

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 2009

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cllr. J. McClearn

Cllr. T. McHugh.

ILATHAIR FRESIN:-

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Cllrs. T. Broderick, S. Canney, L. Carroll, P. Connaughton, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, Cllrs. J. Cuddy, Comh T. Ó Curraoin, Cllrs. M. Fahy, P. Feeney, G. Finnerty, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, E Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, M Mullins, M. Noone, P. Roche, An Comh S. Ó Tuairisg, Cllrs. S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers.

Oifigigh:

Ms. M. Moloney, County Manager,
Messrs. J. Cullen, P. Ridge, F. Gilmore, Directors of Services, Messrs. E. Molloy, M. Dolly, J. Eising, Senior Engineers, K. Wynne, Senior Executive Engineer, G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance, Ms. B. Mc Dermott, County Secretary. Messrs M. Owens, Senior Executive Officers, Ms. M.J. Dolan, S.S.O., Mr. P. O'Neachtain, Oifigeach Gaeilge, and Ms. R. O'Boyle, Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

In the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, the Members agreed to the election of Cllr. McClearn as Chairperson.

Cllr. McClearn then took the Chair.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

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A resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mrs. Sheila Callanan, Ballymountain, Inishannon, Co. Cork
The O'Brien Family, Knockauns, Williamstown, Co. Galway
Michael & Kathleen Walsh, Ashford, Cong, Co. Mayo
Mrs. Sarah Monaghan, Caltra, Belclare, Tuam, Co. Galway
Tom & Tina Byrne, Cordarra, Headford, Co. Galway.

The Members said they wished to express their sympathy with the families of the four young girls who were killed so tragically in a car accident on the Milltown Road near Ballindine last

week. They also expressed their good wishes to the fifth girl who is critically ill in Beaumont Hospital.

A Minutes silence was observed on the proposal of Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. McDonagh.

Cllr. O'Cuaig also expressed sympathy with the family of the 16 year old Michael Joyce, who was killed in a crash at Lettermore on Sunday night, and Cllr. T. Walsh expressed sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. Sally O'Brien, Williamstown who also died tragically last week. Cllr. Mullins expressed sympathy to Ms. Mary Jo Dolan on the death of her Mother

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING

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The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 19th October, 2009 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, and seconded by An Comh. O'Tuairsg.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

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The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 24th September 2009 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Carroll

The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 29th October 2009 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. McDonagh.

The Report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on 22nd September 2009 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Connaughton seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion.

EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – SECTION 73 OF ROADS ACT 1993 AT FRENCHFORT OVER A SECTION OF THE LT71072, APPROXIMATELY 76 METRES IN LENGTH

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It was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh and agreed that this item be deferred until the next Meeting.

The Mayor then took the Chair.

Cllr. McDonagh proposed that Items No. 24 and 25 be taken for consideration out of sequence of listing on the Agenda and this was seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

Cllr. Mannion proposed taking the items in order and work up to Items 24 and 25. A show of hands determined to take the items out of sequence and this was agreed.

NOMINATION OF 4 MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY GALWAY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Report dated 17th November was already circulated to each Member.

Ms. McDermott advised that the required consultation meeting had taken place and the nominations were in order as set out in the Report already circulated with the exception of Ms. Helen Cousins who had a city address and therefore was not representative of the Vocational Education Committee area concerned. The remaining nominees were as follows:

Deirdre Birmingham, Ardrahan, Co. Galway
James Joyce, Lawrencetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Betsy Moloney, Roy, Dunmore, Co. Galway.
Pat J. Gilmore, Currow House, Dublin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway
Maria Hannigan, Kinvara, Co. Galway
Frank Curley, Ballyroe, Kilconly, Tuam, Co. Galway

Ms. Mc Dermott advised that four members had to be appointed (2 male & 2 female).

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Canney and agreed that Mr. P.J. Gilmore, Currow House, Dublin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Mr. Gilmore appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Canney that Mr. Frank Curley, Ballyroe, Kilconly, Tuam, Co Galway be appointed.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. O'Tuairisg that Mr. James Joyce, Lawrencetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway be appointed.

As agreement could not be reached a vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:-

For Mr. F. Curley

Cllrs. Broderick, Canney, Carroll, Connaughton, Feeney, Keaveney, Kyne, Maher, E., Mannion, McClearn, McDonagh, McHugh, Mullins, Roche, T. Walsh, Welby (16)

For Mr. J. Joyce.

Cllrs. M. Connolly, Fahy, Finnerty, Hoade, T. Mannion, O'Tuairisg (6)

Abstained.

Cllrs D. Connolly, O' Cuaig, Cuddy, O'Curraoin, Hynes, , S. Walsh, (8).

The Mayor declared Mr. Frank Curley appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Cllr. T. Mannion expressed disappointment that Mr. James Joyce former member of Galway County Council was not appointed.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. S. Canney and agreed that Ms. Betsey Moloney, Roy, Dunmore, Co. Galway be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Ms. Moloney appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Carroll and agreed that Ms. Maria Hannigan, Kinvara, Co. Galway be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Ms. Hannigan appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following 4 Members were appointed by Galway County Council to the County Galway Vocational Education Committee:-

1. Mr. P.J. Gilmore
2. Mr. Frank Curley
3. Ms. Betsy Moloney
4. Ms. Marie Hannigan

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE COUNTY GALWAY VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE 143

Report dated 17th November was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Keaveney and agreed that Cllr. Carroll be appointed to the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

FIX DATE FOR DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING 2009 144

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Keaveney and agreed that the date for the December Monthly Meeting be fixed for Friday, 18th December at 10.00 a.m.

FIX DATE FOR BUDGET MEETING 2010 145

It was agreed that the date for the Budget Meeting would be fixed at the Council Meeting to be held on the 18th December, 2009.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 AND SECTION 211 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 206 (1) OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AND SECTION 88 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1996 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.0168 HECTARES AT PAIRC NA HABHANN, ATHENRY, CO. GALWAY 146

Report already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Maher, the disposal of 0.168 hectares at Páirc na hAbhann, Athenry, Co. Galway was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT WORKS BUILDING, RESERVOIR, WASH WATER HOLDING TANKS AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KILCONIERIN GROUP WATER SCHEME CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED AT CARROWREVAGH TD. KILCONIERIN, CO. GALWAY. PLANNING REF LA23/09 REFERS.

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Report dated 9th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and agreed, that the construction of water treatment works building, reservoir, wash water holding tanks and associated site development works by Galway County Council in partnership with Kilconierin Goup Water Scheme Co-Operative Society Limited at Carrowrevagh Td. Kilconierin, Co Galway, be approved

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT WORKS BUILDING, WASH WATER HOLDING TANKS AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KYLEMORE ABBEY GROUP WATER CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD. AT LACKAN TD. ABBEY, COUNTY GALWAY. PLANNING REF LA24/09 REFERS

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Report dated 9th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed, that the construction of water treatment works building, wash water holding tanks and associated site development works by Galway County Council in partnership with Kylemore Abbey Group Water Co-Operative Society Ltd. at Lackan Td. Abbey, County Galway, be approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT WORKS BUILDING, RESERVOIR, WASH WATER HOLDING TANKS AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PETERSWELL CASTLEDALY GROUP WATER SCHEME CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED AT GARDENBLAKE COMMONS TD, GORT, CO. GALWAY. PLANNING REF LA25/09 REFERS

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Report dated 9th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. Fahy and agreed that the construction of water treatment works building, reservoir, wash water holding tanks and associated site

development works by Galway County Council in partnership with Peterswell Castledaly Group Water Scheme Co-operative Society Limited at Gardenblake Commons Td, Gort, Co. Galway be approved

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED FOR (a) THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT WORKS BUILDING, RESERVOIR, WASH WATER HOLDING TANKS AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS AT MONEEN TD MENLOUGH, CO. GALWAY AND (B) UPGRADING OF EXISTING SPRING SOURCE AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS AT MENLOUGH EIGHTER TD MENLOUGH CO. GALWAY BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MENLOUGH SKEHANA AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.

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Report dated 9th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member

I was proposed by Cllr. Connaughton, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly and agreed (a) that the construction of water treatment works building, reservoir, wash water holding tanks and associated site development works at Moneen td Menlough, Co. Galway and (b) upgrading of existing spring source and associated site development works at Menlough Eigher Td. Menlough Co. Galway by Galway County Council in partnership with Menlough Skehana Agricultural Development Co-Operative Society be approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT WORKS BUILDING, RESERVOIR, WASH WATER HOLDING TANKS AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LYDACAN GROUP WATER SCHEME CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED AT CRANNAGH TD, GORT, CO. GALWAY. PLANNING REF LA27/09 REFERS

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Report dated the 9th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. Fahy and agreed that the construction of water treatment works building, reservoir, wash water holding tanks and associated site development works by Galway County Council in partnership with Lydacan Group Water Scheme Co-Operative Society Limited at Crannagh Td, Gort, Co. Galway be approved

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED FOR A) CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT WORKS BUILDING, WASH WATER HOLDING TANKS AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS AND B) DEMOLITION OF EXISTING RESERVOIR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESERVOIR AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMHAR CHUIGEAL (LEITIR MEALLÁIN) TEORANTA AT MÁIMÍN TD, LEITIR MEALLÁIN, CO. NA GAILLIMHE. PLANNING REF LA28/09 REFERS

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Report dated 9th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Walsh, seconded by An Comh. O'Tuairisg and agreed that a) construction of water treatment works building, wash water holding tanks and associated site development works and b) demolition of existing reservoir construction of new reservoir and associated site development works by Galway County Council in partnership with Comhar Chuigeal (Leitir Mealláin) Teoranta at Máimín Td, Leitir Mealláin, Co. na Gaillimhe be approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT WORKS BUILDING, RESERVOIR, WASH WATER HOLDING TANKS AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KILTIERNAN GROUP WATER SCHEME CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED AT KILTIERNAN WEST TD. KILTIERNAN, CO. GALWAY. PLANNING REF LA29/09 REFERS 153

Report dated 9th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member

It was proposed by Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed that the construction of water treatment works building, reservoir, wash water holding tanks and associated site development works by Galway County Council in partnership with Kiltiernan Group Water Scheme Co-Operative Society Limited at Kiltiernan West Td. Kiltiernan, Co. Galway be approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT WORKS BUILDING, RESERVOIR, WASH WATER HOLDING TANKS AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BALLYANEEN RAKERIN GROUP WATER SCHEME CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED AT RAKERIN TD., BALLYANEEN, COUNTY GALWAY. PLANNING REF LA30/09 REFERS 154

Report dated 9th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. Fahy and agreed that the construction of water treatment works building, reservoir, wash water holding tanks and associated site development works by Galway County Council in partnership with Ballyaneen Rakerin Group Water Scheme Co-Operative Society Limited at Rakerin Td., Ballyaneen, Co. Galway.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT WORKS BUILDING, RESERVOIR, WASH WATER HOLDING TANKS, DEVELOPMENT OF BOREHOLE SOURCE AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BALLINABANBA GROUP WATER SCHEME CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED AT BALLYNABANABA TD. KILCONNELL, COUNTY GALWAY. PLANNING REF LA31/09 REFERS 155

Report dated 6th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Broderick, seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion and agreed that the construction of water treatment works building, reservoir, wash water holding tanks, development of borehole source and associated site development works by Galway County Council in partnership with Ballinabanba Group Water Scheme Co-Operative Society Limited at Ballynabanaba Td. Kilconnell, County Galway.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT WORKS BUILDING, WASH WATER HOLDING TANKS AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BARNADERRG / GORTBEG GROUP WATER SCHEME CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED AT DANGANBEG TD, BARNADERG, COUNTY GALWAY

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Report dated the 6th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. Roche, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly and agreed that the construction of water treatment works building, wash water holding tanks and associated site development works by Galway County Council in partnership with Barnaderrg / Gortbeg Group Water Scheme Co-Operative Society Limited at Danganbeg Td, Barnaderg, Co. Galway was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT WORKS BUILDING, RESERVOIR, WASH WATER HOLDING TANKS AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CBC GROUP WATER SCHEME SOCIETY LTD. AT LISLOUGHLIN TD, BALLYMACWARD, COUNTY GALWAY. PLANNING REF LA33/09 REFERS

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Report dated 6th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member

It was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Connaughton and agreed that the construction of water treatment works building, reservoir, wash water holding tanks and associated site development works by Galway County Council in partnership with CBC Group Water Scheme Society Ltd. at Lisloughlin Td, Ballymacward, Co. Galway be approved

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT WORKS BUILDING, WASH WATER HOLDING TANKS AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF RESERVOIR AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BALLINAKILL WATER SCHEME SOCIETY LTD. AT: TOOREENTD, MOYARD, COUNTY GALWAY. PLANNING REF LA34/09 REFERS

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Report dated 9th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. E. Mannion and agreed that the construction of water treatment works building, wash water holding tanks and associated site development works, and the construction of reservoir and associated site development works by Galway County Council in partnership with Ballinakill Water Scheme Society Ltd. at: Tooreen Td, Moyard, Co. Galway be approved.

TO CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT WORKS BUILDING, RESERVOIR, WASH WATER HOLDING TANKS AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BULLAUN GROUP WATER SCHEME CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD. AT LACKALEA TD, BULLAUN, COUNTY GALWAY. PLANNING REF LA35/09 REFERS

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Report dated 9th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed that the construction of water treatment works building, reservoir, wash water holding tanks and associated site development works by Galway County Council in partnership with Bullaun Group Water Scheme Co-Operative Society Ld. at Lackalea Td, Bullaun, County Galway be approved

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT WORKS BUILDING, WASH WATER HOLDING TANKS, WASTE WATER TREATMENT UNIT, PERCOLATION AREA AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CAPPATAGGLE DISTRICT COMMUNITY GROUP WATER SCHEME CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED AT DONAREE TD. CAPPATAGGLE, CO. GALWAY. PLANNING REF LA36/09 REFER

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Report dated 6th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Broderick and agreed that the construction of water treatment works building, wash water holding tanks, waste water treatment unit, percolation area and associated site development works by Galway County Council in partnership with Cappataggle District Community Group Water Scheme Co-Operative Society Limited at Donaree Td. Cappataggle, Co. Galway be approved

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001, AS AMENDED, FOR A) CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT WORKS BUILDING, WASH WATER HOLDING TANKS AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS AT MEELICK EAST/CURRAGHCREEN TD, LEVALLY, CO. GALWAY AND B) CONSTRUCTION OF RESERVOIR, STORAGE SHED AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS AT CAPPADAVOCK TD, LEVALLY, CO. GALWAY BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GALLAGH AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY LTD. PLANNING REF LA37/09 REFERS

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Report dated 6th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member

It was proposed by Cllr. Canney, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly and agreed that a) construction of water treatment works building, wash water holding tanks and associated site development works at Meelick East/Curraghreen Td, Levally, Co. Galway and b) construction of reservoir, storage shed and associated site development works at Cappadavock Td. Levally, Co. Galway by Galway County Council in partnership with Gallagher Agricultural Co-Operative Development Society Ltd be approved

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001, AS AMENDED, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT WORKS BUILDING, RESERVOIR, WASH WATER HOLDING TANKS, WASTE WATER TREATMENT UNIT, PERCOLATION AREA AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE CLONBUR CORNAMONA PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SCHEME AT AN CHOILL UACHTAIR TD, AN FHAIRCHE, CO. NA GAILLIMHE. PLANNING REF LA38/09 REFERS 162

Report dated 9th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by An Comh O'Tuairsg, seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh and agreed that the construction of water treatment works building, reservoir, wash water holding tanks, waste water treatment unit, percolation area and associated site development works by Galway County Council in respect of the Clonbur Cornamona Public Water Supply Scheme at an Choill Uachtair Td, An Fhairche, Co. na Gaillimhe be approved.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS AND ADOPTION OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC (SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS) COUNTY GALWAY BYE-LAWS 2009 163

Report dated the 17th November, 2009 was already circulated to each Member.

Mr. Dolly referred to the Report circulated and informed the Members that 16 Submissions had been received between the period 11th September, to 16th October, 2009, and explained that late submissions could not be considered. He also went on to explain that if NRA approval is not given the proposals cannot be adopted.

It was agreed to proceed with the submissions as set out.

Submission No. 1

Name: Cllr. Paul Connaughton (with signed petition).

Address: Mountbellew, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Location : Guilkagh, Menlough, Co. Galway.

Proposal:

Provide new 50km/h speed limit through the village of Guilkagh, Menlough, Co. Galway from the crossroads on the Moylough side of Guilkagh to the crossroad on the Skehana side of Guilkagh (at Dunne's shop).

Recommendation:

This is a rural village, with 6 No. individual rural one-off houses and a family run business comprising a supermarket, farm supplies, shop and diesel pumps.

The provision of a 50km/h speed limit at this location is not considered critical.

The proposal therefore is not recommended.

Cllr. Connaughton stated that there are also community fields at this area. He proposed that the speed limit be put in place. Cllr. Mullins seconded the proposal as he stated this is a very busy spot with a lot of traffic and the speed limit would make it much safer.

It was proposed by Cllr. Connaughton, seconded by Cllr. Mullins and agreed that the speed limit be provided as requested at this location.

Mr. Dolly then provided a map and agreement was reached on the location of the speed limit.

Submission No. 2

Name: Cllr. Sean Kyne

Address: Clydagh, Moycullen, Co. Galway.

Location : Various.

Proposal:

1. N59 Galway Road, Moycullen.
That the speed limit from Clydagh Bridge to the existing 50km/h speed limit on the Galway side of Moycullen village be reduced from 100km/h to 80km/h.
2. N59 Moycullen Road, Galway
That the speed limits on the Moycullen side of Killeen House be reduced from 100km/h to 50km/h
3. N59 Roscahill
That the proposed 50km/h speed limit for Roscahill be extended to the Moycullen side of the Ross Demesne Road junction with the N59.

(Also late submission from Ms. Catherine Keogh, Chairperson, St. Annin's National School and St. Annin's National School Green Flag Committee).

4. Gortatleva Road

That the proposed 50km/h speed limit sign on the Gortatleva Road be extended up to the top of the dangerous narrow hill past the cul-de-sac road at Gortatleva.

5. That the planned movement of the 50km/h sign on the Tullykyne Road be extended to the Tullykyne side of Leagaun junction.

Recommendation:

1. This proposal has not been approved by the NRA and therefore cannot be adopted.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report.

2. This proposal has not been approved by the NRA and therefore cannot be adopted.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

3. This proposal has not been approved by the NRA and therefore cannot be adopted.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

4. This is a narrow rural road outside the special speed limit zone. The provision of special speed limits on rural roads is outside the scope of this speed limit review.

This proposal therefore is not recommended.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kyne, seconded by Cllr. Welby and agreed, to move the 50 kph Speed Limit up past the Gortatleva Junction

5. This is a Local Primary Road with a number of developments including commercial developments and Business Park. The proposed extension of the 50km/h speed limit on this road under the Draft Special Speed Limit Bye-laws, include these developments.

The extension of the proposed 50km/h speed limit further, as proposed, to take in the built up area with individual housing entrances/exits is recommended.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

The Members requested that a written response be sought from the NRA stating reasons for non-approval

Submission No. 3

Name: Mr. Michael Raftery, Chief Fire Officer, Galway County Council

Address: Galway County Council, Fire Station, Fr. Griffin Road, Galway City

Location : Tuam, Co. Galway.

Proposal:

Extend existing 50km/h speed limit to Milltown side of proposed new fire station site.

Recommendation:

It is proposed to extend the existing 50km/h speed limit to the location of the existing 60km/h speed limit sign which will take in the proposed fire station site. In addition, it is proposed to provide a new 60km/h speed limit from the proposed new 50km/h speed limit to North of the junction with the Bobby Burke Road.

These proposals have already been approved by the NRA and included in the "Draft" Special Speed Limit Bye-laws.

The proposal therefore is recommended for approved.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

Submission No. 4

Name: Mr.Martin Zustak

Address: 60 Dun Ard, Craughwell, Co. Galway

Location : Craughwell, Co. Galway.

Proposal:

Extend existing 60km/h speed limit on the N6 Galway Road past the Athenry Road junction.

Recommendation:

This proposal has not been approved by the NRA and therefore cannot be adopted.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

Submission No. 5

Name: Ms. Yvonne Finlay

Address: Church Road, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Location : Church Road/ Shannon Road, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Proposal:

Reduce existing 50km/h speed limit to 30km/h speed limit and extend to top of road to take in the soccer pitch, entrance to Marian Park, GAA pitch and proposed all weather soccer pitches.

Recommendation:

The developments referred to are within a 50km/h speed limit. The reduction of the existing speed limit from 50km/h to 30km/h will not be consistent with other speed limits in the area and will not have any significant effect and therefore is not recommended for approval.

The extension of the existing 50km/h speed limit to the top of the road is not critical as there are no other developments on this section of road. However, as this is a cul-de-sac road leading to the carpark at the bathing area, the extension of the existing 50km/h speed limit to the end of the road, including the carpark, is consistent with paragraph 6(a) of the Draft Special Speed Limits Bye-laws, 2009 and is therefore recommended for approval.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

Submission No. 6

Name: Mr. John Dooley

Address: Church Road, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Location : Church Road/ Shannon Road, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Proposal:

Reduce existing 50km/h speed limit to 30km/h speed limit to cater for traffic movements associated with the all weather soccer/football complex being constructed.

Recommendation:

As for submission No. 5

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

Submission No. 7

Name: Brooke McDermott (Chair) Oughterard Tourism & Development Associations Ltd.

Address: Main Street, Oughterard, Co. Galway

Location: Oughterard, Co. Galway

Proposal:

That the existing 80km/h speed limit on the Pier Road, Oughterard be reduced to 50km/h speed limit.

Recommendation:

This is a cul-de-sac road in a built-up area which forms its junction with the N59 through the town of Oughterard where a 50km/h speed limit applies. The introduction of a 50km/h speed limit on this road is consistent with paragraph 6(a) of the 'Draft' Special Speed Limits Bye-laws.

The proposal therefore is recommended for approval.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

Submission No. 8

Name: Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D. (on behalf of Ballygar Community Residence Association).

Address: Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

(Also late submission from An Garda Siochana)

Location : Ballygar, Co. Galway

Proposal:

Extend the existing speed limit throughout the town and particularly on the main N63 Road through the town.

Recommendation:

The proposal to extend the existing 50km/h speed limit on the N63 Roscommon Road and the N63 Galway Road has not been approved by the NRA and therefore cannot be adopted.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly it was agreed that the Standing Orders be suspended to allow the Meeting to proceed after 6p.m.

Submission No. 9

Name: Senator Ciaran Cannon (Joint submission on behalf of residents.)
Cllr. Michael Maher

Address: House of the Oireachtas.

Location: Kiltullagh, Co. Galway

Proposal:

1. Extend the proposed 50km/h speed limit on the Attymon and Rafford Roads to a point 250m from Duane's Cross.
2. Extend the proposed 50km/h speed limit on the Loughreea Road to the Loughreea side of the new N6 bridge.
3. Provide speed limit on the Killarive Road before its junction with the Loughreea Road.

Recommendation:

1(a). Attymon Road.

This is a rural area with individual rural one-off houses principally on one side of the road only. The extension of the proposed 50km/h speed limit on this road will reduce the effectiveness of the speed limit through Kiltullagh village and is therefore not recommended.

A discussion took place in relation to this submission and the members indicated that they were in favour of extending the speed limit.

Mr. Dolly again pointed out that the extension of the speed limit would reduce effectiveness of the speed limit through Kiltullagh village.

It was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed that the speed limit be extended on the Attymon Road.

1(b). Rafford Road

This is a rural area beyond the proposed 50km/h speed limit. The extension of the proposed 50km/h speed limit on this road will reduce the effectiveness of the speed limit through Kiltullagh village and is therefore not recommended.

It was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Fahy and agreed that the speed limit be extended on the Rafford Road.

2. Loughreea Road.

This is a rural area beyond the proposed 50km/h speed limit. The extension of the proposed 50km/h speed limit on this road will reduce the effectiveness of the speed limit through Kiltullagh village and is therefore not recommended.

It was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Fahy and agreed to extend the speed limit on the Loughrea Road.

3. Killarive Road.

This is a rural area. The extension of the proposed 50km/h speed limit on this road will reduce the effectiveness of the speed limit through Kiltullagh village and is therefore not recommended.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

Submission No. 10

Name: Mr. David Flaherty, Secretary, Portumna Town F. C.

Address: Attigara, Portumna, Co. Galway

Location: Shannon Road/ Church Road, Portumna, Co. Galway

Proposal:

Reduce speed limit on Shannon Road/ Church Road, Portumna.

Recommendation:

As for submission No. 5

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

Submission No. 11

Name: Cllr. Thomas Welby (On behalf of local residents with signed petition)

Address: Cregg, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

Location: Roscahill, Co. Galway.

Proposal:

Extend the proposed 50km/h speed limit on the N59 Galway Road, Roscahill by 150m to take in the Ross Demesne Road junction with the N59.

Recommendation:

As for submission No. 2.3

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

Submission No. 12

Name: Cllr. Sean Canney
Address: Claretuam, Tuam, Co. Galway

Location: Tuam, Co. Galway

Proposal:

Extend existing 50km/h speed limit to a point past Moylough Concrete on the Athenry Road, Tuam to take account of the Industries and the Golf Club which are exiting on this road.

Recommendation:

This is a rural area with isolated businesses (Moylough Concrete and Tuam Golf Club) located approx. 2.5km from the existing 50km/h speed limit.

The extension of the existing 50km/h speed limit on this road, as proposed, will reduce the effectiveness of the speed limit through the Town and is therefore not recommended.

It was proposed by Cllr. Canney, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh and agreed to extend the 50 kph speed limit past the Tuam Plant Hire Business on the Athenry Road.

Submission No. 13

Name: Ballinasloe Town Council
Address: Civic Offices, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Location: Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

Proposal:

1. That the existing 60km/h speed limit on the R348 Kilconnell Road be extended to Nutfield Cross.
2. (a) That the existing 50km/h speed limit on the L3408 be extended as far as the town boundary and
(b) that the 60km/h speed limit shall apply from the town boundary to a point North of the junction with the L4607.
3. That the 60km/h speed limit be removed and replaced with a 50km/h speed limit on the L4600, L4601, L4602 and L4603.

4. That the 50km/h speed limit be extended to the town boundary on the N6 at Mackney in the interest of traffic safety and in particular the entrance to Ardscoil Mhuire.
5. That the 50km/h speed limit on the R358 be extended as far as the town boundary.

Recommendation:

1. This is a rural area. The extension of the existing 60km/h speed limit on this road, as proposed, will reduce the effectiveness of the speed limit through the town and is therefore not recommended.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

- 2(a). This is a built up area and within the town boundary. The extension of the existing 50km/h speed limit, as proposed, is therefore recommended.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

- 2(b). This is a rural area with some individual rural one-off houses at the extremity of the proposed extension. The proposal is to move the existing 60km/h speed limit a distance of 0.7km from the town boundary. The extension of the existing 60km/h speed limit on this road, as proposed, will reduce the effectiveness of the speed limit through the town and is therefore not recommended.

Cllr. D. Connolly pointed out that this is a walking route within the town boundary. It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Mullins and agreed to extend the speed limit as per the submission made.

2. These roads are within the Town Council area and are low speed roads. The proposal as submitted is therefore recommended for approval.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

4. This section of road is within the existing 60km/h speed limit. The extension of the existing 50km/h speed limit, as proposed, will be considered following the opening of the new M6 and the reclassification of the existing N6.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

5. This is a rural area where the existing 60km/h speed limit applies. The extension of the existing 50km/h speed limit on this road, as proposed, will reduce the effectiveness of the speed limit through the town and is therefore not recommended.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

Submission No. 14

Name: Mr. Henry J. Thomas

Address: Not provided

Location: Craughwell, Co. Galway

Proposal:

That the two side roads; Creggaun Boreen and Killora, both cul-de-sacs, speed limit should be 40 (Assume 40mph or 60km/h)

Recommendation:

These roads are rural narrow roads and outside the Special Speed Limit Zone.

The provision of special speed limits on rural roads is outside the scope of this speed limit review and can be considered separately at a later date.

The proposal therefore is not recommended.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

Submission No. 15

Name: Mr. Brian Gorman

Address: Killora, Craughwell, Co. Galway

Location: Craughwell, Co. Galway

Proposal:

Extend the existing 50km/h speed limit on the N6 Loughrea Road past the Killora Road L42198.

Recommendation:

This is a rural area. The extension of the existing 50km/h speed limit, as proposed, has not been approved by the NRA and therefore cannot be adopted.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

Submission No. 16

Name: Mr. John Dowd

Address: Not provided

Location: Craughwell, Co. Galway

Proposal:

Put a 50km/h speed limit on the school road (Craughwell National School) above and below the school entrance.

Recommendation:

This school is located in a rural area outside the special speed limit zone.

The provision of special speed limits at schools and rural roads is outside the scope of this speed limit review and can be considered separately at a later date.

This proposal therefore is not recommended.

It was agreed to accept the Manager's Report

The following were also raised by the Members for inclusion.

It was proposed by Cllr. E Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Kyne and agreed to extend the 50 kph speed limit on the Sky Road, Clifden by 200 metres.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion and agreed to move the speed limit Sign in New Inn to the end of the footpath.

Cllr. Canney referred to a submission made by him in relation to the Speed Limits which had been acknowledged "in respect of extending the speed limits on the Dunmore Road, Tuam to Forty Acres and the Milltown Road, Tuam, past Parsons Garage. Mr. Dolly advised that he had no knowledge of these, however, he pointed out that such a submission would not, in any event, be recommended by the NRA.

Mr. E. Molloy, informed the Members that a letter of consent from the NRA is required before the Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) County Galway Bye-Laws, 2009 can be adopted. On receipt of same this item will be brought before the Members for adoption.

It was proposed by Cllr. Cuddy, seconded by Cllr. Welby and agreed that Galway County Council immediately start the process for the Review of Speed Limits on the Country Roads.

PROPOSALS FOR RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT GRANTS FOR REGIONAL & LOCAL ROADS 2010

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Report already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by An Comh. O'Tuairsg, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed that the Proposals as set out for Restoration Improvement Grants for Regional and Local Roads 2010 be approved.

RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME – EARLY STARTS 2010

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Report dated 23rd November, was circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Finnerty and agreed that the proposals as set out for Early Starts 2010 in regard to the Restoration Improvements Programme be approved.

Cllr. D. Connolly referred to his Notice of Motion No. 33 for this Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Mullins and agreed that "Galway County Council indicate to the EPA & the Minister for Environment our Council's total opposition to Asbestos being accepted at the Kilconnell, especially as the site is on the dividing ground for water courses entering the Shannon River Basin Catchment to the east and the Western River Catchment Basin to the West."

MANAGERS BUSINESS

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The Manager referred to the flooding crisis currently being experienced in many parts of the County due to the recent heavy rains.

She paid tribute to staff both indoor and outdoor who were working all weekend. She also paid tribute to the Civil Defence, the Gardai, the HSE, and all community volunteers. She said an Emergency Aid Package was requested to assist home owners. She also referred to the visits made by the Taoiseach and Minister Gormley

She sympathised with all those inconvenienced, and those whose businesses, homes and farms were flooded

She advised the Members that The Crisis Management Team convened on Thursday morning 19th November 2009 at 11.00am as a precautionary measure to deal with rising waters in some areas notably Craughwell and Claregalway. Since then Galway County Council and Ballinasloe Town Council are working with the ; Gardai, Civil Defence, Army, NRA, PPP Company, Air Corps, Local Volunteers, HSE, OPW, Met Eireann, and the ESB, in order to deal with the flooding emergency.

She referred to the map which was displayed on the screen showing many flooded roads and pointed out that this was being updated regularly and was on the Council's Website.

The main emergencies being dealt with are;

Public Health Risks associated with the water supply in Ballinasloe.

- A boil notice has been put in place and will remain in place until further notice.
- Water is being distributed to vulnerable groups.
- The water supply plant is being manned on a twenty four hour basis in an effort to ensure supply is maintained.
- All water supplies around the County are being monitored.

Evacuation

A number of evacuations have been necessary including the following:

- 1 family airlifted in Gort by the Air Corps
- 35 – 40 persons in Ballinasloe and 2 families in Craughwell were evacuated by the Civil Defence
- The Housing Section of Galway County Council assisted with the evacuation of 13 families in Athenry and 30 families in Claregalway
- Numerous other families are self evacuating.
- A further 25 families are on standby in Claregalway at present as water levels remain at a high level

Resources deployed

Approximately 180 outdoor staff and 70 indoor staff from Galway County Council and Ballinasloe Town Council were deployed to deal with the emergency with assistance from the Army, Gardai and the Civil Defence to deal with the following;

- Erecting signage on major routes and manning diversions
- Continuously monitoring Road maintenance and raising road levels where possible
- Filling and distributing sand bags

She advised that OPW have been asked to carry out an analysis in an effort to avoid a similar re-occurrence.

She also thanked the Unions for their suspension of strike action planned for tomorrow in respect of the staff of Galway County Council

We are very grateful, she said, to the NRA and the PPP Company on the M6 who facilitated the opening of sections of the M6 with the assistance of the Gardai and staff of Galway County Council.

We are also very grateful to all our suppliers who provided essential supplies and equipment at very short notice.

Transportation

The flooding has severely impacted on road transport throughout the area. The N6 (Galway – Dublin) was blocked from 4.00pm on Thursday 19/11/09 to Monday morning 23/11/09. A bypass in the M6 (new motorway) between Galway City and Loughrea for emergency vehicles was quickly arranged on Thursday evening 19/11/09. In Friday 20/11/09 the facility to use the bypass was extended to private vehicles and a bypass of Ballinasloe on the M6 was also opened as the bridge on the N6 there also became unusable.

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The Council is very grateful to the N.R.A., Department of Transport, National Roads Design Office in Galway, the Garda Síochána and in particular to the cooperation and hard work of the N6 Construction for the speed and vital response received. The N17 National Primary Route is also blocked due to the Clare River bursting its banks at Claregalway Village. The only viable and accessible alternative for North Galway traffic is via the N84 National Secondary Route which is flooded but passable with extreme caution.

The Council has allocated in excess of 180 outdoor workers to deal with the flooding issues. The Civil Defence have deployed all available resources and are continuing to do so. Army personnel and vehicles have also been deployed where necessary and are on standby if required. The Council has also facilitated local voluntary groups and used local expertise and knowledge and will continue to do so until the crisis is over. Local communities and voluntary groups have for instance assisted in the filling, distribution and placing of sandbags throughout the County. Galway City Council is supplying them with resources such as sandbags, sand etc. The Garda Síochána have also deployed major resources and continue to work with the Council and the Crisis Management/Coordination Team.

The following major routes are currently still impassable.

N6 at Ballinasloe

N6 between Portumna and Tipperary Border.

N63 Galway to Roscommon Road between Loughgeorge and Annagh Cross
Ballymoe to Castlerea Road.

N18 Galway to Gort Road at Crowe Street Gort, at Kiltartan and at Labane.

R333 Headford to Tuam

N17 Galway to Tuam at Claregalway.

R349 Loughrea to Athenry Road

R339 Galway to Monivea from Carnmore Cross to Monivea

The structure of the Major Emergency Plan has been utilised she said, to mobilise resources and has been very successful in ensuring cooperation and communication in the day to day management of the crisis.

This event has certainly tested the emergency procedures and abilities of the Principal Response Agencies to deal with it. The extent of the area where the flooding has impacted covers approx 350,000 hectares (1350 sq miles, 860,000 acres) and was shown on the map displayed on the screen.

The principal cause of the flooding emergency has been the recent heavy rain fall over land which has been inundated over the summer and where water tables, lakes & rivers have remained at a high level.

The N17 and N84 have been blocked by waters draining the North of County Galway via the Clare River and the Lough Corrib which also drains most of Conamara Significant periods of rainfall and existing high lake levels have over spilled at Claregalway and on the N84 (Headford Rd). Raising the road level of the N84 will solve the problem on the route. However the problem at Claregalway will not be easily resolved. A bypass of Claregalway either as a stand alone route or at the M17/M18 Gort to Tuam is the only effective long term solution.

The risk to property at Claregalway will not be reduced by these measures and a wider solution involving the Clare River or Lough Corrib will be necessary.

The town of Ballinasloe will require more extensive investigation in relation to flooding.

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Flooding at Craughwell tends to be more rapid in nature and may be dealt with by channel or bridge improvements at Craughwell

The Manager said she wished to take this opportunity to thank those who assisted over the past few days:

- The agencies eg. Gardaí, Army & HSE
- Civil Defence for their trojan work in Ballinasloe and throughout the County in assisting with evacuations, filling and distribution of sandbags, transportation of evacuees and other people who needed assistance and distributing water where necessary.
- Local volunteers around the County
- Elected Representative who assisted
- Council Staff, throughout the County, who worked tirelessly for long hours to deal with the requirements generated by the emergency.
- The media for providing public information throughout this difficult time.
- Members of the public for their patience and forbearance at a time when our resources are stretched and for complying with the advice given by the Council in relation to travel arrangements.

MAYORS BUSINESS

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The Mayor afforded Members time to comment on the flooding issues of the last week. He asked if comments/issues could be kept to a minimum of 3 minutes.

The Members thanked the Manager and Staff for the courteous way in which they dealt with the public and also for the very long hours worked. They also thanked the Army, the Civil Defence and the ESB and HSE for their hard work.

The following are the main points raised by the Members

- The OPW, Galway County Council and the National Parks & Wildlife need to work together to find a solution
- Reference was made to the difficulty experienced by people trying to get to work due to the number of impassable roads.
- Hardship was experienced by a large number of families, house owners, farmers and businesses where flooding occurred.
- Thanks were expressed to the N6 Construction Company for giving access to part of the M6 due to the closure of parts of the N6.
- Private Contractors who worked over and above call of duty were also thanked.
- Call on Government to come up with an Emergency Aid Package to assist home owners and farmers who had lost animals and winter fodder, and to assist with the clean up. Finance also required for funding to repair roads and bridges damaged by the flooding
- It is important that the Members do not zone lands liable to flooding.
- The drains and watertables need to be cleaned regularly.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Canney and agreed

“That Galway County Council calls on the Government to put in place a significant Emergency Aid Package for County Galway, to alleviate the significant hardship suffered by many homeowners, farmers and businesses throughout the County. The Government response should include funding to the Local Authority to repair roads and bridges, as well as putting resources in place for preventative measures to stop a recurrence in the future”.

The Mayor thanked the Manager and staff and all the Members for their contribution to the Meeting.

The Manager in response said that quite a number of issues had been raised e.g.

- Resources
- Long Term impact
- Drainage Maintenance
- Working with the OPW.

These issues will be addressed when the immediate problems are resolved.

It was proposed by Cllr. Roche, seconded by Cllr. Canney and agreed that a Civic Reception for the Abbeyknockmoy Set Dancers be held.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 30 – BRIDIE WILLERS

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The following reply was given:-

“The matter has been raised with the Chief State Solicitor’s Office and a response is awaited.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 31 – BRIDIE WILLERS

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The following reply was given:-

“Pay parking is an essential element of an effective traffic management system in that it ensures an appropriate turnover of parking spaces and maximises the benefit of limited parking infrastructure for the local community.

The parking meters in use across the County allow motorists who wish to park their vehicles overnight in pay parking areas to purchase parking tickets in advance that will apply as and from the commencement of the next period of pay parking i.e. the following morning.

Accordingly it is not intended at this time to suspend paid parking on Saturday mornings.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 32 – BRIDIE WILLERS

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The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council Housing Unit will provide signs before the end of 2009.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 33 – DERMOT CONNOLLY

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The following reply was given:-

“Construction material containing asbestos is a stabilized non-reactive hazardous waste. This waste in its inert form is permitted in non-hazardous landfills, if deposited in accordance with conditions specified in the waste licence.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 34 – DERMOT CONNOLLY

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The following reply was given:-

“The road will be assessed and based on same will be considered for inclusion in the 2010 Roads Programme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 35 – DERMOT CONNOLLY

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The following reply was given:-

“It is the Council’s understanding that the provision of bus shelters at this location is currently the subject of a planning application to Ballinasloe Town Council.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 36 – JARLATH MC DONAGH

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The following reply was given:-

Galway County Council Housing Unit, plan to remove the demountable dwelling in accordance with appropriate regulation standards, once resources allow.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 37 – JARLATH MC DONAGH

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The following reply was given:-

“A stop line will be provided at the Burma Road junction.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 38 – JARLATH MC DONAGH

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The following reply was given:-

“A stop sign and line will be provided at the exit from Cregcarragh Village. A broken yellow line on the main road would be ineffective due to the existing sightlines and accordingly it is not intended to provide same at this time.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 39 – MICHAEL FAHY

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The following reply was given:-

“Works commenced on the extension at Drumacoo Cemetery in 2007 and certain works have been completed. Subject to budgetary constraints, the remaining works will be completed as soon as possible.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 40 – MICHAEL FAHY

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The following reply was given:-

“The funding required to provide traffic lights in Gort only became available in 2009 and it is currently anticipated that the traffic lights will be provided in early 2010 as staff resources become available to undertake the necessary work”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 41 – MICHAEL FAHY

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The following reply was given:-

“The approval of the National Roads Authority is required in order for this scheme to proceed to CPO. No such approval has been provided and all attempts to acquire the remaining lands by agreement have been exhausted.

The funding previously provided by the National Roads Authority for this scheme was availed of by the Council to finalise the land transfers reached by agreement between the Council and relevant landowners.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 42 – MICHAEL MAHER

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The following reply was given:-

“This matter has been raised with the National Roads Authority on a number of occasions with a view to obtaining the funding required to complete the works at this location. To date the necessary funding has not been allocated. In the absence of funding it is not possible to provide a date as to when the wall will be rebuilt.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 43 – MICHAEL MAHER

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The following reply was given:-

“There is no funding available in the current year to facilitate such works, the matter will be reviewed in the context of preparing the 2010 Roads Programme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 44 – MICHAEL MAHER 182

The following reply was given:-

“The boundary wall of a private dwelling encroaches onto the line a footpath would take at this location and accordingly in the absence of land acquisition it is not currently possible to provide a section of footpath that will connect to the existing footpath network. In any event, funding is not available in the current year to undertake such works.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 45 – PAUL CONNAGUTHON 183

The following reply was given:-

“There is no funding available in the current year to facilitate the provision of a footpath and drainage system at Roselawn Drive, Ballygar.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 46 – PAUL CONNAUGHTON 184

The following reply was given:-

“There is currently no funding provided for street lighting in the 2009 Roads and Transportation Budget. If funding was made available under the NOM funding or 2010 R&T programme the provision of lighting could be considered. The provision of lighting under the R&T programme will be for roads safety and not any other purpose.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 47 - PETER ROCHE 185

The following reply was given:-

“A safety barrier has been installed at Curran’s Cross through grant funding provided by the Department of Transport under the 2009 Low Cost Safety Improvement Works. In addition, surfacing work has also been carried out at this location and earth bunding will be carried out on the south side.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 48 - PETER ROCHE 186

The following reply was given:-

“The road surface will be examined at this location and remedial works will be carried out if necessary.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 49- PETER ROCHE 187

The following reply was given:-

“The new M17 will reduce the existing N63 outside the school to a cul-de-sac, while the provision of a pedestrian overbridge on the M17 will ensure pedestrian links to the school. The road accident analysis shows no accidents close to the school and all statutory signs are in place. Notwithstanding same, additional advance warning signage has been ordered and will be installed on the approach to the school.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 50 – SEAN CANNEY

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The following reply was given:-

“The new M17 will reduce the existing N63 outside the schools to a cul-de-sac, while the provision of a pedestrian overbridge on the M17 will ensure pedestrian links to the schools. The road accident analysis shows no accidents close to the schools and all statutory signs are in place. Notwithstanding same, additional advance warning signage has been ordered and will be installed on the approach to the schools.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 51 – SÉAN Ó TUAIRISG

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The following reply was given:-

“Fuarthas scéala le déanaí go gcuirfidh deontas 75% ar fáil on Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht & Rialtás Aitiúil chun Ionad Athchúrsála a thógáil i gCasla. Más féidir airgead a chur ar fáil i mBuiséad an gComhairle Chontae 2010, is féidir an scéim a thosnú in 2010”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 52 - SÉAN Ó TUAIRISG

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The following reply was given:-

“De bhrí an géar laghdú atá tagtha ar foirne na pleanálaí níl na maoine daonna ar fáil faoi láthair chun an tseirbhís seo an sholáthair.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 53 - SÉAN Ó TUAIRISG

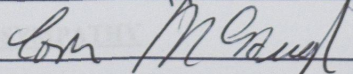
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The following reply was given:-

“Is páirt do scéim uisce Soilerno agus an Spidéal na píopaí atá luaithe thuasluaite agus thoirg on Comhairle Condae an acéim seo faoi churam cúpla mí o shoin. Déanfar tastáil an mbru uisce ag na boithre seo chomh luath agus is féidir”.

Criochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin

Submitted, Approved + Signed



21st December 2009

Date

CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY THE
19th OCTOBER 2009.**

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Cllr. T. McHugh

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Cllrs. T. Broderick, S. Canney, L. Carroll, P. Connaughton, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, Cllrs. J. Cuddy, Comh T. Ó Curraoin, Cllrs. M. Fahy, P. Feeney, G. Finnerty, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, E. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. Noone, P. Roche, An Comh S. Ó Tuairisg, Cllrs. S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers.

Oifigigh:

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

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

Before dealing with the items on the agenda the Mayor said that he would allow an issue to be raised regarding an alleged unauthorized development on the Hill of Kilskeagh. The Members expressed very strong views on the matter and thanked the Co Manager for meeting a number of them this morning when they requested the Council to take out a Court Injunction against the developer.

Mr. Ridge pointed out that it is difficult to respond based to the issues raised. The Council, in discharging its duties must give all sides a fair hearing and apply due process. He said he could assure the members that the Council will pursue this issue with total diligence. He continued by saying that it was not appropriate to have such a discussion at a council meeting and he again reiterated that everyone is entitled to, and would receive, a fair hearing.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

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A resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:-

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Mr. Brendan Barrett, Moyardwood, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Bertie O'Rourke, Bawnmore, Claregalway, Co. Galway.
Tom Kirwan & Family, Fohenagh, Ballinasloe, Co Galway.
Mr. Sean Moran, Liss, Abbeyknockmoy, Co. Galway
Mr. Paddy Williams, Newtown, Abbeyknockmoy, Co. Galway
Michael Mc Tighe & Family, Carrowgariff, Kinvara, Co. Galway
The McHugh Family, Weir Road, Tuam, Co Galway.
John & Frank Burke, Ballymarchaun, Ardrahan, Co. Galway

VOTE OF CONGRATULATION

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Cllr Kyne extended a vote of congratulations to the Maigh Cuilinn Handball Team on their recent success in the World Championships. Comh O Tuairisg extended a vote of congratulations to the Micheál Breathnachs Handball Team who were also successful in the World Championships. On the proposal of Cllr. Kyne and seconded by Comh. O Tuairisg it was agreed that a Civic Reception would be held to honour both teams at the November meeting.

Cllr D Connolly extended a vote of congratulations to the Galway Intermediate Camogie Team who won the All Ireland Intermediate Camogie final and it was agreed that a letter of congratulations would be sent to the County Camogie Board.

Cllr Canney extended a vote of congratulations to the Corofin Senior Football team on winning the Galway Senior Football Championship.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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The Minutes of Special Meeting held on 7th September 2009 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr Mullins, and seconded by Cllr. Keaveney.

Arising from the minutes, the following issue was raised:

Cllr. D Connolly referred to minute number 63 and the resolution requesting the Minister of Transport to meet with a deputation regarding difficulties with N6 Construction; he said that he wanted the minutes amended to reflect that the Minister for Transport had refused to meet the elected members in relation to this matter. This was agreed.

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 28th September 2009 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr McDonagh, and seconded by Cllr. Hoade.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

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The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 29th July 2009

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

The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 16th March 2009 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Carroll.

The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 27th July 2009 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Carroll.

The Report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 19th March 2009 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Keaveney and seconded by Cllr T Walsh.

The Report of the Tuam Area Committee Meeting held on 23rd June 2009 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Hoade and seconded by Cllr Roche.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 22nd July 2009 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr McClearn and seconded by Cllr Willers.

Arising from the Report, Cllr McClearn referred to Page 2 and the item titled *Flooding on the N6* and asked for an update on the basis that the locals had work carried out. Mr. Morgan in response said that the Roads Section had made a submission to the Department for funding. He said if there is no finance available then it will be put on the Roads Programme for 2010.

Cllr. McClearn said that he did not accept this as he understood that the works would be carried out once the locals had done their part and he was now asking the Council to honour their part of the arrangement.

It was agreed that the issue would be taken up with the Roads Section and Cllr McClearn would be informed of the position.

EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – SECTION 73 OF ROADS ACT 1993 115

Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at Gortgarrow over a section of the L22333, approximately 328.7 metres in length – Report dated 12th October 2009 was already circulated to each member.

On the proposition of Cllr. Keaveney seconded by Cllr Roche it was agreed that Galway County Council having complied with the requirements of Section 73(1) of the Roads Act 1993 hereby order that the public right of way over a section of the L22333 in the Townland of Gortgarrow for a distance of 328.7m in a northerly direction from its junction with the L2233 be and is hereby extinguished.'

**EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – SECTION 73 OF
ROADS ACT 1993** 116

Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at Frenchfort over a section of the LT71072, approximately 76 metres in length. .

This item was deferred.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – CONSTRUCTION OF THE N17
TUAM BYPASS IN THE TOWNLANDS OF KILLEENAUN, KILMORE,
KILLALOONTY, AIRGLOONY, GARRACLOON, KILCLOGHANS,
DEMESNE AND MOUNTPOTTER AT TUAM, CO. GALWAY** 117

Report dated the 12th October, 2009 was already circulated to each member

On the proposal of Cllr. M Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Hoade, the construction of the N17 Tuam Bypass in the townlands of Killeenaun, Kilmore, Killalooonty, Airgloony, Garracloon, Kilcloghans, Demesne and Mountpotter at Tuam, Co. Galway was approved subject to the following amendment:

“Galway County Council and the NRA would not be adverse to any future planning application for an on ramp to the south bound carriage way of the Tuam By pass and an off ramp for the North Bound carriageway of the Tuam by pass immediately to the south of the Weir Road, which would help to enhance the operation and safety of both the Weir Road and the by pass”.

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF
ROADS ACT 1993** 118

On the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney and 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:

Blackacre Housing Estate, Tuam: Road commencing with the junction of the National Road N17 in the townland of Blackacre and extending West for a distance of 232m, and terminating adjacent to house number 33 in the townland of Blackacre. Three number access roads located off this road extending in a north easterly direction for a distance of 155m and terminating adjacent to house numbers 73,72,59,58 and 1. A further spur road located at the western end of the estate starting opposite house number 67 for a distance of 66m and thereafter extending both north for a distance of 40m and south for a distance of 40m all in the townland of Blackacre.

Electoral Area: Tuam

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 AND SECTION 211 OF THE PLANNING AND**

DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 206 (1) OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AND SECTION 88 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1996 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.021 HECTARES AT PÁIRC NA HABHANN, ATHENRY, CO. GALWAY 119

Report dated the 7th October already circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Fahy, the disposal of 0.021 hectares at Páirc na hAbhann, Athenry, Co. Galway was approved.

NATIONAL COMPETITION FOR SMARTER TRAVEL AREAS 120

Report dated the 13th October was already circulated to each member and was presented to the members by Mr. Owens.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Kyne, the report on the National Competition for Smarter Travel Areas was approved.

Cllr Mullins referred to his NOM no 24 for today's meeting and he proposed *that the Council calls on the Government to continue the Rural Transport Programme, as it provides a basic service to many elderly people who live in areas where there is no other Public Transport.* This was seconded by Cllr Canney and it was agreed that the resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Transport and the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

WATER SERVICES ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS 2009 121

Report dated the 19th October 2009 was circulated to each member.

Mr. Cullen stated that since the completion of the last assessment there have been significant changes in the economic climate, and the introduction of more stringent requirements to achieve greater environmental sustainability. The Department issued circular L6/09 dated the 17th July 09 requesting the preparation of a Needs Assessment for 2009, which will be used to facilitate the preparation of a Water Services Investment Programme (WSIP) for the period 2010 – 2012. The completed Needs Assessment must be submitted to the Department by the 23rd October, 2009.

He said that while there are a considerable number of schemes in County Galway that require advancement, it is a requirement of the current circular to delineate proposals into those that are a priority for construction over the coming years and those that would need to be advanced once the first group are completed. The circular emphasises that schemes on the current WSIP will not automatically be included in the new WSIP.

He stressed that the future implications of any capital programme for Galway County Council will have an impact on its progression. Typically the funding breakdown between the Department and Galway County Council varies from 55: 45 to 75: 25. The element to be funded by the Council must come from either accumulated development levies or be recouped through the non domestic water charge. For

example the Tuam Town WS & MD scheme which is due to commence construction shortly is expected to be funded 64.3% by the Dept and 35.7% by the Council. This will mean that the Council will have to fund approximately € 10m of this project alone.

He said that the current system of water services funding carries a burden that the Council will find difficult to sustain and may in fact render the Water Services Capital Investment Programme unaffordable.

He referred to the four categories into which all schemes had to be categorized. Under each category two lists of priorities schemes are provided. The first list of schemes contains those that should progress to construction within the next three years, i.e. 2010 to 2012. The second list provides those schemes that will progress through planning over the next three years. He drew the Members attention to the list of prioritized schemes on Pages 15,16 & 17 on his report.

While acknowledging that it was important to have an Assessment of Water Services Needs, members expressed frustration at how long it takes to get schemes through planning and on to construction. They raised queries in relation to the current status of various schemes and Mr. Cullen replied on the status of each. They also raised concern about the capacity of the council to fund the portion of cost not covered by the Department of the Environment.

Cllr D Connolly proposed: *that in the event that water would be extracted from the River Shannon that Galway County Council would pursue payment of a financial dividend which would be ring-fenced for water quality improvements in the Shannon River basin area of County Galway, such schemes would include Eyrecourt Sewerage Scheme, Mountbellew Sewerage Scheme, Ballygar and Ahascragh Sewerage Scheme, Caltra Sewerage Scheme, Ballinasloe Regional water Supply Scheme etc.* This was seconded by Cllr T. Mannion and agreed.

TO APPROVE OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION OF €35MILLION FOR THE PERIOD 01/01/2010 – 30/06/2010

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Report dated the 9th October 2009 was circulated to each member

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly, the overdraft accommodation of € 35 Million for the period 01/01/2010 to 30/6/2010 was approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL TO THE 30TH SEPTEMBER 2009

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Report dated the 16th September 2009 was circulated to each member and presented by Mr. Mullarkey who indicated that the main points to note are:

- Revenue account at break even for the first 9 months
- Roads—Expenditure and income both behind budget
- Capital account- debit balance has increased by €16m but loan funding to be drawn down in the last quarter of the year.

REPRESENTATION OF ELECTED MEMBERS ON STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

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Report dated the 15th October 2009 was circulated to each member. Following discussion it was agreed that the recommendation in the report was acceptable with one change i.e Cllr Canney will sit on the Planning , Economic Development & Community SPC and Comh O Curraoin will sit on the Roads & Transportation SPC. It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Mannion, and agreed that the Members be appointed to Strategic Policy Committees as follows.

SPC's	Chair	Councillors
Housing, Fire & Emergency	Cllr. Tiarnan Walsh	Cllr. Thomas Welby Cllr. Bridie Willers Cllr. Tomás Mannion Cllr. Jarlath McDonagh Cllr. Seamus Walsh
Roads and Transportation	Cllr. Colm Keaveney	Cllr. Peter Roche Cllr. Paul Connaughton Cllr. Tomás O'Curraoin Cllr. Peter Feeney Cllr. Michael Connolly
Planning, Economic Development & Community	Cllr. Michael Fahy	Cllr. Jimmy McClearn Cllr. Dermot Connolly Cllr. Liam Carroll Comh. Seán O Tuairisg Comh. Sean Canney
Environment and Water Services	Cllr. Jim Cuddy	Cllr. Eileen Mannion Cllr. Michael Mullins Comh. Michael Maher Cllr. Tim Broderick Cll. Gerry Finnerty
Corporate and Culture	Cllr. Pat Hynes	Cllr. Tom McHugh Cllr. Malachy Noone Cllr. Seán Kyne Cllr. Mary Hoade Comh. Seosamh O Cuaig

MANAGERS BUSINESS

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The Manager said that the decision of An Bord Pleanala to grant planning permission for the Eastern part of the Galway City Outer By Pass was heard in the High Court recently and that both challenges were unsuccessful. She said the question of leave to appeal to the Supreme Court and the question of legal costs have been adjourned to 6th November, 2009.

She advised that, under the Incentivised Early Retirement Scheme, the Council will be losing members of staff over the next few months and there will be an element of redeployment. A number of staff has applied to avail of the scheme including Mr. John Morgan, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Unit who will be retiring in November and therefore this will be his last Council meeting. She paid tribute to Mr Morgan and said that he had overseen many major infrastructural developments in the County and without his interest and diligence these projects would not be at such an advanced stage. She thanked him for his service to Galway County Council.

MAYORS BUSINESS

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The Mayor and Members also paid tribute to Mr Morgan and thanked him for his contribution to Galway County Council.

Cllr Roche requested a public light at the recycling facility in Monivea following its relocation from Athenry.

It was proposed by Cllr Kyne, seconded by Cllr Welby and agreed that "We the members of Galway County Council again give our full support to the Galway City Outer Bypass in light of the recent court decision to dismiss objections to the previous Bord Pleanála decision to grant approval for the planned road to Bushypark. Furthermore, we the Members recognize the importance of this project to Conamara, Galway City and as a vital link with the soon to be open M6 motorway." It was agreed that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the Minister for Transport.

It was proposed by Cllr T. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. T. Broderick and agreed that "we request Minister Dempsey to investigate the role of the NRA in relation to on-going problems with the local community and N6 Concessions as there appears to be a total lack of supervision and enforcement of the contract between N6 Concessions and the NRA leading to a serious lack of respect for the wider community."

Cllr McClearn requested that the amount of literature being sent out to the members from the Council be examined by the CPG.

In relation to queries raised by the members Mr. Ridge said that he would check with the NPWS regarding their requirements for the assessing of new ESB poles.

Responding to issues again raised in relation to the alleged unauthorized development at Kilskeagh, the Manager said that it is the Councils intention to follow up this matter in an appropriate manner.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 15 – CLLR. E. MANNION

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The following reply was given:-

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“There is merit in providing a bus shelter at this location however there is currently no funding available to the Council to facilitate the provision of same”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 16 – CLLR. E. MANNION 128

The following reply was given:-

“The provision of a disabled parking space at this location will be considered”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 17 – CLLR. E. MANNION 129

The following reply was given:-

“The vacant houses at Tullyvoheen Estate, Clifden, will be allowed to persons on the household waiting list once turnover works are completed at these locations. These works are being completed by a combination of direct labour and contract”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 18 – CLLR. J. MC DONAGH 130

The following reply was given:-

“A grant in the amount of €30,000 is available under the Low Cost Safety Improvement Works Scheme for works at this location and it is anticipated that these works will be progressed in 2009”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 19 – CLLR. J. MC DONAGH 131

The following reply was given:-

“Appropriate road lining will be reinstated at this location”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 20 – CLLR J MC DONAGH 132

The following reply was given:-

“Notice of Motion funding has been made available to facilitate work at this location. The work is currently scheduled to be undertaken in the current year”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 21 – CLLR. M FAHY 133

The following reply was given:-

“The N18 Oranmore to Gort Scheme has been combined with two other national road schemes, namely the M17 Galway – Tuam Scheme and the N17 Tuam Bypass. The combined scheme, known as the N17/N18 Gort to Tuam Scheme is being progressed as a non-tolled PPP scheme and is now at tender stage. This scheme is included in the National Roads Authority’s current PPP programme and it is anticipated that a tenderer will be appointed in 2010, with a view to commencing

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construction in October 2010. Construction is expected to take approximately 3 years and accordingly based on this anticipated timeframe the road will open in 2013”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 22 – CLLR.M FAHY

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The following reply was given:-

The Kinvara Sewerage scheme is currently at design stage. The finalisation of the design will take a number of months and will then be sent to the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government (DoEHLG) for approval.

At this stage, Galway County Council has not acquired the site for the treatment plant as the design is not finalized. When the design is completed and Department approval to the design report is forthcoming, the Council will then proceed to enter into discussions with the relevant landowner”.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 23 – CLLR. M FAHY

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The following reply was given:-

There are no plans at present for the provision of safety measures such as a pedestrian crossing at this location. The proposed new M18 when opened will greatly reduce the volume of traffic at this location”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 24 – CLLR. M. MULLINS

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The following reply was given:-

“Noted”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 25 – CLLR. S. CANNEY

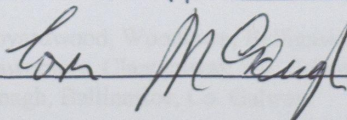
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The following reply was given:-

The proposal in relation to a right turning lane at Castletown on the N17 will be raised with the National Roads Authority again”

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Submitted, Approved + Signed



23RD November 2009

DATE