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18/71	Millto wn	C.R. 243	Collins House only	285
165/70	Millto wn	C.R. 263	Davis' Land, Clooncon	394
31/71	Millto wn	C.R. 266	Mitchell's House	204
22/71	Millto wn	C.R. 252	Ml. Brennan's, Ballinphull	425
300/69	Millto wn	C.R. 236 at Graveyard	Main Road 240	1,580
193/71	Millto wn	Off C.R. 236	A branch of 84 yds.	84
187/70	Millto wn	C.R. 255	Part of road to Owen Kenny's gate	530
6/72	Portumna	C.R. 577 at T. Hanley's House, Cloonmoylan	Towards gate leading to T. Hanley's Land Cloonmoylan	375
224/71	Portumna	C.R. 572 at P. Whytes House, Derrew	P. Whytes yard plus branch to E. Treacys gate, Derrew	204
154/71	Portumna	C.R. 582 70 L. yds. east of W. Finney's gate at Killaltanagh	Gates leading to houses of P. Curley and D. Burke	57
188/71	Portumna	C.R. 546 158 yds. north of J. Lyons House, Killleen North	J. Molloys gate at Knockbrack	951
163/71	Portumna	M.R. 430 50 yds. N. of T. Gash's House, Fairhill	Gate near T. Flannery's House, Fairhill	633
240/71	Portumna	M.R. 340 100 yds N. of Derrypoher School	Gate to M. Gorman's lands, Derrypoher E.	245
199/71	Portumna	C.R. 576 60 yds. E. of T. Kelly's House, Cappacur	Gate 146 yds. towards M. Nevin's House, Cappacur	146
180/71	Portumna	C.R. 568 500 yds. N. of Nutgrove Cross at Kilmurry	F. Brien's Gate, Kilmurry	245

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177/71	Portumna	C.R. 566 30 yds. W. of McKeon's Gate Lissaniskan	Gate south of Haverty's outoffice	90
170/71	Portumna	M.R. 440 30 yds. W. of F. Mitchell's House, Kilmre	J. Madden's House, Derradda	907
92/71	Portumna	C.R. 542 60 yds. N. of P. McKeon's Gate, Lissanard E.	P. Slattery's House, Lissanard E.	682
144/71	Portumna	C.R. 536 at Mrs. Mitchell's House, Clooncona	E. Costelloe's House, Clooncona	190
66/71	Portumna	C.R. 569 525 yds. W. of J. Walsh's House, Flowerhill	10 yds. beyond J. Casey's House	327
207/70	Portumna	C.R. 577 Bauntia	Entrance gate to P. Lyons Land Cloondadau	1,130
94/72	Portumna	Co. Road No. 359	River at Derrreen	556
	Portumna	From C.R. 556 at Gortmore	S.W. to Gerard Stephens House	1,000
176/71	Ballinasloe	J.C.R. 544 at Caltragh	Kennys and Hessions Houses	224
72/72	Ballinasloe	J.C.R. 557 at Gortnahorna	Tuohys House	390
87/72	Ballinasloe	J.C.R. 515 at Currafarry	Connollys Entrance Gate	175
202/71	Gort	M.R. 390 at Bunaglass	Entrance to M. McMahon's house	506
250/71	Gort	A.R. 350 at Kiltartan School	First gate (Coole Demesne)	518
97/72	Gort	C.R. 349 at Hillymount	Gate at Mrs. O'Connor's House Hillymount	140
65/70	Loughrea	J.C.R. 497 at Loughatorrick	S.W. past T. Fahy's House, Loughatorrick S.	1,760
88/71	Loughrea	C.R. 494 at Parkagarran	Gate to J. Kilcar's Land ALLygo la	1,324

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208/71	Loughrea	C.R. 496 at Lecarrow South	N. to Back Entrance to A. Murray's House	412
210/71	Loughrea	A.R. 450 at Newgrove	W. to Miss E. Clarke's House, Newgrove	1,300
17/72	Loughrea	M.R. 390 at Carrowroe (Marble Hill)	Gate to lands of B. Dian, Kylanagappa	1,150
34/69 & 32/72	Loughrea	J.C.R. 533 at Ballindrimma	Mrs. L. Lyons House, Ballindrimma	530
49/72	Loughrea	M.R. 380 at Lackalea	Gate near Mrs. Deely's House, Lackalea	380
69/72	Loughrea	C.R. 499 at Ulicksmountain	W. to M. Gorman's House, Ulicksmountain	735
100/72	Loughrea	C.R. 551 at Derrygoolin N.	N.W. to Mrs. M. Tarpey's House, Derrygoolin S.	530
103/72	Loughrea	C.R. 493 at Drumkeary W.	W. to gate to lands of F. Shields, Allycleolaun	463
490/68	Clifden	County Road No. 43 at Tawnaghbaun, Cashel	Joseph Lee's house	180
524/68	"	Main Road Sect. No. 160 one mile west of Roundstone near Cregduff Lough	Ervellagh Pier and back on to Main Road Sec. No. 160 by Ellistrim Lodge	2,790
546/68	"	End of existing Co. Road in Rosroe, Cashel	John Folan (CoIman's) house	1,240
643/68	"	Co. Road No. 13 at Kingstown	by Kingstown New School to shore at Kill	1,170
7/69	"	End of existing Co. Road west of Derryinver Quay	Heanues house in Letter Beg	4,100
30/69	"	Co. Road No. 6 at Aillebrack, Baillyconneely	the shore near Agnes Joyce's house	1,220

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198/70	Galway	Co. Road No. 145 at Martin Forde's house, Cahergowan, Claregalway	Daniel Noone's house	110
G.41/71	"	Main Road Sec. 180 east of entrance to "Teach Furbo" north	Patrick Thornton's house, Cushmaigmore, Barna	610
G.42/71	"	Main Road Sec. 180 at Ailleapreachaun, Furbo near James Greaney's house south	Shore	280
51/71	"	End of existing Co. Road No. 109 at Tooreeny, Moycullen west	Mrs. Ellen Keeler's house with branch south to the house of John Keeler (Jnr.)	315
55/71	"	Co. Road No. 112 near Higgins' house, Knockarasser, Moycullen east	Mrs. Margaret Mulkerrins house	450
99/71	"	Co. Road 137 at Park, Corrandulla south and east	Entrance gate to Patrick Small's house	1,060
G.35/69	Oughterarard	County Road No. 57 near Pat O'Connor's house, Cellar, Rosmuck west	Co. Road No. 57A 400 yards south of Rosmuck Church	650
G.36/69	"	County Road No. 63A near Tom King's house south west	Entrance gate to Patrick Griffin's house, Carrarre North	1,230
G.43/69	"	Co. Road No. 68 South west by John Faherty's house, Loughnabeg	Co. Road 68	209
78/69	"	End of the Fermyle branch of Co. Road No. 84	Thomas Walsh's house	380
89/69	"	Co. Road No. 82 near Margaret McGanley's house, Barriskeen, Oughterarard, south west	Martin M'loy's house	175
167/69	"	Co. Road No. 66 at Lettermorenacille near the Burial Ground east	Pat Ridge's house, Shanbally	360

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118/69	Clifden	Co. Road at Letterard, Cashel	South to Mrs. K. Conneely's house	499
128/69	"	Letterrack-Rinivyle County Road at Wallaces	Mrs. Elizabeth Joyce's house Dawro's More	1,235
201/69	"	Eastern end of Tully, Rinivyle	the Pier at Gorteenaglogh with branch to P. McDinnell's house	1,580
211/69	"	Main Road Sect. No. 170 north of Gowlabeg Bridge	Joe Keane's house, Gowla, Cashel	840
30/70	"	Existing Co. Road No. 4 at Dunloughan Bridge	Shore	350
G.32/71	"	Co. Road 1/2 mile west of Moyrus School	Portach Pier	410
508/68	Galway	Co. Road No. 106 near Patrick Cloonan's house, Cloonmore, Roscahill	Peter Walshe's house	200
6/69	"	Main Road east of Furbo church north	Co. Road No. 112	1,056
13/69	"	Main Road west of Furbo Bridge at Conneely's Public House south	shore	129
39/69	"	Co. Road No. 112 near Anthony Concannon's house, Stripe, Furbo west	Patrick Concannon's house	330
304/69	"	End of existing Co. Road No. 138 near J. Murphy's house Addergoole, Corrandulla	Main Road Sec. 60 north of Addergoole Bridge	640
178/70	"	Co. Road No. 192 at Mrs. Butt's house Ballinahalla, Moycullen, north west	John O'Connor's house	730

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171/69	Oughterard	Co. Road No. 68 at John McKeon's house north east	Entrance gate to Patrick Ashe's house	280
191/69	"	Tonwee Bridge, Oughterard, north west	Co. Road No. 82 near Peter J. Tierney's house	3,138
G.21/70	"	Co. Road 56 at Shanafarraghnaun Bridge north	Thomas Joyce's house	443
G.24/70	"	Main Road Sec. 180 at Padraig O'Flatharta's house north	Liam Mac Flannchadh's house Teach Moir, Inverin	190
G.34/70	"	Co. Road No. 73 at Michael Mannions, Cloughbrack Upper.	Co. Road No. 69 at Michael Garney's	2,120
G.39/70	"	End of existing Co. Road No. 68 at Inverin	Crumlin Lodge gate	2,000
97/70	"	Co. Road No. 96 at Joseph Healy's house Portacarron North West and North	the Entrance gate at the house of Stephen Tierney (Senior)	300
106/70	"	End of existing Co. Road No. 82 at County Council cottages, Clareville, Oughterard	Thomas Melia's house Tonweeroe	900
206/70	"	Conneely's house, Billamore, Oughterard, south east	John Lydon's gate	322
21/71	"	Main Road at Thomas Connolly's house, Shanakeela, Recess south and south-east	Entrance gate at Peter Joyce's house Oorid	2,200
G.25/71	"	Glenicmurrin School east	Thomas Lydon's house	770
G.2/72	"	Co. Road No. 63 at Muckinagh near O'Maille's house	Joseph Cooney's house	260

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G.15/72	"	Co. Road No. 56 north of bridge at Shanafaghann	Patrick McGing's house	330
G.20/72	"	Main Road at "Teallach Einde", Killoe, Spiddal	Shore	500
G.23/72	"	Thomas Mac Dubhain's house, Glanmore, Carraroe east	Quay near Bearla O Griofa's house	676
-	Clifden	End of existing Co. Road at Miss M. O'Neill's house, Aillebrack	Entrance gate west of J. McNamara's house, Keerhaunmore	2,573
G.23/71	"	Eastern approach to bridge between Inishnee and main land	the junction at Keane's Cross in island of Inishnee, Roundstone	3,170

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER, 1973.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. King.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors T. V. Clarke, P. Collins, Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham, S. Donnellan (Moycullen), Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors P. Donnellan, F. Fahey, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillor P. D. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillor J. Lambert, Senator J. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, S. Kyne and M. Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. J. Howlett, Acting County Manager, C. A. Warner, County Engineer, M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer, J. Durkin, Chief Assistant County Engineer and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

2994 - **OPENING PRAYER:** The Opening Prayer was recited.

2995 - **MINUTES:** Deputy Callanan referred to the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th December, 1973 insofar as the following items are concerned and stated that they did not reflect what occurred at the Council meeting:-

(a) **Drainage of Aughrim Cemetery:** Deputy Callanan stated that at that meeting he proposed and Councillor Mrs. Croffy seconded that the cemetery at Aughrim be drained and that this had not been recorded in the Minutes. After a discussion it was agreed that the Minute would be amended accordingly.

(b) **Kilconnell Water Supply Extensions:** Deputy Callanan stated that he had proposed and that Deputy Kitt had seconded that the extensions to Kilconnell Water Supply be carried out and that this had not been recorded in the Minutes.

It was agreed that the Minutes would be amended to include this proposal.

(c) **New Water Tower for Ahascraigh:** Deputy Callanan stated that the Minutes had recorded that this had been dealt with under Minute No. 2983 but that Minute No. 2983 dealt with a different matter. Deputy Callanan also stated that he was informed at the last meeting of the Council that proposals for the Water Tower were being sent to the Department of Local Government for approval and he wished this to be recorded in the Minutes. This was agreed.

Councillor Joyce referred to Minute No. 2963 of the meeting of the 7th December last regarding flooding of basements of houses at Upper Market Street, Clifden and stated that he had proposed at that meeting that the matter be re-investigated by the Council and that this proposal seconded by Senator Mannion was not recorded in the Minutes and he asked that it be now included and this was also agreed.

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Collins and resolved:-

"that subject to the foregoing amendments the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th December, 1973 Nos. 2941 to 2993 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman." The Chairman then signed the Minutes.

2996 - **MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS:**

It was noted that Malicious Damage Claims set out at Nos. 2 (a) to 2 (d) inclusive in the Agenda had been received.

In reply to Councillor Lambert the Acting County Manager stated that it is a matter for the Court to decide the area of charge where a Decree for Malicious Damage is given.

2997 - **ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, GALWAY:** The Acting County Manager stated that Councillor T. King, Chairman of the County Council was the only person who had been

nominated as the County Council's representative on the Governing Body of University College, Galway in accordance with the Statutory provisions.

It was proposed by Deputy Hussey seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:

"that Councillor Thomas King be elected as representative of the County Council on the Governing Body of University College, Galway for the three years commencing on the 1st February, 1974"

2998 - **SEEDS & FERTILISER LOAN SCHEME, 1974:** On the proposition of Deputy Callanan

seconded by Councillor Lambert the Council unanimously agreed to the terms of the scheme for an advance of loans for Seeds & Fertilisers for 1974. Acting

2999 - **DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:** The County Manager referred to the schedule of Local Improvement Scheme roads for adoption in 1973/74 as set out in the list dated September, 1973 circulated to the members of the Council in relation to L.I.S. road No. 118/69 in the Clifden area. He stated that this should be amended to read "County Road at Letterard, Cashel - south to Farmshed near Mrs. K. Conneely's house - length: 442 yards"

It was proposed by Deputy Hussey seconded by Councillor Mrs. Croffy and resolved:

"That subject to the amendment in relation to Road No. 118/69 referred to by the Acting County Manager, the roads set out in the list circulated to members of the County Council Local Improvement Scheme Roads for adoption in 1973/74, 1st list, September, 1973 be declared public roads."

Deputy Callanan was informed that the roads on this list include L.I.S. roads which had been repaired up to the 1st April last. It was proposed by Councillor Glynn and seconded by Deputy Kitt that more descriptive details be given of roads proposed for adoption as public roads and they pointed out that information on names of local villages etc. are not sufficient to enable members of the public to identify the roads.

Councillor Byrne asked why no information had come back to Councillors on Notice of Motion roads proposed by them. Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer stated that about half the members of the Council had submitted no proposals. Councillor Haverty asked what is the present position regarding L.I.S. roads for the current year.

The Chairman stated that members who had not yet made proposals for Notice of Motion roads should do so as early as possible and Deputy Callanan stated that estimates had not yet been furnished for roads proposed by members, some of them for last year. Councillor Kyne suggested that estimates be prepared for roads in respect of which proposals had been made and he also asked that a statement be made on the position regarding L.I.S. roads.

Councillor Glynn stated that he understood that the dispute with engineering staff had been settled and he asked if this is correct, L.I.S. roads be given priority.

Deputy Donnellan supported Councillor Glynn in this matter.

The Chairman stated that nothing should be discussed about the dispute with engineering staff as such a discussion would be more likely to hinder than to help the situation.

3000 - **AMENITY GRANTS, 1973/74:** The Acting County Manager informed members that the indications are that some of the schemes proposed for the current year will not be in a position to avail of the grants recommended for them by the County Council and that it may be necessary to re-allocate any money which cannot be availed of to other schemes. He stated also that a report on the matter will be submitted at the next meeting of the Council.

3001 - **ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING:** It was agreed that the Annual Estimates Meeting for the coming financial year be held on the 18th February, 1974.

3002 - **BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY ACTING COUNTY MANAGER:**

Local Improvement Scheme No. L.G.262/71: The Acting County Manager read for members Minute No. 2841 of the proceedings of the Council held on the 30th July, 1973 in relation to the above scheme and explained that subsequent to this

the matter was referred to the Secretary, Department of Local Government in accordance with the request of the Council at the meeting of the 30th July. He then read the following letter dated 29th October, 1973 from the Department of Local Government in connection with the scheme:

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter dated 17th August, 1973, regarding an application under the Local Improvements Scheme for the repair of an accommodation road leading to a Co-operative Society Pig Fattening Station and lands and to state that the Minister agrees with the decision of the Council that in the circumstances of this case the proposed work would not be eligible for a grant under this Scheme.

In view of the conditions governing the operation of the scheme as contained in the Local Government (Roads and Drainage) Act, 1968 the Minister is unable to "declare the road eligible for a grant under the Local Improvements Scheme"

Deputy Callanan stated that subsequent to this he was informed by the Minister for Local Government that his sanction was not required to a Local Improvement Scheme.

The County Engineer stated that the Council does not have to get the sanction of the Minister for Local Improvement Schemes in the same sense as sanction of the Minister required for other matters such as loans, Main Road Grants etc., but that there are a set of rules and regulations applicable to Local Improvement Schemes and that failure to comply with those rules would run the risk of surcharge in Audit. Councillor Haverty referred to the delay in dealing with the application and he asked the reason why it took so long to make a decision and he also requested that the Council be informed of the rules applicable to Local Improvement Schemes. Deputy Callanan asked that he be supplied with a

copy of the Minister's letter and he stated that there is a contradiction in the terms of Local Improvement Schemes whereby there is a reference to more than one owner and also that a question of Public Utility is involved. He stated that technically, this Scheme could be disqualified in relation to the question of one owner but that a large number of farmers use the road. Councillor Collins stated that this road should qualify for a grant and he asked the Minister to take such steps as are necessary to have it qualified.

The Acting County Manager stated that at the meeting of the 30th July last, the County Council asked that the matter be referred to the Minister for Local Government in order to declare the road eligible for a grant and that the reply received indicated that the Minister was not entitled by law, to so declare it. The Chairman stated that he agrees that it is a road that should be repaired.

Councillor Joyce stated that if the question of Public Utility enters into the matter, it should over-rule the question of the number of owners involved.

Deputy Callanan stated that he was told by the Minister that the road should be eligible for a grant and he (Deputy) understands that it is likely that the Minister will take steps to declare such roads eligible in the near future.

Replying to Councillor Haverty, the Acting County Manager stated that the application was received in December, 1972 and that a decision to refuse was made about July, 1973. He also quoted from Section 2 of the Local Government (Roads and Drainage) Act, 1966 regarding the number of owners who can be involved and on the question of Public Utility.

3003 - PREPARATION OF DRAFT REGISTER OF ELECTORS: Deputy Donnellan/complained about the delay in preparation of the Draft Register of Electors.

The Acting County Manager stated that unforeseen delays had occurred, but that the lists would be available in the very near future. Deputy Donnellan asked if, in view of the delays, corresponding additional period of time would be allowed for amendments to the Register. The Acting County Manager replied that this was not possible to depart from the Statutory dates.

3004 - PUMP FOR DUNDALGEN, GARRAFRAUNS: Councillor Burke proposed that a pump be sunk for the village of Dundalgen, Garrafrauns to accommodate twelve houses. Deputy Hussey supported Councillor Burke's proposal.

The Acting County Manager stated that it is desirable that a pump should be provided there but that Councillor Burke's nomination had already been received and it was suggested he nominate this area for a pump on the next list.

Councillor P. Donnellan stated that a similar motion from him in relation to this area was refused at the last meeting and he asked for the reason for the change. Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer stated that he understood that Councillor Donnellan's motion related to the provision of a pump specifically for a Group Scheme and that the Council does not sink pumps specifically for this purpose.

3005 - WATER EXTENSION TO BALLYMOTE COTTAGES: Councillor Burke proposed that the supply be extended to serve the Ballymote cottages and this proposal was seconded by Senator Killilea. The motion was also supported by Councillor Ryan.

The Acting County Manager stated that there are eight cottages in this scheme all of which are vested. It was suggested that the extension be carried out by way of a Group Scheme and that it was not recommended that the Council carry out the extension.

Councillor Burke stated that the vested tenants of cottages in this scheme could not afford to have the extension carried out by way of a Group Scheme and he requested that estimate of the cost be prepared and submitted to the Council.

3006 - Deputy Hussey proposed that the Clooncon West and Englishtown Group Water Schemes be given permission to take their requirements of water from the Glenamaddy Scheme. The Acting County Manager stated that the groups concerned would require approximately 9,000 gallons water per day to serve 19 houses and that the Glenamaddy Scheme is not capable of being extended to this extent and also that it would not be capable of catering for this demand until an augmentation plan for the scheme is carried out.

3007 - DANGEROUS BRIDGE AT KILLIMOR-DALY CHURCH: Deputy Callanan stated that it was represented to him that the bridge at Killimor-Daly Church was dangerous and he asked that steps be taken to have repairs carried out to the bridge.

The Acting County Manager stated that the bridge is not considered dangerous but that it may be that the reference to a bend on the road nearby and that if this matter were clarified, the question could be re-examined.

3008 - KILLIMORDALY CEMETERY: Deputy Callanan proposed that the Council speed up the acquisition of land needed for extension of Killimor-Daly Cemetery.

The Acting County Manager stated that the Council's solicitor had not yet succeeded in obtaining the signed Agreement back from the land owner in question, although it was sent to him in July, 1972. Deputy Callanan stated that he thought it was not likely that the land owner would sign and he asked if Compulsory Purchase could be considered.

The Acting County Manager replied that it would be desirable if possible, to get the land by Agreement, but if this is not possible, consideration will be given to alternative methods.

3009 - SWIMMING POOLS:

Replying to a motion in the names of Councillors Kyne, S. Donnellan and P. Joyce, the Acting County Manager stated that the Council's commitments to Swimming Pool were as follows:

Tuam - Annual Loss: Approximately £14,000.

Ballinasloe Council's contribution for the current year - Approx. £6,648, particulars of which had already been supplied to the Council at previous meeting.

Leisureland Pool, Galway: Contribution of £30,000, which qualified for 50% State Subsidy towards loan charges and where the Council had agreed, subject to certain conditions to make a capital contribution of £12,000.

Councillor Galvin thanked the members of the Council who supported the proposal for helping in the operation of the Ballinasloe Swimming Pool at the last meeting and stated he understood the feelings of certain members from West Galway who had expressed certain reservations on the matter. He then gave a report on the financing and on the operating of the Swimming Pool in Ballinasloe and on the efforts which have been made by the Committee to meet the financial commitments involved. He also gave particulars of the cost of electricity and oil and on the efforts being made to effect economies. He stated that the examination of the operation of the pool and its finances had been a very healthy exercise and had been of great benefit. He also congratulated the reporters of the Tuam Herald and Connacht Tribune for the accurate report which they published on the proceedings of the last meeting of the Council and felt that their reports had gone a long way in restoring confidence in the future operation of the pool.

Councillors Kyne and Joyce stated that they were not objecting to the subsidising of the Ballinasloe Swimming Pool. Councillor Joyce stated that the Council should not have committed itself for next year or succeeding years. Councillor Joyce also stated that some sections of the public Press do not give Councillors fair reporting and mentioned that a proposal for retention of County Development Teams at the last meeting was not reported.

Councillor Pat Donnellan stated that the discussion on the finances of Ballinasloe Swimming Pool would be valuable information to committees in other parts of the county on the difficulties of financing the operations of Swimming Pools where such pools are proposed. At the request of Councillor Joyce, it was agreed that a statement of the costs of all Swimming Pools being operated or subsidised by the County Council would be circulated to members of the Council.

3010 - CLONBUR COMMUNITY CENTRE: Referring to Councillor Kyne's motion, the Chairman suggested to Councillor Kyne that he might agree to defer his motion in connection with Clonbur Community Centre to the next ordinary meeting of the Council when the question of Amenity Grants is to be considered.

Councillor Kyne stated that the amount available by way of Amenity Grants would be very little for what the Clonbur Community Centre would require. He stated that the local committee has spent quite a large amount of their own money which has been wasted up to the present as the building in its present state is not capable of earning any revenue. He also stated that they would require a fairly sizeable amount in order to get the building to a stage at which they would earn some money from its use. He stated that already, approximately £16,000 had been spent on the building which was about half done.

Deputy Callanan, referring to Councillor Kyne's statement regarding costs, agreed that what would be available from the allocation of Amenity Grants would be of little use to Clonbur, having regard to the fact that there was a Deficit of from £14,000 to £16,000 involved and he asked that consideration be given to what assistance might be given to Clonbur by way of a loan.

Councillor Collins stated that many of those schemes started and expenditure had been incurred before the committees promoting them had finances for completing the scheme arranged. He considered this a very unwise procedure.

Councillor Burke stated that Milltown was also in need of some funds and he felt that amenities should not be provided in one area at the expense of another.

Deputy Donnellan also stated that he considered it unreasonable for one area to seek an unduly large amount at the expense of other areas.

Councillor Galvin also suggested that officials of the Council should consider what assistance, by way of a loan or by some other means, could be made available to complete the building in Clonbur.

Councillor Kyne stated that he was prepared to discuss this with officials of the Council and he pointed out that they commenced work on the understanding that 50% of the cost of the work would be available by way of a grant and if this amount had been available, the work would have been completed. It was agreed that the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

Councillor Haverty stressed the need for providing amenities for rural areas rather than for towns. Councillor Byrne asked that a break-down of the cost of the Clonbur project be made available at the next meeting of the Council

and Councillor Kyne stated that this information is already in the hands of the County Council and may be supplied by the officials of the Council. Councillor Glynn stated that whatever amount it is decided to raise from rates for Amenity purposes should be decided at the Estimates Meeting and should be distributed evenly over the entire county.

3011 - DECLARATION OF PART OF CONNEMARA AS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA: In proposing his motion, Councillor Kyne stated that this proposal came from a Seminar recently held in Sligo in connection with the National Coastline Study and it is felt that North Connemara and an area of South Mayo should be declared a "National Heritage Area". He stated that Mayo has already done its part and he requested a similar action be taken in Galway so that the area can get a special plan under which development can take place. He stated that the County Development Plan may have a negative effect on development in the area and what he proposed was that some positive action for development would be undertaken. He stated in reply to Councillor Byrne that the Coastline Study was undertaken at the request of the Department of Local Government and Board Failte and if the area were declared a "National Heritage Area", it had sufficient amenities by way of scenery etc to catch some of the 4,000 tourists who "escape" Galway and Mayo each year.

Councillor Glynn seconded Councillor Kyne's proposal.

Deputy Callanan asked for an interpretation of the term "National Heritage Area" and asked if this was to be applied to a corner of Connemara.

The Acting County Manager stated that the County Engineer had been asked for his views on this matter and that he had reported that in his opinion, sufficient studies have already been made on behalf of Galway County Council in respect of the Galway part of this area and it seems now to be a matter for County Mayo to deal with their part and the Director of the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group was informed of this recently.

Councillor Glynn stated that he felt that there was a certain element of contradiction in declaring an area to be a "National Heritage Area" which had suggestion of "preservation" and on the other hand requesting that development be allowed to take place in it.

Councillor Kyne stated that he was not saying that the area should be preserved.

The County Engineer stated that there is no such thing in the Planning Act as a "National Heritage Area" and that if it means anything, its normal meaning would be according to the Development Plan, an area of special amenity. He stated that sufficient studies had already been made at the request of Galway County Council and that the area referred to in those studies was not the North Connemara area, but Connemara generally west of the Corrib. He further stated that it was not necessary for Galway County Council to have any further studies undertaken.

The Chairman stated that the Galway/Mayo Regional Development organisation should forget about county boundaries and he suggested that Councillor Kyne should get his proposal before the Board.

The County Engineer stated that the County Council would make available to the Regional Orgn. the information in its possession from the studies which have already been undertaken.

It was agreed in lieu of Councillor Kyne's motion that the result of the studies on behalf of the County Council would be made available to the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Orgn. for their attention.

3012 - CHRISTMAS GOOD WISHES: The Chairman extended good wishes to the members and staff of the Council for a very Happy Christmas.

3013 - SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. M. Ward, Clonberne, Ballinasloe.
The Giles Family, Cregboy, Claregalway.

The meeting then terminated.

*Submitted, approved and confirmed
Thomas Mac Ríogáin*

Chairman

28/1/74

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

28ú la de Eanáir, 1974.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 28ú la de Eanáir, 1974 ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

S. HUILLEID,
Runai.

A G E N D A

Opening Prayer.

To Consider:

1. The following motions under section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

We hereby request that in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 that the following resolutions be placed on the agenda for the next ordinary meeting of the Co. Council on the 28/1/74.

- (1) "That the Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 hereby direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Mr. John Curran, Gurtacleava, Bushypark for erection of a house at Gurtacleava, Bushypark - Planning Reference No. 16014".
- (2) "That the Galway County Council in accordance with the provision of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 hereby direct the County Manager to grant outline permission to Seamus O Dialuin, c/o Mairtin O Dialuin, An Speideal for the erection of a house at An Speideal - Planning Reference No. 15894".

Seamus Kyne, Thomas V. Clarke, Sean O Domhnallain, John Molloy.

2. Minutes.

3. Malicious Damage Claims:

(a) Connemara Ltd., Spiddal.

- rim of back actor of machine broken and steering damaged on 14th-17th December, 1973. - £100.00

(b) Michael McCahill, Toombeola, Roundstone.

- one vehicle tyre cut and damaged on 13th-16th December, 1973. - £25.00

(c) Joseph O'Toole, Tuam.

- one large plate glass window broken on 15th/16th December, 1973. - £150.00

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- (d) Patrick Mullins, Kilchreest, Loughrea.
- one hay loft and hay therein damaged on 19th December, 1973. - £500.00
- (e) Portumna Hotels Ltd., Portumna.
- one illuminated sign damaged on 5th/6th January, 1974. - £150.00
4. Resolution under Section 7 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief Act) 1967.
5. Revision of local electoral area - letter dated 19 Nollaig, 1973 from the Department of Local Government (already circulated).
6. Local Government Reorganisation - Discussion document from the Department of Local Government (already circulated).
7. Planning control and review of Development Plan - County Manager's report dated 21st January, 1974 and enclosure herewith.
8. Amenity Grants 1973/74 - Report dated 21st January, 1974 - from the County Secretary herewith.
9. Clonbur Community Centre - Minute No. 3010 of 17/12/1973.
10. Fix dates of estimates meetings.
11. Reclassification of Roads - Regional system - letter dated 12th December, 1973 from Roscommon County Council.
12. Declaration of roads to be public roads (first notice) - Councillors Notice of Motion Roads 1973/74 (1st list to follow).
13. Creation of office of Design Engineer.
14. Post of Assistant Civil Defence Officer.
15. Revision of Remuneration for Fire Brigade personnel.
16. Raising of following loans:-
(a) £9,000 for the purchase of water tender for the fire service.
(b) £6,500 for the extension of the Athenry Sewerage Scheme along the Tuam road.
(c) £12,000 for the extension of the Portumna Sewerage Scheme along St. Brendan's Road and Bridge Road.
(d) £4,600 for the supply and installation of fluoridation plant for Loughrea, Gort and Portumna water supplies.
17. Local Improvement Scheme No. 26271 - Minute No. 2960 of 7/12/73.
18. Disposal of land at Townparks, Tuam (1st Division)- Notice dated 17th January, 1974.
19. Request for contribution to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.
20. Business submitted by County Manager.
21. **MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:**
(a) Councillor M. Ryan: I will propose -
(i) that the Council take immediate steps to relieve flooding, and repair road outside Timmy Donnellan's house, Park East, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe. During heavy rain, his yard and cowbyre are flooded;
(ii) that the Council clean roadside drain at Newtown, Abbeyknockmoy, which is the cause of three farmhouses being flooded out, namely, Keane's, Shaughnessy's and Scahill's. It is some time since the Council cleaned this drain last.

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- (b) Deputy J. Callanan: I will propose -
(i) that the road known as Attymany, Gurteen, repaired recently on L.I.S. 139/71 be declared public;
(ii) that road leading from public road at Kilmalew to Kilgirrill cemetery be adopted as public road.
This is already being repaired out of cemetery funds by County Council. It accommodates two houses. It should be declared a public road.
- (c) Councillor H. Melvin: I will propose -
(i) that public lighting be extended to Cuscarrick cottages on the Gort Road, Loughrea;
(ii) that the sewerage be extended to the four cottages at Tullaghhill, Loughrea and to Frank Tully's house Bohercom, Loughrea.
- (d) Councillor P. Ruane: I will propose -
(i) that the Claregalway new cemetery ground be taken over and fenced as soon as possible;
(ii) that a car park be made near Claregalway cemetery to facilitate cars at funerals;
(iii) that the pier at Menlo be repaired and surfaced dressed as it is a great attraction for tourism etc.
- (e) Deputy M. Kitt:
(i) I will propose that additional street lights be provided on the road from Caltra village by the fairgreen, the Parochial House and on to the National School.
- (f) Deputy J. Donnellan: I will propose -
(i) that the Galway County Council develop the 7 acres of land for housing that is in their possession at Corofin, Tuam;
(ii) that a refuse collection service be made available to the residents of Kingsland, Athenry, Co. Galway.
I will ask -
(iii) what progress is being made re acquisition of land at Headford for the building of Council houses. What is the position re Varley's land in which the Council are interested.
- (g) Councillor P. Donnellan: I will propose -
(i) I will propose that the Galway County Council declare public the road leading to John Hughes's house at Knockavanna, Tuam, Co. Galway.
I will ask -
(ii) what is the position re water supply at Corrandulla. ✓
- (h) Councillor T. Clarke: I will propose -
(i) that a new graveyard be provided in the Carraroe district without delay.
I will ask -
(ii) what efforts are being made to get an extension for Knock, Spiddal graveyard;
(iii) when will the proposed extension go Ballynahown, Tully graveyard be carried out.
- (i) Councillor F. Fahey: I will propose -
(i) that the County Development Plan include a document indicating:
A. The proposed distribution of the estimated population increase in the County during the implementation of the plan.
B. The estimated residential development which will take place in Headford, Tuam, Athenry, Loughrea, Ballinasloe, Portumna, Clifden and Gort.

- C. An approximation of the envisaged population growth of Galway city which will be catered for by its commuter zone.
- D. The County Council's plans to assist the Industrial Development Authority in improving the infra structure for industrial towns.
- (ii) that the Galway County Council acquire land within the town boundary of Gort and make this land available as serviced sites;
- (iii) that either lighting or a protective barrier be erected at an open pier at the Weir, Kilcolgan.
- (.) Councillor T. Byrne:
- (i) I will propose that this Council take over the final 130 yds. of the Kilchreest Drainage District at Ballycurra, Kilchreest.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

21st January, 1974.

TO: Each Member of the Council/

Planning Control and Review of Development Plan

A Chara,

As consideration of circular No. 210/8 circulated on 14/1/74 is directly related to the review of the Development Plan, the following information is being supplied in order to keep members abreast of developments to date.

The basic document in relation to the review is one circulated on the 17/5/72. A copy is attached for reference. When this first came before the Council in June, 1962 it was decided to set up committees for each of the electoral areas subject to the proviso that the portion of the plan dealing with the Galway electoral area would be considered by a committee of the entire Council. From September, 1972 committee meetings were held for the various areas. However, the Council began to experience difficulties in relation to the plan for Oranmore. This was one of a series of plans which were also prepared for the villages of Barna, Spiddal and Moycullen. While no proposals were made to change plans for the latter three villages the Oranmore plan was considered at great length at a number of Council meetings and was ultimately referred back to the Consultant for amendment. In the meantime the Council had also been considering a plan for the area west of the Corrib. A tour of inspection of this area was made in May, 1973.

By March, 1973 it had become apparent that because of the complexity of the data and in view of unavoidable delays it would not be possible to have a revised plan prepared before the statutory date. Accordingly, the current plan was re-adopted at a meeting held on the 6th March, 1973.

The question of reviewing the plan was again raised at meeting of the 27/8/'73 when the Council recommended a density standard of one house per half-acre in certain areas of the county.

Staff shortages and the continuing heavy volume of planning applications have again retarded work on the review of the plan. Nevertheless, it is proposed to proceed with the review on the basis of the enclosed report and subsequent developments. It is now envisaged that, since planning is a continuous process, the drafting of a revised development plan need not await the adoption of the village plans and that these can be considered separately and incorporated in the plan when they are adopted.

In the meantime there are two outstanding items to complete the process described above. The first of these is the convening of a meeting of a committee of the entire Council to consider the portion of the plan relating to the Galway Electoral Area. It is suggested that arrangements in this regard be now made. The second and final item is that the Council should decide whether a second tour of inspection ought be arranged for the Corrib west area.

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S. Keating,
County Manager.

Prospect Hill,
Galway.

17th May, 1972.

REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A Chara,

In connection with the proposed review of the County Development Plan the following report is submitted for the consideration and observations of the members of the Council, and also as the basis for a programme for carrying out the review.

The obligation of a Planning Authority to prepare a development plan and policy statement for its area of jurisdiction is not wholly related to the interests of the Authority. As a Development Authority it is necessary for it to recognise the impact of its policy on the investments and problems of other bodies and persons such as E.S.B., Department of Posts and Telegraphs, School and Church Authorities, commercial and business interests. This is not to place any interest above the community interest, it is merely to try and co-ordinate all interests for the common good.

In devising a policy and a plan the nature and extent of the roots of problems must first be determined. Rapid and possibly unseen changes are taking place in the county. Such changes are producing a movement of population either in the matter of residence or work places. The changes are related to greater employment in industry and services, with decreasing employment in agriculture. A measure of identification of change can be gained from trends, and such trends are reflected heavily in applications for housing development received to date. From this it is possible to illustrate and define the change. Map 1 shows the areas where policies are needed and areas where minimum or no control is needed.

Housing development is the most important and contentious item of development. Other forms of development can be considered in association with it or in the context of other features of a development policy. It is here proposed to limit consideration of development policy to housing policy alone.

For the purpose of carrying out a review of the Development Plan the county has been divided into five areas as set out on Map 1. These areas are:

- Area No. 1: Galway City Rural Environs
- Area No. 2: Amenity Area
- Area No. 3: Coastal Strip
- Area No. 4: County Towns and Villages
- Area No. 5: Heavy Traffic Routes

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

County Buildings,
GALWAY.

17th January, 1974.

TO: Each Member Galway County Council/

RE: Proposed sale of land at Town-parks, Tuam (1st Division) Co. Galway.

A Chara:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, I have been requested by the Assistant County Manager to give you notice that it is proposed selling the plots of land, particulars of which are given hereunder.

LAND:

5 Sites for Houses at Town parks, Tuam (1st Division) Co. Galway - areas as given hereunder:

From whom Acquired:

- Tuam Town Commissioners, Tuam, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Austin Melia, Tullindaly Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.

<u>Persons to whom land is proposed to be sold</u>	<u>Site Nos.</u>	<u>Areas of Plots</u> <u>Pers. Sq. Yds.</u>
John O'Reilly, 1 Waterslade Place, Tuam	9	22. 15
Julian P. Ryan, Garda House, Galway Rd., Tuam	8	22. 00
National Building Agency, Richmond Avenue South, Milltown, Dublin, 6.	21	17. 1
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Consideration in respect of Disposal:

<u>Site Nos.</u>	<u>Price</u>
8, 9	£534
16, 18	£800
21	£960

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

1. The title to be given by the Council will be a ninety-nine year lease at a yearly rent of 50p.
2. The lease will provide inter alia that:-
 - (a) The Lessee shall complete the erection of a house within 2 years from the date the lease is signed.
 - (b) The Lessee, or his successor in title shall reside in the house during the currency of the lease.
 - (c) The site (including the house) cannot be sold within a period of 5 years of the date on which erection of a house thereon is completed.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda for consideration at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council which will be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this Notice.

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Area No. 1.

It is hardly necessary to stress the influence of Galway City on this area and even stress the continuing deeper influence future city growth will exert on the area. City growth has and will exert

- (i) overspill pressures, and
- (ii) in reverse through employment create changing demands on the area.

Relating such demands wholly to housing demand heretofore the nature of the overspill pressure arises from the following factors:

- (a) The rapid expansion of the city and the housing shortfall.
- (b) The desire to live in rural and scenic surroundings.
- (c) The lower cost of housing.
- (d) The gains in sale from high urban house prices and lower county prices.
- (e) More beneficial housing grants and lower rates.

(a) and (d) may not in the future continue to obtain and the value and living considerations arising in (b) (c) and (e) may decline. It would, however, appear evident that some degree of overspill will always continue to exert itself.

Increased job opportunities in the City have attracted and will continue to attract large numbers of rural dwellers to work in the City with continuation of residence in the rural areas. There is only one sizeable village in this area, namely Oranmore, and population pattern in the area is a widely dispersed small settlement/single house pattern. The trend at present most evident is that the commuting rural dweller is seeking to erect houses along or convenient to the arterial and main routes to the City to afford a quick journey to work. Accentuation of this trend will, in the long term, change the older settlement pattern demanding new facilities of a higher standard.

The nature of the problem has now been defined, the extent is not, but figures of planning applications from 1964 - 1972 give some indications of this extent.

From this the options can be set down

- i. A plan in name only allow events to take their course without control.
- ii. A compromise plan to part accommodate the exigencies of the present.
- iii. A plan based on recognition of the nature of the problem and use of growth to stimulate and create better rural community life based on a village structure, rather than allow villages to be static or stagnate whilst new growth is allowed

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This is the basis of the recommended option.

The suggested village structure would be based on the existing pattern recognising the importance of the advantageous location of certain villages for commuters and the potential strength of villages in stimulating rural community.

A three tier pattern is visualised:

Primary Villages:

Oranmore, Moycullen, Headford, Barna, Oughterard Spiddal.

Proposed plans for Oranmore, Moycullen, Barna and Spiddal have been prepared. These plans offer a good range of choice in nearly all cases for every probable housing need. In the odd case provision will be made for particular housing need in selected environs of the village. Plans for Headford and Oughterard will be prepared in due course.

Secondary Villages:

Clarinbridge, Kilcolgan, Claregalway, Corofin, Carrandulla, Craughwell.

A detailed plan has been prepared for Clarinbridge and is being submitted to the Council. Detailed plans will not be necessary in the foreseeable future for the remaining villages, but outline details would provide for allocations of stress and densities and possibly uses.

Settlements/Hamlet Suggested Centres:

Menlough, Annaghdown, Rosscahill, Clooneen, Lackagh.

There may initially be a limitation of house numbers whilst awaiting the possible growth arising from the attraction or non-attraction of the centre.

PRIMARY VILLAGES would be fully serviced villages with a proposed growth which would build them up to act with a full service function for the surrounding rural area.

SECONDARY VILLAGES would be served by a water supply, the village having a limited service function.

SETTLEMENTS/HAMLET Groups of housing with no present proposed services which would nearly solely serve as commuting points by reason of an advantaged or pleasant location. This concept is not an ideal solution but is devised to cater for rural commuters who do not wish to live in their original place of residence and for various reasons do not desire to live in any of the designated villages. Initially it would be desired to limit the number

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of houses permitted, at least in particular centres, whilst awaiting indications of possible growth from the attraction or non-attraction of the centre. The above centres are mentioned as probable but further such centres can be decided on. They would of course have to be selected in the overall content of structure.

Having determined the areas of concentration of housing development the policy for the remaining rural area would be to cater for housing associated with the working of the land or persons who wish to construct houses on large areas of land whether held in ownership or by sterilization. Such housing categories would consist of:

- (a) Replacement of existing family dwellings.
- (b) Provision of dwellings for members of a family on a family holding of land.
- (c) Provision of a dwelling on a holding of farm land where no dwellinghouse exists.
- (d) Erection of dwellinghouse on a 5 acre lot of land in defined area.

Area No. 2 - Amenity

A special Amenity Coastline Plan and Corrib West Plan have been prepared by a firm of consultants. These plans are in the context of a National Plan and will shortly be presented at a special meeting by the planning consultants.

Area No. 3 - The Coastal Strip

The problems of this area stem from two major forces complemented by a third relatively minor force.

- (1) The drift of the indigenous population towards the main road.
- (2) The city overspill ribbonizing along or near the main road.
- (3) The immigration of a former native, or retirement population.

The strip is approximately twenty miles in length and can now be described as a linear settlement having only one sizeable village at Spiddal, a smaller village at Barna and three minor centres at Furbo, Knock and Ballinahown. Of the latter centres Knock is emerging as the strongest.

The problems of the existing and possible future greater concentration of population on this strip is really a big problem related to ribbonization, proliferation of septic tanks, absence of piped water, all of which are serious considerations.

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It is, therefore, considered that the following policy should be adopted:

- (1) Restriction of development along the main road in accordance with the development restrictions set out in the Minister's policy statement applying to National Primary and Secondary routes.
- (2) Limitation of housing development in the remaining areas to the second family and returning immigrant population needs except in those areas where scenic and amenity considerations are important.
- (3) All urban overspill development to be restricted to the centres of Barna, Furbá, Spiddal and Ballinahown.

At its best this policy will only retard a worsening situation in the area.

Area No. 4 - County Towns

Scheduled and other towns for which plans are or have been prepared are Clifden, Gort, Athenry, Tuam, Loughrea. Plans for these towns will be reviewed in connection with the review of the County Plan. The problems of these towns are listed as follows:

Clifden: Suitable lands for high density or medium density development are very low or non-existent. Low density development in the nature of new non-local dwellings tends to locate itself outside the environs of the town whereas the town permits of a greater amount of location in or near the town. Otherwise no town overspill problem. As a primary tourist centre the town needs an ambitious development plan backed by the necessary investment.

Gort: A number of planning permissions have been granted within the town boundary for development in depth. Apart from one instance, there is no sign of such permissions being operated. Because of this, and issues of land ownership, the present demand is for ribbonization along the national primary route which is contrary to county and national policy. The acquisition and selection of lands for developed sites and development will be reviewed in the light of estimation of demand.

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Tuam: A large number of housing estate planning permissions have been granted, although there is only one completed and two are in hands. There is an overspill problem to an extent which will demand limitation and restriction in the town plan to be prepared.

Loughrea: Loughrea ranks highest of the county towns in the matter of the number of houses completed since 1964, consisting of County Council developed sites, houses for Tynagh Mines personell and the new Local Authority Housing Schemes. No great overspill tendency and the present housing progress can be continued.

Non Scheduled County Towns and Villages

Portumna: A non statutory plan is being prepared for Portumna. No overspill pressures or large housing demand exists.

Mountbellew: A present ribbonization pressure has occurred and there is need for an outline plan providing for housing development.

Oughterard: Will be more fully dealt with under special meeting, and a special plan is to be prepared for the town and its surrounds.

Headford: An already highly ribbonized town with a high tendency to further ribbonization. There is need for an Outline Plan providing for housing development.

Area No. 5 - Restrictions along routes

In accordance with County and National planning restrictions, development will continue to be restricted along national, primary and secondary routes and certain main routes bearing heavy traffic.

General Policies and other features of Development Plan Review

General policies with regard to commercial and industrial development will be examined

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The foregoing sets out the views of the Planning Officer on the problems which it will be necessary to consider in connection with the review of the Plan. It is hoped that they would provide the basis on which the Council could set about reviewing the Development Plan.

It is again suggested that consideration might be given by the Council to the setting up of small committees to consider in detail the special problems of each of the areas outlined.

It is not suggested that the Council should deal with this report at today's meeting. It was not possible to circulate it prior to the meeting as the report would have been difficult to follow without the Councillors having seen the maps which are on exhibition in the Council Chamber. Copies of the report are now being circulated, and Councillors will be able to study it more easily having seen the areas outlined on the map.

It is suggested that the Council might fix the date of a special meeting to consider the report in detail, and to make further arrangements for the meetings which will be necessary in connection with the review of the Plan generally.

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(Galway County Council)

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21st January, 1974.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

Amenity Grants 1973/74.

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The attached schedule gives the present position in regard to Amenity Grants.

It will be seen that very many of the projects covering the bulk of the funds provisionally allocated, are unlikely to be eligible for a grant for one reason or another.

In similar circumstances last year the Council decided at the January meeting to give the Manager discretion to reallocate moneys so as to avoid losing the State Grant.

It is suggested that the Council should again adopt this course. This would need to be done now as a matter of urgency.

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J. HOWLETT
County Secretary.

AMENITY GRANTS 1973/74.

Total Allocation £8,000; £1,600 allowed to each electoral area by Council.

<u>PROJECT.</u>	<u>AMOUNT ALLOCATED.</u> £	<u>COMMENTS.</u>
<u>Ballinasloe Area:</u>		
Kilconnell Playground	200	Awaiting further reports.
Ballymacward Car Park	500	Doubtful - awaiting further reports.
Monivea Pitch & Putt Course	400	Not recommended - Site unsuitable.
Creagh Recreation Centre	500	No progress by Committee.
<u>Oughterard Area:</u>		
Clifden Playground	600	O.K., but some doubt as to whether sufficient work to match grant will be completed.
Lettermore Playing Field	1,000	Not within scope of scheme.
<u>Loughrea Area:</u>		
Ballinderreen Community Centre	500	Difficulties with title.
Tynagh Sportsfield	500	Difficulties with title.
Woodford Park	300	Awaiting reports.
Ballyturn Car Park	300	Dedication of road to the public required before grant can be paid.
<u>Tuam Area:</u>		
Dunmore Community Centre	300	Appears to be in order.
Newbridge Parish Centre	200	Appears to be in order.
Moylough Sportsfield	200	Appears to be in order.
Milltown Village Centre	500	Current stage for playground not recommended - site considered unsuitable.
King Rory O'Connor Memorial Park	200	Appears to be in order.
Ballygar Playground	200	Doubtful - awaiting further reports.
<u>Galway Area:</u>		
Claregalway Community Centre	} £1,600	None of these schemes have progressed.
Barna Beach Development		
Castlebar Playing Pitches		

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1974.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. King.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors T. V. Clarke, P. Collins, Deputy F. Coogan, Councillors Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham, S. Donnellan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors P. Donnellan, F. Fahey, E. T. Galvin, M. Geraghty, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillor P.D. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.F. Kitt, Councillor J. Lambert, Senator J.M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, S. Kyne and M. Ryan.

Officials: Mr. S. Keating, County Manager; Mr. P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; Mr. J. Howlett, County Secretary; Mr. C. A. Warner, County Engineer; Mr. M.J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; Mr. R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; Messrs. K. Haye, H. Finnegan, M. Tierney and J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineers; Mr. W. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer (Planning); Messrs. T. Kavanagh and A. O'Gorman, Staff Officers.

3014 - **OPENING PRAYER:** The opening prayer was recited.

3015 - **MOTIONS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 1955:** Proposed by Councillor S. Kyne, seconded by Senator J. Mannion and resolved:-

"that the Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 hereby direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Mr. John Curran, Gortacleava, Bushypark for erection of a house at Gurtacleava, Bushypark - Planning Reference No. 16014".

Councillor Kyne stated that in this case the applicant was given the site by his father and was in need of a house as he was married and at present living in with his parents. Deputy Callanan stated that many past agreements about sterilisation of a large area of land should no longer be binding in view of the decision of the Council to have a more liberal approach to density.

The County Manager submitted the following observations:-

"The land in question has been the subject of 7 previous applications.

Planning Ref. No. 4271 was a grant to a Miss Mary Dale. The landowner, Mr. James Curran at that time sterilized the site on which he is now seeking Permission.

Planning Ref. No. 5401 was a Refusal to Mr. A. McGrath. There was no appeal.

Planning Ref. No. 6020 was Refused by this Authority in May, 1969, but was granted on appeal by the Minister with a Covenant to sterilise the remaining frontage on this side of the road leaving a narrow entrance of about 20 ft. to service the backlands along the whole frontage.

Planning Ref. No. 9346 was a Refusal to a Mr. Gerald Glynn by this Authority and was Refused on appeal to the Minister. It was proposed development of backlands.

Planning Ref. No. 11211 was an application by a Mrs. P. Fottrell again on the backlands which was refused by the Authority and Refused by the Minister on appeal.

Planning Ref. No. 13533 was an application by Mr. John J. Curran on the same site and in the same position as is now the subject of this Section 4 Notice which was Refused by this Authority and Refused by the Minister on Appeal in September, 1973. The Minister's reason for Refusal at that time was that it would cause an excessive concentration of housing in a rural area.

Planning Ref. No. 15370 was a further application by Mr. John Curran on the same site. Again it was refused by this Authority in December, 1973, pointing out in the Schedule that to Grant Permission would be contrary to a decision of the Minister for Local Government on 10th September, 1973. It would be proposed to Refuse this application again on the same grounds".

It was proposed by Councillor S. Kyne, seconded by Councillor S. Donnellan and resolved:-

"that the Galway County Council in accordance with the provision of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 hereby direct the County Manager to grant outline permission to Seamus O Dialuin, c/o Mairtin O Dialuin, An Speideal for the erection of a house at An Speideal - Planning Reference No. 15894".

Councillor Kyne who was supported by Councillor Donnellan stated that the applicant was a native of Spiddal and an Irish speaker. He was a full time fisherman but had been obliged to move into Galway, and now wished to settle in his native place.

The County Manager submitted the following observations:-

"This application was the subject of a previous application under Planning Ref. No. 14052 and was refused by this Authority and refused by the Minister for Local Government on 17th October, 1973. The grounds given for refusal were that it would effect the amenity of the area and it is not proposed to grant Permission in this case in view of the recent Order by the Minister refusing it".

During the course of further discussion on the above resolutions, the Chairman confirmed that they had both been carried and the County Manager, in reply to a question, stated that, having heard the views of the Council, he would now have to consider whether there would be a material contravention of the development plan if permission was granted in either case. It would be necessary to obtain the consent of the Minister before granting permission in such a case.

Councillor Kyne proposed that the Council ask the Minister to indicate whether there was any need to seek his consent to material contraventions of the development plan. Deputy Callanan supported this motion with the proviso that a majority of the members of the Council should be the final arbiter of any conflicting views on planning applications.

Councillor Kyne and Senator Mannion asked to be informed of the outcome of consultations between the Council and the E.S.B. regarding overhead wires to house of Mr. Christy Butler, Curraduff, Glann, Oughterard.

Deputy Callanan recommended that the County Manager would bring to the Council's notice any cases where the Minister made final decisions on planning applications which were in accordance with the wishes of the Council.

3016 - **MINUTES:** The minutes of meeting held on the 17/12/1973 (nos. 2994 - 3013) which had been circulated, were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Fahey referred to the objectionable condition of dump at Gort and it was agreed to investigate this matter.

3107 - **MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS:** The Council noted malicious damage claims listed at 3(a) - 3(e) on the agenda.

3018 - **RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND (RELIEF ACT), 1967:** Proposed by Deputy J. Callanan, seconded by Councillor S. Donnellan and resolved:- "that subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government, the Galway County Council hereby determines that allowances granted under the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Acts, 1939/1967 in respect of land which is subject to assessment for rates by the Council, shall not be subject to the condition that the said rates are payable not later than 31st March, 1974".

3019 - **REVISION OF LOCAL ELECTORAL AREAS:** Letter dated 19/12/1973 from the Department of Local Government had been circulated. It was proposed by Senator Mannion that the Council agree to the Department's suggestion that the district electoral divisions of Killanin, Spiddal and Wormhole be transferred from the Galway to the Oughterard electoral area.

A lengthy discussion took place on this matter. Senator Mannion was supported by Councillor P. Donnellan but Councillor S. Donnellan proposed by amendment that the matter should be considered in full at a special meeting of the Council.

Councillor Kyne seconded this amendment on which a vote was taken and resulted as follows:-

- For the amendment - Councillors Clarke, Croffy, S. Donnellan, Geraghty, Glynn, Senator Killilea, Councillors Molloy, Raftery, Kyne, Ruane (10).
- Against the amendment - Councillors Burke, Byrne, Deputy Callanan, Councillors Collins, Deputy Coogan, Councillor Cunningham, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors P. Donnellan, Fahey, Galvin, Haverty, Holland, Deputy Hussey, Councillor King, Deputy Kitt, Councillor Lambert, Senator Mannion, Councillor Ryan (18).

The Chairman declared that Councillor Donnellan's amendment had been defeated.

A further amendment was then proposed by Deputy Callanan, who was seconded by Councillor Molloy. This amendment sought adherence to the original recommendation conveyed to the Department of Local Government whereby the Council did not recommend any change in the constitution of the Oughterard electoral area.

Councillor Glynn also proposed an amendment seeking alternative changes in the Oughterard electoral area and also suggested changes in the composition of other areas. The Chairman ruled this amendment out of order and a vote was taken on Deputy Callanan's amendment and resulted as follows:-

- For the amendment - Deputy Callanan, Councillors Clarke, Croffy, S. Donnellan, Councillors Fahey, Galvin, Geraghty, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Senator Killilea, Councillor King, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Molloy, Raftery, Kyne, Ruane (16).
- Against the amendment - Councillors Burke, Byrne, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Councillor Cunningham, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors P. Donnellan, Glynn, Holland, Senator Mannion, Councillor Ryan (11).

The Chairman declared that Deputy Callanan's motion had been passed and it was resolved that Senator Mannion's proposal was deemed to be defeated on the same voting.

- 3020 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION: It was resolved to defer this item until a meeting to be held on the 5th February, 1974.
- 3021 - DATES OF MEETINGS: A further review was made of the dates of estimates and other meetings and agreement was reached on the following programme.

Estimates Meetings:

Roads - 1st February, 1974.

Estimates Committee Meeting - 18th February, 1974.

Meeting for Adoption of Estimates - 25th February, 1974.

Other Meetings:

Special Meeting - 5th February, 1974.

Monthly Meeting - 25th February, 1974.

It was agreed that further estimates committees meetings might be arranged later if required.

- 3022 - PLANNING CONTROL AND REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN: It was agreed to defer this item until meeting to be held on the 5th February, 1974.
- 3023 - AMENITY GRANTS 1973/74: A lengthy discussion took place in regard to amenity schemes during which the County Manager, in response to questions, supplied additional information in regard to individual schemes, and outlined developments

since report was issued on the 21st January, 1974. He stated that despite some recent indications of better progress, there would still be schemes which would not go ahead before the end of the financial year, and it would be essential, in order to avoid losing the grant, that the monies be re-allocated. In view of the shortage of time, it had been suggested in a report that the County Manager should be allowed discretion to use such funds to the best advantage. The Council agreed to this proposal.

Councillor Haverty complained that the allocation of funds had a disturbing effect on local committees in cases where the schemes which they proposed were subsequently found to be ineligible. The County Manager recommended that the procedure should be altered in future years so as to ensure that only those schemes which would clearly qualify were given a provisional allocation of funds.

During the course of the discussion Councillor Galvin stated that committee at Creagh at Ballinasloe were submitting an alternative scheme as they had failed to make progress on the original scheme submitted. Councillor Joyce requested that committee at Ballaghduff be informed of their prospects for next years allocation.

- 3024 - CLONBUR COMMUNITY CENTRE: Councillor Kyne, who was supported by Councillor Joyce, suggested that a small levy be made on the rates to ensure that adequate funds would be made available for the Clonbur Community Centre. Councillor Joyce referred to subsidy given to swimming pools. Councillor Kyne's proposal did not receive support from the other members of the Council.
- 3035 - RECLASSIFICATION OF ROADS - REGIONAL SYSTEM: Following consideration of letter from the Roscommon County Engineer together with observations thereon by the Galway County Engineer, it was proposed by Deputy J. Donnellan, seconded by Deputy T. Hussey and resolved:-

"that the Minister for Local Government be requested to reclassify as a main road the portion of county road no. 269 from the main road to the county boundary at Macrfield".

- 3026 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS - COUNCILLORS NOTICE OF MOTION ROADS 1973/74: It was agreed that the necessary steps be taken to declare public the roads listed and described as Councillors' notice of motion roads 1973/74 - first list. The list was agreed subject to the following amendments:

(a) item 12 to be deleted;

(b) the following item to be inserted:

No.	Councillor	Amount	Area	From	To	Length Yds.
47	J. Mannion P. Joyce	£690 £325	£1015	Clifden Strand	Co. Road at White Towards J. Ballyconneely. Boolafadda.	960

The County Manager pointed out that a number of roads which were at present financed by members' notices of motion could be done equally under the Local Improvement Scheme without cost to the rates. The list of road works which had been adopted provided for expenditure of approximately £9,500 out of the £21,390 allowed. There was a considerable balance left which it would be **hardly possible** to clear before the 31st March, 1974. If this system were to continue, it is essential that members should submit their proposals not later than three months after the commencement of the financial year.

A number of members protested that the delay with proposals was not the fault of Councillors.

- 3027 - CREATION OF OFFICE OF DESIGN ENGINEER: Proposed by Councillor Croffy, seconded by Deputy Hussey and resolved:-
- "that an additional post of Design Engineer be created. Recruitment is to be through the Local Appointments Commission, and the post is to carry the scale applicable to Assistant County Engineer, at present £2,691 - £3,773 per annum".
- 3028 - CREATION OF POST OF ASSISTANT CIVIL DEFENCE OFFICER: Proposed by Councillor Raftery, seconded by Deputy Hussey and resolved:-
- "that a permanent and pensionable office of Civil Defence Officer's Assistant be created by way of reclassifying the existing post. The pay and duties of the post are to remain the same as at present".

- 3029 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION FOR FIRE BRIGADE PERSONNEL: Proposed by Senator Mannion, seconded by Deputy Hussey and resolved:-
 "that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the scales of remuneration applicable to the members of the Limerick Corporation Fire Brigade be applied to the permanent employees of the Galway Brigade with effect from the 1st January, 1972. Excess expenditure of £4,900 is hereby approved for this purpose during the current financial year".
- 3030 - RAISING OF LOANS FOR THE FIRE SERVICE, WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES: Proposed by Deputy J. Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Ryan and resolved:-
 "that the following loans be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works or from such other sources as may be available:
 (a) £9,000 for the purchase of water tender for the fire service.
 (b) £6,500 for the extension of the Athenry Sewerage Scheme along the Tuam Road.
 (c) £12,000 for the extension of the Portumna Sewerage Scheme along St. Brendan's Road and Bridge Road.
 (d) £4,600 for the supply and installation of fluoridation plant for Loughrea, Gort and Portumna water supplies.
 Provision may be made for the grouping of all or any of the loans where this is feasible."
- 3031 - DISPOSAL OF LAND AT TOWNPARKS, TUAM, FOR HOUSING SITES: Proposed by Deputy Hussey, seconded by Deputy Donnellan and resolved:-
 "that land be sold for housing sites at Tuam in accordance with conditions set out in notice dated 17th January, 1974 which was circulated to each member of the Council".
- 3032 - ROYAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION: Proposed by Senator Mannion, seconded by Councillor Croffy and resolved:-
 "that a contribution of £150 be made to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution to mark the celebration of its 150th anniversary".
- 3033 - MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:
PRICE SISTERS' HUNGER STRIKE: Proposed by Councillor F. Glynn, seconded by Councillor P. Ruane and resolved:-
 "that the Council protest at the forced feeding of the Price Sisters".
- 3034 - NEWBRIDGE SEWERAGE NUISANCE: Councillor Cunningham asked to be informed of the present position regarding sewerage nuisance at Newbridge and requested that work to remedy this matter should be carried out without delay. It was agreed that Councillor Cunningham should be informed of the position when it had been investigated.
- 3035 - FLOODING AT PARK EAST, KILKERRIN, BALLINASLOE: Councillor Ryan was informed that flooding had been rectified in so far as the Council were concerned at Timmy Donnellan's house, Park East, Kilkerrin.
 Councillor Ryan stated that the amount of work done by the Council was not adequate, and that the flooding was still occurring.
- 3036 - CLEANING OF DRAINS AT NEWTOWN, ABBEYKNOCKMOY: Councillor Ryan was informed that the flooding at the Keane, Shaughnessy and Seahill farm houses was not due to the condition of roadside drain, and that it was a matter for the land owners concerned to provide outlets to the roadside drain, and that use could be made of the Land Project scheme for this purpose.
 Councillor Ryan maintained that the roadside drain was flooded.
- 3037 - ROAD AT ATTYMANY, GURTEEN: The County Manager informed Deputy Callanan that the taking over of this road was not recommended.

- Following a discussion on access to the main road of a house served by this roadway, the County Engineer stated that there appeared to be an error in report made on this case, and that he would have the matter re-investigated.
- 3038 - ROAD LEADING FROM PUBLIC ROAD AT KILMALAW TO KILGIRILL CEMETERY: Deputy Callanan was informed that this road was included in current list for adoption.
- 3039 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT CUSCARRICK COTTAGES, LOUGHREA: In reply to a motion by Councillor Melvin, the County Manager stated that the extension of public lighting to Cuscarrick cottages, Loughrea would be considered for inclusion in a revised priority list.
- 3040 - EXTENSION OF SEWERAGE TO THE FOUR COTTAGES AT TULLAGH HILL, LOUGHREA AND TO FRANK TULLY'S HOUSE, BOHERCOM, LOUGHREA: In reply to a motion by Councillor Melvin, the County Manager stated a survey and estimate would be prepared and submitted in respect of above works.
- 3041 - CLAREGALWAY NEW CEMETERY: Councillor Ruane was informed that provision would be made in next year's estimate for to take over and fence the new cemetery at Claregalway.
- 3042 - CAR PARK AT CLAREGALWAY CEMETERY: Councillor Ruane was informed that car park facilities would be provided as part of the extension of Claregalway cemetery.
- 3043 - REPAIR OF MENLO PIER: The County Manager informed Councillor Ruane that the above was a matter involving the Lough Corrib Navigation Committee. Following a discussion on this matter, it was pointed out that it would be necessary to re-investigate the respective responsibilities of the Council and the Navigation Trustees.
- 3044 - ADDITIONAL LIGHTS AT CALTRA: This item was not dealt with in the absence of Deputy Kitt.
- 3045 - LAND FOR HOUSING AT COROFIN, TUAM: Deputy Donnellan was informed that it was not considered feasible, at the present, to develop land held by the Council at Corofin. Attempts had been made to exchange the plot for a more convenient site but so far this had not been successful.
- 3046 - REFUSE COLLECTION AT KINGSLAND, ATHENRY: Deputy Donnellan was informed that the above was being arranged.
- 3047 - ACQUISITION OF LAND AT HEADFORD: Deputy Donnellan was informed that a number of sites had been inspected in Headford with a view to acquisition for housing. So far, it had not been possible to acquire suitable land by agreement.
- 3048 - ROAD LEADING TO JOHN HUGHES'S KNOCKAVANNA, TUAM: Councillor P. Donnellan was informed that estimated expenditure to bring this road up to standard was £580.
- 3049 - WATER SUPPLY AT CORRANDULLA: Councillor P. Donnellan was informed that discussions were in progress between the Council staff and Consultants regarding water supply at Corrandulla.
- 3050 - GRAVEYARD IN THE CARRAROE DISTRICT: Councillor Clarke was informed that a site recently suggested at Carraroe would be investigated shortly. A further report would be issued when this investigation had been completed.
- 3051 - EXTENSION OF GRAVEYARD AT KNOCK, SPIDDALE: Councillor Clarke was informed that a site had been selected but that the Council had failed to acquire by agreement. The compulsory purchase order was being prepared.
- 3052 - GRAVEYARD AT EXTENSION TO/BALLYNAHOWN, TULLY: Councillor Clarke was informed that land for this extension had recently been acquired. The position regarding the carrying out of the work would depend on the financial arrangements made in the estimates.
- 3053 - CONTENTS OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN: It was suggested to Councillor Fahey that he might discuss what he had in mind in regard to matters to be included in the plan with the Chief Planning Assistant. Some of the matters referred to by him would be included in the normal course.

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- 3054 - LAND FOR HOUSING SITES AT GORT: Councillor Fahey was informed that it was proposed to acquire land for County Council purposes and private sites in Gort.
- 3055 - PIER AT THE WEIR, KILCOLGAN: Councillor Fahey was informed that proposals for protection at the Weir, Kilcolgan would be submitted at the next meeting.
- 3056 - KILCHREEST DRAINAGE DISTRICT: The County Manager stated that proposal about the above from Councillor Byrne was received too late for a report.
- 3057 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were adopted with the following:-
- Mrs. David Waldron, Cunagher, Milltown.
 Mrs. Mary Kinnane, Letterard, Cashel, Connemara.
 Mr. Michael Kitt, T.D., Lehenagh, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.
 Mrs. Patrick Ryan, Duggan Ave., Ballinasloe.
 Mr. Thomas Crehan, Upper Rushestown, Toomard, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. Patrick Dowd, Cloonfahna, Glinsk, Castlerea.
 Mr. Thomas Taylor, Castlefrench, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. John Hynes, Tyrur, Newbridge, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. Thomas Collins, Curraghduff, Toomard, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. Thomas Shaughnessy, Newbridge, Ballinasloe.

The meeting then terminated.

Submitted, approved and confirmed

Tom Housney
 CHAIRMAN

25-2-1974

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
 (Galway County Council)

OIFIG AN RÚNAÍ
 (Secretary's Office)
 ARAS AN CHONTAE
 (County Buildings)
 GAILLIMH
 (Galway)

24th January, 1974.

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TO/ Each Member of the Council/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special meeting of a COMMITTEE of the entire Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Friday, 1st February, 1974 at 3.30. p.m.

Mise, le meas,

J. Howlett.
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A G E N D A

1. Roads Estimate - 1/4/1974 to 31/12/1974. (Copy herewith).

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30th January, 1974.

TO/ EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of the Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Tuesday 5th February, 1974 commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

J. Howlett,
County Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. Local Government Reorganisation - Discussion document from Department of Local Government (already circulated)
2. Planning control and review of Development Plan - County Manager's report dated 21/1/1974 and enclosure (already circulated)

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. King.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors Burke, Byrne, Deputy Callanan, Councillors Clarke, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Councillors Croffy, Cunningham, P. Donnellan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors J. Donnellan, Galvin, Geraghty, Glynn, Haverty, Holland, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Kyne, Lambert, Senator Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, Molloy, Raftery, Ruane and Ryan.

Officials: Mr. S. Keating, County Manager; Mr. P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; Mr. J. Howlett, County Secretary; Mr. C. A. Warner, County Engineer; Mr. M. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; Messrs. J. Silke, K. Hays and H. Finnegan, Chief Assistant County Engineers; Mr. M. Moroney, County Accountant; Mr. B. Gannon, Staff Officer and Miss C. Kennedy, Clerical Officer.

- 3058 - **OPENING PRAYER:** The opening prayer was recited.
- 3059 - **SYMPATHY:** The Council extended its sincere sympathy to Councillor P. Joyce who had just received news that his brother had died in England.
- Sympathy was also extended to Mr. Martin Concannon on the death of his sister, Mrs. Gilmore.
- 3060 - **MUINTIR NA TIRE FUNCTION:** It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman should attend the annual dinner of Muintir na Tire.
- 3061 - **ROADS ESTIMATE:** The Council considered estimates for roads for the period the 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974. The County Manager pointed out that increases had been confined to amounts required to cover such wage increases as were foreseen when the estimates were being prepared, and to provide for the taking over of eighty six miles of public roads during the current financial year. On the basis of a full year, the rate increase was estimated at 15p in the £.

A lengthy discussion took place on works proposed by way of motion by various Councillors. A list of these works with the recommendations of the County Engineer had been circulated. The discussion centered on works which had not been included in the estimate and which were not recommended for execution in the coming year's programme. It was proposed by Deputy Kitt and others that these works should be included. It was finally agreed that an estimate of the works should be presented at the next estimates committee meeting.

During the course of the discussion, Councillor Haverty referred to a motion which he had passed regarding the improvement of dangerous bend at Leitrim village, outside Loughrea. He enquired whether this work had yet been done, and the County Engineer undertook to check on the position. Following a discussion on the type of work which could be done under Councillor's Notices of Motion, the County Manager pointed out that money from the rates could only be spent on roads which were public roads.

After some further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Burke, seconded by Deputy Coogan, and resolved:-

"that the County Engineer's estimate be adopted with the proviso that an estimate be submitted to the next estimates committee meeting to cover the cost of works proposed by individual Councillors which had not been included in the estimate or which it had been proposed to defer".

Councillor Glynn referred to minute no. 2035 and recommended that the Council should also request reclassification as a main road of the road leading from Tuam to Athlone.

Deputy Callanan, who was seconded by Councillor Galvin, recommended that the road from Ballinasloe to Portumna should be declared a national primary road.

Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Croffy also recommended that money should be allocated from road grants to improve the section of the Galway/Ballinasloe road west of Garbally gates.

GOOD WISHES: Good wishes were conveyed to Senator Killilea and Mr. Jim Fahy, Press Reporter, who were ill in hospital.

Submitted approved and confirmed

Tom Murray
CHAIRMAN

The meeting then terminated.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1974.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillor W. Burke, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors T.V. Clarke, P. Collins, Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham, S. Donnellan, P. Donnellan, F. Fahey, P.T. Galvin, M. Geraghty, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, P. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillor J. Lambert, Senator J.M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Raftery, S. Kyne and M. Ryan.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Senator M. Killilea.

Officials: Mr. S. Keating, County Manager; Mr. P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; Mr. J. Howlett, County Secretary; Mr. R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant and Mr. W. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer (Planning).

3063 - **OPENING PRAYER:** The opening prayer was recited.

3064 - **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:** The Chairman proposed that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect on the death of Dr. Joyce, brother of Councillor P. Joyce. He extended the Council's sympathy to the wife and family of the late Dr. Joyce and to Councillor P. Joyce.

The motion was seconded by Senator J. Mannion, and supported by all the members of the Council. The County Manager extended sympathy on his own behalf, and on behalf of the Council's staff.

Votes of sympathy were also proposed to the family of the late Rev. Fr. Colm O'Grady of Moylough who died in an air crash, to the family of Eamon McBride, Ballyconneely and to the wife and family of Mr. Fleming, Clarenbridge.

FOR
3065 - **DATES RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS:** It was resolved that item 1 on the agenda, "Local Government Re-organisation" would be put on the agenda for a meeting to be held on the 25th February, 1974, and that a date would be determined at that meeting for the consideration of item dealing with Planning Control and Review of the Development Plan.

The meeting then terminated.

Submitted, approved and confirmed

T. Hussey
CHAIRMAN

25-2-1974.

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11th February, 1974.

To Each Member of the Council/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special meeting of a COMMITTEE of the entire Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Monday 18th February, 1974 at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

J. Howlett,
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Estimate of Expenses - 1/4/1974 to 31/12/1974 (copy to fellow)

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF A COMMITTEE OF THE ENTIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON 18th FEBRUARY, 1974.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. King.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors T.V. Clarke, P. Collins, Deputy F. Coogan, Councillors Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham, S. Donnellan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors P. Donnellan, F. Fahey, P.T. Galvin, M. Geraghty, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillor P.D. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.F. Kitt, Councillor J. Lambert, Senator J.M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, S. Kyne and M. Ryan.

Officials: Mr. S. Keating, County Manager; Mr. P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; Mr. J. Howlett, County Secretary; Mr. M. Moroney, County Accountant; Mr. C. A. Warner, County Engineer; Mr. M. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; Messrs. J. Silke, M. Tierney, W. Cahill, K. Hayes, H. Finnegan and J. Durkin, Chief Assistant County Engineers; Mrs. P. Monaghan and Messrs. M. Commins, A. O'Gorman, K. Doyle, T. Kavanagh and B. Gannon, Staff Officers.

The opening prayer was recited.

3066 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR PERIOD COMMENCING 1st APRIL, 1974 AND ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1974:

It was proposed by Councillor Kyne, seconded by Senator Mannion and resolved:-

"that every effort should be made to spend the full grant available under the Local Improvement Scheme, and that steps be taken where necessary to change the allocation of funds within the county to ensure that the grant is spent in full".

Deputy Callanan referred to two cases of Members' Notices of Motion where it appeared that funds allocated by the members would have to be spent on the improvement of bridges. He said that he objected, in principle, to this arrangement as the expenditure on the bridges should be done from ordinary maintenance. The locations of the bridges in question were at Addergoole, Ahascragh and at Raford.

It was agreed that this matter would be investigated.

On the proposal of Councillor Galvin, it was agreed that the Council would be given an outline of the main points in the estimate by the County Manager.

The County Manager pointed out that while the estimate was for a nine month period ending 31st December, 1974 figures had been included to allow for comparison with a full years estimate. Details of the Council's Capital Programme and of Group Water Schemes in progress and under consideration were also given in the explanatory data accompanying the estimate. These programmes were extensive, and in order to implement them in an effective manner, and to maintain the rate of progress, considerable demands would have to be made on finance and on staff. Some re-organisation might also be necessary.

The County Manager then dealt with Separate Charges, Roads and Public Assistance.

With regard to the Health Service, he pointed out that the Government had announced last year that they had a plan to phase out the rate charges for health and certain aspects of housing. In the absence of any confirmation from the Departments of Health and Local Government, the assumptions made in the estimate were based on the earlier statement of the Government.

Dealing with Group Water Schemes, the County Manager pointed out the extent to which the Council tended to become financially involved by assuming responsibility for road restoration etc. These commitments could become very heavy, unless they were controlled, and to a certain extent they contradicted the principle of self-help which originally animated the scheme.

With regard to housing, the County Manager pointed out that while house construction and maintenance were being phased off the rates, the cost of housing grants and some other items remained a rate liability. There had been

considerable expansion of the housing programme in Galway in recent years, and this was likely to be maintained in line with the rate at which new jobs were being created.

Under the General Purposes Estimate, the County Manager pointed out that there had been improvements in the pay and conditions of full time and part time fire men. Negotiations in the latter case were not finally concluded.

He was including a sum of £3,000 from rates to supplement amenity grants.. The Council would need to give careful consideration to policy in regard to amenity schemes, and it would be desirable that a better type of scheme should be supported even if this meant curtailing the total number of schemes. The public would also need to be aware of the limitations as well as the benefits of this scheme. The Council could not be lead into supporting ambitious schemes which had little prospect of attracting sufficient local support to ensure completion.

Following the above outline of the main points of the estimate, a lengthy discussion took place. At the outset, Councillor Galvin gave figures in respect of the running expenses of the Ballinasloe swimming pool, and pointed out the extent by which costs had increased in recent months. The question of water pumps was then raised, and Deputy Donnellan was informed of the procedures adopted for such works. A number of members criticised the delay in implementing the programme for the provision of water pumps. Councillors Haverty and Croffy made strong objections to the delay in providing pumps nominated by them. The County Manager stated that the system would be reviewed when the present contract expired.

On the proposal of Councillor King, seconded by Deputy Donnellan, it was resolved:-

"that £1,000 be provided in the estimates as a token sum towards a proposal, to be examined by the Manager, that the Council employ an extra engineer to supervise and co-ordinate group water supply scheme".

Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer, pointed out that the Council were already co-ordinating sources of water, and that they had a liaison with the Department engineers.

Following a discussion on water supply schemes, the Council noted that it was proposed to proceed with the erection of a number of public sanitary conveniences in the Gaeltacht area. The County Manager agreed to check on the position with regard to Clonbur for the information of Councillor Kyne.

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Councillor Ryan and resolved:-

"that the amount included in the estimate for the provision and extension of burial grounds be increased from £20,000 to £30,000".

Deputy Callanan was informed that it was proposed to provide a third scavenging vehicle. A list of villages to be served under this proposal was read and Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer said that the list would be re-considered to see whether any further villages could be included.

A lengthy discussion took place on the public lighting programme, during which the County Manager agreed to consider the provision of public lights at the rear of McHale's Terrace/as suggested by Senator Killilea. Councillor Fahey requested that lights be provided near pubs at Kilcolgan, and Knockadoagh and at Church gates. Deputy Callan referred to the need for public lighting at Fohenagh and other locations to be supplied. Councillor Byrne sought a public light at Clarenbridge and Deputy Coogan the extension of lights to Merlin Park gates.

The County Manager said that it would be necessary to stick to the priority list except in very exceptional circumstances. Following some further discussion, the estimate for public lighting was agreed.

It was then proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Haverty, and resolved that the meeting should be adjourned. It was agreed that it should be resumed at 11.00 a.m. on Monday, 25th February.

3067 - SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:-

Mrs. Sunny Boyle, Lought, Moylough.
Mr. Martin Concannon, Trasternagh, Moylough.
Mrs. Ward, Newcastle, Aughrim, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Catherine Fahy, Patch, Glenamaddy.
Mrs. K. O'Boyle, Lought, Moylough.
Mr. Michael Linnane, Caheravooneen, Kinvara.

The meeting then terminated

Submitted, approved and confirmed:

Thomas O'Boyle
CHAIRMAN

25-2-74

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
Galway.

19th February, 1974.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

ESTIMATES MEETINGS

MONTHLY MEETING

A Chara,

After decision at yesterday's meeting the full programme of meetings for Monday next, 25th February, is as follows:-

11.00 a.m. - resumption of the consideration of the Estimates in Committee.

3.00 p.m. - Estimates Meeting.

On completion of Estimates meeting - ordinary monthly meeting -- for which a Separate Agenda is enclosed herewith.

Mise, le meas,

J. Howlett.
County Secretary.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION FOR ROADS - - 1974

COUNCILLOR	NOTICE OF MOTION	ESTIMATED COST £
W. Burke	That Co.Rd. from Hannons, Castlegrove through village of Beagh to Kilconly be tarred.	1400
W. Burke	Remove dangerous bend at Birmingham Rd. Tuam opposite Hill View House	2000
T. Byrne P. Donnellan	That the Maree-Oranmore Rd. be marked. Centre to be marked & corners. Not feasible for most of road.	200
T. Byrne	That signposts indicating the cross roads at Ardnagrove, Kinvara & the nearby Co.Rd. via Ballybuck South be erected.	42
T. Byrne	That signposts indicating the village of Shanaglish be erected at Lough Cutre at head of Co. Roads leading from main Gort/Ennis Road.	21
P. Collins	That provision be made in the Estimates for coming financial year for provision of footpaths in the village of Menlough.	500
J. Callanan	Blacktop road at Ballyvoley, Kiltormer	520
J. Callanan	Blacktop road at Kilquan	450
J. Callanan	Blacktop road at Ballinphuill	500
J. Donnellan	That Co. Co. complete the footpath at Halfstraddle, Ballygaddy Rd. Tuam that they started 15 years ago and have not yet completed.	15,000
J. Donnellan M. Kitt	Remove wall outside the high wall outside Agricultural College in Mountbellew and replace it with a more suitable structure.	2905
P. Donnellan	Improve hills on Galway-Monivea Rd. Braenloughane, Castlegar	500
P. Donnellan	Improve Daly's Bridge on Dawros Corrandrum Rd.	10,000
F. Fahy	Surface Dress Rd. at Prospect, Oranmore	100
T. Hussey	Blacktop road leading to A. Mitchell's hse. Cloondahamper, Lavally.	700
T. Hussey	Blacktop road at Urrachy, Milltown to Mayo Border	1540
T. Hussey	Blacktop road leading to Kitt's House, Shankill, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe	440
M. Kitt	Blacktop road leading to F. Dolan's Hse Vermont, Menlough, Ballinasloe	440
M. Kitt	Widen road from Caltra (Mountbellew) village	1200
H. Melvin	That the footpath be extended to Cuscarrick Cottages in the Gort Rd. Loughrea.	1000
J. Molloy	I will ask if the dangerous bend at Belville Bridge, Athenry, will be widened, and the sight distance improved this year.	800

COUNCILLOR	NOTICE OF MOTION	ESTIMATED COST £
P. Ruane	Improve approaches to Cregg Bridge	900
M. Ryan	Replace existing "Yield R.O.W." sign by "Stop" sign if approved by Gardai	20
M. Ryan	Complete roadway at Cuilmore, Moylough	400
M. Ryan	Finish remaining part of road at Shantalla, Moylough	1200
M. Ryan	Black topping of Scregg Road, Kilkerrin to Shaughnessy's house was not provided for in original specification. Now to complete.	220
M. Ryan	Clean roadside drain at Abbert, Abbeyknockmoy to remove flooding from 3 families. Not Council's responsibility.	
T. Hussey	Blacktop road at Meelick, Boyounagh	750
P. Ruane	Surface Dress the following roads; To Caherlea Village, Athenry To M. Keane's Hse., Montpellier	140 600

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF A COMMITTEE OF THE ENTIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON 25TH FEBRUARY, 1974.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. King.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors Burke, Byrne, Deputy Callanan, Councillors Clarke, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Councillors Mrs. Groffy, Fahey, Galvin, Geraghty, Glynn, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Senator Killilea, Councillors Lambert, Melvin, Ruane, Kyne and Ryan.

Officials: Mrs. S. Keating, County Manager; Mr. P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; Mr. J. Howlett, County Secretary; Mr. M. Moroney, County Accountant; Mr. C. A. Warner, County Engineer; Mr. M. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; Messrs. J. Silke, M. Tierney, W. Cahill, K. Hays, H. Finnegan, R. Callagy and J. Durkin, Chief Assistant County Engineers; Mrs. P. Monaghan and Messrs. M. Commins, E. Doyle and T. Kavanagh, Staff Officers.

The opening prayer was recited.

3068 - ESTIMATE/EXPENSES FOR PERIOD COMMENCING 1ST APRIL, 1974 AND ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1974.

In accordance with decision taken at meeting held on the 1/2/1974 (minute no. 3061) the County Engineer submitted estimates of the cost of works proposed by individual Councillors which had not been included in the estimate, or which it had been proposed earlier to defer.

Following some preliminary consideration of this list, Deputy Callanan referred to the bridges at Rafor and at Addergoole, Ahascragh, to which he had made reference at meeting held on 18/2/1974 (minute no. 3066). Councillor Galvin and Councillor Mrs. Groffy also explained the urgent need to have the bridge at Addergoole constructed. Councillor Haverty also referred to a proposal which he had made for the improvement of a bend near Leitrim village. A lengthy discussion took place on these three items.

During the course of the discussion, Deputy Callanan and Councillor Galvin argued that monies available for Councillors Notices' of Motion should not have to be spent on the construction of bridges. At the conclusion of the discussion, however, Councillor Galvin acknowledged that the amount required for the bridge at Addergoole would not be very substantial, and he agreed that he would endeavour to provide this money from his allocation during the coming year.

With regard to the Rafor bridge, the County Engineer pointed out that the cost of this work might have been included in Local Improvement Scheme, and he felt that a separate application could still be made under the scheme to carry out the work which was estimated to cost £600. The County Engineer also supplied an estimate of £1,500 in respect of the work referred to by Councillor Haverty. Councillor Haverty maintained that the Council were committed to carry out this work, but the County Manager read minute no. 2612 of meeting held on the 6/2/1973 to clarify the position. After considerable discussion as to whether this work could be considered it was finally agreed that it would be included in the estimate. The Council also agreed to provide £500 in the estimate to carry out a work proposed by Councillor Fahey, i.e. the blacktopping of the Lecarrow road to Callanan's house. Councillor Ryan urged the County Manager to include provision in the estimate for the cleaning of roadside drain at Abbert, Abbeyknockmoy, but the County Manager stated that while he would re-investigate the matter, the Council did not appear to be responsible.

Finally, it was proposed by Councillor Glynn, and seconded by Senator Killilea, and resolved:-

"that a sum of £2,000 be added to the estimated cost of additional road works to cover works proposed by Councillors Haverty and Fahey. That County Engineer's list of additional road works be further amended by the deletion of the following amounts:-

£2,000 for works proposed by Councillor Burke.
£15,000 for works proposed by Councillor J. Donnellan.
£2,905 for works proposed by Deputy J. Donnellan and Deputy Kitt.
£10,000 for works proposed by Councillor P. Donnellan.

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That having regard to the above amendments, list of road works at a net estimated cost of £16,583 be included, by way of addition to the estimate."

Following further consideration of the Raford bridge, Deputy Callanan agreed that he would consider making an application under the Local Improvement Schemes, but feeling that, that he would reserve amount standing in his name on the above mentioned list in order to finance the construction of the bridge.

The meeting, which had commenced at 11.00 a.m. and gone on until 1.00 p.m. was then adjourned until 2.30 p.m.

On the resumption of the meeting at 2.30 p.m. Deputy Hussey took the chair.

The Council proceeded to examine the estimate for Sanitary Services. On the proposal of Councillor Kyne, it was agreed that Clonbur might be substituted for Cornamona as one of the sites proposed new public conveniences, on condition that Roinn na Gaeltachta would agree to give a grant in respect of this location. It was resolved that enquiries be made immediately in this regard.

A discussion took place on swimming pools, and Councillor Glynn suggested that the Council should embark on a publicity campaign in order to increase attendances at the pools.

The Council then examined the Housing estimate, and the County Manager drew attention to schedule which had been circulated giving details of the Housing Programme.

Councillor Glynn suggested that the Council should provide developed sites in the smaller town and villages, and the County Manager agreed that the established trend to provide such sites would be extended in this direction.

Senator Killilea urged that provision be made in the estimate to erect a house for Mrs. Naughton, Galway Road, Tuam. The County Manager read minute no. 2835 of meeting held on the 23/7/1973, and the County Engineer pointed out that Mrs. Naughton had never given an exact definition of her requirements. When Senator Killilea pressed that provision be made in the estimate for the construction of a house for her, the County Manager stated that this was unnecessary as a house could be provided from borrowing. He pointed out, however, that a number of aspects of the matter would have to be examined and defined before any action could be taken.

A lengthy discussion took place on a scheme for Essential Repairs Grants. Deputy Callanan, who was supported by Councillor Ryan and others complained that the engineer's estimates for such jobs were far too low, and that work could not be done at the price levels of these estimates.

It was pointed out that there was a difficulty in getting contractors for such works, and that this had recently been aggravated by the taxation rules enforced by the Revenue Commissioners.

Councillor Haverty advocated an increase in the estimate for housing repairs. It was pointed out that a substantial increase had already been made in the estimate for this purpose.

The County Manager undertook to examine a suggestion by Councillor Glynn, that the Council should employ a small gang of men to carry out essential repairs under the essential repairs scheme in urgent cases. Councillor Glynn also commented on provision for agency services performed by the Western Health Board in relation to housing, and stated that such services were not satisfactory. The County Manager acknowledged that this was so, but that there had been staff illness and other staffing problems. A meeting would take place in the near future to discuss this matter with the Western Health Board.

The Council then examined the estimate for General Purposes. Agreement was reached on a proposal by Councillor Kyne, seconded by Councillor Geraghty, that the sum of £3,000 included in the estimate by way of contribution from rates towards amenity schemes be increased to £9,000. Councillor Kyne had also proposed that the increased sum be allocated towards the Clonbur Community Centre, but the Council would not agree to earmark the money for any particular scheme at that stage.

No other changes were made in the General Purposes estimate, and the Council then concluded its examination of the estimate in committee.

Submitted approved + confirmed
25/3/74
Chairman

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
 (GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Secretary's Office,
 County Buildings,
 GALWAY.

18th February, 1974.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of the Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 25th February, 1974 commencing at 3.00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

J. Howlett,
County Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. Estimates of Expenses - 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974 (already circulated).

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THE 25TH FEBRUARY, 1974.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors T.V. Clarke, P. Collins, Deputy F. Coogan, Councillor Mrs. M. Croffy, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, P.T. Galvin, M. Geraghty, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, P. D. Joyce, T. King, Deputy M. Kitt, Senator M. Killilea, Councillor J. Lambert, Senator J.M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, S. Kyne and M. Ryan.

Officials: Mr. S. Keating, County Manager; Mr. P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; Mr. J. Howlett, County Secretary; Mr. M. Moroney, County Accountant; Mr. C. A. Warner, County Engineer; Mr. M. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; Messrs. J. Silke, M. Tierney, W. Cahill, K. Hays, H. Finnegan, B. Callagy, J. Durkin, Chief Assistant County Engineers; Mrs. P. Monaghan and Messrs. M. Commins, K. Doyle and T. Kavanagh, Staff Officers.

3069 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR PERIOD COMMENCING 1ST APRIL, 1974 AND ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1974:

The County Manager read circular G.3/74 of the 18/2/1974 from the Department of Local Government setting out the rates of contribution from state funds towards the cost of health services and local authority housing provided for letting. The County Manager informed the Council that while the estimates had been prepared in advance of this notification, the extra credit available by way of state subventions towards housing and health services had been correctly anticipated.

The Council then confirmed the amendments made in the draft estimate at estimates committee meetings held on the 18th February, 1974 and the 25th February, 1974. The County Accountant informed the members that the amended estimate would require a rate of 540.674p and that the rate for Separate Charges (other than malicious injuries) would amount to 9.719p making a total rate of 550.393p.

It was proposed by Deputy J. Donnellan, seconded by Senator Mannion, and resolved:-

"that the Estimate of Expenses of the Galway County Council for the period commencing 1st April, 1974 and ending 31st December, 1974 as set forth in tables A, B, C and E be adopted, and that the Galway County Council hereby determines, in accordance with the said estimate, the rate set forth in the final column of tables C, column 13 of table D, and the final column of table E, to be the rates in the £ to be levied for the several services specified in the said estimate for the period 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974".

The prescribed forms of estimate, and the statutory demands on the urban districts were then sealed and signed.

The estimates meeting then terminated.

Submitted, approved and Confirmed -

Liam Mac an Ríog

Chairman

25/3/74

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

18u la de Feabhra, 1974.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 25u la de Feabhra, 1974, ag tosnu nuair a bheas críoch leis an cruinniú speisialta.

Mise, le meas,

S. hUileid,
Runai.

A G E N D A

Opening Prayer.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims:-
 - (a) George Conboy, Ballybanebeg, Galway. - £900
- motor car crashed and badly damaged on 12th January, 1974.
 - (b) John Kelly, Dublin Road, Tuam. - £65
- motor car damaged on 18th January, 1974.
 - (c) Thomas Naughton, Baunogues, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe. - £300
- one cock of oats and sheet of polythene burned on 20th/21st January, 1974.
 - (d) Anthony Williams, Portumna. - £57
- motor van damaged on 19th/20th January, 1974.
 - (e) John and Elizabeth Shiel, Ballycuddy, Kilchreest. - £1,430
- slated house, ten ton of hay, pony cart, rake and plough burned on 26th January, 1974.
 - (f) Rev. John Ball, C.C., Cong. - £200
- eleven windows, tiles, downpipes and eave gutters in Cong National School damaged on 10th/11th January, 1974.
 - (g) Minister for Posts & Telegraphs. - £95
- telephone kiosk damaged at Kilcolgan on 3rd/4th February, 1974.
3. Filling of casual vacancy on the County Vocational Education Committee created by the resignation of Phadraig Uas. Mac Diarmada.
4. Overdraft - Quarter Ended 30/6/1974.
5. Local Government Reorganisation - Discussion document from Department of Local Government (already circulated).

6. Raising of the following loans:-
- (a) £17,000 to finance the extension of the Kinvara Water Supply Extension - Stage 2.
 - (b) £2,500 to finance the Kilconnell water supply extension.
 - (c) £10,000 to finance the Inishbofin water supply - Stage 2 (Extension to Eastern End).
7. Disposal of lands at Killalooonty, Tuam - Notices dated the 13th February, 1974.
8. Revision of remuneration for:-
- (i) County Secretary; per Labour Court recommendation.
 - (ii) Clerk Typists; in accordance with National Agreement with Local Government and Public Services Union.
9. Rates by Instalments.
10. Pier at the Weir, Kilcolgan - Minute No. 3055.
11. Business submitted by County Manager.
12. MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:
- (a) Deputy M.F. Kitt:
 - (i) I will propose that additional street lights be provided on the road from Caltra village by the Fairgreen, the Parochial House and on to the National School.
 - (b) Councillor T. Byrne:
 - (i) I will propose that this Council take over the final 130 yds. of the Kilchreest Drainage District at Ballycurra, Kilchreest.
 - (c) Deputy J. Callanan:
 - (i) I will propose that this Council immediately carry out decision made at last years estimate meeting to have the walls at Hoban's turn, Gurteen, capped and Mr. Hoban paid his compensation.
 - (d) Councillor W. Burke: I will propose -
 - (i) that the following cemeterys be extended:-
Addergoole, Garryfrauns, Kilclooney, Milltown, Downpatrick, Caherlistrane.
 - (ii) that the water supply in Dunmore be improved so as to give ample supply of water in and around Dunmore.
 - (e) Councillor S. Kyne:
 - (i) I will ask what is the policy of the County Council towards granting house loans to single men and women.
 - (ii) I will propose that single men and women should not be asked to produce evidence of marriage when applying for house loans and that they should be able to qualify for a loan.
 - (f) Councillor J. Lambert:
 - (i) I will ask when the proposed new fire engine is to be provided in Gort.
 - (g) Deputy J. Donnellan: I will propose -
 - (i) that Galway County Council remove the weigh house at Headford, Co. Galway;
 - (ii) that Galway County Council replace the yield-right-of-way signs with stop signs and erect a Pedestrian Crossing at top of the town Headford;
 - (iii) that Galway County Council remove the water pump at Loughill, Garrafratts, Tuam, and erect a wall around the well.

- (h) Councillor P. Ruane: I will propose -
 - (i) that Galway County Council agree to sink pumps to enable people to form group water schemes in areas where there is no other source of water;
 - (ii) that this Council deal more leniently with applications for loans from young married couples.
 - (i) Deputy T. Hussey and Councillor P. Raftery:
 - (i) We will propose that L.I.S. Road No. 236/71 at Cloonfaughna, Glynsk be taken over and maintained by the Council.
 - (j) Deputy T. Hussey:
 - (i) I will propose that steps be taken immediately to provide parking facilities at Killlererin Church.
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON 25TH FEBRUARY, 1974.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors T.V. Clarke, P. Collins, Deputy F. Coogan, Councillor Mrs. M. Croffy, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, P.T. Galvin, M. Geraghty, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, P.D. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Councillor T. King, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillor J. Lambert, Senator J.M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, S. Kyne and M. Ryan.

Officials: Mr. S. Keating, County Manager; Mr. P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; Mr. J. Howlett, County Secretary; Mr. C. A. Warner, County Engineer; Mr. M. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; Messrs. J. Silke, M. Tierney, W. Cahill, K. Hays, H. Finnegan, J. Durkin, Chief Assistant County Engineers; Messrs. K. Doyle and T. Kavanagh, Staff Officers.

- 3070 - **MINUTES:** Minutes of meetings held on the 28/1/1974, 1/2/1974, 5/2/1974 and 18/2/1974 (nos. 3014 - 3067), which had been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Glynn referred to minute no. 3066, and stated that he would like it to be recorded that the proposal adopted in regard to the possible employment of an engineer for Group Water Schemes had been initiated by him.

- 3071 - **MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS:** The Council noted malicious damage claims listed at 2(a) - 2(g) on the agenda.

- 3072 - **FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Geraghty and resolved:-

"that Mr. M. Flaherty, Carraroe, be appointed a member of the County Vocational Education Committee to fill casual vacancy created by the resignation of Phadraig Uas. Mac Diarmada".

- 3073 - **OVERDRAFT - QUARTER ENDED 30/6/1974:** Proposed by Councillor Holland, seconded by Councillor Galvin, and resolved:-

"that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, temporary overdraft accommodation not exceeding £750,000 be borrowed from the Councils Revenue account for the quarter ending 30/6/1974".

- 3074 - **LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION:** The County Manager outlined the proposals stated in the discussion paper which had already been circulated to each member of the Council.

A lengthy discussion followed, during which the Chairman, who was seconded by Senator Killilea, proposed that the Council should reject the proposals set out in the discussion document.

Councillor Byrne, who was seconded by Councillor Collins, suggested that the proposals should not be rejected in full as some of them were admirable. He acknowledged that the Council's comments should take account of certain criticisms of the proposals relating to smaller urbans.

Councillor Fahey wished to have consideration of the discussion document postponed.

When the Council failed to reach agreement between the different points of view, it was suggested by Councillor Haverty that the Council should go through the paper paragraph by paragraph.

The Secretary then read the discussion document, and a discussion took place on each paragraph.

As a result of these discussions, paragraphs 5 and 6 and 8 to 11 were rejected. No objection was seen to paragraph 7. Paragraphs 16, 17 and 20 were also approved. A lengthy discussion took place on paragraph 18. Many members advocated that there should be better involvement of voluntary organisations in securing expertise on Council committees. There was considerable

divergence of views as to how this might be done, but the majority of the members favoured election rather than nomination. While paragraph 20 was otherwise acceptable, the Council did not support the proposal to extend the title of Mayor to the Chairman of Urban District Councils and Boards of Town Commissioners.

- 3075 - **LOANS FOR SANITARY SERVICES WORKS:** Proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Fahey and resolved:-

"that the Council borrow the amounts specified hereunder from the Commissioners of Public Works, to finance the following schemes:-

- £17,000 for the extension of the Kinvara Water Supply.
- £2,500 for the extension of the Kilconnell Water Supply.
- £10,000 for the Inishbofin Water Supply.

The loan or loans are to be repayable over a period of 25 years, or such other period as may be allowed, with interest at the Local Loans Fund rate".

- 3076 - **DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT TUAM FOR INDUSTRIAL SITES:** It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy Hussey, and resolved:-

"that 1 rood 23 perches approximately of land at Killalooonty, Tuam, be sold to Bortex Ltd., and that 2 roods 1 perch approximately of adjoining land be sold to Western Refrigeration Ltd., Tuam. The consideration and conditions of sale are to be in accordance with notices issued to each member of the Council on the 13th February, 1974."

Councillor Glynn objected to the price charged in these cases, on the grounds that it was entirely excessive. The County Manager stated that he did not agree with this view, the Council were making no profit on the transaction and were merely recovering the acquisition and development costs of the sites.

- 3077 - **REVISION OF REMUNERATION FOR THE COUNTY SECRETARY GRADE:**

The County Manager explained that following increases granted to Local Authority engineers from 1/7/1971, the Labour Court had recommended that a pro rata increase be applied to the grade of County Secretary. The cost of this increase for a full year was £279.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Croffy, seconded by Deputy Coogan, and resolved:-

"that the Council approve and implement Labour Court Recommendation regarding the revision of remuneration for the grade of County Secretary."

- 3078 - **REVISION OF REMUNERATION FOR CLERK TYPISTS:** The County Manager explained that it was proposed to revise the salaries of Clerk Typists in accordance with National Agreement with the Local Government and Public Services Union. The cost of the increase from 1/4/1972 to 31/3/1974 was estimated at £6,400.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Croffy, seconded by Deputy Coogan, and resolved:-

"that the Council approve and implement National Agreement with the Local Government and Public Services Union for the revision of remuneration of Clerk Typists and that excess expenditure of £4,600 be approved to implement the award from the 1/4/1972".

- 3079 - **RATES BY INSTALMENTS:** It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Burke, and resolved:-

"that a scheme submitted at the meeting for payment of rates by instalments for the 9 month period ending 31/12/1974, be approved".

- 3080 - **PIER AT THE WEIR, KILCOLGAN:** The County Manager referred to minute no. 3055 of meeting held on the 28/1/1974, and stated that following consideration of this matter, the County Engineer was of opinion that lighting would not help matters here. He recommended the installation of a protective barrier consisting of concrete bollards and heavy chains and extending approximately 160 lineal yards. The cost of this work was estimated at £800.

The Council approved this proposal.

3081 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

- (a) Date of meeting re Planning: It was resolved that a special meeting of the Council would be held on the 11th March to deal with the adjourned items on Planning Control and Review of the Development Plan.
- (b) Local Improvement Scheme L.G. 11/71 at Castleblakeney: In response to an earlier request by the Council that a special grant should be available for the above work, the County Manager read letter dated 30/1/1974 which was received from the Department of Local Government. The letter indicated that there would be no objection to meeting the full cost of bridge works (estimated at £540) from the grant, subject to a local contribution of £72 by the beneficiaries.

The Council agreed unanimously with this proposal on the proposal of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Collins.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

- 3082 - ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHTING AT CALTRA: The County Manager informed Deputy Kitt that the provision of additional street lights at Caltra would be considered when estimate had been received.
- 3083 - KILCHREEST DRAINAGE DISTRICT: The County Manager informed Councillor Byrne that the Council were not empowered to take over the final 130 yards of the Kilchreest Drainage District. The County Manager suggested that consideration should be given to having the work done under the Local Improvement Scheme or under the Land Project.
- 3084 - WALL AT HOBAN'S, GURTEEN: Deputy Callanan maintained ^{that} the Council were committed to the capping of a wall at Hoban's, Gurteen, and that Mr. Hoban would not agree to accept compensation until this work was carried out. The County Engineer quoted letter dated 3/4/1969 which he had sent to Deputy Callanan on this matter. Following some further discussion, the County Manager said that he would investigate the matter.
- 3085 - EXTENSION OF CEMETERIES: The County Manager informed Councillor Burke that it was agreed that cemeteries at Addergoole, Kilclooney and Downpatrick, ought be extended. Land had been acquired for Kilclooney and negotiations were in progress for Downpatrick. A C.P.O. would be required for Addergoole.
- 3086 - DUNMORE WATER SUPPLY: Councillor Burke was informed that arrangements were in hand to improve the pressure in the existing water supply at Dunmore. A Consulting Engineer had been appointed to prepare a report on an augmentation scheme.
- 3087 - HOUSING LOANS FOR SINGLE MEN AND WOMEN: Councillor Kyne, who was supported by Councillors Mrs. Croffy and Haverty, maintained that the Council were too restrictive in dealing with applications for housing loans from single men and women. In many cases, single men wished to construct a house well in advance of marriage, and single women had to accommodate members of their families.
- The County Manager stated that the Council would normally favour applications of the latter type, but that in the former case some evidence of intention to get married was needed to prevent speculation. He undertook to consider the present policy, but indicated that he could not remove all restrictions.
- During the course of this discussion, the Council also resolved, that the Minister for Local Government be requested to seek legislative powers to enable loans to be given to persons under 21 years.
- 3088 - FIRE ENGINE FOR GORT: The County Manager informed Councillor Lambert that a fire engine would be transferred to Gort as soon as some necessary parts became available.
- 3089 - WEIGH HOUSE AT HEADFORD AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT HEADFORD: The above items were deferred in the absence of Deputy Donnellan.
- 3090 - PUMP AT LOUGHILL, GARRAFRAUNS, TUAM: Motion on the above matter in Deputy Donnellan's name was moved by another member who was informed by the County Manager that measures were being taken to remedy leaks in water pump at Loughill. It was not recommended that the pump be moved to make it an open well, as this would increase the risk of contamination.

- 3091 - PUMPS FOR GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES: Councillor Ruane was informed that a proposal to sink pumps to enable people to form Group Water Schemes could not be approved because of the risky nature of well boring, the large number of Group Schemes which might require the service and the cost involved. It was considered that the provision of headworks for regional schemes was a better method of meeting the needs of groups.
- 3092 - LOANS FOR YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES: The County Manager informed Councillor Ruane that the income limit for house purchase loan was £2,350 and the maximum loan £4,500.
- 3093 - L.I.S. ROAD NO. 236/71: Deputy Hussey was informed that the above road would be difficult and costly to maintain and still required surface dressing which would have to be carried out before it could be taken over.
- 3094 - PARKING FACILITIES AT KILLERERIN CHURCH: Deputy Hussey was informed that the Council would provide the usual parking facilities provided the site was suitable and made up to standard.
- 3095 - SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:-
 Mr. Paddy Cummins, Harbour Road, Ballinasloe.
 Miss Eileen Ruane, Caltracreen, Menlough, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. Pat Lynskey, Woodquay, Galway.
 Mrs. J.V. Holland, Rockbarton Park, Salthill, Galway.
 Deputy F. Coogan, 5 New Road, Galway.
 Mr. S. Donnellan, Co.C., Dovepark, Moycullen.

The meeting then terminated.

Submitted approved & Confirmed
Tomás Mac a Ríog

Chairman
 25/3/74

COMIARLE CHIONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

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(Galway)

4th March, 1974.

To: Each Member of the Council/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special meeting of the Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Monday 11th March, 1974 at 3.30. p.m.

Mise, le meas,

J. Howlett,
Runair.

A G E N D A

1. Development Plan for Claregalway.
2. Control of Development and Review of the County Development Plan (documents already circulated - copies available, if required).

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1974.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

Councillors W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors P. Collins, T.V. Clarke, Deputy F. Coogan, Councillors Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham, J. Donnellan (Moycullen), Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors P. Donnellan, F. Fahey, P.T. Galvin, M. Geraghty, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, P.D. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors T. King, J. Lambert, Senator J.M. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, P. Raftery, S. Kyne and M. Ryan.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; C.A. Warner, County Engineer; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; W. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); J. Durkin, Chief Assistant County Engineer; T. Fleming, Draughtsman and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

- 3096 - SYMPATHY AND ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: On the proposition of Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Holland, the Council extended its sympathy to Councillor P. Ruane on the death of his brother. Councillor Glynn stated that it was Councillor Ruane's wish that the Council would not adjourn the meeting to a later date, and he accordingly proposed, and it was agreed that the meeting adjourn for half an hour as a mark of sympathy with Councillor Ruane. The Chairman and other members also joined in the expression of sympathy.

The County Manager also extended sympathy to Councillor Ruane on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council.

The meeting then adjourned until 4 p.m.

- 3097 - DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CLAREGALWAY VILLAGE: The County Manager stated that it was considered that a plan should be prepared for Claregalway. An outline plan for the village was accordingly prepared and was published and copies deposited for a period of three months. As a result he stated that two objections to the plan had been received and at their request the objectors were afforded an opportunity of making oral submissions on their objections and he read the following reports of the oral submissions made by them.

Submissions made by Mr. Robert Dunleavy, and his Architect Mr. Hannigan on the 8th March, 1974.

1. All commercial development should not be confined to one side of the road as this gave rise to constant crossing of a national primary route by people wishing to shop. Commercial development should take place in the centre of a village. Mr. Dunleavy's land was being alienated from the rest of the village.
2. The land zoned commercial and agricultural was least suited for agriculture, while good agricultural land had been zoned for housing.
3. Some land on the "commercial" side of the road should be zoned for housing and/or light industry.
4. A discussion had been held with I.D.A. regarding siting industry on Mr. Dunleavy's land but they mentioned the shortage of housing to accommodate industrial workers.

Submissions made on behalf of Claregalway Development Co. Ltd., on the 8th March, 1974.

1. The Claregalway Development Co. Ltd. have no proprietary interest in the land covered by the Plan, but have erected a housing scheme in the area and installed a sewage plant at heavy cost to themselves.
2. The density proposed is too limited. They feel the area could take 4 - 4½ houses per acre rather than the 2 houses per acre proposed in the Plan. The sewerage is capable of taking 100 houses.

3. The proposals in the Plan show open spaces. The area covered by the Plan is owned by 4 or 5 individual owners and the relationship of open space to each individual land means that any developer would have to acquire all the land covered by the Plan in order to provide the open spaces as required. If account was taken of various interests in the land and open space was indicated to each owner rather than to the land as a whole, it would be easier for a developer to acquire land. Each block of land, according to ownership, would then have its own open space.
4. Mr. Michael Hughes felt that the boundaries as shown on the land ownership map might not be correct. He suggested that the Development Plan take cognizance of individual owners of land and he submitted that there should be a whole re-arrangement of the house and green spaces on the basis of ownership of land. As at least five landowners were involved, it was proving extremely difficult to acquire all the land necessary to conform with the Plan. He felt that Mrs. Duggan would never sell and that her land should be excluded from the Plan. He also felt that the remaining land fronting the main road could not be acquired at a price which would be economic for a developer.

The County Manager stated that it was not possible to have the observations of the Planning staff available for the Council at that meeting, but that if it was the desire of the members to proceed with the plan, the observations of the staff could be obtained and placed before the Council at a later meeting.

Mr. Lee explained the proposals and the plan to the members.

Councillor Holland stated that some of the land which was included in the plan was not available for purchase by developers.

Deputy Callanan stated that the County Council should not dictate how many people should live in Claregalway, that the preparation of a plan such as this increases the price of land, and he felt that no zoning should take place outside of cities.

Councillor P. Donnellan stated that the Claregalway Development Co. put in a sewer of large diameter which would take a much greater development, and this firm would like to continue building in the area included in the plan, but that they have discovered that the land is too dear. He proposed that the Council include the lands which were the subject of an application for planning permission recently in the village plan. Deputy Coogan seconded Councillor Donnellan's proposal.

Councillor Glynn stated that it would not be possible to implement the plan, he stated that a radical plan which could provide a play area in the centre would keep prices down. Councillor Glynn also suggested that the area which is the subject of a recent planning application should be included in the village plan as it is only twenty yards away from the boundary of the plan prepared.

In reply to Councillor Molloy, Mr. Lee stated that the church and school are on the south side, and that this is a nicer environment for residences than the north side.

Councillor Glynn stated that to allow industry in Claregalway would be a breach of planning principles.

Mr. Lee stated that there may be industries which would come to Claregalway out of choice, as an industrialist might favour it for a particular type of industry. He stated, however, that he would not encourage industry to Claregalway, but, would be prepared to consider an application for permission for an industry of a particular type.

In reply to Councillor Fahey, Mr. Lee stated that the sewer provided by the developers already would cater for the houses in the plan.

Councillor Fahey stated that the village should be allowed to develop up to the extent that the services can provide for. He stated that such development would help to take the over-spill from Galway city. It was, he stated wrong to zone in a village, and the fact that land was outside the village boundary should not prevent planning permission being given for such land.

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Deputy Callanan referring to Directive 159 stated that approximately 60% or 70% of farmers in the west will be leaving farming, and would need industries to employ them convenient to their place of residence. Deputy Callanan proposed that land be not zoned in Claregalway.

In reply to Councillor Ryan, who asked if permission would be given for building outside the boundaries of the village, Mr. Lee stated that only agricultural development is envisaged in this area to a density of two houses per acre.

Councillor Glynn stated that Galway and Oranmore Industrial Estates are near enough to cater for the industrial needs of Claregalway and that if any industry is to be allowed it should be of a clean commercial type only, not manufacturing.

The County Manager stated that he had got the impression from the discussion, that the view of the members seemed to be that a greater area of land should be taken into the village plan, and that this would mean they were to start from the beginning again, and re-publish whatever plans might be prepared to include additional land. He pointed out that a plan for the village is needed, and that it is advisable that guide lines for development in the village should be set down. He stated that the inclusion of additional land would be a major amendment in the plan, and that this would mean, that when a new plan is prepared it would have to be published and placed on deposit for three months in order to give an opportunity to objectors to lodge their objections and submissions.

Councillor Glynn proposed that the plan be amended in order to include in it the additional land which is at present the subject of an application before the County Council.

Councillor Holland seconded this proposal.

After a further discussion, Councillor Burke seconded Deputy Callanan's proposal that no zoning of any kind be carried out in Claregalway.

A vote taken on Councillor Glynn's amendment resulted as follows:-

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| For | - | Councillors Byrne, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Councillors Cunningham, P. Donnellan, P. Galvin, F. Glynn, B. Holland, Deputy T. Hussey (9). |
| Against | - | Councillor Burke, Deputy Callanan, Councillors Clarke, Croffy, Fahey, Molloy, Raftery, Kyne (8). |

The Chairman declared Councillor Glynn's amendment carried, and it was agreed that Deputy Callanan's proposal was defeated by the same vote.

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3098 - CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN: The County Manager referred to his circular letter of the 21st January, 1974 to each member of the Council, and also the circular letter of 17th May, 1972 setting out the basis of a programme for carrying out the review of the plan. He also referred to the circular dated 12th November, 1973 ref. PL 210/8 from the Department of Local Government dealing with planning control problems, and suggested that the Council might deal with the Minister's circular separately or in the context of the plan. He then outlined for the members the position regarding the review of the development plan, and also the position with regard to the village plans. He also stated that the review of the plan would involve assigning an officer especially to it for a period of four to six months wholetime, and he did not expect that the plan would be prepared until September next. He also outlined the special planning studies which will be material in considering the development plan. He pointed out that committees of the Council for the various areas had already held meetings, and made submissions to the Council, but, that the Galway area had not so far been considered in detail. He reminded members that it was agreed that a committee of the entire Council would consider the Galway area, and he suggested the Council could now examine the position in the Galway area and lay down principles for development in this area, and that they might consider the villages later. The village plans could then, when agreed, could then be included in the County Development Plan.

He then suggested to the members that they might consider the Galway area, setting out development control principles which it is considered should be designated an area of special development control.

Replying to queries, the County Manager stated that the area would go as far as Craughwell, and also would include Oughterard. He also informed Deputy Coogan that the planning consultants employed by the Council for the Galway area

had consultations with the Galway Corporation, and that they ^{have} arranged to meet representatives of the Corporation again in the near future. Deputy Callanan and Councillor Holland asked why the area of special development control extends so far out from Galway.

Mr. Lee stated that the area was decided on, having regard to the pressures for planning permissions which are coming from this area, particularly on the main roads. He then gave particulars of planning applications received during the past year, and pointed out that they were approximately 50% up on the applications received for the previous year. He stated that the ^{use} plan based on the recognition of the existing problem, and the use of growth to stimulate and create better community life based on the village structure, rather than allow the villages to be static and allow growth to take place in a random form elsewhere. The plan recognises the advantageous location of certain villages for commuters and potential strength of villages in stimulating rural community. He then outlined a three tier pattern for development consisting of:

- (a) Primary Villages:
Oranmore, Moycullen, Headford, Barna, Uughterard and Spiddal.
- (b) Secondary Villages:
Clarinbridge, Kilcolgan, Claregalway, Corofin, Currandulla, and Craughwell.
- (c) Settlements or Hamlet Suggested Centres:
Menlough, Annaghdown, Rosscahill, Clooneen and Lackagh.

He then outlined the proposals in greater detail as set out in the County Manager's circular letter of the 17th May, 1972 to all members of the Council.

Deputy Coogan asked what were the proposals for development in the Furbo area.

Mr. Lee replied that Barna and Spiddal villages are growing, and that Furbo is a smaller development area of approximately 12 houses and that the main problem here is ^{one} of limitation on septic tanks.

Deputy Callanan objected to the proposal for concentrations of houses in rural areas.

Deputy Callanan stated that houses could be served by septic tanks, and that the Council should not dictate to people where they should live. He pointed out, that the Minister had stated that planning permission can be given to people for development opening to a primary road. Deputy Callanan then proposed that the Council do not accept the provision suggesting a density of one house for five acres.

Councillor P. Donnellan seconded this proposal.

Deputy Callanan stated that it would not be possible to get a neighbour to freeze his land in order to facilitate planning application.

Mr. Lee stated that some density control is necessary, and that the alternative is ribbonization resulting in high cost of services by the County Council and other authorities.

Councillor Glynn stated that it is necessary to have a plan, and to have some control.

Councillor Byrne stated that he agreed that planning is essential, but that it is not practical to provide for one house for five acres without suitable land being available. He stated that a restriction of this type in a rural area is ridiculous. He suggested that the Council should encourage more houses in rural areas.

The County Manager stated that the Council already has a £5 million programme for provision of services for land in the city environs, and that housing development in the rural areas would create a demand for the same standards.

Councillor Glynn stated that more money should be spent in smaller villages, in order to take industry out of Galway. The Council should go out and purchase land, and provide services, in order to provide sites at a reasonable price. There should be some alternative provided to the proposal of one house to five acres

Councillor Fahey referred to the problem of people in the middle income group of not being able to afford the cost of a house at present. He agreed that Mr. Lee's proposal for development of villages should be considered, but felt, that people should not be forced into villages. The city should be developed and also the area outside it, in order to take the over-spill. The Council should estimate the number of people who will require new houses inside the next twenty years, and plan accordingly for them. He considered that the plan should set out a definite policy, and make positive proposals. He considered that the existing plan contains restrictions and prohibits development.

At this stage Deputy Callanan stated that he had to leave the meeting, but that he wished if a vote were being taken that he be recorded as voting against the proposal to have only one house for every five acres in the rural area.

The County Manager stated that the Development Plan will contain objectives for development as well as for control.

Councillor Kyne stated that the city should be allowed to extend to the villages for which plans are being prepared, and thus take the pressure off the remainder of the county. He objected to the ratio of one house to five acres.

Deputy Coogan asked if the Council would agree to accept the plan as submitted and defer consideration of proposal to have only one house for five acres for consideration at a later date.

The Chairman also suggested that this aspect of the matter be deferred as he felt that there was strong objection by members generally to the proposal to allow only one house to five acres.

Councillor Haverty disagreed with the argument that extensive building in the rural area would result in demand for more services, as the Council had not already provided services for existing villages, and that it was not likely to provide it for rural areas.

The County Manager replied that allowing extensive development of the rural areas would aggravate the problem of services.

Deputy Coogan asked if as an alternative to the proposal of one house to five acres, the frontage on the road could be increased.

Deputy Coogan proposed and Councillor Glynn seconded that the plan for the Galway rural area of special development control as submitted, be adopted in principle, excluding the provision for one house to five acres.

On the suggestion of the County Manager, it was agreed that the Council adopt the plan in principle as proposed by Deputy Coogan, and investigate if the same result could be obtained by increasing the frontage. He stated that this matter would be further examined and that the proposal would be brought back to the Council for consideration.

3099 - SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:-

- Mr. Mark Crehan, Woodbrook, Newbridge, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Quinn, Cloonkeen, Toomard, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Patrick Conneely, Woodbrook, Newbridge, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. John Keeley, Mountbellew, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Sonny Naughton, Vermont, Menlough, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Michael Fahy, Glentane, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Jack Mahon, B.Sc., Tec. School, Moneenageisha, Galway.
- Mr. Patrick Hynes, Castlegar, Galway.
- Mrs. P. Cosgrove, Ahascragh, Co. Galway.

P. To for documents

The meeting then terminated.

*Submitted, approved and Confirmed
Tomás Mac an Broz
Chairman
25/3/74*



PL. 210/3

12 Samhain, 1973.

Planning Control Problems

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he is seriously concerned at the position that has developed in regard to planning control. The number of applications for permission addressed to planning authorities increased from 32,518 in 1971/72 to 38,778 in 1972/73 and there has been a corresponding increase in the number of appeals to the Minister, e.g. the number increased from 1,669 in the last 6 months of 1972/73 to 2,093 in the first 6 months of 1973/74. The Minister is aware that the planning staffs to deal with these volumes of work at local and at central level are necessarily limited. If radical steps are not taken to deal with the problem, the whole development process will be slowed down, those wishing to proceed with development being held up in various ways at local level, and in the appeals process if they thereby seek to offset the difficulties they face at local level.

It is the Minister's view that the only sensible way to deal with the problem and at the same time meet the basic requirements of proper planning and development is to have planning authorities approach applications for permission in a far less restrictive way and grant permission unless there are serious objections on important planning grounds such as traffic safety, public health, or amenity. In particular, proposals for residential development in rural areas (one house or a small group) should be granted if at all possible. In the Minister's opinion this would have other advantages, viz:- the encouragement of persons to provide their own houses and therefore assist the housing drive, the increase in the number of rural sites available and therefore a reduction in price.

The Minister wishes to discuss the implementation of his policy, as outlined above, with county and city managers, county and city engineers, and the senior planning officers working to the latter. In the meantime it is his intention that he and the Parliamentary Secretary will take their decisions on planning appeals in the light of his policy.

While the Minister is slow to spell out applications of his policy, in case this might lead to a restrictive interpretation of it, the following points might be noted:-

- (a) Some development plans contain provisions against "ribbon building" and/or requiring that development should be gathered into settlements. It is the Minister's view that such clauses

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
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14u la de Marta, 1974.

Chuíg Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 25u la de Marta, 1974 ag tosnú ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

S. hUILEID,
Runai.A G E N D A

Opening Prayer.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims:-
 - (a) Ballinasloe Cinema Co. Ltd., 29 Raglan Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin, 4.
- two doors, door jams, locks and bolts damaged, broken, smashed, kicked and destroyed at the Aisling Cinema, Society St., Ballinasloe, on the 7th/8th February, 1974. - £50.00
 - (b) John Gallagher, Williamstown, Co. Galway.
- volkswagon motor car damaged in that the windscreen was broken, the roof, panel and inside of left hand door and door trim damaged on the 18th/19th February, 1974. - £51.05
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should not prevent a liberal approach to individual cases, particularly outside the area immediately adjacent to the larger cities and towns and off the principal routes radiating from them.

- (b) While not applying an absolute restriction to the National Primary roads, he would still apply the principle of restriction to them, putting the onus on the developer to show clearly that an exception is warranted (e.g. infilling, access off a layby). In the case of the National Secondary roads and indeed other important roads, it would be for the local authority to establish an identifiable risk of accident as grounds for refusal on traffic grounds.
- (c) The Minister feels that as a general rule it is inappropriate on planning control to go into detail on septic tank control, in particular in relation to single houses on substantial sites.
- (d) Likewise, he feels it inappropriate to go into detail on design features. Similarly, applications for minor extensions of existing development in built-up areas need not be sifted finely except in areas of very high architectural quality.
- (e) As to rural amenity, the Minister cannot see the justification for refusing permission for reasonably designed residential development except in areas of very high amenity, the traditional beauty spots of national importance.

In other areas of high tourist value, e.g. some of the coastal areas, development can be restricted if that is clearly essential to protect the tourist attractiveness of the area, and does not create a "reservation". In this connection the advisory report on the National Coastline Study completed by An Foras Forbartha and at present being presented to local authorities at local seminars, should afford useful background information.

Again, firm control may be necessary in an area such as the hill and mountain country of Counties Dublin, Wicklow and Kildare, which provides a vital source of recreation to the growing population of Dublin.

Those planning authorities experiencing severe pressure for particular types of development should look again at their development plans to make sure that the objectives which they wish to achieve are properly stated and do not include expressions which, although perhaps unexceptionable in themselves, lead to difficulties in development control or a clouding of the principal objectives in mind. There is no need to wait for the quinquennial review to make any necessary variations in the development plan.

Details of the conference referred to above will be notified as early as possible. In the meantime the Minister trusts that planning authorities will, in the light of the above, take a far more flexible approach to planning control. Discussion with applicants can be helpful in overcoming difficulties which arise in siting etc. of developments. The elective members of the planning authorities should be advised of the terms of this letter.

Mise le meas,

To the Secretary,
each Planning Authority.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

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County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

21st January, 1974.

TO: Each Member of the Council/

Planning Control and Review of Development Plan

A Chara,

As consideration of circular No. 210/8 circulated on 14/1/74 is directly related to the review of the Development Plan, the following information is being supplied in order to keep members abreast of developments to date.

The basic document in relation to the review is one circulated on the 17/5/72. A copy is attached for reference. When this first came before the Council in June, 1962 it was decided to set up committees for each of the electoral areas subject to the proviso that the portion of the plan dealing with the Galway electoral area would be considered by a committee of the entire Council. From September, 1972 committee meetings were held for the various areas. However, the Council began to experience difficulties in relation to the plan for Oranmore. This was one of a series of plans which were also prepared for the villages of Barna, Spiddal and Moycullen. While no proposals were made to change plans for the latter three villages the Oranmore plan was considered at great length at a number of Council meetings and was ultimately referred back to the Consultant for amendment. In the meantime the Council had also been considering a plan for the area west of the Corrib. A tour of inspection of this area was made in May, 1973.

By March, 1973 it had become apparent that because of the complexity of the data and in view of unavoidable delays it would not be possible to have a revised plan prepared before the statutory date. Accordingly, the current plan was re-adopted at a meeting held on the 6th March, 1973.

The question of reviewing the plan was again raised at meeting of the 27/8/'73 when the Council recommended a density standard of one house per half-acre in certain areas of the county.

Staff shortages and the continuing heavy volume of planning applications have again retarded work on the review of the plan. Nevertheless, it is proposed to proceed with the review on the basis of the enclosed report and subsequent developments. It is now envisaged that, since planning is a continuous process, the drafting of a revised development plan need not await the adoption of the village plans and that these can be considered separately and incorporated in the plan when they are adopted.

In the meantime there are two outstanding items to complete the process described above. The first of these is the convening of a meeting of a committee of the entire Council to consider the portion of the plan relating to the Galway Electoral Area. It is suggested that arrangements in this regard be now made. The second and final item is that the Council should decide whether a second tour of inspection ought be arranged for the Corrib west area.

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S. Keating,
County Manager.

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Area No. 4: County Towns and Villages
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REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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In connection with the proposed review of the County Development Plan the following report is submitted for the consideration and observations of the members of the Council, and also as the basis for a programme for carrying out the review.

The obligation of a Planning Authority to prepare a development plan and policy statement for its area of jurisdiction is not wholly related to the interests of the Authority. As a Development Authority it is necessary for it to recognise the impact of its policy on the investments and problems of other bodies and persons such as E.S.B., Department of Posts and Telegraphs, School and Church Authorities, commercial and business interests. This is not to place any interest above the community interest, it is merely to try and co-ordinate all interests for the common good.

In devising a policy and a plan the nature and extent of the roots of problems must first be determined. Rapid and possibly unseen changes are taking place in the county. Such changes are producing a movement of population either in the matter of residence or work places. The changes are related to greater employment in industry and services, with decreasing employment in agriculture. A measure of identification of change can be gained from trends, and such trends are reflected heavily in applications for housing development received to date. From this it is possible to illustrate and define the change. Map 1 shows the areas where policies are needed and areas where minimum or no control is needed.

Housing development is the most important and contentious item of development. Other forms of development can be considered in association with it or in the context of other features of a development policy. It is here proposed to limit consideration of development policy to housing policy alone.

For the purpose of carrying out a review of the Development Plan the county has been divided into five areas as set out on Map 1. These areas are:

- Area No. 1: Galway City Rural Environs
- Area No. 2: Amenity Area
- Area No. 3: Coastal Strip
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Area No. 1.

It is hardly necessary to stress the influence of Galway City on this area and even stress the continuing deeper influence future city growth will exert on the area. City growth has and will exert

- (i) overspill pressures, and
- (ii) in reverse through employment create changing demands on the area.

Relating such demands wholly to housing demand heretofore the nature of the overspill pressure arises from the following factors:

- (a) The rapid expansion of the city and the housing shortfall.
- (b) The desire to live in rural and scenic surroundings.
- (c) The lower cost of housing.
- (d) The gains in sale from high urban house prices and lower county prices.
- (e) More beneficial housing grants and lower rates.

(a) and (d) may not in the future continue to obtain and the value and living consideration arising in (b) (c) and (e) may decline. It would, however, appear evident that some degree of overspill will always continue to exert itself.

Increased job opportunities in the City have attracted and will continue to attract large numbers of rural dwellers to work in the City with continuation of residence in the rural areas. There is only one sizeable village in this area, namely Oramore, and population pattern in the area is a widely dispersed small settlement/single house pattern. The trend at present most evident is that the commuting rural dweller is seeking to erect houses along or convenient to the arterial and main routes to the City to afford a quick journey to work. Accentuation of this trend will, in the long term, change the older settlement pattern demanding new facilities of a higher standard.

The nature of the problem has now been defined, the extent is not, but figures of planning applications from 1964 - 1972 give some indications of this extent.

From this the options can be set down

- I. A plan in name only allow events to take their course without control.
- II. A compromise plan to part accommodate the exigencies of the present.
- III. A plan based on recognition of the nature of the problem and use of growth to stimulate and create better rural community life based on a village structure, rather than allow villages to be static or stagnate whilst new growth is allowed

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This is the basis of the recommended option.

The suggested village structure would be based on the existing pattern recognising the importance of the advantageous location of certain villages for commuters and the potential strength of villages in stimulating rural community.

A three tier pattern is visualised:

Primary Villages:

Oranmore, Moycullen, Headford, Barna, Oughterard Spiddal.

Proposed plans for Oranmore, Moycullen, Barna and Spiddal have been prepared. These plans offer a good range of choice in nearly all cases for every probable housing need. In the odd case provision will be made for particular housing need in selected environs of the village. Plans for Headford and Oughterard will be prepared in due course.

Secondary Villages:

Clarinbridge, Kilcolgan, Claregalway, Corofin, Carrandulla, Craughwell.

A detailed plan has been prepared for Clarinbridge and is being submitted to the Council. Detailed plans will not be necessary in the foreseeable future for the remaining villages, but outline details would provide for allocations of stress and densities and possibly uses.

Settlements/Hamlet Suggested Centres:

Menlough, Annaghdown, Rosscahill, Clooneen, Lackagh.

There may initially be a limitation of house numbers whilst awaiting the possible growth arising from the attraction or non-attraction of the centre.

PRIMARY VILLAGES would be fully serviced villages with a proposed growth which would build them up to act with a full service function for the surrounding rural area.

SECONDARY VILLAGES would be served by a water supply, the village having a limited service function.

SETTLEMENTS/HAMLET Groups of housing with no present proposed services which would nearly solely serve as commuting points by reason of an advantaged or pleasant location. This concept is not an ideal solution but is devised to cater for rural commuters who do not wish to live in their original place of residence and for various reasons do not desire to live in any of the designated villages. Initially it would be desired to limit the number

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of houses permitted, at least in particular centres, whilst awaiting indications of possible growth from the attraction or non-attraction of the centre. The above centres are mentioned as probable but further such centres can be decided on. They would of course have to be selected in the overall content of structure.

Having determined the areas of concentration of housing development the policy for the remaining rural area would be to cater for housing associated with the working of the land or persons who wish to construct houses on large areas of land whether held in ownership or by sterilization. Such housing categories would consist of:

- (a) Replacement of existing family dwellings.
- (b) Provision of dwellings for members of a family on a family holding of land.
- (c) Provision of a dwelling on a holding of farm land where no dwellinghouse exists.
- (d) Erection of dwellinghouse on a 5 acre lot of land in defined area.

Area No. 2 - Amenity

A special Amenity Coastline Plan and Corrib West Plan have been prepared by a firm of consultants. These plans are in the context of a National Plan and will shortly be presented at a special meeting by the planning consultants.

Area No. 3 - The Coastal Strip

The problems of this area stem from two major forces complemented by a third relatively minor force.

- (1) The drift of the indigenous population towards the main road.
- (2) The city overspill ribbonizing along or near the main road.
- (3) The immigration of a former native, or retirement population.

The strip is approximately twenty miles in length and can now be described as a linear settlement having only one sizeable village at Spiddal, a smaller village at Barna and three minor centres at Furbo, Knock and Ballinahown. Of the latter centres Knock is emerging as the strongest.

The problems of the existing and possible future greater concentration of population on this strip is really a big problem related to ribbonization, proliferation of septic tanks, absence of piped water, all of which are serious considerations.

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Due to the land-ownership pattern and the indigenous population resettlement movement, the resettlement of this population on an imposed policy of concentration into centres has been and would be next to impossible.

It is, therefore, considered that the following policy should be adopted:

- (1) Restriction of development along the main road in accordance with the development restrictions set out in the Minister's policy statement applying to National Primary and Secondary routes.
- (2) Limitation of housing development in the remaining areas to the second family and returning immigrant population needs except in those areas where scenic and amenity considerations are important.
- (3) All urban overspill development to be restricted to the centres of Barna, Furbá, Spiddal and Ballinahown.

At its best this policy will only retard a worsening situation in the area.

Area No. 4 - County Towns

Scheduled and other towns for which plans are or have been prepared are Clifden, Gort, Athenry, Tuam, Loughrea. Plans for these towns will be reviewed in connection with the review of the County Plan. The problems of these towns are listed as follows:

Clifden: Suitable lands for high density or medium density development are very low or non-existent. Low density development in the nature of new non-local dwellings tends to locate itself outside the environs of the town whereas the town permits of a greater amount of location in or near the town. Otherwise no town overspill problem. As a primary tourist centre the town needs an ambitious development plan backed by the necessary investment.

Gort: A number of planning permissions have been granted within the town boundary for development in depth. Apart from one instance, there is no sign of such permissions being operated. Because of this, and issues of land ownership, the present demand is for ribbonization along the national primary route which is contrary to county and national policy. The acquisition and selection of lands for developed sites and development will be reviewed in the light of estimation of demand.

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Athenry:

Demand is recently building up in Athenry. One small private housing development has been applied for and granted. An area of 9 acres has been acquired by the Council for developed sites. It is estimated that this should cater for future demand for a number of years. Further lands have been selected. No overspill problem of a major nature.

Tuan:

A large number of housing estate planning permissions have been granted, although there is only one completed and two are in hands. There is an overspill problem to an extent which will demand limitation and restriction in the town plan to be prepared.

Loughrea:

Loughrea ranks highest of the county towns in the matter of the number of houses completed since 1964, consisting of County Council developed sites, houses for Tynagh Mines personell and the new Local Authority Housing Schemes. No great overspill tendency and the present housing progress can be continued.

Non Scheduled County Towns and Villages

Fortunna:

A non statutory plan is being prepared for Fortunna. No overspill pressures or large housing demand exists.

Mountbellew:

A present ribbonization pressure has occurred and there is need for an outline plan providing for housing development.

Oughterard:

Will be more fully dealt with under special meeting, and a special plan is to be prepared for the town and its surrounds.

Headford:

An already highly ribbonized town with a high tendency to further ribbonization. There is need for an Outline Plan providing for housing development.

Area No. 5 - Restrictions along routes

In accordance with County and National planning restrictions, development will continue to be restricted along national, primary and secondary routes and certain main routes bearing heavy traffic.

General Policies and other features of Development Plan Review

General policies with regard to commercial and industrial development will be examined77

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and proposed. Restrictions and controls relating to conservation areas and items of historic interest would also be proposed. The recent publication by An Foras Forbartha in connection with places of scientific interest in the county would also be used in connection with the review of the Plan. Certain standards, building lines and other requirements would be drafted for consideration.

The foregoing sets out the views of the Planning Officer on the problems which it will be necessary to consider in connection with the review of the Plan. It is hoped that they would provide the basis on which the Council could set about reviewing the Development Plan.

It is again suggested that consideration might be given by the Council to the setting up of small committees to consider in detail the special problems of each of the areas outlined.

It is not suggested that the Council should deal with this report at today's meeting. It was not possible to circulate it prior to the meeting as the report would have been difficult to follow without the Councillors having seen the maps which are on exhibition in the Council Chamber. Copies of the report are now being circulated, and Councillors will be able to study it more easily having seen the areas outlined on the map.

It is suggested that the Council might fix the date of a special meeting to consider the report in detail, and to make further arrangements for the meetings which will be necessary in connection with the review of the Plan generally.

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- volkwagon motor car damaged in that the windscreen was broken, the roof, panel and inside of left hand door and door trim damaged on the 18th/19th February, 1974. - £51.05
 - (c) Matthew Killilea, Cloonascarberry, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe.
- dwellinghouse maliciously set on fire and completely destroyed on 23rd February, 1974. - £1,500.00
 - (d) Thomas Brannelly, Shanballymore, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe.
- dwellinghouse, premises and contents maliciously damaged on the 22nd/23rd February, 1974. - £7,000.00
 - (e) Bernard Fallon, 26 St. Grellan's Tce., Ballinasloe.
- one cock of second crop hay, containing 1½ tons of hay destroyed by fire on the 3rd March, 1974. - £80.00
 - (f) Mary Connolly, Moaty Village, Kiltormer, Co. Galway.
- Vauxhall Viva car WIM 147 maliciously damaged on the 3rd March, 1974. - £150.00

3. Declaration of roads to be public roads - list as published herewith.
4. Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. - appointment of Nominee.
5. County Councils' General Council - Notice of matters for Spring meeting.
6. Remission of Rates:
 - Underdeveloped Areas Acts 1952 - 1969
 - (i) Michael Killeen & Sons, Church St., Gort.
 - (ii) Recke Forge Ltd., Oranmore.
 - Gaeltacht Industries (Amendment) Act, 1971.
 - (i) Connemable Ltd., Spiddal.
 - (ii) Westcon Ltd., Carraroe.
 - (iii) Beanna Beola Teoranta, Carraroe.
7. Proposal under the Water Supplies Act, 1942 - Oughterard Regional Water Supply Source - Lough Buffy.
8. Raising of the following Loans:
 - (a) Supplementary loan of £1,720 to meet the final cost of the Barna Water Supply Augmentation Scheme.
 - (b) Supplementary loan of £2,300 to meet the final cost of the Athenry Branch Library.
9. Landing place at Inis Oirr, Oileain Arainn - letter dated 21 Feabhra, 1974 from Roinn na Gaeltachta.
10. Road to the air strip at Inis Mor, Arainn - letter dated 21 Samhain, 1973 from Roinn na Gaeltachta.
11. Revision of remuneration for Draughtsmen.
12. Kenny Report on the price of building land - copy of circular PD 76/7 from the Department of Local Government already circulated.
13. Business submitted by the County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

 14. (a) Deputy J. Donnellan: I will propose -
 - (i) that Galway County Council remove the weigh house at Headford, Co. Galway;
 - (ii) that Galway County Council replace the yield-right-of way signs with stop signs and erect a pedestrian crossing at the top of the town of Headford.
 - (b) Senator M. Killilea:
 - (i) I will propose that the manager give an up to date position re the erection of a new house for Mrs. Naughton, Galway Road, Tuam;
 - (ii) I will ask what total number of houses (new) that the Council should build in 1974/75.
 - (c) Deputy J. Callanan: I will propose -
 - (i) that a sign indicating Ballymacward village be erected at Killaan Cross;
 - (ii) that signs indicating the village of Ballymacward be erected at approach to village.
 - (d) Councillor M. Ryan: I will propose -
 - (i) that the Council sanction an L.I.S. grant for road at Mullaghmore, Moylough, leading to Martin Geraghty's house and Andrew Heavey's land. This road has been recently turned down;

- (ii) that the Council take over road at Ballinastack, Moylough, leading to Mullaghmore by Dempsey's house, which was done through the L.I.S. Scheme a short time ago;
 - (iii) that the Council take over road at Shantalla, Clonberne leading to Tom Donnellan's house and lands.
- (e) Senator J.M. Mannion: I will propose -
 - (i) that a sewerage scheme be provided for Dooneen Cottages, Clifden;
 - (ii) that this Council close the Clifden dump as from the 1/5/'74 for refuse collection and so preserve the beaches;
 - (iii) that some improvements be carried out at Clifden Promenade this year.
 - (f) Councillor B. Holland:
 - (i) I will ask if it is possible to extend refuse collection to Menlo village.
 - (g) Councillors P. Donnellan and B. Holland:
 - (i) We will propose that public lighting be provided along the road from O'Meara's shop at Ballybane in direction of old Brierhill National School.
 - (h) Deputy M.F. Kitt:
 - (i) I will propose that when a County Council pensioner ex employee dies, that his wife and dependants be awarded an annual pension of the same amount of his superannuation as is granted to Civil Servants and Local Government Officials, instead of a gratuity of one year's salary as is being granted at present.
 - (i) Councillor P.F. Glynn: I will propose -
 - (i) that the County Manager give details of any study of new County Council offices done to date;
 - (ii) that Galway County Council purchase an area of land in all villages situated on national primary roads in County Galway to be developed for housing.
 - (j) Councillor W. Burke: I will propose -
 - (i) that all new houses built in future under the Local Authority have a floor level of at least 9" above the highest point of the ground level due to the fact that water is flowing on to the footpaths at the rear of the new houses in Dublin Road, Tuam, and that the Planning Authority should have another look at the new houses at Athenry Road, Tuam, where you have one house being constructed at a higher level than the other, thus enabling the occupant of the higher level house a clear view into the kitchen etc. of the other;
 - (ii) that due to the phenomenal increases in the price of fertilizers inside the past 12 months partially due to the huge price paid for Moroccan Phosphate, I will propose that a recommendation from this Council to the Minister for Industry and Commerce to look into the economics of re-opening the phosphate Mines at Doolin, Co. Clare;
 - (iii) that the space between the roadway and footpath in front of the new houses in Dublin Road, Tuam be levelled and tarmaced.
 - (k) Councillor F. Fahey: I will propose -
 - (i) that land be acquired adjacent to the 24 County Council houses being constructed in Gort, and used as an open space and recreational area;
 - (ii) that this Council recommend to the Minister for Finance to remove Value Added Tax from building materials, such as Timber, Cement etc. which are used in private housing development;
 - (iii) I will ask the County Manager if political influence or a person's political affiliation is considered in allotting County Council houses.
 - (l) Councillor T. Byrne: I will propose -
 - (i) that the full supplementary grant be paid towards Killina Group Water Scheme;
 - (ii) that this Council recommend payment of an extra amenity grant towards Ballinderren Community Centre.
 - (m) Councillor P. Raftery:
 - (i) I will propose that remuneration to Caretakers of burial grounds be increased.

(n) Councillor Mrs. M. Croffy:

(1) I will ask what is the position with reference to the Bullaun pump.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Galway County Council will at a meeting which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on or after Monday, 25th March, 1974, commencing at 3.30 p.m., consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads:

Area	From	To	Length Yds.
Gort	C.R. 342	B. Mulcaire's Gate, Dromore, Peterswell	530
Athenry	C.R. 382—North of P. McDonagh's house	C.R. 382—South of Esker National School	350
Ballinasloe	Junction 473 at Cloonatlewa (Carrowreagh)	J. Madden's gate	405
Ballinasloe	Chainage 420 from C.R. 514 at Derryfadda	Towards M. Connolly's	300
Ballinasloe	Junction C.R. 519 at Kilgerril	Kilgerril Burial Ground	925
Athenry	Section 210B at Glenaslat	P. Fox's house, Glenaslat	640
Oughterard	Michael McDonagh (Anne's) house, Rinn West, Carraroe	Entrance path leading to Pat McDonagh's house	475
Oughterard	Co. Road at John McDonagh (Tailor's) house, Rinn, Carraroe	Shore via Colman Grealish's house	280
Mountbellew	Co. Road Junction 513 Rookhill, Ballinamore Bridge	Dominick Doyle's house	220
Mountbellew	From Main Road 460	Mrs. Glynn's house, Demesne Co. Road 416	325
Tuam	From Main Road 60 near Shrule	Through Largan	630
Galway	End of existing Co. Rd. No. 104 235 yds. north of Ml. McDonagh's house west and north	Mrs. Mullin's house, Ower, Roscabill	890
Athenry	Prospect Road, Oranmore	P. Shaughnessy's house	200
Gort	C.R. 327 at Crushoa, Kinvara	T. Quinn's gate with branch to P. Nolan's house	180
Gort	C.R. 356 at Derrybrien	J. O'Connor's gate	44
Gort	C.R. 335	Miss Reilly's house at Cappaghmore	350
Gort	C.R. 342 at Dromore	M. Farrell's pier, Shanvally, Peterswell	180
Ballinasloe	Chainage 400 yds. Addergoole	South for 220 yds. (and including gullet)	220
Portumna	Chainage 320 yds. J.C.R. 526 near Killoran Church	Towards bridge east of F. Curley's house, Killoran	350
Portumna	M. Larkin's house, Kilmacnane	past M. Tarpey's house towards C.R. 583	150
Portumna	Chainage 600 yds. J.C.R. 529, Ballyooley	P. J. Fahy's house and branch towards G. Fahy's house, Ballyooley	570
Mountbellew	Main Road 460	E. Mannion's house	370
Mountbellew	Main Road 460	Towards Matty Keane's house	400
Mountbellew	Main Road 460	Towards Bgt. Keane's and Tumulty's house	110
Clifden	Co. Rd. No. 45 west of Carna towards	Michael Mulkerin's house, Letterdeskert, for a distance of 345 yds.	345
Milltown	Road from Keeley's, Pollaturick	Burke's, Pollaturick Co. Rd. 225	180
Tuam	Co. Road 217 Junction	Joe Murphy's Gate, Killeenamore	1,450
Galway	Main Road at Clydagh, Moycullen	Martin O'Connor's house	490
Milltown	Co. Road 245, Gurteen	Co. Road 245, Killavoher	1,730
Milltown	Co. Road 202 at Dangan	Ed. Mullin's house near Co. Road 202	1,055
Milltown	Junction Co. Road 265	Dowd's house, Kilmore	750
Milltown	Co. Road at Pettit's, Barna	Mulhyan's house	210
Clifden	Co. Road No. 15 leading to Errislannon harbour	Bye-road which leads to O'Malley's thatched house, Drinneen	365
Tuam	Co. Road 133 at Cabermorris	Sonny McHugh's, Ballycasey	450
Oughterard	Co. Road No. 77 west of Patrick Ryan's house, Ardara	Gateway leading to John Luskin's house	180
Oughterard	Co. Road No. 77 near James Walsh's house, Carrowheckin north	James Flynn's house	200
Oughterard	End of existing Co. Road No. 69 via John Corbett's house, Cloughbrack south	For a distance of 280 yds.	280
Gort	Kennedy's house, Ballinakill	W. Reilly's house	500
Gort	C.R. 358	P. Smyth's house with branch to M. Murphy's gate	300
Galway	Galway-Headford Main Road via Larry Coady's house	Carrowbrown Village	386
Galway	Post Office at Corrandulla	Eddie Connor's house	170
Galway	Co. Road No. 138 at Baranny, Lisheenoran, Corrandulla	Loop via Cahill's and Fahy's houses to rejoin Co. Road No. 138	207
Athenry	From gate leading to cemetery at end of Road 191 in townland of Killeornan	East to entrance of G.A.A. field	152
Portumna	Junction to Road No. 574, Portumna	Entrance gate to sewage pump-house	230
Clifden	Co. Road at White Strand, Derrygintagh, Ballyconneely	Towards J. Easley's house, Rookfadda	960
Athenry	Gortabehn Bridge	Beegan's	124

J. HOWLETT, County Secretary

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY 25TH MARCH, 1974.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. King.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors T.V. Clarke, P. Collins, Deputy F. Coogan, Councillors Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham, J. Donnellan (Moycullen), Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors P. Donnellan, F. Fahey, P.T. Galvin, M. Garaghty, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillor P.D. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillor J. Lambert, Senator J.M. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, S. Kyne and M. Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager; J. Durkin and M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineers; W. Cahill, Chief Assistant (Planning); Miss M. McCabe, Staff Officer; Mr. K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary and Mr. M.J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer.

4000 - **SYMPATHY:** On the proposition of Councillor Kyne, seconded by the Chairman, the Council extended their sympathy to Mr. Kevin Larkin, B.E., on his recent bereavement.

The County Manager on his own behalf, and on behalf of the staff of the Council also joined in the vote of sympathy.

The Council, on the proposition of Deputy J. Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Ruane condemned the murder of the late Senator Billy Fox, and extended its sympathy to his relatives.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:-

- Mrs. Betty O'Higgins, Cloonkeen, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. P. Glynn, Lakeview, Moylough.
- Mr. Martin Cunniffe, Abbeyknockmoy, Tuam.
- Mr. Michael Kenny, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe.
- The Fahy Family, St. Mary's Road, Galway.
- Mr. Martin Keaney, Glynsk, Cashel.
- Mr. J.J. Haran, Redmount Hill, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Derrane, Letterard, Cashel.
- Mrs. Bleahane-Melvin, Fohenagh, Ahascragh.
- Mr. Denis Menton, Oranmore.
- The Dooley Family, Dunlo St., Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Michael Shaughnessy, Mackney, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Michael Lynch, Upr. Brackernagh, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Jack Condell, Society St., Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Brooks and Family, Kilgarve, Creagh, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Tommy Johnston, Derrymullen, Ballinasloe.
- The Egan Family, Church Hill, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Michael Sullivan, Carnagopple, Mountbellew, Ballinasloe.

Councillor Ruane thanked the members of the County Council for their sympathy on his recent bereavement.

4001 - **MINUTES:** Councillor Kyne referred to minute no. 3068 of the meeting held on the 25th February, 1974, and stated that there was a misunderstanding as to the proposal which he made with regard to the provision of a public convenience, and he asked that the minute be amended to show that he asked that a public convenience be provided for Clonbur in addition to one at Cornamona.

Councillor Galvin stated that a misunderstanding had arisen in the same minute as to his reference to a bridge at Addergoole, and he asked that the reference to his statement regarding this bridge be amended to state that he would endeavour to provide money from his allocation for continuation of the road during the coming year, rather than on the construction of the bridge.

On the proposition of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that the minutes of three meetings held on the 25th February, 1974 and the meeting held on the 11th March, 1974 - minute nos. 3068 - 3099 inclusive be approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the above amendments.

The minutes of those meetings were then signed by the Chairman.

- 4002 - Deputy Coogan stated that in the present energy crisis every effort should be made to open up roads into bogs, and to improve those bog roads which are already in use, so as to facilitate the cutting of more turf during the fuel crisis.

Deputy Callanan proposed that a recommendation be sent to the Minister asking him for a special allocation under the Local Improvement Schemes for repair and improvement of roads to bogs, and that, in those cases no local contribution be required. This proposal was seconded by Deputy Coogan, and was supported also by Deputy Kitt.

- 4003 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 1973/74: Councillor Galvin stated that owing to special difficulties which arose during the past year, including the dispute between the Council and the Engineering Union, he understood that some of the money allocated for Local Improvement Schemes for that year would not be spent by the 31st March. He, therefore, proposed that the Minister for Local Government be asked, that in view of the special circumstances which arose during that year to allow the unexpended balance for 1973/74 to be carried over for expenditure during the period from the 1st April to 31st December, 1974. This proposal was seconded by Deputy Callanan and approved.

The County Manager stated that he could not be sure as to the exact amount which would be unexpended, but that, it is likely to be in the region of £10,000. He stated, also, that every effort is being made to have the maximum amount possible spent by the 31st March, 1974. Deputies Donnellan and Callanan stated that there was a feeling throughout the county that County Councillors were responsible for the delays, and they wished to make it clear that they had no such responsibility.

- 4004 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: It was noted that malicious damage claims numbered 2(a) - 2(f) inclusive had been received.

Councillor Galvin stated that he wished to draw attention to the fact that the houses mentioned at nos. 2(c) and 2(d) were the same premises.

- 4004(a) DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

The County Manager referred to the notice published in the recent edition of the Connacht Tribune of the intention of the Council to declare certain roads public roads, and stated that he had received a letter from Mr. J.C. Caulfield "Monfield", Taylor's Hill, Galway, dated 8th March, 1974 expressing the opinion that the road from Gortnabehn Bridge to Beegan's - length 324 yards did not meet the legal requirements of the 1953 act for a public road, in so far as it was not of general public utility. The letter which the County Manager read for the Council also stated that in Mr. Caulfield's opinion a road of doubtful and general public utility also included in the list was that described as from gate leading to cemetery at the end of road 191 in Kilcornan to the east to entrance of G.A.A. field - length 153 yards.

The County Manager stated that he considered that the Council is free to make a decision on the question of the general public utility of the roads in question.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Deputy Callanan, seconded by Councillor Cunningham and resolved:-

"that the roads as set out in the list which accompanied the agenda for the meeting of the 25th March, 1974 be declared to be public roads".

Following a discussion on the conditions which are applicable to roads, in order to have them declared public roads, the County Manager stated that he would have a report on this matter for the Council at its next meeting.

It was also agreed that a special meeting be held in order to consider this question, and it was provisionally agreed that this meeting be held on Friday, 5th April, 1974.

- 4005 - APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE ON IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD. On the proposition of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Deputy Hussey it was resolved:-

"that Councillor P.D. Joyce be appointed the Council's nominee on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., for 1974/75".

- 4006 - SPRING MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: The County Manager informed the members that any motions which the Council intended to have placed on the agenda for the above meeting should be submitted on or before 26th April, 1974.

On the proposition of Deputy Callanan, seconded by Deputy Coogan it was agreed that the motion already passed by the Council at that meeting requesting the Minister for Local Government to make a special allocation of money for repairing bog roads under Local Improvement Schemes be submitted to the County Councils' General Council for inclusion in the agenda.

- 4007 - REMISSION OF RATES ON FACTORIES: The County Manager referred to the applications for remission of rates received under the Undeveloped Areas Act, as amended and under the Gaeltacht Industries (Amendment) Act, 1971, and he suggested that the granting of rate remission is not a very important incentive to industrialists to establish industries, and he suggested that the Council might consider not giving such remission automatically, say from the 1st April, 1974.

Councillor Glynn stated local Irish firms, rather than outside big industries should be assisted in this way.

It was proposed by Councillor Lambert, seconded by Deputy Hussey and resolved:- "that Galway County Council hereby agree to granting two thirds rate remission under Section 9 of the Undeveloped Areas Act, 1952 as amended in respect of industries established by the following:-

- (1) Messrs. Michael Killeen & Sons, Church St., Gort.
- (2) Messrs. Recke Forge Ltd., Oranmore, Co. Galway."

Councillor

It was proposed by Lambert, seconded by Deputy Hussey and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby agree to grant two thirds rate remission under Section 5 of the Gaeltacht Industries (Amendment) Act, 1971 in respect of industrial undertakings established by the following firms:-

- (1) Messrs. Connemarle Ltd., Spiddal, Co. Galway.
- (2) Messrs. Westcon Ltd., Carraroe, Co. Galway.
- (3) Beanna Beola Teoranta, Carraroe, Co. Galway."

- 4008 - SCHEME FOR WAIVER OF RATES: Councillor Mrs. Croffy asked if there was any change in policy with regard to the above scheme, and she pointed out that old age pensioners and other hardship cases who were granted waiver of rates in previous years had been refused in the current year.

Deputy Coogan complained that people in the categories referred to by Councillor Mrs. Croffy had been informed only at the eleventh hour that they would have to pay their rates after being left under the impression that they would not have to pay.

The County Manager stated that the scheme adopted sets out who are the categories of persons who are entitled to a waiver of rates. He stated that it is a very limited scheme for those receiving non contributory social welfare benefits, and he pointed out that some people have to be refused if they do not come within the terms of the scheme.

In reply to a query by Mrs. Croffy, he stated that the scheme does not automatically apply to widows without the application of a means test, and he asked Mrs. Croffy to supply him with particulars of any hardship case which may have come to her notice, and he would have it examined.

The Chairman stated that he had received the same information from members of the public as that stated by Councillor Mrs. Croffy, and he said that there was a general feeling that people who got a waiver of rates previously are now being refused although their circumstances are much worse now.

The County Manager stated that he is prepared to look into any case which members of the Council may refer to him for investigation, but he pointed out that there is an obligation to implement the scheme as it was adopted.

- 4009 - DOUGHTERARD WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - PROPOSAL UNDER THE WATER SUPPLIES ACT, 1942: It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Senator Mannion and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council as Sanitary Authority for the County Health District of Galway being desirous to take a supply of water from a lake known as Lough Buffy situated in the townlands of Magheramore, Buffy, Raha and Carrowdulla,

all in the District Electoral Division of Oughterard in the said County Health District of Galway, for the purpose of providing the Oughterard Regional Water Supply Scheme to serve the areas described in the schedule hereto, under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1964, under a scheme to be called and known as the "Oughterard Regional Water Supply Scheme", hereby make this Proposal under and by virtue of Section 2 of the Water Supplies Act, 1942, so taking such supply of water from the said lake known as Lough Buffy, sufficient for the requirements of the said region. The said supply is to be taken from the said lake at an intake point at the lake outlet which is situated at the eastern extremity of Lough Buffy and in the townland of Carrowdulla, shown on Drawing No. 91/A, made for the purpose of the said scheme by Messrs. P.J. Tobin & Co., Consulting, Civil & Structural Engineers, 22 Eyre Square, Galway.

Only part of the water in the said lake is to be taken. The maximum rate at which it is proposed to take water is 2275 cubic metres (500,000 gallons) per day when the scheme is fully developed ultimately.

The estimated lowest summer level of the lake is 61.83 metres (202.84 feet) O.D. The lake itself has an area of approximately 23 ha (56.75 acres) giving a storage capacity of 233 cubic metres per millimetre depth (1,280,000 gallons per inch depth). It is estimated that the taking of 500,000 gallons of water per day from the lake would have the effect of lowering the level of the lake by approximately 1.02 cms. (0.4"), in every period of 24 hours, assuming that there is neither rainfall nor inflow to the lake during the aforesaid periods. It is proposed, as an ancillary operation, to raise the existing water level by constructing a dam with a cill level of 63.10 metres (207.000 feet) O.D. across the outlet stream at the Eastern extremity of Buffy Lough. The estimated winter level of water in the lake is 62.50 metres. (205.000 feet) O.D.

SCHEDULE

Region to be served: OUGHTERARD TOWN and the following townlands.	
Townland	District Electoral Division
Claremount (Part), Rusheeny (Part), Ardvarna, Rushveala, Annaghkeelaun, Magherabeg, Aughnanure, Birch Hall, Boleyvaunaun, Drimneen (Part), Moyvoon West, Clare, Clooshgereen (Part), Cregg, Lemonfield, Portacarron Beg, Moyvoon East, Bealnalappa, Carrowmanagh, Canrawer West, Carrowntober, Glebe, Portacarron, Magheramore, Knockillaree, Ardnasillagh, Knockbaun.	Oughterard
Porridgetown West, Oakfield, Pribbaun, Ross Demesne, Drimnahoon, Laghtgannon, Porridgetown East, Gortnagroagh, Rosscahill West, Garrynagry, Killannin, Killagule (Part), Doon (Part), Killola, Srue, Rosscahill East, Pollagh, Gortacarnaun (Part).	Wormhole
Knockaunranny, Newtown (Part), Knockbane, Coolagh, Oghery.	Slieveaneena

In reply to Councillor Sean Donnellan (Moycullen), Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer stated that Killanin Group Scheme should be in a position to get a supply from this scheme when it is carried out.

4010 - BARNA WATER SUPPLY - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN: It was proposed by Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor S. Donnellan (Moycullen) and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1,720 from the Commissioners of Public Works to meet the final cost of the Barna Water Supply Augmentation Scheme, the loan to be repayable over 25 years by instalments, with interest at the rate applicable at the day of issue of the loan to the Council".

4011 - ATHENRY BRANCH LIBRARY - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN: It was proposed by Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor S. Donnellan (Moycullen) and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £2,300 from the Council's Treasurer to meet the final cost of the Athenry Branch Library, the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 5 years or such other period as may be approved by the Minister with interest at the rate charged by the bank from time to time for such loans".

4012 - LANDING PLACE AT INIS OIRR, OILEAIN ARAINN: The County Manager stated that letter dated 21st February, 1974 had been received from Roinn na Gaeltachta, outlining improvements which were proposed to be carried out by the Office of Public Works to the landing place at Inis Oirr, Arainn for which a full cost grant of £5,100 was being made available by Roinn na Gaeltachta. The County Manager stated that the grant was being made on condition that the Council would be satisfied to assume responsibility for maintenance of the works in future, including the cost of electricity for the light to be provided on the quay.

On the proposition of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Councillor S. Donnellan (Moycullen) the Council approved accepting the responsibility for the works on completion by the Office of Public Works.

4013 - ROAD TO AIR STRIP AT INIS MOR: The County Manager stated that letter dated 21st November, 1973 had been received from Roinn na Gaeltachta, stating that a grant of £1,000 together with 12½% for administration costs would be made available to the County Council for the construction of a road to the air strip at Inis Mor and also a turning place, on condition that the Council assumed responsibility for the road thereafter.

On the proposition of Senator Munnion, seconded by Councillor Kyne, it was agreed that the Council accept the grant of £1,000 plus 12½% for administration expenses on the terms offered, and it was also agreed that the road would be declared a public road by the County Council.

4014 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF DRAUGHTSMEN: It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Deputy Coogan, and resolved:-

"that the Council hereby approve the revision of the remuneration of
(a) Draughtsman and Draughtsman, Grade 11
and

(b) Draughtsman Grade 1

from the 1st January, 1972 in accordance with the scale as set out in letter of approval ref. E.L. 3/74 dated 31st January, 1974 from the Department of Local Government, and also that the Council hereby approve the voting of the additional money amounting to £1,115 to meet those increases for the period from the 1st January, 1972 to 31st December, 1974".

4015 - KENNY REPORT ON THE PRICE OF BUILDING LAND: On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed to defer consideration of this report to the special meeting to be held to consider the question of roads.

4016 - INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS: The County Manager read for members letter dated 8th March, 1974 ref. G.5/74 from the Department of Local Government regarding representation by Local Authorities at International Conferences and Meetings. The letter suggested, that before coming to a decision on participation in any international conference or meeting, a Council should consider whether the benefits likely to accrue from such participation would be commensurate with the cost involved in sending them, and suggested also that an estimate of the overall cost of participation should be prepared, and submitted to the Council before hand. The letter also referred to the Local Conferences Order, 1947, regarding domestic conferences and meetings, and suggested that in the case of international conferences and meetings representation should be limited to three delegates, say three elected members or two members and an officer.

Councillor Glynn stated that he considered three delegates too low, and he felt that it would be of benefit to the Council if, at least, six persons would go to certain conferences i.e. four members and two officials. He considered it important that officials should be among the delegates.

The Chairman stated that he considered that three delegates from each local authority is fair representation, and on his suggestion, it was agreed to defer the matter for further discussion at the April meeting of the Council.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

- 4017 - WEIGH HOUSE AT HEADFORD: Deputy Donnellan proposed that the Council remove the weigh house at Headford.
- The County Manager stated that this proposal will be examined.
- 4018 - ERECTION OF "STOP" SIGNS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT THE TOP OF THE TOWN OF HEADFORD: In reply to Deputy Donnellan's motion, the County Manager stated ^{that} Garda Siochana would be consulted with regard to this matter.
- Deputy Donnellan stated that this is an urgent matter, and that he considered that the Council should appoint somebody to guard the children crossing the road at this dangerous point.
- 4019 - ERECTION OF HOUSE FOR MRS. NAUGHTON, GALWAY ROAD, TUAM: On behalf of Senator Killilea who was absent at the time, Councillor Raftery ~~asked~~ the County Manager to give the up-to-date position on the erection of a house for Mrs. Naughton of Galway Road, Tuam.
- The County Manager stated that the Council has re-opened negotiations with Mrs. Naughton in connection with this matter.
- 4020 - ERECTION OF NEW HOUSES: In reply to Senator Killilea's motion which was moved by Councillor Raftery, the County Manager stated that it is estimated that the Council will erect 139 houses in the coming year.
- 4021 - SIGN INDICATING BALLYMACWARD VILLAGE: Replying to Deputy Callanan's motion, the County Manager stated that a sign indicating Ballymacward village will be erected at Killaan Cross.
- 4022 - SIGN INDICATING BALLYMACWARD VILLAGE: Deputy Callanan proposed that signs indicating the village of Ballymacward be erected at the approach to the village. The County Manager stated that signs indicating small villages are not recommended.
- Deputy Callanan stated that large numbers attend the church in Ballymacward. It was formerly ^{the} seat of a Bishop. There is a hall ~~and a~~ comprehensive school in the village, and many strangers attend funerals there. Deputy Donnellan seconded Deputy Callanan's proposal.
- The County Manager stated that the proposal would be re-examined.
- 4023 - DANGEROUS JUNCTION AT BALLYMACWARD: Deputy Callanan stated that he had submitted a notice of motion requesting that something be done to improve the view at a junction at Ward's shop, at Ballymacward which is at present dangerous. He stated that whatever work ^{is} done is of a minor ^{nature} and could be done from money already provided for maintenance.
- 4024 - L.I.S. GRANT FOR ROAD AT MULLAGHMORE, MOYLOUGH: Referring to Councillor Ryan's motion, the County Manager stated that two questions arose in this case i.e. whether there is a right-of-way over Mr. Geraghty's property for Mr. Michael Heavey, and also there is the question of the cost which is outside normal standards adopted by the County Council for L.I.S. Schemes.
- Councillor Ryan stated that the second person involved in this case travels for a distance of 250 yards along the road which is the subject of application, and that, therefore, the applicants meet with the qualifications for a grant. The County Manager stated that if evidence was submitted of the existence of a right-of-way for the second land owner over the road leading to Mr. Geraghty's house, the matter would be considered, but he pointed out also that if the question of the right-of-way can be resolved, there is also the question of the cost which would need to be examined in order to ascertain if the proposal could be modified to come within the cost limits.
- 4025 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT BALLINASTACK, MOYLOUGH: In reply to Councillor Ryan's motion, the County Manager stated that this road had already been taken over for maintenance by the County Council.
- 4026 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT SHANTALLA, CLONBERNE: In reply to Councillor's Ryan's motion regarding this matter, the County Manager stated that a report on this matter would be available for the next meeting of the Council.

- 4027 - RE SIGNS AT DANGEROUS CROSS ROADS AT CASTLETOWN, KILKERRIN: Councillor Ryan referred to a letter which he received from the County Council regarding the above matter, and which informed him that the matter would not be on the agenda, and he stated that the letter stated that he should ^{his} motion to the local garda sergeant. He then submitted the letter to the County Manager who pointed out to him, ^{that} what he was informed was that his suggestion should be referred to the local garda sergeant. The County Manager pointed out that the provision of such signs must be approved by the gardai, and that his request would be conveyed by the County Council to the garda authorities.
- 4028 - SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR DOONEEN COTTAGES, CLIFDEN: In reply to Senator Mannion's motion, the County Manager stated that no provision had been made ^{in the} estimates for a provision of sewerage scheme for Dooneen Cottages, Clifden, but that the matter would be considered with proposals for other sewerage schemes throughout the county.
- 4029 - DUMPING GROUND AT CLIFDEN: Senator Mannion, proposed that the Council close the Clifden dump as from 1st May, 1974 in order to preserve the beaches.
- The County Manager stated ^{that} compulsory purchase proceedings are pending for a site for a dumping ground at Ardagh, Clifden, but that, it would take some time before the land would be available. He suggested that if local representatives would use their good offices ^{with} the land owner concerned in order to avoid compulsory acquisition, the matter could be resolved much more speedily.
- Councillor Joyce stated that he agreed with Senator Mannion's complaints about the dump, but, he pointed out that it was the Council which was responsible for the trouble ^{re} the state of the dump as they had failed to repair the screen fence, and if this were done it would ~~meet~~ the present objection. He would not, however, agree that the dump be closed and stated that much good work had been done in providing a large park which was reclaimed from the sea, and he stated that he would like to see a much larger area taken in.
- Senator Mannion stated that dumping of refuse would not be beneficial to the park, and he felt that more solid excavation material should be used.
- The County Manager stated that the matter ^{would} be examined further.
- 4030 - IMPROVEMENTS TO CLIFDEN PROMENADE: In reply to Senator Mannion's motion, the County Manager stated that normally such work would be financed by way of a Bord Failte grant, and that an application for a grant will be made to Bord Failte. He also stated that there was nothing provided in the estimates for ~~the~~ period 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974 but it can be considered for the following financial year. Councillor Joyce stated that a deposit of £200 was paid in respect of this work several years ago, and that it was an urgent matter to have the work done ^{either} by Bord Failte or by the County Council.
- 4031 - EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION TO MENLO VILLAGE: In the absence of Councillor Holland, Deputy Coogan asked if it would be possible to extend the refuse collection to Menlo village. The County Manager stated that the Council's refuse collection services are stretched to the limit at the moment, and additional routes could not be taken on. He stated, however, that the matter would be reviewed at a later date.
- 4032 - PUBLIC LIGHTING BALLYBANE AND BRIERHILL: In reply to a motion in the names of Councillors P. Donnellan and Holland regarding the provision of lighting along the road from O'Meara's shop at Ballybane in the direction of the old Brierhill National School, the County Manager stated that in view of the industrial development and housing development in this area, a comprehensive scheme of public lighting would be necessary. He stated that the matter is being taken up with the E.S.B. for a proposal and estimate.
- 4033 - COUNTY COUNCIL PENSIONERS: Deputy Kitt proposed, and Councillor Ryan seconded, that a proposal be sent to the Minister for Local Government to provide that when a County Council pensioner ex employee dies, his wife and dependants be awarded an annual pension of the same amount of his superannuation as is granted to Civil Servants and Local Government Officials, instead of a gratuity of one years salary as is being granted at present. It was agreed that this resolution be sent to the Minister for Local Government, and be also forwarded for inclusion on the agenda for the Spring meeting of the County Councils' General Council.

4034 - NEW COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES: In reply to Councillor Glynn who asked for details of any study of new County Council offices which has been carried out to date, the County Manager stated that work is proceeding on preparation of schedule of accommodation which will be required. He stated that the Western Health Board may be in a position to vacate some offices soon, and he hoped to have an indication shortly of the total additional accommodation which will be required.

Councillor Glynn stated that it is time that a city like Galway should have central offices both for the County Council and the Corporation.

4035 - PURCHASE OF LAND IN VILLAGES FOR HOUSING: ^{Councillor Glynn's motion.} The County Manager stated that at present the acquisition of lands for housing is confined, with a few exceptions, to those villages which have public water and sewerage services, and that none of the 9 villages on the National Primary roads have public sewerage schemes - three have group water supplies and two have no piped water. He stated that an examination/at present being carried out to determine the feasibility of providing sewage disposal units with a minimum of trunk sewer for those villages throughout the county which have piped water. He also, added that he would soon be bringing a proposal before the Council to put new schemes in priority order.

4036 - HOUSING SCHEMES AT DUBLIN ROAD, TUAM AND ATHENRY ROAD, TUAM: After proposing the motion standing in his name, Councillor Burke stated that three blocks of houses in one scheme were six inches under the level of the adjoining land.

The County Manager stated that the houses on the Dublin Road site of Tuam are constructed with D.P.C. - a minimum of 6" above the highest point of finished ground level. This is in accordance with the Specification and is the normal procedure. Due to the exceptionally wet weather conditions recently some lodgement of surface water had occurred on some of the gardens and the tenants of those gardens were replacing the soil which is rather impermeable with dry stone filling to improve soakage.

Regarding the houses at Athenry Road end of the scheme, the County Manager stated there is a drop of 12.60 ft. from the Dublin Road to the Athenry Road, and the house blocks are stepped to take account of the variations and also to maintain the floor levels at a minimum of 12" above the crown level of the adjoining road. He stated that the Architect is examining the position as regards overlooking with a view to the provision of a screen fence.

Councillor Burke stated that in one instance there are two houses which are only 15 ft. apart which are back to back, and that there is a high level view from one house into the other. Councillor Burke also stated that there is a water logged area between the footpath and the roadway, and he asked that this flooding be relieved.

In reply to a further query from Councillor Burke, Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer stated that there was a recent circular from the Minister advising that back entrances be provided for future schemes.

4037 - PHOSPHATE MINES AT DOOLIN, CO. CLARE: Councillor Burke proposed, and Deputy Callanan seconded that due to phenomenal increases in the price of fertilizers in the past 12 months, partially due to the huge price paid for Moroccan Phosphate, a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Industry and Commerce to look into the economics of re-opening the phosphate mines, at Doolin, Co. Clare. It was also agreed that the Council support the efforts of Clare County Council to get the Doolin Mines re-opened, and that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

4038 - LEVELLING AND SURFACING ROADWAY AND FOOTPATH IN FRONT OF NEW HOUSES AT DUBLIN ROAD, TUAM:
In reply to Councillor Burke's motion, the County Manager stated that the gravel base has been laid over the area in question, and it is intended providing a tarmac surface and drainage kerbs as soon as appropriate staff is available.

4039 - OPEN SPACE NEAR COUNTY COUNCIL SCHEME AT GORT: The County Manager stated, in reply to Councillor Fahey's motion, that negotiations are in progress for the acquisition/extra lands for housing and open space adjoining the new housing scheme at present being constructed in Gort.

4040 - VALUE ADDED TAX ON BUILDING MATERIALS: Councillor Fahey proposed that the Council recommend to the Minister for Finance to remove Value Added Tax from building materials, such as Timber, Cement etc. which are used in private housing development. He pointed out, that on a house which would cost approximately £7,000 to build

there would be Value Added Tax of approximately £700 included, and that for such a house, a grant of only £325 is available from the Minister. He stated that building materials for private houses should be tax free. Deputy Callanan seconded Councillor Fahey's motion, and it was agreed that it be sent to the Minister for Finance, and that it be included on the agenda for the Spring meeting of the General Council of County Councils.

Councillor Glynn stated that for administrative reasons it would not be possible to do what Councillor Fahey had suggested, as you could not have Value Added Tax for one purpose and not for another. Councillor Glynn stated also that subsidised interest/loans should be substituted for housing grants.

4041 - LETTING OF HOUSES: Councillor Fahey asked the County Manager if political influence or a person's political affiliations were considered in allotting County Council houses.

The County Manager stated that houses are allotted in accordance with the scheme of priorities adopted by the County Council under the Housing Act, 1966, and that political influence is not a factor, that the political affiliations of any applicant are not known, and are not the concern of any member of the Council's staff, and that the Council is obliged by law to adhere to the priorities adopted by the Council under the provision of the Housing Act.

4042 - KILLINA GROUP WATER SCHEME: Councillor Byrne proposed that the full supplementary grant be paid towards Killina Group Water Scheme. He stated when the scheme started about four years ago, a problem arose of rock excavation, and this was the subject of discussions with the Local Government Engineer. This meant that it would be difficult for the group to lay the pipes along the roadside as required by the County Council, and the only alternative which the group could afford would be to lay part of the pipes through adjoining land. He also stated that the group came to the County Council and were assured that if, the Department of Local Government approved the terms of the scheme, the County Council would pay the appropriate supplementary grants. He also stated, that the Department of Local Government had approved the layout/scheme, and the group commenced work. It was only five weeks later that they were told by the Department of Local Government to suspend work on the scheme as the County Council had an objection. He stated that the whole difficulty in this matter was a misunderstanding between the County Council, and the Department of Local Government, and he asked that the Council pay the full supplementary grant in the circumstances. He stated that only 9 people had completed the scheme at a cost of £350 per house.

Councillor Fahey seconded Councillor Byrne's proposal.

The County Manager asked Councillor Byrne if the owners of the land through which the pipes were laid would agree to give way leaves to the County Council in the event of the scheme ever being taken over by the County Council without any expense to the Council. Councillor Byrne stated that way leaves would be given freely. The County Manager then stated that if the Council could be satisfied about this matter that he would re-examine Councillor Byrne's proposal to pay the full grant.

Deputy Callanan supported the proposal made by Councillor Byrne, and stated that in a similar case to this, a similar agreement was made with the provision that the Council have no liability for any flooding which might result from the pipes being laid through the land.

4043 - BALLINDERREN COMMUNITY CENTRE: In reply to Councillor Byrne's recommendation, the County Manager stated that £500 had already been allocated to the Ballinderren Community Centre which was now at a stage where it needed the construction of a roof. He stated that the expenditure for the current year was estimated at £1,500 and that the grant of £500 allocated was the maximum for an expenditure of this sum. He stated that the next stage is at present being considered, and he would need to have further information on the amount of work outstanding, the estimated cost, and where the balance of the cost is to come from.

4044 - REMUNERATION OF BURIAL GROUND CARETAKERS: Councillor Raftery proposed, and Councillor Ryan seconded, that the remuneration of caretakers be increased.

The County Manager stated that this proposal will be examined.

4045 - PUMP FOR BULLAUN: Mrs. Croffy asked what is the present position in regard to the provision of a pump for Bullaun.

The County Manager stated that a site had been selected, and that arrangements will be made as soon as possible to provide the bore hole.

In reply to a further inquiry from Mrs. Croffy, the County Manager stated that he could not give a definite date when work would commence.

Deputy Callanan stated that he was informed that the delay was likely to be due to the contract system being operated by the County Council, and he felt, that if contractors do not carry out their contracts within the time allotted, alternative arrangements should be made.

The meeting then terminated.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Conor Mac a Proiz
Chairman

22/4/1974

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

1st April, 1974.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special meeting of the Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday 5th April, 1974 at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

K. Doyle,
Acting County Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. Employer-Labour Conference National Agreement 1974.
2. Conditions and procedure for taking over roads as public roads - memorandum from County Manager to follow.
3. Notice of Motion Roads 1973/74 - re-voting of unexpended balance at 31st March, 1974 to be expended between 1st April, 1974 and 31st December, 1974.
4. Notice of Motion Roads 1973/74 to be taken over as public roads - 2nd List - 1st Notice (List to be circulated at Meeting)
5. Kenny report on the Price of building land - adjourned from meeting of 25th March, 1974.

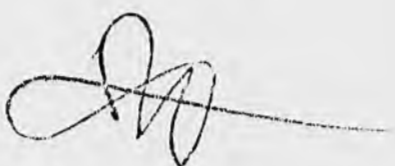
APRIL, 1974.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION 1973/74 (SECOND LIST)

NO.	COUNCILLOR	AMOUNT £.	AREA	FROM	TO	LENGTH YDS.
48.	Burke	118	Tuam	Off Galway Rd. Junction	Rear of St. Brigid's Terrace, Tuam	100
49.	Burke	60	Tuam	J.C.R. 206	Dunleavys House, Coolrevagh	80
50.	Burke	85	Tuam	J.C.R. 236	Ballymoney	100
51.	Burke	100	Milltown	J.C.R. 245	Gurteen	110
52.	Byrne	100	Loughrea	O'Grady's house Earlsparke westwards	end of road at Ml. Murphy's house Earlsparke	600
53.	Callanan	100	Portumna	Chainage 390 J.C.R. 555 at Ardranny	J.C.R. 556 at Ardranny	490
54.	Callanan	100	Portumna	C.R. 556 at Cartron	Towards John Quinn's land Lissawullaun	250
55.	Callanan } Collins } (50)	100	Ballinasloe	Rd. leading from C.R. 519 Cloonigney	Towards Lynskeys House	100
56.	Collins	100	Ballinasloe	Chainage 520 from C.R.J. 514 at Derryfadda	Towards M. Connolly's gate	300
57.	Collins	100	Athenry	C.R. 438	Westwards towards Stauntons & Noones, Carraun Beg	180
58.	Collins	100	Ballinasloe	C.R. 468 at Pallas	M. Power's Gate	286
59.	Collins	190	Ballinasloe	Chainage 620 at Addergoole	South for 200 yds.	200
60.	Cunningham	301	Mountbellew	C.R. 458	John Hynes House	293

NO.	COUNCILLOR	AMOUNT £.	AREA	FROM	TO	LENGTH YDS.
61.	Fahey	80	Gort	C.R. 362	Larry Tuohy's House at Cloghnacava	180
62.	Fahey	100	Gort	600 yds. from Lallys House at Lismoyle	Towards Loughreys House	250
63.	Fahey	123	Gort	C.R. 362 at Beagh	Towards Murrays House	400
64.	Haverty	100	Portumna	From C.R. 575 at Graigueagowan	Michael Quinn's house Graigueagowan	250
65.	Haverty	125	Portumna	C.R. 597 at Tiranascragh	Gate beyond I. Hary's House and branch to J. Duane's House	295
66.	Kitt	225	Ballinasloe	C.R. 513 Gowlan	James Lawless' House	430
67.	Raftery	83	Milltown	C.R. 267 Carrownderry	Owen Kelly's House, Ballyroe	100
68.	Raftery	88	Milltown	Main Rd. 270 at Classaghroe	Michael Kenny's House	140
69.	Raftery	173	Mountbellew	C.R. 283	Satchwell's Gate	270

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.
(Galway County Council)



Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

2nd April, 1974.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Re: Postponement of Meeting.

A Chara,

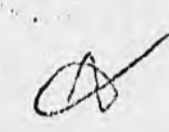
I wish to refer to my notice of the 1st instant regarding a special meeting of the Council which was to be held on Friday next the 5th instant and to state that the Chairman has agreed to a request that the meeting be postponed to a later date.

The meeting will not therefore be held on Friday next. You will be notified later of the date on which the adjourned meeting will be held.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE

Acting County Secretary.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

8th April, 1974.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special meeting of the Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Tuesday 16th April, 1974 at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

J. Howlett,
County Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. Employer-Labour Conference National Agreement 1974.
2. Conditions and procedure for taking over roads as public roads - memorandum from County Manager herewith.
3. Notice of Motion Roads 1973/74 - re-voting of unexpended balance at 31st March, 1974 to be expended between 1st April, 1974 and 31st December, 1974.
4. Notice of Motion Roads 1973/74 to be taken over as public roads - 2nd List-1st Notice (List to be circulated at Meeting)
5. Kenny report on the Price of building land - adjourned from meeting of 25th March, 1974.
6. Road Grants - 1/4/1974 to 31/12/1974.
7. Issue of Polling Cards for local election.

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COMHAIRLÉ CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.

(Galway County Council)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

6th April, 1974.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads.

A Chars,

I wish to refer to discussions at recent meetings of the Council regarding the requirements for taking over roads for maintenance by the County Council, and to submit the following information and suggestions for consideration.

1. Legal Requirements.

- (a) The Local Government Act, 1925.

This act provided that a Road Authority could by resolution declare a road to be a public road if:-

- (i) a public right of way exists over it for foot-passengers, animals and vehicles

and

- (ii) it connects two public roads

and

- (iii) it is not less than eleven ft. wide in the clear.

- (b) The Local Government Act, 1953 amended and extended the 1925 Act and the situation in law is that a Road Authority may declare any road a public road:-

- (i) if a public right of way for foot passengers, animals and vehicles exist over it

and

- (ii) provided the Road Authority is satisfied that the road is of general public utility.

2. The Declaration of Roads to be public roads is a reserved function, and before exercising this function, public notice of the intention to do so must be given in the press, and any objections received must be considered.

3. The matters to be decided, as to whether a particular road complies with the requirements of law are:-

- (a) whether a public right of way exists over the road

- (b) what constitutes "general public utility".

4. In addition to the requirements of law, some practical problems arise, e.g.:

- (a) On the question of a Public Right of Way -
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- there cannot be any gates across the roadway
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- a public right of way differs from a private right of way and whether or not it exists is a question of fact which has to be examined by officers of the Council, and open to scrutiny of the public following public notice. The Council must consider any information before them when deciding whether to declare a road to be a public road.

- (b) On the question of General Public Utility, the situation calls for criteria to be settled and agreed as policy. In future, each case would be examined in the light of such policy to see if it complies with the conditions to be decided.

5. The following practical considerations also arise:

- (a) The number of inhabited dwellings and land holdings served by the road
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- (b) Roads leading to public amenities e.g. burial grounds, turf bogs, beaches, lakes, rivers etc.
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- (c) Dimensions, stability, width of roads, having regard to the sizes and types of modern farm machinery and other vehicles.
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- (d) The responsibility assumed by a Local Authority for a road which may not be suitable for public purposes - as once a road is declared a public road, the Local Authority must make and keep it suitable.

- a. (e) Financial considerations arising from the foregoing.

For the guidance of the public, the members of the County Council and the Council's staff, it is necessary that a policy be laid down, governing the foregoing and any other matters arising in future.

6. Heretofore it was suggested that a road to be taken over and maintained, should serve either two inhabited houses, or one inhabited house and two land holdings.

7. It is now suggested that roads to be taken over for maintenance should comply with the following conditions to meet a reasonable test of "General Public Utility".

- (a) that the minimum width between fences be 11 ft. with scope for a 9ft. carriageway.

In this connection it should be noted that:-

- (i) Vehicles up to a width of 8 ft. 2½ inches are permitted on public roads without licence.

- (ii) "Large Trantors" up to 9 ft. wide are permitted.

- (iii) The overall width of a vehicle and its load may be up to 9 ft. 6 inches.

- (iv) There is no restriction on the width of a vehicle load, where the load in question is loose agricultural produce.

- (a) Accordingly a minimum width of 11 ft. is considered necessary for practical reasons.

- (b) That a road, other than one connecting two public roads should always serve at least one inhabited house and two landowners, one of whom may be an inhabitant of the house. Such roads could be considered for taking over, up to the point where they serve only one property owner - turbary not to be reckoned for this purpose.

- (c) It should be possible to construct the road up to the normal accepted standard of stability to enable surface dressing to be carried out and preferably to include surface dressing as well.

- (d) Roads leading to places of public resort - burial grounds, beaches, lakes etc etc. - Each case to be examined on its merits.

Arrangements for taking Roads in Charge.

The allocation for Notice of Motion Roads for each Councillor for the year ended 31st March, 1974 was £690 and the amount for the period from 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974 is £725. The roads submitted by Councillors for the year ended 31st March, 1974 have been examined and recommendations for taking over those deemed qualified for declaring public roads will be submitted to the Council at its next meeting. For accounting reasons it will not be possible to have the cost of last year's proposals charged to the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1974, but in order to enable the amount allotted for that year to each Councillor to be spent, the Council will be asked to authorise spending the unexpended balance at 31st, March, 1974 of the 1973/74 allocation for Notice of Motion Roads, in the period from 1st April to 31st December next, i.e. to re-vote the money for the current financial "year".

In addition to matters previously mentioned, it is suggested that the Council also fix dates by which the various steps for implementing the Scheme should be completed, and in this connection, I wish to refer to the following decisions taken by the Council at its meeting held on 24th January, 1972.

1. That each Councillor submit his proposals for not more than three roads by 1st May each year.
2. That those roads will be dealt with until the individual Councillor's allocation is exhausted.
3. That in the event of a Councillor's total allocation for the year not being sufficient to complete the work on a road, the balance of the road will automatically be done from the same Councillor's allocation in the following year.

The following procedure and dates for implementing the various steps for dealing with "Notice of Motion" roads are recommended.

(a) For Year ended 31st March, 1974.

Estimates for roads already nominated by Councillors and considered qualified for taking over as public roads will be submitted to the Council at its next meeting, and if approved, will be declared public roads at the May meeting of the Council.

Councillors who have not nominated roads in 1973/74, to have their nominations submitted not later than 1st May, 1974.

Roads to be advertised in June, 1974 and to be declared public roads at the July meeting.

All work approved to be carried out by 31st December, 1974.

(b) For Period 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974.

Councillor's nominations to be received not later than 1st May, 1974. Roads to be advertised in June, 1974 and to be taken in charge at the July meeting.

All work to be carried out by 31st December, 1974.

(c) For Year commencing on 1st January, 1975 and thereafter.

Councillors nominations to be received by 31st January each year at the latest date.

However, in order to provide Councillors and staff with an opportunity of examining roads throughout the year, in order to determine eligibility for taking over, the following procedure is suggested:-

At any time during the previous year a Councillor may propose a road for taking in charge. It would then be examined and a report would be brought back to the Council as soon as possible, in order to have a decision taken in principle to declare it public.

However, it should be noted that 31st January is the latest practicable date for this purpose and there will be only one advertisement each year in the month of March, of all roads proposed for taking in charge. The final resolution will be taken annually at the April meeting.

Mise, le meas,

S. KEATING.
County Manager.

APRIL, 1974.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION 1973/74 (SECOND LIST)

NO.	COUNCILLOR	AMOUNT £.	AREA	FROM		TO		LENGTH YDS.
				FROM	TO	FROM	TO	
48.	Burke	118	Tuam	Off Galway Rd. Junction		Rear of St. Brigid's Terrace, Tuam		100
49.	Burke	60	Tuam	J.C.R. 206		Dunleavys House, Coolrevagh		80
50.	Burke	85	Tuam	J.C.R. 236 Ballymonev		Reillys House		100
51.	Burke	100	Milltown	J.C.R. 245 Gurteen		for 110 yds.		110
52.	Byrne	100	Loughrea	O'Grady's house Earlsparck westwards		end of road at Ml. Murphy's house Earlsparck		600
53.	Callanan	100	Portumna	Chainage 390 J.C.R. 555 at Ardranny		J.C.R. 556 at Ardranny		490
54.	Callanan	100	Portumna	C.R. 556 at Cartron		Towards John Quinn's land Lissawullaun		250
55.	Callanan } Collins } (50)	100	Ballinasloe	Rd. leading from C.R. 519 Cloonigney		Towards Lynskeys House		100
56.	Collins	100	Ballinasloe	Chainage 520 from C.R.J. 514 at Derryfadda		Towards M. Connolly's gate		300
57.	Collins	100	Athenry	C.R. 438		Westwards towards Stauntons & Noones, Carraun Beg		180
58.	Collins	100	Ballinasloe	C.R. 468 at Pallas		M. Power's Gate		286
59.	Collins	190	Ballinasloe	Chainage 620 at Addergoole		South for 200 yds.		200
60.	Cunningham	301	Mountbellew	C.R. 458		John Hynes House		293

NO.	COUNCILLOR	AMOUNT £.	AREA	FROM	TO	LENGTH YDS.
61.	Fahey	80	Gort	C.R. 362	Larry Tuohy's House at Cloghnacava	180
62.	Fahey	100	Gort	600 yds. from Lallys House at Lismoyle	Towards Loughreys House	250
63.	Fahey	123	Gort	C.R. 362 at Beagh	Towards Murrays House	400
64.	Haverty	100	Portumna	From C.R. 575 at Graigueagowan	Michael Quinn's house Graigueagowan	250
65.	Haverty	125	Portumna	C.R. 597 at Tiranascragh	Gate beyond T. Hoary's House and branch to J. Duane's House	295
66.	Kitt	225	Ballinasloe	C.R. 513 Gowlan	James Lawlesses' House	430
67.	Raftery	83	Milltown	C.R. 267 Carrownderry	Owen Kelly's House, Ballyroe	100
68.	Raftery	88	Milltown	Main Rd. 270 at Classaghroe	Michael Kenny's House	140
69.	Raftery	173	Mountbellew	C.R. 283	Satchwell's Gate	270

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 16th APRIL, 1974.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Councillor T. King
(2) Councillor P. Joyce

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillor W. Burke, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors T. Clarke, P. Collins, Deputy F. Coogan, Councillor Mrs. M. Croffy, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors P. Donnellan, F. Fahey, P.T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, Deputy T. Hussey, ~~Senator M. Killilea~~, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillor J. Lambert, Senator J.M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, S. Kyne and M. Ryan.

Officials: Mr. S. Keating, County Manager; Mr. P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; Mr. J. Howlett, County Secretary; Mr. C. A. Warner, County Engineer; Mr. M. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; Messrs. K. Hays, J. Silke, J. Durkin, R. Lee and W. Cahill, Chief Assistant County Engineers and Messrs. K. Doyle and B. Gannon, Staff Officers.

The opening prayer was recited.

4046 - **SYMPATHY:** Deputy Coogan proposed a special vote of sympathy to Alderman Martin Walsh on the death of his wife. The other members and the County Manager also expressed sympathy.

4047 - **EMPLOYER-LABOUR CONFERENCE NATIONAL AGREEMENT 1974:** The County Manager explained that this item was urgent because some of the increases which were now authorised dated from the 1st January, 1974. The other increases dated from the 1st July, 1974 in the section dealing with tradesmen, building trade operatives and water works caretakers. Increases for all other grades would date from the 1st June, 1974. The annual estimates had contained the cost of the agreement in its original form. It was now necessary to provide for the additional cost of the revised agreement, and this would amount to £20,000 made up as follows:-

Roads	-	£11,820
Housing	-	£2,870
Sanitary Services	-	£330
General Purposes	-	£4,480

It was proposed by Deputy J. Donnellan, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan and resolved:- "that excess expenditure of £20,000 under the headings specified be authorised in respect of the current financial year".

4048 - **TAKING OVER ROADS AS PUBLIC ROADS - CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURE:** A discussion took place on a memorandum on the above subject which had been circulated to each member of the Council by the County Manager on the 8th April, 1974. During the course of this discussion, some members expressed the view that the data submitted was a summary of the procedure being followed at present by the Council, but others maintained that the principles set down by the County Manager represented a change. In reply to questions regarding requirements as to the width of roads which could be taken over and made public, the County Manager stated that there was no legal requirement that a road should be 11ft. wide. There were, however, a number of practical considerations (including the danger of legal action in respect of third party liabilities), which meant, in effect, that the 11 ft. minimum standard had to be observed.

Councillor Haverty alleged that the engineering staff had been inconsistent in dealing with roads proposed by him, in so far as standards for acceptance or rejection of such proposals was concerned. He demanded an explanation of why his proposals in regard to certain roads had been refused, and why a proposal had been accepted in one year and refused in following years. The County Manager stated that he was not in a position to give replies in regard to individual cases, and he suggested that Councillor Haverty might submit these proposals for reconsideration in the light of whatever policy would be agreed by the Council.

Councillor Haverty then raised the question of whether a road less than 11 ft. wide could be taken over on condition that it was widened, from a members allocation of money, so as to make it conform to the 11 ft. standard. It was pointed out, that in any event, no work could be done on the road until it had been taken over, and in this context the County Manager enquired whether Councillor Haverty would like to

propose a minimum width for this purpose. When Councillor Haverty declined to do this, the County Manager pointed out that if the Council adopted the proposal about improving the width of roads, it would mean, in effect, that there would be no limitation at all on the width of a road which could be taken over and made public. He stated that, in his opinion, the Council could have no worthwhile policy without advertising to a minimum width. Councillor Haverty then proposed that roads ought to be taken over by the Council, irrespective of width, provided that a Councillor had formulated a scheme to widen the road to a minimum of 11 ft. between fences, and that he had provided money from the allocation for Members' Notices of Motion to complete this work. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Kyne, and was passed on a show of hands, ten members voting for the motion and four members voting against.

The Council agreed that subject to the above amendment, the policy stated in circular dated 8/4/1974 from the County Manager was thereby approved by the Council.

During the course of the discussion, Deputy Callanan and Deputy Kitt expressed satisfaction that in future a report would be available to the Council in respect of any road proposed by a Councillor, so that each case could be decided on its merits.

Finally, the Council agreed to the proposal of Councillor Joyce that passing bays ought to be considered where required in the case of narrower roads.

- 4049 - NOTICE OF MOTION ROADS 1973/74 - RE-VOTING OF UNEXPENDED BALANCE AT 31st MARCH, 1974: Proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Deputy Kitt, and resolved:-

"that excess expenditure of £21,390 be authorised in respect of Members' Notices of Motion Roads for financial year ending 31st December, 1974, being the amount provided but not expended in respect of the preceding financial year".

- 4050 - NOTICE OF MOTION ROADS 1973/74 - 2ND LIST - 1ST NOTICE: It was unanimously agreed that the necessary procedure be initiated to have certain roads declared to be public roads, being the roads described as in "Councillors Notices of Motion Roads 1973/74 (2nd list - dated April, 1974).

Attention was drawn to the fact that there had been certain errors of description in roads which had been declared public at meeting of 25/3/1973. These errors were as follows:-

Area	From	To	Length
Milltown	County Road 245 Gurteen	County Road 245 Killavoher	1730

The length should be altered to 173.

Area	From	To	Length
Tuam	Main Road 60 Nr. Shrule	Through Largan	630

This should read

Tuam	Main Road 60 Nr. Shrule	Through Gortaluggagh Village to Co. Boundary	880
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The Council agreed that these roads should be advertised with the correct description, and should be considered with the Notice of Motion Roads mentioned above.

The County Manager informed the Council, in response to a question, that the Department had refused to carry forward unexpended Local Improvement Scheme Grant.

- 4051 - KENNY REPORT ON THE PRICE OF BUILDING LAND: The County Manager outlined the main provisions of this report, and referred to data already circulated.

During the course of a discussion on this matter, Councillors Galvin and Molloy queried the basis for assessment of values, and stated that if the basis proposed was adopted it would be unjust to small farmers who had to sell land. Councillor Molloy suggested that market value rather than present use value should be the standard. Councillor Fahey agreed that there ought to be control of building land, but questioned whether the system proposed in the report would upset the play of free competition. Councillor Glynn stated that entry to E.E.C. and the advent of the Planning Act had increased land prices. His main criticism of the report was that it was ten years too late. Deputy Coogan agreed that controls had not been imposed in time, and Deputy Callanan stated that he could anticipate difficulties with implementing the suggestions made in the report. Councillors

Kyne and Joyce also expressed concern for land owners outside of urban areas who might be adversely affected by the report. The County Manager stated that the views of the Council would be conveyed to the Minister.

- 4052 - ROAD GRANTS - 1/4/1974 to 31/12/1974: The County Manager gave particulars of grants which had been notified by the department in respect of National Primary Roads, National Secondary Roads and other main and County Roads for the current financial year. Councillor Kyne suggested that details should be circulated.

During a discussion on this matter, it was pointed out by members that costs had increased to such an extent that it would be difficult to make a comparison of the impact of any variation in the grants.

- 4053 - ISSUE OF POLLING CARDS FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS: It was unanimously agreed that polling cards would be issued in respect of the forthcoming local elections. The County Secretary pointed out that costs in this respect had increased significantly since the last election, particularly the cost of postage. The total cost of issuing cards to approximately 101,000 electors was estimated at £3,700. The Council, nevertheless agreed that it would be essential to issue the cards.

- 4054 - RELIEF FROM RATES: Deputy Coogan requested that there should be a review of cases which had been refused recently as severe hardship was caused where applicants had been turned down who had formerly benefited under the scheme.

- 4055 - SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:-

Mr. Michael Hehir, Ardahan, Co. Galway.
Mrs. E. Boyle, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. B. Gibbons, Athenry, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Wall, Kiltulla, Oranmore, Co. Galway.
Mr. William Roland, Strongfort, Craughwell, Co. Galway.
Mr. J. Brogan, Dillonbrook, Milltown, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mr. J.P. Screen, Brierfield, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas Maca Píez

Chairman

Submitted approved & Confirmed

Chairman

22/4/74

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

16u la de Aibrean, 1974.

Chuir Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, a tionscailt ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 22u la de Aibrean, 1974 ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

S. HUILÉID,
Runai.

A G E N D A

Opening Prayer.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims:-
 - (a) Soltoys Limited, Killough, Moycullen.
 - walls and floors of a storage area together with a quantity of toys, and a quantity of raw materials, production and clerical records and accounts damaged and destroyed by water on 27th March, 1974. - £2,000
 - (b) Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.
 - telephone kiosk bearing telephone number Ballinasloe 2264, and the coin box affixed therein was maliciously damaged on 2nd/3rd April, 1974. -£100
 - (c) The Land Commission.
 - fences and walls at Donaghpatrick, Caherlistrane knocked, damaged and destroyed on the 1st/2nd April, 1974. -£200
3. Raising of loan of £100,000 to finance the payment of grants for the installation of water facilities in private dwellings.
4. Scheme for relief from rates for certain categories of persons.
5. Gort swimming pool.
6. Clonbur Community Centre - County Manager's report dated 16/4/1974 herewith.
7. Delegates to International Conferences and Meetings - Minute No. 4016.
8. Local Improvements Schemes- allocation for period 1st April to 31st December, 1974.

9. Proposed additional offices of Assistant County Manager and Assistant County Engineer.
10. Taking over^{of} road at Shantalla, Clonberne - Minute No. 4026.

11. Business submitted by the County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

- 12.(a) Councillors J. Donnellan and S. Kyne:
 - (i) We will propose that the Killcummin graveyard in Oughterard be extended.
- (b) Councillor S. Donnellan:
 - (i) I will ask the County Manager when the revised plan for Oranmore will be brought before the Council.
- (c) Councillor M. Geraghty: I will propose -
 - (i) that the dangerous hump on the Mynish road near Fennell's house be eased before the summer traffic comes;
 - (ii) that a slip be provided to allow cars to go down on to Moyrus beach;
 - (iii) that the incorrect sign on the Western approach to Recess be taken down or replaced by a correct sign.
- (d) Councillor P.F. Glynn: I will propose -
 - (i) that a reasonable figure of money be provided in next years estimate for providing sign posts on county roads recently blacktopped;
 - (ii) that the clay banks from Frank Dolan's house to Ballyglunin Monastery be removed, so as to provide more parking for church goers. The cost of this work to be paid for out of maintenance money.
- (e) Councillor W. Burke: I will ask -
 - (i) when will the repairs to the roadway and footpaths in front of the Demesne cottages, Tuam, be carried out and kerbing be laid around the waste land in front of same;
 - (ii) when will work already commenced be resumed on the village pump in Brooklawn, Kilconly.
- (f) Councillor P.T. Galvin:
 - (i) I will propose that parking accommodation be provided outside Mullagh N.S. (Kiltormer - Kilrickle road) for teachers cars and loading accommodation for school bus. It is also meant to provide turn table for bus.
- (g) Deputy J. Donnellan:
 - (i) I will propose that Galway County Council erect signs at Browns Grove, Tuam, to indicate that there is a school there.
- (h) Deputy M.F. Kitt:
 - (i) I will propose that priority be given to applications for the repair of bog roads under the Local Improvement Scheme for 1974 in view of the Minister's replies to Dail Questions relating to the fuel crisis.
- (i) Deputy T. Hussey:
 - (i) I will propose that the County Engineer take immediate action to eliminate flooding near McLoughlin's house, Williamstown.
- (j) Councillor H. Melvin:
 - (i) I will propose that James Pendergast, Castleganny, replace his late father on Loughrea Old Age Pension Sub Committee.
- (k) Councillor M. Ryan:
 - (i) I will propose that the Council consider providing an office in the town of Tuam for the collection of motor tax.
- (l) Councillor P.D. Joyce:
 - (i) I will propose that immediate steps be taken to limit the laden weight of all heavy transport vehicles as the roads of Connemara have been shattered by them.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Scheme for Waiver of Rates for Certain Categories of Persons for the 9 Months ending 31st December, 1974.

The Galway County Council will consider applications for Waiver of Rates on their dwellings in whole or in part for the (9 Months ending 31st December, 1974) from persons in the following categories who make application to the Council for such Relief:-

- I. Persons whose income is from:
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 - (c) Other Sources including Contributory Old Age Pensions and Contributory Widows' Pensions and whose circumstances are such that the County Council is satisfied that it will be a hardship on them to pay the full amount of the rates levied.
 - (d) Blind Pensions.
 - (e) Home Assistance.
 - (f) Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowances.
 - (g) Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances.
2. **Occupiers** of small dwellings which come within the scope of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, and tenants of Local Authority houses, who fall within the categories of persons set out at (I) above, may be eligible for Waiver of Rates under the Scheme, and owners of such small dwellings will be obliged to adjust the rents payable in such cases having regard to the rate relief granted.
3. Although the person making the application comes within the categories mentioned in the Scheme, Waiver of Rates may only be given where, in the opinion of the Council, the payment of such rates in whole or in part would be a hardship on the person concerned, having regard to other household income.
4. **Special Hardship.** The Council may, in cases of special hardship not falling within the prescribed categories, afford Waiver of Rates, in whole or in part, as is deemed appropriate having regard to the special circumstances of any case.
5. The monies required for the implementation of this Scheme shall be provided for as an item in the Council's General Purposes Account and shall be **leviable** on the County Health **Bistrict**.
6. Applications should be submitted so as to reach the Offices of Galway County Council, Prospect Hill, Galway on or before 31st August, 1974.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Prospect Hill,
Galway.

16th April, 1974.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

Clonbur Community Centre

A Chara,

As you are aware work on this building stopped over a year ago for lack of finance.

I have already indicated to the promoters and to the Council that the financial planning and prospects of completion of such projects ought not depend solely on the Amenity Grant Scheme as it is not geared to promote schemes of this magnitude unless there are substantial additional sources of finance.

Nevertheless, I have been very concerned at the present unsatisfactory position of this building in which there has been financial involvement by state and local authority.

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County Council grant paid 1972/73	£2,565	
Allocated 1973/74	£2,090	4,655
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Shortfall		£10,345
		£50,000

In the special circumstances of this case, it is suggested that the Council should, over a period of years, make good this shortfall from the Special levy for Amenity Schemes initiated this year. This would give a total County Council involvement of £15,000 or 75% of the Roinn na-Gaeltachta grant.

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It must be emphasised that these proposals are made solely in order to overcome exceptional difficulties and that the Council would need to formulate a policy to cover any future cases where finance of this magnitude is involved.

Mise, le meas,

S. Keating,
County Manager.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

18th April, 1974.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

I wish to refer to the item on the Agenda regarding additional posts of:

(a) Assistant County Manager; (b) Assistant County Engineer (3 posts).

In the course of my Estimates statement on the County Council estimates for 1974 I referred to the expanding programme of capital works including water schemes, sewerage schemes and housing.

Water and sewerage schemes are in progress to a value of approximately £900,000. Preliminary reports have been approved for schemes valued approximately £2,300,000 and further preliminary reports are in course of preparation. Group Water Schemes in progress and at various stages of planning total approximately 260 schemes. Demand for extended services is increasing constantly.

The Council's housing programme has expanded significantly over the past couple of years. The following is the number of completions for the past five years:

1969/'70	12
1970/'71	21
1971/'72	47
1972/'73	56
1973/'74	101

Plans are at various stages of progress for the provision of a further 667 houses and 144 sites. During the same period expenditure on housing loans has increased from £53,775. to £273,423; on housing grants from £77,684. to £167,388. There have also been considerable increases in expenditure on reconstruction grants and grants for water and sewerage schemes, including group water schemes.

It is the aim of the Council and staff to expand the housing programme as rapidly as possible. In order to keep pace with rising population resulting from increased industrialisation and job creation, the County Council should now aim at increasing annual output to about 300 houses and continue to aim at such target as demand should indicate from time to time.

The Council's capital programme is now very large. It is expanding and must expand further. In my Estimate statement I undertook to examine the organisational needs of the Council in order to meet the demands of this programme. With the increased provision of new works it follows that the volume of maintenance work must also increase. At the same time, there is an ever increasing demand for amenities of all kinds resulting in the need to review the management structure necessary to provide services with a good degree of control.

Galway City and environs are fortunate to be in a state of rapid expansion. The population is estimated to be increasing at approximately 1,000 persons per annum. This situation has resulted in a complete transformation of the problem of administering Galway City. As an example, the Corporation are now approximately half way through a programme of water and sewerage extensions which will, on completion within approximately three years, have cost almost £3.5m. Demand for amenities, recreational facilities, parks, open spaces, car parking, new roads, traffic management and a host of ancillary services has increased enormously in

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the City. Positive planning, as distinct from planning control, requires close and constant attention and is time consuming. The time has come when the management needs of Galway City are such that the services of a whole-time Assistant County Manager would be justified for the area. It will be appreciated that the Corporation housing programme must be maintained at a very high level of output for many years to come and this situation will require much careful advance planning.

I am, therefore, proposing for the Council's approval the creation of an office of Assistant County Manager and three Assistant County Engineers. One Assistant County Engineer is for the housing service and two for sanitary services. The office of Assistant County Manager would enable me to re-allocate the management duties of the County and City in a way which would make a better provision for carrying through the increased workloads in both County and City. In that connection it would be my intention to make better arrangements for the carrying out of new capital works. I am satisfied that the posts are necessary and I feel that it is my duty to keep the organisational needs of Local Authorities in the County under review. I must advise the Council of those needs when I consider that existing arrangements are inadequate to fulfil the aspirations of the Council in regard to the programme of work.

Some time ago the Minister for Local Government engaged a firm of consultants to examine the staffing of Local Government. His report suggested that the County Galway Local Authorities would need the services of three officers at a level equivalent to Assistant County Manager. My proposal herein is for one additional office.

Mise, le meas,

S. CEITINN
Bainisteoir Chontae
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY 22nd APRIL, 1974.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. King.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors T.V. Clarke, P. Collins, Deputy F. Coogan, Councillors Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham, S. Donnellan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors P. Donnellan, F. Fahey, P.T. Galvin, M. Geraghty, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, P.D. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillor J. Lambert, Senator J.M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, S. Kyne and M. Ryan.

Officials: Mr. S. Keating, County Manager; Mr. P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; Mr. J. Howlett, County Secretary; Mr. C. A. Warner, County Engineer; Mr. M. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; Messrs. J. Silke, H. Finnegan, J. Durkin, M. Tierney and W. Cahill, Chief Assistant County Engineers and Messrs. A. O'Gorman, T. Kavanagh, B. Gannon and Miss M. McCabe, Staff Officers.

The opening prayer was recited.

4056 - **MINUTES:** Minutes of meeting held on the 25/3/1974 (nos. 4000 - 4045) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4057 - **MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS:** The Council noted malicious damage claims listed at 2(a) - 2(c) on the agenda.

4058 - **LOAN OF £100,000 TO FINANCE PAYMENT OF GRANTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER FACILITIES IN PRIVATE DWELLINGS:** Proposed by Senator Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan and resolved:-

"that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government a loan of £100,000 be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance the payment of supplementary grants for the installation of water facilities in private houses, the loan is to be repayable over such period as may be approved by the Minister with interest at the local loans fund rate".

4059 - **SCHEME FOR RELIEF FROM RATES:** Proposed by Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Byrne and resolved:-

"that scheme for relief from rates be approved in respect of the current financial year in accordance with the details circulated to each member of the Council".

During the course of a discussion on this scheme, a number of members expressed dissatisfaction with the fact that certain applicants who had been getting relief were not granted same in the past financial year. The County Manager pointed out that the scheme was based on the tests of eligibility applied for social welfare benefits. There had been an increased number of applications and accordingly it was necessary, in order to maintain control, to apply the guide lines in a strict fashion.

Following some further discussion on this matter, it was proposed by Senator Mannion, seconded by Deputy Callanan and resolved:-

"that the Council request the Minister for Local Government to relax the standards of eligibility for relief from rates, and to recoup the Council the cost of granting such reliefs."

4060 - **GORT SWIMMING POOL:** The County Manager referred to minute no. 2574 of meeting held on the 22/1/1973, and stated that the Council had agreed at that meeting to give approval on principle to the provision of a swimming pool at Gort. He had recently had a discussion with a deputation from the local committee in Gort, and they had pointed out to him that, in the meantime, the committee had been very active in examining the designs of a number of pools, and in raising funds for the local contribution. He understood that a very sizeable amount had been raised to date, and he suggested that the Council should now proceed with the planning of this project. It would be necessary, in this regard, to have a very thorough investigation made of conceivable economy construction, and to select a design which would afford the maximum economy in running costs.

Councillor Fahey proposed that the Council should adopt the Manager's suggestion and proceed with investigations into the design of the pool. He also proposed that the Council should agree now to raise a loan to cover the cost of the work. Councillors Byrne, Melvin, Lambert and Deputy Coogan supported the motion. Councillor Galvin, who also supported the motion, suggested that the Council should examine the design and maintenance arrangements for the Mallow swimming pool. Other members also supported the motion, but expressed the view that the project was likely to be expensive notwithstanding the best efforts to achieve economy.

It was unanimously agreed to proceed as indicated by the County Manager, and the Manager stated that he would be coming back to the Council as soon as estimates of cost were available.

- 4061 - CLONBUR COMMUNITY CENTRE: Report dated 16/4/1974 had been circulated to each member of the Council.

The County Manager pointed out that there were a number of interests involved in this project, and that when the local committee experienced financial difficulties because of the rising costs, it was necessary to arrange consultations between the various interests to see what could be done. It was understandable that none of the contributors were prepared to take a final stand in the matter until it saw what the others were doing. During the course of these negotiations he had suggested to Roinn na Gaeltachta that if they increased their grant towards the project to 40% he would be prepared to ask the County Council to bring up its contribution to the level required in order that work could proceed.

The County Manager emphasised that this was an exceptional case, and it would be very undesirable for local groups to get the idea that they were entitled to a 50% amenity grant in respect of similar projects. It had to be borne in mind that the total amenity grant available for the current financial year would be in the order of £6,000.

During the course of a lengthy discussion on this item a number of Councillors, while supporting the County Manager's report, drew attention to the danger of establishing a precedent for this type of project. Deputy Donnellan said that each locality should be entitled to the same treatment, and Councillors Fahey and Byrne referred to the Community Hall at Balinderreen, and requested that it should also be considered for further financial assistance. On the proposal of Councillor Kyne, seconded by Deputy Coogan it was finally resolved:-

"that the Council would agree to the proposal set out in County Manager's report dated 16/4/1974".

- 4062 - DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR HOUSING AND PLANNING: The County Manager referred to minute no. 4016 of meeting held on 25/3/1974, and informed the Council that the Thirty Second World Conference of the International Federation for Housing and Planning was being held in Vienna from the 18th to the 24th August, 1974. If the Council wished to send delegates it would be necessary to make a decision at this stage.

During the course of a discussion on this matter, Deputy Coogan suggested that the matter should be left over until the new Council was elected.

Councillor Kyne proposed that four members of the Council and two officers should be sent to the conference, and he nominated the following three members to attend:-
Councillor Mrs. Croffy, Councillor P. Raftery and Councillor F. Fahey.

Deputy Donnellan proposed that Councillor Cunningham should be nominated to attend the conference.

Councillor P. Donnellan seconded Deputy Coogan's original proposal, and the Chairman said that he would regard Councillor Kyne's proposal as an amendment thereto and take a vote on the matter. Before the vote was taken Councillor Kyne added the addendum that if any member nominated was not re-elected the new Council should be allowed to send one of their members instead of the member now nominated. A vote was taken, and resulted as follows:-

For the amendment - Deputy Callanan, Councillors Clarke, Croffy, Cunningham, S. Donnellan, Fahey, Galvin, Geraghty, Haverty, Joyce, King, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Melvin, Molloy, Raftery, Kyne (16).

Against the amendment - Councillors Burke, Byrne, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors P. Donnellan, Glynn, Senator Mannion, Councillor Ryan (9).

The Chairman declared that the amendment had been carried, and it was agreed that Deputy Coogan's motion be deemed to be defeated on the same voting.

- 4063 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEMES - 1974 ALLOCATION: Deputy Kitt agreed that a motion listed at 12(h) on the agenda under his name, could be taken in conjunction with the above item.

The County Manager informed the Council that the allocation of grant under the Local Improvement Scheme for the 1974 financial year was £74,000. He said that figures had been prepared to allocate the amount over the eleven engineering areas on the same basis as last year. However, this would give no special preference for bog roads. Deputy Kitt then proposed his motion that priority should be given to applications for the repair of bog roads, and he outlined proceedings in the Dail on this matter. He stated that the Minister had removed difficulties which had inhibited the work on bog roads in the past by providing for a fixed contribution of 10% of the estimated cost of the scheme by beneficiaries. The County Manager read paragraph 9 of Department's circular letter of the 9th April, 1974 in confirmation and elaboration of Deputy Kitt's statement on this matter.

Deputy Kitt was supported by Deputy Coogan, and Deputy Callanan, but during the course of a lengthy discussion, a number of members objected to any disturbance of existing priorities. During the course of this discussion, the County Manager produced approximate figures giving the aggregate value of applications for bog roads on hands at £6,500. A proposal that a certain proportion of the allocation should be reserved for bog roads was not approved. After some further discussion, it was finally agreed to allow all cases on hands to go ahead in the existing order of priority, and to consider any bog roads later on their merits. It was also resolved on the proposal of Councillor P. Collins, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt:-

"that the Government be called upon to make a special allocation under the Local Improvement Scheme which could be devoted exclusively to the improvement of bog roads".

- 4064 - ADDITIONAL OFFICES OF ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER AND THREE ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEERS: The County Manager referred to a report which had been circulated on the 18/4/1974 and stated that the requirement of one additional Assistant County Manager and of three Assistant County Engineers arose from an examination of requirements in the light of the Capital Works Programme within the county. The Assistant County Engineers were required to speed the implementation of the County Council's Programme. One Assistant would be employed on housing services and two on sanitary services. The appointment of an additional Assistant County Manager was needed in view of the total work load in the county. The management structure had to service the city and county alike, and appointments at this level were a matter for the County Council to authorise. The appointment would lead to better organisation, and to the strengthening of the management of the Capital Work's Programme in all the local authorities of the county. Aggregate revenue expenditure was now in the region of eight million pounds per annum and capital expenditure ran to approximately two and a half million pounds per annum - making a total of ten and a half million pounds per annum for the authorities in the county.

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Ryan that approval should be given to the creation of one additional post of Assistant County Manager and three additional posts of Assistant County Engineers. Councillor Joyce said that the proposal was unrealistic, and that what was needed was the strengthening of engineering services in the Western area where certain works were being neglected.

The County Manager informed Deputy Callanan that while he was not appointing an engineer specifically for Group Water Schemes, it was hoped to give a better service generally in regard to Sanitary Services.

- 4065 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT SHANTALLA, CLONBERNE: The County Manager referred to minute no. 4026 of meeting of the 25/3/1974, and informed Councillor Ryan that road at Shantalla, Clonberne was reconstructed under L.I.S. Scheme in 1973/74. There were still a gate way and pillars on the road, but when these had been removed the road would be recommended for to be taken over by the County Council.

- 4066 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

(A) ALLOCATION OF ROAD GRANTS FOR 1974: The County Manager informed the following a discussion at the last meeting, he had circulated a copy of the Department's circular regarding the allocation of road grants for 1974. Corresponding figures for the previous years allocation had been given together with a report showing the effect of the allocation. In reply to a question from Deputy Callanan as to whether there would be any redundancy, the County Manager stated that it was too

soon to assess the effect of variations in grants, but that he would submit a report at a later stage if such was required.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

- 4067 - EXTENSION OF KILCUMMIN GRAVEYARD: In reply to a motion by Councillors J. Donnellan and S. Kyne, the County Manager stated that the Chief Medical Officer would be asked to state the urgency of having the above graveyard extended. There were a large number of other new burial grounds and extensions to which the County Council were already committed.
- 4068 - REVISED PLAN FOR ORANMORE: The County Manager informed Councillor S. Donnellan that it was hoped to present a revised plan for Oranmore to the Council by the 30th June next.
- 4069 - DANGEROUS HUMP ON THE MYNISH ROAD: Councillor Geraghty was informed by the County Manager that it would be necessary to have some minor road widening in order to improve the above road. It was intended to proceed with such work on the assumption that land could be acquired.
- 4070 - PROVISION OF SLIP TO ALLOW CARS TO GO INTO MOYRUS BEACH: The County Manager informed Councillor Geraghty that the beach in question was not suitable for motor cars due to the relatively soft nature of the sand. The proposed slip would therefore only facilitate tractors and the people who might benefit from this facility could apply to Roinn na Gaeltachta for a grant for the work.
- Councillor Geraghty did not agree with this view, and stated that the existing turning space ^{was} too small, and that improvements could be affected.
- 4071 - SIGN ON WESTERN APPROACH TO RECESS: The County Manager informed Councillor Geraghty that instructions had been issued to have a new village sign purchased for this location.
- 4072 - PROVISION OF SIGN POSTS ON COUNTY ROADS RECENTLY BLACKTOPPED: Councillor Glynn was informed that finances were very tight, and until recently signs were provided by Bord Failte. This service had now ceased, and it was considered that each suggestion for a new sign post should be considered on its merits.
- Councillor Glynn stated that the position in some rural areas was very confusing because of ^{new} road works and cross roads which were not sign posted.
- 4073 - REMOVAL OF CLAY BANKS FROM FRANK DOLAN'S HOUSE TO BALLYGLUNIN MONASTERY: Councillor Glynn was informed that the above work would not be carried out until later in the year, and then only if a balance of maintenance money was available.
- 4074 - RELEASE OF MR. J. J. MCGIRL: Councillor Glynn was given leave by the Chairman to introduce a motion on the above matter. It was proposed by Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Ruane and resolved:-
- "that Galway County Council should make representations to secure the release of Mr. John J. McGirl from Loughesh, having regard to the fact that he was a member of a local authority for many years, and that it was understood that he planned to stand ~~again~~ ^{again} at the June election, and also that his detention was not consistent with the removal of the ban on Sinn Fein".
- 4075 - REPAIRS TO THE ROADWAY AND FOOTPATH IN FRONT OF THE DEMESNE COTTAGES, TUAM: Councillor Burke was informed that it was proposed to devote £600 to the above work in the 1974 Programme.
- 4076 - WORK ON VILLAGE PUMP AT BROOKLAWN, KILCONLY: The County Manager informed Councillor Burke that the contractor would be resuming work on the above pump during the present week.
- 4077 - PARKING ACCOMMODATION OUTSIDE MULLAGH NATIONAL SCHOOL: Councillor Galvin was informed that a proposal submitted by him on the above matter was being examined and that a report would be submitted at the next meeting.
- 4078 - SIGNS AT BROWNSGROVE, TUAM: Deputy Donnellan was informed that school signs were erected on the main road adjoining this school. There was a county road junction near the school and this was controlled by a "Yield Right of Way" sign. These arrangements were considered adequate. This motion was moved by Councillor Ryan who stated that the position appeared to be dangerous.

- 4079 - FLOODING NEAR MCLOUGHLIN'S HOUSE, WILLIAMSTOWN: The County Manager stated that the above problem had been referred to the County Council's Legal Adviser.
- 4080 - LOUGHREA OLD AGE PENSION SUB COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Councillor Melvin, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Croffy and resolved:-
- "that Mr. James Pendergast, Castleganny, be appointed to replace his late father on the Loughrea Old Age Pension Sub Committee".
- 4081 - PROPOSED MOTOR TAX OFFICE IN TUAM: Councillor Ryan was informed by the County Manager that it would not be desirable to open a second motor tax office in the town of Tuam. Efforts were being made to improve the accommodation at the Galway office.
- 4082 - LIMITATION ON THE WEIGHT OF HEAVY TRANSPORT VEHICLES IN CONNEMARA: Councillor Joyce was informed that under Section 12 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961, the making of regulations specifying the maximum laden weight of vehicles was a matter for the Minister for Local Government.
- Councillor Joyce added that the County Council itself had been guilty of using heavy vehicles in such a way as to shatter certain roads in Connemara.

The meeting then terminated.

*Submitted approved and
Confirmed
Thomas Mac an Proig
Chairman*

27/5/74

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.
(Galway County Council)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

24th April, 1974.

TO: Each Member of the Council/

A Chara,

I wish to inform you that a special meeting of the Council will be held in the County Buildings, Galway at 3.30 p.m. on Friday 3rd May, 1974. The meeting is to consider the following notice of intention to propose a resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-

"That the Galway County Council in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955 hereby directs the Manager to grant planning permission to Colm O Loidean, An Gleann Mor, An Ceathru Rua for the erection of a dwelling house at An Gleann Mor, applied for on the 19/3/74 - Planning Reference No. 16585"

Seamus Kyne; Thomas V. Clarke; Ml. Geraghty; Sean Donnellan; Padraic D. Joyce.

Mise, le meas,

J. HOWLETT.
Runai.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.
(Galway County Council)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

25th April, 1974.

TO: Each Member of the Council/

A Chara,

I wish to inform you that a special meeting of the Council will be held in the County Buildings, Galway at 3.30 p.m. on Friday 3rd May, 1974. The meeting is to consider the following notice of intention to propose a resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

This will be the second item on Agenda and will follow the motion circulated to you on the 24th instant.

"That the Galway County Council in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955 hereby directs the Manager to grant planning permission to Comharchumann Dhuiche Sheoigheach for the erection of a Sheep Fattening Station applied for on the 3/4/'74 - Planning Ref. No. 16740."

Seamus Kyne; Thomas V. Clarke; Ml. Geraghty; Sean Donnellan; Padraic D. Joyce.

Mise, le meas,

J. HOWLETT.
Runai.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 3rd MAY, 1974.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. King.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillor W. Burke, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors T.V. Clarke, P. Collins, Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham, J. Donnellan (Moycullen), Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors P. Donnellan, F. Fahey, P.T. Galvin, E. Haverty, P.D. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillor J. Lambert, Senator J.M. Mannion, Councillors E. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Raftery, S. Kyne and M. Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; T. Kavanagh, Staff Officer; W. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning) and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The opening prayer was recited.

4083 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 16585 - COLM O'LOIDEAN, AN GLEANN MOR, AN CHEATHRU RUA:
Councillor Kyne proposed:

"that the Galway County Council in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955 hereby directs the Manager to grant planning permission to Colm O'Loidean, An Gleann Mor, An Cheathru Rua for the erection of a dwelling house at An Gleann Mor, applied for on the 19/3/74 - Planning Reference No. 16585".

Councillor Kyne stated that the applicant in this case was married in September last and had already been refused planning permission for this site by the County Council. The site, which he stated is within the boundary of the village of Carraroe is one which he obtained from his own relations, it has piped water supply nearby, and the delay in granting him planning permission has involved him in considerable additional expense due to price increases. Councillor Kyne considers that the County Manager should act on the resolution proposed, as members of the Council are in a better position to interpret the provisions of the plan than the County Manager. He considered that the Council has gone too far in preservation of amenities in Carraroe.

Chuidig an Comhairleoir O'Domhnallain (Magh Chuilinn) leis an run a mhol an Comhairleoir O'Cadhain agus duirt se nach ceart do'n Chomhairle Contae bheith in aghaidh cead pleanala a thabhairt sa chas seo, ar shuidheamh a thug athair an iarrathora do.

Councillor Clarke also supported the motion stating that the applicant had no other site available to him.

Councillor Joyce also supporting the motion stated that after the recent announcement of the Minister for Local Government about relaxation of planning rules, he understood that the necessity for having Section 4 resolutions would not arise. He stated that there was dissatisfaction with the administration of the Planning Act in the Connemara area, and that at a recent meeting in Ballinakill it was resolved that an inquiry be sought into the administration of planning in the area. He considered that when the Manager and members of the Council differ on interpretation of the Development Plan the Councillors are in a better position to decide than officials. They should, he considered carry out the directions of the Minister for Local Government. He stated, that the officials responsible for planning and development in Connemara should be removed from the area, and said that in cases where they are compelled to grant permission they impose conditions which are impossible to meet.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the person who decides on planning applications is the Manager, who is responsible for making planning decisions, and who accepts this responsibility. He stated that this is a case where there is, in his opinion the least justification for a Section 4 resolution of all those which had already come before the Council. He stated that it is the fourth application for permission for a house on this site and he gave particulars of the three previous applications and the grounds for refusal in each. He pointed out that in each case the applicant appealed to the Minister,

and in each case the appeal was rejected by the Minister. He pointed out that there is therefore no conflict of approach to the application between the Council and the Minister, and no change in the situation has occurred in the meantime. He stated that he did not intend to give planning permission in this case as it would materially contravene the provision of the Development Plan. He stated, however, that if the Council think fit to pass the resolution he will not be in a position to give planning permission without applying for sanction of the Minister.

After a further discussion on the grounds on which the previous applications were refused, and on the alternatives open to the applicant, the Chairman declared the resolution carried, as there was no amendment.

4084 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 16740 - APPLICATION OF COMHARCHUMANN DHUICHE SHEOIGHEACH:
The Deputy County Manager referring to the proposed resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 stated that he had decided to grant planning permission in this case, and that it was not necessary therefore to pass the proposed resolution.

The resolution in question was not therefore proposed.

The Deputy County Manager informed the Council also of the conditions which it was proposed to attach to the permission.

4085 - APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION NO. 16093 - THOMAS CURLEY: The Chairman referring to the notice of intention to grant permission in the above case dated 19th April, 1973 stated that a condition was that the building had to be located a distance of only forty feet from the road whereas the applicant in his application had shown the building to be one hundred and ten feet from the road. He stated that the applicant in negotiations with the Council applied for the granting of permission, and as a condition of withdrawing an appeal which he had lodged against the refusal in the previous case, had agreed that the house could be moved a little to the left or to the right, and that a smaller house would be provided, but that there was no mention of moving the house nearer to the road than the distance of one hundred and ten feet mentioned in the application. He stated, that this condition makes it impossible for the applicant to construct a septic tank owing to the additional cost involved in cutting through high ground. He asked that this condition be varied.

Councillor Joyce stated that this was a penal condition which should be removed, and that it involved a breach of faith on the part of County Council officials who did not inform Mr. Curley of this condition when he had agreed to withdraw his appeal to the Minister in respect of his previous application. He stated, that Mr. Curley was misled into believing that permission would be given subject to very minor conditions.

Senator Mannion supporting the recommendation that the condition be deleted stated that the Council could request the Minister to vary the condition.

Deputy Callanan also supported this.

Councillor Kyne stated that this delay will cost the applicant more money.

The Chairman stated that the decision had now been made, and that the only course open appeared to be a recommendation to the Minister that the condition be deleted. He asked the Deputy County Manager to be as lenient as possible in dealing with the appeal, and not to press for retention of the condition to which objection is made.

In reply to Deputy Callanan who asked if the condition can now be removed by the Council, the Deputy County Manager stated that in law it cannot, except by the Minister on appeal.

4086 - LOCAL AUTHORITIES ENGINEERS DISPUTE: Deputy Callanan with the permission of the Chairman referred to a notice received by Members of the Council to the effect that Local Authority Engineers who were members of the A.U.E.W. will not carry out agency works for the Council on or after 1st May, 1974. He stated that similar action last year left the County Council with £11,000 unexpended at 31st March last, and that the Minister had informed them in the Dail that this money had been lost because it was not spent during the financial year. He stated that Councillors were being blamed for the fact that this money had to be returned to the Department.

Deputy Callanan stated he knew nothing of the merits or demerits of the dispute, but that it is up to the County Council to see that Local Improvements Schemes are carried out, and that the money made available for this purpose is spent. He stated that he wanted to have nothing whatever to do with the dispute itself, but he was concerned to see that works which were the responsibility of the Council to carry out are carried out, to the full extent that money is made available for them. He considered that there is class distinction involved in this - that senior officials can work to rule whereas road workers if they have a dispute have to go off work and be without wages. He emphasised that he was not taking sides in the dispute, ^{stated} but that the County Council should make some arrangements to get the work done on L.I.S. roads.

Senator Killilea stated that he agreed completely with what Deputy Callanan had stated, but that he was concerned that the action being taken would also result in delays in dealing with housing loans, and other services as well as Local Improvement Schemes. He stated that he had been informed that the County Manager had asked for six days notice of any intended action such as this, but that this could not be done because of the Manager's absence during that week. He considered that patience should have been exercised before taking a step such as had been taken. He proposed that the Council should send a telegram to the Minister for Local Government asking him to intervene in the dispute with a view to having the differences settled.

Councillor Mrs. Croffy seconded the proposal that a telegram be sent to the Minister, and Councillor Collins also supported the proposal.

Senator Mannion stated that he agreed that a telegram be sent to the Minister for Local Government, but he also proposed that a similar telegram be sent to the Minister for Labour.

Councillor Ryan stated that there was more publicity about the fact that money had been unspent than about the amount of money that had been spent on Local Improvement Schemes.

Councillor Joyce stated that Councillors are being unjustly blamed for the fact that all the money allocated for last year was not spent on Local Improvement Schemes. He stated that there was little involved in the dispute, and that the parties involved should get together and settle it.

Councillor Kyne stated that if the differences in the dispute are not resolved in two weeks the officials taking industrial action should be relieved of their duties.

Councillor Mrs. Croffy stated that during the past year members were not informed of the position in relation to the industrial action which was taken, and she stated that East Galway is hard hit arising from the failure to do Local Improvement Scheme roads because of the high valuation of the holdings of participants, and the fact that they had their money paid. She also stated that it was unfair of the Minister to cut the amount available for L.I.S. roads since he knew the reason why it was not spent last year.

The Chairman stated that he agreed that the situation is urgent and serious, but that he understood that the Irish Congress of Trade Unions had the matter on hands, and that settlement was likely in the near future. He pointed out that it was not an issue for County Galway alone but was a national issue.

Senator Killilea asked that in addition to the telegrams being sent to the Minister for Local Government and to the Minister for Labour, a letter be sent to each Minister explaining the views of the Council to them.

Councillor Kyne stated that if there is no change in the position in two weeks time alternative action should be taken to keep the Council's services going.

Referring to Senator Killilea's statement in connection with the giving of notice to the County Manager, the Deputy County Manager stated that when the County Manager is absent he appoints a Deputy who has full powers to deal with any matters which arise. He stated that he had got the notice dated the 28th April telling him of the decision to take industrial action, commencing about only forty eight hours later.

It was agreed that telegrams be sent to both Ministers as proposed.

4087 - SCHOOL BUS STRIKE: On the proposition of Councillor Joyce, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Croffy, it was agreed that a telegram be sent to the Minister for Education asking his intervention in the dispute involving school buses with a view to its early settlement.

4088 - SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. James Killeen, Cooloo, Moylough.
Mrs. Thomas Carr, Gurteen, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. F. Campbell, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Paddy Callanan, Aggard, Craughwell.
The Connell Family, Castlelambert, Athenry.

The meeting then terminated.

*Submitted, approved and
Confirmed
Thomas Wason Proby
Chairman*

27/5/74

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

20th May, 1974.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of the Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 27th May, 1974, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

J. Howlett,
County Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. Making of Rates and Sealing of Rate Books for the nine month period commenced 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974.
2. Making and Sealing the Demands on Galway Borough Council, and on Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the nine month period commenced 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

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Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

20u la de Bealtaine, 1974.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, a tionólfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 27u Bealtaine, 1974, ag tosnu nuair a bheas críoch leis an cruinniú speisialta.

Mise, le meas,

S. hUILEID,
Runai.

A G E N D A

Opening Prayer.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims:-
 - (a) Anthony O'Connor, Tuam, Co. Galway.
- motor car damaged on the 5th April, 1974. - £255.23
 - (b) William Madden, Dunloe Street, Ballinasloe.
- front glass display window broken and destroyed on the 7th April, 1974. - £50.00
 - (c) Presentation Convent, Tuam, Co. Galway.
- thirty panes of glass broken on 13th/14th April, 1974. - £400.00
 - (d) Michael Hughes, Kilcreevanty, Tuam, Co. Galway.
- 400 yards of fence burned, destroyed and rendered completely useless on the 24th April, 1974. - £80.00
 - (e) John Furey, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe.
- motor car crashed, smashed and damaged on the 26th April, 1974. - £86.27
 - (f) Ballinasloe Cinema Company Ltd., 29 Reglan Rd., Ballsbridge, Dublin, 4.
- the "Aisling Cinema" at Society St., Ballinasloe - two doors, door jambs, locks, bolts, panels and safe damaged on 28th/29th April, 1974. - £500.00
 - (g) Martin C. Coye, Derryhoyle, Craughwell, Co. Galway.
- boundary stakes, fencing wires and walls damaged, cut and knocked on the 22/23rd April, 1974. - £200.00
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 - (i) Martin C. Coye, Derryhoyle, Craughwell, Co. Galway.
- boundary stakes, fencing wires and walls damaged, cut and knocked on the 10th May, 1974. - £200.00

3. Overdraft - Quarter ended 30th September, 1974.
4. To fix dates of fairs in Headford for the calendar 1975 - list attached.
5. Approval to the attendance of delegates at the Annual Conference of the Library Association of Ireland in Tralee.
6. Proposal to contribute additional sum of £750 to the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. for the period 1st April - 31st December, 1974.
7. Creation of the following additional offices:-
 - (a) one clerical officer for general purposes section;
 - (b) additional offices of clerical officer to cover assimilation of engineers' office assistants to this grade.
8. Revision of remuneration of part-time firemen in accordance with Labour Court Conciliation Conference - 10th July, 1973.
9. Engineer's industrial action - Minute No. 4086.
10. Raising of the following loans:-
 - (a) £200,000 for supplementary housing grants under Section 26/29 of the Housing Act, 1966.
 - (b) £300,000 for making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966.
11. Proposed Clifden traffic and parking bye-laws, 1974.
12. Parking accommodation outside Mullagh National School - Minute No. 4077.
13. Over expenditure County Road Contingencies.
14. European Architectural Heritage Year 1975.
15. Business submitted by the County Manager.
16. MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:
 - (a) Councillor M. Geraghty:
 - (i) I will ask what progress is made on the proposed extension to Mynish graveyard.
 - (b) Councillor S. Kyne: I will propose -
 - (i) that the Council allow the Kilbeg water group to take their water supply off the main water supply to Clonbur, and that the County Council install a 6" pipe between the reservoir and point of connection 100 yards approx.
 - (ii) that the Council provide a water pump in the village of Ardane, Clonbur.
 - (c) Councillor P. Raftery:

I will ask when work is likely to be commenced on the following water supply extensions:-

 - (i) Extension from Ballygar to Killeroran;
 - (ii) Extension from Ballygar to Hermitage, Kilmore;
 - and
 - (iii) what is the present position regarding the Killasolan Group Water Scheme.
 - (d) Councillor P. Ruane: I will propose -
 - (i) that a bigger Group Water Scheme or even a Regional Scheme be organised to areas where County Council pumps are unable to supply sufficient water. Areas to mention - Belville, Turloughmore, Corofin, Cussane, Cashla, Castleellen, Lisheenavalla, Kiltroque, Cahernashelleeny, Castlelambert, Kiniska, Kilskeagh, Laragh, Ballybrone cottages, Anbally and Cregmore;
 - (ii) that the villages of Ballindooley, Carrabrown, Kiloughter and Anghliham be connected to water pipe line from the reservoir at Galway city;
 - (iii) that a public telephone kiosk be made to serve the village of Menlo.

- (e) Councillor T. Byrne: I will propose -
 - (i) that an electric pump be provided for Newtowndaly Council pump;
 - (ii) that consideration be given to extending Kinvara Water Supply to cover five houses and some landowners along Corofin Road;
 - (iii) I will ask for number of Council cottages completed by Galway County Council in the last three financial years; also projection for 1974.
- (f) Deputy J. Callanan and Councillor Mrs. M. Coffy:
 - (i) We will propose that the road leading from the main Banagher road to Hanley's house be declared a public road. This road was repaired about five years ago under L.I.S. scheme. It has three houses on the road.
- (g) Councillor M. Ryan: I will propose -
 - (i) that the Council start work immediately on the new burial ground for Mountbellew which has been sanctioned for some time;
 - (ii) that the Council take over road leading to the village of Derrynagrann, Lavally, Tuam. It was done through L.I.S. scheme some time ago.
 - (iii) I will ask the Council when will Abbert Group Water Scheme be finally sanctioned.
- (h) Councillor J. Molloy: I will propose -
 - (i) that public lighting be erected immediately from Ballyloughane Road to the Glass Factory;
 - (ii) that public lighting be erected from Mervue towards the Industrial Estate at Ballybrit.
- (i) Deputy T. Hussey and Councillor P. Raftery:
 - (i) We will propose that immediate action be taken to improve the Ballymoe Water Supply, so that a satisfactory supply can be provided for householders in the townlands of Ussey, Turla and Glinsk.
- (j) Senator M. Killilea: I will propose -
 - (i) that a sewerage scheme be extended to the Council houses in Ballymoe, Tuam, and also to extend a sewerage scheme from Ballygaddy Road, Tuam to Airglooney, Tuam;
 - (ii) that the Council take immediate steps to increase the water pressure to the new estate of Bell-Air-Drive in Tuam as great hardship is being imposed on the residents who have no water from 11 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. most days of the week.
 - (iii) I will ask the County Manager if a date has been set to commence the waterworks extension to Ballymote cottages, Tuam.
- (k) Deputy J. Donnellan and Councillors J. Molloy and W. Burke:
 - (i) We will propose that Galway County Council give permission to the Munroe Group Water Scheme to use the Carraghy Water Pump as the source of supply for their group.
- (l) Deputy J. Donnellan: I will propose -
 - (i) that the Galway County Council give a detailed explanation as to the big delay in the planning of the Caherlistrane/Belclare Group Water Supply;
 - (ii) that the Galway County Council give a detailed explanation as to why grants and loans are not being paid to some of the people who bought serviced sites from the County Council at the Fair Green, Tuam.
- (m) Councillor F. Glynn:
 - (i) I will propose that Galway County Council acquire a half acre of waste land at the rear of St. Francis Terrace, Tuam, and have same levelled and cleaned as a play ground for that area;
 - I will ask -
 - (ii) when is it proposed to place before the Council the new priority list for sewerage schemes;
 - (iii) when is it proposed to have the new revised costings on the Tuam mini Industrial estate prepared.

- (n) Councillors F. Glynn and M. Ruane:
 (i) We will propose that Galway County Council make representation to the Dublin Government to have group water scheme grants increased.
- (o) Councillor W. Burke: I will propose -
 (i) that Dunmore Water Supply be improved so as to give an adequate supply of water to the villages around Dunmore;
 (ii) that Milltown be put on a priority list for sewerage facilities;
 (iii) that pressure be brought to bear on the consultants re Belclare and Caherlistrane group water schemes that are awaited and required urgently.
- (p) Councillor P.D. Joyce: I will propose -
 (i) that the review of the County Plan be completed without delay as the manner in which the existing plan has been implemented by planning officials is ridiculous, unjust and unacceptable;
 (ii) that the County Manager be requested to relieve the Assistant County Engineer Clifden of all duties connected with the County Plan as planning applications and appeals must be serviced at the expense of his normal duties which consequently have been neglected;
 (iii) that Galway County Council cease setting fire to the materials it dumps at Clifden as this practice is unlawful and a public nuisance.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

HEADFORD FAIRS . 1975.

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FEBRUARY	Friday 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses and Pigs
MARCH	Friday 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses and Pigs
APRIL	Monday 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses and Pigs.
MAY	Wednesday 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses and Pigs
JUNE	Monday 16th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses and Pigs
JULY	Monday 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses and Pigs
AUGUST	Thursday 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses and Pigs
SEPTEMBER	Monday 8th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses and Pigs
	Monday 29th	Cattle and Sheep
	Tuesday 30th	Sheep
OCTOBER	Monday 13th	Cattle
	Tuesday 14th	Sheep and Horses
NOVEMBER	Monday 10th	Cattle
DECEMBER	Monday 15th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses and Pigs
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4089 - MAKING OF RATE FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 1974 TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1974: It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy Hussey and resolved:-

"that the Galway County Council hereby allows and makes the rates for the period 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974, as assessed in the rate books, and that the rate books and rate warrants be sealed with the seal of the Council".

The rate books and warrants were then sealed.

The County Manager informed the members that the rate arrears sheets were available for inspection at the meeting by members.

The meeting then terminated.

Submitted, Approved and Confirmed
To: Hussey
Chairman
22/7/74

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4090 - MINUTES: The minutes of meetings held on 16th April, 1974 and 22nd April, 1974 and 3rd May, 1974 (Nos. 4046 - 4088 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4091 - SYMPATHY: On the proposition of Deputy Hussey, seconded by the Chairman, the Council extended its sympathy to the wife and brother and sisters of the late Sean Glynn, Williamstown a former member of the County Council. It was also agreed that the Council adjourn for half an hour as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Glynn.

On resumption of the meeting Councillor King again took the chair.

4092 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS: Referring to the forthcoming local government elections, the Chairman stated that as that was the last meeting of the present Council, and as he was not seeking re-election he wished to express his gratitude to the members of the Council for their co-operation while he was Chairman. He also expressed his thanks to the officials of the Council, and to the press for their reporting of proceedings of the Council. The Chairman also mentioned that of the twelve Chairmen of the County Council since it was established in 1899 he had served under four of them since 1935. In this connection, he also mentioned that he understood that the County Manager had done some research on the establishment of the County Council in 1899 which might be of interest to the members.

The County Manager stated that the meeting of the Council which was held on the 22nd April, 1974 coincided with the 75th anniversary of the first meeting of Galway County Council which was held on the 22nd April, 1899, and that he had prepared for the information of members a list of the Councillors who were members of the first Council, and also those who were members of the present Council, showing also those who attended each of the two meetings. A list of the members of the first and the present County Council was then circulated to each member.

The County Manager also gave a list as follows of the Chairmen of the County Council from 1899 to date with particulars of the term for which each acted as Chairman:-

Col. J.P. Nolan, M.P.	1899-1901
Henry M.A. Murphy	1901-1902
Joseph A. Glynn	1902-1912
Thomas G. Griffin	1912-1914
James McDonnell	1914-1920
George Nicholls	1920-1925
Martin M. Egan	1925-1928
Eamonn Corbett	1928-1945
Martin Quinn	1945-1959
Michael Carty	1960-1965
Mark Killilea	1965-1969
Thomas King	1969-1974

Deputy Hussey stated that since this was the last meeting which the Chairman would be attending he felt that members would wish to express their thanks to him for his guidance during the term while he was Chairman. Deputy Hussey also congratulated the Chairman on a life-time of service which he had given to the county, and he wished him and other members who were not going forward for re-election happiness in their retirement.