

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY THE
21ST JULY, 2008.**

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cllr. P. Feeney

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

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

Oifigigh:

Ms. M. Moloney, County Manager;
Messrs. J. Cullen, P. Ridge, K. Kelly, J.
Morgan, F Gilmore Directors of Service;
M. Lavelle, M Dolly Senior Engineers;
G, Mullarkey, Head of Finance, B.
McDermott, County Secretary; A.
Comer, Senior Executive Officer, E
Moloney, Administrative Officer, Anton
Martens Executive Planner, J. Keane,
Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

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The Mayor, Members & County Manager extended sympathy to Cllr. Jarlath Mc Donagh on the death of his mother Mrs. Nora Mc Donagh, and also to the Family of the late Seamus Brennan who was a member of Dáil Éireann.

The meeting was adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect.

A Resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mr. John Dillaney & Family, Minna, Indreabhan, Co. na Gaillimhe.

Mr. John Guinan & Family, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Mr. Ignatius Landers, Ashfield, Gort, Co. Galway.

Carmel Brennan-Forde, Newcastle, Galway.

Michael & Florence Glennon, Woodlands, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Beartla & Clann Ui Chadhain, Cadrán, Baile na hAbhann, Conamara, Co. na Gaillimhe.

Mr & Mrs Mc Grann, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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The Minutes of Annual Meeting held on the 16th June 2008 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy and seconded by Cllr. Regan.

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 23rd June 2008 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Kyne and seconded by Cllr. Conneely.

Arising from the minutes, the following issues were raised:

Cllr McDonagh said that he wished to put the Council on notice regarding a serious public health issue in the Carrick More Housing estate in Lackagh arising from raw sewage leaking from the percolation area of the estate. He said that the Council had a €57,000 bond from the builder and that this should be used to remedy the situation.

Mr. Ridge said that the Council was aware of this issue and in view of the implications of enforcement proceedings could not make any comment in this regard.

Cllr Kyne requested an update regarding the abandoning of a section of the N59 Galway Maigh Cuilinn road.

Mr. Gilmore said that the process of abandoning the road was ongoing. He confirmed that he had met with Galway City Council officials who informed him that all the travellers on the site were applicants for housing with Galway City Council. In response to Cllr. Kyne he further confirmed that the hardstand at Carrowbrowne is to be re-evaluated by Galway City Council.

Comh O'Cuaig stated that in relation to the resurfacing in Spiddal village, the Wallace family in the village had no parking space and there was water leaking into their house as a result of the works in the village. He said that they had employed their own engineer who had come up with a report on possible solutions.

Mr. Morgan said that that this was an ongoing issue and he requested that the Wallace's engineer liaise with the Council engineers in this regard.

In response to an enquiry by Cllr. O'Cuaig with regard to Carna/Cill Chiaráin Regional Water Supply Scheme and whether an additional lake could be added to supplement the existing source, Mr. Cullen said that a report had been received from the consulting engineers and clarification on that report was being sought. Cllr. O'Cuaig asked if priority would be given to it. Mr. Cullen said that once the feasibility of the proposal was established, it would be forwarded to the Department for consideration.

Cllr Cuddy said that as there was no funding available for the review of speed limits could the Council make an application to the NRA and to the Dept for same.

Mr. Morgan said that funds had been set aside from the Councils own resources but that there was still a shortfall of €1.5m which would have to come from the Roads Programme. He suggested that the Towns and Villages speed limits reviews be done first as they were a priority. He asked that the speed limit reviews done to date should now be sent to the Gardai without delay. This was proposed by Cllr Regan seconded by Cllr S Walsh and agreed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION 1772

The Report of the Planning & Sustainable Development SPC Meeting held on 10th April 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. Hoade.

The Report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 21st May 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. Reilly.

Arising from the Report, Cllr. T Walsh said that he was concerned that there was a shortage of funding for the Disabled Persons and Essential Repairs Grants. He proposed that the Council look for an allocation for extra funding from the Department as, if there was no money available he could not see the point in approving applications. The Members expressed their concerns in relation to this matter. Cllr. Mullins proposed that the crisis in funding for the Disabled Persons and Essential Repairs Grants be placed as an item for discussion at the September 2008 meeting, this was seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh and agreed.

In response to Comh. O'Cuaig, Mr. Gilmore confirmed that applications were still being accepted by the HSE in relation to the Housing Aid for the Elderly Scheme.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 7th July 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Burke and seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

Arising from the report Cllr. Burke said that he had put forward a proposal at that meeting which was seconded by Cllr. Regan but was not recorded in the report that negotiations should commence to purchase the site from the parish priest for car parking in Portumna.

The Report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 28th April 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. D Connolly and seconded by Cllr. T Walshe.

Cllr. Joyce asked whether Ballinasloe Town Council had the right to introduce parking meters on roads in the town that were the responsibility of the County Council. He proposed that this matter would not be progressed until it came before a full meeting of the County Council. This was seconded by Cllr. Finnerty.

Cllr Mullins said that this matter should be brought before the Ballinasloe Electoral Area Committee meeting before a full Council meeting.

Mr. Kelly in response said that any legislative requirements would be met by the Council.

The Report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 12th May 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. T Walshe and seconded by Cllr. D Connolly.

Cllr D Connolly said that there were fears being expressed about some issues on the N6 Galway to Ballinasloe construction project.

Mr. Morgan said that this matter was outside the control of the Council however, the Council would be meeting with the NRA in relation to the N6 Galway to Ballinasloe project to express reservations about some aspects of the construction project.

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF
ROADS ACT 1993** 1773

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

Road commencing at end of L11013 extending for a length of 950 metres westward ending at Paddy Mc Donagh's field gate, all in the townland at Derryherbert, Tullycross, Letterfrack.

Electoral Area: Conamara

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF
ROADS ACT 1993** 1774

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

A section of road in the townland of Cill Éinne on Inis Mór, Oileáin Árann extending from the road L52007 at Cill Rónáin Harbour towards and along Tra an Fhrancaigh for a length of 800metres in a northeast direction from Cill Ronain Harbour.

A section of road in the townland of Cill Muirbhí on Inis Mor, Oileáin Árainn, extending from the road L52006 westwards and northwards for a length of 990 metres to a junction with the road L5200.

A section of the road known as Bóthar na Leachta in the townland of Cill Éinne on Inis Mór, Oileáin Árann, extending from the end of the road L 52003 at the National School eastwards to the junction with the Tran a Fhrancaigh Road for a length of 260 metres.

A section of road in the townland of Cill Éinne on Inis Mor, Oileáin Árann extending westwards from its junction with the road L52002 known as the Back Road for a length of 45 metres towards Mul Kerrin's house.

Electoral Area: Conamara

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF
ROADS ACT 1993** **1775**

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

The road commences with the junction of Tullinadaly Road (road number unknown) in the townland of Townsparks (1st Division) and extends west for a distance of 144 metres in the townland of Townsparks (1st Division) and terminates at its pedestrian access with public national road with number N17 in the townland of Townsparks (1st Division).

Electoral Area: Tuam.

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF
ROADS ACT 1993** **1776**

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

The road commences with the junction of the National Road with road number N17 in the townland of Killaloonty and extends North West for a distance of 163 metres in the townland of Killaloonty and terminates at the end of the said road in the townland of Killaloonty.

Electoral Area: Tuam.

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF
ROADS ACT 1993** **1777**

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

The road commences with the junction of the National Road with road number N17 in the townland of Townpark (1st Division) and extends west for a distance of 209

metres in the townland of Townparks (1st Division) and terminates at the entrance of Cois Na hAbhainn Estate in the townland of Townparks (1st Division)

Electoral Area: Tuam.

**FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM
WEST** **1778**

Report dated 14th July, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member

Cllr. D Connolly proposed that the Casual Vacancy on the Regional Health Forum be filled by Cllr. Hynes and this was seconded by Cllr Willers and agreed.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE FORUM (LETTEFRACK) **1779**

The County Secretary informed the members that Cllr. S. Walsh had resigned his position on Forum Letterfrack. Cllr. Regan proposed that the Casual Vacancy on the Forum (Letterfrack) be filled by Cllr. Conneely and this was seconded by Cllr. Joyce and agreed. It was further agreed that when Cllr. Welby resigns from the Forum Letterfrack that Cllr. S. Walsh will take up the vacant position.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – MOUNTCROSS (KINVARA)
BURIAL GROUND** **1780**

Report dated the 14th July, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Willers, seconded by Cllr. Regan, the proposed Mount Cross (Kinvara) Burial Ground was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – BACKLAWN CARPARK,
ATHENRY** **1781**

Report dated the 15th July, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of the Mayor, seconded by Cllr. Hynes, the proposed Backlawn, Car Park, Athenry was approved.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – MILLTOWN SEWERAGE
SCHEME** **1782**

Report dated the 15th July, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr McHugh, seconded by Cllr. Regan, the proposed Milltown Sewerage Scheme was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – N59 LEENAUN BRIDGE

1783

Report dated the 15th July, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr Conneely, seconded by Comh O Tuairisg, the proposed N59 Leenaun Bridge was approved.

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2007

1784

Report was already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr Burke, seconded by Cllr S Walsh, the proposed Draft Annual Report 2007 was approved.

Mr. Kelly said that the Annual Report gives details on the activities of the Council for the year. He said that an information leaflet in a shorter format would be produced for distribution to the wider community.

In response to Cllr. Connaughton, Mr. Kelly said that the existence of the Western Regional Tourism Organisation and the County Tourism Committee would be checked out.

Cllr. Burke, while complimenting the Annual Report referred to the issue of derelict sites and the negative impact they were having in many places around the County. He said that there was a need for a greater level of enforcement to deal with derelict sites. Cllr. Regan supported Cllr. Burke and referred to the *Town Hall in Loughrea* as an example.

Mr. Cullen acknowledged that there were many derelict sites around the county and despite the efforts of the Council to work positively with communities through Tidy Towns and Community Grants Schemes, the derelict sites remained a problem. He said the Council would do whatever it could to address the situation within available resources.

Cllr. Burke referred to the water supply in Portumna and in particular the cryptosporidium risk assessment scores that had been circulated to the Councillors. In the same context Cllr. Joyce referred to the water supplies in Ballinasloe and Gort.

Mr. Cullen replied that the cryptosporidium risk scores formed part of an iterative process whereby the risk is reassessed after works have been carried out and the process repeated until the lowest possible score was achieved. He said works had already been carried out in Ballinasloe and that all schemes were included in the Remedial Action Programme that was approved by the Council at the monthly meeting in May.

Comh O'Cuaig said that all Clár money allocated to LIS was not spent last year as the notification was received very late in the year and thus could not be spent. He asked if the same situation would arise this year.

Comh O'Tuairisg said he thought that the unspent Clár funding could be carried forward to the following year.

Mr. Morgan said that the notification for 2007 was received in Sept 2007 and works had to be completed by Nov 2007. He said that works completed in 2007 could be paid in 2008 but that any unspent expenditure in 2007 could not be carried over to 2008.

Comh O'Cuaig proposed that the Council ask Minister O'Cuiv when he proposes to allocate 2008 Clár Funding for LIS. The request for a specific date is made in the light of the under spend on the monies in 2007 due to the late allocation date for that year. This was seconded by Cllr. Welby and agreed.

The Manager said that the Council would be in contact with Minister O'Cuiv's office regarding Clár funding for LIS.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT SCHEME 2008/09

1785

The Manager referred to the Higher Education Grant Scheme for 2008/09 details of which were circulated to the members and had only been received by Galway County Council last Friday 18th July. It was agreed that this item would be dealt with due to the deadline of the end of August for receipt of grant applications.

In response the Cllr. Mc Donagh, the Manager stated that while the administration of the scheme is to be transferred to the VEC this will not happen for the 2008/2009 scheme.

Cllr Kyne referred to page 3 of the scheme regarding Disability Allowance and asked if an anomaly in relation to Disability allowance that is paid to parents being deemed to be reckonable income could be referred to the Department. The Manager confirmed that his issue would be raised with the Department of Education.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins and seconded by Cllr. Canney the Higher Education Grants Scheme 2008/2009 was approved.

FINANCIAL UPDATE TO 30TH JUNE 2008.

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Report dated the 15th July, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member.

In relation to the Revenue Account Mr. Mullarkey confirmed that figures were broadly in line with expectations with the exception of Water – 61% of the budget has been spent on operation and maintenance. However, this is not the case on the Capital side and there is an urgent need to recoup outstanding monies due from Government Departments e.g. €17.5million had been expended on the Water Programme in the first 6 months and only €6million had been recouped. The members expressed concern at the impact on the Councils overdraft which was recently approved at €20million. Mr. Mullarkey advised that it may be necessary to come back to the Members to further increase the overdraft. Mr. Cullen pointed out

that recoupment on the Rural Water Programme works very efficiently. However, he said that recoupment on the Capital Water and Sewerage schemes are different. He said that these schemes also tend to have a high capital value. Once 95% is recouped for a project the remaining 5% is only payable when final accounts are completed. This amount must then be carried by the Council until the final accounts are cleared and this can take some time.

WESTERN RIVER BASIN DISTRICT – TIMEFRAME FOR MAKING RIVER BASIN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT PLANS 1787

Report dated the 14th July, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member.

Mr. Cullen referred to the report circulated to the members which set out the timelines for the River Basin District Management process including the publication of the Draft River Basin Management Plans by 22nd December 2008 leading to the making of the River Basin Management Plan by 16th October following a period of public consultation.

TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2009-2015 AS PER SECTION 11 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED 1788

Mr. Ridge referred to the documentation circulated to the members and in particular drew their attention to the relationship between the County Development Plan Process and the Strategic Environmental Assessment. He informed the members that at each step in the process of the review of the County Development plan each objective and policy and any amendment the members wish to make will have to environmentally proofed and if this is not done properly then there is a real risk that the plan will be sent back by the Minister. He stated that one of the main effects of this Strategic Environmental Assessment is that last minute changes before adopting the plan will not be possible as each change has to go through this process. He informed the members that the results of the Strategic Environment Assessment to date are contained in the Environmental Report that had been circulated and that he would go through this report with the members later in the meeting.

Mr. Ridge then informed the members that the Draft Plan had already been presented at each electoral area meeting and that the issues raised at the meetings were set out in a document which was now being circulated entitled Galway County Development Plan Review – Response to Issues Arising at Electoral Area Committee Meetings. He proposed the use this document to go through the plan but invited members to refer to the draft plan itself also.

Section 2 Spatial Planning and Settlement Strategy.

Page 11 Include new objective

Objective SP6 Investigate the potential for the development of integrated transportation hubs at Tuam and at Garraun to maximise the strategic integration of transport and rational land uses.

A number of members raised concern with this objective. They felt that too much emphasis was being given to facilitating development close to the city to the detriment of the existing towns in the county. They felt the Council was not investing in these county towns and that if Garraun and Ardaun were to develop it would deprive other areas of the county of funds to improve their infrastructure.

Mr. Ridge in response felt that the plan was well balanced and that ample opportunity was provided for in the plan to facilitate development in the whole county. He stated that there were huge interdependencies between City and County benefiting both areas and that it would be ill-advised not to plan for these eventualities. He stated that development at Garraun and Ardaun would be funded by the private sector and that it should not prevent investment in infrastructure in the county towns.

The County Manager informed the meeting that the Council was equally as committed to a transportation hub in Tuam as the one in Garraun. Mr. Morgan then informed the members of the background as to why Garraun was recommended and explained the advantages for that location.

It was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Joyce and agreed that this objective be included. It was further suggested by Cllr. Mannion that this objective should be included under Section 6 of the plan Roads and Transportation and this was agreed.

Amend Objective SP2

“...in particular, the advancement of the East Galway Waste Water Treatment Plant, the re-opening of the Western Rail Corridor.

This amendment was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy and agreed. It was further proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy and agreed that this objective be made into two separate objectives.

A number of members raised concern in relation to the disposal of sludge from any new waste water treatment plant. Mr. Cullen confirmed that a Sludge Management Plan which will consider this matter will be placed before the members in due course and that these concerns could be better dealt with in that context. He confirm that any current practices in relation to the disposal of sludge and in particular in relation to the land spread of same was in line with current regulations.

Section 3 **Settlement Strategy.**

Page 20 **Section 3.3.4.**
Include Garraun as a potential site for new integrated settlement and development node.

This was proposed by Cllr. Willers, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed subject to the wording being amended to state that the inclusion of Garraun was not to negatively impact on the balance of the county and that the infrastructure to service Garraun would be funded through development contributions.

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Section 3.3.11.

Include Briarhill and Carnmore as settlements in the Galway Gateway Metropolitan Area.

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh, it was agreed to suspend standing orders in order for the meeting to continue after 6.00pm.

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Section 3.4 (Typo error) 20015 to change to 2015.

Section 3.4. Include "When the allocated household numbers in any single settlement are constructed/built out, consideration will be given to increasing the allocation to that particular settlement, based on evident demand. The allocation to the overall tier shall, in general, be maintained."

Carnmore to be included in the Gateway Metropolitan area tier (figures for the overall tier to remain at 2800)

This was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed subject to a similar provision to that included in the current plan in relation to variation of the allocations by be included.

The meeting was then adjourned for a short period.

On the resumption of the meeting Mr. Ridge referred the members to the Environmental Report of the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Draft Plan and also to his earlier comments. He explained the background to the document and it's purpose and how the objectives and policies within the plan must be considered vis a vis their effects on the environment. Having been considered then each must also be assigned mitigation measures where appropriate. He explained that in certain areas the baseline environmental data was not extensive but that over time it would become available and the effects of the plans objectives and policies would in the future be evaluated against such data.

Mr. Ridge then resumed the consideration of the Galway County Development Plan Review – Response to Issues Arising at Electoral Area Committee Meetings document.

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Section 3.4.5. "Small Settlements / Rural Areas"

Include the settlements of Abbeyknockmoy, Belclare, Carlistrane, Laragh More, Fohenagh, Killoran and Derrydonnell Beg.

This was proposed by Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. Regan and agreed.

A number of members queried why settlements included in the last plan were not listed in the current draft. Mr. Ridge stated there was no planning activity in many of the cases and recent appeals to An Bord Pleanala where refusals were issued

influenced what should be included. He further stated he would raise no objection to the inclusion of others but cautioned that the members could be raising unrealistic development expectations in a lot of these areas.

The following were then included

Cahergal	Proposed Cllr. Canney	Seconded Cllr. M. Connolly
An Aird Mhóir	Proposed Comh. Ó Cuaig	Seconded Cllr. Welby
Brownsgrrove	Proposed Cllr. Reilly	Seconded Cllr. M. Connolly
Sylane	Proposed Cllr. Canney	Seconded Cllr. M. Connolly
Ballymana	Proposed Cllr. Willers	Seconded Cllr. Feeney
Esker	Proposed Cllr. Willers	Seconded Cllr. Feeney
Ballinakill	Proposed Cllr. Regan	Seconded Cllr. Maher
Moyglass	Proposed Cllr. Regan	Seconded Cllr. Maher
Drim	Proposed Cllr. Regan	Seconded Cllr. Maher
Kilconieron	Proposed Cllr. Regan	Seconded Cllr. Maher
Castledaly	Proposed Cllr. Regan	Seconded Cllr. Maher
Coose	Proposed Cllr. Regan	Seconded Cllr. Maher
Newcastle	Proposed Cllr. Feeney	Seconded Cllr. M. Connolly
Cooloo	Proposed Cllr. M. Connolly	Seconded Cllr. Fahy
Roveagh	Proposed Cllr. Fahy	Seconded Cllr. M. Connolly
Cappataggle	Proposed Cllr. D. Connolly	Seconded Cllr. M. Connolly
Lavally	Proposed Cllr. M. Connolly	Seconded Cllr. Reilly
Foxhall	Proposed Cllr. M. Connolly	Seconded Cllr. Reilly
Newbridge	Proposed Cllr. M. Connolly	Seconded Cllr. Reilly
Tully (Renvyle)	Proposed Comh. Ó'Tuairisg	Seconded Cllr. Conneely
Tullokyne	Proposed Comh. Ó'Tuairisg	Seconded Cllr. Kyne
Cartymore	Proposed Cllr. McDonagh	Seconded Cllr. Hoade

All were agreed.

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**Section 3.5
Policy SS6**

New Strategic Settlement Policy

In the case of smaller settlements for which no specific plans are available, development shall be considered on the basis of its connectivity, capacity (social, cultural and economic) and compliance with the settlement strategy, good design and proper planning and sustainable development.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed subject to the inclusion of community gain and that it would not apply to single house developments.

New Strategic Settlement Objectives

Obj SS1.

Masterplans and / or Local Area Plans for Briarhill and Garraun will be developed and brought forward for adoption by the Council within the lifetime of the Plan.

Obj SS2 Local Area Plans or Development Boundaries will be prepared for all Settlements designated as Local Service Centres.

These new objectives were proposed by Comh. Ó'Cuiaig, seconded by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg and agreed. It was further proposed by Comh Ó'Cuiaig, seconded by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg that a Local Area Plan for North Connemara be prepared.

Section 4. Economic Development and Tourism

Page 27 Section 4.2. Omit last paragraph.

This was proposed by Cllr. Kyne, seconded by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg and agreed.

Page 28 Section 4.3 Omit last sentence "Examples....."

This was proposed by Cllr. Kyne, seconded by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg and agreed.

Policy ED1 Amend – omit "... where the applicant can demonstrate that the development...".

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney, seconded by Cllr. Burke and agreed.

Page 28 Policy ED8 Amend – In general, existing commercial or industrial activities in towns or villages will not be permitted to re-locate to unserviced rural areas. However, certain resource industries and other industries more suitable to rural locations will be considered. These industries, along with their associated service industries will be considered in rural areas.

This was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Carey and agreed.

Policy ED9 Amend – Add at end... "In principle, existing unauthorised rural enterprises which are in existence for in excess of 7 years prior to the adoption of the plan, and which seek to regularise their unauthorised status, will be considered, subject to the normal planning considerations."

This was proposed by Cllr. S Walsh, seconded by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg and agreed.

New Objective ED
Consider the preparation of Area Action Plan for Carrowbrowne.

This was proposed by Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh and agreed.

Page 31 **New Policy ED 13**
The Planning Authority will consider the possibility of a Regional Retail facility within the Galway Gateway Metropolitan area, subject to the Retail Planning Guidelines and the locational requirements of such a facility.
Amend subsequent policy numbers accordingly.

This was proposed by Cllr. S. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

Page 31 **Provide greater guidance and clarity on quarries.**

Section 4.6 Extractive Development

Policy ED15 (was ED 14):

Control all new operations and carefully evaluate all proposed developments to ensure that the visual or other environmental impacts of such works will not materially injure the amenities of the area.

This was proposed by Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Willers and agreed

Extractive Development Objectives

New Objective ED10:

The Planning Authority shall have regard to the Quarries and Ancillary Facilities Guidelines published by the DoEHLG in 2004 and to DM Standard 36 of this Plan in the assessment of any applications for extractive developments.

This was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Comh. Ní Fhatharta and agreed.

Page 33 **Section 4.8.2** (typographic error) – omit last sentence. Include “The tourism potential of the lake on the Galway shores is under-developed. The completion of a joint Marina and Sustainable Recreation Study for Lough Derg with Clare County Council and Tipperary North County Council will form a guidance document towards the realisation of the potential of the lake for tourism in south east Galway”.

This was proposed by Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Willers and agreed.

Page 34 Insert a Policy to mirror the policy in the current Development Plan in relation to developments at Bearna Golf Club.

This was proposed by Cllr. Kyne, seconded by Cllr. Canney and agreed.

Page 34 Amend **Policy ED35** (will become ED 37) – “Restrict development, including agricultural or forestry practices which would significantly diminish the amenity, landscape value, *environmental quality* and/or economic value of lakes and beaches or any of their assets or amenities.”

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed that this policy be omitted.

New Policy ED40 – “Seek to identify new beaches and coastline which could be suitable for Blue Flag or Green Coast status”.

This was proposed by Comh. O’Tuairisg, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

Section 5 Housing Provision

A number of members raised concerns in this area including the following :

- Inclusion of nieces, nephews, sisters and brothers of the landowner as part of close family ties in an area
- Removal of the 8 km requirement
- Removal of the urban generated housing classification for those moving out of Clifden and Oughterard to family lands

Mr. Ridge informed the members that if they made any amendments to the current policies that they would not be implemented and that he would implement the Ministerial guidelines on Sustainable Rural Housing. He offered to discuss the matter with the members to look at what difficulties they may see but that he would not accept any significant changes to current policy.

The members accepted Mr. Ridge’s offer.

Page 38 *Amend HP14. insert after sub para (2) – Where applicants can supply land registry or folio details that demonstrate that lands on which they are seeking to build their first home in the area have been in family ownership for a period of 20 years, their eligibility will be considered. Where this has been established to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, additional intrinsic links will not have to be demonstrated.*

This amendment was not agreed.

Page 39 **Include additional guidance on housing in urban areas and design of new residential developments in towns, villages and settlement centres.**

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed.

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Section 5.3.2 Rural Housing Objectives

Insert additional objective as follows:

Objective HP6:

The Planning Authority will have regard to the Sustainable Residential Guidelines for Urban Areas Guidelines and the Urban Design Manual issued by the DoEHLG in 2008 and the Galway Clustered Housing Guidelines in the assessment of any proposals for multiple unit housing developments in settlement centres and rural areas.

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Regan and agreed.

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Section 5.4 Residential Development in Urban Areas, Towns and Villages

The NSS and Regional Guidelines emphasise the key role of the larger and smaller town and village structure in achieving balanced regional development. The Galway Settlement Strategy recognises and supports the key role of urban areas, towns and villages in providing attractive living environments with convenient access to a higher level of services, facilities and amenities, in building critical mass to support the efficient provision of services, facilities and employment opportunities and in supporting and providing services for the surrounding rural areas. Public and private investment will be required to realise the potential role of urban areas, towns and villages, in both physical and social infrastructure, including water services, roads connectivity, telecommunications, energy, development lands, business support infrastructure, social and recreational facilities. Appropriate guidance will also be necessary to ensure that new developments are in keeping with and contribute to the character and amenity of urban areas, towns and villages.

This was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg and agreed.

5.4.1 Residential Development Policies

Policy HP21:

Support the consolidation and appropriate development of the urban areas, towns and villages of the County as attractive living environments with a range of services, facilities, amenities and employment opportunities appropriate to its size, role and potential.

This was proposed by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg, seconded by Cllr. Burke and agreed.

Policy HP16

Amend to remove reference to letters (b) and (a) – (f) and refer to sub paragraphs in Policy HP14.

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Carey and agreed.

Policy HP22:

Promote high standards of design and quality environments for living, working and recreating in urban areas, towns and villages.

This was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly and agreed.

Policy HP23:

Support the development of infill sites in towns and villages and encourage the use of upper floors of retail premises as residential accommodation as a means of providing additional housing and revitalising settlements.

This was proposed by Cllr. Regan, seconded by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg and agreed.

5.4.2 Residential Development Objectives

Objective HP7:

The Planning Authority will have regard to the Sustainable Residential Guidelines for Urban Areas Guidelines and the Urban Design Manual issued by the DoEHLG in 2008 and the Galway Clustered Housing Guidelines, where appropriate, in the assessment of any proposals for multiple unit housing developments in urban areas, towns and villages.

This is already included.

Objective HP8:

Support the implementation of the residential development and design guidelines in any applicable Local Area Plans and seek to provide appropriate guidance in future plans prepared for urban areas, towns and villages in the County.

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed.

Section 6 Infrastructure: Roads and Transportation

Page 40 **Section 6.1.1.** – include N60 and N66 in list of existing national routes.

This was proposed by Cllr. Regan, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

Page 42 **Policy RT1** – Include M17 in list of Routes for completion.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

Page 43 Objective RT3 – Amend to read “Facilitate the development of the N17 / M17 scheme from Galway to Claremorris”.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

Page 44 Omit RT 5

This was not accepted. It was proposed by Cllr. Canney, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed that Objective RT 5 should be amended by the exclusion of all words after the word bypass.

Objective RT6 – Amend to read “Retain the existing National Routes N6, N18 and N17 as Class II controlled roads upon commissioning and opening of the new National Routes through the county”.

A number of members were concerned with this objective and hoped that more development would be allowed on these roads. Mr. Morgan outlined the residual importance of these routes even after the new motorways were opened and supported this objective. Mr. Ridge said the objective would be the subject of further discussion.

Objective RT8 – Amend to include Portumna and “all subject to funding”

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney, seconded by Cllr. Regan and agreed.

Objective RT9 and 10 – combine.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney, seconded by Cllr. Kyne and agreed.

Objective RT15 – replace “necessity” with “pressure”.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

Objective RT18 – Amend to include Kinvara, Gort, Athenry and Bearna. (Typo in spelling of Portumna)

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

New Policy

Include a supportive policy in relation to the expansion and operation of Galway Regional Airport

This was proposed by Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

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Section 6.3 Public Transportation

Insert following after the main paragraph in this section:

Galway County Council also has an important role in promoting and encouraging development patterns and densities that support the provision and improvement of public transport services.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed.

6.3.1 Public Transport Policies

Public Transport Policies

Policy RT15:

Promote and encourage appropriate development patterns and densities that will support the provision and improvement of public transport services. In this regard, it is the policy of the Council to promote development on serviced land in towns and villages, particularly those located along public transport corridors, in accordance with the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas Guidelines, having regard to existing settlement patterns and form, adequacy of existing/planned facilities and services to facilitate the development of viable and effective public transport networks.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

Policy RT16:

Encourage the high quality design and layout of residential development that reduces reliance on the motor car, supports movement by pedestrians and cyclists, provides adequate and convenient access to public transport and connects well with the wider locality.

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

6.3.2 Public Transport Objectives

New Objective RT30:

Facilitate the development of appropriate settlement patterns and densities that support the existing and proposed rail corridors, including intensification of development around rail stations where appropriate in accordance with the DoEHLG Sustainable Residential Guidelines for Urban Areas, subject to the necessary services and facilities being provided and potential impacts fully assessed.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

New Objective RT31:

Promote the development of safe and convenient pedestrian and cycling facilities in towns and villages to minimise the dependence on private motor vehicles and to encourage an active and healthy lifestyle.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Burke and agreed.

New Objective RT 32

The Planning Authority will support the provision of new bus shelters at appropriate locations in settlement centres and at key rural locations to facilitate and complement the rural transport initiative and private operators of public transportation.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

New Objective RT 33

The Planning Authority will examine the potential of Tuam town and Garraun as locations for integrated transportation hubs.

This was proposed by Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

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Mapping

Include a new map showing existing and proposed roads and rail routes at the end of Section 6.3.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed.

Section 7 Infrastructure: Water, Waste, Energy and Telecommunications Services

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Policy IS 3 and IS 9 to be combined.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

Policy IS 12 to be omitted.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed.

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digital

Policy IS 19 – amend to include “broadband network and broadcasting”.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Comh. Ó’Tuairisg and agreed.

New Policy IS 24

It shall be the policy of Galway County Council to promote the co-location of telecommunications masts and facilities where practicable and technically feasible. It shall be the responsibility of the developer of such facilities to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority why co-location is not possible.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

New Policy IS25

Galway County Council shall strive to provide high quality Information and communications systems to all the Area Offices throughout the county.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

New Policy IS26

Galway County Council shall discourage the development of individual telecommunications support structures and antennae for private use.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

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Section 7.6.2 Energy Objectives

Insert additional Energy Objectives as follows:

Objective IS13 – amend to read:

The Planning Authority will have regard for DoEHLG Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Wind Energy Development, 2006 in the assessment of any proposals for wind energy production.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

Objective IS18:

The Planning Authority will have regard to the DoEHLG Guidelines on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas, 2008 in the assessment of any proposals for residential development, including *inter alia* those in respect of energy efficiency, passive solar design and renewable energy sources.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh and agreed.

New Objective IS19:

Give favourable consideration to small scale commercial renewable energy schemes, such as wind, hydro and biomass, of less than 5MW where grid connection is possible without large scale infrastructural investment in line with national guidelines for sustainable development.

This was proposed by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg, seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

Section 8 Cultural, Social and Community Development

Page 56 **Policy CS8** – amend to include the location of an Ambulance Base in Tuam.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Canney and agreed.

Page 57 **Objective CS4** – amend to include “...based on the recommendations of the Recreational Needs study being undertaken by Galway County Council.”

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

New Objective CS6

To consider and pursue the provision of a municipal golf course in proximity to the metropolitan area to cater for demand arising from the city and county.

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Canney and agreed.

New Objective CS7

To carry out a feasibility study in relation to the potential of Tonabrocky Hill being developed as a civic amenity site.

This was proposed by Cllr. Welby seconded by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg and agreed.

New Objective CS8.

Galway County Council will have regard to the importance of the Battlefield site in Aughrim and will be cognisant of any new national guidelines on the management of such heritage sites while balancing these against the development needs of local communities and families.

This was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed.

New Section. New Objective CS9

The Planning Authority shall ensure that all new placenames and estate names shall be agreed with the Placenames Committee of Galway County Council to ensure appropriate placenames that reflect the social, cultural and physical characteristics of the area.

This was proposed by Cllr. Maher seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

8.6.1 Social Inclusion and Universal Access Policies

Policy CS 20:

Support the principles of social inclusion and universal access to ensure that all individuals have access to goods and services and to assist them to participate in and contribute to social and cultural life.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney seconded by Cllr. Welby and agreed.

8.6.2 Social Inclusion and Universal Access Objectives

Objective CS10:

Support the implementation of the requirements and provisions of the Disability Act 2005 and the Council's *Disability Action Plan 2007-2015*.

This was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

Objective CS11:

Support the implementation of the provisions of the County Galway Local Authorities *Social Inclusion Strategy 2006-2009* and any subsequent strategy adopted by the Council during the lifetime of the Plan.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

Objective CS12:

Consideration should be given to the needs of disabled people in the location, layout and design of housing developments, communal facilities, public spaces and transport services.

This was proposed by Cllr. Welby seconded by Cllr. Canney and agreed.

Section 9

Heritage, Landscape and Environmental Management

Page 65 **Re-assess the policies and objectives for environmental heritage and protection in the context of ability to comply with DoEHLG recommendations.**

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney seconded by Cllr. Connaughton and agreed.

Page 65 **Section 9.3.1 Natural Heritage and Biodiversity**
Amend the text in the main paragraph to read as follows:

The various habitats in the County form part of an "ecological network" that facilitates the movement of species between

areas and ensures the effective functioning and survival of the diverse range of habitats and species in the County. Ecological networks provide a spatial, network-based approach to the conservation of biodiversity, which differs from the site-based approach of environmental designations, by using 'corridors' or 'stepping stones' that support species migration, dispersal and daily movements between the 'core areas' and thereby contribute to a more integrated and functional ecological system.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed.

Page 65 **Policy HL28 – Omit**

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh seconded by Cllr. Willers and agreed.

Policy HL30 – amend to read “ Seek to maintain and enhance, as far as it practicable and prudent, the natural heritage and amenity of the county by seeking to encourage the preservation and retention of woodlands, hedgerows, stonewalls and wetlands. Where their removal or interference with same cannot be avoided, appropriate measures to replace like with like should be considered, subject to considerations of safety and practicality”.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

Objective HL 19 – Omit (Biodiversity Plan has been adopted).

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed.

Page 66 **Objective HL20** – amend to include “...County Development Plan

without *appropriate and reasonable* remediation and/or compensatory measures”.

This was proposed by Cllr. Willers seconded by Cllr. McDonagh and agreed.

Page 66 **Policy HL34 – Omit**

This was proposed by Cllr. Willers and seconded by Cllr. McDonagh and agreed.

Policy HL35:

Have regard to any impacts developments may have on existing and proposed, Natural Heritage Areas, Special Protection Areas and Special Areas of Conservation. Nature reserves, Ramsar Sites, Conamara National Park and any other designated sites.

This was proposed by Cllr. Willers seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

Policy HL37 - amend to "Seek to have protected..."

This was proposed by Cllr. Willers seconded by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg and agreed.

Objective HL 22 and 23 – Omit

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta seconded by Cllr. Willers and agreed.

Page 67 **Section 9.3.3**

Policy HL38 – 44 inclusive – Amend to "Seek to have protected..."

This was proposed by Cllr. Willers seconded by Cllr. McDonagh and agreed.

Page 69 **Policy HL56 and HL62** to be combined.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

New Policy HL 71

The Planning Authority shall consider the use of temporary proprietary effluent treatment units to service new developments as an interim measure until such time as the planned infrastructural investment as set out in the Water Services Investment programme is delivered and commissioned.

This was proposed by Cllr. Canney seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

Page 77 **Mapping**

Insert a Map showing the Preliminary Ecological Network identified for the County based on research carried out into a National Ecological Network for Ireland as part of the preparation of the National Spatial Strategy 2002-2020 in a report entitled the Preliminary Study of the Needs Associated with a National Ecological Network 2001. This Map will highlight areas where applicants must consider any potential wildlife corridors or areas of high biodiversity on their development site, as set out under DM Standard 39:

Map HL5 Preliminary Ecological Network

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta seconded by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg and agreed.

Section 10 **Agriculture, Mariculture and Forestry.**

Page 79 **New Policy AM8**

Galway County Council will seek to identify areas of forestry that could be developed or protected as amenity areas.

This was proposed by Cllr. Willers seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed.

Page 80 **Policy AM8 – Amend to omit “fishing”**

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed.

Policy AM11 – Amend to include “seaweed”

This was proposed by Cllr. Hoade seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

Section 11 Development Management Standards and Guidelines

Page 94 **Include standards for disabled parking to facilitate universal access.**

This was proposed by Cllr. Regan seconded by Comh. Ó’Tuairisig and agreed.

Page 94 **Section 11.5 Standards for Transportation, Roads, Parking, Loading and Storage**

DM Standard 20: Parking Standards

5. Disabled Parking Requirements

Parking spaces for the disabled should be provided in developments relative to the above table as follows:

- 1 space per 5 – 25 spaces
- 3 spaces per 25 – 50 spaces
- 4 spaces per 50 – 75 spaces
- 5 spaces per 75 – 100 spaces
- 3 spaces per 100 spaces thereafter

Parking bays for disabled persons shall be 3m wide and 4.75m long, clearly signed and marked with the relevant symbol and placed nearest to the entrance to the facility for which the parking space is being provided.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta seconded by Cllr. D Connolly and agreed.

Page 94 **Include standards for bicycle parking to promote cycling.**

Page 94 **Section 11.5 Standards for Transportation, Roads, Parking, Loading and Storage**

DM Standard 20: Parking Standards

6. Bicycle Parking Standards

The bicycle parking shall be located in a prominent position within 30m of the facility served. A Bicycle Parking Bay shall be 0.8m wide and 1.8m long. The bicycle park should have a shelter and be signposted. Provision must be made in the development for bicycle parking spaces in accordance with the following categories.

- 0.25 spaces/unit for Residential Apartments
- 1 space/unit for Dwellings
- 0.1 space/bedroom for Hotels/Motels
- 1 space/250m² for Industrial Manufacturing
- 1 space/300m² for Warehouses
- 1 space/10m² for Transport Rail/Bus Stations
- 1 space/100m² for Commercial Shops
- 1 space/100m² for Offices
- 1 space/50m² for Community Churches
- 1 space/100m² for Museums
- 1 space/10seats for Cinemas/Theatres
- 1 space/consulting room for Health Surgeries
- 1 space/1500m² for Hospitals
- 0.2 spaces/pupil for Education Primary
- 0.3 spaces/pupil for Second & Third Level
- 1 space/250m² for Sport All

In the case of any use not specified, the Council will determine the bicycle parking requirements.

This was proposed by Comh. Ni Fhatharta seconded by Cllr. D Connolly and agreed.

Page 102

Provide greater guidance and clarity on quarries.

Page 102

DM Standard 36: Extractive Development

Insert following additional information under this standard:

2. Land Ownership

The extent of land ownership. Details should be submitted showing the proposed site in relation to all lands in the vicinity in which the applicant has an interest.

3. Deposits

The nature of all deposits. Details to be submitted to include: depths of topsoil, subsoil, over-burden and material, at various points on the site; an indication of the type of minerals, which it is intended to extract; a statement as to whether the parent rock from which the mineral is extracted is suitable for other uses; and the estimated total quantity of rock and mineral, which can be extracted commercially on the site.

4. Methods

The methods of excavation and machinery to be used. Details to be submitted to include all proposed site development works, including: the proposed method of working; any existing or proposed areas of excavation; stages of work proposed; locations of any settling ponds, waste material and/or stockpiling of materials; methods for removing and storing topsoil, subsoil and overburden; etc.

5. Production

The quantification of production in a given time. Details to be submitted to include the proposed production process to be employed, all requirements for water, electricity and/or other inputs to the production process and any proposals for chemical or other treatments.

6. Mitigation

Methods to reduce environmental impact. Details to be submitted to include an assessment of potential impacts on water resources, residential and visual amenity (including noise, dust and vibration impacts), biodiversity and any other relevant considerations together with appropriate proposals for their mitigation.

7. Access

Vehicle routes from site to major traffic routes and the impact on the adjoining road networks. Details should be included on the mode, number and weight of trucks or other vehicles being used to transport materials and any truck sheeting or washing proposals.

8. Rehabilitation

A scheme of rehabilitation and after care. Details to be submitted should include a report with plans and sections detailing: the anticipated finished landform and surface/landscape treatments, both of each phase and the whole excavation; quality and condition of topsoil and overburden; rehabilitation works proposed; the type and location of any vegetation proposed; proposed method of funding and delivery of restoration/reinstatement works; etc.

10. Proximity

Proximity to other developments. Details to be submitted to include location of all existing developments in the vicinity of the site that might be affected by site development works, extractive operations and/or traffic movements generated.

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11. Landscaping and Screening

Landscaping and screening proposals. Details to be submitted to include an indication of existing trees or other screening to be retained or removed and any proposed screening, grassing or

planting of trees or shrubs and proposals for their maintenance.

This was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh seconded by Cllr. Canney and agreed.

Page 103 **DM Standard 38**
Omit sub paragraph 1

This was proposed by Cllr. Willers seconded by Comh. Ni Fhatharta and agreed.

Page 104 **DM Standard 39:**
Omit.

This was proposed by Cllr. Mullins seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed.

DM Standard 40:
Include consideration of native hedgerow with post and rail fencing along roadside frontages where existing hedgerow is being removed.

This was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly seconded by Cllr. Willers and agreed.

It was then proposed by Cllr. Regan, seconded by Cllr. Canney and agreed that the Draft County Development Plan be put on public display.

It was further proposed by Cllr. Regan, seconded by Comh. Ó'Tuairisg and agreed that the Environmental Report of the Strategic Environmental Assessment also be put on public display.

TO APPROVE DRAFT POLICY DOCUMENT RELATING TO "TAKING IN CHARGE OF DEVELOPMENT

1789

It was agreed to defer this item.

MANAGERS BUSINESS

1790

Mr. Morgan referred to correspondence received from Department of Transport dated 12th July 2008 and received on 14th July 2008 indicating that a grant of up to €250,000 will be made available for the Planning and Design stage of the Baile Chláir relief road. Mr. Morgan has written to Bord Pleanála in order to ascertain if an EIS is required and this item is scheduled for discussion at a Bord Pleanála meeting on 19th September 2008. In response to Cllr. Canney, Mr. Morgan confirmed that if expense is incurred later this year, it can be recouped in 2009.

MAYORS BUSINESS

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 20 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1792

The following reply was given:-

“The total number of Essential Repairs and Disabled Persons Grants unapproved at end of December 2007 is 473. The number of approved applications awaiting payment under the old grant schemes is 495. Under the new Housing Grant Schemes there are currently 390 applications on hand. The time frame at present for assessment, inspection and payment of housing grants is dependent on additional monies being made available as the current funding allocation is inadequate to deal with the level of applications on hand.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21– CLLR. B. WILLERS

1793

The following reply was given:-

“The level of funding for housing grants is inadequate and Galway County Council has written to the Department in this regard.”

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

1794

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl nach bhfuil formhór na bóithre áise seo faoi chúram Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe agus dá bhrí sin, ní bheidh oibreacha á dhéanamh ar na bóithre seo.

Déanfar obair ar bóithre áise faoi chúram Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe faoin Clár Cothabháil Bóithre Áise, de réir maoiniú a bhéas ar fáil.”

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

1795

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl gur déanadh oibreacha athchóiriú ar an mbóthar seo de réir deontas faoi Clár na mBóithre 2008.

Níl aon moltaí ann faoi láthair tuille oibreacha a dhéanamh taobh amuigh dena oibreacha cothabháil gnáthiúl faoin Clár Cothabháil Bóithre Áise, de réir maoiniú a bhéas ar fáil.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 24 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1796

The following reply was given:-

“Tá an Comhairle i dteagmháil leis an tógálaí maidir leis na plásóga a chríochnú ag an teach seo agus táthar ag súil go gcuirfear na hoibreacha seo i gcrích go gairid.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 25 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 1797

The following reply was given:-

“Stopping places and stands are designated by An Garda Síochána following application by service providers.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 26 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 1798

The following reply was given:-

“Funding has been requested from the National Roads Authority to facilitate landscaping at this location, to date no such funding has been provided and in the absence of same it is not intended to undertake such works.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 27 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY 1799

The following reply was given:-

“The Council has addressed all maintenance issues logged on the Repairs System to date, however, if further issues are reported by the tenant to the Housing Unit on 091 509300, these issues will be assessed in due course by the Housing Engineer.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 28 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1800

The following reply was given:-

“This matter has been referred for legal advice to the Council’s Law Agent including the matter of encashing the bond. The points raised by the Law Agent in relation to the bond refer to the relevant condition of the planning permission and as to whether the wording of the condition will allow for the Council to encash the bond. These advices are currently being considered in detail.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 29 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 1801

The following reply was given:-

“The provision of a sewerage plant at Lackagh Village has been included in the Council’s ‘Water Services Assessment of Needs programme 2005-2014’. However, it was not included in the Department of the Environment’s ‘Water Services Investment Programme 2007 – 2009’.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 30 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH **1802**

The following reply was given:-

“This location shall be inspected and a full report shall issue in the near future.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 31 – CLLR. M. FAHY **1803**

The following reply was given:-

“A change in priorities of the nature suggested in the absence of a major realignment/differentiation may present a hazard for road users. The location shall be examined in the context of the Low Cost Safety Improvement Grant Scheme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 32 – CLLR. M. FAHY **1804**

The following reply was given:-

“The N18 Oranmore to Gort scheme is currently out to tender and tenders are to be returned by the five shortlisted tenderers by September 1st 2008.

Tenders will be assessed and it is the NRA’s intention that a contractor will be appointed in the near future.

The provision of a second junction serving Gort was not included in the current Compulsory Purchase Order or the Environmental Impact Assessment of the scheme, and is not included in the contract documents which are currently being tendered. It is considered that the provision of one junction at Gort as provided for in the scheme at present is adequate to serve Gort for the foreseeable future.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 33 – CLLR. M. FAHY **1805**

The following reply was given:-

“The bridge has recently been inspected by the National Roads Authority and Galway County Council is currently awaiting receipt of the report. Future works at this location shall be considered in the context of this report.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 34 – CLLR. M. MAHER **1806**

The following reply was given:-

“The matter of the finishing of this estate has been the subject of a number of inspections and notices by the Council to date. It is only in the last three weeks that the Council has received a written reply from the developer, on foot of a Warning Notice, who proposes to undertake an audit of the foul sewerage drains. The result of this audit will be helpful in determining the proposed course of action.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 35 – CLLR. M. MAHER

1807

The following reply was given:-

“The Loughrea Main Street reconstruction and enhancement project is currently nearing completion with only a small number of maintenance items outstanding. The Bus Bay and Taxi Rank on Station Road shall be considered on completion of the adjoining developments presently under construction.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 36 – CLLR. M. MAHER

1808

The following reply was given:-

“The Council plans to provide water from Loughrea Craughwell mains to Cloonoo within the next month.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 37 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1809

The following reply was given:-

“The Council has been in contact with the Builder of the above estate, and the ESB, in order to resolve issues regarding public lighting in this estate.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 38 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1810

The following reply was given:-

“This location shall be inspected and a full report shall issue in the near future.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 39 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1811

The following reply was given:-

“It is proposed to undertake road improvement works in Tynagh Village with funding allocated under the Specific Improvement Grant Scheme. These works shall commence between the Church and the Village and progress in a westerly direction through the Village.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 40 – CLLR. S. CANNEY

1812

The following reply was given:-

“A joint venture was recently undertaken by Galway County Council and the local Anglers group with the assistance of the Office of Public Works and Fisheries Board to clean up a section of the River Nanny. The work that has been done to date has enhanced this area of the town substantially. However, one section of river adjacent to Garvey’s Mills, located off Bridge Street, still needs to be cleaned. The Council’s Environment section will be providing funding to the Tuam West Area Office to assist in carrying out the necessary works”.

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

1813

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl go ndéanfar an trasna coisithe i sráid bhaile an Spidéil i Mí Meán Fómhair/Deireadh Fómhair 2008.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 42 – COMH. S. O’TUAIRISG

1814

The following reply was given:-

“Is main liom a chur in iúl go bhfuil Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ag fanacht ar tuille airgeadú agus ní féidir é a dháileadh nó go críochar an cosán poblí ón Scanchéibh go dtí an Céibh Nua.

Mar sin, ní dóidh go dtosnóidh obair ar an cosán coisithe agus soilsí poiblí ar bhóthar Bhaile Ard go dtí 2009 nuair a bhéas tuille airgeadú ar fáil.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 43 – COMH. S. O’TUAIRISG

1815

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl gur déanadh oibreacha deisiúcháin ar an droichead seo. Ní dhéanfar an mór-obair ar droichead nua de bhárr oibreacha éigeandáil a déanadh i gceantair eile sa Chontae. Déanadh oibreacha leathnúcháin agus ardaíodh acmhainn an droichead.

Déanfar machnamh ar an droichead seo a chur sa gClár i 2009.”

Criochnaigh an Cruinniu Ansin

Submitted, Approved + Signed

CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY 23rd
JUNE, 2008.**

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cllr. P. Feeney

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

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

Oifigigh:

Ms. M. Moloney, County Manager; Messrs. J. Cullen, P. Ridge, F. Gilmore, F. Dawson, Directors of Service; G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance; M. Dolly, M. Lavelle, Senior Engineers; B. McDermott, County Secretary; A. Comer, C. Wallace, Senior Executive Officers; M. McGrath, Senior Staff Officer; P. O’Neachtain, Oifigeach Gaeilge; G. Healy, Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

1748

A resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:

Mary Heneghan, Rusheens, Cummer, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Tom Walsh, Cregg, Oughterd, Co. Galway.
Rita Meehan & Family, Kiltiernan, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

1749

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 26th May, 2008.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 23rd June 2008

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 26th May, 2008 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

Arising from the Minutes, the following issues were raised:

In response to a query by Cllr. Burke, Mr. Cullen confirmed that a schedule of the cryptosporidium risks scores which had recently been reviewed would be circulated to the Members and that this would be done as soon as possible. He advised the Members that it was important that the information was not misinterpreted as the scores themselves were merely intended to assist in prioritising the schemes where either catchment management measures or water treatment measures should be taken to reduce the risks.

Cllr. Cuddy asked if there was any progress on the Part 8 Planning Process regarding the Claregalway, Milltown and Craughwell Sewerage Schemes and the Manager stated that progress had been made and that an official from the National Parks & Wildlife Service is to come to Galway to meet with Council Officials next week in order to finalise discussions regarding the ecological issues which they had raised regarding the proposals.

Cllr. O'Cuaig asked for an update on the following:
Caisla Regional Water Supply Scheme,
Carna/Kilkieran Water Supply Scheme
Appointment of Consultants to the R336 - Bearna to Screeb Road via Ros a Mhil.

In relation to Caisla R.W.S.S, Mr. Cullen stated that An Bord Pleanála had approved the Environmental Impact Statement and it was expected that the Contract Documents would be submitted to the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government. by August, for approval.

In relation to Carna/Kilkieran Water Supply Scheme, Mr. Cullen stated that a Feasibility Study would be undertaken to examine further source options in relation to the supply of water for the Carna/Kilkieran Scheme.

He also stated that the Preliminary Report for Roundstone Water Supply Scheme had been approved and it was hoped that the contract for the pipework would commence shortly.

The Manager stated that with regard to the R336, the Bearna to Screeb Road, it was hoped that Consultants would be appointed within a few weeks to design this project.

In reply to Cllr. Mullins, Mr. Lavelle confirmed that no response had been received from the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government to the Council's request for additional funding to complete works on the Kilconnell to Cappataggle Road.

In reply to Cllr. S. Walsh, Mr. Cullen stated that the site acquisition process for the Oughterard Sewerage Scheme had not yet been completed. He also stated that the

Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government had asked the Council to make certain amendments to the Brief for the Appointment of Consultants for the scheme and that it was hoped that the revised Brief would be submitted to the Department for approval by August.

In reply to Cllr. Canney, Mr. Cullen stated that the recommended tender regarding the Tuam Town Water Supply Scheme would be forwarded to the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government shortly for approval.

Cllr. Reilly thanked the Council officials involved in arranging the taxi rank at Tuam, on behalf of the taxi drivers.

In reply to Cllr. T. Walsh, Mr. Cullen stated that Consultants had been appointed to prepare Contract Documents for the Glenamaddy Sewerage Scheme and these would be forwarded to the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government as soon as possible for approval.

Cllr. Finnerty stated that he wished to correct the Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 26th May, 2008 where he said that the Esker Riada was being destroyed not eroded.

Cllr. McDonagh stated that he wished to remind the Members that applications for the LAMA Awards should be completed and sent to LAMA. as soon as possible.

Cllr. D. Connolly stated that he wished to correct the Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 26th May, 2008 which recorded him as being present. However, he stated that he was absent from that Meeting.

Cllr. Willers stated that at that Meeting also, she had said that the Housing Section lady officials should be consulted regarding the design of Council houses and she asked that this suggestion be taken on board by the Council.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION 1750

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 29th April 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Regan and seconded by Cllr. Maher.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee & Loughrea Town Council Meeting held on 29th April 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Maher and seconded by Cllr. Regan.

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

1751

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

Road commencing at junction with Regional Road R341 in the townland of Toombeola and extending south as appropriate for a distance of 340 metres in the townland of Toombeola and finishing at the gate entrance to Toombeola graveyard in the townland of Toombeola.

Electoral Area: Conamara

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

Road commencing at junction with County Road L-5321 in the townland of Baile Dhúlocha and extending east as appropriate for a distance of 280 metres in the townland of Baile Dhúlocha and finishing at Sean Casey's house in the townland of Baile Dhúlocha.

Electoral Area: Conamara

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ABANDON PUBLIC ROAD – SECTION 12 OF
ROADS ACT 1993**

1752

Report dated 16th June, 2008 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Kyne, seconded by Cllr. Welby, it was agreed that the following public road be abandoned by the Council:

A 435 metre long section of the original route of the N59 Galway Maigh Cuilinn road in the townland of An tÁth Buí (T. Bearna) and An tÁth Buí (T. Maigh Cuilinn)

Cllr. Kyne stated that there was an illegal encampment at this location which posed a health and safety risk. He also stated that some horses belonging to the people encamped there were being tied to poles and complaints had been received from passers by who had concerns regarding the welfare of these animals. He stated that the families concerned had moved out from Galway City and that the City Council should make efforts to sort out this problem. He asked Mr. Gilmore, Director of Housing Services, for his comments on the situation and Mr. Gilmore stated that once the procedure for the Abandonment of the Road had been completed, action could be taken by the Council with the assistance of the Gardaí under the Housing Acts in order to remove the encampment off this road. He also stated that he was meeting with officials of the City Council the following week and he agreed to inform the Conamara Area Members of the outcome of his discussions with them regarding this matter.

**NOMINATION OF CHAIR OF THE ROADS & TRANSPORTATION
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

1753

Report dated 17th June, 2008 was already circulated to each Member.

Cllr. McDonagh proposed Cllr. Canney as Chairperson of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee, and this was seconded by Cllr. Mullins, and agreed.

DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2008

1754

The Mayor invited Mr Ridge to present the Draft Development Contribution Scheme. Mr Ridge referred to three documents circulated to the Members:

- An introductory letter,
- An explanatory memorandum which sets out the background calculations to the scheme and includes information on the procedure for preparing a contribution and details of the various projects that have been taken into account in the preparation of the background data for the scheme.
- Draft Development Contribution Scheme which updates the existing 2004 scheme.

He stated that he was seeking the approval of the Members to put the Draft Development Contribution Scheme on public display for 6 weeks to give the public an opportunity to make submissions. He explained that when the public consultation period was completed, the Manager's Report on the submissions/observation received would be prepared and submitted to the Members for their consideration and to make any changes they considered necessary.

He explained that the changes to the scheme were not substantial, the contributions included in the 2004 scheme for Sewerage, Water and Recreation & Amenity facilities were adjusted upwards in accordance with the rate of inflation over the past four years. He added that the scheme has been expanded to include provision for the payment of a roads and transportation charge, which will allow the Council to draw down national funds for important projects in the county.

Included in this is a € 2,000 per car space equivalent per house, a car space equivalent being the number of cars that a development would generate.

He also added that the development contribution scheme of €100,000 per acre of development land for Recreation and Amenities for the development of five or more houses prepared for the Oranmore Local Area Plan is included into the general county development contribution scheme but still remains applicable to the Oranmore area only. The Oranmore Scheme would no longer exist if adopted in the new County Development Contribution Scheme.

He also added that the roads, footpaths and transportation charge had been included in the industrial commercial and other developments at a rate of €30 per m² on Sub area 1 and €25 per m² in Sub area 2 and €20 per m² in Sub area 3. He stated that this was equivalent to the charge that was being levied in Athenry and Bearna.

Cllr McHugh queried if it was the case that if Local authorities did not have a certain amount of funding available that National funding would not be forthcoming for projects

He also referred to sub-area 2 and stated that the total development contribution charge for a single house was now €10,200.

He acknowledged that the Local Authority was struggling financially but added that the new charges in this scheme was not the way to acquire funding,

He proposed that the scheme be rejected as it was imposing taxes on young people in the 20-30 year old age bracket.

Mr Ridge stated that none of monies collected through the development contribution schemes were used to fund the running of the organisation; he added that it was specifically used for capital projects, the details of which were in the Explanatory Memorandum Draft Scheme Document.

He also stated that the benefit to each individual was estimated at €30,914

Cllr Cuddy stated that he understood that funding was required for roads projects but added that the proposed development contribution scheme was not acceptable.

He queried as to why the water and sewerage charges were not standard across the county and added that he did not agree with the roads, footpaths and transportation charge being referred to as 'car park space equivalent'

Cllr Cuddy also inquired as to the amount collected under the Development Contribution Scheme for Oranmore.

Mr Ridge explained that the charges are based on the benefits people are getting. Charges in the weaker parts of the county have been reduced so as to make these areas more attractive for people to develop projects.

Mr Ridge explained that in relation to monies collected from the Oranmore Scheme a significant benefit would be seen over time.

Cllr Kyne referred to 'Distribution of Development' page 6 of the Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2008. He added that Moycullen had not received anything from Development Contributions monies and made particular reference to the lack of basketball facilities in Moycullen.

Mr Ridge explained that the weaker parts of the county were benefiting from the charges collected from other parts of the county and added that Moycullen had secured some benefits such as a waste water treatment plant and a children's playground.

Cllr Finnerty stated that there had been a 20% reduction in planning applications, twice the national average and queried if this reduction had been accounted for in the calculations of Draft Development Contribution Scheme.

Mr Ridge stated that the projected number of houses to be built over the period of the scheme was used and this projection was based on the housing strategy.

Cllr Canney asked if agreement was not reached on the Contribution Scheme where does the Council stand as regards drawing down National Funding. Mr Ridge stated that he did not know what the situation for the Council would be if local funding was not available to match that from Central Government but added that it would greatly enhance the Council position if local funding was available.

Cllr S. Walsh stated that he did not agree with Roads, Footpaths and Transportation Charge/€2,000 per car space equivalent for the one off rural house. He understood that the development contributions were for the provision of services but added that the charge of € 5700 in Sub area 3 was too much

Mr Ridge stated that there was no charge for services that were not available.

Cllr. Burke asked if there was a formal instruction from the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government to all Local authorities on the amount of Development Contributions to be collected and added that Galway and the West of Ireland would be at a disadvantage due to the higher amount of development taking place in the east of the country.

Comh O'Cuaig stated that it was unfair loading all of the development contributions on young couples.

Cllr Joyce stated that he was not in favour of introducing a charge for roads, he added that a small percent of the population of the county would be funding a very important aspect of the Council's expenditure, roads and footpaths a service that would benefit everyone and added that these were people struggling economically and financially.

Cllr Carey stated that it was not a good time to introduce a charge for roads footpaths and transportation and added that it should have been introduced during the economic boom. He added that it was a tax on young people.

Cllr Keaveney also enquired as to what the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government are specifically requesting in relation to Development Contribution Scheme and how it affects drawing down of National Funds for important projects for the county.

Cllr Hoade asked if Development Contributions from other neighbouring local authorities were examined.

She also stated that the carparking in sub-area 1 of € 2,000 per car space equivalent was too high for the one-off house.

She also stated that the € 100,000 per 0.404 hectares (1 acre) of development site for "Oranmore Area only" should read "Oranmore Plan Area only"

Cllr Mannion stated that if the one off rural house is providing car-parking spaces then carparking charges should not therefore apply. He also added that the cost of infrastructure was being placed on those that can least afford it and stated that it was not related to the ability of people to pay. He also stated that development contributions should vary in relation to the size of the dwellinghouse.

Cllr Regan referred to the availability of funding to maintain existing infrastructure. He also referred to the possibility of placing a smaller charge on all dwellings in the County annually.

Cllr Welby suggested changing the term "car space equivalent". He added also that paying development contributions per square metre of dwelling would be more equitable.

He also added that development such as wind turbines should not be subjected to the same charges as mobile masts.

Mr Ridge stated that the Council can only charge for the service that it provides.

Mr Ridge explained that there were no guarantees as regards Government funding but added that if funding could be matched locally it would leave the Council in a better position for drawing down funds from Central Government.

Mr Ridge agreed to examine the term, car space equivalent and explained that it is based on the number of cars a particular development will put on the road.

He also emphasised that the development contribution paid by an applicant is only a proportion of the benefit that they will get from the service provided.

He also stressed that all the monies collected through the Development Contributions Scheme would be used to fund Capital Works. The maintenance of existing roads was not funded from Capital monies.

He stated that it would be difficult to get full agreement on this scheme but suggested putting it on public display and to consider the scheme after the public display period together with the submissions/observations received.

He added that he would examine the possibility of charging per metre square of dwelling house.

Mr Ridge also outlined the development charges set by other Local Authorities for example; Kerry County Council was charging €13,000 per dwelling.

Cllr Hynes stated that he did not support the draft Development Contribution Scheme being put forward.

Cllr S Walsh stated that the scheme was unfair as it was placing charges on such a small base of people at the most demanding time of their lives, for the benefit of everyone.

Mr Ridge explained that the scheme only charged new development for the portion of any service that they used, so new development did not subsidise existing development.

Cllr M. Connolly stated that he was opposed to the charge for roads, footpaths and transportation and added that the development contribution charges should vary in accordance with different types developments.

The Manager stated that the Roads, Footpaths and Transportation Charge was introduced in an effort to pay for major capital works. She added that it was the only option available to the Council, otherwise funding would be from the Revenue Budget and based on what the commercial sector can be charged.

Mr Ridge stated that the 2004 Development Contribution Scheme, adjusted to allow for inflation plus the addition of a Roads Footpaths and Transportation charge was not unreasonable for the 2008 Development Contribution Scheme.

Cllr S Walsh proposed that there would not be a Roads Footpaths and Transportation Charge outside the villages in Sub Area 3. This was seconded by Cllr .Reilly.

On the proposal of Cllr Welby and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed to amend the Draft Development Contribution Scheme as follows:

In Sub Area 1 the Roads, Footpaths and Transportation charge is proposed as €10 per m² for houses up to 200m² or €15 per m² for houses over 200m², in Sub Area 2 the Roads, Footpaths and Transportation charge is proposed as €7.50 per m² for houses up to 200m² or €15 per m² for houses over 200m² and in Sub Area 3 the Roads, Footpaths and Transportation charge is proposed as €5.10 per m² for houses up to 200m² or €15 per m² for houses over 200m²

It was proposed by Cllr Canney and seconded by Cllr Finnerty to put the Draft Development Contribution Scheme as amended by Cllr Welby on public display.

Cllr McHugh rejected Cllr Canney's proposal to put the amended Development Contribution Scheme on public display.

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

AR SON: Cllr Burke, Cllr Canney, Cllr. Carey, Cllr. Conneely Cllr D Connolly, Cllr Cuddy, Cllr Feeney, Cllr Hoade, Cllr Hynes, Cllr Maher, Cllr.Finnerty, Cllr Welby, Cllr. Willers (13)

IN AGHAIDH: Cllr. M.Connolly, Cllr Joyce, Cllr Mannion Cllr McHugh Comh. Ní Fhatharta, Comh O'Cuaig, Comh O'Tuairisg. Cllr Regan Cllr Reilly, Cllr S. Walsh, Cllr T.Walsh (11)

Gan Votáil: (0)

The Mayor declared Cllr Canney's proposal carried.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

1755

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

MANAGERS BUSINESS

1756

The County Secretary reminded the Members that there were still some places available for the Seminar to be held on 7th July, 2008 in Limerick regarding the Green Paper on Local Government Reform.

Mr. Ridge confirmed that the Draft County Development Plan would be on the Agenda for the July Meeting and he informed the Members that a Workshop had been arranged for the Members at the Claregalway Hotel on Wednesday 2nd July 2008, to open the debate on the Draft County Development Plan 2009-2015. He stated that among the items to be discussed are the Strategic Environment Assessment and its implications, the County Spatial Strategy and County Settlement Strategy and Ardaun Strategic Development Concepts.

MAYORS BUSINESS

1757

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Mannion, it was agreed that the July Monthly Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 21st July, 2008 at 2.30 p.m.

It was pointed out that an item regarding the Bridge at Leenane which needs to be put before the Council in July may not be ready for the Meeting of the 21st July and that a further Special Meeting may be required for this item the following week. This will be decided at the meeting on July 21st.

Cllr. Hoade asked if the Draft Byelaws for Beaches and Personal Watercraft would be on the Agenda for the July Meeting and the County Secretary stated that they would not be on the Agenda for the July Meeting. Cllr. Hoade also stated that concern had been expressed regarding the practice of some people of bringing their horses down to piers in the Oranmore Electoral Area and washing the animals there. She asked if the Council would make provision in the Draft Bye-Laws to prohibit same. The Manager stated that this issue would be checked out and the Members informed.

Cllr. Carey asked if the Council could confirm which piers in the County were private and which public and the Manager stated that the Members would be given this information as soon as possible.

Cllr. Joyce proposed the following Motion be passed by the Council and be forwarded to Minister Éamon Ó Cuiv and Táiniste Mary Coughlan.

“In view of the increasing numbers coming on the Live Register of Unemployed, particularly from the construction sector, Galway County Council calls on the Government to make the following decision:

- (a) People over 60 years who are on the C.E. or R.S.S. Schemes should be allowed to remain on the schemes until they reach their 66th birthday.
- (b) That the number of places on both schemes be increased to a realistic figure to take account of the increased numbers of unemployed people in the country.”

This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Mannion, and agreed.

In reply to Cllr. Cuddy’s query regarding the speed limit revision, Mr. Dolly stated that recommendations had been received from the Areas and the matter was being processed. He said that the proposed speed limits for National Roads would have to be sent to the National Roads Authority and that all of the proposed speed limits would have to be forwarded to the Gardaí for examination. He also stated that he would report back to the Members within two months regarding progress on same.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 10 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1758

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl gur cuireadh airgead ar fáil ón Fógra Rúnda níos tuisce sa mbliain don suíomh seo agus beidh bacainn á chur isteach ag bealach isteach go dtí na scoile, marcanna bóthair pictiúr á inseallbhú agus líneáil ar an dá thaobh den bóthair. Tá súil go mbeidh na hoibreacha críochnaithe faoi cheann cúpla seachtain.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 11– COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1759

The following reply was given:-

“Tá na h-innealtóirí comhairleacha ag cuir tuarascáil le chéile faoi láthair a thaispeánfaidh an tionchar a bheidh ag an ráiteas tionchar timpeallachta ar an scéim uisce thuasluaite ar fhaitíos go mbeadh costais breise i gceist agus tá muid ag súil le freagra roimh 31 Iúil 2008.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 12 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 1760

The following reply was given:-

“Scrúdaigh Innealtóir Tithíochta an áitreabh seo ar an 23 Meitheamh 2008, agus ag leanacht don scrúdú seo cuirfear deisiúcháin riachtanacha i gcrích ar tile dín agus déanfaidh Criú Cothabhála tuilleadh scrúdaithe ar thaise agus an fáth leis.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 13– CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

1761

The following reply was given:-

“This road was recently surface dressed following the laying of a watermain, however, as the road is not included in the Council’s 2008 – 2010 Multi Annual Road Works Restoration Programme as approved by Council in 2007, it is not intended to undertake additional works on the road in the absence of an alternative source of funding. Routine maintenance will continue to be undertaken as necessary within the limits of available resources.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 14– CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

1762

The following reply was given:-

“The road has been included in the work schedule and accordingly any necessary maintenance works will be undertaken in the near future.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 15 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

1763

The following reply was given:-

“It is intended to undertake works on the Bullaun Road during 2008. It is currently envisaged, taking into consideration the current work programme, that the necessary works will be completed during September.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 16 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1764

The following reply was given:-

“Keighrey’s Lough is part of the Dunkellin-Agard Drainage District. The overall responsibility of the District and river systems within, lies with the OPW (Office of Public Works). Galway County Council will seek clarification from the OPW of its intention to undertake works at Keighrey Lough and indicate the urgency of same. Galway County Council undertakes maintenance work of drains with a limited annual allocation from the OPW of 2000 euros for the Dunkellin-Agard Drainage District. The proposal presented would not be suitable under this maintenance budget.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 17 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1765

The following reply was given:-

“It is not proposed to change the relevant period for the Enurement Clauses below that currently in place in the County Development Plan which is also in compliance with

the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines 2005.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 18 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1766

The following reply was given:-

“It is necessary to prioritise available funding for footpaths to address in the first instance defects in existing footpaths and thereafter consider the provision of new footpaths. Works are determined on a priority basis taking into consideration the findings of the Roads and Streets Access Audit undertaken for County Galway Local Authorities under the Disability Act 2005 in 2006. Accordingly, taking into consideration the current competing demands for available funding there are no plans at present to provide a footpath at this location.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 19 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1767

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council has not received a written application from either the developer or the residents to have this estate taken in charge. On receipt of a valid written application the matter will be processed in the normal manner. The relevant application form can be downloaded from the Council’s website or sent out as appropriate.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 20 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1768

The following reply was given:-

“An estimate has been sought from the ESB for the provision of additional public lighting at this location and a full report will issue on the matter following receipt of the relevant estimate.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21 – CLLR. P. HYNES

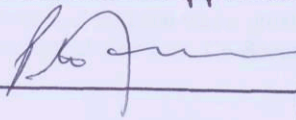
1769

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council has repaired the range at No. 34 St. Laurences Fields for Mr. Michael Broderick and the range is now in proper working order.”

Criochnaigh an Cruinniu Ansin.

Submitted, Approved & Signed



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY, 16TH
JUNE, 2008**

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Mayor S. Canney
Mayor P. Feeney

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

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

Oifigigh:

Ms. M. Maloney, County Manager, Messrs.
J. Morgan, J. Cullen, P. Ridge, F. Gilmore,
K. Kelly, F. Dawson, Directors of Service,
B. McDermott, County Secretary; A.Comer,
Senior Executive Officers; P. O'Neachtain,
Oifigeach Gaeilge R. O Boyle, Staff Officer.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

1745

A resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:

The Family of Natalie Higgins, Knocknow, Abbeyknockmoy, Tuam, Co. Galway.
John Counihan, Coscorrig, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Martina Fox, School Road, Carnmore, Oranmore, Co. Galway.

ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR YEAR 2008/2009

1746

Cllr Canney, outgoing Mayor, was in the Chair.

Cllr. Canney thanked the members and especially the Deputy Mayor for their support and cooperation throughout the year. He also thanked the County Manager who had taken up duty since his election as Mayor and said she was a great help and source of information to him. He thanked the Directors of Services, Co Secretaries during his term of office

and the staff of the Council for their assistance and advice. He also thanked the staff in the Area Offices whom he said are sometimes forgotten about. He paid tribute to the media for their responsible reporting of Council business.

He said that he had a very busy year and he referred to the many issues that are progressing such as the Tuam Regional Offices as part of decentralisation, the Rural Transport Initiative, the Bus Corridor at Claregalway, which is a very positive development, and Broadband. He referred to the Western Rail Corridor and said the Council will continue to support this project. He paid special tribute to the work being done in communities and the assistance being given to those communities by the Council.

The Members paid tribute to Cllr. Canney for his successful year as Mayor and stated that he represented the county with distinction during his term of office and had shown great commitment and leadership in all his duties as Mayor. The Members also paid tribute to Cllr Kyne in his role as Deputy Mayor during the period.

The County Manager thanked Cllr. Canney for his co-operation and hard work as Mayor of the County and complimented him on the excellent manner in which he represented the Council throughout the year. She also thanked the Deputy Mayor for his work during the year.

The outgoing Mayor asked for nominations for the position of Mayor of the County of Galway for the year 2008/2009.

It was proposed by Cllr McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Willers that Cllr. Feeney be elected Mayor.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Ni Fhatharta that An Comh. O'Tuairisg be elected Mayor.

A vote was taken on these proposals which resulted as follows:-

For Cllr. Feeney

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, M. Carey, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, S. O'Cuaig, M. Finnerty, T, Walsh, and B. Willers. (16)

For An Comh O'Tuairisg.

Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, M. Maher, T. Mannion, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Tuairisg, M. Regan, T. Reilly, S, Walsh, and T. Welby . (14)

Cllr. Feeney was then declared elected Mayor of the County of Galway for the year 2008/2009 and he was invested with the Chain of Office.

CLLR FEENEY THEN TOOK THE CHAIR

Cllr Feeney thanked his proposer and seconder and the Members of the Council who supported his election as Mayor and said he was honoured to take up the position. He paid tribute to Cllr. Canney for his dedication to his duties over the year and his professional approach to every issue and stated that he had set a very high precedent for those who succeeded him.

The Members congratulated Cllr. Feeney on his appointment and wished him well during his term of Office. The County Manager on her own behalf and on behalf of the staff congratulated Cllr. Feeney on his election as Mayor of County Galway.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR YEAR 2007/2008

1747

It was proposed by An Comh O Cuaig, seconded by Cllr. Hynes that Cllr. D Connolly be elected Deputy Mayor for the year 2008/2009.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by an Comh. Ni Fhatharta that Cllr. Reilly be elected Deputy Mayor for the year 2008/2009

A vote was taken on these proposals which resulted as follows:-

For Cllr. D Connolly

Cllrs. W. Burke, S. Canney, M. Keary, S. Connaughton, D. Connolly, P. Feeney, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, S. O'Cuaig T. Walsh, B. Willers (15)

For Cllr. T. Reilly.

Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, M. Maher, T. Mannion, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Tuairisg, M. Regan, T. Reilly, S. Walsh, and T. Welby (14)

Abstained

Cllr. M. Finnerty (1)

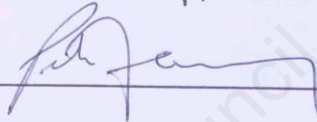
The Mayor declared Cllr. D. Connolly elected as Deputy Mayor of the County of Galway for the year 2008/2009 and he was invested with the Chain of Office.

Cllr. D. Connolly thanked his proposer and seconder and congratulated Cllr. Feeney on being elected Mayor and said it would be an honour to work with him during the coming year.

The Members congratulated Cllr. D. Connolly on his appointment and wished him well during his term of Office. The County Manager on here own behalf, and on behalf of the staff, also congratulated Cllr. D Connolly

CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINIÚ ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D. Connolly', written over a horizontal line.

23RD June 2008

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT TUAM TOWN HALL, TUAM, CO GALWAY ON MONDAY
26th MAY, 2008.

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cllr. S. Canney

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Cllrs. W. Burke, J. Conneely, D.
Connolly, M. Connolly, Comh. O'Cuaig,
Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M Fahy, P. Feeney, M. -
Finnerty, M Carey, M Hoade, P Hynes,
J. Joyce, S Kyne, M. Maher, T Mannion,
T McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. C. 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, K. Kelly, J.
Morgan, F Gilmore Directors of Service;
M. Lavelle, Senior Engineer; G,
Mullarkey, Head of Finance, B.
McDermott, County Secretary; A.
Comer, Senior Executive Officer, C
McConnell Senior Planner, M McGrath,
Senior Staff Officer. J. Keane, Staff
Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

1702

A Resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:-
Curley Family, Rusheens, Cumber, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Dr. Annraoi Finnegan, Sarsfield Road, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Betty Smyth, Cloonascragh, Lavally, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The Mayor welcomed the Manager, staff, the press and the other elected members to Tuam for the monthly meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

1703

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 28th April 2008 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins and seconded by Cllr. S Walshe.

Minutes of Meeting held on 26th May 2008

Arising from the minutes, the following issues were raised:

Cllr. Welby stated that at the last monthly meeting that the Bio Diversity Action Plan had been adopted without much debate and as such he wondered whether it could be adopted as a working plan and put back on public display.

The Mayor pointed out that it was not in order to do so in view of the fact that the plan was seconded and agreed for adoption at the last Council Meeting.

Mr. Ridge pointed out that it had gone before the SPC and that any changes to the plan were agreed at SPC level prior to submission to the full Council.

Cllr. Welby wished to know if the National Parks and Wildlife Service were aware of the new protocols contained in the plan.

Mr. Ridge said that he could not see any difficulty with the NPWS not accepting a protocol.

In reply to Cllr. Cuddy, Mr. Cullen said that a very detailed response had been sent to the NPWS in relation to the queries raised by them in relation to the 3 Part 8's but that no response had yet been received. He said that the costs of the ecological survey would form part of the overall capital costs which would be mostly funded by the Department but that the Council would also pay towards the cost under the polluter pays principle. Mr. Cullen advised that the approach being taken by the Council is to pursue one scheme in particular detail which will provide the template for others in order to avoid a similar situation in the future.

In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Cullen confirmed that the Milltown Scheme was being used as the template.

In response to Cllr. Fahy the Mayor advised that the resolution regarding the WTO passed at the last Council Meeting had been forwarded to the Department of Agriculture.

In response to Cllr. Hynes, Mr. Ridge confirmed that to date no application for planning permission had been received in respect of an Incinerator or a Sludge Plant for Tynagh. If such applications are received Mr. Ridge confirmed that they will appear on the weekly planning lists, which are emailed to the Members. Cllr. Regan requested the weekly planning list be forwarded to him in paper form. Mr. Ridge stated that if an official notification is received regarding such applications being processed under the Strategic Infrastructure Act, the members will be notified of same.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

1704

Minutes of Meeting held on 26th May 2008

The Report of the Housing SPC Meeting held on 26th November 2007 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. T Walshe and seconded by Cllr. Reilly.

The Report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 13th March 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. McHugh and seconded by Cllr. Reilly.

Arising from the Report, Cllr Reilly referred to the condition of the R332 road at Ballygaddy Road, Tuam. Mr. Morgan in response confirmed that the roadway would be reinstated under a Water Services Contract.

Cllr. McHugh asked what was the situation with the tenders received for the Tuam Town Water Services Project. Mr. Cullen said that the tenders received were being assessed. He said that as one of the tenders was likely to be excluded, there was a legal requirement on the council to obtain legal opinion before submitting the tender recommendation to the Department for approval.

Cllr. T Walsh sought clarification on whether a CPO for a stretch of the Dunmore and Glenamaddy road could proceed without the funding being in place first. Mr. Morgan said that the CPO process is a legal requirement and that funding would have to be in place before commencing the process.

The Report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on 10th April 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins and seconded by Cllr. Joyce.

In reply to Cllr. Joyce, Mr. Morgan advised that no overlay grants were received to address the stretch of road on the N6 from Garbally Gates to Portiuncula Hospital and that an application had been made to the NRA.

Cllr Mullins referred to a shortfall of €285,000 to complete the Kilconnell to Cappataggle road. Mr. Morgan confirmed that funding will be sought from the Department of Environment.

In reply to Cllr. Finnerty, Mr. Kelly said that the issue of Esker Riada erosion is under the remit of Ballinasloe Town Council and is being followed up.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE
RURAL HOUSE AND EFFLUENT TREATMENT SYSTEM AT CILL
MHUIRBHIGH, INIS MOR, ARAINN, COUNTY
GALWAY**

1705

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

On the proposal of Comh Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Comh O’Cuaig, the proposed construction of a single rural house and effluent treatment system at Cill Mhuirbhigh, Inis Mor, Arainn, County Galway was approved.

FILLING OF VACANCY ON THE LOUGH CORRIB NAVIGATION TRUSTEES

1706

Report dated 20th May, 2008 was already circulated to each Member

Cllr. Kyne proposed that the vacancy on the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees be filled by Mr. Paul Stewart, Ardvarnagh, Oughterard, Co Galway and this was seconded by Cllr. Carey and agreed.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE GALWAY COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (CCARD)

1707

Report dated 13th May, 2008 was already circulated to each Member

Cllr. M Regan proposed that the Casual Vacancy on the Galway County Committee of Agriculture & Rural Development (CCARD) be filled by Cllr. M Connolly and this was seconded by Cllr Reilly and agreed.

APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY GALWAY LOCAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

1708

Report dated 29th April, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member.

Cllr. Reilly proposed that Cllr Mannion be appointed as a member to the County Galway Local Sports Partnership this was seconded by Cllr. Joyce and agreed.

Cllr. Mannion proposed that Cllr D Connolly be appointed as the second member to the County Galway Local Sports Partnership this was seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed.

TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTED STANDS (STREET SERVICE VEHICLES) TUAM BYE LAWS 2008

1709

Report dated 20th May, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. M Connolly, the Galway County Council Appointed Stands (Street Service Vehicles) Tuam bye laws 2008 were adopted.

HOUSING ALLOCATION NOTIFICATION

1710

Report dated 7th May, 2008 was already circulated to Each Member.

Mr. Gilmore stated the Housing Unit had recently been notified of its capital Housing Allocation for 2008. He said that the Council had requested €34m for its Social Housing Programme but that the allocation received is only €23.6m. He said that for the Remedial Works Programme the Council had planned between €4-5m but the allocation is €2m. He stated that that there would be a shortfall of between €8m to € 12m in the Housing Programme overall for 2008.

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The Members expressed their concerns at the shortfall in funding pointing out that it would effect the most vulnerable in the community.

A number of issues were raised by the members and Mr. Gilmore responded as follows:-

- There was no shortage on the supply side of the Affordable Housing but there were difficulties with affordability for certain applications
- The number of starts proposed in the Multi Annual Programme for Social and Affordable Housing for the period 2004-2008 was 850.
- It is expected that the Council will provide 750 of those units. The balance will be provided for by the Part V and Voluntary Housing Schemes.
- Any vacant stock which requires repair will be targeted and relet as soon as possible.

REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAMME FOR PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES AND REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAMME BORROWING APPROVAL €20M

1711

Report dated 20th May was already circulated to each member.

It was proposed by Cllr. S Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed that the Remedial Action Programme for Public Drinking Water Supplies and Remedial Action Programme borrowing of €20m be approved.

Arising from the Report, Cllr Burke said that it had taken 9 years to get a water scheme for Portumna. He said the County had been let down collectively over the years in relation to the provision of water and waste water infrastructure. He said that there was a high risk of cryptosporidium in our waters. He said that he felt that the vulnerable were at risk in the 34 Public Water Supply schemes identified as needing remedial work by the EPA.

Mr. Cullen said that Cryptosporidium is a recent issue for Local Authorities as the illness associated with it, cryptosporidiosis, had only become a notifiable disease since 1st January 2004. He said that drinking water regulations and standards had changed and many local authorities found themselves having to cope with the higher standards while relying on quite dated infrastructure. Historically the investment emphasis had favoured roads ahead of water and wastewater services. He said that the water quality results for the public water supplies were routinely good but the emphasis now was to further minimize risks to supplies. That was the purpose of the Remedial Action Programme before the council.

He said that the HSE is responsible for reporting cases of cryptosporidiosis. He stated that much of the supply of water for County Galway and other Western Areas is from surface sources and that this is very hard to treat. He said that in the EPA report an area could have a high risk because of its water source but a low potential score because of the level of water treatment.

Cllr Burke said that the scoring system was weighing heavily against the old infrastructures in the County.

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Mr. Cullen said that the method for calculating the risk score is determined in the guidance book provided by the EPA and that the Council is complying with this. He said that by virtue of the types of source from which supplies are taken and the population served, it was possible to get a high result even where there is a modern treatment facility and there was potential for misinterpretation of the risk scores. He stated that the remedial action programme is to protect the source of water, improve treatment facilities where necessary and so decrease the associated risks.

On the proposal of Cllr. Welby and seconded by Cllr. Mannion it was agreed to suspend standing orders in order for the meeting to continue after 6.00pm.

Comh O'Cuaig said that the Costello and Carraroe schemes would need to be sorted out soon and that he doubts if the funding allocated in the action programme would be adequate for the two schemes.

He said he wanted to know where the Councils 25% contribution was to come from and when the remedial works on Roundstone would be carried out.

Cllr Mannion said it was important when making statements to the media that the full information is made available at Council meetings.

He said water quality was a sensitive issue and that it was important that the correct message is sent out to the public that the water is safe.

Cllr. Cuddy said that credit should be given to the Water Services Department of the Council and that it is the HSE that lays down the guidelines. He said he was optimistic that the boil notice in Clarenbridge would be lifted in the near future.

Cllr. Mullins said that unless the HSE dictate otherwise it was important that the message that the water was safe to drink was put out in the public domain. He said that the €20m loan should be approved for the remedial works action programme but he hoped that there would be no further cuts in funding from the Department.

Cllr Welby wanted to know what the risk status for Oughterard was now given that the report before the Council says that there is high aluminium content. He asked if the Council was looking at other low risk sources of water supply rather than Lough Corrib for Oughterard.

Cllr. T Walshe asked could people be as confident of drinking water as they were two years ago and do people need to boil the water in the areas that are listed as high risk

Cllr. Hoade asked how many boil notices were there in place in the County at the moment and requested that the Director issue a statement to the media stating that the water is safe.

The Mayor said that a boil notice is only put in place where necessary and it done by an independent agency. He said the issue is about managing the risk associated with water supply. He said he was confident that the executive would put in place a policy to deal with the risk.

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Mr. Cullen responded to the issues raised as follows:-

- There were two boil notices in place in the County at the moment one in Clarenbridge and the other in Roundstone.
- The notice in Roundstone will remain in place until the scheme is connected to the Carna Kilkerrin scheme.
- Discussions with the HSE are currently taking place regarding Clarenbridge and the relevant Members will be updated once there are any developments.
- If there is a requirement to boil the water in an area then the Council will directly notify the public with leaflet drops. The requirement to boil the water is given by the HSE.
- Water Conservation measures were important and there was a need to reduce leakages. There was a high leakage in Spiddal from the group water supply that is being served from the public supply and measures would need to be put in place to address this.
- The Oughterard Public Water Supply was deemed to be a high risk because of its location. The Councils funding of 40% for the advanced works would be funded from development contributions which are an exhaustible source.
- There was no ranking for the programme of work and that all are urgent and will proceed together. Most of the works will be completed by the summer of 2009.

Comh Ni Fhatharta said it was unfair that An Bord Pleanala kept deferring the planning decision on the Costello Regional Water Supply scheme.

She proposed that "Galway County Council object to the manner in which the Costello RWS has been dealt with by An Bord Pleanala. Numerous dates have been given for a decision that is still awaited and that no Local Authority should be treated with such disrespect" this was seconded by Cllr. S Walshe and agreed.

ADOPTION OF THE (CILL RÓNÁIN HARBOUR & CILL ÉINNE HARBOUR) EXPLOSIVES BYE LAWS 2006, AS AMENDED MAY 2008

1712

Report dated 20th May was already circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr. S Walshe and seconded by Cllr. Conneely the (Cill Rónáin Harbour & Cill Éinne Harbour) explosives bye laws 2006, as amended May 2008 were adopted.

Arising from the Report, Comh O'Cuaig asked was the figure of € 800,000 for security for this development correct and if so could this figure be looked at.

Mr. Morgan said that the figure was correct but that this was a result of the directions received from the Garda Síochána. He said that there were other costings such as health & safety issues that were included in this figure.

Comh O'Cuaig proposed that "the figure of €800,000 for security at Cill Rónáin, Inis Mor, during the reconstruction of the Pier seems to be excessive and that Council calls on the Garda Commissioner to comment on this matter", this was seconded by Cllr. Welby and agreed.

AUDIT REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 2006 1713

Report was already circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. S Walsh the Audit report on the accounts and Annual Financial Statement of Galway County Council for year ending 31st December, 2006 was approved.

Mr. Mullarkey pointed out that the audit report had highlighted three areas:

- 1) Commercial Water
- 2) Capital Projects Review
- 3) Development Contribution

The collection rate for water charges was low he said and the Council had highlighted its concerns to Celtic Anglican who are the collecting agency on the Councils behalf.

The audit report was requesting the Council to review its capital balances and to highlight the areas where there are unfunded balances.

In response to Cllr. Cuddy, Mr. Mullarkey said that the €16.5m development contributions received have been allocated to the various programme groups in accordance with the scheme.

Cllr. Joyce asked if the money had been spent in accordance with the 50% rule which meant that half of what was collected in an electoral had to be spent in that electoral area.

Mr. Mullarkey replied that over the five year period that would be the case.

TO APPROVE AMENITY GRANTS 2008 (4TH ROUND ALLOCATIONS)

1714

Report dated the 26th May 2008 was already circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mannion and seconded by Cllr. Reilly the Amenity Grants 2008 (4th round allocations) were approved.

TO APPROVE COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME GRANTS 2008 (4TH ROUND ALLOCATIONS) 1715

Report dated the 26th May 2008 was already circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Regan and seconded by Cllr. S Walshe the Community based Economic Development Financial Assistance Scheme Grants 2008 (4th round allocations) were approved.

**TO APPROVE OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR 6 MONTHS 01/07/08
- 31/12/08** 1716

Report dated the 26th May 2008 was already circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Joyce and seconded by Cllr. MI Connolly the Overdraft accommodation for 6 months 01/07/08 - 31/12/08 was approved.

**EVENTS TAKING PLACE ON THE PUBLIC ROAD (MOTOR SPORTS /
RALLIES)** 1717

Report dated the 20th May 2008 was already circulated to each member. Arising from the Report, Cllr Hoade asked how the amount of the deposit is decided upon and has it been called into use in the past.

Cllr. Joyce proposed that a policy document be drawn up at the SPC meeting and that the report already circulated would form the basis for the policy document in relation to events taking place on the public roads (motor sports/rallies). This was seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

Cllr. Mannion proposed that “the Chair of the Roads and Transportation SPC should attend any meeting with the Rally organisers, Gardai and the Council executive in relation to rally events on the public roads,

Cllr. Mannion also said that the €5000 deposit was not sufficient for the repairs required. He proposed that “the area engineer should examine in detail the damage done to the road surface on the Rally route with a view to costing same and having funding made available for repairs”, this was seconded by Cllr. Reilly and agreed.

Cllr. Mullins said that the rally organisers would need to ensure that the followers of the rally are sufficiently controlled by the Gardai and the organisers. He said he does not agree that the route should be the same every year and he would like to see it rotated around the County.

**TO CONSIDER THE MANAGER’S REPORT ON THE SUBMISSIONS
RECEIVED REGARDING THE REVIEW OF THE COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2003-2009 AND THE PREPARATION OF A NEW
COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT
ASSESSMENT AS PER SECTION 11 (4) OF THE PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000.** 1718

The Mayor invited Mr Ridge to present the Manager’s Report. Mr Ridge explained that the Manager’s Report on the submissions received regarding the review of the County Development was circulated to the Members on 9th May 2008 as per Section 11 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. He also added that the process was restarted as the initial public notification did not make reference to Strategic Environment Assessment which did not comply fully with the

Regulations. For future certainty regarding the validity of the plan especially for major projects later on it was agreed to restart the process.

98 submissions were received during the initial review period 4 May 2007 to the 29 June 2007 and 74 submissions were received during this review period 22 February 2008 to the 18 April 2008 one of which related to the Strategic Environment Assessment. He added that all of the same issues had been raised again as in the first review stage.

During the last review stage Electoral area meetings and SPC meetings were held where directions were received from the Elected Members on how to proceed with the County Development Plan.

Mr Ridge stated that Ms McConnell would present the Manager's report or otherwise direction could be given to proceed with the preparation of the Draft Development Plan which would be considered at a later date.

Cllr Walsh proposed that a Full Council Meeting would be necessary for the consideration of this issue alone.

Cllr McHugh questioned the need for discussion at this stage and proposed that the Draft County Development Plan be prepared first. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Finnerty and agreed.

Cllr Mannion queried that if a Draft Plan was prepared without this initial consideration, would it be more difficult for the Members to change it at draft stage.

Mr. Ridge stated that this would definitely not be the case. The draft development plan would be prepared and the SEA would accompany the Draft and the implications of this identified. The Draft plan would then be presented to the Members for their consideration where it can be examined line by line.

Mr. Ridge stated that the Draft Development Plan would be ready by 1st July, however it would need to be adopted at the July meeting in order to meet the deadline of May 2009. Mr. Morgan advised that Part 8 for Leenane Bridge needs to be submitted to the members at 28th July meeting as the process to be undertaken will not be completed on time for a Council meeting on 21st July. As there is no meeting in August he considers that the September meeting will be very late to deal with this issue. Mr. Ridge pointed out that the Draft Development Plan would be discussed at the Area Committee Meetings and Planning SPC meeting prior to submission to the full Council.

Cllr Regan requested that the draft plan be in a simplified form and easy to understand and that the interpretation of the Plan was crucial.

It was agreed to finalise the time and date of the July Council meeting at the monthly Council Meeting in June and also whether a special Council meeting would be required for the consideration of the Draft Plan.

SERVICE INDICATORS

1719

Report dated the 21st May 2008 was already circulated to each member.

Mr. Kelly referred to the report which was circulated to the members. He said that it allowed the members to compare the Councils performance year on year and that the changes in the format of the indicators were as a result of changes at National level.

Cllr. Regan enquired about the reduction in pre planning meetings.

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Mr. Ridge in response said that this was due to the volume of work, staff shortages and the lack of suitably qualified people available to recruit at the time.

Cllr. Regan asked if there were any pre planning meetings taking place currently.

Mr. Ridge said that for any major project pre planning meetings are always held.

MANAGERS BUSINESS

1720

The Department of the Environment Circular on the Disabled Persons and Essential Repairs Grants was circulated to the members.

Mr Gilmore said that when the circular is examined in more detail that he would bring a full report before the members.

Cllr Reilly said that a HSE circular of April 08 stated that the Housing Scheme for the elderly would only be operated by them until June 08 after which it would be transferred over to the Local Authority. He said that there was confusion amongst people as to who they should be applying to and that clarification is needed on this.

Cllr Mannion said that the HSE were still accepting applications for this year for the scheme.

Mr. Gilmore said that he was not aware that the HSE were still accepting applications and that he would contact them to clarify the issue.

MAYORS BUSINESS

1721

Cllr. Mannion proposed that "this Council recognises that in adopting the EU Lisbon Reform Treaty that the best economic and social interest of Ireland and the E.U will be served. This was seconded by Cllr. Ml Connolly and agreed.

Comh O'Cuaig and Cllr. T Walshe pointed out that they wished to be disassociated with this proposal.

The Mayor complimented Mr. Gilmore and his staff and in particular Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk for the excellent facilities provided in the Town Hall.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 20 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1722

The following reply was given:-

"A clean up of the Council depot on the Woodford Road, Loughrea, is planned and it is hoped to carry out these works in the near future."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21– CLLR. B. WILLERS

1723

The following reply was given:-

“This bridge has recently been inspected by the National Roads Authority and Galway County Council is currently awaiting notification of the outcome of this inspection.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 22 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1724

The following reply was given:-

“The Gort Regional Water Supply Scheme provides for new watermains along Ennis Road, Gort and accordingly it is the intention of the Roads and Transportation Unit and Water Services Section to coordinate all works proposed for this section of road with a view to maximising the return from available resources and minimising disruption to the public. Routine maintenance and any other works deemed necessary will continue to be carried out on Ennis Road, Gort in the interim.”

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

1725

The following reply was given:-

“Bhí comhráití againn le an bhFóram do Phobal Iorras Aithneach i gCarna ar an ábhar seo. Seoladh eolas maidir leis an nGradam ‘An Cósta Glas’ chuig an ngrúpa seo. Tá an clár seo dhá riaradh ag an Taisce ó 2003 i gcomhair le ‘Keep Wales Tidy’, dhá bhrí sin, bhí sé teoranta do chósta oirthear na hÉireann.

Tá sé dhá réachtáil go náisiúnta i mbliana.

Éilíonn an scéim seo an cáilíocht uisce céanna le trána leis an mBrat Gorm ach níl an leibhéal céanna infreastruchtúr ag teastáil. Caithfidh Coiste Bainistíochta Trá a bheith in áit ina mbeidh grúpa áitiúil agus an tÚdarás Áitiúil páirteach agus caithfear Plean Bainistíochta Trá a chuir isteach.

Fanfaidh muid i dteagmháil leis an ngrúpa áitiúil agus déanfar measúnú ar céna trána a d’fhéadfadh a bheith oiriúnach don togra seo.”

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

1726

The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl go ndéanfar gearradh imeall bóithre atá i gceannas Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe de réir achmhainn atá ar fáil go h-iondúil.

Déantar obair ar imeall bóithre nuair atá na bóithre á ullmhú do oibreacha dromchla nua. Braitheann méid agus minicíocht na hoibreacha seo ar an léibhéal airgeadas atá ar fáil ag an am.”

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

1727

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The following reply was given:-

“Is mian liom a chur in úil nach bhfuil aon moltaí faoi láthair soilse poiblí a chur ar fáil i gCasla. Tá an ceantair seo formhór faoin tuath agus dá bhárr seo, níl tosaíocht árd chun na soilse poiblí a sholáthar.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 26 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY

1728

The following reply was given:-

“The installation of speed ramps/cushions outside urban areas on roads with speed limits in excess of 50KPH is not advisable due to the associated risk of traffic hitting the proposed speed ramps/cushions at inappropriate speeds.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 27 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY

1729

The following reply was given:-

“The L8733 and the L8730 are not included in the 2008-2010 Multi Annual Road Works Restoration Programme as agreed by the Council in late 2007. The 2008 Roads Programme programme provides for 1km of the L8733 to be surface dressed at a cost of €18,000 and this work has recently commenced.

In the absence of specific funding it is not possible to undertake additional works on the L8733 or the L8730 other than routine maintenance, which shall continue to be carried out as necessary within the limits of available resources.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 28 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY

1730

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council contacted Greenstar in July 2006 with regard to the acceptance of waste from private individuals at the East Galway landfill. No response has been received to date. The Council will again contact Greenstar in an effort to progress this matter.

As regards the development of a Civic Amenity site at this location, the Council is currently developing new recycling centres in accordance with our business plan with the aim of serving more densely populated areas initially. Consideration may be given to the development of a Civic recycling centre at the Kilconnell landfill in future, if Greenstar were willing to make a site available and could fund a significant part of the development cost.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 29 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

1731

The following reply was given:-

“There is currently no waiver system in operation in the County for refuse collection. The Council has previously investigated the viability of a waiver scheme for refuse charges for County Galway but has determined that it is not economically feasible due to its estimated cost and the Council’s limited revenue base.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 30 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH **1732**

The following reply was given:-

“There is currently no funding available to undertake this project, however the provision of traffic route lighting at this location shall be considered in the context of proposals for low cost safety improvement works on regional and local roads in 2009.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 31 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH **1733**

The following reply was given:-

“There is presently no funding available in the 2008 Roads Programme for the removal of bends on the section of the road between Cartymore and Cussaun Crossroads.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 32 – CLLR. M. CAREY **1734**

The following reply was given:-

“There is no funding currently available in the 2008 Roads Programme to facilitate works on Inchiquin causeway.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 33 – CLLR. M. CAREY **1735**

The following reply was given:-

“Funding is available to facilitate the provision of flashing amber safety lights at Claran Primary School, Headford and accordingly it is currently anticipated that the lights shall be erected at this location during 2008.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 34 – CLLR. M. FAHY **1736**

The following reply was given:-

“The works involved in restoring the lake to its original profile would be beyond the resources of a Community Employment Scheme.

The house, walls and fence are not in the ownership of Galway County Council or in public ownership.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 35 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1737

The following reply was given:-

“Improvement works for Main Street, Gort was included in the Council’s submission to the National Roads Authority for the 2008 National Primary Pavement & Minor Improvements Programme. To date no funding has been made available by the National Roads Authority to facilitate Galway County Council in undertaking such works. It is currently intended to submit the scheme for further consideration by the National Roads Authority in the context of the 2009 National Primary Pavement & Minor Improvements Programme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 36 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1738

The following reply was given:-

“Observations were received from Dochas following the commencement of the Part 8 Planning Process which require the Council to seek additional information from its Consultants in order to address the issues raised.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 37 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1739

The following reply was given:-

“It is not the intention of Galway County Council to provide tarmacadam at the rear of the garden of house in Hillcrest, Loughrea, County Galway.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 38 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1740

The following reply was given:-

“The Council will consider replacement of 2 concrete bollards, subject to overall estate management factors.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 39 – CLLR. P. HYNES

1741

The following reply was given:-

“The works at this location will require significant funding as it will necessitate considerable improvement of horizontal and vertical alignment. As such the works are beyond the scope of typical projects undertaken under discretionary funding and

accordingly would require a specific grant allocation. No specific allocation is currently available to facilitate the Council in undertaking this project.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 40 – COMH. S. O’TUAIRISG 1742

The following reply was given:-

“Táthar ag leanacht leis an scrúdú atá dhá dhéanamh ar an gcás seo againn agus seolfar freagra, ina mbeidh níos mó sonraí, chugat go gairid.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 41 – COMH. S. O’TUAIRISG 1743

The following reply was given:-

“Níl an maoiniú riachtanach ag an Aonad Tithíochta chun an moladh thuas, ceannachán 4 teach ar Inis Meáin, a chuir i bhfeidhm.”


NOTICE OF MOTION NO 42 – COMH. S. O’TUAIRISG 1744

The following reply was given:-

“Tá buiséad bhliantúil teoranta ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe chun cabhrú le pobail le soláthar agus leathnú reiligi. Léiríonn an meastachán ar chostas atá curtha ar fáil don Chomhairle ag Reilig Réalt na Mara Teo gur €250,326 an costas forbartha iomlán don charr chlós. Ar an mbunús sin, de bharr srianta buiséid, ní bheidh ar chumas Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe an 50% don mhaoiniú a sholáthar do fhorbairt an charr chlóis.”

Criochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + SIGNED



23RD JUNE 2008

DATE