

Annual Meeting 19th June 2009

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL, ON FRIDAY, 19th JUNE, 2009.

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cllr P. Feeney
Mayor T. McHugh

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

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

Oifigigh:

Ms. M. Maloney, County Manager, Messrs. J. Cullen, J. Morgan, F. Gilmore, P. Ridge, K. Kelly, M. Lavelle, Directors of Service, G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance, A. Comer, Senior Executive Officer, M. Lavelle, Senior Engineer, B. McDermott, County Secretary, P. Ó Neachtain, Oifigigh Gaeilge, R.O'Boyle, Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

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A Resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:-

Colman Family, Crumlin, Abbeyknockmoy, Co. Galway
Mary Folan (Joe), Muighros, Cárna, Co. na Gaillimhe
Thomas & Della Mc Donagh, Tullokyne, Moycullen, Co. Galway
Jim & Deirdre Malone & Family, Ballinderry Lower, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Susan Gannon, Creggs, Co. Galway

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RETURN OF PERSONS ELECTED AT THE LOCAL ELECTIONS 2

The Members of the Council noted the Return of Persons elected to Galway County Council at the Local Elections 2009 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR YEAR 2009/2010 3

Cllr Feeney, outgoing Mayor was in the chair. He welcomed everybody to the meeting and particularly the new members and their families, and wished them all the best over the next five years.

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, and seconded by Cllr. Keaveney that Cllr. McHugh be elected Mayor. It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Canney that An Comh Ó Cuaig be elected Mayor. It was proposed by Cllr S. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly that Comh Ó Tuairisg be elected Mayor. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

For Cllr. McHugh:

Cllrs Broderick, Carroll, Connaughton, Cuddy, Feeney, Keaveney, Kyne, Maher, E. Mannion, McClearn, McDonagh, McHugh, Mullins, Roche, T. Walsh, Welby, Willers, (17)

For An Comh O'Cuaig.

Cllrs. Canney, D. Connolly, Comh. Ó Cuaig, Ó Curraoin, Hynes, (5)

For An Comh O'Tuairisg.

Cllrs. M. Connolly, Fahy, Finnerty, Hoade, T. Mannion, Noone, Comh. Ó Tuairisg, S. Walsh, (8)

Cllr. McHugh, was then declared elected Mayor of the County of Galway for 2009/2010 and he was invested with the chain of office.

Cllr. McHugh then took the chair

Cllr. McHugh thanked his fellow Councillors who had elected him as Mayor for the coming year. He said that he would make every effort to carry out the duties of Mayor and looked forward to working with the new Council and the County Manager and staff.

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ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR YEAR 2009/2010

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It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Maher, that Cllr. Willers be elected Deputy Mayor. It was proposed by An Comh Ó Cuaig, and seconded by Cllr. Hynes, that An Comh Ó Curraoin be elected Deputy Mayor. It was proposed by Cllr. T. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Finnerty that Cllr. M. Connolly be elected Deputy Mayor. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

For Cllr. Willers,

Cllrs. Broderick, Carroll, Connaughton, Cuddy, Feeney, Keaveney, Kyne, Maher, E. Mannion, McClearn, McDonagh, McHugh, Mullins, Roche, T. Walsh, Welby, Willers (17)

For An Comh O Curraoin

Cllrs. Canney, D. Connolly, An Comh Ó Cuaig, Ó Curraoin, Cllr. Hynes (5)

For Cllr. M. Connolly

Cllrs. M. Connolly, Fahy, Finnerty, Hoade, T. Mannion, Noone, An Comh Ó Tuairisg, Cllr. S. Walsh. (8)

The Mayor declared Cllr. Willers elected Deputy Mayor of the County of Galway for 2009/2010

The Mayor then adjourned the Meeting for a short period to allow photographs to be taken.

NOMINATION OF ONE MEMBER TO THE GALWAY HARBOUR COMPANY

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It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Feeney be appointed to the Galway Harbour Company. As there was no other proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Feeney nominated for appointment to the Galway Harbour Company.

APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE RIVER FERGUS JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

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First Vacancy:

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. McClearn, that Mr. John Griffin, Loughrea, be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the first

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vacancy, the Mayor declared Mr. Griffin nominated for appointment to the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Fahy, and seconded by Cllr. Finnerty that Mr. Joseph Connolly, Carnane, Kilcolgan be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Mayor declared Mr. Connolly nominated for appointment to the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the two Members appointed to the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee:

- (1) Mr. John Griffin
- (2) Mr. Joseph Connolly

APPOINTMENT OF 6 MEMBERS TO THE RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

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Ms. McDermott said that as all 30 members were present, any 5 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Mr. Tom Nolan, Ballygar be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Mr. Nolan appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Mr. Eamon Fox, Carnmore, Oranmore be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Mr. Fox appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Pat Faherty, Cartron, Oranmore be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Mr. Faherty appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

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Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Connaughton be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Connaughton appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

Fifth Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Canney as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

Cllrs. D. Connolly, Comh Ó Curraoin, Cllr. Hynes, Cllr. Canney, Comh Ó Cuaig.

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Canney appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee

Sixth Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. T. Mannion as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. T. Mannion, Hoade, Noone, S. Walsh, Finnerty

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. T. Mannion appointed as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 6 Members appointed by Galway County Council to the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee;

1. Mr. Tom Nolan
2. Mr. Eamon Fox
3. Mr. Pat Faherty
4. Cllr. P. Connaughton
5. Cllr. S. Canney
6. Cllr. T. Mannion

APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE LOUGH CORRIB NAVIGATION TRUSTEES

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First Vacancy

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It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Mr. Paul Stewart, Ardvarna, Oughterard be appointed to the Galway Harbour Company. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Mr. Stewart appointed as a member of the Lough Corrib Navigations Trustees.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Mr. David Luskin, Cregg Close, Oughterard be appointed to the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Mr. Luskin appointed as a member of the Lough Corrib Navigations Trustees.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 2 Members appointed by Galway County Council to the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees;

1. Mr. Paul Stewart
2. Mr. David Luskin

APPOINTMENT OF 7 MEMBERS TO THE WEST REGIONAL AUTHORITY 9

Ms. McDermott said that as all 30 members were present, any 5 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the West Regional Authority, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating An Comh Ó Curraoin as a member of the West Regional Authority was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. D. Connolly, An Comh Ó Curraoin, Hynes, Canney, An Comh S. Ó Cuaig.

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared An Comh O'Curraoin appointed as a member of the West Regional Authority.

Second Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Finnerty as a member of the West Regional Authority was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. T. Mannion, Hoade, Noone, Finnerty, Comh Ó Tuairisg

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The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Finnerty appointed as a member of the West Regional Authority.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. T. Walsh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. T. Walsh appointed as a member of the West Regional Authority.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh that Cllr. Feeney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Feeney appointed as a member of the West Regional Authority.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Maher that Cllr. Mullins be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Mullins appointed as a member of the West Regional Authority.

Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Carroll that Cllr. Connaughton, be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Connaughton appointed as a member of the West Regional Authority.

Seventh Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Feeney that Cllr. Roche be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Roche appointed as a member of the West Regional Authority.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the Members appointed by the Council to the West Regional Authority;

1. Cllr. T. Ó Curraoin
2. Cllr. G. Finnerty
3. Cllr. T. Walsh
4. Cllr. P. Feeney
5. Cllr. M. Mullins
6. Cllr. P. Connaughton
7. Cllr. P. Roche

APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO THE B.M.W. REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

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Ms. McDermott said that as all 30 members were present, any 10 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the B.M.W. Regional Assembly, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Finnerty as a member of the B.M.W. Regional Assembly was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs, T. Mannion, Hoade, Noone, Finnerty, Comh Ó Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Connolly, Fahy, Hynes, Comh Ó Curraoin, Ó Cuaig

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Finnerty appointed as a member of the B.M.W. Regional Assembly.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. T. Walsh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. T. Walsh appointed as a member of the B.M.W. Regional Assembly.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. J. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Maher that Cllr. Feeney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Feeney appointed as a member of the B.M.W. Regional Assembly.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the Members appointed to the B.M.W. Regional Assembly;

1. Cllr. G. Finnerty
2. Cllr. T. Walsh
3. Cllr. Feeney

**APPOINTMENT OF 8 MEMBERS TO THE LOCAL TRAVELLER
ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

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Ms. McDermott said that as all 30 members were present, any 4 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the Local Traveller

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Accommodation Consultative Committee, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating An Comh Ó Cuaig as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs D. Connolly, An Comh Ó Curraoin, Cllrs. Hynes, Canney

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared An An Comh O'Cuaig appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Second Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. T. Mannion as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. T. Mannion, Hoade, Noone, S. Walsh

Third Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Finnerty as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Comh Ó Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Connolly, Fahy, Finnerty

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Finnerty appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Fourth Vacancy

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It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, and seconded by Cllr. Maher that Cllr. Feeney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Feeney appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. McHugh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. McHugh appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Maher that Cllr. Roche be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Roche appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Seventh Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Feeney that Cllr. Maher be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Maher appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Eight Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Connaughton that Cllr. Carroll be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Carroll appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the Members appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee:

1. An Comh S. Ó Cuaig
2. Cllr. T. Mannion
3. Cllr. G. Finnerty
4. Cllr. P. Feeney
5. Cllr. T. McHugh
6. Cllr. P. Roche
7. Cllr. M. Maher
8. Cllr. L. Carroll

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APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO GALWAY COUNTY & CITY ENTERPRISE BOARD

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It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Mullins that Cllr. Mc Clearn be appointed.

As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Mc Clearn nominated for appointment to the Galway County & City Enterprise Board.

NOMINATION OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE ATHENRY HERITAGE & TOURISM CO. LTD.

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First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh that Cllr. Feeney be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Feeney nominated to the Athenry Heritage & Tourism Co. Ltd.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Maher be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Maher nominated to the Athenry Heritage & Tourism Co. Ltd.

As a result of the foregoing the Members nominated to Athenry Heritage and Tourism Co. Ltd. are as follows:

1. Cllr. P. Feeney
2. Cllr. M. Maher

APPOINTMENT OF 1 NOMINEE TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD

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It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins and seconded by Cllr. Maher that Cllr. McDonagh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. McDonagh nominated to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & CITY COUNCILS

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First Vacancy

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Ms. McDermott said that as all 30 members were present, any 10 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the Association of County & City Councils, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. S. Walsh as a member of the Association of County & City Councils was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. T. Mannion, Noone, Hoade, S. Walsh, Finnerty, An Comh Ó Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Connolly, Fahy, Hynes, Canney.

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Walsh appointed as a member of the Association of County & City Councils.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. McDonagh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. McDonagh appointed as a member of the Association of County & City Councils.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, and seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh that Cllr. Feeney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Feeney appointed as a member of the Association of County & City Councils.

As a result of the foregoing the following were appointed by the Council to the General Council of County Councils:

1. Cllr. S. Walsh
2. Cllr. J. McDonagh
3. Cllr. P. Feeney

APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO COUNTY (LOCAL) RURAL WATER MONITORING COMMITTEE

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First Vacancy

Ms. McDermott said that as all 30 members were present, any 10 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

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A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. M. Connolly as a member of the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. T. Mannion, Hoade, Noone, S. Walsh, Finnerty, Comh Ó Tuairisg, Cllrs. M. Connolly, Fahy, Canney, Hynes

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. M. Connolly appointed as a member of the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh that Cllr. E. Mannion be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. E. Mannion appointed as a member of the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Roche be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Roche appointed as a member of the County (Local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

As a result of the foregoing the following were appointed to the County (local) Rural Water Monitoring Committee:

1. Cllr. M. Connolly
2. Cllr. E. Mannion
3. Cllr. P. Roche

NOMINATION OF 2 NOMINEES TO LOUGHREA HERITAGE COMMITTEE

17

First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Maher be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Maher appointed as a member of the Loughrea Heritage Committee

Second Vacancy

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It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Carroll that Cllr. Willers be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Willers appointed as a member of the Loughrea Heritage Committee

As a result of the foregoing the following were appointed to the Loughrea Heritage Committee:

1. Cllr. M Maher
2. Cllr. B. Willers

NOMINATION OF 1 NOMINEE TO THE IRELAND WEST AIRPORT KNOCK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Welby that Cllr. Cuddy be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Cuddy appointed as a member of the Ireland West Airport Knock Consultative Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CORRIB AIRPORT LTD

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It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Maher that Cllr. Carroll be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Carroll appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of Corrib Airport Ltd.

APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION (LAMA)

20

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh that Cllr. Mullins be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Mullins appointed as a member of the Local Authority Members Association (LAMA).

APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GALWAY ARTS CENTRE

21

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Roche that Cllr. E. Mannion be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. E. Mannion appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of Galway Arts Centre.

APPOINTMENT OF 5 MEMBERS TO THE WESTERN INTER-COUNTY RAIL COMMITTEE

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Ms. McDermott said that as all 30 members were present, any 6 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. M. Connolly as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs, Noone, S. Walsh, Finnerty, Comh Ó Tuairisg, M. Connolly, T. Mannion

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Connolly appointed as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee.

Second Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Canney as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs, D. Connolly, Comh Ó Curraoin, S. Ó Cuaig, Cllrs. Hynes, Canney, Hoade.

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Canney appointed as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Connaughton that Cllr. Willers be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Willers appointed as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Roche that Cllr. Feeney be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Feeney appointed as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee.

Fifth Vacancy

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It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Maher that Cllr. Roche be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Roche appointed as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee.

As a result of the foregoing the following were appointed to the Western Inter-County Rail Committee

1. Cllr. M. Connolly
2. Cllr. S. Canney
3. Cllr. B. Willers
4. Cllr. P. Feeney
5. Cllr. P. Roche

It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney and seconded by Cllr S Walsh and agreed that standing orders be suspended in order to allow the meeting to continue after six o'clock

APPOINTMENT OF 9 MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY GALWAY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

23

Ms. McDermott said that as all 30 members were present, any 4 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the Western Inter-County Rail Committee, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. M. Connolly as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs, T. Mannion, Hoade, Noone, S. Walsh

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. M Connolly appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Second Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating An Comh Ó Tuairisg as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

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The group consisted of:

Cllrs, Finnerty, An Comh Ó Tuairisg, Cllrs M. Connolly, Fahy

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Comh Ó Tuairisg appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Third Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating An Comh Ó Cuaig as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs, D. Connolly, An Comh Ó Curraoin, Cllr. Hynes, An Comh Ó Cuaig

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared An Comh Ó Cuaig appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, and seconded by Cllr Connaughton that Cllr. McDonagh be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. McDonagh appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Roche that Cllr. Willers be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Willers appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr McClearn that Cllr. Mullins be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Mullins appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Seventh Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr McClearn that Cllr. E. Mannion be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the

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The group consisted of: E. Mannion appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Cllrs, Finnerty, An Comh Ó Tuairisg, Cllrs M. Connolly, Fahy

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Comh Ó Tuairisg appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Third Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating An Comh Ó Cuaig as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs, D. Connolly, An Comh Ó Curraoin, Cllr. Hynes, An Comh Ó Cuaig

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared An Comh Ó Cuaig appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, and seconded by Cllr Connaughton that Cllr. McDonagh be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. McDonagh appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Roche that Cllr. Willers be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Willers appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr McClearn that Cllr. Mullins be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Mullins appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Seventh Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr McClearn that Cllr. E. Mannion be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the

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Mayor declared Cllr. E. Mannion appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Eight Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Roche that Cllr Connaughton be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Connaughton appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Ninth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr E. Mannion that Cllr. Maher be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Maher appointed as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

As a result of the foregoing the following were appointed to the County Galway Vocational Education Committee

1. Cllr. M. Connolly
2. An Comh S. Ó Tuairsg
3. Cllr. S. Ó Cuaig
4. Cllr. J Mc. Donagh
5. Cllr. B Willers
6. Cllr. M. Mullins
7. Cllr. E. Mannion
- 8 Cllr. P. Connaughton
9. Cllr. M. Maher

APPOINTMENT OF 5 MEMBERS TO THE REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM REPRESENTATION, WEST

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Ms. McDermott said that as all 30 members were present, any 6 members could form a group and each group nominate a member as a member of the Regional Health Forum Representation, West, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Hoade as a member of the Regional Health Forum Representation, West was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

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Cllrs M. Connolly, Fahy, Canney, Hynes, An Comh Ó Curraoin, Ó Cuaig.

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Hoade appointed as a member of the Regional Health Forum Representation, West.

Second Vacancy.

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Noone as a member of the Regional Health Forum Representation, West was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs T. Mannion, Hoade, Noone, S. Walsh, Finnerty, Comh Ó Tuairisig.

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Noone appointed as a member of the Regional Health Forum Representation, West.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Connaughton that Cllr. Keaveney be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Keaveney appointed as a member of the Regional Health Forum Representation, West

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Maher that Cllr. Mullins be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Mullins appointed as a member of the Regional Health Forum Representation, West

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Mullins that Cllr. Broderick be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Broderick appointed as a member of the Regional Health Forum Representation, West

As a result of the foregoing the following were appointed to the Regional Health Forum

1. Cllr. M. Hoade
2. Cllr. M. Noone

3. Cllr. C. Keaveney
4. Cllr M. Mullins
5. Cllr. T. Broderick.

APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO THE COUNTY & CITY TOURISM FORUM

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It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Mullins that Cllr. E. Mannion be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. E. Mannion appointed as a member of the County & City Tourism Forum which will be for a 3 year period from 1st July, 2009

APPOINTMENT OF 14 MEMBERS TO THE JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

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First Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Hynes that Comh Ó Cuaig be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Comh Ó Cuaig appointed as a member of the Joint Policing Committee.

Second Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by An Comh Ó Curraoin that Cllr. Canney be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Canney appointed as a member of the Joint Policing Committee

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by An Comh Ó Cuaig that An Comh Ó Curraoin be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared An Comh Ó Curraoin appointed as a member of the Joint Policing Committee

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Mannion and seconded by Cllr Noone that Cllr Hoade be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Hoade appointed as a member of the Joint Policing Committee

Fifth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Mannion and seconded by Cllr Hoade that Cllr Noone be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Noone appointed as a member of the Joint Policing Committee

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Sixth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Maher that Cllr. Welby be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Welby appointed as a member of the Joint Policing Committee

Seventh Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr McClearn that Cllr. Broderick be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Broderick appointed as a member of the Joint Policing Committee

Eight Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Hoade and seconded by Cllr Noone that Cllr. T. Mannion be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Mannion appointed as a member of the Joint Policing Committee

Ninth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr T. Walsh that Cllr. McClearn be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. McClearn appointed as a member of the Joint Policing Committee

Tenth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Connaughton that Cllr. Keaveney be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Keaveney appointed as a member of the Joint Policing Committee

Eleventh Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Mannion and seconded by Cllr Noone that An Comh. Ó Tuairisg be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared An Comh Ó Tuairisg appointed as a member of the Joint Policing Committee

Twelfth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Feeney that Cllr. Kyne be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Kyne appointed as a member of the Joint Policing Committee

Thirteenth Vacancy

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It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by An Comh S. Ó Tuairisg that Cllr. M. Fahy be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Fahy appointed as a member of the Joint Policing Committee

Fourteenth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Carroll that Cllr. Roche be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Roche appointed as a member of the Joint Policing Committee

As a result of the foregoing the following were appointed to the Joint Policing Committee

1. An Comh Ó Cuaig
2. Cllr. S. Canney
3. An Comh Ó Curraoin
4. Cllr M. Hoade
5. Cllr. M. Noone
6. Cllr. T. Welby
7. Cllr. T. Broderick
8. Cllr. T. Mannion
9. Cllr. J. McClearn.
10. Cllr. C. Keaveney
11. An Comh Ó Tuairisg
12. Cllr. S. Kyne
13. Cllr. M. Fahy
14. Cllr. P. Roche

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON FORUM CONAMARA LTD

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It was proposed by Cllr. T. Mannion and seconded by Cllr Hoade that Cllr. S. Walsh be nominated. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. S. Walsh appointed to fill the casual vacancy on Forum Conamara Ltd.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS (DESIGNATE) TO THE FIVE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

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- (a) Cultural & General Services Strategic Policy Committee
- (b) Housing Services Strategic Policy Committee
- (c) Planning & Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee
- (d) Environmental & Conservation Services Strategic Policy Committee
- (e) Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

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It was agreed that Chairs (Designate) of the five Strategic Policy Committees would be appointed but that individual assignments would not be made until a later date. As there were five vacancies to be filled, the Mayor informed the meeting the group system would apply. It was agreed that all 30 members were present and that six members could form a group.

First Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Fahy to be a Chair of a Strategic Policy Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. T. Mannion, Hoade, Noone, S. Walsh, Finnerty, Comh. Ó Tuairisg.

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Fahy appointed to be a Chair of a Strategic Policy Committee.

Second Vacancy

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Cllr. Hynes to be a Chair of a Strategic Policy Committee was then handed to the Mayor.

The group consisted of:

Cllrs. D. Connolly, Comh. Ó Curraoin, Comh. Ó Cuaig, Cllrs. Hynes, Canney, M. Connolly

The Mayor ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Cllr. Hynes appointed to be a Chair of a Strategic Policy Committee.

Third Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. McClearn that Cllr. Keaveney be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Keaveney appointed to be a Chair of a Strategic Policy Committee.

Fourth Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. Keaveney that Cllr. T. Walsh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. T. Walsh appointed to be a Chair of a Strategic Policy Committee.

Fifth Vacancy

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It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, and seconded by Cllr. Carroll, that Cllr. J. Cuddy be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Mayor declared Cllr. Cuddy appointed to be a Chair of a Strategic Policy Committee.

As a result of the foregoing the following members of the Council are Chairs (Designate) of the Council's SPC's.

- Cllr. M Fahy
- Cllr. P. Hynes
- Cllr. C. Keaveney
- Cllr T. Walsh
- Cllr. J. Cuddy

TO FIX SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

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Ms. McDermott informed the members that the Council hold a Budget Meeting and an Annual Meeting every year. She also informed them that the Monthly Meeting is normally held on the 4th Monday of every Month, but that it was decided, by resolution, at the May monthly Meeting that the monthly meeting for July would take place on the 20th July, 2009 as the 4th Monday (27th July) falls during Race Week.

Cllr. Mullins proposed that another meeting should be held apart from the July Meeting. Ms. McDermott said that an information meeting has been arranged for Members on Tuesday morning, 30th June. After some discussion it was agreed that a Special Meeting to consider two items, Financial Position, and Roads would be held on Tuesday morning the 30th June at 11.00a.m and that the Information Meeting referred to above would take place in the afternoon at 2.30pm

It was proposed by Cllr Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Canney, and agreed that the Minsiter for Transport be written to and invited to attend the Special Meeting on the 30th June.

AREA COMMITTES

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Ms. McDermott informed the Members that there are 5 Electoral Area Committees and they meet approximately 5 to 6 times a year, where local issues are discussed.

In response to a query from Cllr. Canney, Mr. Morgan confirmed that the boundaries of the Electoral Areas would be aligned with the new Electoral Area boundaries as soon as possible.

Cllr. Hoade said she wished to pay tribute to Ms. Mary Flynn, Executive Planner who is retiring from the Planning Department of the Council this week.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed

Corr McDonagh

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DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY THE
25th May, 2009.**

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cllr. P. Feeney

ILATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Cllrs. W. Burke, S Canney, J. Conneely,
D. Connolly, M. Connolly, Comh. Ó
Cuaig, Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M Fahy, M.
Finnerty, M Hoade, P Hynes, J. Joyce, C
Keaveney, S Kyne, M Maher, T
Mannion, J McDonagh, T McHugh, M.
Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, Comh
Ó Tuairisg, M. Regan, T. Reilly, S
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; G, Mullarkey, Head of Finance,
B. McDermott, County Secretary; A.
Comer, Senior Executive Officer, M.
Flynn, Executive Planner, G. Kavanagh,
Assistant Planner, M. McGrath, Senior
Staff Officer, P. Ó Neachtain, Oifigeach
Gaeilge; J. Keane, Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

2131

The Mayor, Members & County Manager extended sympathy to the Killilea Family on the death of Mark Killilea Jnr who lost his life tragically. The meeting was adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect.

A Resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mr. Michael Daly & Family, Ochilbeg, Lawrencetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mrs Alice O'Brien, Monard, Turloughmore, Co. Galway

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

2132

The Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 6th April 2009 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr Mullins, and seconded by Cllr. Kyne.

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 27th April 2009 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Comh Ó Cuaig.

Arising from the minutes, the following issues were raised:

In response to a query from Comh Ó Tuairisg, Mr Ridge said that the development of a reservoir to produce electricity in the Conamara area would be considered favourably if it meets the requirements of the County Development Plan. He said that such a development should have a pre planning meeting before any application is submitted.

The members raised concerns in relation to the Roads budget and Mr. Morgan responded as follows:-

The revised Roads Budget as agreed was based on the revised funding notified by the Department and works being carried out were based on this programme. The Council has no plans to cease filling potholes; the patching unit owned by the Council can only be used to repair potholes on National Routes for Health & Safety reasons.

In response to the concerns regarding proposed industrial action by the outdoor workers, the County Manager said that the Council had engaged with the Unions but that agreement could not be reached. She confirmed that the Council was available to discuss any proposals at short notice and was agreeable to have the dispute referred to a 3rd party if necessary.

In response to a query in relation to the landfill at Kilconnell, Mr. Cullen said that the environmental obligations under the EPA licence would be complied with and that the same level of methane burning monitoring would be available.

Cllr Kyne referred to two members of the Wallace family from Spiddal were present at the meeting and he stated that the flooding issue of their family home which had been raised at a previous meeting was still not resolved.

In response to Cllr Kyne, Mr. Morgan said that the Council had met with an engineer nominated by the Wallace Family and had agreed a programme. However, there was now a new engineer working on behalf of the Wallace family whom the Council would now have to meet and agree a programme of work.

In response to the queries raised by Comh Ó Cuaig, Mr. Cullen stated that

(a) The upgrade of the Rosmuc Water scheme is included in a bundle of schemes for which tender recommendation are expected in the next two weeks.

(b) It would be at least towards the end of the year before Carraroe Sewerage Scheme would be back on the agenda.

In response to queries raised by Comh Ó Cuaig, Mr. Morgan said that the crossroads at Leitir Meallain was in the roads programme and would be going ahead.

In response to concerns raised by Comh. Ó Cuaig regarding the revised bus routes the County Manager confirmed that the issue had been raised by the County Development Board and the Council propose to follow up with Bus Éireann.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

2133

The Report of the Environment & Water Services SPC Meeting held on 22nd April 2009 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Mullins and seconded by Cllr. Maher.

Arising from the minutes, Cllr Cuddy stated that the Oranmore Electoral Area would not be accepting the sludge treatment plant planned for East Galway.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 18th March 2009 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Willers and seconded by Cllr. Maher.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on 14th May 2009 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Willers and seconded by Cllr. Maher.

The Report of the Roads & Transportation SPC Meeting held on 16th December 2008 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. Kyne.

The Report of the Roads & Transportation SPC held on 24th February 2009 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Kyne and seconded by the Cllr. Feeney.

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

2134

Report was already circulated to each Member

On the proposal of Cllr. Conneely and 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:-

Minutes of Meeting held on 25th May 2009

Road commencing at junction with N59-646 in the townland of Shanakeela and extending North for a distance of 400 metres in the townland of Shanakeela and finishing at David Kelly's Gate in the townland of Shanakeela.

Electoral Area: Conamara

TO REVOKE THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 27th NOVEMBER 2006 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.031 HECTARES AT 12 ST. BRIDGET'S TERRACE, PORTUMNA, CO. GALWAY 2135

Report dated the 29th April was already circulated to each member

On the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Maher, the revoking of the resolution passed at the Council meeting of the 27th November 2006 on the disposal of 0.031 hectares at 12 St. Bridget's Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway was approved.

(B) TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.031 HECTARES AT 12 ST. BRIDGET'S TERRACE, PORTUMNA, CO. GALWAY 2136

Report dated the 29th April was already circulated to each member

On the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Maher, the disposal of 0.031 hectares at 12 St. Bridget's Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway was approved.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – IMPROVEMENTS TO LEENANE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SCHEME 2137

Report dated the 15th May was already circulated to each member

It was proposed by Cllr. Welby, seconded by Cllr. S Walsh, and agreed, that the improvements to Leenane Public Water Supply Scheme be approved.

TO CONSIDER THE MANAGER'S REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT CRAUGHWELL LOCAL AREA PLAN PREPARED AS PER SECTION 20(3)(D)(I) OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED 2138

Report dated the 8th May was already circulated to each member

The Mayor invited Mr Ridge to present the Manager's Report which was prepared on the submissions that were received on the Draft Craughwell Local Area Plan during the public display period from 20/02/2009 to 3/4/2009.

Mr Ridge began by first outlining the Environmental issues associated with the Local Area Plan Process.

He explained that the Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) as per the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004 involves assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of plans and programmes prior to their adoption

An Appropriate Assessment screening of plans must also been undertaken in accordance with the Article 6 of the EU Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.

He explained that in order to know what to apply a strategic environmental screening was carried out on the Draft Craughwell Local Area Plan in accordance with Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004. It was considered that on the basis of the assessment undertaken so far a full SEA would not be required for the preparation of the Draft Craughwell Plan. It was also considered that an Appropriate Assessment was not required. However Mr. Ridge stressed that if major amendments were made to the Draft Plan there was a strong possibility that this could trigger the necessity to carry out a Strategic Environmental Assessment. As this process must run parallel with the Local Area Plan Process, the Craughwell Local area plan process to date would have to be abandoned and recommenced together with the SEA process.

Mr Ridge commenced with the consideration of the Manager's Report on Submission No 1. as follows:

- 1. Martina Connaughton, Senior Executive Engineer, Water Services, Galway County Council.**

Synopsis

1. The submission states that considering the delays and current status of the Craughwell Sewerage Scheme, it is unlikely that the dates in the Plan as contained within Section 8.1.1. Water Services – Wastewater Treatment and Disposal (p. 31) will now be achieved.
2. The submission recommends that the text of the Draft Plan be amended as follows: that '*(subject to Departmental approval, construction of the scheme may start in late 2010, with completion in late 2011)*', could still be considered relevant and could still be achievable.

Response

There are no existing public-wastewater treatment facilities in Craughwell. A number of developments within the village are currently serviced by privately operated sewerage networks and wastewater treatment plants and individual private houses, shops and public houses are served by septic tanks.

Section 8.1.1 Water Services of the Draft Craughwell LAP - states that currently '*the area is served by private wastewater treatment systems. Private wastewater treatment plants are a risk to the receiving environ when not operating correctly. It is envisaged that the population of the village will continue to grow. This growth will place pressure on the quality of the receiving waters, which at present is the groundwater via percolation from septic tank systems. To safeguard and protect these waters against pollution, superior wastewater treatment facilities are required. There are proposals for a sewerage treatment plant with reed bed tertiary treatment. If this development is permitted, it is envisaged that construction will start in late 2009 and be completed by the end of 2010. Development will be restricted in the area until a suitable wastewater treatment plant is in place*'.

The **Appropriate Assessment** that was undertaken (dated 11th September 2007) for the Craughwell Sewerage Scheme envisaged that the population of Craughwell village will expand from approximately 500 to 3,500 over the next 20 years. The total design population equivalent (PE) for the Craughwell Sewerage Scheme is for 3,900 PE which is significantly lower than the threshold value (10,000 P.E.) as set out in the Environmental Impact Legislation and therefore an EIS is not mandatory. The treated effluent would discharge into the Craughwell River via a new outfall. The proposed works will be designed and constructed as a Design Build and Operate Contract.

The plan is to provide the sewerage scheme in 2 Phases:

Phase 1 – will include a treatment plant of 2,600 PE capacity

Phase 2- will provide the additional 1,300 P.E. (no timescale for Phase 2)

Present Status- GCC consultants are presently having ongoing discussions with regard to the type and level of tertiary treatment that will be required for this plant with the NPWS, and as a consequence GCC have not completed the Part 8 procedure for this scheme yet. As a result, the contract documents have not yet gone to the Department for approval. In the present climate, it is impossible to say when this scheme might start the amended text '(subject to Departmental approval, construction of the scheme may start in late 2010, with completion in late 2011)' could still be considered relevant and could still be achievable.

Population figures for Craughwell based on Census 2006, was 414 persons. Actual population change from 2002 to 2006 was 56 persons or 15.6 percentage population change (population in 2002 was 358). Using the MIF2 population projection scenario the future population horizon for Craughwell is estimated to be 470 persons by 2015.

Total housing stock based on S.A.P.S 2009 was 519 housing units of this 421 were occupied and 98 were unoccupied. Based on an average household size of 2.97 persons per occupied house, this would yield a population of 1,250 persons for 2009.

The Settlement Strategy as per the Draft County Development Plan 2005-2105 has placed Craughwell within Tier 4 of the Settlement Hierarchy - Local Services Centres and has allocate a total household allocation of 500 housing units over the CDP period. Based on an average household size of 2.97 persons, Craughwell has the capacity to grow by an estimated 1,485 persons over the plan period. Combining S.A.P.S housing figures and housing allocation as per the Settlement Strategy Craughwell has the potential to provide a total housing capacity of 921 housing units or a population horizon of 2,735 persons by 2015. The proposed sewerage scheme has design capacity for 3,500 persons over the following 20 years which leaves spare capacity of 765 persons up until 2027 based on the above estimations.

Recommendation

1. Amend the text within **S. 8.1.1 Water Services** (p.31 of Draft Plan) to read as follows:

If this development is permitted, it is envisaged that Subject to Departmental approval, construction of the scheme will may start in late 2009 2010 and be completed with completion by the end of 2010 in late 2011.

Development will be restricted in the area until a suitable wastewater treatment plant is in place.

No new significant development will be permitted in the area until such time as the WWTP has been substantially completed.

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

2. **Michael Mc Cormack, Policy Advisor (Planning) National Roads Authority, St Martin's House, Waterloo Road, Dublin 4.**

Synopsis.

This submission has requested the following be considered within the Draft Plan:
Pending the completion and opening of the M6 and subsequent downgrading of the existing N6, it is important that policies are developed that protect the carrying capacity, operational efficiency and safety of the existing N6 through the town.

1. Reference is made by the NRA to **publications on official policy by the NRA** in relation to access onto National Roads such as 'Development Control Advice and Guidelines'(1982) and to 'Policy and Planning Framework for Roads' (1985) and to paragraph S.3.3.4 of the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines (2005). The submission makes reference to the following text in relation to national road network within this document –
'The objectives and policies of the development plan should make it clear that direct access from future development should not be permitted to national roads outside of the speed limit zones for towns and villages. Development control policy should, in the first instance, seek to channel traffic from new development onto existing local roads and in this way use established access points to gain entry onto national roads. The development plan should make such policies clear in relation to the designated national routes in the planning authority's functional area.'
2. The submission acknowledges the reference to DC Standard 1 and 6 of the GCDP 2003-2009 within **S. 13.5.1 of the Draft Craughwell LAP**, however the submission requests that it is advisable that a **specific statement** in relation to access to national roads be put directly into the Craughwell LAP given that the CDP is currently under review and a new CDP is in preparation.
3. In addition to such a statement being included within S 13.5.1 the submission also requests that the policy to restrict direct access to national roads, in accordance with national policy, is cross referenced to S. 4.1.1 Roads, Traffic and Parking to provide added clarity to the Plan.

Response

1. The points raised in this submission are noted and a specific statement in relation to access to national roads will be incorporated into a **new paragraph(s)** (paragraph 2, p.63) of **S 13.5.1 Access onto Public Roads** of the Draft Craughwell Plan to read as follows:

The Planning Authority shall have regard to any new guidance on the integration of roads planning, development planning and development management practices that may issue from the DOEHLG and/or Dept of Transport and including the guidelines as contained within the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines and DOEHLG Retail Planning Guidelines during the lifetime of this Plan. The PA shall also be guided by the NRA official policy in relation to access to national roads and developments along such roads as set out in NRA publications Development Control Advice and Guidelines, Policy and Planning Framework for Roads and by the Authority's Policy Statement on Development Management and Access to National Roads.

As a general policy, the location of new means of access onto the existing N6 shall not be permitted except in areas where a speed limit of 50-60 km/h applies, or in the case of infilling, in the existing built-up areas. This is to ensure the protection of the carrying capacity, safety and operational efficiency of the national road network, pending the opening of the M6 and subsequent downgrading of the existing N6 through Craughwell. The Planning Authority shall in the first instance, seek to channel traffic from new development onto existing local roads and in this way use established access points to gain entry onto national roads. In exceptional circumstances, direct access maybe considered, in consultation with the NRA Dept of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and other relevant stakeholders on a case by case basis, onto national routes (non- motorways) to accommodate strategic infrastructure or regional significant development.

The Craughwell LAP shall also be guided by the policies and objectives as contained within the CDP 2009-2015, Section 6 Infrastructure: Roads and Transportation

(specifically to Policy RT3) and to S. 11 Development Management Standards and Guidelines – DM Standard 16, DM17 & DM22.

(Refer also to policies and objectives as contained within S. 4.3 Movement and Transportation Strategy of the Craughwell Draft Plan.)

Omit reference to DM1 and DM6 of the 2003-2009 CDP (p. 63)

2. In addition include a new Policy **Policy TA2** within S.4.3 of the Draft Craughwell LAP and including cross reference to same.

Policy TA2: As a general policy, the location of new means of access to the National Primary Road and National Secondary Road network, for residential, commercial, industrial or other development dependent on such means of access, shall not be permitted except in areas where a speed limit of 50-60 km/h applies, or in the case of infilling, in the existing built-up areas. The Planning Authority shall in the first instance, seek to channel traffic from new development onto existing local roads and in this way use established access points to gain entry onto national roads.

The only exemptions to this general restriction that may be considered would be developments of national or regional strategic importance which by their nature are most appropriately located outside urban centres and where the developments proposed have specific locational requirements or are dependent on fixed physical characteristics. In this regard, Galway County Council shall engage with relevant stakeholders including the NRA, Dept of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and, if appropriate, neighbouring Local Authorities to develop a strategy to identify such strategic activities or strategic locations and a set of criteria which would guide development in such circumstances.

Relevant considerations may include:

- Relevance and appropriateness of the proposed development in supporting the aims and objectives of the National Spatial Strategy and the Regional Planning Guidelines.
- The nature of the proposed development and the volume of traffic to be generated by it
- The implications for the safe and efficient operation of the national road as well as any proposed upgrades or routes for new roads
- Implications for the traffic carrying capacity and service life of the road
- Suitability of the location vis-à-vis other locations
- Existing development in the area
- The precedent that could be created for follow-on development of a similar nature and potential implications for national roads

Amend Numbering within S 4.3: Movement and Transportation Strategy of the Draft Craughwell LAP

Recommendation

1. Include a specific statement in relation to access to national roads into a **new paragraph(s)** (paragraph 2, p.63) of **S 13.5.1 Access onto Public Roads** of the Draft Craughwell Plan as outlined above.
Include reference to S6 and S. 11 of the new CDP 2009-2019. Omit reference to DC Standard 1 and DC 6 of the 2003-2009 CDP.
2. Include a new Policy – Policy **Policy TA2** within S.4.3 of the Draft Craughwell LAP to read as follows:

Policy TA2: *As a general policy, the location of new means of access to the National Primary Road and National Secondary Road network, for residential, commercial, industrial or other development dependent on such means of access, shall not be permitted except in areas where a speed limit of 50-60 km/h applies, or in the case of infilling, in the existing built-up areas. The Planning Authority shall in the first instance, seek to channel traffic from new development onto existing local roads and in this way use established access points to gain entry onto national roads.*

The only exemptions to this general restriction that may be considered would be developments of national or regional strategic importance which by their nature are most appropriately located outside urban centres and where the developments proposed have specific locational requirements or are dependent on fixed physical characteristics. In this regard, Galway County Council shall engage with relevant stakeholders including the NRA, Dept of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and, if appropriate, neighbouring Local Authorities to develop a strategy to identify such strategic activities or strategic locations and a set of criteria which would guide development in such circumstances.

Relevant considerations may include;

- *Relevance and appropriateness of the proposed development in supporting the aims and objectives of the National Spatial Strategy and the Regional Planning Guidelines.*
- *The nature of the proposed development and the volume of traffic to be generated by it*
- *The implications for the safe and efficient operation of the national road as well as any proposed upgrades or routes for new roads*
- *Implications for the traffic carrying capacity and service life of the road*
- *Suitability of the location vis-à-vis other locations*
- *Existing development in the area*
- *The precedent that could be created for follow-on development of a similar nature and potential implications for national roads*

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

3. **Barry Kelly, 26 Gort Siar, Western Distributor Road, Knocknacarra, Galway.**

Synopsis.

The submission requests that the subject lands on the attached Map 01 should be included as 'Village Core' in the adopted Craughwell Local Area Plan.

1. The submission agrees with part of the 'Village Core' area being north of the river but that there is also a strong need to counter balance this, by designating lands on the southern side of the river as part of the 'Village Core' area due to the existing commercial and community uses on the southern side of the river, which have contributed to the existing village urban fabric. The submission also notes that the Flood Risk Area should not act as a barrier by only designating a 'Village Core' area on the northern side of the village as outlined in the Draft Plan.
2. The submission notes that it is important to designate the Craughwell train station and part of its adjoining lands to the north (i.e. behind Cawley's pub and post office) as 'Village Core' area. Under the current Draft Craughwell LAP the train station is left isolated or separated from the area identified as 'Village Core'. The inclusion of these lands would provide a more sustainable and balanced approach to the development of the village centre and its surroundings.

Response

Craughwell village is predominantly linear in form and centres on the N6. The Craughwell / Dunkellin River traverse the south of the plan area and the west of the plan area is bounded by the rail line. The plan area is relatively low lying with a maximum elevation of 34m Ordnance Datum (OD) (see Appendix A as per Draft Plan).

- The N6 provides access to adjacent lands but also acts as an environmental and social barrier in terms of noise and safety.
- The rail line has acted as a constraint to the development of lands to the west of the N6.
- The flooding has also acted as a physical constraint in the consolidation of the village. This segregation is evident in the form of the village.

Development generally follows the north-south alignment of the main Galway-Dublin Road (N6). The existing land use pattern in Craughwell consists of a range of different uses. The LAP lands are comprised of residential, commercial, community and agricultural land uses. The **main street** has a mixture of residential, commercial, ecclesiastical and community functions. The **village environs** have an extensive ribbon development pattern of 'one off' rural housing. Traditionally development has generally been low density in Craughwell. New residential development has occurred to the south and the east of the Main Street in the 1990's and 2000's. These are also low density consisting of apartments, terraced, semi-detached and detached dwellings.

Land Use Strategy of the Draft Plan:

The Craughwell LAP (S. 3 Land Use Development) has adopted a Land Use Strategy which moves away from conventional land use zoning where single or limited uses, such as residential developments, are permitted in particular zones. The Plan provides a more flexible and facilitative approach that combines **mixed use zoning** and **development areas**.

- The **mixed use zoning** component of the Plan provides an overall framework designed to direct development in an orderly and appropriate manner and to provide for a greater mix of complementary uses in appropriate locations.
- The use of **development areas** provides more detailed guidance regarding the mix of uses and the type, density and design of development appropriate in the different areas.

This combined approach is considered necessary to allow the village to develop in a more organic and integrated manner and to follow the sequential approach of development from the Village Core out to the Outer Village.

The main aims for the development of Craughwell is to provide a mixed use zoning framework for the Plan Area, to direct development in a manner that ensures complimentary uses, consolidates development in the village centre, enhances the existing landscape setting, character and identity of the village and complies with the statutory requirements in the PDA 2000 and to direct development into locations that best suit the development areas and density provisions.

The objectives of the Draft Craughwell LAP are as follows:

- Objective LU2.1:** Promote the development of the Village Core as a vibrant well-designed area and encourages development that compliments and contributes to the local mix of uses and provides definition to the main street.
- Objective LU2.2:** Develop the Inner Village as a well connected accessible area and promote development that contributes positively to the Village Core Area and village environment.
- Objective LU2.4:** Promote the development of the Flood Risk Area as a natural amenity area which contributes positively to the character of the village.

S.9 Economic Development of the Draft Plan seeks to improve the overall quality of life by supporting the local economy and encouraging new development in the appropriate area to the character of Craughwell. The Draft Plan also encourages that any new planned development should be contained within the existing village structure as much as possible.

- Objective ED.1.1** GCC will allow small scale commercial/retail developments, which are in character with existing village properties provided that the scale of provision and the type of goods sold clearly indicate the shop is primarily designed to cater for the needs of the village and its catchment population.
- Objective ED2.5** To encourage medium and small scale- industrial development within the Inner Village and Outer Village Area

The village is currently underprovided in terms of retail services and employment. A retail floor space survey carried out by GCC in 2007 revealed that there is 5,988m² of retail floor space in Craughwell. The opening of the new village centre development has a total floorspace of 1,215m² of retail floor space; however the village core currently lacks a supermarket.

The submission lands are located to the south of the Draft LAP development boundary including south of the Dunkellin/Craughwell River. Land immediately north and south of the N6 are presently zoned as Outer Village Area and the portion of lands behind Crawley's Pub and in the vicinity of the proposed railway stop are presently zoned as Inner Village Area.

The alteration of these designations to 'Village Core' would not be considered appropriate for the following reasons:

- The Dunkellin/Craughwell River area provides a buffer between the built up area of the village and the suburban extension of the village to the south. Altering the designation of the subject lands would provide for mixed use development to extend further towards the village environs while the current 'Village Core' has not reached

its full commercial development capacity. This is not in keeping with the aim of the Draft Plan – ‘to follow the sequential approach of development from the Village Core out to the Outer Village’.

- The Outer Village area (both north and south of the N6) currently provides for a medium density of multiple unit/ housing estate type residential developments and ribbon development. It is considered that a predominance of residential type development is not appropriate within a Village Core zoning area where the objective is to provide a vibrant well-designed area and encourages development that compliments and contributes to the local mix of uses and provides definition to the main street.
- The present Draft Plan encourages medium and small-scale industrial development within the Inner Village and Outer Village Areas, the altering of these lands to ‘Village Core’ would reduce the potential within the current development strategy to deliver on small-scale to medium industrial development within the Plan area.
- The altering of Submission lands in the vicinity of the railway station to ‘Village Core’ may also lead to a competing ‘Village Core’ with inner village uses and densities which may lead for a relatively intensive development proposal around the railway which would be more appropriate at this time within the existing ‘Village Core’. The aim of the Draft Plan is to protect and enhance the existing ‘Village Core’ rather than competing with it.
- Future potential of the area adjoining the railway stop will depend on the delivery of essential infrastructure including road improvements along the R347, the provision of public footpaths and public street lighting to the current ‘Village Core’ and including the provision of a public sewerage scheme. Current developments by Irish Rail include the provision of a new access road with a public foot path/lighting, 2 soakways, carpark, rail platform and a ticket shelter. Presently the main use in this vicinity is agriculture. By altering the present zoning of Inner Village Area to ‘Village Core’ would again reduce future development potential for small scale industrial development/enterprise creation. Also the inclusion of this area within a new ‘Village Core’ area will place additional pressure on the already limited public infrastructure and facilities that has been provided to this area.
- The development potential of the undeveloped lands in the Draft Plan area represents approximately twice the house construction allocation allowed for Craughwell in the new CDP 2009-2015. This development potential has been based on the Density Guidelines and Potential Development Yield as shown within Table 5a on Page 18 of the Draft Plan. By expanding the Village Core designation (average no of dwelling per h.a. is estimated at 25 housing units; PAR -1.00) to Outer Village Area (average no of dwellings per h.a. is estimated at 20 housing units; PAR- 0.3%), would result in an even greater potential development yield and including greater intensive development than is estimated within the Draft Plan and within the CDP 2009-2015. Given the availability of a substantial amount of undeveloped lands, in excess of that required of the 6 year plan period, future development should be strategically directed to best achieve orderly development and the sequential approach to development as outlined in the Draft Craughwell Plan.

In the absence of certain essential infrastructure this is also considered to be premature.

Recommendation

Map 1 – No change recommended. No change to present zoning status of the Draft Plan in relation to the submission lands. No change to Draft LAP.