

CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON FRIDAY 17TH
DECEMBER, 2010.**

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cllr. J. McClearn

Baill:

Cllrs. T. Broderick, S. Canney, L. Carroll, P. Connaughton, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, Comh S O'Cuaig, Comh T. Ó Curraoin, Cllrs. M. Fahy, P. Feeney, G. Finnerty, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, M. Maher, E. Mannion, T. Mannion, T. Mc Hugh, J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. Noone, P. Roche, Comh S. Ó Tuairisg, Cllrs. S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers.

Oifigigh:

Ms. M. Moloney, County Manager;
Messrs. J. Cullen, K. Kelly, F. Gilmore,
Directors of Service; M. Dolly, E.
Molloy, Senior Engineers; B.
McDermott, County Secretary; A.
Comer, M. Owens, Senior Executive
Officers; P. O Neachtain, Oifigeach
Gaeilge; G. Healy, Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

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A resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:-

Marita Daly, Bullaun, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Ms. Catherine Quinn, Cloonkeen, Newbridge, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Gerry Tierney & Family, Cloonlyon, Ballygar, Co. Galway.
Tom Roche & Family, Gurteen, Mountbellew, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Tom Kelly & Eileen Kelly, The Grange, Newbridge, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The Members extended their sympathy to Cllr. Roche, his wife Bridie and their three sons on the recent sad loss of their son Colin.

The Manager also extended her sympathy to the Roche family on her own behalf and also on behalf of the staff of Galway County Council.

The Mayor then proposed that the Meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes as a mark of respect.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 5th November 2010 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh.

Referring to the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 22nd November 2010, Cllr Welby requested that the minutes be amended to reflect that he was absent for the vote on page 6 of the minutes and not that he had abstained as reflected in the minutes. The Minutes of the meeting of 22nd November 2010 with above amendment were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Finnerty.

Referring to the Sludge Management Plan adopted at the November Meeting of the Council, Cllr. Cuddy said that no further action should be taken by the Council until the public had been consulted. Mr. Cullen stated that there were a number of statutory processes that needed to be undertaken and he confirmed that there would be opportunity for the public to engage in a proper and meaningful way. The Mayor said that the plan had been discussed at length at the previous meeting and adopted by the Council and that assurance had been given that public consultation would take place.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

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The Report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 27th September 2010 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. T. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy.

The Report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 22nd November 2010 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh.

The Report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on 6th September 2010 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Kyne, seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh.

The Report of the Environment & Water Services SPC Meeting held on 8th September 2010 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Maher.

The Report of the Roads & Transportation SPC Meeting held on 2nd February 2010

was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Connaughton, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh.

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF ROADS ACT 1993 556

On the proposal of Cllr. E. Mannion and seconded by Comh. Ó Cuaig, the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedure having been complied with

Road commencing at the end of Local road L51271 in the townland of Tullyvoheen and extending east for a distance of 80 metres and westwards from the same point for a length of 52 metres all in the townland of Tullyvoheen.

Electoral Area: Conamara

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.012 HECTARES AT DERRYHERBERT, TULLY, CO. GALWAY 557

Report dated 6th December, 2010 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Walsh, seconded by Comh. Ó Curraoin, the disposal of 0.012 hectares at Derryherbert, Tully, Co. Galway, was approved

EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – SECTION 73 OF ROADS ACT 1993 558

Report dated 8th December, 2010 was circulated to each Member.

To consider a proposal under Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993 to Extinguish a Public Right of Way – A section of the L8402-0 in the Townland of Liscappul commencing eight hundred and sixty three metres from its junction with the L-8401 for a length of seventy seven metres –

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. McHugh, 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 L8402-0 in the Townland of Liscappul commencing eight hundred and sixty three metres from its junction with the L-8401 for a length of seventy seven metres, be and is hereby extinguished.

In reply to a query from Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Gilmore confirmed that any outstanding issues of concern raised by the objector would be addressed.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION OF €25 MILLION FOR THE PERIOD 01/07/11 – 31/12/11 559

Report was already circulated to each Member.

Cllr. Broderick asked if any progress had been made in relation to a proposal he had made at a previous meeting that the Council ask the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government to pay the Council's overdraft interest. The Manager replied that the Council raised this issue on numerous occasions with the DOEHLG but the view of the DOEHLG is that they will not pay the Council's overdraft interest. However, she said that the Council has made good progress in tackling the outstanding capital balance in terms of recoupment from central Government.

On the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Carroll it was agreed that the overdraft accommodation of €25m for the period 1/7/11 to 31/12/11 be approved.

HERITAGE PLAN

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Draft Galway County Heritage Plan 2010 – 2016 was already circulated to each Member.

Cllr. Hynes, Chairperson of the Corporate & Cultural Affairs Strategic Policy Committee presented the Draft Heritage Plan to the Members on behalf of the SPC and he summarized the Draft Plan as follows:

- This is the second Heritage Plan for County Galway and echoes many of the policies and objectives of the National Heritage Plan such as placing heritage at the heart of public life, promoting awareness of our heritage, acquiring knowledge and protecting our heritage. She also said that this new Heritage Plan aims to build upon the accomplishments of the first Galway County Heritage Plan, while taking account of changes in the national and local environment since the publication of the first plan.
- The Plan has been developed by way of a partnership approach and will also be implemented through strategic partnerships. Consultation at all levels has been central in the development of the plan and this involved public consultation meetings in each of the Electoral Areas.
- Galway County Council in association with Galway County Heritage Forum undertook an intensive consultation programme between February and March 2008, the aim of which was to bring together a wide spectrum of interests and backgrounds to produce the Heritage Plan for the County. The Heritage Officer consulted with various agencies, organisations and individuals including the Local Area Heritage Networks. Advertisements were placed in the local press and on Galway County Council's Website regarding the development of the Plan. Notices regarding the formulation of the Plan and invitations to participate in its development were posted to over seven hundred individuals, agencies, and community and voluntary organisations and notices were also sent out to parish newsletters regarding the formulation of the Plan.
- The Heritage Officer was also interviewed on local radio stations regarding the development of the Plan. Throughout the consultation process members of the public were invited to make submissions or to attend public meetings.

- 81 written submissions were received in all from the organisations, individuals and agencies.
- Galway County Heritage Forum, which comprises interests such as Local Government, the County Development Board, landowners and farmers, state agencies, local development agencies, the education and heritage sector and the community and voluntary sector, established three working groups to assist in the development of the plan and each working group considered the Heritage Plan 'Working Document' and all submissions that were received.
- The list of Actions included in the Draft Plan are generic with no specific locations mentioned but it is intended that each Electoral Area will receive its fair share of heritage projects.

The Members commended Ms. Mannion on the Draft Plan and thanked her for her outstanding work in relation to heritage.

The Manager stated that the value of the Heritage Programme for the county has been invaluable and she thanked Ms. Mannion and also the Heritage Forum for their work.

Cllr. D. Connolly requested that the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the 1916 Rising be included in the plan.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hynes, seconded by Comh. Ó Tuairisg, it was agreed that the Draft Galway County Heritage Plan 2010 – 2016 be adopted, with the inclusion of the “Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the 1916 Rising” under SECTION 3, Action 3.34.

AGREEMENTS WITH CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO SECTION 85 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 – WINTER MAINTENANCE

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On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion, it was agreed that Galway County Council, subject to the approval of the National Roads Authority, enter into an Agreement with Clare County Council under the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to enable Clare County Council to carry out winter road gritting on the section of the Motorway M18 route between the Clare Galway County Boundary and the roundabout on the Gort end of the M18 linking to the National Primary Route the N18 at Gort.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion, it was agreed that Galway County Council, subject to the approval of the National Roads Authority, enter into an Agreement with Clare County Council under the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to enable Galway County Council to carry out winter road gritting on the section of the National Secondary Route N67 between the Clare Galway County Boundary and Ballyvaughan Village.

AGREEMENTS WITH ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO SECTION 85 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 – WINTER MAINTENANCE

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On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion, it was agreed that Galway County Council, subject to the approval of the National Roads Authority, enter into an Agreement with Roscommon County Council under the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to enable Roscommon County Council to carry out winter road gritting on the section of the National Secondary Route N60 between the Roscommon Galway County Boundary east of Ballymoe Village through Ballymoe and onto the Roscommon Galway County Boundary north of Ballymoe.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion it was agreed that Galway County Council, subject to the approval of the National Roads Authority, enter into an Agreement with Roscommon County Council under the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to enable Galway County Council to carry out winter road gritting on the section of the National Secondary Route N83 between the Roscommon Galway County Boundary through Cloonfad and onto the Roscommon Mayo County Boundary.

DRAFT WINTER SERVICE PLAN

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Report dated 10th December, 2010 was circulated to each Member.

Mr. Gilmore presented the Winter Service Plan to the Members and he invited the Members to adopt the Plan.

Mr. Gilmore summarized the main points of the Winter Service Plan as follows:

- The aim of the Winter Service Plan is to set out how the winter service for ice and snow conditions will be provided for in County Galway.
- The Plan is primarily concerned with a typical winter with consideration given to how a harsher winter will be handled.
- The Council's policy is to provide an effective and efficient winter maintenance service within the resources available
- Winter maintenance on national roads is carried out by the Council for the National Roads Authority and is funded by the NRA. Winter maintenance on local and regional roads is funded directly from the discretionary maintenance grant
- It is the aim of the Council to treat the public road network at strategic locations including: hospital facilities, airport, bus depots, fire stations, train stations, major industries.
- He stated that the Winter Service Plan includes a winter treatment priority route table which details the routes which are ordinarily treated and receive precautionary treatment.

A discussion followed and the Members made the following points:

- the Members commended the Council staff for their excellent work in salting and gritting roads where resources were made available
- some Members expressed the view that the decision by the Department of Transport to transfer responsibility for management of regional roads from local authorities to the NRA has not proven successful as the NRA has reduced the levels of salt available to local authorities for the gritting of regional roads
- some Members stated that more routes should be included in the winter treatment priority route table as many roads on school routes are not being salted and this is causing great concern to parents, teachers and school bus drivers.

Mr. Gilmore stated that local authorities would not have the resources that the NRA have in the area of procuring and importing of huge volumes of salt and also the NRA has funded the construction of a number of salt barns around the county and this is to be welcomed.

He also said that it is not possible to include more routes in the winter treatment priority list as resources are already stretched in salting the existing priority routes.

Comh. Ó Cuaig proposed that Galway County Council would recognize the strategic routes in Conamara in a similar manner as the strategic routes for the rest of the county and this proposal was seconded by Comh. Ó Tuairisg and agreed “.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, it was agreed that the Winter Service Plan be adopted.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN ROAD WORKS SCHEME – DRAFT REVISED POLICY

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Report dated 10th December, 2010 was already circulated to each Member.

Mr. Gilmore presented the Draft Revised Policy for the Community Involvement in Roadworks Scheme to the Members and he stated that the revised policy will allow the Council to extend the remit of the Community Involvement in Road Works Scheme to include street sweeping, cleaning and trimming of verges whilst retaining the existing categories of work.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Walsh, seconded by Comh. Ó Tuairisg, the Draft Revised Policy for the Community Involvement in Roadworks Scheme was agreed.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT POLICY – DRAFT PROCEDURE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLANS & MEASURES

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Report dated 10th December, 2010 was already circulated to each Member

It was agreed that this item be deferred

FLOODING UPDATE

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Report dated 17th December, 2010 was already circulated to each Member

It was agreed that this item be deferred

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME

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Report dated 9th December, 2010 was already circulated to each Member.

Mr. Kelly pointed out that the Draft Scheme was the subject of quite an amount of discussion prior to the approval of the Draft for public display. The Scheme had been on public display from 8th October to 19th November and the submissions received were outlined in the Managers Report together with a response. He said that the overall thrust of the Scheme is to achieve a reduction of 10% on residential contribution rates and a reduction of 30% in commercial contribution rates. He said that the Draft Scheme included a charge of €10,000 for the first permission for a mast and an extra fee of €10,000 every five years, as each permission only lasts five years. However, it is now recommended that a charge should only be applied on the first grant of permission for a mast and that the charge should be increased to €20,000 per mast.

A discussion took place with the Members proposing a co-location charge. Mr. Kelly stated that he felt that the proposal to levy a charge of €10,000 for co-location on masts may result in companies opting not to co-locate. However, Cllr. D. Connolly proposed "that the development charge for masts should be set at €20,000 and that there should be a charge of €10,000 for each co-location". This proposal was seconded by Cllrs. Broderick, Canney and M. Connolly and agreed.

Cllr. S. Walsh pointed out that he felt there was an anomaly in the Draft Scheme and he proposed "that the rate of development charges are not increased on those previously imposed for a particular development in the case of changes made within the life of that particular permission". This proposal was seconded by Comh. O'Tuairisg and agreed.

Cllr. Kyne proposed in relation to the special contribution in Bearná "that the requirement for a community facility and amenities contribution for a single replacement house not be applied where local housing need has been established". This proposal was seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh, and agreed.

Comh. O'Tuairisg proposed "that the monetary development contribution for two or more houses in the Bearná Plan area be €40 per square meter to reflect present site value". This proposal was seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh and agreed.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly, it was agreed that the Draft Development Contribution Scheme, with the amendments passed by Resolution of the Members, be approved.

MANAGERS BUSINESS

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Mr. Cullen informed the Members that the boil water notice which had been in operation in Gort was lifted today and he expressed his appreciation to the people of the Gort area for their patience while the notice was in operation. However, he said that there has been an increase of 30% in demand for water throughout the county and he said that water consumption needs to be reduced to an absolute minimum in order that water shortages do not occur.

MAYORS BUSINESS

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Cllr. T Mannion asked about the current status of the proposal for a sewerage scheme in Kiltormer which was to be funded from development levies. Mr. Cullen stated that Kiltormer was selected as the project for the Ballinasloe area at a time when there was a high level of income from development levies with an expectation that the income from that source would continue. However that did not turn out to be the case and there were no longer any levies available to enable the project to proceed because the demand on the levies to support the Water Services Investment Programme Capital Schemes and the Remedial Action Programme and other areas of legislative compliance were greater than the available levies. The members expressed their dissatisfaction at this position and requested that when the Water Services Programme is looked at again that some way be found to include Kiltormer in it.

In reply to a request from Cllr. Cuddy that the OPW be invited to attend a Meeting of the Council shortly in order to discuss progress regarding flood alleviation, the Manager stated that this would be arranged.

CONFERENCES

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On the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, and seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion attendance at conferences was agreed.

Agricultural Science Association Conference 2010 – Growing Agriculture – Growing the Economy – 10th September – Mount Wolseley Hotel, Tullow, Co. Carlow

Cllrs. S Kyne, Cllr. P Feeney

Irish Walled Towns Network Conference & AGM – 30th September – Heritage Council, Áras na hOidreachta, Church Lane, Kilkenny

Cllr. P Feeney

LAMA Autumn Seminar 2010 – Local Government Efficiency & Financing – 8th – 9th October – Listowel Arms Hotel, Listowel, Co. Kerry

Cllrs. M Hoade, M Mullins, J Mc Donagh, P Feeney, S Kyne, M Maher, P Roche, T Welby, T Ó Curráoin, J McClearn, T McHugh, T Walsh, T Mannion, M Connolly, S Canney

Fondúireacht Na Gaeilge Teo – Seimineár (2) Féiniúlacht, Cultúr agus Teanga i Ré an Domhandaithe – 15th – 16th October – Davenport Hotel, Merrion Sq., Dublin 2

Comh. S Ó Tuairisg

Roscommon County Council – Dr. Douglas Hyde Conference 2010 – Inside Creativity: Education, Innovation, Economy & Society – 15th – 16th October – Abbeyfield Hotel, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon

Cllr. M Hoade

Esperanza Enterprises – Planning & Development Amendment Act 2010 – 15th – 17th October – Hannon’s Hotel, Athlone Rd., Roscommon

Comh. T Ó Curráoin

Northern Ireland Policing Board / District Policing Partnerships Annual Conference – 26th October – Stormont Hotel, Belfast, Co. Antrim

Cllr. M Hoade

Smart Marketing – Mastering the Art of Secure Communication – 5th – 7th November – Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Cllr. M Connolly

Superior Training – Bogs – Management & Development – For Whom the Bogs Toll – 5th – 7th November – Carlton Atlantic Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo

Cllr. T Walsh, T McHugh, P Hynes, P Roche

The Equality Authority – Planning for Equality – 6th Annual Conference – 9th November – Dublin Castle, Dublin 2

Comh. S Ó Tuairisg

Esperanza Enterprises – Radon – A Hidden Killer – 12th – 14th November – Manor West Hotel Spa & Leisure Club, Killarney Rd., Tralee, Co. Kerry

Cllr. P Feeney, P Hynes, S Kyne,

Esperanza Enterprises – Exploring Options for the Unemployed, Indemnification against the Unforeseen – 19th – 21st November – Carlton Atlantic Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo

Cllr. T Walsh

Kadenza Consultancies – Council Budgets 2011 – 21st – 23rd November – Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Cllr. P Hynes

Mid West Branch Irish Planning Institute – Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2010 – 25th November – Savoy Hotel, Henry St., Limerick

Cllr. E Mannion

Clare Tourist Council – Clare Tourism Conference 2010 – Achieving World Class Tourism – 26th – 27th November – Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare

Cllr. J McDonagh, D Connolly, P Roche, J Cuddy, T Welby, G Finnerty, M Hoade, E Mannion, T Walsh, J McClearn

Irish Human Rights Commission – Religion & Education: A Human Rights Perspective – 27th November – Trinity College, Dublin

Cllr. P Hynes

Esperanza Enterprises – Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009 – 3rd – 5th December – Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Cllr. P Hynes, C Keaveney

Superior Training – The Local Government Budget 2011 – 10th – 12th December – Carlton Millrace Hotel, Bunclody, Co. Wexford

Cllr. S Walsh, T Walsh, P Hynes

The Law Reform Commission Annual Conference 2010 – Reforming the Law on Personal Debt – 16th December – Dublin Castle, Dublin 2

Comh. S Ó Tuairisg, P Hynes

Esperanza Enterprises – Building Regulations, Renewable Energy Requirement, Home Insurance – 17th – 19th December – Manor West Hotel, Killarney Rd., Tralee, Co. Kerry

Cllrs. P Hynes, C Keaveney, J McClearn, P Roche

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 17 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

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The following reply was given:-

“It was necessary to reach agreement with the relevant landowners in order to facilitate the commencement of these works. In this regard, substantial agreement has now been reached with the various landowners and accordingly it is anticipated that work will commence shortly.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 18 – CLLR. M. FAHY

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The following reply was given:-

“It is intended to complete a review of the condition of the pavement (both street and footpaths), drainage and parking layout in the coming weeks with a view to preparing an estimate for the works to be submitted to the National Roads Authority for appropriate consideration.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 19 – CLLR. M. FAHY

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The following reply was given:-

“Please note that the above was passed by Resolution of the Council at the November Monthly Meeting.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 20– COMH. S. Ó TUAIRISG

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The following reply was given:-

“Tá súil le cinneadh ar an bPáirt 8 ar an 3ú Eanáir 2011. Má cheadaítear an t-iarratas, cuirfear faoi bhráid na comhairle é san earrach agus táthar ag súil go gcuirfear amach do fhorthairiscint é in Aibreán 2011.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21– COMH. S. Ó TUAIRISG

575

The following reply was given:-

“Níl aon airgeadú ar fáil faoi láthair chun “súile cait” a chur sa mbóthar seo.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 22– COMH. S. Ó TUAIRISG

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The following reply was given:-

“Níl aon airgeadú ar fáil faoi láthair chun cosán coisithe agus oibreacha coimhdeach a dhéanamh. Bheadh go leor airgeadú ag teastáil ach níl aon airgeadú sainiúil ar fáil dó seo.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 43 – CLLR. T. WELBY

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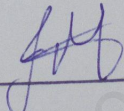
The following reply was given:-

“I can confirm that the level of enquiries in relation to taking in charge has increased during 2010 and 9 formal applications were received to have estates taken in charge. The current staff assigned to Building Control are 1 full time (technical) and 2 part-time (administrative).

The staffing levels assigned to each area within the planning department are continuously under review having regard to current workload in each area and the statutory requirements imposed under the planning legislation including the Planning and Development (Amendment Act) 2010 and this balancing of resources will continue in 2011. It is the Council’s policy to pursue the developer in respect of work’s outstanding and where necessary to call in any bond to facilitate the completion of works outstanding.”

Criochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin.

Submitted, Approved & SIGNED



24th January 2011
Date

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY ON
MONDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 2010**

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. J. McClearn.

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Cllrs. S. Canney, L. Carroll, P. Connaughton, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, Comh S O'Cuaig, Comh T. Ó Curraoin, Cllrs. M. Fahy, P. Feeney, G. Finnerty, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, C. Keaveney, S. Kyne, M. Maher, E Mannion, T. Mannion, J McDonagh, T. Mc Hugh, M Mullins, M. Noone, P. Roche, Comh S. Ó Tuairisg, Cllrs. S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers.

Oifigigh:

Ms. M. Moloney, County Manager, Messrs. K Kelly, J. Cullen, F. Gilmore, Directors of Services, G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance, M. Dolly, L. Gavin, Senior Engineers, J. Leahy, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. Eimear Dolan, Acting County Secretary, A Comer, A. Farrell, M. Owens, Senior Executive Officers, M. O'Donnell, Administrative Officer, P. O'Neachtain, Oifigeach Gaeilge, R. O'Boyle, Staff Officer

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

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A resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mrs. Kitty Cahill, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mr. Seamus Cannon, Rathgorgan, Athenry, Co. Galway

Ms. Mary Corbett, Connemara County Lodge, Westport Road, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Mrs. Heather Donohue, New Inn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

Ms. Una Spain, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Mrs. Peggy Lally, Mounventure, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Mrs. Mary Burke, Burren, Baunmore, Claregalway, Co. Galway.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

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A vote of congratulations was extended to the Clarenbridge Hurling Club who won the Senior County Final at the Weekend.

A vote of congratulations was extended to the Pearses Hurling Club who won the County Intermediate Hurling Final, congratulations were also extended to the recipients of the Galway Camogie All Stars.

A vote of congratulations was also extended to the Inis Óirr community who won an All Ireland "Pride of Place" Award. Comh. Ó Tuairisg requested that a reception be held to mark the occasion, however, the Mayor said that it was unlikely that the Council would be in a position at this time to hold a reception, and he wished the community well.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING

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The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 18th October, 2010 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Maher.

Arising from the Minutes

Comh. Ó Tuairisg pointed out that the minutes did not reflect his proposal that extensions to Graveyards in Conamara be included as an item on a Council Agenda. The Mayor confirmed that while this was so, it was agreed that the matter would be discussed with Mr. J. Cullen, Director of Services.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

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The Report of the Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held on 23rd September 2010 was approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy and agreed.

The Report of the Environment & Water Services SPC Meeting held on 9th June 2010 was approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy, seconded by Call. Maher and agreed.

The Report of the Corporate & Cultural Affairs SPC Meeting held on 10th February 2010 was approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Mc Donagh and agreed.

The Report of the Housing SPC Meeting held on 3rd March 2010 was approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Mc Donagh, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed.

The Report of the Housing SPC Meeting held on 2nd June 2010 was approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion and agreed.

TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL UNDER SECTION 73 OF THE ROADS ACT 1993 TO EXTINGUISH A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – A SECTION OF THE LT71072 IN THE TOWNLAND OF FRENCHFORT COMMENCING FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY FIVE METRES FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE LS7107 IN FRENCHFORT FOR A LENGTH OF SEVENTY SIX METRES 525

Report dated 20th July, 2010 was already circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. Cuddy, seconded by Cllr Willers, and 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 a section of the LT71072 in the Townland of Frenchfort commencing four hundred and fifty five metres from its junction with the LS7107 in Frenchfort for a length of seventy six metres be and is hereby extinguished.

Cllr. Finnerty referred to the “Temporary Speed” limits on some roads due to roadworks and asked if this issue be addressed to ensure that signs were visible. The Mayor informed him that enforcement of speed limits was a matter for the Gardaí. Mr. Gilmore undertook to raise this issue with the area engineers.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 2010 526

Mr. Kelly presented his report which had been circulated to the Members on the key amendments to the Act which would impact on the Planning Authority. The following issues were raised by members;

- Enurement Clauses;
- Quarries and need by Planning Authority to determine exact planning permission on over 200 sites;
- Development Contributions;
- Protection of the Linguistic and Cultural Heritage of the Gaeltacht;
- Review of Local Area Plans and how they link to an overall Core Strategy;
- Appropriate Assessments, Natura Impact Reports and Assessments.

Following a discussion on the issues raised, the Mayor pointed out that the Planning Act is now national law and no amendment by the Council is possible.

It was proposed by Cllr. Cuddy, seconded by Cllr. Welby that “*Galway County Council write immediately to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government asking that the functions and powers of An Taisce and the National Parks and Wildlife Services be brought under the control of the Local Authority,*” however, this was not agreed by the full Council.

Referring the Cllr. Cuddy’s motion, the Manager stated that National Parks and Wildlife is a recognised Statutory Independent Body and has a different remit therefore, it would not be feasible to integrate it into Local Authorities.

SLUDGE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Mr. Cullen advised that the Draft Sludge Management Plan, (which had been circulated in advance), had been in preparation for some time. It had been through a number of alternations since first drafted to take account of significant issues and developments such as the IDA proposals in Oranmore and Athenry and the emerging wastewater services strategy for the area. He said the plan had been considered by the Strategic Policy Committee where it was agreed to place it before the full council. Mr. Cullen stated that he was recommending its adoption.

Mr. Dolly gave a presentation on the draft plan setting out the background, the considerations included in it with regard to sludge volumes, treatment options, destinations and satellite centres and reasons for the selection of a sludge hub centre. He summarised the criteria for the selection of the hub centre to be located at Glenascaul on the site of the proposed wastewater treatment plant. He stated that it was important for the Council to have a clear strategy for the operation and management of sludge volumes for the city and county.

Cllr. Carroll asked if the owner of the lands identified had been approached and whether it was intended to carry out a detailed Environmental Impact Statement of the proposals. He stressed the importance of public consultation and questioned if the proposals in the plan might impact negatively on efforts by the IDA to attract hi-tech industry to the Oranmore/Athenry area. Cllr. T. Mannion said he welcomed the fact that the Plan had finally come before the Council for consideration after lengthy delays. He asked what type of final product was envisaged in the plan following treatment at the hub centre. He also raised an issue with regard to a recent decision by An Bord Pleanala in which An Bord Pleanala wrongly referred to Ballinasloe as a hub centre when in fact it was designated as a satellite centre. He said he would bring forward a motion on this matter later in the meeting. Cllr. Mullins supported Cllr. Mannion in this and said it had been cause for great concern in Ballinasloe and the status of Ballinasloe in the plan needed to be clarified. Cllr. D. Connolly supported Cllr. Mannion in this and also stated that he was seeking changes to a number of sentences in page 51 of the document and also requested that the reference to the site of the proposed East Galway Wastewater Treatment plant be made more precise to avoid confusion with the larger geographical area in the East of the County.

Cllr. Keaveney raised a query in relation to the DBO procurement option included in the plan. Cllr. Cuddy stated that he would not support the plan and said it was unacceptable that sludge from Mutton Island might be treated in the County. He asked if lands had already been bought and if so how much had been paid. He also said there should be an opportunity for consultation. Cllr. Canny said that odour was probably the area that would be of most concern. Cllr. McHugh and Cllr. Feeney agreed that the measures to control odour would be of the highest importance. Cllr. M. Connolly welcomed the plan generally and the overall strategy set out in it. He, too, raised the issue of the recent planning decision by An Bord Pleanála in Ballinasloe. Cllr. Connaughton said there were concerns about land spreading and asked if there was likely to be a demand for the final product. Cllr. Walsh said he was dissatisfied that Oughterard had been chosen as one of the satellite centres and said it would give rise to a risk of pollution to sensitive waters by increasing the BOD loading in the effluent discharge. Cllr. Ó Curraoin asked what regime was going to be in place to deal with defective septic tanks. Cllr. Noone said that the Council simply needed to consider whether the plan was the best strategy overall and accept the findings on the basis of the facts and evidence in the plan. Cllr. Welby asked if elements of the plan were dependent on central funding and said that if it was it would take many years to advance it based on slow progress of schemes such as the Oughterard Sewerage Scheme.

Responding to the queries raised, Mr. Cullen said that no approach had been made to land owners as it would be premature to do so. He said that while an Environmental Impact Statement might not be required, it was always intended to do one and that it would provide the appropriate and most useful opportunity for detailed public consultation. In relation to any possible impact on attracting industry to the Oranmore Area, he said it was the absence of infrastructure such as this rather than the provision of it that would cause difficulties. In relation to the recent decision by An Bord Pleanála raised by Cllr. T. Mannion and several other members, he said he could only reiterate that Ballinasloe is identified as a satellite centre in the sludge management plan. With regard to current practices of land spreading raised by a number of members, including Cllr. D. Connolly in relation to Page 51 of the plan, he said it would be possible to omit the sentences referred to by Cllr. D. Connolly but, the plan could not be used to prevent land spreading which is permissible under EU and national legislation. He said the sentences in question could be replaced by a simple reference to current practice under current legislation. He said that the reference in the plan to the "East Galway" Wastewater Treatment Plant site would be made more specific.

In relation to the issue of odours raised by several members, Mr. Cullen stated that odour emission would be subject to the strict regulation by the Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Gavin stated that the technology in the area of odour control was now very advanced and effective. Various types of solutions for odour control included the use of scrubbers, filters and the creation of pressure differentials to ensure containment of odour within enclosed buildings. In addition to these technologies the licencing requirements will impose strict conditions which will protect against odour emissions. Similarly, in relation to Cllr. S. Walsh's assertion concerning Oughterard, Mr. Gavin stated that the plant at

Oughterard will be subject to license condition set down by the EPA to achieve the highest level of environmental compliances.

Following consideration of the plan, it was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. T Walsh that the Draft Sludge Management Plan be adopted incorporating the wording changes requested by Cllr. D. Connolly. Cllr. Cuddy proposed that the plan not be approved and this was seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh. A vote was taken on Cllr. Carroll's proposal and the result was as follows;

For:-

Cllrs. Canney, Carroll, Connaughton, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, Feeney, Finnerty, Hoade, Hynes, Keaveney, Maher, E. Mannion, T. Mannion, McClearn, McHugh, Mullins, Noone, Roche, Walsh, and Willers. (20)

Against:-

Cllrs. Cuddy, Curran, Kyne, S. Walsh. (4)

Abstained:-

Cllrs. Broderick, Ó Cuaig, Fahy, McDonagh, Ó Tuairisg, and Welby. (6)

The Mayor declared the Motion carried

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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On the proposal of Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Canney it was agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the Meeting to proceed after 6.00p.m.

FIX DATE FOR BUDGET MEETING

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It was proposed by Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed, that the Budget Meeting be held on the 20th December, 2010 at 2.00 p.m.

It was agreed to take Item No. 9 at this time.

PRESENTATION BY WESTERN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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The Mayor welcomed Ms. Joanne Grehan and Mr. Paul Keyes of the Western Development Commission (WDC) to the Meeting.

They gave a very informative presentation to the Council on the functions and achievements of the WDC which was circulated to the Members.

The Mayor and Members thanked them and complimented the WDC on its work carried out on behalf of the Region.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Noone, and agreed "that this Council calls on Pat Carey, Minister for Community, Equality and Gaeltacht

Affairs to retain the Western Development Commission and the funding to allow it to continue its work in its current remit”.

DRAFT ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY

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Report dated the 16th November was already circulated to each Member.

Mr. Farrell gave a brief synopsis of the Strategy which was prepared in accordance with Section 35 Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009. He noted the Draft had previously been discussed at the Housing Strategic Policy Committee meeting.

The Mayor welcomed the draft but commented that resources are required to implement it. Cllr. Canney agreed that implementation was critical, however, the Council had limited resources and only three Housing Liaison Officers. Cllr. Maher stated that making a complaint is a challenge for people who consider it a risk to provide their name. Cllr. Willers queried if illegal dumping could be included in Strategy. A number of Members agreed that ‘dumping’ behaviour leads to significant costs for the Council. Cllr. Connaughton and Cllr Keaveney commented that addressing anti-social behaviour requires a long-term committed approach and partnerships with other agencies in Health, Youth and Policing services. Cllr Hoade and Cllr Cuddy agreed.

Cllr. M. Connolly proposed amendment to page nine from “will” to “may” as follows; “*in order to guard against frivolous or vexatious intentions, anonymous complaints may not be investigated*”. It was seconded by Cllr. S. Canney and agreed.

Mr. Gilmore provided clarification on a number of issues. It was proposed by Cllr. T. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Mullins and agreed that the Draft Anti Social Behaviour Strategy with amendment as outlined be adopted.

FLOODING UPDATE

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Report dated the 22nd November, 2010 had already been circulated to each Member.

The Mayor brought the contents of a letter dated the 12th November, 2010 from Dr. Martin Mansergh, T.D. Minister of State at the Department of Finance (with special responsibility for the Office of Public Works) to the attention of Members. This was in response to a previous resolution of Members, regarding seeking clarification on the difficulty of many householders in County Galway in securing home insurance. Cllr. Willers expressed dissatisfaction that letter did not address issue of re-location and asked that a copy of Minister Manseragh’s letter be circulated to each Member.

The Mayor welcomed the update on OPW Flood Protection works in Ballinasloe but regretted that it did not address any actions for Portumna where some dredging of the River Shannon may be required. A number of Members raised

various queries with regard to the slow progress of works to alleviate flooding in South Galway, Clare River catchment and the Dunkellin River catchment.

The Manager in reply indicated that, while considerable progress is being made on many projects, others are subject to statutory legislative requirements which may take some time.

In relation to the Shannon River she advised that this is under the remit of the national office of the OPW and affects quite a number of Counties, however she hoped that further information will be available for the December Meeting on the proposed timescale for the advancement of the Shannon Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (CFRAM).

On the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly it was agreed that "Galway County Council seeks funding from the Office of Public Works to carry out the additional flood protection measures identified in the recently published Ballinasloe Flood Relief Study".

It was proposed by Cllr. Cuddy, seconded by Cllr. Welby and agreed that "officials of Galway County Council, the Office of Public Works and any other agencies involved in the flood relief works come before a special Meeting of Galway County Council to update Members on the works programme and time scale for same"

The Manager, in response, advised that the OPW will be invited to a future meeting.

MANAGERS BUSINESS

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Mr. Gilmore advised members that in order to facilitate and encourage footfall in the regional towns during the Christmas shopping period, it is intended to provide free parking in Council car parks on Saturday, 4th, 11th and 18th of December, 2010. He circulated a list of locations to Members which would be promoted locally. Members welcomed the initiative as a support to local businesses.

MAYORS BUSINESS

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It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllrs. T. Mannion, Mullins, and Canney that "the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. John Gormally, investigate and take action on the decision to grant Planning Permission for a Sludge Plant in the Ballinasloe Electoral Area considering that the decision was based on false information which was quoted to have existed in the Galway Draft Sludge Management Plan. The Minister is asked to take the views of all parties concerned before concluding his deliberations on this matter."

It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Connaughton, seconded by Cllrs. M. Connolly, Willers, Feeney, Maher and Mullins that Galway County Council "calls on the Government to recognize the unique and vital role of the postal service in Ireland, particularly, as a means of communication, as a vital economic tool and an intrinsic part of the fabric of the Community.

Our postal service has a social value and an economic value: these must be properly protected as the Government drafts legislation to open the postal market to full competition. Postmen/women provide an important public service and also function as an integral part of the social fabric of their community, particularly for the elderly and the isolated citizens whose only human contact might be their postal person. Furthermore, An Post's extensive delivery and collection network, is an intrinsic part of the economic and business infrastructure of the country. Reaching every corner of the county and by delivering to every front door An Post is an essential partner in business from the marketing, payment collection and business generation point of view.

As Ireland prepares to liberalise its postal market it is essential that the Government acknowledges the important public service, ensures that the Universal Service Obligation is protected by legislation and does not allow the opening of the market to lead to widespread job losses, social dumping and an erosion in service levels as has happened in other countries who have already opened their postal market to competition”.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 12 – CLLR. B. WILLERS 535

The following reply was given:-

“The provision of an official bus stop on the Ennis Road, Gort has been raised with Bus Eireann and a response is awaited.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 13 – CLLR. B. WILLERS 536

The following reply was given:-

“The Gort Traffic Management Plan must be viewed in the context of the recent opening of the Gort – Crusheen Motorway which it is anticipated will facilitate the removal of a large volume of through traffic from Gort. Notwithstanding same the current pavement contract for the N18 Gort provides for ducting to facilitate traffic lights at the N6 Junction and the Railway Station Junction as well as a pedestrian crossing at the school.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 14 – CLLR. B. WILLERS 537

The following reply was given:-

“The contract for the construction of a Salt Storage facility at Kinninchia has been awarded to Statcroft Civil Engineering Ltd. The contractor commenced works on site on Monday, 15th November 2010 and the project has a current anticipated completion date of January 2011.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 15 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY

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The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council are processing this application at present.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 16 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY

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The following reply was given:-

“The amount due in respect of Development Contributions according to the 2009 Annual Financial Statement for Galway County Council was €13.46m. This figure is calculated in accordance with current standard accounting practice for local authorities and includes development contributions levied on developments which have not yet commenced and these amounts therefore while not collectable must be shown in the accounts.

The standard practice is for developers to pay such development contributions when the property in question has been fully developed, or in accordance with a payment schedule agreed with the Council rather than at commencement of development. Where developments have been completed or the properties have been sold and no payment schedule has been agreed with the Council it is the Council’s policy to pursue these cases through enforcement action and the Courts as necessary.

It is estimated that up to 50% of the amounts outstanding are the subject of phased payment agreements and of the cases already referred to the Law Agent approximately 50% of the monies due have been paid.

When a planning permission is granted this may be to an individual, a group of individuals or a company and the development may be commenced by the applicant or may be sold on to others. The follow up on development contributions is based on the permission granted and whether some or all of it has been commenced or completed rather than based on actions in relation to particular individuals or companies.

The Council has limited information on the current status of individual persons or companies as regards their financial status and/or whether or not they come within the remit of NAMA. However the Council will continue to pursue any amounts owing to the greatest extent possible including liaising with any receivers / liquidators appointed and NAMA if appropriate.

The Council can confirm to you that 18 permissions account for a levied amount of approximately €8,489,704 which can be broken down as follows

Category	Number	Amount
Paid in full	0	€0
Not commenced	2	€2.126m
Paid in part	7	€3.461m
Amount disputed	3	€0.454m
No payment	6	€2.448m
Total	18	€8.489m

Of the above the developments, which have commenced, levies amounting to €6.363m were imposed of which an amount of €1.781m has been paid to date. All of the other accounts are being actively pursued and those which remain unpaid and have no remaining issues have been referred to the Council's Law Agent for the commencement of legal proceedings."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 17 – CLLR. G. FINNERTY 540

The following reply was given:-

"There are outstanding works to be completed in this estate before the Taking in Charge process can be finalised.

These issues will be pursued with the developer in due course."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 18 – CLLR. G. FINNERTY 541

The following reply was given:-

"The public lighting network in the charge of the Council is monitored on an ongoing basis as part of the contract for the maintenance of the public lighting network. In the event that specific locations/ lights have been identified as requiring attention, please provide details regarding the location of same in order to enable them to be brought to the attention of the service provider."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 19 – CLLR. G. FINNERTY 542

The following reply was given:-

"Regarding your request that the Council would investigate the possibility of providing the village of Peterswell with a small low cost sewerage scheme, unfortunately the Council does not have the resources to provide a scheme for Peterswell at this time."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 20 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 543

The following reply was given:-

“The location will be examined and suitable road markings as deemed necessary and appropriate will be provided.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

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The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council is currently seeking to establish the status of the road in question and a determination is expected shortly.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 22 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH

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The following reply was given:-

“The scope of the flood mitigation works proposed for Cloonacauneen, Claregalway is currently the subject of review in consultation with the Office of Public Works. It will be necessary to conclude this review and finalise the scope of the works in order to provide a definite timeframe for the completion of the scheme. A further report on the matter will be provided once the current review with the OPW has been concluded.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 23 – CLLR. J. CUDDY

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The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council and Iarnród Eireann are working in partnership to advance the development of Oranmore Railway Station to include a park and ride facility at Garraun, Oranmore. It is currently anticipated that the planning application to facilitate the development will be submitted prior to the 31st December 2010 with a view to the Railway Station and Park & Ride facility being operational by the end of 2011.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 24 – CLLR. J. CUDDY

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The following reply was given:-

“Contract documents for the Claregalway Sewerage Scheme have been sent to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government since 2008 and approval to go to tender is awaited.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 25 – CLLR. J. CUDDY

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The following reply was given:-

“Additional funding has been requested from the National Roads Authority to facilitate these works and a response is currently awaited.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 26 – CLLR. M. FAHY

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The following reply was given:-

“An application has been received on behalf of Respond Voluntary Housing Association and the Diocesan Trust, Kinvara. The application is for 13 no units of accommodation for the elderly along with a communal building.

The project has been assessed and appraised by Galway County Council and forwarded to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government with a recommendation that the project be permitted to proceed to the next stage.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 27 – CLLR. M. FAHY

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The following reply was given:-

“The three locations will be examined as regards appropriate signage and road markings.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 28 – CLLR. M. FAHY

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The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council and the OPW have no plans at present to construct a wall as a flood relief measure at the N18 Labane.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 29– CLLR. P. HYNES

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The following reply was given:-

“Regarding your proposal to extend the public sewerage network out St. Bridget’s Road, I wish to advise that there are no plans to extend same due to funding restraints at present.”

Criochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin

Submitted, Approved + Signed



17th December 2010

DATE