

west region through this initiative. He gave examples of the works which have commenced and also outlined the Council's proposals for the future in three areas, namely Craft, Food Production and Film Media, which the Council hopes will help create employment and will be of economic benefit to the region. He said that the short-term objective of the Initiative is to build linkages between local producers and consumers.

He said that the long-term objective is to make Galway synonymous as a location for quality products both locally and internationally and to increase awareness of the range of products which are made in Galway.

He said that the 'Made in Galway' Website currently has a craft directory and a food directory but this will be expanded in the future. Producers can be listed on the Website so that consumers can find their details. He said that there is no charge to the producer for the use of the Website and Council staff are available to help them in relation to the site.

He said that other partners in the initiative include Galway County & City Enterprise Board, Údarás na Gaeltachta, local Development Companies, An Bord Bia, Enterprise Ireland, the Craft Council of Ireland and he said the Council is working with these Bodies in order to promote and progress the Initiative.

He informed the Members that in order to build awareness of the Website and the Initiative, postcards have been printed giving details of producers, the Website and our brand 'Made in Galway' and it is intended to make the postcards available to the Members in due course.

Mr. Barrett then made a presentation to the Members on Screen West and informed the Members that Galway Film Partnership has set up a website www.screenwest.ie and carries out the following activities in order to promote Galway to film makers:

- Familiarisation trips to locations and facilities
- Co-ordination of local stakeholders
- Promotion of Galway as a film location

He said that the Partnership promotes the following facilities and services in Galway in order to attract film makers:

- Scenery and variety of locations
- Qualified workforce
- Studios TG4 and Studio Solas
- Post production facilities
- Training Facilities GMIT NUI, G Huston School of Film and Digital media
- Equipment and props

He outlined the benefits to be gained from film production in County Galway as follows:

- Employment for local people in the technical area such as electrical services, construction of sets and various service provision
- Revenue in local businesses, hotels, shops, transport – e.g. ‘7 songs for Amy’ currently filming in Kinvara with a budget of €1.2 million
- International promotion of the County which benefits tourism - In 2009 18% of tourists surveyed visited Ireland as a result of having viewed an Irish film.

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON CUSTOMER SERVICE INITIATIVES 1164

Report dated 19th June, 2012 was already circulated to each Member.

Mr. Owens referred to the Report and stated that Minister Phil Hogan and the then Mayor Cllr. Maher officially launched two new Customer Service Initiatives for the Council on Friday 1st June, 2012, namely the FixYourStreet Initiative and the Customer Text Service/SMS 087 77 99 888.

He said that the Website www.fixyourstreet.ie is a publicly accessible website with associated mobile technologies on which non emergency issues such as street lighting, drainage, illegal dumping, road and footpath maintenance can be reported to the Council. He advised that Galway County Council was the third local authority in the Country to make the service available to its citizens and was the first predominantly rural authority and the first local authority outside of Dublin to make the facility available. He also confirmed that the service was available in Irish.

Regarding the Customer Text Service, he said this was initially introduced in 2011 on a pilot basis to support the progressing of student grants and following the hugely positive response to the service, it is now being extended to all other main service areas.

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SOCIAL HOUSING & CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME 2012 PROGRAMMES 1165

On the proposal of Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh, it was agreed that this item be deferred to the Special Meeting of Council to be held on Friday, 13th July 2012 at 11.30 am.

TO CONSIDER AND IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO AUTHORISE THE ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES 1166

On the proposal of Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, the attendance at Conferences as circulated was agreed.

Countess Markievicz School – First Wave Feminism – 12th May 2012 – The Teacher’s Club,
Parnell Square, Dublin

Cllr. S Ó Tuairisg

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TJK Conferences – Planning Seminar for Councillors – 7th – 9th June – Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick

Cllr. P Roche, K Ryan

Institute for British-Irish Studies (IBIS) – Should Ambulances stop at the Border? The Challenge of Co-operation in Healthcare Provision – 13th June – Royal Irish Academy, 19 Dawson St., Dublin 2

Cllr. D Connolly

TGR Seminars – How to Influence People – 15th – 17th June – Westport Plaza Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo

Cllr. P Roche

Carlow Tourism – 10th National Tourism Conference: Pride in our County – Pride in our Place – 21st – 23rd June – Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Rd., Carlow

Cllr. M Connolly, P Feeney, T Mannion, J McClearn, T Ó Curráoin

Byrne Perry Summer School – A Decade of Commemorations 2012 – 2022 – 22nd – 24th June – Gorey Library & Adult Learning Centre, Civic Square, Gorey, Co. Wexford

Cllr. M Maher

Synge Summer School 2012 – Irish Drama: Making it New – 28th June – 1st July – Avondale House, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow

Cllr. T Mannion

TO NOTE THE SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS OF CONFERENCES ATTENDED

1167

On the proposal of Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, the summary of proceedings of Conferences attended as circulated was noted.

Esperanza Enterprises – Restorative Justice for Ireland – 20th – 22nd January – Manor West Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry

Cllr Michael Fahy

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TJK Conferences – Local Government Seminar for Councillors – 27th – 29th January – Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick

Cllr P Feeney

Smart Marketing – The Role of the Council in Encouraging Enterprise through Tourism & Sport – 27th – 29th January – Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary

Cllr. M Fahy

Esperanza Enterprises – Renewable Materials Design Strategies, Construction Methods & Technologies – 7th – 9th February – Mill Park Hotel, Donegal Town

Cllr. M Fahy

A.M.A.I. Spring Seminar 2012 – Local Government – Renewal & Development – 10th – 11th February – Kilmore Hotel, Cavan

Cllr. P Feeney, M Fahy

Esperanza Enterprises – Civil Partnership & Certain Rights & Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010 – 17th – 19th February – Manor West Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry

Cllr. M Fahy

Kerry County Council – Building Community Preparedness & Resilience – 9th March – Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry

Cllr. M Fahy, P Feeney

Kadenza Consultancies – Amalgamations & Reforms in Local Government – 23rd – 25th March – Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Cllr. M Fahy

Esperanza Enterprises – Personal Injuries – 30th – 31st March – Manor West Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry

Cllr. M Fahy

Waterford City Council – LAMA Spring Seminar 2012 – The Role of Local Authorities in Enabling Economic Development & Local Govt. Reform – 13th – 14th April – Tower Hotel, Waterford

Cllr. P Feeney

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Celtic Conferences – Modern Alternatives to the disappearance of Fossil Fuels – 13th – 15th April –

Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork

Cllr. M Fahy

Esperanza Enterprises – Finance Bill 2012 – 20th – 21st April – Manor West Hotel, Tralee, Co.

Kerry

Cllr. M Fahy

Association of County & City Councils – Annual Conference 2012 – On the Verge of Change

..... – 10th – 11th May – Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny

Cllr. J McDonagh, M Hoade

Celtic Conferences – Community Tourism – 11th – 13th May – Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery,

Co. Cork

Cllr. J McClearn

Countess Markievicz School – First Wave Feminism – 12th May 2012 – The Teacher's Club,

Parnell Square, Dublin

Comh. S Ó Tuairisg

Galway County Council – Living Landscape Conference – Maximising our outdoor resources –

17th – 18th May – Clifden Station House Hotel, Clifden, Co. Galway

Cllr. P Feeney, T Welby, J McClearn, J McDonagh

Kadenza Consultancies – National Housing Crisis – Policy Statement 2011 – 1st – 3rd June –

Sliver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Cllr. P Hynes

Superior Training – The Councillor & the Environment – 8th – 9th June – Hyland's Hotel,

Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare

Cllr. M Hoade

MANAGER'S BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

1168

The Manager informed the members that the hearing for the Galway City Outer Bypass in the European Court scheduled for the 5th July, 2012 had been rescheduled and was now scheduled to be held on the 12th September, 2012.

The Manager advised the Members that The Irish American Link Conference was to take place in Tuam from the 12th – 15th July and stated that the Members support for same would be most welcome.

The County Manager confirmed that the Audit for Galway County Council for the Year Ended 31st December, 2011 will commence on Monday, 2nd July, 2012.

In relation to flood alleviation, she informed the Members that the Council has received notification from the Office of Public Works of the following additional funding:

| Project Location | Details | Approved Funding |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| East Bridge Ballinalsoe | Alteration to sluice gates | €42,200 (Additional funding) |
| Woodlawn, Ballinasloe | Maintenance of 6.5m channel | €13,500 |
| Ballyhugh, Gort | Installation of higher capacity culvert | €22,500 |
| Caherpeak | Relay new pipe | €31,500 |
| Shanagalish, Gort | Clear swallow hole / Construct 1.4km drainage channel Associated works | €72,000 |

This allocation of funding was welcomed by Cllr. G. Finnerty.

Councillor D. Connolly made the following proposal "that Galway County Council call on the Government to act immediately to have water levels on the River Shannon returned to realistic levels as huge areas of farmland have been left in an unusable state because no realistic corrective action was taken by relevant bodies concerned, despite weather warnings being available well in advance of heavy rains. And we call on the Government to exercise its authority on behalf of the people affected as bodies such as ESB, Waterways Ireland, NPWS and others have failed in this regard". This Proposal was seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly and agreed.

Cllr. McClearn stated that since the last Monthly Meeting, the report on the review of Planning in a number of local authorities, including Galway County Council, had been published. He said that the findings of the investigation exonerated the Planning Department of Galway County Council. He expressed disappointment that An Taisce had failed to date to apologise, that the accusations of the organisation had been found to be a bottle of smoke, as the Council knew they would be and that they had taken people's reputations and that now that the truth is available in the report they should acknowledge and apologise for their mistake. He also said that the investigation was carried out due to questions raised by An Taisce to the previous Minister for the Environment and that he was now of the view that the current Minister should carry out an investigation into the workings of An Taisce.

Cllr. T. Walsh concurred with Cllr. McClearn and stated that the complaint lodged by An Taisce was a hurtful and insulting slur on people working in the planning process in the Council. Cllr. M. Connolly expressed the view that the continued support of An Taisce by the Government must be questioned and that he was of the view that the funding being made available to An Taisce by the Government should be withdrawn.

The Mayor said that he has had serious concerns regarding An Taisce for some time, he outlined that he found An Taisce to be a very secretive organization unlike Galway County Council which is very transparent. He said that it is gratifying that the report fully exonerated Galway County Council.

The Manager stated that she feels very strongly that the integrity of the Planning System and the reputation of the Council was exonerated and she has always been satisfied as County Manager in Galway County Council that the Planning Department has complied fully with all appropriate legislation in the interests of the proper planning and development of the county of Galway in a fully open and transparent manner and she was confident that the planning function was undertaken in a professional manner.

Cllr. McClearn proposed "that Galway County Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government to instigate an investigation into the workings of An Taisce in light of their behavior in the Planning Investigation undertaken against this Local Authority". This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Maher, and agreed.

Mr. Owens referred to correspondence from Ms. Yvonne Cronin of Knockalock Community Group consisting of a request to make a presentation to the Members regarding Wind Energy Ireland. On the proposal of Cllr. Broderick, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly, it was agreed that a decision on this request be deferred to the July Monthly Meeting.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

1169

Cllr. McDonagh stated that he has been informed that the Irish Public Bodies (the IPB) are in a position to pay dividends to their clients again this year and therefore Galway County Council will receive a dividend of approximately €250,000 before the end of the year. He proposed that the Council write to the IPB to thank them for this and his proposal was seconded by Cllr. McHugh and agreed.

Cllr. Fahy referred to the issues associated with the lack of adequate parking and toilet facilities in the vicinity of Dun Guaire Castle, Kinvara highlighting the need for appropriate action to be taken to address same. He stated that he was aware of a local landowner who was willing to sell land to the Council for the purpose of facilitating the development of a car park that would also allow for the provision of toilet facilities.

Cllr. Feeney said that there is a carpark approximately 50 yards from the Castle with a footpath from the carpark to the Castle so there should not be a problem regarding buses parking on the side of the road.

Cllr. G. Finnerty said that tourists are always welcome to Kinvara and Dunguaire Castle and there are facilities in the village which can be used by tourists.

Mr. Gilmore said that the Council has no proposal to purchase land at Kinvara for a carpark and no landowner has approached the Council recently with a view to selling land for a carpark at Kinvara.

In reply to Cllr. Cuddy who asked if a reply was received in relation to the Motion passed recently regarding Local Improvement Schemes, Mr. Owens stated that a reply was received and circulated to each Member and would be circulated again if required. He advised the Members of the content of the reply dated the 10th April 2012 from Minister Varadkar.

Cllr. Hynes proposed that the Council send the following Resolution to the Minister for Transport "that the LIS -Local Improvement Scheme be reinstated". This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Fahy and agreed.

Cllr. McClearn referred to recent incidents which took place at Clonmoylan Bog involving among others the NPWS, local bog owners and turf cutters and he said that in his view members of staff of the National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) attempted to antagonise the members of the public who were present at the bog. He said that while he fully acknowledged that we have to protect the rural environment, agencies must work in harmony with the public and not in confrontation. He stated that he believed the NPWS no longer enjoyed the trust and support of local communities and as such it was not fit for purpose and therefore could not deliver on their remit. He outlined that there

was a need for a new agency to work with local communities, with a change of mindset that viewed the issue as a problem to be resolved and not as a battle to be won.

Cllr. M. Connolly referred to the Forum held on the issue in Athlone last year indicating that the comments were not favourable to the NPWS, he indicated that there was a need for movement on the issue and that the habitats directive is an unjust law that needs to be changed.

Cllr. D. Connolly stated it was an important issue and that the situation that developed in Clonmoylan bog could have been dangerous and that there was significant health and safety issues with the events. He stated that the issue has not gone away and that the Government had a key role to play in resolving the issue. He stated that recent comments by Minister Alan Shatter were not helpful in resolving the matter and that proposals needed to be brought forward that reflected the fact that a solution was only required for a small number of bogs. He concluded by acknowledging and paying tribute to members of An Garda Síochána, the local residents, action group and others for their proactive role in working to resolve the conflict that arose on the ground in Clonmoylan.

Comh. Ó Laoi said that lands were designated without any scientific basis and that such designations were now impacting on development, citing as an example the impact of such designations on the route selection process for the R336, and the extent of designation in Connemara. He stated that there was no mechanism in place to provide appropriate oversight of the work of the NPWS and that it should be abolished.

Cllr. McClearn proposed "that the Council calls on the Government to disband the National Parks & Wildlife Service and replace it with a new environmental body with new management to work in co-operation with local committees to resolve issues that arise from time to time". This proposal was seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly and agreed.

It was further agreed to submit the Resolution to the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government and the Minister for the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and to forward copies of the Resolution to the following Local Authorities: Kildare, Laois, Tipperary North, Clare, Roscommon, Longford, Cavan, Kerry, Mayo, & Offaly.

Comh. Ó Tuairisg referred to the new Gaeltacht Bill stating that one of the provisions in the Bill is that elections to the Board of the Údaras will no longer be held and instead Members will be nominated by Local Authorities and the Minister. He stated that the proposal was totally undemocratic and that the Board performed their role well and that the difficulty was a lack of funding to implement measures. He stated that it was an issue that the people of the Gaeltacht felt passionately about and proposed that "Iarrainn Co. Contae na Gaillimhe ar an Aire Ealain, Oidhearachta agus Gaeltachta go mbeadh

tramlacht comhaltáí Bord Údarás na Gaeltachta tofa ag muintir na Gaeltachta mar a bhí go dtí seo”

This proposal was seconded by Comh. Curraoin and agreed.

Cllr. Feeney referred to the lack of verge trimming around the county and he proposed “that this Council appeal to the Minister for Transport, Mr. Leo Varadkar, for a special allocation of funding to complete a county wide verge-trimming programme in the interests of road safety on the basis that such work has not been done for a number of years”. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 15 – CLLR. E. MANNION

1170

The following reply was given:-

“The road is of critical importance to the Roundstone, Ballyconneely and Clifden area and it’s condition is monitored on an ongoing basis. It is not intended to develop a specific plan for the work but it will be included in the Annual Road Programme as the need arises and funding levels allow.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 16 – CLLR. M. FAHY

1171

The following reply was given:-

“In accordance with the agreement reached with the local committee, the Part 8 application sought permission for the development of a roadway to allow access to the extension to Mountcross Burial Ground. The Part 8 does not provide for the development of a car park, however, given the width of the proposed access road, it will be sufficient to allow parking alongside the roadway.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 17 – CLLR. M. FAHY

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The following reply was given:-

“This road will be inspected, and if considered necessary, it will be included in the proposed programme of works in 2012, dependent on funding available.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 18 – CLLR. M. FAHY

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The following reply was given:-

"Galway County Council are in communication with the residents of the caravans at this location. They are all on the Housing Accommodation Waiting List. They have been offered temporary accommodation in a halting site which has been refused. They have been advised to seek private rented accommodation as there is currently no other housing options available to them from Galway County Council. The Council will continue to deal with this matter in conjunction with the Law Agent."

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINIÚ ANSIN.

Submitted, Approved + Signed

Te Weir

20th July 2012

Date

Thosnaigh an cruinniú an paidir.

The Mayor stated that Cllr. T. Walsh had requested time to speak and the Mayor invited him to address the Meeting. Cllr. Walsh said he wished to propose that the Council write to the Kelly Brothers of Ballyroon, Williamstown extending the support of Galway County Council in conveying the good wishes of the Council to them for an early recovery, following their recent traumatic incident involving a robbery at their home. He requested anyone with any information as to the incident to come forward, and highlighted the need for people to be more observant and watchful in their local communities. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. M. Cronin and agreed.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

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A resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:

- Ms. May Folan (Mathias), Talami Ban, Leitrimoie, Co. na Gallainne
- Ms. Áine McDonagh (Colm), Seanacabhas, Leitrimoie, Co. na Gallainne
- Mr. Tommy Costello, C/o Huntsman, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY, 11th JUNE, 2012

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Mayor M. Maher

Mayor T Welby.

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Cllrs. T. Broderick, L. Carroll, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, S. Cunniffe, Comh. S Ó Cuaig, T. Ó Curraoin, Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, P. Feeney, G. Finnerty, M. Finnerty, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, Comh. S. Ó Laoi, Cllrs. E. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, J. Mc Clearn, T. McHugh, P. Roche, K. Ryan, Comh S. Ó Tuairisg, Cllrs. S. Walsh, T. Walsh, B. Willers.

Oifigigh:

Ms. M. Maloney, County Manager; Messrs. E. Cummins, F. Gilmore, J. Cullen, K. Kelly, Directors of Service; G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance; M. Owens, County Secretary & Meetings Administrator; P. O'Neachtin, Oifigigh Gaeilge & R.O'Boyle, Staff Officer.

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ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR YEAR 2012/2013

1149

Cllr. Maher, outgoing Mayor, was in the Chair.

Cllr. Maher stated that it was a great honour to be Mayor of the County and referred to the numerous gifts he had distributed to the Members, Director of Services, Head of Finance and Members of the Press as tokens to convey his appreciation for their valuable support and assistance during his term as Mayor.

He outlined that as Mayor of the County he had attended over 1,100 events and proceeded to refer to some of the highlights of his term as Mayor. He said the highlights of his term included the inaugural Mayoral Awards, which acknowledged and celebrated the great work that people and communities are involved in around the county. He said he was also delighted to have re-introduced the Mayoral Ball which was held in the Lough Rea Hotel and which supported the work of the IHCPT and the Enclosed Carmelite Sisters in Loughrea.

He stated that he was fortunate during his tenure as Mayor, Michael D. Higgins was elected as the 9th President of Ireland, which afforded him the honour, of representing the Council and the people of the County at his inauguration. He also highlighted the honour afforded to him by the Elected Members of the Council, to join with them, in hosting a Civic Reception in honour of the President. He stated that he would remember same as a proud day both for him personally as Mayor and also for the Council.

He outlined that he was particularly pleased that during his term as Mayor and with the support of the Council that the 2012 budget was adopted, in a difficult and challenging economic climate, on the basis of there being no increase in commercial rates, that the proposed increase in water charges was reduced by 50% and that funding for vital services was maintained, including community support grants and financial support for economic development and tourism. He observed that the 2012 budget represented an important and vital stimulus for the County, with an investment of approximately €236 million in the continued economic, social, community and cultural development of the County.

He referred to the distinction of receiving Ambassadors to the County, including the German Ambassador and most recently the Mexican Ambassador, Carlos Garcia De Alba. He advised that he was delighted that during his term, the Council in recognition of the strong historical ties that exist between Clifden & Coyoacan, supported the twinning of the two towns. He referred to the historical nature of the twinning with Clifden being the first town in Ireland to twin with a town in Mexico, observing that it was a further fitting contribution from the Council, to mark the 200th anniversary of the founding of Clifden.

He also referred to the honour of welcoming An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, TD and a significant number of Government Ministers to the County during his term, referring specifically to a recent visit by Minister Hogan, when he afforded the Council a significant amount of his time over a number of days to mark the completion of the RAL Programme and the Official Launch of the Water Services DBO Bundle No 2, marking a welcome investment of over 26 million in the water services infrastructure of the County, which

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the Mayor noted, together with recent announcements for Athenry & Oughterard, represented an unprecedented investment in vital water services infrastructure.

The Mayor outlined that he was also delighted that the Minister was present to launch Fix Your Street, the Gleanings from the Archives Exhibition and the Summer Reading Programme together with being available to join the Mayor in presenting the Inaugural Mayor's Corporate Social Responsibility Awards.

He referred to the success of MeetWest, a networking conference to promote and sustain economic development in the County and wider Western Region and the Living Landscapes Conference hosted by the Council to mark Clifden 2012, stating that both were significant undertakings and were a credit to the staff of the Council, involved in organising the events.

The Mayor referred to his excellent working relationship with the Mayor of the City of Galway, Cllr. Hildegard Naughton and acknowledged the support received from the Galway City Manager, Joe O'Neill and the staff of Galway City Council.

The Mayor expressed his appreciation to the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Bridie Willers for her continuous support during the year and for undertaking the responsibilities of Deputy Mayor with such distinction and proceeded to make a presentation to Cllr. Willers as a token of his appreciation for her support during his term.

The Mayor conveyed his sincere appreciation to the Directors of Services, the Head of Finance and the staff, both administrative and technical, indoors and outdoors, of Galway County Council for their help and assistance during his term as Mayor. He acknowledged their role in undertaking the business of the Council for the good of the citizens of Galway in an open, transparent, and effective manner. The Mayor observed that it is only as Mayor that one fully appreciates the amount of work that the staff of the Council undertake, to serve and promote the best interests of this County and to serve its citizens. He stated that the staff of the Council had proven themselves to be committed and dedicated public servants.

The Mayor expressed his gratitude to the County Secretary for his support and assistance during his term as Mayor, acknowledging his attention to detail and constant availability to support him in his role as Mayor. The Mayor proceeded to make a presentation to the County Secretary as a token of his appreciation.

The Mayor thanked the County Manager for her support during this term, noting that her efforts to promote the County and its citizens were never ending. He observed that the Council and County were fortunate to have such a dedicated, committed and truly passionate advocate working on their behalf. The Mayor proceeded to make a presentation to the Manager, of a specially commissioned piece of Galway craftwork, comprising a clock with a surround based on the letter G, indicating that he hoped that it will serve as a reminder of Galway County and of the Manager's immeasurable contribution to its development, through her inspired leadership and her dedication to the role of Galway County Manager.

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The Mayor concluded by expressing his sincere appreciation to the Members, the Manager and Staff, Members of the Press and Media, his wife and family, friends and supporters for their support and encouragement during what he described as being a truly enjoyable and memorably year.

Cllr. McDonagh lead warm tributes to the Mayor, stating that he would be a hard act to follow, noting that he had totally committed himself adding a new dimension to the role of Mayor and that in his 27 years as a Member of the Council, there was no better Mayor or Chairperson. The Members paid tribute to Cllr. Maher for carrying out all of his duties as Mayor of the County with great commitment, distinction and professionalism, noting that he was magnificent in the role undertaking his duties with style and dignity and portraying the County and Council in a positive light. They stated that he was an excellent ambassador for the Council and the County during his term of office, noting that he enjoyed a truly remarkable year, with an unprecedented work rate leaving no stone unturned in his role as Mayor and in his promotion of the County. They noted he and was always fair and courteous in conducting the business of Council and was the most democratic of chairpersons. The Members also paid tribute to Cllr. Willers in her role as Deputy Mayor during the period. The Members also acknowledged the generosity of the Mayor and expressed their appreciation for his gifts.

The County Manager thanked the Mayor on behalf of Management and staff for the co-operation and courtesy he displayed as Mayor of the County and complimented him on the excellent manner in which he represented the Council throughout the year, noting that he had delivered on the priorities he set at the beginning of his term, including his intention to recognise and acknowledge voluntary effort at community level. She referred to significant highlights of his year, including the inaugural Mayoral Awards, the Mayoral Charity Ball, the Civic Reception for President Higgins together with the visit of Minister Hogan to the County. She referred to the strength and leadership he demonstrated in chairing meetings of the Council, including a number of challenging meetings during his term. The County Manager also thanked the Deputy Mayor for her work during the year.

The outgoing Mayor asked for nominations for the position of Mayor of the County of Galway for the year 2012/2013

It was proposed by Cllr. Cuddy, seconded by Cllr. Broderick that Cllr. Welby be elected Mayor.

As there was no other nomination, and as Cllr. Welby accepted his nomination, he was declared elected Mayor of the County of Galway for the year 2012/2013 and he was invested with the Chain of Office.

The Members congratulated Cllr. Roche on his appointment and wished him well during his term of office. The Manager and staff of the Council, also congratulated Cllr. Roche

CLLR. WELBY THEN TOOK THE CHAIR 1150

Cllr. Welby thanked his proposer and seconder and the Members of the Council who supported his election and his family and friends for their support. He said that the 11th June was a significant date in his life, and stated that on the 11th June 2003, his father passed away, on June 11th, 2004, he was elected to Galway County Council and today

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11th June, 2012 he had achieved the highest office in the Council and said he was honoured. He referred to his late father and the 17 years he had been a Member of Galway County Council. He referred to the chair he was sitting on, noting that it had been used during his father's term in office and which had been taken out of storage, and he thanked the County Secretary for this gesture. He also paid tribute to Cllr. Maher for his dedication to his duties over the year, and said he had raised the bar to a very high standard. He said he was honoured to take up the position and looked forward to representing the county during his term as Mayor of the County. He said the issues he intends to deal with during the coming year include, improving the water quality of Lough Corrib, through advancing investment in water services infrastructure, including Oughterard and Claregalway and by continuing to address the issue of invasive species in Lough Corrib, to improve amenities, as well as supporting the construction of the Galway City Outer Bypass, Moycullen Bypass, R336, the improvement of the N59 and the delivery of the Connemara Greenway. He stated that he intended to work to further promote the Ireland Reaching Out Initiative.

The Mayor welcomed Deputy Noel Grealish, Deputy Sean Kyne, Senator Michael Mullins and Galway City Councillors, Cllr. Terry O'Flaherty, Cllr. Donal Lyons and Cllr. Declan McDonnell together with former Minister for State, Robert Molloy to the Council Chamber. He also acknowledged the support provided by his wife Bernie and his family and made reference to the personal sacrifices made by those with family members involved in politics.

The Mayor highlighted the importance of devoting the Council's time and effort to addressing issues under their control and to serving the people, rather than devoting their efforts to problems that were not caused by the Council and that cannot be solved by the Council.

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

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR YEAR 2012/2013

1151

It was proposed by, Cllr. McHugh, seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh that Cllr. Roche be elected Deputy Mayor for the year 2012/2013.

As there was no other nomination, and as Cllr. Roche accepted his nomination, the Mayor declared Cllr. Roche elected as Deputy Mayor of the County of Galway for the year 2012/2013 and he was invested with the Chain of Office.

The Members congratulated Cllr. Roche on his appointment and wished him well during his term of Office. The County Manager on her own behalf, and on behalf of the Management and staff of the Council, also congratulated Cllr. Roche

SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS FOR NEXT TWELVE MONTHS.

1152

Mr. Owens referred to the consideration of a schedule of ordinary meetings for the next twelve months and outlined that subject to the approval of the Members, it was proposed to continue to hold the ordinary meetings on the 4th Monday of each month, excluding the month of August, subject to any amendments as agreed by the Members from time to time.

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion that Meetings continue to be on the 4th Monday of each Month and that the June Monthly Meeting of Council commence at 2.00 pm.

It was proposed by Cllr. Broderick seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed to host a Mayoral Reception to mark the Ireland Reaching Out Week of Welcomes on Monday, 25th June 2012 at 6.00 pm, following the June Monthly Meeting of Council.

CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINIÚ ANSIN

Submitted, Approved + Signed

L. Willey

25th June 2012

Date

EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

1016

A resolution of sympathy was extended to the following

- Mr. Jim Regan Jnr., Moycullen, Co. Galway
- Mr. Tom O'Halloran, Collinacree, Co. Galway

On the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion a Vote of Sympathy was extended to Cllr. Tom McHugh on the death of his mother. The County Manager joined in the expression of sympathy on her own behalf and on behalf of staff. On the proposal of the Mayor, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh the Meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes as a mark of respect.

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CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE MEADOW COURT HOTEL, LOUGHREA ON MONDAY 28th MAY, 2012 AT 2.30 PM

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. M. Maher

LATHAIR FREISIN:

Matters Arising

Baill:

Cllrs. T. Broderick, S. Canney, L. Carroll, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, S. Cunniffe, Comh. S Ó Cuaig, T. Ó Curraoin, Cllrs. J. Cuddy, M. Fahy, P. Feeney, G. Finnerty, M. Finnerty, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, Comh. S. Ó Laoi, Cllrs. E. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, J. Mc Clean, M. Noone, P. Roche, K. Ryan, Comh S. Ó Tuairisg, Cllrs. S. Walsh, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers.

Oifigigh:

Ms. M. Moloney, County Manager; Messrs. F. Gilmore, K. Kelly, E. Cummins, J. Cullen, Directors of Service; G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance; M. Owens, County Secretary & Meetings Administrator; A. Farrell, Senior Executive Officer; E. Molloy, Senior Engineer; M. Jordan, Administrative Officer; G. Healy, Staff Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

1016

A resolution of sympathy was extended to the following:

Mr. Jim Regan Jnr., Moycullen, Co. Galway
Mr. Tom O'Halloran, Collinamuck, Co. Galway

On the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion a Vote of Sympathy was extended to Cllr. Tom McHugh on the death of his mother. The County Manager joined in the expression of sympathy on her own behalf and on behalf of staff. On the proposal of the Mayor, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh the Meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes as a mark of respect.

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On the resumption of the Meeting, the Mayor welcomed the Members, County Manager and Staff to the Meadow Court Hotel, Loughrea and stated that it was an honour to host the May Monthly Meeting of Council in Loughrea. The Members conveyed their appreciation to the Mayor for his warm welcome and hospitality.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTS OF MEETING

1017

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 23rd April, 2012 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh.

Matters Arising:

Cllr. Hoade referred to the discussion on the Control of Horses at the April Monthly Meeting of Council and welcomed the meeting between An Garda Síochána and the Council that resulted in a temporary arrangement being put in place to address the issue of the control of horses and in particular horses roaming on the N84 Headford Road. In reply to Comh O’Cuaig, Mr. Molloy confirmed that Council officials remain available to meet with representatives of the bus operators on Inis Mór, should they wish to avail of such a meeting, to discuss their concerns with the current traffic management plan.

In reply to Cllr. D. Connolly, it was agreed to review the status of a road at Lowpark, Ballinasloe.

Cllr. E. Mannion referred to the recent Living Landscapes Conference hosted by the Council in Clifden and conveyed her appreciation to the Council staff involved in organizing the Conference.

In reply to Cllr. Cunniffe, Mr. Cummins confirmed that the valuation process on Council housing to facilitate expressions of interest under the Tenant Purchase Scheme were being finalized and that applicants would be advised of same, together with details of the appeals process, in the near future.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

1018

The Report of the Corporate Policy Group held on 23rd February, 2012 was approved by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Broderick, seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh.

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

1019

On the proposal of Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh, the Council approved the declaration of the following roads to be public roads, the statutory procedure having been complied with:-

Ashbrook Housing Estate, Oranmore and access road

1. Road pavement and footpath, commencing at public road LT71114 (Station Road) and extending north west for a distance of 515m (including access road through Oakfield Estate) and thereafter east for a distance of 154m (ending at eastern end of house no 43).

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2. Road pavement and footpath, commencing at junction with No. 1 above and extending north for a distance of 86m (serves units 1-8)
3. Road pavement and footpath, commencing at junction with No. 1 above and extending south for a distance of 62m (serves units 22-30).
4. Road pavement and footpath, commencing at junction with No. 1 above and extending east for a distance of 95m (serves units 31-42).
5. Road pavement and footpath, commencing at junction with No. 1 above and extending west for a distance of 11m (serves unit 72).

Electoral Area: Oranmore

In reply to Cllr. Carroll & Cllr. Cuddy, Mr. Kelly stated that Ashbrook Housing Estate, Oranmore is being taken in charge by the Council, as the estate is now to the required standard, however Oakfield Estate is not being taken in charge at present, as that there are outstanding works to be carried out to bring the estate to a standard for taking in charge.

Mr. Kelly confirmed that the Council was prioritising estates that were to the required standard for taking in charge and thereafter other estates would be the subject of further review.

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

1120

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

Road commencing at junction with regional road R345 in the townland of Fahy and extending south west for a distance of 120 metres in the townland of Fahy and finishing in the townland of Fahy.

Electoral Area: Conamara

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

1121

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

Road continuing from end of Local Road L23202 in the townlands of Corgrave and Glinsk and extending west for a distance of 330 metres in the townlands of Corgrave and Glinsk and finishing in the townlands of Corgrave and Glinsk.

Electoral Area: Tuam

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ABANDON PUBLIC ROAD – SECTION 12 OF ROADS ACT 1993 – 1122

Report dated 15th May, 2012 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of The Mayor, seconded by Cllr. Fahy, the Council approved the abandonment of the following road public road, the statutory procedure having been complied with:-

L-41924-0 Derryhoyle Beg stop end road – commencing at its junction with the L-4192 at Derryhoyle Beg Townland and extending North Westwards to Burkes shed in the townland of Derryhoyle Beg

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFLUENT TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR TRÁ MHÓR PUBLIC TOILET BLOCK AT KILROE WEST, SPIDDAL, CO. GALWAY 1123

Report dated 9th May, 2012 was circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Comh. Ó Laoi, seconded by Comh. Ó Tuairisg, it was agreed that the proposed development of an effluent treatment system for Trá Mhór public toilet block at Kilroe West, Spiddal, as set out in the report, be approved.

In reply to Comh. Ó Tuairisg, Mr. Cullen confirmed that the development was to replace the existing effluent treatment system.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.001 HECTARES OF LAND AT LISCUNE UPPER, BALLYMACWARD, CO. GALWAY 1124

Report dated 2nd May, 2012 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. T. Broderick, the disposal of 0.001 hectares of land at Liscune Upper, Ballymacward, Co. Galway was approved, the statutory process having been complied with.

TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.585 HECTARES OF LAND AT FEAR MORE, BIRMINGHAM, TUAM, CO. GALWAY 1125

Report dated 2nd May, 2012 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr. Canney, seconded by Cllr. Cunniffe, the disposal of 0.585 hectares of land at Fear More, Birmingham, Tuam, Co. Galway was approved, the statutory process having been complied with.

In reply to Cllr. Canney, Mr. Cullen undertook to review the position in relation to a disused water town located in the vicinity of Headford.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2011 1126

Report dated 22nd May, 2012 was circulated to each Member.

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Mr. Mullarkey addressed the Members and gave an overview of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS) for the year ended 31st December, 2011. He said that the key figures from the AFS include:

- Income and Expenditure Account Statement showing gross expenditure of €143,422,730.
- The overall result of 2011 shows a deficit of €18,446 which leaves the Council with a cumulative deficit on the General Reserve of €1,402,328 at 31st December, 2011.
- The Balance Sheet, as set out on page 13, shows Net Assets of €3,963,054,245.

In reply to a query from Cllr. Carroll regarding Trade Debtors & Prepayments, Mr. Mullarkey stated that there was an increase in outstanding payments of €600,000 in respect of water services and €500,000 in respect of rates in the year 2011 as compared with 2010.

In reply to a query from Cllr. Canney, Mr. Gilmore stated that approximately €130m has been spent to date in relation to land acquisition costs for the M18/N17 Gort to North of Tuam. He said that the Council remained hopeful that the project will progress as a single scheme.

On the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by the Mayor, the Members agreed to adopt the Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December, 2011.

On the proposal of Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Ryan, the Members agreed to approve the transfers to reserves as detailed in Note 15 of the Accounts.

On the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by the Mayor, the Members agreed to approve the over/under expenditure by division as noted in Note 17 of the Accounts.

ANNUAL REPORT 2011

1127

The Annual Report 2011 for County Galway Local Authorities was circulated to each Member.

Mr. Owens presented the Annual Report 2011 to the Members and gave a brief overview of the actions undertaken by the Council during 2011 as detailed in the Report.

He noted that the Annual Report outlined the progress and achievements for 2011 for each Unit across nine Strategic Objectives as defined in the Council's Corporate Plan 2010-2014 i.e. to Achieve Balanced and Sustainable Development, to Develop Sustainable Communities, to Maximise Social Inclusion and Local Governance, to Support County Galway's Unique Culture, to Support and Enhance Local Democracy, to Optimise Human Resources, to Enhance Quality Customer Services and Delivery, to Preserve and Enhance the Environment and to Maximise Organisational Efficiency and Effectiveness.

He referred to the Public Service Agreement (*Croke Park Agreement*) and said that the first progress report was published in June 2011, which focused on savings achieved from

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the 1st April 2010 to the 31st March 2011, including pay savings of €1.4 million and non-pay savings of €600,000.

He highlighted initiatives of the Mayor of the County during 2011 including the Inaugural Mayoral Awards for County Galway held in November 2011 and the Mayoral Charity Ball held in December 2011.

The County Manager acknowledged the significant progress made by the Council on improving efficiency in 2011, working within the framework of the Croke Park Agreement and implementing the recommendations of the Efficiency Review Group Report with achievements including cost savings on payroll and overtime, procurement, energy efficiency and restructuring. The County Manager expressed her thanks to all staff for their achievements in this regard particularly within the current context of reduced resources consequent to the downturn in our national economic environment. She also thanked the Elected Members, for their resilience and flexibility in responding to what is a continuing change in available resources.

The Mayor complimented the Manager, the County Secretary and staff on the Annual Report stating that the many activities carried out by the Council in 2011, as outlined in the Report, show that the Council is a very effective and efficient service provider for the County of Galway.

The Members also thanked Mr. Owens for the presentation on the Annual Report stating that it is evident from the Report that the Council provided services to a very high standard in 2011, and that despite the reduction in funding and decreased number of staff, the Council has used its available funding and resources well.

Cllr. Carroll stated that the work being carried out by Community Groups and the Voluntary Sector in their local communities is hugely important and must be acknowledged and encouraged by the Council. He said that due to the continuing reduction in the Council's resources, community involvement in local works will be increasingly important into the future.

In reply to a query from Cllr. D. Connolly, the Manager stated that a breakdown of planning applications by electoral area was not to hand.

In reply to comments on the County Galway Local Authorities Language Scheme, the Manager confirmed that the Council engaged with the Language Commissioner as necessary in the context of the ongoing implementation of the Scheme. She confirmed that a draft new scheme was currently the subject of consideration by the Department of Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht and that updates as appropriate would continue to be provided to the Strategic Policy Committee and Council.

In reply to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Cummins stated that the cost per unit in respect of single rural houses in 2011 averaged at €135,000 approximately.

Cllr. D. Connolly stated that the number of Civic Amenity Sites in the county needs to be increased and it is important that the community warden service is adequately resourced

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to help deter littering. He also said that it is important that the Council take action against those breaching the litter laws.

In relation to the litter enforcement and recycling centres, Mr. Cullen confirmed that the Council will continue to take a hard line approach to litter enforcement. He also said that the tender process for the operation and maintenance of the civic amenity sites has been completed and that it is envisaged that a contract will be signed within six weeks.

In reply to a query from Cllr. Feeney, Mr. Cullen stated that the next step in the Athenry Sewerage Scheme is the procurement of Consultants to prepare contract documents. He said he hopes it will be possible to commence construction in 2013.

Cllr. Roche complimented the Council on their work with the Office of Public Works in relation to flood alleviation measures carried out during 2011, stating that works were carried out to an exceptionally high standard.

In reply to queries from Members in relation to graveyards, Mr. Cullen said that the Council will continue to work with local communities with regard to the provision of burial ground extensions on a prioritized basis. Mr. Cullen confirmed that a partnership approach with local communities was essential to deliver new and extensions to existing graveyards and that in the absence of such community involvement, it would be necessary to consider the provision of graveyards on a regional basis. Cllr. McDonagh highlighted the success of the community based approach in Lackagh, where the Flynn family generously provided land free of charge for the local graveyard.

In reply to Cllr. Roche, Mr. Cullen confirmed that it remained the Council's position that those responsible for graves would remove items from the graveyard for appropriate disposal and that they would not be disposed of within the confines of the graveyard.

In reply to comments on the status of the Fire Service Review, Mr. Cummins acknowledged the patience of the Members to date and advised that the completion of the review would be influenced by the new national policy Keeping Communities Save, the consultation process for which was recently concluded.

He outlined that the review must be based on national policy to allow for access to central funding for investment in the fire service. He stated that following publication of the new national policy document he envisaged that the review could be concluded and recommendations brought before Council, based both on national policy and the resources available to the Council for the operation of the fire service, within a relatively short timeframe.

NOMINATION OF 1 MEMBER TO FORUM CONAMARA

1128

Report dated 22nd May 2012 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh. Ó Tuairisg, seconded by Cllr. McDonagh, it was agreed that Cllr. S. Walsh be nominated to Forum Conamara.

PROHIBITION ON TEMPORARY DWELLINGS AT THE KINVARA PIER

1129

Report dated 21st May 2012 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of the Mayor, seconded by Cllr. Willers, it was agreed that this item be deferred to the June Monthly Meeting of Council.

REVIEW OF HOUSING GRANT SCHEMES

1130

Report dated 28th May, 2012 was circulated to each Member.

Cllr. T. Walsh, Chairman of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee, presented the Report on the Review of the Housing Grant Schemes to the Members, stating that the new Policy was approved by the Housing SPC. He summarized the Report as follows:

He stated that there are two types of Housing Grants:

- Housing Aid for Older People Scheme (HAOP) – this grant is to assist people living in poor housing conditions to have necessary repairs or improvements carried out
- Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability (HAG/MAG) – this grant is to assist the applicant to make the house more suitable for a person with a disability

He said that the Review of the Housing Grants Schemes is necessary for the following reasons:

- Demand for both grant schemes is high with a significant demand on resources, both staffing and financial
- The current situation is unsustainable and poses serious financial risk which must be managed because if the Council continues to approve grants at current levels, a freeze of applications will have to be implemented as funds will become exhausted.
- The proposed measures will assist to manage the administration of the grants including budgets and reduce the identified risk. In this regard, it is proposed to introduce systems and processes that will improve efficiency.
- There is a need to prioritise grants so as to ensure those most in need and the most vulnerable get assistance, having regard to the limited resources available. This is the basis for the proposed changes to procedures.

Referring to the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability, he outlined the proposed Priority Categories as follows:

- *Priority 1:* Terminally ill or fully/mainly dependent on family or carer, or where alterations/adaptations would facilitate the discharge from hospital or alleviate hospitalisation in the future
- *Priority 2:* Mobile, but needs assistance in accessing facilities, or where, without the alterations/adaptation, the disabled persons' ability to function independently would be hindered
- *Priority 3:* The applicant is independent but requires special facilities to improve their quality of life, e.g. separate bedroom or living space

He also stated that the following changes are proposed regarding this Scheme:

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- There is a need to engage with the Health Services/Health Care Workers to identify the priority of individual applicants. There will be specific engagement with Occupational Therapy services. In this regard, he said that preliminary discussions have taken place with the HSE Occupational Services and there is consensus that increased co-operation and communication between both organisations will assist in targeting those most in need.
- Applicants engaging with consultants/specialists will require a letter from the consultant, however a medical report will suffice in certain circumstances.

He said that the HSE will assist where the applicant is already in the health system with increased co-operation, communications and sharing of information.

He also said that where the applicant is not already engaging with the Occupational Therapist through the HSE, it is proposed to procure the services of Occupational Therapists in the private sector to assist the Council to determine the priority and needs of the applicants.

The Council will continue to require that a certificate accompanying the application form is completed by a General Practitioner (GP) as part of the application process. The existing certificate will be revised to include the priorities as outlined above. In addition to the certificate from the GP and in line with National Guidelines and Regulations relating to Assessment for Social Housing, the Council will seek details in relation to the applicant's engagement with Consultant/Specialist regarding their disability/illness and will require a letter from the Consultant.

The input of the Occupational Therapist in relation to the prioritisation of grant applications for people with a disability is seen as an important element of the assessment of needs. The co-operation with the HSE will greatly assist in cases where the applicant is already in the health system.

It is proposed that the qualifying age is raised to 70 years having regard to the general criteria of the scheme, including means testing, while having regard to the needs of the individual applicants. However, where in the opinion of the Council, genuine cases of hardship exist, the Council may consider the payment of a grant to individuals who are under 70 years of age.

A very important element of the definition of those qualifying for the Housing Aid for Older People grant relates to people "living in poor housing conditions to have necessary repairs or improvements carried out". The standard of the house will be determined by the Council staff, taking into account a number of factors such as the provisions of the Housing Acts, the structure/condition of the dwelling, the year it was built and whether it has water supply/toilet facilities. It is recognised that many of the applications received at the moment relate to houses which may not be considered as "poor housing conditions" but where repairs or improvements would improve the quality of life of older persons, the Council may consider limited works to improve the structure of the dwelling. For example, such works could include repairs to a roof where it is leaking or deficient in other respects or to replace windows where their condition warrants it. The age of the

applicant, whether they are living alone, their income and assets and the necessity of the proposed works will be taken into account.

The Council is conscious that there are cases where older persons are living in poor conditions but that they do not seek assistance to improve their housing circumstances. In order to assist such individuals and to try to improve their quality of life, it is intended to put in place measures to assist in targeting those most in need. In this regard, it is proposed to actively engage with the HSE and other relevant organisations such as St. Vincent de Paul who work with, visit or are aware of older persons living in poor conditions. The Council already engages with HSE staff such as Public Health Nurses and Social Work Services for Older Persons to address such needs and this co-operation has improved conditions for many over the years. As part of the revision of policy and practices in relation to the operation of the grants, it is proposed to formally advise the HSE and other organisations regarding the qualifying criteria and that the Council wants to work with them to assist those most in need.

In order to further ensure that optimum benefit is achieved from available resources, an applicant has six months in which to complete the works approved and claim the grant. In those cases where there is no correspondence from an applicant after the six month period has passed, the file will be closed and the grant approval will no longer be considered valid. As this is clearly stated on both application forms, and as the application form contains a declaration that the applicant understands that the approval is valid for six months only, no reminder letter will be sent. Given the value of grants on hands at the moment and the excess of demand over resources, it is proposed to implement this measure immediately. However, an extension to the six month time period can be granted but a letter requesting same must be received during the six months after the grant is approved. Where an applicant comes back after the six months, each case can be considered individually subject to funding availability and the revised criteria.

A revised Schedule of Costs is being prepared by technical staff in the Housing Section and this will reflect costs in the current market and will be reviewed on an annual basis. The Schedule of Costs will be for internal use only and will not be made public. Where a quotation differs significantly from the Schedule of Costs prepared by the Council, it will be policy to request another quotation more in line with the Schedule of Costs. The grant amount will be based on the quotation or the Schedule of Costs, whichever is the lesser. One area where it is considered that the quotations being received for grant aid is considerably higher than it should be is in relation to the supply and installation of stair-lifts. The Council has procured a number of stair-lifts in the recent past and the cost has been significantly lower than quotations submitted with grant applications have shown. The Schedule of Costs will reflect the more realistic figure and the level of grant aid available for stair-lifts will be reduced from the current figure.

As the grants are intended to assist in carrying out necessary works rather than fund the entire cost of the works, all applicants will be required to provide evidence of how they

intend to fund the balance of the cost of the works approved. This should be evidence of savings or a letter from a financial institution.

Traditionally, two inspections have been carried out for each application. An initial inspection was carried out to determine the level of works required and a final inspection carried out before payment issued. Due to staff shortages, the final inspection may not be carried out in future. In instances where the final inspection is not carried out, the applicant will be asked to sign a statement certifying that the approved works are now complete. This statement has to be witnessed by a Commissioner for Oaths or a Peace Commissioner and be accompanied by: photographic evidence of the works carried out – photographs must be supplied for each category of works being grant aided; an itemised invoice and receipts; compliance with current tax requirements. However, where an Occupational Therapist from the HSE has been assigned to the case, and where they have viewed the property, a report from the OT may be deemed to have fulfilled the need for an initial inspection.

While this change to the inspection process is proposed to improve efficiencies, it is recognised that some clients, particularly the elderly, may find it difficult to provide the required photos and documentation. In order to assist such clients, they will be given the option of requesting that a final inspection be carried out by Council staff, however the applicants will be advised that if they avail of the proposed new arrangements, their payment is likely to be processed much quicker depending on the available resources and demands at the time.

Housing staff are experiencing an extremely high level of enquiries regarding grant applications from a number of sources, including applicants, family members/relatives/friends, contractors and elected representatives. Given the very sensitive nature of the information and having regard to confidentiality/data protection issues, this will have to be limited. From now on, contractors will be informed that it is policy that no information about any application can be given to the contractor.

In the case of family members/relatives/friends, the applicant will have to sign an authorisation form allowing them to contact the Council on their behalf, but the time and nature of the queries, whether by the applicant or an authorised person, will have to be managed so as to enable the more efficient administration of the grant schemes.

In relation to queries from the elected Members of the Council, systems similar to those outlined above will have to be put in place. The introduction of clinics where the Members can meet staff, as well as greater use of written communications such as emails, is necessary. The important role of the Members in relation to representing their constituents is recognised, however a more efficient and organised system has to be put in place, having regard to available resources.

Where there are monies due to the Council in respect of rent/purchase annuities, housing loan, water charges, rates or other charges, these charges must be cleared in full before any application for grants will be approved. This includes the recently introduced Household Charge.

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Currently appeals are decided on by the Administrative Officer who reviews the file and consults with the inspector who made the initial recommendation and/or other appropriate staff as necessary. In complex cases, the Administrative Officer liaises with the Senior Executive Engineer and Senior Executive Officer. However, it is proposed that the following procedure will apply to each appeal:

- Applicants will be invited to submit a written appeal on any decision notified to them by the local authority on their application within three weeks of the date of the decision
- The appeal must state the reasons for the appeal and the grounds for the appeal
- Appeals will be considered and adjudicated on by the Administrative Officer or another official designated by the Director of Services for such purpose
- Appeals will be considered and adjudicated upon as far as possible within four weeks of receipt of the appeal
- A decision on an appeal will be notified to each applicant within two weeks of the decision being made

It is intended to include a provision that if a dwelling which was funded under the HAOP scheme is sold within three years of the betterment of the property, the sum of the grant aid would be returned to the local authority and legal provision will be made for this.

A discussion took place and the following replies were made to points raised by the Member:

In reply to Cllr. Canney, Mr. Cummins said that the new policy, once adopted by the Members, will come into place for all grant applications not yet assessed.

Regarding the raising of the age limit to 70, Mr. Cummins said that the under 70's are not excluded totally and there will be exceptions to this age limit where the applicant is considered in genuine need of grant aid due to illness or incapacity.

In reply to a comment that Occupational Therapists in the HSE are very busy and may not be in a position to work with the Housing Section as envisaged in the new Policy, Mr. Farrell confirmed that it was intended to undertake a procurement process leading to the establishment of a panel for Occupational Therapists.

Some Members expressed concern regarding the proposal that Members would not be able to make representations on behalf of an applicant for a grant without written consent from the applicant for reasons of confidentiality and data protection. Cllr. Hynes wished to put on record that he felt that this was an attack on democracy. In reply, Mr. Cummins confirmed that such consent was only required in instances where the disclosure of personal information was involved and that such consent was not necessary where the information sought related to the status/progress of the application.

In reply to other queries from the Members, Mr. Cummins stated:

- This new Policy was discussed and approved by the Housing SPC.
- The Policy aims to strengthen links between the Council and the HSE in order to share information and resources
- If the Council was to process all applications on hands at present, the monies necessary to fund all of these would exceed the current budget by €1.3m and

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accordingly no new applications could be accepted or processed. The aim of the Policy is to enable the Council to ensure that the most vulnerable and most in need will be approved for grant aid first and those less urgent cases will be dealt with as soon as possible.

- The Policy does not aim to hinder the Members core function of representing their constituents in any way. Rather, it aims to introduce a more effective and efficient method whereby there will not be duplication of representations made by the Members and also to comply with requirements under the Data Protection Acts.
- If the Policy is adopted by the Council, the impact of the changes will be monitored and the Policy will be open to amendment as appropriate going forward.
- The Policy aims to make the administration of the housing grants schemes more sustainable and to increase efficiencies within available resources.

Mr. Cummins agreed that the policy would be the subject of a 3 month review, facilitated by the Housing Strategic Policy Committee and any amendments deemed necessary, arising from the review, would be brought before Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly, and seconded by Cllr. G. Finnerty and agreed to amend the policy as presented as follows:

That the reference to "*all applicants for grants would be required to submit at least three written itemised quotations from contractors*" be amended to read as follows: "*all applicants for grants would be required to submit at least two written itemised quotations from contractors*"

The following to be deleted from the Policy: "The SPC suggested that if queries by elected representatives necessitated the provision of personal information regarding an application, that the applicant should sign a form authorising the elected representatives to act on their behalf."

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Walsh and seconded by Cllr. Willers to adopted the policy, as amended.

As the proposal was not agreed, a vote took place on the proposal and the following was the result:

Ar a shon (for):

Cllrs. L. Carroll, M. Connolly, J. Cuddy, S. Cunniffe, M. Fahy, G. Finnerty, M. Hoade, M. Maher, E. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, M. Noone, P. Roche, K. Ryan, T. Walsh, T. Welby, B. Willers (17)

I naghaidh (against):

Cllrs. S. Canney, D. Connolly, P. Hynes, Comh. T. Ó Curraoin (4)

Gan vótáil (abstain):

Cllr. T. Broderick (1)

As a result of the vote, the Revised Policy on Housing Grants (as amended) was adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL TO THE 31ST MARCH 1131

Report dated 21st May, 2012 was circulated to each Member.
The Financial Report of the Council to the 31st March, 2012 was noted by the Members.

CONTROL OF HORSES 1132

Report dated 28th May, 2012 was circulated to each Member.
It was agreed by the Members that this Item be deferred to the June Monthly Meeting of the Council and it was further agreed to extend the item to include consideration of animal welfare.

TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM LIGHTHOUSE NETWORKS LTD. (INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER) 1133

The Mayor introduced Mr. Robert Henaghan and Mr. Enda Broderick of Lighthouse Networks Ltd. to the Meeting.

The representatives of Lighthouse Networks Ltd. made a presentation to the Members on the Lightnet "Fibre to the Home" Project which is supported by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government.

He said that Lighthouse Networks Ltd was established in 2005 and are a dedicated Internet service provider, committed to providing a quality service at an affordable level. He confirmed the company was based in Loughrea but with significant network operations also in Galway City and Connemara, employing 10 people in network operations and installations.

He advised that the first homes were connected in May 2012 with the project enjoying the support of the NDP. He confirmed that Loughrea will become the first town in Ireland to become fibre enabled; and Galway County Council will lead the way with facilitation of fibre-to-the-home.

He outlined that 92 MAN's were built by Government in two phases in 2004 & 2009 with the MAN's designed as core network infrastructure. They are available to licensed telecom operators only; to connect network nodes via Fibre. The MAN's are designed to be used in conjunction with a distribution network and that Lightnet were the providers of such a distribution network.

He confirmed that the Government awarded the management concession to e|net on a 15-year term for both phases of MAN's, with e|net responsible for the management on behalf of the government on an open access basis. He stated that it was proposed to utilise the MAN's to connect centres of population to the Lightnet network.

He said there is a need for action due to the change in Bandwidth Requirements for business to remain competitive and for households to engage with services fully there needs to be this infrastructure in place. He observed that existing telecoms operators are

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not motivated to make the change to fibre presently and when this change happens it will be focused on densely populated areas in the east of the Country.

He informed the Members that 10 Km Microtrenching had been completed in 2012 in Galway City, with 12 Major junctions passed, 19 Junctions/intersections crossed, 2 roundabouts and 6 crossings of Moninin na gCiseach, with no incidents arising.

He concluded his presentation by stating that fibre is a different category of infrastructure and that it needs to be deployed immediately with innovative techniques for fibre deployment being adopted. He confirmed that Lightnet wished to build fibre networks in Galway to benefit business as he stated that our economic future is tied into digital infrastructure.

He confirmed that Lightnet had prepared a document containing their proposals for submission to the Council for consideration and discussion.

A number of queries as raised by the Members were dealt with including the cost of connections, usage charges, the timeframe for rollout to other towns in the County and the availability of the service outside towns served by MANs.

The Mayor thanked the representatives from Lighthouse Networks Ltd. for their presentation.

CONFERENCES

1134

On the proposal of Cllr. E. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion, the attendance of Members at the Conferences as listed was approved.

- **Esperanza Enterprises – Finance Bill 2012 – 20th – 21st April 2012 – Manor West Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry**
 1. Michael Fahy

- **Association of County & City Councils – Annual Conference 2012 – On the Verge of Change – 10th – 11th May – Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny**
 1. Peter Feeney
 2. Peter Roche
 3. Mary Hoade
 4. Jarlath McDonagh

- **Irish Rural Link – Annual Conference 2012 – Rural Communities: Fighting for a sustainable future – 10th – 11th May – Connemara West Plc., Letterfrack, Co. Galway**
 1. Eileen Mannion

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- **Galway County Council – Living Landscape Conference – Maximising our outdoor resources – 17th – 18th May – Clifden Station House, Clifden, Co. Galway**
 1. Michael Connolly
 2. Peter Feeney
 3. Eileen Mannion
 4. Jimmy McClearn
 5. Jarlath McDonagh
 6. Tomás Ó Curráoin
 7. Seosamh Ó Laoi
 8. Peter Roche
 9. Kevin Ryan
 10. Thomas Welby
 - **Kadenza Consultancies – National Housing Crisis – Policy Statement 2011 – 1st – 3rd June – Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal**
 1. Shaun Cunniffe
 2. Pat Hynes
 - **Superior Training – The Councillor & the Environment – 8th – 9th June – Hyland's Hotel, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare**
 1. Mary Hoade
- On the proposal of Cllr. E. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion, the summary of proceedings of Conferences attended as circulated were noted.
- **European Commission Representation in Ireland – European Economic Policy – What's in it for Ireland – 31st January – Athlone Institute of Technology**
 1. Seán Ó Tuairisg
 - **A.M.A.I. Spring Seminar 2012 – Local Government – Renewal & Development – 10th – 11th February – Kilmore Hotel, Cavan**
 1. Tomás Mannion

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- **Celtic Conferences – Modern Alternatives to the disappearance of Fossil Fuels – 13th – 15th April – Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork**
 1. Pat Hynes
 2. Seán Ó Tuairisg
- **Waterford City Council – LAMA Spring Seminar 2012 – The Role of Local Authorities in Enabling Economic Development & Local Govt. Reform – 13th – 14th April – Tower Hotel, Waterford**
 1. Jim Cuddy
 2. Jarlath McDonagh
 3. Jimmy McClearn
 4. Mary Hoade
 5. Tom McHugh
- **Dundalk Chamber – What it takes to succeed in the Tourism Sector – 28th March – Ballymascanlon House Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth**
 1. Jimmy McClearn
- **TGR Seminars – The 2012 EPA Urban Wastewater Discharges Report – 20th – 22nd April – Kilmurry Lodge Hotel, Castletroy, Limerick**
 1. Tiarnan Walsh
 2. Eileen Mannion
- **Kerry Literary & Cultural Centre – The Economic Potential of Arts & Cultural Tourism – 26th – 27th April – St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre, Listowel, Co. Kerry**
 1. Tim Broderick
 2. Tom McHugh
 3. Tiarnan Walsh
- **Sheehy Skeffington School – Putting Human Rights at the heart of the Good Society – 28th April – Liberty Hall, Dublin**
 1. Seán Ó Tuairisg

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- **BMW Regional Assembly Annual Conference 2012 – Renewable Energy – Revitalising Ireland's Regions – 30th April – TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo**
 1. Seán Ó Tuairisg

MANAGER'S BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1135

The County Manager advised the Members that the hearing for the Galway City Outer Bypass was scheduled for Thursday 5th July 2012 in the European Court of Justice, Luxembourg.

The Council Manager also advised of the allocation of €1.5 million by Failte Ireland for the development of an orientation plan for Connemara as the pilot stage for the new Wild Atlantic Way route, a 1,400km driving route between Donegal and west Cork. The interpretation and infrastructure plan for Connemara will involve gateway signage, orientation points and a network of 19 discovery points.

Mr. Owens referred to correspondence received requesting the Council receive a presentation on the development of the Marconi Site. It was agreed to include the presentation on the agenda for the July Monthly Meeting of Council.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

1136

The Mayor advised the Members of his intention to initiate the Mayor's Corporate Social Responsibility Awards in order to recognise the valuable support, provided by the business sector for community and voluntary endeavour. He confirmed that the inaugural awards would be presented on Friday, 1st June 2012, to a recipient representing each of the electoral areas.

The Mayor advised that following on from the invitation issued by the Council, for the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government to official opening upgraded water service plants in the County, the Minister was to visit the County on Friday, 1st June 2012 to perform a number of official functions, details of which had been circulated to the Members. The Mayor confirmed that the Minister would also be joining him to present the Inaugural Mayor's Corporate Social Responsibility Awards.

The Mayor also advised of his intention to official open Roundstone Library in its new location on Thursday, 7th June 2012 at 2.30 pm and to open the refurbished Library in An Spidéal on Friday, 8th June 2012 at 3.00 pm.

The Mayor informed the Members of the visit of the Ambassador of Mexico to Ireland to Clifden on Thursday, 7th June 2012 at 7.00 pm to join the Mayor in signing a Statement of Intent to twin Clifden with the Borough of Coyoacan, Mexico City.

Cllr. Fahy requested that the Council engage with a landowner in Kinvara who may be willing to provide lands to the Council to facilitate the development of a public car park.

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NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21 – CLLR. B. WILLERS

1137

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council do not own this car park at Thoor, Ballylee. Our Community Warden will be in contact with the owners of the land regarding the illegal dumping.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 22 – CLLR. G. FINNERTY

1138

The following reply was given:-

“We have received an allocation in 2012 from the National Roads Authority to carry out works on the N66 at Licknabegga, Peterswell.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 23 – CLLR. G. FINNERTY

1139

The following reply was given:-

“The Gort Area Office will continue to carry out repairs on this section of road and investigate the possibility for inclusion in the 2013 Roads Programme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 24 – CLLR. G. FINNERTY

1140

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council will carry out an inspection at this location to establish what works are required here.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 25 – CLLR. J. CUDDY

1141

The following reply was given:-

“We will be commencing the full statutory review of the County Development Plan in late 2012 or early 2013 – the statutory date for formal commencement of this process is April 2013. Given the time requirements for a Variation to the County Development Plan (almost 6 months, allowing for public display periods and possible submissions and amendments), it would be impractical to commence work on such a variation at present, particularly in light of the large workload associated with the requirement to review all the Local Area Plans by the end of 2012. Input from the elected members into the early stages of the Statutory Review of the County Development Plan is welcome and a series of working sessions with the members will be scheduled early in the process.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 26 – CLLR. M. FAHY 1142

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council are due to carry out road resurfacing works on the N18 during 2012. These works will incorporate improved relining and remarking of the National road and adjacent junctions. These works will deliver a safer, clearer and improved junctions for traffic movement.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 27 – CLLR. M. FAHY 1143

The following reply was given:-

“This handrail will be costed and if suitable will be proposed for funding under the annual roads programme.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 28 – CLLR. M. FAHY 1144

The following reply was given:-

“The developer normally has 5 years from the date of the grant of permission to complete the development. Under the Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2010, a provision was introduced to allow the duration of permission to be extended for up to a further 5 years. Galway County Council can only take enforcement action to have developments satisfactorily completed after the expiry of the permission or subsequent extension of permission. In cases that remain incomplete after that period has elapsed, Galway County Council will pursue the developer or the receiver where appointed.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 29 – COMH. Ó TUAIRISG 1145

The following reply was given:-

“Faoi láthair tá an Chomhairle i bhfeidhim an scéim go sealadach de réir alt. 91 de’n t’Acht um Sheirbhisí Uisce 2007. Tá an Chomhairle ag obair faoi láthair chun socrú buan a bhaint amach.

Ní féidir a rá faoi láthair cad a tharlóidh ó thaobh báiste i rith an tsamhraidh ach tá an scéim ag obair go sásúil anois.”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 30 – COMH. Ó TUAIRISG 1146

The following reply was given:-

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"Faoi láthair níl aon bhuiséad ná polasaí maidir le insealbhú TCI (CCTV) i bPáirceanna Spraoi. Tá an Chomhairle ag soláthar árachas do Pháirc Spraoi Mhaigh Cuilinn ach is iad an Pobal a fheidhmíonn an pháirc spraoi agus dá bhrí sin bheadh soláthar TCI (CCTV) ina ábhar don ghrúpa áitiúil. Faoin Acht um Chosaint Sonraí tá sé riachtanach a shonrú don phobal agus úsáideoirí suímh cén fáil a bhfuil monatóireacht dhá dhéanamh ar an suíomh sin, cé atá i mbun an mhonatóireachta agus cén eolas a bhfuil monatóireacht dhá dhéanamh air. Is é an costas measta a bhaineann le insealbhú Córas Ceamara agus Monatóireachta TCI (CCTV) ag Banc 'Fág Anseo' Mhaigh Cuilinn ná €7,500. Is iad an Rannóg Timpeallachta a dhéanann monatóireacht ar seo mar chuid de rialaithe Bainistithe Bruscair."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 31 – COMH. Ó TUAIRISG

1147

The following reply was given:-

"Tá an Chomhairle ag breathnú ar gach príomh phíopa faoi láthair agus tá clár caomhnú uisce mór ar siúl sa chontae. Níl aon rogha ag an Chomhairle ach na píopaí seo a dheisiú go dtí go dtiocfadh an maoiné caipiteal ón Roinn chun píopaí nua a chur síos."

Criochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin

Submitted, Approved + Signed

Le Welby.

25th June 2012

Date

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