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 outside the Galway Transport and Planning Study Boundary, (GTPS, Sept. 1999.) and 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 20% 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.

4.1.2 Coiste Pobail Chamus

Achoimre:

- Go mbeadh cead ag daoine ón áit, daoine ag obair sa cheantar agus aisimirci tithe a thógáil

- Scéim tithíochta a shóisialta/ inacmhainneach a thógáil

Freagra:

- Aontaíonn na polasaithe le seo
- Cuirfear san áireamh é seo nuair a bhéas an chead clár eile á chur le céile

Moladh:

- Gan athrú sa phlean
- Cuir sprioc eile i 5.1.3 tithíocht “scéim beag tithé shóisialta/ inacmhainneach a fhorbairt i gCamus”.

On the proposal of Comh Ó’Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Welby, it was agreed to accept the Manager’s Report but to amend the new residential qualification in the Gaeltacht as follows

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or

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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 outside the Galway Transport and Planning Study Boundary, (GTPS, Sept. 1999.) and 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 20% of the units in residential developments of two or more units.

Residential Developments of 2 or more units

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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.

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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.

4.2.1 Comharchumann Dhúiche Sheoigheach

Achoimre:

- Go mbeidh gá le coinníoll teanga ag gach teach aonarach agus go mbeidh sé éigeantach do “dhuine a thógann teach aonarach Gaeilge a fhoghlaim”
- Ní cheart go mbeadh post ag iarrthóir nuair a dhéanann sé iarratas Pleanála

Freagra:

- Tá cuid mhaith daoine ina gcónaí san Gaeltacht le fada nach bhfuil líofa acu. Dá mbeadh gá le teach ag duine acu ní bheadh sé féaráilte coinníoll teanga a chur leo.

- Braitheann sé ar na sonraí i ngach cás

Moladh:

- Gan athrú sa Phlean

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Welby, it was agreed to accept the Manager's Report but to amend the new residential qualification in the Gaeltacht as follows

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or

- p. Returning emigrants and migrants from the area and their immediate families, as defined in the County Development Plan.

or

- q. 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 Neartú Gaeltachta enurement clause is similar to the current general enurement clause except that you can qualify under the clause if you speak Irish.

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accordance with the latest published Census. The 'Nearthú Gaeltachta' Policy will apply to the other 20% of units within such developments.

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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 outside the Galway Transport and Planning Study Boundary, (GTPS, Sept. 1999.) and East of the Corrib excluding Claregalway.

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Residential Developments of 2 or more units

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4.3.1 Sean Ó Loideáin

Achoimre:

- Talamh a chur ar fáil le haghaidh tithe do dhaoine aosta

Freagra:

- Tá breis is 29 heicteár crioslaithe le haghaidh tithíocht sa Cheathrú Rua. Is féidir scéim dá leithéid a fhorbairt ann ach na haicmí éagsúla a chur chuige.

Moladh:

- Cuspóir ar leith a chur le 6.52 mar O.R.A. 4 "Scéim tithíochta a fhorbairt le haghaidh daoine aosta".

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

4.3.2 Island Ferries Teo

Achoimre:

- That the scale and layout of houses in an Cheathrú Rua will be sensitive to the character and culture of the village

Freagra:

- The development strategy in 6.4 requires housing layouts to reflect their village location rather than echoing suburbia. The County Development Plan allocates 120 houses over a six year period to the village. This avoids overdevelopment.

Moladh:

No change in Draft Plan

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

4.4.1 Niall McDonagh

Achoimre:

- Fluent Irish speakers to qualify for housing need throughout the Gaeltacht, especially where spoken Irish is less widespread.
- Indigenous families who are not urban originated but are now within Local Area Village Plan boundaries should not be classed as urban generated.

Freagra:

- Policy 205 of the County Development Plan as included in 3.3.7 of this Draft Plan allows such qualifications.
- As a general principle this is acceptable but individual cases must be treated on their merits.

Moladh:

- No alteration to Draft Plan

On the proposal of Comh O'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Welby, it was agreed not to accept the Manager's Report but to amend the new residential qualification in the Gaeltacht as follows

Residential Qualification in the Gaeltacht Area

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or

- t. 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 Nearú Gaeltachta enurement clause is similar to the current general enurement clause except that you can qualify under the clause if you speak Irish.

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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.

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All enurements clauses both Nearú 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.

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Residential Developments of 2 or more units

Section 2 b: Gaeltacht areas that are outside the Galway Transport and Planning Study Boundary, (GTPS, Sept. 1999.) and East of the Corrib excluding Claregalway.

The provisions of the County Development Plan only will apply

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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 **Neartú Gaeltachta** policy and will be subjected to a **Neartú Gaeltachta** enurement clause.

It was also proposed by Comh Kyne and Comh S. Walsh and agreed that applicants living within the Development Plan Boundaries of Maigh Cuilinn, Barna, An Cheathru 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 as per text presented to the meeting by Comh Kyne

4.4.2 Colm Ó Cinnseala

Achoimre :

- Ní cheadófar do aon tionscnamh tógála dochar a dhéanamh don Ghaeilge mar theanga pobal sa Ghaeltacht

Freagra :

- Tá sé seo ráite go tréan i 10.5 de Phlean Forbartha an Chontae, a threoraíonn an Phlean Áitiúil seo

Moladh :

- Cuir an abairt isteach mar prionsabal breise i 3.3.1 Pobal agus Cultúr

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Welby it was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

4.4.3 Donncha Ó hÉallaithe

Achoimre :

- Go ndéanfaí athmhachnamh ar an méid talamh atá crioslaithe le haghaidh tithíochta sa Spidéal. Tá contúirt go mbeadh an iomarca forbairt mar Bearna
- I scéim tithíochta go mbeadh 75% srianta do theaghlaigh le Gaeilge agus 25% do ghátar áitiúil
- Clásal srianta teanga nó clásal srianta ginearálta a chur le teach aonarach

Freagra :

- De réir Phlean an Chontae ní cheadófar níos mó ná 150 tithe (120+30% ar a mhéid) i dtreimhse sé bliain sa Spidéal. Síltear go bhfuil sé sin i gcomhréir le riachtanas tithíochta an phobail agus nach bhfuil sé iomarcach. Freisin tá teorainn an bhaile laghdaithe mar a theastaigh ó na daoine a bhí páirteach sna ceardlanna.
- Glactar go ginearálta leis seo
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Moladh :

- Gan athrú sa Phlean
- Polasaí 5.4.2.1 Cáilíocht Chónaitheach a athrú mar leanas:

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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 the language enurement clause applies will be 80% (rounded up). The 'Nearthú Gaeltachta' Policy (see below) will apply to the other 20% of units within such developments. A list of the DEDs within the Gaeltacht and inside the GTPS to which these qualifications apply are attached as per Table 1. All language enurements will have a duration of 15 years from the date of first occupancy of the residential unit.

Single Houses

The 'Nearthú Gaeltachta' policy will also apply to single houses in this area both inside and outside settlement centre areas.

NOTE:

Local Area Plan Boundaries of Maigh Cuilinn and Bearna

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Number without %LEC	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	8

Practical application of 50% Language Enurement Condition

Number of Units	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20	22	25	30	35	40
Number with %LEC	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	8	10	11	13	15	18	20
Number without %LEC	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	15	17	20

Practical application of 30% Language Enurement Condition

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Number with %LEC	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12
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Cuirtear an polasaí seo, a bhaineann le Ionad lonnaithe isteach mar P.R.7 i gcuid a 7 – An Spidéal

- Beidh clásal srianta teanga agus/nó coinníoll ginearálta i gceist sna tithe aonaracha

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or

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accordance with the latest published Census. 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 outside the Galway Transport and Planning Study Boundary, (GTPS, Sept. 1999.) and East of the Corrib excluding Claregalway.

The provisions of the County Development Plan only will apply

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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 20% 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.

4.5.1 Comhar Caomhán Teo

Achoimre:

- Cead Pleanála do daoine óga as an oileán le riachtanas tithíochta
- Scéim beag tithe sóisialta
- Ard-chaighdeán tógála le córas fuinneamh inathnuaite
- Úsáid a bhaint as clocha áitiúla
- Gurb chóir ceangail a bheith don oileáin acu siúd atá ag iarraidh cead Pleanála. Cuirtear coinníoll Gaeilge le gach cead Pleanála
- Go gceannódh an chomhairle chontae tithe atá le díol agus iad a thairiscint do dhaoine áitiúla
- Comhaontú idir aicmí poiblí agus an Comharchumann faoi cóiriú tithíochta
- Cead Pleanála ar suíomhanna níos lú na ½ acra

Freagra:

- Tá siad siúd cáilithe de réir an phlean
- Déanfar é seo a scrúdú: Tá sprioc ann faoi.

- Glactar le seo. Tá sprioc ann faoi.
- Caithfear dul i gcomhairle leis an Roinn Comhshaoil faoi aon ábhar a bhaint ó S.A.C.
- Nil sé soiléir a mbeidh Gaeilge ag gach imirce agus a chlann a thiocfaidh ar ais chuig an oileán ach caithfear a bheith cinnte go mbeidh siad comhtháite leis na hoileánaigh
- Déanfar scrúdú ar seo má tá daoine an oileán liostaithe ar chlár sóisialta an Chomhairle
- Caithfear dul i gcomhairle leis an R.G.P.T.G le seo a chur i gcríoch
- Go ginearálta tá sé riachtanach leath acra a bheith ar fáil le eisilteach a choiriú i gceart.

Moladh:

- Gan aon athrú sa phlean

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

4.5.2 Comharchumann Forbartha Árann Teo

Achoimre:

- Permission to be allowed in the 14 villages other than Cill Ronan. At present the level 5 landscape sensitivity rating prevents development in these traditional settlements.
- Islanders to be permitted to build a holiday home on the island.
- Workers on the island who are non native should be permitted to build a house.
- Social and affordable housing is required.

Freagra:

- The unique landscape quality of the island needs to be protected while allowing for the essential housing need of islanders to live in their local village. It would not be advisable to alter the existing landscape ratings without further extensive survey but a pragmatic approach could be taken to allowing necessary permanent housing in the traditional villages. D.C. standard 11 of the County Development Plan supports this.
- This would be too loose and indeterminate a policy with counter productive results for the island and its heritage and economic assets.
- Existing policies permit this in principle.
- The Planning Authority will support the provision of social/affordable housing – included in objective 5.5.3 of the draft Plan.

Moladh:

- Alter 5.5.2.1 as follows:-

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And also add the following,

“In accordance with D.C. Standard 11 of the County Development Plan consideration will be given in Class 5 landscape of the islands to accommodating local housing needs”

- No change in plan
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4.6.1 Conradh Na Gaeilge Maigh Cuilinn

Achoimre:

- Go mbeidh coinníoll teanga i bhfeidhm ag gach Forbairt Tithíochta i Maigh Cuilinn

Freagra:

- Beidh coinníoll teanga ag céatadán 50% de gach scéim tithíochta sa mbaile.

Moladh:

- Athraigh 5.6.2.1 den Phlean (Ionaid Lonnaíochta) mar leanas

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4.7.1 Údarás Na Gaeltachta

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- Tá daoine in gach pobail a bhuail isteach ó áiteanna eile faoin dtír agus thar lear atá mar bhuntáiste mór don phobal. Ba chóir polasaí a bheith ann a gcuireann iad siúd san áireamh nuair a bhíonn tithé dhá thógáil.

Moladh

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4.7.2 An Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta

Achoimre :

- Go n-aithneofar an patrún nádúrtha lonnaíochta agus go ndéanfar freastal air.
- Sna scéimeanna go mbeadh an ráta choibhneasta do chainteoirí Gaeilge ag 80%, le coinníoll teanga ag baint leo

Freagra :

- Aontaíonn na polasáithe i bPlean an Chontae agus so phlean seo leis an bprionsabal mar a bhaineann sé le riachtanais tithé áitiúil.
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Moladh:

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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 20% 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.

4.7.3 Fionntán Mac Aodh Bhuí

Achoimre:

Contúirt go bhfuil an iomarca tailte crioslaithe le haghaidh forbairt sa Ceathrú Rua agus sa Spidéal agus go mbeadh bagairt don teanga agus don chultúr dá ngéillfí don mbrú ón gCathair

An patrún lonnaíochta is dual don Ghaeltacht a leanúint

Freagra:

De réir Phlean an Chontae ní cheadófar níos mó ná 150 tithe [120 + 30% ar a mhéid] sna Ceathrú Rua ná sa Spidéal. Freisin, caithfidh dearadh na dtithe agus a leagan amach a bheidh oiriúnach do thréithe an tsráidbhaile Seachas sin beidh cáilíochta lonnaíochta i gceist

Tá na polasaithe lonnaithe fabhrach do dhaoine ar mhaith leo socrú síos ar a dtalamh féin. Ní ghlactar go bhfuil meon **uirbeach** ag pleanálaithe an chontae seo.

Moladh:

Gan athrú sa Phlean

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Cuddy, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report.

Issue 5 OIHDREACHT

5.1 Teanga/Cultúr

5.1.1 Údarás na Gaeltachta

Achoimre:

- Béim níos láidre ar chosaint na Gaeilge a bheith sa straitéis
- Tús áite a thabhairt do chainteoirí dúchais agus do chainteoirí Gaeilge chur fúthu san Gaeltacht.
- Athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar grúpáil na gceantair
- An clásal srianta teanga a chur ar chéatadán níos mó na líon na gcainteoirí Gaeilge de réir an Oifig Caidrimh
- Ráiteas Tionchar Teanga a bheith ullmhaithe ag saineolaí pleanála teanga neamhspleách.
- Polasaí 7.6.1 (An Spidéal) a láidriú mar 6.5.1 (An Cheathrú Rua)
- Polasaithe breise molta don Ceathrú Rua agus An Spidéal

Freagra:

- Glactar leis seo agus cuirfear píosa breise le sprioc deireadh 'Pobal agus Cultúr'.
- Aontaíonn polasaí 205 de Phlean an Chontae leis seo agus tá sé san áireamh i 3.3.7 den Phlean seo.
- Ní dócha go ndéanfadh sé aon difríocht do phleanáil na Gaeltachta iad a fhágáil mar atá.
- Déanfar é sin sna scéimeanna taobh istigh de réimse an G.T.P.S. beidh clásal srianta 'neartú Gaeltachta' taobh amuigh dóibh siúd.
- Mar gheall ar an gconspóid faoin ráiteas tionchar teanga caithfear scrúdú breise a dhéanamh air chomh éifeachtach is atá sé thairis an polasaí faoi céatadán na dtithe. Ní féidir é sin a dhéanamh taobh istigh de am-scála an dhréacht Phlean
- Glactar leis sin.
- Glactar leis na polasaithe atá molta.

Moladh:

- Cuir le sprioc deireadh 3.31 mar leanas 'Má cheapann an t-Údarás Pleanála go mbeidh tionchar diúltach éifeachtach ag aon fhorbairt atá beartaithe diúltófar an t-iarraitas pleanála'.

- Gan athrú sa Phlean.
- Gan athrú sa Phlean
- Athraigh an Plean mar atá léirithe i 4.7.1 den tuarascáil seo i réimse an G.T.P.S. San réimse taobh amuigh den G.T.P.S, beidh an cáilíocht chónaitheach mar an gcéanna le 5.1.2.1 nó 5.2.2.1 ach go mbeidh clásail srianta ginearálta(neartú Gaeltachta) le gach teach.
- Gan athrú sa Phlean
- An chead abairt i 7.6.1 a athrú mar leanas ‘Tá sé mar aidhm ag an Údarás Pleanála cosaint a thabhairt do stádas an Spidéil mar Shráidbhaile Gaeltachta agus An cur i gcoinne aon fhorbairt a dhéanfadh díobháil do theanga ná do chultúr an phobail.
- Cuir na polasaithe seo le 6.5.2 agus 7.6.2 ‘measúnú fabhrach a thabhairt ar iarratais do scéimeanna tithíochta a bheadh teoranta do chainteoirí dúchais Gaeilge agus do dhaoine le Gaeilge líofa.’

Agus

‘gan cead a thabhairt d’fhorbairt scéimeanna tithíochta nach mbeadh ag freastail ar riachtanais áitiúla tithíochta.’

Cuir na polasaithe seo le 6.5.3 agus 7.6.3.

‘Gan cead a thabhairt d’aon fhorbairt a mbeadh baol ann go mbeadh tionchar diúltach aige ar stádas Gaeltachta an cheantair (trí úsáid na Gaeilge a lagú in aon bhealach)

Agus

‘Gan cead a thabhairt d’aon fhorbairt a bheadh ag cur seirbhísí ar fáil don phobal má mheasann an Comhairle Chontae nach mbeadh de chumas ag an soláthraí seirbhíse a gcuid gníomhaíochtaí a láimhseáil nó a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge’

On the proposal of Comh S. Walsh and seconded by Comh Ó’Cuaig it was agreed to accept the recommendations in the Manager’s Report taking account of the amendments already agreed to the new Residential Qualification in the Gaeltach Area and also to include wording from the County Development Plan as follows “Any development, which in the opinion of the Planning Authority would have a significant negative impact on the Irish Language and the Gaeltacht will be refused”.

5.1.2 Jamie Ó Tuama

Achoimre:

- Caighdeán éagsúla cumas labhartha á reachtáil ag na hÚdaráis éagsúla agus ‘gan cuma an neamhspleáchais a bheith de na scrúdaitheoirí áitiúla.’
- Na hÚdaráis Áitiúla beag beann ar chinnithe an Bhord Pleanála
- Forbróirí ag sárú na coinníollacha teanga agus na hÚdaráis leis ceach á gcuir i bhfeidhm
- Dream óg na Gaeltachta a mbrú amach
- An brú ag Béarlóirí ar an nGaeltacht.

Freagra:

- Tá an scrúdú béal san Údarás seo oibiachtúil agus proifisiúnta
- Tugtar aird an chinnithe an Bhord ach níl saoi gan locht.

- Tá deacrachtaí le an chur i bhfeidhm roinnt coinníollacha a gabhann le cead pleanála ach deireann na hÚdaráis i ndícheall leis an bhfoireann atá acu.
- Tá na polasaithe i bPlean an Chontae soiléir, go mbreathnaítear go fabhrach ar riachtanais tithíochta muintir na Gaeltachta. Má tá aos óg na Gaeltachta ag brú ar bailte móra ní mór go bhfuil fáthanna eile faoi seachas polasaithe pleanála.
- Tá sé soiléir go bhfuil brú amach ó Chathair na Gaillimhe in gach treo, go háirithe chuig na bruach bailte. Tá srianta **aois** ag cur bac ar an mbrú seo agus déanfar monatóireacht ar chomh éifeachtach is atá na polasaithe.

Moladh:

- Gan athrú sa Phlean
- Gan athrú sa Phlean
- Gan athrú sa Phlean
- Cuir i bhfeidhm na polasaithe athraithe i dtaobh lonnaitheacht chónaitheacha mar atá léirithe i 4.7.1 den tuarascáil seo i réimse an G.T.P.S. San réimse taobh amuigh den G.T.P.S, beidh an cáilíocht chónaitheach mar an gcéanna le 5.1.2.1 nó 5.2.2.1, ach go mbeidh clásal srianta ginearálta (neartú Gaeltachta) le gach teach.
- Athrú polasaithe mar díreach os cionn

On the proposal of Comh S. Walsh and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report but taking account of the amendments already agreed to the new Residential Qualification in the Gaeltach Area.

5.1.3 Donncha Ó hÉallaithe

Achoimre;

- Tábla a chur ar fáil do gach ceantar a thaispeánann an titim ar an líon teaghlaigh a fuair deontais faoi Scéim labhairt na Gaeilge sna deich mbliain atá thart.
- Athdhearbhaigh míreanna 10.3, 10.5, 10.9, de Phlean Forbartha an Chontae san Phlean Áitiúil seo.
- Go bhfostófaí saineolaithe i bpleanáil teanga le tuairisc a réiteach faoin dtionchar a bhéas ar an teanga ag áititheoirí na dtithe a cheadaítear san Gaeltacht.
- Caipiteal a chur sa phlean ina ndéanfaí cur síos an cheist na teanga sa phróiseas pleanála.
- Athmhachnamh a dhéanamh ar an méid talún atá crioslaithe le haghaidh tithíochta sa Spidéal agus go ndéanfaí gach iarratas a mheas de réir a thionchar ar an sráidbhaile
- Polasaí a chur sa Phlean-go mbeadh 75%(ar a laghad) des na tithe do theaghlaigh le Gaeilge líofa agus 25% do dhaoine áitiúla agus do daoine le obair áitiúla
- Clásal srianta teanga no clásal srianta ginearálta le tithe singil
- Alt 7.6.1 a athdhreachtú le go mbeadh sé cosúil le 6.51
- (i) Treoirínite a ullmhú don ráiteas tionchar teanga
(ii) Liosta daoine a ghlahtar a bheith cáilithe le ráiteas a ullmhú
(iii) An R.F.T. a bheith lánach do gach iarratas Pleanála ó Na Forbacha siar go Carna agus Oileáin Árann a chur san áireamh.

- Saineolaí pleanáil teanga a fhostú le athbhreithniú ar an gcoinníoll teanga.

Freagra:

- Glactar le titim na dteaghlaigh a gnóthaigh deontas seachas tábla a chur sa téacs
- Glactar go gcuirtear 10.5 de Phlean an Chontae leis an Réamhrá i 3.1.
- Níl an t-airgead ar fáil faoi láthair le post dá leithéid a chruthú. Rachfar i gcomhairle le Roinn na Gaeltachta faoin gceist i gcomhthéacs an staidéar atá díreach foilsithe faoi staid na Gaeilge
- Níl a dhóthain ama le dul i gcomhairle le Údarás na Gaeltachta agus Roinn na Gaeltachta san am-scála atá ar fáil
- De réir Phlean an Chontae-Tábla 2.4- ní cheadófar níos mó ná 150 tithe [120+30%] sa Spidéal i dtéarmaí 6 bliain, cuma cé mhéid heictear atá crioslaithe. Déanfar gach iarratas a mheas de réir na bprionsabail a bhaineann le pleanáil agus forbairt cuí agus i comhthéacs gur sráidbhaile Gaeltachta é an Spidéal
- Féach an polasaí nua faoi cáilíocht chónaitheach
- Cuirfear clásal srianta teanga nó clásal neartú Gaeltacht le gach teach singil.
- Glacfar leis seo.
- Rachfar i gcomhairle leis na hÚdaráis teanga tar éis scrúdú ar an staidéar nua faoin dteanga
- Níl an t-airgead ar fáil faoi láthair le haghaidh post dá leithéid. Is cosúil go mbeidh an coinníoll níos soiléire agus níos buaine i gcomhthéacs na bpolasaithe nua faoi cháilíocht chónaitheach.

Moladh:

- Gan athrú sa Phlean
- Cuir mir 10.5 de Phlean an Chontae le 3.1 den dréacht.
- Gan athrú sa Phlean
- Gan athrú sa Phlean
- Gan athrú sa Phlean
- Cuir an polasaí nua i leith cáilíocht Chónaitheach leis an bPlean

Residential Qualification in the Gaeltacht Area

Residential developments in the Gaeltacht Area will be assessed in terms of their location within or without the GTPS Boundary area which is defined as that area outlined in Figure 5 of the County Development Plan maps.

Section 1: All areas within the Gaeltacht that are within the Galway Transport and Planning Study Boundary, (GTPS), as amended.

Section 2: All other areas within the Gaeltacht.

Two specific policies are introduced to recognize and deal with the impacts being experienced in various parts of the Gaeltacht. 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.

Section 1: All areas within the Gaeltacht that are within the Galway Transport and Planning Study Boundary, (GTPS), Sept. 1999.

Residential Developments:

Developments of 2 or more units

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 the language enurement clause applies will be 80% (rounded up). The 'Neartú Gaeltachta' Policy (see below) will apply to the other 20% of units within such developments. A list of the DEDs within the Gaeltacht and inside the GTPS to which these qualifications apply are attached as per Table 1. All language enurements will have a duration of 15 years from the date of first occupancy of the residential unit.

Single Houses

The 'Neartú Gaeltachta' policy will also apply to single houses in this area both inside and outside settlement centre areas.

NOTE:

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 50% of the units in residential developments of two or more units.

Single houses will be treated as above.

Local Area Plan Boundary of Baile Chláir

Within the Local Area Plan Boundary of Baile Chláir a language enurement clause will be applied to 30% of the units in residential developments of two or more units.

Single houses will be treated as above.

Section 2. All other areas within the Gaeltacht.

It is the objective of this strategy to enable those Gaeltacht communities that have suffered population decline to be consolidated, promoted, sustained and strengthened by applying the 'Neartú Pobail' policy (see below) to all developments in the area having regard to the principles of proper planning and sustainable development. A list of the DEDs within the Gaeltacht and outside the GTPS to which these qualifications apply are attached as per Table 2.

An appropriate enurement clause to restrict occupancy to the listed categories will be attached to permitted development for a period of 15 years.

'Neartú Gaeltachta' Policy

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

- iii. Local people as defined in the County Development Plan.
- jjj. People who are either employed, self-employed or creating employment in an area. They must be able to show that their work will be on a long term basis.
- kkk. Returning Gaeltacht emigrants from the area or those who return to their area from some other part of this country.

III. Irish Speakers who can prove their competence to speak Irish in accordance with Galway County Council requirements.

mmm. People who can demonstrate their ability to be a long term asset to the traditional, cultural, arts, heritage and language networks of vibrant Gaeltacht communities.

An appropriate enurement clause to restrict occupancy to the listed categories will be attached to permitted developments for 15 years.

'Nearthú Pobail' Policy

Under this policy the Planning authority will be favourably disposed to permanent residential development for people who can demonstrate their commitment to assimilate into Local Gaeltacht Communities by their involvement in the business, social and cultural activities of the area. Development management will report annually on the number of houses permitted under this policy to allow future review of its effects on the consolidation and enhancement of the community and especially its language.

An appropriate enurement clause to restrict occupancy to the listed categories will be attached to permitted development for a period of 15 years.

**Table 1
Gaeltacht DEDs within the GTPS Area as amended**

DED Number	DED Name
DED 040	Eanach Dhúin
DED 042	Baile an Teampaill (pt)
DED 044	Bearna (pt)
DED 046	An Carn Mór
DED 047	Ceathrú an Bhrúnaigh (pt)
DED 048	Baile Chláir
DED 051	Na Forbacha
DED 054	Cill Chuimín
DED 055	Cill Aithnín
DED 056	Leacach Beag
DED 058	Lisín an Bhealaigh
DED 059	Maigh Cuilinn
DED 061	Sailearna
DED 062	Sliabh an Aonaigh
DED 063	An Spidéal
DED 065	Tulaigh Mhic Aodháin
DED 152	An Cromptán

**Table 2
Gaeltacht DEDs outside the GTPS Area as amended**

DED Number	DED Name
DED 022	Binn an Choire
DED 031	An Uilinn
DED 033	An Cnoc Buí
DED 034	Maíros
DED 035	Abhann Gabhla
DED 037	Cloch na Rón
DED 039	Scainimh

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DED 053	Inis Mór
DED 149	Camus
DED 150	An Fhairche
DED 151	Conga
DED 153	An Chorr
DED 154	Garmna
DED 155	Cill Chuimín
DED 156	Leitir Breacáin
DED 158	Leitir Móir
DED 160	An Ros
DED 161	An Turlach

Practical application of 80% Language Enurement Condition

Number of Units	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20	22	25	30	35	40
Number with %LEC	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	8	8	10	12	16	18	20	24	28	32
Number without %LEC	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	8

Practical application of 50% Language Enurement Condition

Number of Units	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20	22	25	30	35	40
Number with %LEC	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	8	10	11	13	15	18	20
Number without %LEC	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	15	17	20

Practical application of 30% Language Enurement Condition

Number of Units	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20	22	25	30	35	40
Number with %LEC	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12
Number without %LEC	1	2	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	8	10	14	15	17	21	25	28

- Cuir clásal srianta teanga nó clásal neartú Gaeltachta le gach teach singil
- Cuir alt 6.5.1 in ionad alt 7.6.1, agus ainm an Spidéal in ionad ainm na Ceathrú Rua.
- Gan athrú sa Phlean.
- Gan athrú sa Phlean.

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh Welby, it was agreed to accept the Manager's Report but to amend the new residential qualification in the Gaeltacht Area as follows

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 'Neartú 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:

nnn. 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

ooo. Returning emigrants and migrants from the area and their immediate families, as defined in the County Development Plan.

or

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

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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. The 'Nearú Gaeltachta' Policy will apply to the other 20% of units within such developments.

All enurements clauses both Nearú 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.

Nearú 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 outside the Galway Transport and Planning Study Boundary, (GTPS, Sept. 1999.) and 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 Bearná

Within the Local Area Plan Boundaries of Maigh Cuilinn and Bearná a **Language Enurement Clause** will be applied to 20% 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 **Neartú Gaeltachta** policy and will be subjected to a **Neartú Gaeltachta** enurement clause.

5.1.4 An Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta

Achoimre:

- Go bhfostófaí pleanálaí teanga gairmiúil
- Go n-aithneofar an patrún nádúrtha lonnaithe ag muintir an cheantair agus freastal a dhéanamh ar sin
- 80% de na tithe sna limistéir socraithe ag dul do chainteoirí dúchasacha agus daoine le Gaeilge líofa. Coinníoll teanga docht daingean a cheangail leis.
- Go rachadh an Rannóg Pleanála teanga i gcomhairle le eagraíochtaí oifigiúil agus eagraíochtaí áitiúil le straitéis comhaontaithe teanga a chur ar fáil.
- Polasaithe buana a bheith ann maidir le cúinsí teangeolaíoch an phobail m.s. comharthaíocht lánGhaeilge amháin.
- Comhairle leanúnach idir an Roinn Pleanála agus an t-Oifigeach Gaeilge leis na polasaithe sa phlean a chur i bhfeidhm.
- Ráiteas tionchar teanga a bheith ullmhaithe ag saineolaí go fhorbairtí seanchais tithe singil.
- Go mbunófar córas chun iarratais pleanála a bhaineann leis an nGaeltacht a aithint ó iarratais eile agus go déileáiltear go speisialta leo.
- Córas feidhmiúcháin idir an Údarás Pleanála agus Údarás na Gaeltachta lena ról i bhforbairt na Gaeltachta a aithint
- Gnó pleanála trí Ghaeilge a dhéanamh le pobal na Gaeilge.

Freagra:

- Níl an t-airgead ar fáil faoi láthair le post dá leithéid a chruthú. Déanfar an cás a mheas i gcomhthéacs an staidéir atá díreach foilsithe faoi staid na Gaeilge agus i gcomhthéacs na cáilíochta nua chónaitheach a bhéas sa Phlean
 - Aithníonn na polasaithe atá i bPlean Forbartha an Chontae riachtanais tithíochta na ndaoine áitiúil san Gaeltacht ina gceadaítear dóibh teach a thógáil ar thalamh a muintire no ar suíomh eile ina áit dhúchais féin. Tá na polasaithe aistriithe go dtí an dréacht seo.
 - Tá polasaithe nua molta faoi cháilíocht chónaitheach.
 - Déanfar cinneadh air sin tar éis scrúdú a dhéanamh ar an Staidéar Teanga.
 - Tá polasaithe dá leithéid i bPlean Forbartha an Chontae agus iad curtha sa Dréacht seo faoi 3.3.7

- Glac an t-oifigeach Gaeilge páirt lárnach ins na ceardlanna leis an bpobal agus ag plé leis na haighneachtaí a bhaineann le cultúr agus teanga.
- Ó thaobh forbairt tithíochta dhe, beidh monatóireacht ar siúl ar éifeacht na bpolasaithe nua chónaitheach. Ó thaobh forbairtí eile déanfar deimhin go nglacfar ráiteas tionchar teanga ó shaineolaí neamhspleách aitheanta.
- Déanfar amhlaidh má tá pleanálaithe le Gaeilge ar fáil san bhfoireann.
- Ba cheart go mbeadh forum na Gaeltachta gur bhall de Bhord Forbartha an Chontae é i mbun an ghnó.
- Glactar leis seo.

Moladh :

- Gan athrú sa Phlean.
- Gan athrú sa Phlean
- Glac le na polasaithe nua Chónaitheach mar atá léirithe thuas.
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On the proposal of Comh S. Walsh and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report but taking account of the amendments already agreed to the new Residential Qualification in the Gaeltach Area

5.1.5 Coiste Forbartha Na bhForbacha

Achoimre:

Tacaíocht le féilte áitiúla agus cúrsaí spóirt

Páirceanna spraoi do pháistí a thógáil

Tacaíocht láidir don Ghaeilge mar theanga pobail, go háirithe “ó na Forbacha siar” (athrú ar “ón Spidéal siar”)

Tacaíocht a thabhairt maidir le bailiú, caomhnú agus úsáid logainmneacha áitiúla”, a chur le 5.4.3

Freagra:

Glactar leis an athrú seo sa téacs

Tá clár reatha le haghaidh páirceanna spraoi ach braitheann sé ar an méid airgead atá le fáil go bliantúil

Glactar leis an bhfianaise

Glactar leis seo.

Moladh:

Athraigh P.0.3 mar atá molta.

Gan athrú sa phlean.

Athraigh an téacs faoi tábla 5.4 (a)

go “Tacaíocht láidir don Ghaeilge mar theanga pobail, go háirithe ó na forbacha siar”

Cuir aidhm breise le 5.4.3 faoi Cultúr agus Oidhreacht “tacaíocht a thabhairt maidir le bailiú, caomhnú agus úsáid logainmneacha áitiúla”.

On the proposal of Comh S. Walsh and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager’s Report.

5.1.6 Fionntán Mac Aodh Bhuí

Achoimre:

- Mí-chothromaíocht idir codanna éagsúla den nGaeltacht ó thaobh forbairt agus oideachas
- An contúirt go bhfásfaidh an Spidéal iomarcach agus go mbeidh sé faoi bhrú ó Bhéarlóirí ón gCathair.
- Roinn na n-ábhar i mbunscoileanna na Gaeltachta níos lú mar atá sna bailte móra; ganntanas múinteoirí freisin
- An cineál oideachas i gcúrsaí pleanála sna hollscoileanna mí-oiriúnach don Gaeltacht.
- Gan dul chun cinn leis an bplean go dtí go mbeidh an staidéar faoi staid na Gaeilge foilsithe.

Freagra:

- Tá sé sin soiléir ó thitim an daonra, on ráta di-fhostaíocht agus ón méid scoláirí nach dtéann go oideachas an tríú leibhéal
- Ní cheadófar níos mó na 150 tithe (120+30%) i dtréimhse 6 bliain agus beidh cáilíocht chónaitheach fabhrach do Gaeilgeoirí agus daoine áitiúil.
- San **dúshlán** do na hÚdaráis oideachais agus Bord Forbartha an Chontae.
- Pé easnamh atá sna scoileanna pleanála fásann an t-oideachas ba shuntasáil as bheith ag plé le cúrsaí na Gaeltachta mar pleanálaí
- Tá an staidéar díreach tar éis a fhoilsiú, beagán déanach don chéim seo den Phlean, Seans go mbeidh sé úsáideach don chéad céim eile

Moladh:

- Gan athrú sa Phlean.

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

5.2.1 Joanna Modzelewska, Dept of Environment Heritage and Local Government

Achoimre :

- **Section 2.1.2**

Section 2.1.2: the background information relating to ‘environmental designations’, and to sites with nature conservation designations in particular, is incomplete and technically inaccurate. Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs) are designated and protected under the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000. Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), including all candidate sites, are designated and protected under the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC). Special Protection Areas (SPAs), omitted from the list, are designated and protected under the EU Birds (Directive 79/409/EEC) and

Habitats Directives. The EU directives have been transposed into Irish Law by the European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations, 1997.

The boundaries of sites with nature conservation designations may change over time, and have done so since 2006. The Council is advised to seek and include the most up-to-date boundaries available from National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) of this Department (via the website), close to the completion of the environmental report and final draft of the plan. The LAP should also include wording to the effect that any new areas or sites that are designated in the lifetime of the plan will be conserved and protected. All sites with nature conservation designations should be included and shown in the relevant maps in the LAP.

Freagra:

It is acknowledged that this section needs to be re-written and to give accurate descriptions of designated sites.

With regard to the potential change to designated site boundaries Galway County Council have taken cognisance of this in *Galway County Development Plan 2003-2009* and have included a statement to this effect (please refer to Section 6.11). It is agreed that similar wording will be included in the Gaeltacht LAP. It is usual practice for Galway County Council to include the most up-to-date boundaries available from National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS).

Moladh:

That Section 2.1.2: be re-written as follows:

2.1.2 Environmental Designations

Extensive areas of Conamara have been designated Natural Heritage Areas under the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000. While other areas are designated as Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), including all candidate sites, and are protected under the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC). The Gaeltacht also has Special Protection Areas (SPAs), that are designated and protected under the EU Birds (Directive 79/409/EEC) and Habitats Directives. The EU directives have been transposed into Irish Law by the European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations, 1997. The precautionary principle applies, in that development can only take place if there are no reasonable alternatives or that the project is demonstrably in the public interest.

The Gaeltacht area east of the City is only marginally affected although areas within the Corrib catchment must have regards to its SAC status and its ecosystem.

Landscape sensitivity ratings have been designated to all parts of the County, as set out in section 5 of the County Development Plan – See Figure 7 in the list of maps attached to the siad plan. Control of development in the various landscape types is in accordance with Development Control Standard 10 and Development Control Standard 11 of Section 11 of the Plan.

2. To **include** the following **new Polices under Section 4.2 Biodiversity/Flora Fauna:**

Conserve and protect any new areas or sites that are designated in the lifetime of this plan and to take cognisance of any revisions and adjustments to

designated sites as furnished by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government .

3. All sites with nature conservation designations to be included and shown in the relevant maps in the LAP.

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Achoimre:

- **Section 4.2**

The Department have stated that while the following Policies: P.W.4: and P.W.7 has relevance in relation to the topic, Water Quality, it is more pertinent to the later Biodiversity/Flora and Fauna section, and should be moved.

The Department also suggest the inclusion of a policy to protect rivers, streams, lakes, coastal waters and their associated wetlands both as functioning ecosystems and as ecological corridors and networks.

They also suggest that Policy P.S.3 (soil): should be expanded to 'protect fen and other wetland areas from the direct impact of development and infilling, or from indirect effects such as a change in water regime'. They also state that in considering any waste permit applications, the Council should ensure that 'environmental pollution', as defined under the Waste Management Act, 1996, is not caused. In particular, a significant risk to plants or animals should not be created.

With regards to Policy P.S.4 regarding coastal protection measures they state that they are costly, complex from an engineering perspective and generally unsustainable. Accordingly, the aim in relation to coastal erosion, and potential effects of climate change and sea level rise in susceptible coastal areas, should be to avoid or minimise the need to undertake programmes of protection and conservation through proper planning and the promotion and support of sustainable development.

Section 4.2 – Biodiversity/Flora and Fauna they state that this section should include a policy to conserve, protect and enhance sites with nature conservation designations through the proper implementation of relevant wildlife legislation, through consultation with NPWS of this Department, and through the appropriate and timely referral of planning applications and waste permit applications to this Department and other prescribed bodies. In addition to direct effects, the potential for indirect and cumulative effects, including on sites and coastal and marine areas outside the county, should be recognised.

They also state that this section should include a policy to implement Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive and to subject any plan or project likely to impact Natura 2000 or European sites (SACs or SPAs), whether directly (*in-situ*), indirectly (*ex-situ*) or in combination with other plans or projects, to an appropriate assessment in order to inform decision making. The Department also state that it should be noted that a plan or project may be authorised only after the competent authority has made certain,

based on best scientific knowledge, that it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site; in the case of derogations, authorisation must be pursued under Article 6(4).

The Department also considers that this section should include a policy to fully integrate wildlife and biodiversity considerations into all areas of the Council's roles and responsibilities, and into all its works and operations.

Freagra:

It is agreed that Policies: P.W.4: and P.W.7 are more relevant to the Biodiversity/Flora and Fauna section of Section 4.2.

It is also agreed that a policy to protect rivers, streams, lakes, coastal waters and their associated wetlands both as functioning ecosystems and as ecological corridors and networks is needed in the plan.

It would be prudent to expand Policy P.S.3 and to use the Department's proposed wording as fens and wetlands are under serious threat. It should also be noted that Galway County Council (Through the County Heritage Plan) is currently working on a Wetland Scoping Study and that these issues have been highlighted through same.

With regards to waste permit applications it is felt that the Environment Section is better equipped to deal with this issue but it is acknowledged that the granting of waste permit applications should not pose/create a significant risk to plants or animals.

With regards to the Department's statement in relation to Policy P.S.4 it is acknowledged that the aim should be to avoid or minimise the need to undertake programmes of protection and conservation through proper planning and the promotion and support of sustainable development it should also be recognised that there are/will be areas of the coast that will be under threat from coastal erosion/climate change and that programmes of protection and conservation will be needed to address same.

It is agreed that Section 4.2 – Biodiversity/Flora and Fauna should include a policy to conserve, protect and enhance sites with nature conservation designations through the proper implementation of relevant wildlife legislation, through consultation with NPWS and through the appropriate and timely referral of planning applications and waste permit applications to this Department and other prescribed bodies.

It is also recognised that there is the potential for indirect and cumulative effects, on coastal and marine areas outside the local authority jurisdiction and that a Policy could be included in the LAP to address this to some degree. It is also recognised that it is very difficult for the local authority to deal with areas outside of its administrative boundaries in the context of a LAP.

It is agreed that a policy should be included to implement Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive and to subject any plan or development proposal likely to directly or indirectly (or in combination with other plans or projects) impact Natura 2000 or European sites (SACs or SPAs).

It is agreed that a policy could be included to seek to integrate wildlife and biodiversity considerations into all areas of the Council's roles and responsibilities, and into all its works and operations in so far as they relate to an LAP. It should be noted that not all of the Council's roles and responsibilities come under the remit of planning or an LAP>

Moladh:

1. To **move** Policies: **P.W.4: and P.W.7** to the Biodiversity/Flora and Fauna section of **Section 4.2.**
2. To **include** the following **new Policy in Section 4.2 Biodiversity/Flora and Fauna:**
To protect rivers, streams, lakes, coastal waters and their associated wetlands both as functioning ecosystems and as ecological corridors and networks.
3. To **amend** the wording of **Policy P.S.3** as follows:
Protect fen and other wetland areas from the direct impact of development and infilling, or from indirect effects such as a change in water regime.
4. To **include** the following **new Policy in Section 4.2 Biodiversity/Flora and Fauna:**
Conserve, protect and enhance sites with nature conservation designations through the proper implementation of relevant wildlife legislation, through consultation with NPWS and through the appropriate and timely referral of planning applications and waste permit applications to all prescribed bodies.
5. To **include** the following **new Policy in Section 4.2 Biodiversity/Flora and Fauna:**
Seek to minimise is the potential for indirect and cumulative effects, on coastal and marine areas.
6. To **include** the following **new Policy in Section 4.2 Biodiversity/Flora and Fauna:**
Implement Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive and to subject any plan or development proposal likely to directly or indirectly (or in combination with other plans or projects) impact Natura 2000 or European sites (SACs or SPAs), to an appropriate assessment in order to inform decision making.
7. To **include** the following **new Policy in Section 4.2 Biodiversity/Flora and Fauna:**
Seek to integrate wildlife and biodiversity considerations into all areas of the Council's roles and responsibilities, and into all its works and operations in so far as they relate to this Plan.

On the proposal of Comh S. Walsh and seconded by Comh Ó'Tuairisg it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

**5.3.1 Built Heritage: Archaeology:
Achoimre:**

The Department state that Section 7.5.1, Built Environment, gives specific attention to the meaning of being a protected structure within the context of An Spidéal. However this explanation is not encountered in earlier sections of the document dealing with other areas within An Gaeltacht. It may also be that the term “*built environment*” may be inappropriate in this context. In general terms the environment takes in the natural environment, and the built environment. Within this context in any locality the natural environment can be seen to include natural heritage, and the built environment can be seen to include built heritage.

They also state that in turn the built heritage of any locality includes both its archaeological heritage, and its architectural heritage.

Archaeological heritage is given protection in Irish law by the National Monuments Acts. Architectural heritage is given primary protection in Part IV of the 2000 Planning and Development Act. This part of the 2000 Act is titled “Architectural Heritage”.

In that regard it recommended that Policy PBH1 in Section 7.6.9 is amended to separate out structures of archaeological significance, and which are therefore primarily protected within the context of the National Monuments Acts, from those structures specifically included in the Record of Protected Structures.

It is also recommended that the policies set out in respect of each island are consistent. For instance, it is stated in relation to Inis Oírr that it is intended to “Conserve and protect the Natural and Built Environment of Inis Oírr”. The same commitment is not expressed in relation to the other two islands.

Freagra:

The Department is correct in stating that the built heritage of a locality includes both its archaeological heritage, and its architectural heritage. This coupled with the fact that Archaeological heritage is given protection in Irish law by the National Monuments Acts. Architectural heritage is given primary protection in Part IV of the 2000 Planning and Development Act deems that the Built Heritage Section should contain a separate introductory paragraph relating to Archaeology and that Policy PBH should separate architectural heritage from archaeological heritage.

A statement could also be included to conserve and protect the Natural and Built Environment of the Aran Islands and this would cover all three islands.

Moladh:

1. That **Section 7.5.1** would be **renamed** and called **Built Heritage** and that a specific paragraph would be included relating of an overview of the archaeological heritage.
2. That the following paragraph would be included in **Section 7.5.1**

Archaeology

The Gaeltacht has a very rich archaeological heritage ranging from ancient field systems to megalithic tombs, standing stones to ringforts and children’s burial grounds to clochans. This rich archaeological legacy helps to provide an

understanding of past societies that inhabited the Gaeltacht through an examination of the material remains left by those societies and the evidence of their environment.

The archaeological heritage of the Gaeltacht is protected under the National Monuments Acts 1930 - 2004. Often this archaeological resource is listed as either a monument or site. An archaeological 'monument' to refer to man-made structures or to natural features altered by man. However, there are many monuments there is no visible evidence. They may survive mainly below ground, in which case they are often refer to them as 'sites'.

3. Change Policy PBH 1 in Section 7.6.9 as follows:

Use the fist part of the current wording for Policy PBH 1: To protect structures which are listed in the Record of Protected Structures as per Appendix 3.

And to create a new Policy under the same section: To protect and preserve archaeological sites and monuments which are listed in the Record of Monuments and Places and any subsequent site and monument that is discovered during the lifetime of this plan.

4. Include an appendix of Sites and Monuments from the Record of Monuments and Places that relate to An Spidéal and An Cheathrú Rua.
5. **Include the following policy under section 5.5 - PLAN'S AIM FOR THE ISLANDS TOGETHER WITH GUIDING POLICIES page 48:** To conserve and protect the Natural and Built Heritage of the Aran Islands.

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh, it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Issue 6 Miscellaneous

6.1 Coiste Forbartha Céibh an tSrutháin

Achoimre:

- Include policy to help maximise the potential of Srutháin Pier as a community and recreational amenity.
- Include policy to help maximise the potential of Loch A'mhuillin as a community and recreational amenity.

Freagra:

- The Plan supports the Community objectives of 5.3.3 which include "The provision of a Marina of Srutháin Quay". As indicated in 1.1.P above this objective is proposed to be revised.

- Objective O.B.E.7 relates to Loch A'Mhuillin "Examine the environmental status and leisure potential of Loch A'Mhuillin when the near waste water treatment is commissioned.
- **Moladh:**
- Replace the relevant objective of 5.3.3 with the wording " The provision of a Marina at Srutháin Quay and the assessment of the lands in the vicinity of the quay as to their potential for the recreation of the local Community and for the tourism industry".
- No change in the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Comh Ní Fhatharta and seconded by Comh S.Walsh, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report

6.2 Coiste Forbartha na bhForbacha

Achoimre:

- Go mbeadh ar chumas gach duine áitiúil cónaí ina bhaile fearainn fhéin.
- An Clásal Ceangal ar feadh 7 mbliana ar a mhéid.
- Go leanfar leis an traidisiún mar atá san áit, le tithe aonaracha bheith tógtha ar leath acre le 75 troigh colbha bóthair.
- Nach gcuirfí iallach ar éinne ón nGaeltacht bogadh taobh amuigh den Ghaeltacht de bharr cúinsí inmharthanachta nó taisteal go dtí a ionad oibre.
- Go mbeadh coinníoll teanga ceangailte le aon fhorbairt tithíocht ar 3 theach agus níos mó sa cheantair.
- Go mbeadh áit glas do páirc spraoí, áiseanna do gasúir.

Freagra:

- Glacann polasaí 90 de Phlean Forbartha an Chontae lena leithéid.
- Ní leor tréimhse 7 mbliana le cosaint cheart a thabhairt Don Ghaeilge.
- Níl aon rud sa Phlean ag cur in aghaidh tithe ar teach achra.
- Níl aon rud sa Phlean ag cur iallach ar muintir na Gaeltachta bogadh amach uaidh.
- De réir polasaí 90 de Phlean Forbartha an Chontae cuirtear coinníoll teanga le céatadán des na tithe i scéim tithíochta thar dhá theach.
- In aon scéim tithíochta tá sé riachtanach ar a laghad 15% den suíomh a chur ar fáil mar spás oscailte.

Moladh:

- Gan aon athrú sa phlean.

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S.Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Manager's Report

6.3 Cumann Áitritheoirí Na Gleanna Móire

Achoimre:

- Ní fheileann dearadh nó suíomh an ionad cóireála séarachais le hais céibh an tSruháin do fhorbairt na háite mar ionad chaitheamh aimsire don phobal nó mar ionad turasóireachta. Cuirfidh sé in aghaidh aon seans le “marina” a bheith ann.

Freagra:

- Tá obair ar an gcóras séarachais le dul ar aghaidh gan moill agus ní féidir na sonraíthe a athrú. Is píosa bunstruchtúr mórluachach é seo agus meastar gur mar bhuntáiste don phobal agus don turasóireacht a bheas sé, seachas a mhalairt. Ní chuirfear isteach ar an seans le muiríne a chur ann nó áit chaitheamh aimsir don pobal áitiúil a fhorbairt.

Moladh:

- Gan aon athrú sa Phlean.

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

6.4 Sean Ó Suilleabháin, Threasa Ni Shúilleabháin

Achoimre:

- The extensive ribbonisation along the public roads of “Cois Fharraige” has “suburbanised” the area.
- The area south of the R336, R340, and R343 be designated as a Costal Edge and a High Amenity Area so as to protect its recreational potential, its visual and natural heritage.
- Provide a linear public amenity park stretching from Na hAille to Carna.
- Provision should be made for sporting and community facilities in Ros an Mhíl, An Cheathrú Rua, Cill Chiaráin particularly adjacent to the schools and at Ard Mór.

Freagra:

- For many years development along the seaside of the R336 has been restricted to the essential housing need of the local people. It is reasonable to assume therefore, that the development was necessary, that it consolidated the historical settlement pattern and that due to the fragmentation of land holdings a level of linear housing was to be expected.

The locals would be unlikely to regard this as suburbanisation and many of their spokesmen have complained that planners were trying to “urbanise” them by encouraging them into the city.

- The landscape sensitivity ratings of the lands south of the regional routes are exclusively at levels 3 and 4 in the County Development Plan. Development is restricted in these areas to that which substantiate the need for such a location and for essential local residential needs.
- The proposal is of such a scale as not to be feasible without the extremely high levels of funding which would be required for land acquisition and sensitive development. A more realistic project would be to protect the existing accesses to the coastline and develop coastal walkways/cycle ways along safe

and negotiable routes, linking back to local by-roads where progress was impossible.

Section 2.1.3 of the Plan advocates the provision of a “Coastal Zone Management Strategy to optimise its potential, avoid conflicting and inappropriate uses, and have regard to the challenge of climate change.

- Areas are designated in An Cheathrú Rua for Recreation and Amenity and for Community facilities. Ros A Mhil and Cill Chiaráin are settlement centres in which or in close proximity to which sporting and community facilities will be sympathetically considered. While An Ard Mór is not designated as an official settlement the local community are entitled to put their case for necessary community facilities prior to submitting a planning application. Policy 205 of the County Development Plan, as echoed by 3.3.7 of the Draft Plan states that “the Planning Authority will be favourable disposed to applications for development” such as “recreational facilities through Irish”.

Moladh:

- No change in the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Comh S. Walsh and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager’s Report.

6.5 Ciarán Ó Cualáin and Mary Folan

Achoimre:

- This is an objection to the continuation of a seaside amenity path in An Spidéal which is proposed to link the two beaches. A section of the path has been completed. The objection relates to the eastern portion from An Sean Chéibh to Trá na mBan and it relates to the reduction of the privacy and amenity of their residence.

Freagra:

- This relates to objective O.T.1 of the Village Plan. The coastal amenity walk is designed to make the coastline and the beach area more accessible to the Public. It has been partially developed to date and is dependant on funding for its completion. The point is well made that some amenity areas can be locations for anti-social activity at night. This is the experience of many communities and is a challenge to these communities and the enforcers of the law. The objection will be considered prior to the next phase of development.

Moladh:

- No change in the Draft Plan.

On the proposal of Comh S. Walsh and seconded by Comh Ó’Tuairisg it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager’s Report.

6.6 Joanna Modzelewska, Development Applications Unit Dept of Environment Heritage and Local Government

Response from CAAS (Environmental Services) Limited as follows;
Submission by Development Applications Unit of the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government (DEHLG)

Point 1a - Architectural Heritage

Text of Submission

For the purpose of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government is an "environmental authority" in relation to significant effect in relation to architectural or archaeological heritage or to nature conservation.

Response

This is noted

Updating of Environmental Report

None

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Point 1b - Architectural Heritage

Text of Submission

As set out in the Regulations, 'architectural heritage' is a material asset which is to be taken into account in SEA.

Response

As set out in the Regulations¹ 'architectural heritage' is part of the environmental component of 'cultural heritage' with 'material assets' being listed as separate environmental component.

Updating of Environmental Report

None

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Point 1c - Architectural Heritage

Text of Submission

The Environmental Report for the Draft Gaeltacht Local Area Plan makes limited reference to 'architectural heritage' and how it is being addressed in the draft Local Area Plan. Reference is made to some of the protected structures within the area taken in by the draft Plan. However, the Environmental Report goes little beyond this.

Response

The ER: describes the relevant aspects of the architectural heritage baseline; identifies a Strategic Environmental Objective (SEO), which is specific to architectural heritage and is accompanied by an indicator and target, and; explicitly evaluates the likely

¹ The Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004)

significant effects of the relevant measures in the Draft LAP relating to architectural heritage.

The preferred land use options evaluated by the SEA were determined to need to be accompanied by systematic ways of anticipating and avoiding architectural impacts during the development stage. The relevant measures integrated into the LAP and evaluated by the ER as having beneficial impacts on architectural heritage will achieve this anticipation and avoidance.

Mitigation measure number 6 in the ER - *Planning applications may be required to be accompanied by an assessment to be undertaken by a certified conservation architect detailing the impacts of the relevant development upon the special interest and character of the surrounding architectural heritage. The planning authority should be consulted at an early stage in this regard in order to determine whether there is a need for such an assessment.* - seeks to prevent adverse effects on architectural heritage.

Updating of Environmental Report

None

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Point 1d - Architectural Heritage

Text of Submission

It should be noted that the Draft Gaeltacht Local Area Plan itself does include various polices relating to the protection of architectural heritage within the plan area. While it might be viewed that some of the wording in the draft plan could be improved, nevertheless the draft plan is not deficient in that respect.

Response

This is noted - see response to Point 1c above.

Updating of Environmental Report

None

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Point 2a - Archaeological Heritage

Text of Submission

We find the Draft Environmental Report satisfactory from the archaeological perspective.

Response

This is noted

Updating of Environmental Report

None

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Point 3a - Nature Conservation

Text of Submission

The SEA Environmental Report is incomplete as it fails to assess the environmental impacts across the entire plan area. Among other things, the LAP acts as a framework and policy document for promoting infrastructural development (new and improved roads, new wastewater treatment and sewerage systems, new water abstraction and supply schemes, upgraded electricity transmission, etc), increasing local populations, and increasing industrial development and exploitation of natural resources. These activities and changes have the potential to have significant effects on the environment.

Response

The LAP consists of community objectives for each of the six Gaeltacht districts as well as including village plans for An Cheathrú Rua and An Spidéal.

Although both village plans were identified as having the potential to significantly impact upon the environment, the community objectives were generally identified as not being likely to significantly effect the environment.

Where any community objectives, such as those relating to roads and transportation or those relating to electrical supply lines, give rise to potential impacts these impacts are required to be assessed at project level through EIA.

In addition, certain community objectives relating to sectors such as Housing, e.g. 'local people to be allowed to build for family members on family lands', are taken from the County Development Plan Settlement Strategy which has undergone a separate SEA process and to which the LAP is required to have regard.

The SEA Directive and SEA Regulations require the Environmental Report to include information on, inter alia, 'the environmental characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected' [Annex I, (c) and Schedule 2B respectfully].

In accordance with both the principle of subsidiarity and the fact that the areas which have the potential to be significantly affected as a result of implementing the LAP are those areas in and around An Cheathrú Rua and An Spidéal, the environments at An Cheathrú Rua and An Spidéal have been focused upon by the SEA process.

Updating of Environmental Report

None

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Point 3b - Nature Conservation

Text of Submission

The SEA Environmental Report is deficient and incomplete as it lacks an Article 6(3) appropriate assessment - see findings of screening below - and it should be revised to bring it up to correct, legal SEA standard.

Response

The requirement for appropriate assessments is provided under the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC). Although the findings of appropriate assessments may be included within or appended to an SEA Environmental Report and although these findings may overlap with those of an SEA, the requirement for and process of appropriate assessment are separate to those of SEA.

The SEA meets the correct, legal standard.

An appropriate assessment screening exercise is to be included as an Appendix to the Environmental Report.

Updating of Environmental Report

To include the appropriate assessment screening as an Appendix to the Environmental Report

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Point 3c - Nature Conservation

Text of Submission

EU Habitats Directive Article 6(3)² screening

There is potential for the LAP on its own, and in combination with other plans and projects, to have significant negative effects (direct, indirect and cumulative) on Natura 2000 sites (SACs, SPAs, including any proposed or candidate sites) and their conservation objectives which, among other things, include maintaining or restoring the favourable conservation status of the wide range of EU Habitats Directive Annex I habitats and Annex II species, and or EU Birds Directive Annex I species and other important bird populations, that these sites support.

Response

This point entitled 'EU Habitats Directive Article 6(3) screening' does not appear to be based upon the guidance set out for screening for the need of an appropriate

² 6(3) Any plan or project not directly concerned with or necessary to the management of the site but likely to have significant effect thereon, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects be subject to appropriate assessment of its implications for the site in view of the site's conservation objectives. In the light of the conclusions of the assessment of the implications for the site and subject to the provisions of paragraph 4, the competent national authorities shall agree to the plan or project only after ascertained that it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site concerned and, if appropriate, after having obtained the opinion of the general public.

assessment under the European Commission's relevant methodological guidance³ e.g. there is no Screening Matrix accompanying the evaluation presented by the above point.

A complete screening assessment complying with the aforementioned guidance will accompany the Draft LAP and ER.

Updating of Environmental Report

To include the appropriate assessment screening as an Appendix to the Environmental Report

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Point 3d - Nature Conservation

Text of Submission

As there is potential for direct, indirect and cumulative impacts on the above as a result of the LAP, or development of other activities that result from the LAP, an appropriate assessment is required in line with Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive. The LAP may only be authorised or adopted by the Council if it has been demonstrated that it will not adversely affect the integrity⁴ of any Natura 2000 sites. Guidance on Article 6 is available from the European Commission⁵. All land use plans must be subject to appropriate assessment⁶.

Response

A complete screening assessment complying with the aforementioned guidance will accompany the Draft LAP and ER.

Updating of Environmental Report

To include the appropriate assessment screening as an Appendix to the Environmental Report

On the proposal of Comh O'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Point 3e - Nature Conservation

Text of Submission

SEA and the Article 6(3) appropriate assessment may be combined to avoid excessive duplication but the procedural steps for both assessments must be followed separately and cannot be fully integrated. The assessments required by Article 6(3) should form a stand-alone report or be clearly distinguishable and identified as such within the Environmental Report.

Response

This is noted

Updating of Environmental Report

None

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Point 3f - Nature Conservation

Text of Submission

All changes made to the LAP in the course of plan development must be subject to SEA and appropriate assessment, with the reports updated and amended accordingly.

.Response

This is noted

Updating of Environmental Report

Updates of the Environmental Report may be required in the future.

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Submission by Spatial Policy Section of the DEHLG

Point 1a - Nature Conservation

Text of Submission

Section 2.1.2: the background information relating to 'environmental designations' and to sites with nature conservation designations in particular, is incomplete and technically inaccurate. Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs) are designated and protected under the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000. Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), including all candidate sites, are designated and protected under the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC). Special Protection Areas (SPAs), omitted from the list, are designated and protected under the EU Birds (Directive 79/409/EEC) and Habitats Directives. The EU directives have been transposed into Irish Law by the European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1997.

Response

These aspects of the submission relate to the Draft LAP and are to be considered by Galway County Council with updates made where necessary. It is noted that relevant aspects of the current state of the environment is provided in the ER.

Updating of Environmental Report

None

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Point 1b - Nature Conservation

Text of Submission

The boundaries of sites with nature conservation designations may change over time, and have done so since 2006. The Council is advised to seek and include the most up-to-date boundaries available from National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) of this Department (via the website), close to the completion of the environmental report and final draft of the plan. The LAP should also include wording to the effect that any new areas or sites that are designated in the lifetime of the plan will be conserved and protected. All sites with nature conservation designations should be included and shown in the relevant maps in the LAP.

Response

The ER includes the most up to date mapping of these sites as provided by Galway County Council's GIS department.

The aspects of this point relating to the Draft LAP and are to be considered by Galway County Council with updates made where necessary.

Updating of Environmental Report

None

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Point 1c - Nature Conservation

Text of Submission

Section 4.2 -Water Quality

Policy P.W.4: this has relevance in relation to the topic, Water Quality, but is more pertinent to the later Biodiversity/Flora and Fauna section, and should be moved.

Policy P.W.7: again, this is more pertinent to the Biodiversity/Flora and Fauna section - see below. Include a policy to protect rivers, streams, lakes, coastal waters and their associated wetlands both as functioning ecosystems and as ecological corridors and networks.

Response

These aspects of the submission relate to the Draft LAP and are to be considered by Galway County Council with updates made where necessary. It is noted that mitigation measures relating to a number of the aforementioned features and functions are proposed by the ER.

Updating of Environmental Report

None

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Point 1d - Nature Conservation

Text of Submission

Section 4.2 - Soil

Policy P.S.3: this should be expanded to 'protect fen and other wetland areas from the direct impact of development and infilling, or from indirect effects such as a change in water regime'. In considering any waste permit applications, the Council should ensure that 'environmental pollution'⁷, as defined under the Waste Management Act, 1996, is not caused. In particular, a significant risk to plants or animals should not be created.

Policy P.SA: coastal protection measures are costly, complex from an engineering perspective and generally unsustainable. Accordingly, the aim in relation to coastal erosion, and potential effects of climate change and sea level rise in susceptible coastal areas, should be to avoid or minimise the need to undertake programmes of protection and conservation through proper planning and the promotion and support of sustainable development.

Response

These aspects of the submission relate to the Draft LAP and are to be considered by Galway County Council with updates made where necessary.

Updating of Environmental Report

None

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Point 1e - Nature Conservation

Text of Submission

Section 4.2 - Biodiversity/Flora and Fauna

This section should include a policy to conserve, protect and enhance sites with nature conservation designations through the proper implementation of relevant wildlife legislation, through consultation with NPWS of this Department, and through the appropriate and timely referral of planning applications and waste permit applications to this Department and other prescribed bodies. In addition to direct effects, the potential for indirect and cumulative effects, including on sites and coastal and marine areas outside the county, should be recognised.

⁷ "Environmental pollution" means, in relation to waste, the holding, transport, recovery or disposal of waste in a manner which would, to a significant extent, endanger human health or harm the environment, and in particular-

- (a) create a risk to waters, the atmosphere, land, soil, plants or animals,
- (b) create a nuisance through noise, odours or litter, or
- (c) adversely affect the countryside or places of special interest

This section should include a policy to implement Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive and to subject any plan or project likely to impact Natura 2000 or European sites (SACs or SPAs), whether directly (in-situ), indirectly (ex-situ) or in combination with other plans or projects, to an appropriate assessment in order to inform decision making. It should be noted that a plan or project may be authorised only after the competent authority has made certain, based on best scientific knowledge, that it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site; in the case of derogations, authorisation must be pursued under Article 6(4) .

This section should include a policy to fully integrate wildlife and biodiversity considerations into all areas of the Council's roles and responsibilities, and into all its works and operations.

Response

These aspects of the submission relate to the Draft LAP and are to be considered by Galway County Council with updates made where necessary.

It is recommended that Galway County Council integrate the following policy into the LAP: Galway County Council will seek to ensure that all EU legislation on Natura 2000 Sites (including Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive) be complied with.

Updating of Environmental Report

None

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Point 1f - Nature Conservation

Text of Submission

EU Habitats Directive Article 6(3)⁸ screening

There is potential for the LAP on its own, and in combination with other plans and projects, to have significant negative effects (direct, indirect and cumulative) on Natura 2000 sites (SACs, SPAs, including any proposed or candidate sites) and their conservation objectives which, among other things, include maintaining or restoring the favourable conservation status of the wide range of EU Habitats Directive Annex I habitats and Annex II species, and/or EU Birds Directive Annex I species and other important bird populations, these sites support.

Response/Updating of Environmental Report

See information provided under Section 0.

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

Point 1g - Nature Conservation

Text of Submission

As there is potential for direct, indirect and cumulative impacts on the above as a result of the LAP, or development or other activities that result from the LAP, an appropriate assessment is required in line with Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive. The LAP may only be authorised or adopted by the Council if it has been demonstrated that it will not adversely affect the integrity of any Natura 2000 sites. Guidance on Article 6 is available from the Commission. All land use plans must be subject to appropriate assessment.

Response/Updating of Environmental Report

See information provided under Section 0.

Point 1h - Nature Conservation

Text of Submission

SEA and the Article 6(3) appropriate assessment may be combined to avoid excessive duplication but the procedural steps for both assessments must be followed separately and cannot be fully integrated. The assessments required by Article 6(3) should form a standalone report or be clearly distinguishable and identified as such within the Environmental Report.

Response/Updating of Environmental Report

See response provided under Section 0.

Point 1i - Nature Conservation

Text of Submission

All changes made to the LAP in the course of plan development must be subject to SEA and appropriate assessment, with the reports updated and amended accordingly.

Response/Updating of Environmental Report

See response provided under Section 0.

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh S. Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Manager's Report.

On the proposal of Comh Ó'Tuairisg and seconded by Comh O'Cuaig, it was agreed to put the amendments and material alterations to the Draft Local Area Plan for the Gaeltacht as agreed on public display.

NOMINATION OF 2 MEMBERS TO AUDIT COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS) ACT 2006

1496

Report dated 23rd November, 2007 was circulated to Each Member.

It was agreed that this Item be deferred.

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO NEW LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES

1497

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

Mr. Dawson stated that through the Cohesion Process, the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, was streamlining the company structures responsible for the next round of Rural Development and Local Development Programmes. Following a facilitated process, four Local Action Groups were being formally established and/or restructured to deliver Leader/Local Development Social Inclusion Programme in County Galway. Guidelines were issued by the Department on the selection of elected representatives to serve as Directors on these new Boards.

He stated that four elected representatives were being invited to become Directors of Galway Rural Development, one of which must represent the Town Councils of Tuam, Loughrea and Ballinalsoe. Four elected representatives were being invited to join the Board of FORUM Letterfrack from the Connemara Electoral Area and one elected member to join the Board of Comhdáil Oileáin na hÉireann. The nomination process for the remaining company Meitheal Forbartha na Gaeltachta Teo representing all Gaeltacht Areas in the County is being overseen by Udaras na Gaeltachta.

On the proposal of Cllr. McHugh and seconded by Cllr. Reilly it was agreed that the nomination process would be considered at the Electoral Area meetings to be held over the next few weeks and that Mr. Dawson would be invited to outline in further detail the nature and role of the Local Development Companies.

TO APPROVE AMENITY GRANTS (8TH ROUND ALLOCATION) 1498

Report dated 26th November 2007 was circulated to Each Member.

Cllr. Feeney referred to contribution of €15,000 to Galway Airport Ltd. and he asked if the Council would have a role in assessing the expansion options of the Airport. Mr. Dawson said that this contribution was towards a consultants report costing €60,000 being undertaken to carry out a technical assessment to consider the future development options for the Airport. He said that the report would be formally presented to the Council for their consideration in due course.

On the proposal of Cllr Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Hoade the Amenity Grants (8th Round Allocation) were approved.

MAYORS BUSINESS

1499

Notice of Motion No. 24

Cllr. D. Connolly proposed "that Galway County Council expresses its resolve that in Galway County GM free organisms including seed crops, trees and livestock be prohibited

and that we call on Minister for Agriculture Mary Coughlan to liaise with Six County Agriculture Minister Michelle Gildernew to ensure the same can be achieved on an All Island basis”.

Cllr. T. Walsh said that more information was needed before the Members could make a decision in relation to this matter. He proposed that the Council contact Teagasc or the IFA and invite a speaker to attend a future Council Meeting to give some indication of the likely effect of genetically modified foods on the farming community. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly and agreed.

Broadband

The Mayor referred to a proposal at the October Monthly Meeting whereby it was agreed that the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources be asked to meet a delegation from the Council in connection with the provision of fibre based broadband in Tuam and other population centres in the County. He said that a reply had been received from Minister Ryan’s Department saying that he would not meet this delegation but that officials from his Department would do so. The Mayor said he was most unhappy with this response and it was agreed that a further letter be sent to the Minister asking that he meet this delegation as a matter of urgency.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 17 – CLLR. B. WILLERS 1500

The following reply was given:-

“Noted”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 18 – CLLR. B. WILLERS 1501

The following reply was given:-

“It is hoped that the NRA will make an allocation for pavement and footpath improvements in Gort in 2008. However, no commitment to such funding has yet been made”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 19 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1502

The following reply was given:-

“Déanadh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe scrúdú ar an tránna i gceantar na nOileain, maidir le trá a aimsiú a bheadh feiliúnach do Bhrat Gorm, i gcomhar le Polasaí Uisce Snámha 2006.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 20 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1503

The following reply was given:-

“Tar éis measúnú a dhéanamh ar an leathnúchán ar Reilig Chladhnaidh, tá an t-Innealtóir Ceantair den tuairim go mbeadh na costais forbartha i ngaireacht do €120,000. De bharr an bhuiséad teoranta do Reiligí tá an costas seo ro ard don Chomhairle íoc as aistí fhéin. É sin ráite, bheadh an Comhairle sásta casadh le grúpaí pobail agus ionadaithe pobail áitiúla chun feiceáil an mbeadh toradh fhiúntach ar chur chuige comhpháirtíochta trí comhghaoiniú ó fhoinsí eile.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1504

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl nach bhfuil aon moltaí faoi láthair tuille soilse poiblí a chur i gCasla. Déanfar athbhreithniú ar seo mar pháirt den Clár Soilse Poiblí do 2008.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 22 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 1505

The following reply was given:-

“The road is located on the border with Roscommon County Council. Recent work was carried out by Roscommon County Council. The situation regarding drainage and local surface water run off in the area will be investigated in the coming days.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 23 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 1506

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council will carry out an inspection on this road and carry out localised repairs where necessary.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 24 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 1507

The following reply was given:-

“Noted.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 25 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1508

The following reply was given:-

“This road will be viewed and assessed to determine if it can be included in the 2008 works programme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 26 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH **1509**

The following reply was given:-

“Routine repairs of this road will be carried out in the near future.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 27 – CLLR. J.MCDONAGH **1510**

The following reply was given:-

“The surface dressing of this road under Cllr. McDonagh’s NOM has been deferred until 2008 due to the unsuitability of the weather.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 28 – CLLR. J. CUDDY **1511**

The following reply was given:-

“The cost of providing a footpath at this location is estimated at €250,000 (including road drainage, lighting road widening and land acquisition – 2007 prices). There is no funding allocation to date for this work.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 29 – CLLR. J. CUDDY **1512**

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council was one of 5 Local Authorities to appoint Community Wardens on a pilot basis, and 15 initial appointments were made. When the scheme was approved in December 2005 the Council was allowed retain all 15 posts and they have continued to carry out an important function on behalf of the Council.

From a budgetary point of view and in light of constraints on staff recruitment it would not be possible to recruit additional wardens

In relation to their working hours, they work a five day week but they can be rotated to work over weekends and after 5.00pm if required and they are also available for emergency call outs.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 30 – CLLR. J. CUDDY **1513**

The following reply was given:-

“In relation to the proposal to provide a library service no suitable site has been identified to date. When a site is identified the Council will engage with An Chomhairle Leabharlanna with a view to preparing an Approval-in-Principle application. In relation to the proposal to provide a playground, no suitable site has

been identified to date, when a site is identified the Council will liaise with the Community.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 31 – CLLR. P. HYNES **1514**

The following reply was given:-

“This location is a culvert. The Local Authority will look at this bridge when this section of road is being reconstructed in 2008”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 32 – CLLR. P. HYNES **1515**

The following reply was given:-

“Noted.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 33 – CLLR. P. HYNES **1516**

The following reply was given:-

“These lights are located in our extension to the Council’s housing development at Crowe Street and the Council’s Housing Unit has been requested to investigate the matter.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 34 – CLLR. S. KYNE **1517**

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council will seek funding from the NRA in relation to the N59 at Roscahill for footpaths and public lighting.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 35 – CLLR. S. KYNE **1518**

The following reply was given:-

“Works are being organised on this pier to provide a safety rail. This will be completed by year end.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 36 – CLLR. S. KYNE **1519**

The following reply was given:-

“Minor works will be done to ensure public safety at this location. There are no funds for any other work at this location at present.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 37 – COMH S. Ó’TUAIRISG **1520**

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl go ndéanfar fiosriúcháin faoi Driohead Áill Dhubh agus Driohead Luggairí agus meastacháin ar chostas iad a fheabhsú nuair a bhéas Clár Fiosriúcháin a dhéanamh ach nil aon maoiniú ar fáil chun obair a dhéanamh orthu.

Maidir le driohead (C) thuas luaite tá sé á scrúdú faoi láthair ach níl an bothar faoi chúram an Comhairle Chontae.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 38 – COMH S. Ó’TUAIRISG

1521

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl go mbeidh an obair feabhsúcháin á dhéanamh ar Dhroichead Seana Farracháin i 2008/2009.”

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

1522

The following reply was given:-

“Noted.”

Criochnaigh an Cruinniu Ansin.

Submitted, Approved & Signed

Sean Bannay

17th December 2007

DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 2007

CATHAOIRLEACH

Mayor S. Canney

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Cllrs. M. Carey, S Connaughton, J. Conneely, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, Comh. S. O’Cuaig, J. Cuddy, P. Feeney, M Hoade, P Hynes, J. Joyce, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. S. O’Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers.

Oifighigh:

Ms. M. Moloney, County Manager, Messrs J. Cullen, F. Gilmore, K.Kelly, F. Dawson Directors of Services;M. Lavelle, Mr. L. Gavin, Senior Engineers, T. Murphy, County Secretary, D. Barrett, Mr. Ger Scully, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. M. O’Donnell, and Mr. D. Mahon Admin. Officers, and Ms. R. O’Boyle, Staff Officer

Thosnaigh an cruinniu leis an paidir

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

1476

A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

Kelly Family, Gurteen, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Cllr. James Joyce on the death of his Brother, Mr. Sean Joyce.

CLARENBRIDGE WATER SUPPLY

1477

The Members referred to the recent water scare which is affecting the Clarenbridge Public Water Supply and a number of Group Water Schemes supplied therefrom, and also complimented the Council on the swift action taken. They asked if an emergency number had been available for the public to ring and also if the sewerage had caused the problem, as a lot of private development had taken place in the Village over the past few years. They enquired as to what controls are there on these developments. They also asked that the health of the public be safeguarded at all times.

Mr. Cullen informed the Members that the Council had only been notified of the problem the previous Friday afternoon and he complimented the staff on having the pipes promptly pumped out later that evening. He said a contact number had been available and that the Boil Notice was advised as a precautionary measure. He said monitoring was taking place on a daily basis, but that the source of the problem had not yet been identified, and it was hoped to have the results by the end of the week.

WATER SERVICES INVESTMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE

1478

The County Manager said that the provision of effective water and wastewater infrastructure is essential from a social, public health and environmental protection point of view. She said that the availability of housing, the development of the economy, rural development, tourism growth and the County's green image are also dependent on the necessary infrastructure being in place. She said that proper water services are a major quality of life issue and the demand for water and waste water services had increased at an unprecedented rate over the last number of years due to:

1. Economic & demographic growth
2. Record levels of new residential development
3. Increased tourism numbers

The County Manager said that the landscape within which Local Authorities were operating is changing significantly and it is essential to have properly targeted investment programmes.

Mr. Cullen circulated a Report dated the 5th November, 2007 entitled "The Status of Water Services in County Galway in the context of the Water Framework Directive together with a Schedule of the current position with regard to all Water and Sewerage Schemes in the County. He said that on 20th September 2007 a report issued to the Council dealing with the Water Services Investment Programme (WSIP). Since then, there have been a number of important regulatory developments and it is appropriate and timely, now to consider the WSIP and the current status of Water Services in the County in a wider sense, particularly in the context of the Water Framework Directive.

He said that the WSIP should not be looked on as an end in itself, but rather as one in a programme of measures needed to realise public health and environmental objectives originating from the Water Framework Directive. The introduction of Regulations such as the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 684 of 2007) and the updated European Communities (Drinking Water) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 are clear signals that the exacting requirements of the Water Framework Directive must be met and the timelines for achieving these objectives strictly observed.

He gave an update on the current situation with regard to the implementation of the Water Framework Directive through the work of the Western River Basin District Project of which Galway County Council is the co-ordinating Authority, and went on to summarise the recent Waste Water and Drinking Water Regulations and their implication for Galway County Council and finally assessed the WSIP and related matters, which he said was the vehicle by which many of the infrastructural deficiencies affecting water quality issues will be addressed.

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He referred to the Water Framework Directive and its objectives, and described the Western River Basin District Project in detail.

He outlined the timescales involved for the delivery of the objectives of the Directive and dealt at length with the significant water management issues booklet entitled "Water Matters, have your say".

He went on to outline the requirements of the "Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 687 of 2007) in detail and stressed that the future operational and maintenance costs for all waste water treatment plants and networks in County Galway will increase significantly. He summarized the existing waste water plants and whether they were in compliance with the discharge requirements of the Directive.

He then went on to deal with the European Community (Drinking Water) (No.2) Regulations 2007 and explained that these were the second set in recent times. He explained that these Regulations prescribe quality standards to be applied and related supervision and enforcement procedures in relation to supplies of drinking water. They include requirements as to sampling frequency, method of analysis, the provision of information to consumers and related matters.

He referred to the provisional outturns for drinking water compliance in County Galway for 2006. He said there are a total of 44 Public Water Supplies in County Galway and all sources are derived from either ground or surface waters. A surface water source, that is river or lake, is more at risk than a groundwater source and consequently needs higher levels of treatment to minimise the risk of contamination from E. coli or Cryptosporidium. Risk assessments have been undertaken for all supplies and proposals for upgrade or replacement are included in the **Water Services Investment Programme**. However, the pace of delivery of the schemes in the programme is not adequate and the Council is, as a matter of utmost priority, assessing and will bring forward proposals for interim measures to minimise potential risks. These proposals will include the provision of additional treatment processes to supplement chlorination in schemes where sources are vulnerable to contamination, the completion of the installation of automated monitoring alarm systems and turbidity monitoring where necessary. Inevitably, very significant investment, both capital and revenue will be required to fund these measures.

Mr. Cullen said that the cost of operating and maintaining water supplies has risen sharply in the last few years and will rise even more as new schemes come on stream and expensive additional treatment processes are introduced on many existing schemes. Energy, labour and materials costs, especially chemicals, have all risen sharply.

He said that assigning the resources needed to ensure that regulatory compliance, while being routinely achieved for most public water supplies, if it can be guaranteed at all, will require a reassessment of the priority of water services relative to other Council services and programmes.

He went on to deal with the Water Services Investment Programme covering the procedures for scheme approvals, new public procurement requirements and the issue of affordability. He pointed out that the implementation of the Water Services Investment Programme will require a significant capital contribution from Galway County Council over the next number of years. In addition to the major capital schemes, the Council is required to fund 60% of Serviced Land Initiatives and 25% of schemes under the Small Water and Sewerage Programme. There will be further capital costs to be met for schemes outside the WSIP which the Council will have to advance as a matter of priority including emergency and interim works required to address

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public health or environmental concerns. In all upwards of €87m to €90m will be required. This is estimated on the schemes in the programme just released and takes no account of the funding that will be needed for the very many schemes yet to make it into the WSIP. These costs can only be funded by way of a combination of development levies and borrowings by Galway County Council.

The Members thanked Mr. Cullen for his excellent presentation and said that it has been the most comprehensive report given to the Members in the last number of years.

In the detailed discussion that followed, Members raised queries about individual schemes included in the Programme as well as making comments and observations on the process for the delivery of the Programme. Particular reference was made to the slow pace of project delivery and that while the Department of the Environment was undoubtedly responsible for some of the delay, the Council itself had to take some responsibility for not moving schemes on more quickly. Members were critical of the stage approvals process which prevented schemes from progressing. It was felt too that the bundling of schemes together did not bring about any noticeable efficiencies as of yet.

The need for new initiatives and collaboration and partnership with developers was suggested as a way of developing schemes in the small towns and villages not already included in the Programme. Pilot Schemes such as the STEDS system in Tipperary should be considered for Villages in County Galway, particularly as the discharge loading from these systems is significantly less than from conventional treatment plants.

Members said that there needed to be certainty about delivery dates for schemes in the Programme and once target dates for completion of tasks are established, they should remain unchanged and be met. They felt that the Water Services Department should be staffed to enable targets to be realized. It was also pointed out that delays in advancing the Programme are resulting in cost increases and a reduction in Value for Money from these Schemes.

The question of the affordability criteria applied by the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government which set a limit of funding of €10,000 per house was raised and it was proposed by Cllr M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr Reilly, and agreed to write to the Department again requesting that this unacceptable restriction be removed.

Reference was made to the issue of water quality and the threat posed by invasive species such as Zebra Mussel and Lagarsiphon Major. It was suggested that Galway County Council should include an allocation of €50,000 in the Budget to enable the problem of Lagarisphon Major to be tackled and that such an allocation would be needed for a number of years. The question of compliance with the EPA Manual for Septic Tanks and the verification of results was raised, and it was agreed that this matter should be referred to the Planning SPC for consideration.

The Mayor thanked the Members for their contribution to this debate and referred to the frustration of everyone at the archaic system of procurement of Schemes. He said he had written to the Department regarding the provision of Block Grants but said he had heard nothing back. He referred to the different sets of deadlines given, and he said this was not satisfactory.

Mr. Cullen thanked the members first of all for their support on dealing with the situation in Clarinbridge and also for their interest and detailed contributions on the water services programme. He said that the contributions were both specific in relation to individual schemes and also general in relation to the process for programme delivery. In reply to member's queries Mr. Cullen gave an update on the current status of individual schemes and also on general issues in relation to the programme.

He acknowledged the importance of the discussion on water services and confirmed the commitment of the Management and Staff to work closely with the Members to advance the Programme more quickly than before. He informed the Members that additional staff had been assigned to the Water Services Programme and this would help in addressing the delays for which the Council itself felt responsible. He said there was need to rebuild public confidence in water services in County Galway and in doing so the Council would be open and honest about water quality issues and vulnerabilities. These he said can all be addressed with resources and commitment. He thanked the County Manager and especially the staff of the Water Services Department, whom he said had worked tirelessly on the Programme, and also in dealing with emergency situations that had presented themselves this year.

In conclusion Mr. Cullen said that the **Water Framework Directive** provides for a new, strengthened system for the protection and improvement of water quality and dependent ecosystems.

The objectives and timelines envisaged in the WFD are already being translated into actions through Codes of Practice and Regulations such as the **Waste Water Discharge Authorisation Regulations** and the updated **Drinking Water Regulations**. Both of these will have significant implications for local authorities.

Upgrading overloaded and outdated waste water treatment plants to meet the environmental standards and comply with license and certification requirements within a short timeframe will present a serious challenge. So too, the upgrading of drinking water treatment systems and source protection measures to minimise the vulnerability of supplies to contamination and to ensure compliance with drinking water regulations.

In order to achieve this, Mr. Cullen said that the **Water Services Investment Programme** will deal with the major water and waste water infrastructural deficits and the Council will prioritise advance works and interim measures to address identified risks. However, the pace of project delivery is unacceptably slow, especially now in the context of stricter regulation. For its part the Council has assigned additional resources to accelerate the investment programme and to manage and maintain the water services assets. The Council will work in closest collaboration with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to ensure projects are delivered more quickly.

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He said that the Council is fully committed to facing the environmental challenges arising from Water Framework Directive but overcoming the financial implications of doing so will present the biggest difficulty of all.

TO APPROVE DISABILITY ACTION PLAN 2007-2015

1479

It was agreed to defer this item.

SECTION 85, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE N17 TUAM TO CLAREMORRIS ROAD SCHEME

1480

On the proposal of Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. McHugh, the Section 85, (Local Government Act 2001) Agreement relating to the N17 Tuam to Claremorris Road Scheme was approved.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. McHugh and agreed "that Galway County Council write to the NRA asking them to sanction the realignment of the road at Castletown on the N17 for immediate commencement and completion."

ESTABLISHMENT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS) ACT 2006

1481

This item was deferred.

BROADBAND SERVICE TUAM

1482

The Mayor referred to the fact that fibre based broadband services are not available in Tuam despite numerous requests to the Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources. He proposed "that Galway County Council ask the Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources to meet a delegation from the Council to discuss the provision of fibre based Broadband services in Tuam and other population centres in the County." This proposal was seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly and agreed. It was agreed that the delegation would consist of the Mayor, The County Manager, Mr. Dawson and the Tuam Electoral Area Councillors.

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Submitted, Approved & Signed

Seán Connolly

26th November 2007

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