



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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19 July 1976 - 23 July 1979

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

19 Iúil, 1976.

Chuíg Gach Ball de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 26ú Iúil, 1976 ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,
C. O DUBHGHAILL.
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Decrees - List herewith.
3. Minutes of Meeting of Itinerant Settlement Committee.
4. Request from Galway Harbour Commissioners for guarantee by County Council for repayment of loan of £52,000 for repair of dock gates.
5. Raising of supplementary loan of £4,020 for extensions to chalets at itinerant housing scheme at Fort Bride, Loughrea.
6. Capital allocation for housing loans and grants for 1976 - £1,350,000 - letter dated 29th June, 1976 from the Department of Local Government.
7. Sale of land at Killaloonty, Tuam - notice dated 8th July, 1976.
8. Sale of land (two housing sites) at Cullairbaun, Athenry - notice dated 13th July, 1976.
9. Sale of houses to the following tenants on terms set out in Notices dated 9th July, 1976 to each Member of the Council:-
 - Mr. Tim Kidney and Mrs. Kathleen Kidney, Magheramore, Killimor, Co. Galway.
 - Mrs. Annie Flaherty, Mausrevagh, headford, Co. Galway
 - Mrs. Mary Murphy, Curraghlehennagh, Toomard, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. Thomas Corcoran, Demesne, Tuam, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. Denis Daly, Barratoor, Kylebrack, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. Michael Waldron, Gorteenacra, Kingalund, Athenry, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. Patrick Ward, Cloonthue Rd., Tuam, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. James Reilly, Beaghmore, Belclare, Tuam, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. Thomas Carton, Demesne, Tuam, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. Patrick Donoghue, Menleane, Dunmore, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. Thomas Donlon, Loughpark, Cloonminda, Castlereagh, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. Thomas Conneely, Roundstone, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. Michael Canavan, Demesne, Tuam, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. Patrick J. Joyce, Ballynahallia, Moycullen, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. Patrick Sweeney, Knockroe, Brownsgrrove, Tuam, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. Martin Forry, and Mrs. Mary Forry, Demesne, Tuam, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. Peter McConville, Ballintava, Dunmore, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. Gerard Hayes, Tomany More, Kylebrack, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. Martin Connerty, Balcksticks, Coolcarty, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway.
 - Mr. Michael Bodkin, Demesne, Tuam, Co. Galway.

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10. Sale of land (two housing sites) at Townparks (1st Division), Tuam - Notice dated 9th July, 1976.
11. Sheep Dipping Programme 1976 - excess expenditure on implementation of new Regulations.
12. Additional allowances for wholetime firemen - approval to excess expenditure.
- 12 (a) Amalgamation of Rate Collection Districts Nos. 4 and 5.
13. Carraroe water supply extension to Rossaveal - further extension to Tully and Derrough - Minute No. 1022, meeting of 24th May, 1976.
14. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(A) Adjourned from Meeting held on 28th June, 1976.

15. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose that:
 - (i) In view of the sub-standard lighting at Spiddal, Co. Galway, that immediate steps be taken to provide proper standard lighting system from the road leading to Spiddal Pier through the village, to the end of the promenade at Spiddal.
 - (ii) That provision be made in the 1976 Estimates for the widening of the Spiddal Bridge and the laying of a footpath on both sides of the new bridge.
 - (iii) That a refuse collection be provided for the Annaghdown area.
16. Councillor T. Byrne: I will propose -
 - (i) That provision be made in forthcoming Estimates for the easing of a very dangerous bend at O'Grady's, Ballymana, Craughwell.
 - (ii) That pending decision by Local Government on providing hard shoulders on Oranmore/Craughwell road out from Oranmore, a pathway (to facilitate school children) be provided from Oranbeg cottages to road junction.
 - (iii) That the Council recommends an extension of the speed limits on the Dublin road, Oranmore and a "drive slowly" or "black spot" sign erected.
17. Councillor P. McCormack: I will propose -
 - (i) That Galway County Council sink a pump in the area covered by the villages of Caherlea, Kilcurrif and Gurrane, Tuam so as to provide a source for the people of those villages to undertake a group scheme to cover the said areas.
 - (ii) That the County Council take steps to remove a very dangerous bend at Duggan's house, Lisheenkyle on the road from Cashla to Lisheenkyle national school.
 - (iii) I will ask - when the County Council propose to start with the erection of the Council houses in Headford.
18. Deputy J. Gallanani: I will propose -
 - (i) That the Council clean the roadside drain at Goinahoan, Cappatagle as this drain is causing flooding to five people and was cleaned by the Council some years ago.
19. Councillor J. Joyce: I will propose -
 - (i) That public pumps be now erected at Blacksticks, Eyrecourt and at Gortnaraheen, Kiltormer.
 - (ii) I will ask - what has happened to L.I.S. application for Kylemore bog road, Laurencetown (representative - Michael Cormican, Kylemore).

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- (iii) I will propose - that the loan of £40 for installing water to cottage tenants be increased.
20. Deputy M. P. Kitt: I will propose -
 - (i) That Galway Co. Council improve the source for a public pump at Castleffrench, Ballinamore Bridge.
 - (ii) That Galway Co. Council repair the pump in the village of Killure Castle, Ahascragh.
21. Councillor U. Burke: I will propose -
 - (i) That Galway Co. Council remove the sand and stones left at the church car parks at Woodford and Louscaun. Most of the total parking area is obstructed by this material for a long time.
 - (ii) That this Council make immediate plans in consultation with Bord Failte, the Board of Works and any other local authority concerned to take advantage of the proposed government plans to develop the amenities along the Shannon especially at Meelick/Eyrecourt area, Portumna and Rossmore/Woodford.
 - (iii) That this Council state what grants will be made by it in relation to the development of -
 - (a) the headworks at source
 - (b) pipe and mains installation of the Moyglass (Loughrea) Group Water Scheme and explain the unusually long delay in providing this information to the Group.
22. Councillor M. J. Kilgannon: I will propose -
 - (i) That Councillors be enabled to combine Notice of Motion Roads allocation with L.I.S. approved schemes for roads which qualify for taking in charge by the Council.
23. Councillor M. O'Morain:
 - (i) Ba mhaith liom a fhail amach ce'n staid a bhfuil droichead Bhaile an Tobair, Cor na Mona.
 - (ii) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go gcuirfi ciseain bruscair i mbaile Charna agus i mbailte eile san Ghaeltacht ina mbionn cursai Gaeilge.
24. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -
 - (i) That the bend on the north side of the road between John Burke's and Michael O'Loughlin's, Cuscarrick, (Gort Rd.) Loughrea be removed, as a matter of urgency, also the dangerous bend at Joe Cahalan's new house, Corballyhogan, Mullagh, Loughrea.
 - (ii) That Galway Co. Council make an all-out effort to remove sharp humps on our roads, as they are equally as dangerous as bends.
 - (iii) That the planning section of Galway Co. Council enforce the planning laws in Cosmona, Loughrea, where a residential area has been transformed by the two householders who are using their half-acre properties as scrap yards where batteries and other items are burned to get the scrap from them. As a result other residents cannot hang out their washing without having their clothes destroyed by smuts, and where same properties are used as sales yards for second-hand caravans; approximately eight caravans are sited constantly on each site. (I have already reported the matter to the planning officer, who has inspected the complaint.)

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(B) Motions received since the last meeting.

25. Councillor G. Bartley: I will propose -

- (i) That the dump in Clifden be closed and a retaining wall be erected to protect the embankment from the sea.
- (ii) That the road to the graveyard in Cashel, Connemara be repaired and blacktopped and a new graveyard be opened adjacent to the old graveyard.
- (iii) That the Galway County Council will add a considerable sum to the £6,000 already granted in 1976 to remove the bends between the new school and bridge ^{starting} near the school and that the money be included in the 1977 Estimates.

26. Councillor M. J. Kilgannon: I will ask -

- (i) Why a document entitled "General Conditions for Group Water Supply Schemes" was sent to the Dept. of Local Government for distribution among Group Schemes within the county before this document was discussed by the Council and I will also ask that the terms of these conditions be fully discussed and amended as necessary.
- (ii) I will propose that Doone Group Water Scheme be given immediate access to the pump agreed to by the Council as the source for this scheme.

27. Councillor M. Kelly:

- (i) I will ask the Council to include Lough Hackett in its Co. Development Plan.
- (ii) I will ask the Co. Manager to take whatever steps are necessary to preserve the trees at Castlehackett and that a report on same be presented to the Council as soon as possible.

28. Deputy J. Callanan: I will propose -

- (i) That money be provided in the 1977 Estimates for extension of Killimordaly cemetery as I understand the land for the extension is bought and paid for.

29. Councillor M. O'Morain:

- (i) Ba mhaith liom a fhail amach ce'n staid a bhfuil ceist comh-tharai bothair na Gaeltachta faoi seo.

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MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree incl. Costs
Ardros Holdings Ltd., Galway	Damage to Window 2/ 5/'74	Borough of Galway	£55.00	£45.61
Ardros Holdings Ltd., Galway	Damage to Windows 3/5/'74	Borough of Galway	£143.80	£158.31
Ardros Holdings Ltd., Galway	Damage to Windows 26/27/11/1974	Borough of Galway	£500.00	£429.47
Oliver Hession, Galway	Damage to Kerb Stones 7/ 4/1973	Borough of Galway	£80.00	£40.67
Oliver Hession, Galway	Damage to Building Timber 27/10/1973	Borough of Galway	£600.00	£218.36

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

8th July, 1976.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, notice is hereby given to you of a proposal to sell a plot of land at Killaloonty, Tuam, particulars of which are given hereunder, viz.

LAND:

Plot of land 1 rood, 23 perches, approximately, situated in the townland of Killaloonty and Electoral Division of Tuam Rural.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Mr. Patrick Dempsey, High Street, Tuam.

PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS TO BE DISPOSED OF:

Mr. James Murphy, Weir Road Corner, Tuam.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL: £1,445 plus costs.

OTHER COVENANTS OR CONDITIONS:

Purchaser will be required to clear and fill with gravel the area between the site boundary and the public road and to erect fences to the specification and satisfaction of the County Council.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda of the ordinary meeting of this Council which will be held after expiration of 10 clear days from the date of this notice.

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K. Doyle.

Acting Co. Secretary.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY 21st JUNE, 1976.

ATTENDANCE:

Galway County Council: Deputy R. Molloy, Chairman, Senator M. Killilea, Cllrs., Melvin, Fahy, Kelly and Joyce.

Galway Corporation: Alderman M. Byrne, Cllr., M. O hUiginn.

Ballinasloe U.D.C.: Cllr., P.J. Galvin.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer, J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer, M. Tierney Chief Assistant County Engineer, Dr. P. Power, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Sr., Brigid, Miss M. McCracken, Social Workers, and Miss M. Nolan, Staff Officer.

Mr. S. Keating, County Manager reporting on progress since the last Meeting stated that purchase money for a site for 1 or 2 houses for Itinerants at Athenry had been paid and it was hoped to complete the transfer of the land very soon. When the Land Commission is dividing the estate in Moyne Park, Ballyglunin, the Council's request for a site will be considered.

Investigations are continuing regarding the acquisition of a site in Merlin Park for a halting place. In reply to a query from Councillor Kelly, the County Manager stated that water and sewerage will be laid on the site and regular maintenance will be carried out by the Council. It was agreed that it would be desirable to provide such a site.

The Council had also tried to acquire land at Toghermore for houses. The Western Health Board had informed the Council that none of the land which they held in trust at Toghermore is fronting on to the public road. Councillor Kelly said that part of Toghermore is beside the public road and that the local Itinerant Committee in Tuam feel that it would be a suitable place for Itinerants. He suggested that the Council should contact Mr. Meagher, Solicitor, Tuam who would have information regarding the sale of this land.

There is land for sale in the Cloonthue Area, Tuam and the Council propose to make an offer for a suitable site. Councillor Kelly said that the residents of that area are objecting to siting any more Itinerants there and that a Deputation of the local residents wished to meet the County Manager to explain the position. There are a large number of Itinerant families in this area - they have no accommodation for their animals and the residents are being harassed by their wandering animals and their conduct generally. Senator Killilea said that the land for sale in Cloonthue area would be suitable for a hardstand for Itinerants. He said it was in a fairly remote spot and he suggested that the Itinerants would be allowed enough grazing for one horse for each family. Councillor Kelly said if the Council succeeded in buying land in this area it should be used for housing. It was agreed to inspect the land. Senator Killilea said the Council was in favour of hardstands and it was important that this policy be implemented.

Referring to Senator Killilea's request at a previous Meeting regarding a vacant house near the Labour Exchange in Tuam, the County Manager said that there were two vacant houses - one was a Dangerous Structure at present being inspected by the Council, the ownership of the second house had not yet been established - it appeared that it was owned by four people. Senator Killilea said that neither of these houses was the house in question. He gave further details and it was agreed that this would be examined.

The County Manager stated that sanction had been received for the expenditure of £21,400 for four demountable dwellings at Doughiska and eight Caravans. Alderman M. Byrne and Councillor M. O'hUiginn both said that the residents of the Castlegar Area might object to four more Tigeens at Doughiska as there were also twenty houses to be built at Castlegar parish for Itinerants. Deputy Molloy said that it had been originally intended to erect twelve Tigeens at Doughiska. At that time the local people agreed to the erection of four Tigeens and he felt that it would be wrong to increase the number now without getting the views of the residents.

Sr., Brigid, Social Worker said that it was all Corcoran families who lived at Doughiska, there are other Corcoran families living in the city who are anxious to go Doughiska if houses were available. Miss McCracken, Social Worker said that Doughiska site was suitable for further houses as it was isolated from the local residents. The County Manager agreed to get the views of the local residents regarding the erection of the four extra Tigeens.

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Councillor Kelly said some families at Tuam need Caravans. The County Manager stated that the Itinerants buy their own Caravans and it is not proposed to alter this arrangement. Caravans would only be supplied by the Council in emergency cases. Councillor Kelly said there is an Itinerant family in Tuam who are not able to purchase a Caravan but would pay the Council £5 per week for a caravan until it was paid for. The County Manager agreed to consider the proposal.

Sr., Brigid, Social Worker, gave a report on a new education centre which has been opened in Galway City for Itinerant teenagers. It is designed to prepare them for job employment and improve their general education. The premises of the Order of Malta is being used temporarily. A permanent premises would be required and it is hoped to start a craft shop there eventually. The County Manager agreed to ask the Corporation to look for a suitable premises or a site and the members agreed with the idea.

Deputy Molloy said that he had asked at the last Meeting of the Committee that the question building houses for Itinerants in Castlegar parish be put on the Agenda for this Meeting. The County Manager said that this matter was being dealt with by the Corporation and suggested that since it was a delicate and sensitive problem that discussion at this Meeting might not help Deputy Molloy queried the function of the Advisory Committee and said that he understood that it was a Joint Committee of County Council and Corporation members and he felt that this matter should be discussed by the Committee. He asked that a report on progress in the city as well as in the county be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting. The County Manager said that he would ask the Corporation if they were in favour of proposals for the city being discussed by the Joint Committee on Itinerancy.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
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20th July, 1976.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

S U P P L E M E N T A R Y A G E N D A

Meeting on 26th July, 1976

A Chara,

The motion, copy hereunder, omitted in error from the Agenda will be considered at the meeting of the Council on Monday, 26th July, 1976.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE,
ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

15(b) "That this Council hereby revoke planning permission granted to McMullan Bros. Ltd., for the erection of Petrol Service Station at Caherwalter, Loughrea, Co. Galway, Planning Reference Number 17818 - Manager's Order Number 2963".

SIGNED: John Callanan.
Mark Killilea.
Hugh Melvin.
Michael P. Kitt.
Edward Haverty.
Francis Fahey.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 26TH JULY, 1976.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor M. Kelly.

Officials: Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy Co. Manager, S. Stewart, Assistant Co. Manager. C. A. Warner, County Engineer. M. J. Dunne, Deputy Co. Engineer. T. O'Neill, Senior Staff Officer. K. Doyle, Acting Co. Secretary.

The opening prayer was recited.

1074 - WELCOME TO MR. S. STEWART, ASSISTANT CO. MANAGER:

The Chairman introduced Mr. Sean Stewart, recently appointed Assistant Co. Manager, to the Members. He welcomed Mr. Stewart to the County and wished him success in his new position.

The other Members present joined in the welcome to Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart thanked the Members for their welcome and expressed the hope of working in close co-operation and harmony with the Members of the Council.

1075 - MURDER OF BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO IRELAND:

The Chairman stated that he wished to refer to the recent brutal murder of the British Ambassador to Ireland and of Miss Judith Cooke, a Civil Servant. He expressed sympathy with the wife of the Ambassador and with the relatives of both the deceased. He stated that those responsible for such murders should be repudiated as they brought nothing but shame to the Irish people and damaged the prospects of Irish unity. He considered that it is the common objective of all Irish people to bring to justice the people who are responsible for such crimes stating that they are only a tiny minority of the Irish people and have been consistently rejected at the polls.

Councillor Melvin seconded the Chairman's proposal.

Councillor Byrne also joined in the condemnation of the crime as expressed by the Chairman and joined in the resolution of sympathy to the relatives of both the deceased.

1076 - RETIREMENT OF MOST REVEREND DR. BROWNE, BISHOP OF GALWAY:

Councillor Welby proposed that the Council extend a welcome to Most Rev. Dr. Casey on his proposed appointment as bishop of Galway in succession to Most Rev. Dr. Browne and also convey its good wishes to him.

He also proposed that the Council convey to Dr. Browne its good wishes for many happy years in retirement.

Councillor O'Morain, seconding the proposal, stated that it was a privilege to have had Most Rev. Dr. Browne as a bishop of Galway. He expressed appreciation of the bishop's work on the preparation of the Constitution which is the foundation-stone for our modern state and he expressed the hope that the work put into the preparation of the Constitution would not be interfered with.

The Chairman and other Members present joined in the expression of good wishes to Most Rev. Dr. Browne and in the welcome to Most Rev. Dr. Casey.

1077 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Melvin, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, the Minutes of the annual and monthly meetings held on the 28th June, 1976 (Nos. 1047 - 1073 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1078 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that malicious damage decrees as listed in the schedule to the agenda had been received since the last meeting.

Replying to a query by Councillor Byrne, the Deputy County Manager stated that a malicious damage claim arising out of the recent bombing of the Salthill Hotel in Galway had been lodged with the Galway Borough Council.

1079 - MEETING OF ITINERANT SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE:

On the proposition of Councillor Joyce, seconded by Councillor Bartley, the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee on Itinerancy, held at the Co. Buildings, Galway on Monday, 21st June, 1976 were noted.

1080 - GUARANTEE FOR REPAYMENT OF LOAN BY GALWAY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS - £52,000:

It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Welby and resolved -

"That in pursuance of Section 7 of the Harbours Act 1947, Galway County Council hereby undertake to guarantee the repayment of a loan of £52,000 being raised from the Bank of Ireland for repair of the dock gates at Galway, and payment of interest thereon by Galway Harbour Commissioners".

After the passing of this resolution, Councillor Glynn stated that he objected to any further assistance being given to Galway Harbour Commissioners but the Deputy Co. Manager stated that the Commissioners had informed the Council that they did not expect that the Council would be called on to meet any part of this guarantee and that they expected to finance the repayment of the loan and the interest from their own resources.

1081 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £4,020 FOR EXTENSION TO CHALETS AT ITINERANT HOUSING SCHEME AT LOUGHREA:

It was proposed by Councillor Melvin, seconded by Councillor Haverty and resolved -

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £4,020 from the Council's Treasurer for the purpose of defraying additional expenditure on the extension and improvement of chalets at the itinerant housing scheme in Loughrea, the loan to be repayable over such period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government with interest at the usual rate".

1082 - CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR HOUSING LOANS AND SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS:

The Deputy Co. Manager informed the Council that by letter dated 29/6/1976, the Dept. Local Government had notified the Council that the allocation for the year ending on the 31st December next had been fixed at £1,350,000 for housing loans and supplementary grants.

He stated that this appeared to be sufficient for our needs for the present year.

The matter was noted.

1083 - SALE OF SITE FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES AT KILLALOONTY, TUAM:

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Raftery and resolved -

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a site containing 1 rood 23 perches approximately at Killaloonty, Tuam on the terms set out in Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 dated the 8th July, 1976 circulated to each member of the Council, to Mr. James Murphy, Weir Rd. Corner, Tuam, Co. Galway

1084 - SALE OF HOUSING SITES AT CULLAIRBAUN, ATHENRY:

It was proposed by Councillor Melvin, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved -

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of two housing sites at Cullairebaun, Athenry to Mr. Austin Corrooran, Old Church Street, Athenry and Mr. Leo Coffey, 4, Caheroyan, Athenry in accordance with the terms of Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966 dated 13th July, 1976 circulated to each member of the Council".

1085 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

It was proposed by Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor Galvin and resolved -

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the houses occupied by them to the following tenants on the terms set out in Notices dated 9th July, 1976 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 (as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966) circulated to each member of the Council -

- Mr. Tim Kidney and Mrs. Kathleen Kidney, Magheramore, Killimor, Co. Galway
- Mrs. Annie Flaherty, Mausrevagh, Headford, Co. Galway.
- Mrs. Mary Murphy, Carraghehenagh, Toomard, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Thomas Corcoran, Demesne, Tuam, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Denis Daly, Barratoor, Kylebrack, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Michael Waldron, Gorteenacra, Kingsland, Athenry, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Patrick Ward, Cloonhugh Rd., Tuam, Co. Galway.
- Mr. James Reilly, Beaghmore, Belclare, Tuam, Co. Galway.
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- Mr. Gerard Hayes, Tomany More, Kylebrack, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Martin Connerty, Blacksticks, Coolcarty, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Michael Bodkin, Demesne, Tuam, Co. Galway."

1086 - SALE OF HOUSING SITES AT TOWNPARKS (1st DIVISION), TUAM:

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Raftery and resolved -

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of two sites at Townparks (1st Division), Tuam to Mr. Seamus Sweeney, Galway Rd., Tuam and Mr. Frank Biggins, 1, McHale Ice., Tuam in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 9th July, 1976 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966 circulated to each member of the Council".

1087 - SHEEP DIPPING PROGRAMME 1976 - EXCESS VOTE:

The Deputy County Manager informed the Council that it is considered that excess expenditure amounting to £14,000 will be incurred in the current year in the implementation of the amended Sheep Dipping Regulations and he requested the approval of the Council to this expenditure.

It was proposed by Councillor Melvin, seconded by Councillor Raftery and resolved -

"That Galway County Council hereby approve an excess vote of £14,000 in the current financial year in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955 for the purpose of implementing the amended Sheep Dipping Regulations in the current year."

1088 - INCREASED ALLOWANCES TO FIREMEN - APPROVAL TO EXCESS EXPENDITURE:

The Deputy County Manager stated that following approval by the Minister for Local Government to increase in the allowances to full-time firemen in the Galway Fire Brigade, approval of the Council is required to excess expenditure amounting to £8,343 for the purpose of paying those allowances for the period ending on the 31st December next.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Molloy, seconded by Councillor O'Morain and resolved -

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, Galway County Council hereby approve an excess vote of £8,343 in the current year for the purpose of paying increased allowances to whole-time firemen as recently approved by the Minister for Local Government."

1089 - AMALGAMATION OF RATE COLLECTION DISTRICTS NOS. 4 AND 5:

The Deputy Co. Manager informed the Council that following the resignation of the Rate Collector for District No. 4 some time ago, consideration was being given to the division of his district between the collectors of two adjoining districts. One of those collectors had since stated that he was not interested in the proposition and accordingly the approval of the Council was requested to the amalgamation of Districts Nos. 4 and 5, for which combined district the Manager proposed to appoint the collector for No. 5 district.

It was proposed by Councillor Raftery, seconded by Councillor Bartley and resolved -

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the amalgamation of rate collection districts Nos. 4 and 5".

1090 - WATER SUPPLY FOR TULLY AND DERROOGH:

The Deputy Co. Manager referred to Minute No. 1022 of the meeting of the 24th May, 1976 regarding proposed extension of the water supply from Rossaveal to Tully and Derroogh and stated that the cost of the extension to Tully was estimated at £93,000 and to Derroogh at £9,000.

He stated that information was received that the residents of this area had done some preliminary work on the organisation of the group and that they felt that between grants and local contributions they could raise a total sum of £81,000 in respect of the proposed extension to Tully. He recommended that this group be encouraged to go ahead with the supply of this area by way of a group scheme.

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Welby the Council agreed with the Deputy Co. Manager's recommendation.

1091 - CONTRIBUTION TO GALWAY COMMUNITY GAMES:

The Deputy Co. Manager read for members letter dated 16th June, 1976 from the Dept. of Local Government stating that it appeared that there was no provision in law enabling the Council to incur expenditure on cash grants to Galway Community Games.

Senator Higgins stated that he considered there was some misunderstanding regarding the matter and that the Department's letter was intended to refer to the running of the games or to the administrative costs of running the games but he felt that if some kind of permanent structure were in existence for the permanent running of the games, the local authority would be legally entitled to make a contribution. He stated that other local authorities are paying it and he did not see why Galway should not pay also. The Chairman suggested that the Manager again take up the matter with the Dept. Local Government.

Councillor Morgan considered that any such grants should be confined to the costs of provision of fields, buildings or equipment.

On the proposition of Senator Higgins, seconded by Councillor Melvin, it was resolved -

"That the matter be again taken up with the Department of Local Government with a view to getting approval to the making of a grant."

1092 - AMENITY GRANTS:

It was proposed by Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Haverty and resolved -

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to restore amenity grants to local authorities and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister and to the General Council of County Councils."

The proposal also recommended that a minimum of £200,000 be made available for the 1977 financial year.

1093 - GOODS AND PASSENGER SERVICES PROVIDED BY C.I.E. IN WESTERN COUNTIES:

The Deputy Co. Manager stated that Sligo County Council had requested that the Council nominate some representatives to meet other representatives of western counties in Sligo on some date between the 7th and 10th September, 1976 for the purpose of discussing the question of goods and passenger services provided by C.I.E. in western counties and it was suggested that three delegates might attend.

After a discussion, it was agreed that the following five members of the Council would attend the proposed meeting:- Deputy T. Hussey, Chairman, Councillor M. Kelly, Councillor G. Bartley, Councillor F. Glynn and Councillor T. Byrne.

Senator Higgins stated that there was a gross lack of information on the transport needs of the county and of the country as a whole and he recommended that some documentation be carefully prepared for the proposed meeting in Sligo in order to deal with the question properly.

The Chairman suggested that documentation recently prepared regarding the closing of the Claremorris/Limerick line could be made available to the delegates.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the Sligo meeting may be concerned with the road freight and road passenger services and suggested that the documentation prepared in connection with the west-Galway transport should also be made available. He also asked that the meeting in Sligo discuss the proposed sale of C.I.E. hotels.

Councillor Kilgannon complained that C.I.E. is taking no action to meet the needs of rural transport generated by Galway city industry.

1094 - EASING OF BEND AT O'GRADY'S, BALLYMANA, CRAUGHWELL:

In reply to Councillor Byrne's motion, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that this matter will be considered in conjunction with the estimates for 1977.

1095 - HARD SHOULDERS AND PATHWAY ON ORANMORE/CRAUGHWELL ROAD:

In reply to Councillor Byrne's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that the footpath recommended in this case in granite dust surface would cost £2,800. He stated that the matter can be considered in conjunction with the 1977 estimates.

1096 - EXTENSION OF SPEED LIMIT AREA, DUBLIN RD., ORANMORE:

Replying to Councillor Byrne's motion, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that the speed limits committee had recommended extending the 30 m.p.h. limit to a point on the Craughwell side of the doctor's house at Oranmore.

Replying to Councillor Joyce who enquired when the recommendations of the speed limit committee would be implemented, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that the recommendations are at present being examined by the engineering staff and the Galway authorities but that an effort will be made to have the recommendations brought before the Council without delay.

1097 - SINKING OF PUMP AT CAHERLEA, KILCURRIF AND GURFANE AREA AS SOURCE FOR GROUP SCHEME:

On the suggestion of the Deputy Co. Manager, Councillor McCormack agreed that he would nominate this area for the provision of a pump.

1098 - DANGEROUS BEND AT LISHEENKYLE:

In reply to Councillor McCormack's motion, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that improvement work on a dangerous bend at Duggan's house, Lisheenkyle, would be carried out in the current year.

1099 - HEADFORD HOUSING SCHEME:

Replying to Councillor McCormack's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that contract documents for this scheme had been prepared but that some problem had arisen with regard to the title to the land. Subject to this and to the availability of capital, the scheme could be advertised.

He stated that a special effort would be made to have the first stage of this scheme commenced in 1977.

1100 - WELCOME TO MEMBER OF LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL:

At this ^{stage} Councillor Byrne and the Chairman extended a welcome to Councillor Tom O'Donnell, member of Leitrim County Council, who was present in the council room at the meeting.

1101 - CLEANING OF ROADSIDE DRAIN AT GORNAHOAN, CAPPATAGLE:

Referring to Deputy Callanan's proposal, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that this is not the responsibility of the County Council, that he understood that it is alleged that there may have been previous work done by the Co. Council but that

if such was done, it was by mistake and did not involve the Council now in any responsibility.

Deputy Callanan stated that the drain was previously cleared as a result of a solicitor's letter sent to the Council some years ago and that the Council at that time accepted responsibility for it.

Councillor Kilgannon, supporting Deputy Callanan's proposal, stated that there is a network of drains in this area and that their condition is preventing a local improvement scheme from being carried out.

Replying to further queries by Deputy Callanan, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that the scheme would be examined again, that the position is that it is not the responsibility of the Council, it cannot carry out the work but that if it is found to be the Council's responsibility, the work will be done.

Councillor Morgan stated that as the Council appears to widen roads by removing the roadside margin without paying any compensation, it follows that the Council should be responsible for everything outside a roadside fence including the cleaning of drains.

1102 - NOTICE OF MOTION ROADS:

Councillor Glynn enquired when proposals which had been sent in for a long time for Notice of Motion Roads will be dealt with. It was agreed that Councillor Glynn would be informed by letter of the position.

1103 - PROVISION OF PUMPS AT BLACKSTICKS, EYRECOURT AND GORTNARAHEEN, KILTORMER:

Replying to Councillor Joyce's proposal, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that tenders had been invited to have wells bored in these areas and that the latest date for receipt of tenders is 9th August, 1976.

1104 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - KYLEMORE BOG ROAD, LAURENCETOWN:

Replying to Councillor Joyce's motion, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that this scheme is No. 10 on the list for the Portumna area but that having regard to the present trend in the allocation of local improvement scheme funds, it would probably be at least 1978 before this scheme could be done and that it is likely that it would then absorb all the allocation for the Portumna area for that year.

On the proposition of Councillor Joyce, seconded by Councillor Morgan, it was resolved -

"That the Minister for Local Government be asked to increase substantially the allocation of funds for Local Improvement Schemes for 1977".

1105 - LOAN TO COTTAGE TENANTS FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER IN HOUSES:

In reply to Councillor Joyce's motion, the Deputy Co. Manager suggested that the loan in this case might be increased from £40 to £60.

On the proposal of Councillor Joyce, seconded by Councillor Morgan, it was resolved -

"That the loan in question be increased to £60".

1106 - NOTICES OF MOTION BY DEPUTY KITT AND COUNCILLOR BURKE:

In the absence of Deputy Kitt and Councillor Burke it was agreed that replies would be sent to them on the motions submitted by them.

1107 - COMBINING OF L.I.S. FUNDS AND NOTICE OF MOTION ALLOCATIONS:

Councillor Kilgannon proposed that Councillors should be enabled to combine Notice of Motion roads allocations with L.I.S. funds for approved schemes for roads which qualify for taking in charge by the Council.

The Deputy Co. Manager stated that this was not possible as Notice of Motion funds are provided for roads which are declared public whereas L.I.S. funds are for private roads and that it is not possible to use funds from both schemes at the same time in respect of the one road.

Councillor Kilgannon referred to an expensive scheme in his area where because of the fact that there was only one householder at the end of a road, he was being asked for a contribution of £700 to provide a road to his house. He considered that he should be allowed to use say £150 of his allocation for Notice of Motion roads to pay part of the cost of the local contribution.

Councillor Galvin stated that it is not possible to do this, that it was already the subject of a proposal to the Department of Local Government which was turned down by that Department.

Deputy Callanan agreed that the position was as stated by Councillor Galvin and the Chairman stated that it is not possible for the Council to overcome this problem.

Councillor Kilgannon asked that the Department be asked to amend whatever regulations prevent the combining of the two funds for roads which qualify for taking over by the Council.

1108 - DROICHEAD BHAILE AN TOBAIR, COR NA MONA:

Replying to Councillor O'Morain's motion, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that design drawings at an estimated £9,239 were completed in late 1975 and that complete details of the scheme were submitted to Roinn na Gaeltachta in March, 1976 for their consideration but that no reply had since been received from Roinn na Gaeltachta.

Councillor O'Morain asked if money was allocated for this scheme last year by Roinn na Gaeltachta and whether this money might have been inadequate because of the fact that the estimates were prepared some years beforehand. He stated that he was informed that a sum had been allocated last year but that it was not adequate.

On the suggestion of the Co. Engineer, it was agreed that Roinn na Gaeltachta would be asked if there is a prospect of having a grant allocated for this work in the current year.

1109 - CISEAIN BRUSCAIR I GCARNA AGUS I MBAILTE EILE SAN GHAELTACHT:

In reply to Councillor O'Morain's proposal, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that litter bins will be provided as suggested by Councillor O'Morain wherever the need for them is seen.

1110 - BENLSON ROAD AT CUSCARRICK, LOUGHREA AND AT CORBALLYHOGAN, MULLAGH, LOUGHREA:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's proposals, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that the improvements to the bend at Cuscarrick would involve diversion of the national secondary route for which work no funds are available in 1976, the estimated cost being £15,000.

Regarding the bend at Corballyhogan near Mr. Joe Cahalan's new house, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that Mr. Cahalan is to provide parking space 50' long by 8' wide at the location and when same is completed consideration will be given to easing the bend.

Councillor Morgan stated that Mr. Cahalan should not be asked to build a wall if it is to be knocked down by the Council later and that the place where the wall is to be constructed should now be marked out for him by the Council.

The Deputy Co. Manager stated that if Mr. Cahalan makes the necessary enquiry, he will be given information regarding the siting of the wall.

Councillor Morgan stated that, regarding Cuscarrick, the Council should mark out the location of the proposed new fences where there are at present no fences provided.

The Co. Engineer stated that where planning permission is involved, the developer should write to the Council if he has a difficulty regarding the building line or the location of the road fence and he will be given information on it.

The Chairman suggested that Councillor Morgan and the persons involved should discuss the matter with the local engineer.

1111- REMOVAL OF SHARP HUMPS ON ROADS:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's motion, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that the recommendation will be borne in mind as and when extra funds become available. Councillor Morgan asked that a list of such dangerous spots on roads be prepared and ready in the event of money becoming available.

1112- ENFORCEMENT OF PLANNING LAWS IN COSMONA, LOUGHREA:

Replying to Councillor Morgan's motion, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that where certain unauthorised developments have taken place, the persons involved have been

asked, as is normal, to apply for planning permission for retention. The planning authority would then consider whether there is a possibility that part or all of the actual development might be permitted and if so, whether any strict conditions should be applied.

Councillor Morgan stated that what was a nice residential area is turned into a shanty-town by undesirable and unauthorised development.

The Deputy Co. Manager stated that the matter will be pursued in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act.

1113 - REVOCAION OF PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED TO McMULLEN BROS. LTD. FOR PETROL SERVICE STATION AT CAHERWALTER, LOUGHREA:

It was proposed by Deputy Callanan -

"That this Council hereby revoke planning permission granted to McMullen Bros. Ltd. for the erection of a petrol service station at Caherwalter, Loughrea, Co. Galway, Planning Ref. No. 17818 - Manager's Order No. 2963".

Deputy Callanan stated that this application was properly refused by the Co. Council but it was granted by the Minister on appeal. He pointed out that there are already two petrol stations at this location, one at each side of the road and that the proposed new station is 100 yds. further on on the Ballinasloe side. He considered that it is not good planning to allow a further station in the area and he did not consider it fair to two private petrol station operators that an oil company should come in and build a petrol station beside their existing stations.

Councillor Morgan seconded Deputy Callanan's proposal and stated that the addition of another petrol station in this area would mean extra cars resulting in a danger to road users. He pointed out also that it is not necessary for normal commercial purposes that another petrol station be provided at this location.

Deputy Molloy also supported Deputy Callanan's motion.

The Deputy Co. Manager stated that while the Council has power to rescind, the Minister can override the Council's decision to revoke the permission and the Council could take no further action on the matter.

Deputy Molloy stated that the two existing stations in this area adequately meet the needs of the public, one being on each side of the road.

The Chairman stated that he also supported the motion and as there was no other proposal, he declared the motion passed unanimously.

1114 - CLIFDEN DUMP:

Replying to Councillor Bartley's motion, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that negotiations are in progress at the moment with a good hope of success for the acquisition of a new dumping site for Clifden and that when the site in question is acquired, the existing dump will be closed and appropriate measures taken to protect the embankment.

Councillor Bartley complained that this was the third time he had raised this matter and he proposed that the Council now give instructions that the dump be closed as from this date. He complained that there is a serious nuisance arising from smouldering refuse in this area which is also infested by rats from the dump.

Deputy Molloy, supporting the proposal of Councillor Bartley that the dump be closed forthwith, stated that it was an indictment of the Council that it has been left as it is for so many years without finding an alternative site. He stated that he was promised that a new dump would be provided by summer 1976 and he could not see why an alternative site had not been selected long ago. He pointed out that Clifden is the heart of the Connemara tourist trade and that refuse in this area is going on to the beach. He considered that dumps and public toilets are not properly maintained by the Council. Deputy Molloy asked that the refuse be taken from Clifden to the Galway city dump.

The Deputy Co. Manager stated that this would not be possible as there is a limitation on the amount of transport available to the Council which is already seriously overtaxed.

Councillor Bartley proposed that the dump be closed forthwith. This proposal was seconded by Deputy Molloy.

Mr. Dunne, Deputy Co. Engineer stated that the Council ^{cannot} close a dump without an alternative site being available or discontinue the collection of refuse in Clifden. He stated that the refuse collection vehicles are already working overtime and that it is out of the question that the refuse be conveyed to Galway or any other existing dump. He stated that the Council is near the point of signing over a site for a new dump and that the major problem about the dump in Clifden was the unauthorised dumping by local people. Replying to a further query, Mr. Dunne stated that it is likely that the site might become available within a matter of weeks.

Deputy Molloy proposed and Councillor O'Morain seconded that in view of Mr. Dunne's statement, the Council would rent the proposed site immediately and close the existing dump forthwith.

The Deputy Co. Manager stated that an effort will be made to rent the proposed site but that the existing dump can not be closed until an alternative site is provided.

Deputy Molloy stated that even if it is not possible to rent the site of the proposed new dump, the existing site should be closed in any event.

1115 - ROAD TO GRAVEYARD AT CASHEL:

In reply to Councillor Bartley's motion, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that the land adjoining the existing burial ground at Cashel is not suitable for burials but that a site for a new burial ground was selected some time ago in Derryadd West but negotiations for its purchase broke down. Consideration is being given to acquiring the site compulsorily as the owner is living in the United States. He stated also that the estimated cost of repairing the road to the existing burial ground is excessive.

Councillor Bartley described the difficulties of bringing a coffin to this burial ground for a distance of 1/2 mile where no hearse can travel because of the condition of the road and the steep incline. He proposed that money be provided in the 1977 estimates to improve the road and to provide a new graveyard adjoining the existing one.

Replying to Deputy Molloy, Mr. Dunne stated that trial holes had shown water in the site and also some rock.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the half mile distance from the road to the burial ground is not in fact along a road but up the side of a mountain and that if the road were repaired and surfaced, it would be quite suitable.

Deputy Molloy suggested that a second investigation of the site be carried out in view of the difference of opinion in regard to the suitability of the site between the local people and the County Council officials.

Councillor Bartley stated that the local people would not accept a burial ground in Derryadd West.

Mr. Dunne, Deputy Co. Engineer stated that it would cost £8,800 to repair the road to the burial ground whereas the cost of a new burial ground would be approximately £5,000 to £6,000.

Councillor O'Morain stated that he did not agree with the making of a compulsory purchase order in respect of the land at Derryadd West.

The Chairman suggested that the engineers might re-examine the site adjoining the existing burial ground.

1116 - IMPROVEMENTS TO CLIFDEN/BALLYCONNELLY ROAD:

In reply to Councillor Bartley's motion, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that this proposal can be considered in conjunction with the estimates for 1977.

Councillor Bartley stated that the road is at present dangerous, that he understood it would cost about £20,000 to carry out the entire improvements which are necessary and he asked that a substantial increase in the amount allocated for this road be given in 1977 over the amount allocated in 1976.

1117 - GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES AND DOONE GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Referring to the two proposals in his name, Councillor Kilgannon stated that he did not want these discussed until the Co. Manager was present as he was dissatisfied with how the Co. Council had dealt with it and how he, as a public rep-

resentative had been treated by the County Council in this matter.

1118 - NOTICES OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. KELLY:

In the absence of Councillor Kelly it was agreed that the motions on the Agenda in his name would be adjourned until the next meeting.

1119 - EXTENSION OF KILLIMORDALY CEMETERY:

In reply to Deputy Callanan's motion, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that a sum of £30,000 was provided in the 1976 estimates for new burial grounds and that 4 burial grounds are being developed in this years programme. He stated, however, that there are 10 other locations where new burial grounds are required and that when the estimates for 1977 are being prepared, the members can decide the amount to be provided and the areas where the new burial grounds are to be provided.

1120 - COMHTHARAI BOTAIR SA GAELTACHT:

In reply to Councillor O Morain's motion, the Deputy Co. Manager stated that the Council is empowered to erect signs in Irish only in Gaeltacht areas but that following a recent enquiry from the Dept. Local Government, the Council was informed that the Road Traffic (Signs) Regulations 1962 were at present being revised, that the revision would probably relate to the design, sizes and the manner in which distances are to be set out and that it was considered wiser to wait until those regulations are revised before incurring the expense of providing signs which might not comply with the new regulations.

Councillor O Morain stated that the Deputy Co. Manager's answer was inadequate and that while he was not holding a brief for those who blackened signs erected by the Council, the Council is flouting the law and he can understand the frustration of people who tar out signs in English in Gaeltacht areas. He asked if the Council was prosecuting two individuals who are endeavouring to see that the law was carried out while the Council itself does nothing about implementing the regulations. If so, he stated that he wants to have nothing whatever to do with the prosecutions.

Deputy Molloy stated that the Council had shown negligence in the matter and refused to carry out the 1970 regulations which place an obligation on the Co. Council to provide signs in Irish only.

Deputy Molloy stated that he was not satisfied that revision of the 1962 regulations applied to Gaeltacht areas and that he understood that they applied only to national primary and secondary routes which would not affect the Connemara Gaeltacht.

The Deputy Co. Manager stated that a letter dated 4/ 8/1970 had been received from the Department of Local Government enclosing a copy of the 1970 regulations and he read for the members this letter -

" Ta ordu agam on Aire Rialtais Aitiuil tagairt do chiorclan na Roinne seo RT.1/70 dar data 28 Eanáir, 1970, i dtaobh sineacha trachta eolais sa Gaeltacht, agus a ra go bhfuil rialachain deanta aige a leasaíonn, maidir le sineacha eolais, na Rialachain um Thracht ar Bhoithre (Sineacha), 1962. Ta coip de na rialachain leis seo, maille le coip de raiteas oifigiúil a eisíodh ar an 17 Iúil, 1970, a miníonn cad is eifeacht na leasu.

Nuair a bheidh scrúithe le h-aghaidh athru na sineacha sa Ghaeltacht deanta, cuirfead na scrúithe sin in iúl do na h-udairis boithre ata i gceist. Maidir leis an leasu a bhaineann le h-aiteanna lasmuigh den Ghaeltacht, ta scrúithe fe scrúdu sa Roinn maidir le cur i bhfeidhm an coras nua sineacha eolais. Scrifear chuig na h-udairis boithre maidir le seo ar ball."

He stated that there was no question of officials wishing to refuse to carry out the 1977 regulations and that the Council had no information regarding the question of whether the revision of the 1962 regulations applied to only the national primary and secondary routes.

The Deputy Co. Manager also read for Members the letter dated 11/ 5/1976 sent by the Acting Secretary to the Department of Local Government which referred to the question of place-names in Irish in Gaeltacht areas and he also read the reply from the Department of Local Government dated the 20/ 5/1976.

Councillor McCormack stated that he did not agree with the regulations which specify Irish only signs in a tourist area and he criticized the action of people who tar out English road signs while leaving advertising signs in English untouched.

Dúirt an Comhairleoir MacGiolla Geannain nach aon mhaitheas don Ghaeilge na sineacha a bheith as Gaeilge amháin sa Ghaeltacht mar go bhfuil daoine ag dul go Connemara nach feidir leo eolas faoi na h-aiteanna d'fáil as na sineacha.

Councillor Fahy stated that signs should be in Irish only in a Gaeltacht area as is done on the continent and in Wales where tourists can travel without great difficulty.

Councillor O Morain stated that the people who complain about signs in Irish are practically all Irish people and the continentals have no problem traveling in Connemara. He agreed that there is a problem regarding the shortage of maps showing place names in Irish and stated that only two maps showing names in Irish had been provided so far.

Councillor O Morain also stated that another nail is to be put in the coffin of the Irish language as, he understood, the 1970 regulations are likely to be revoked.

The Deputy Co. Manager stated that the question of the application of the revised form of the 1962 regulations to Gaeltacht areas will be investigated and if there is no problem in this regard the Council will be free to go ahead with the erection of signs in Irish.

1121 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Mr. Jack Higgins, Creggaclare, Ardrahan.
- The Curran family, Cill Chiarain, Carna.
- Mrs. D. Doyle, St. Brendan's, Ballygar.
- Miss Winnie Kenny, Ballygar.
- Mrs. N. Duncan, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Michael Campbell, Dunlo Hill, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Timothy Lawless, Anbally, Cumber P.O..
- The Mullins family, Moorpark, Athenry.
- Mr. Michael Connors, Ardnagrove, Kinvara.
- Mrs. Lydon and family, Letterfrack, Co. Galway.

The meeting then terminated.

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Submitted, approved and confirmed.

T. Hursey

Chairman

22/8/76

Date.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

17u Lunasa, 1976.

Chuig Gach Ball de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 23u Lunasa, 1976 ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. Kavanagh,
Runai Sealadach.

AGENDA

- 1. Minutes.
- 2. Malicious Damage Decrees - list herewith.
- 3. Auditors report of the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee for year ended 31/12/1975.
- 4. Appointment of representative to fill the vacancy on the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees Committee.
- 5. To fix dates for Estimates meetings.
- 6. Overdraft for quarter ending 31/12/1976.
- 7. Raising of loan of £1,000,000 for making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act 1966.
- 8. Raising of loan of £350,000 for making supplementary grants under Section 26 and Section 29 of the Housing Act 1966.
- 9. Rosroe Pier.
- 10. Raising of loan of £22,100 to finance new Motor Tax Office.
- 11. Business submitted by the County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION

- 12. Councillor M. J. Kelly; I will ask -
 - (i) The Council to include Lough Hackett in its Co. Development Plan.
 - (ii) The Manager to take whatever steps are necessary to preserve the trees at Castlehackett and that a report on same be presented to the Council as soon as possible.
- 13. Councillor M. J. Kilgannon; I will ask -
 - (i) Why a document entitled "General Conditions for Group Water Supply Schemes" was sent to the Dept. of Local Government for distribution among Group Schemes within the county before this document was discussed by the Council and I will also ask that the terms of these conditions be fully discussed and amended as necessary.

- (ii) I will propose - that Doone Group Water Scheme be given immediate access to the pump agreed to by the Council as the source for this scheme.
 - (iii) I will ask - that the Council complete the cleaning of the roadside drain at Ballinamore Bridge to a point just north of Patrick Hughes' house. Mr. Hughes' yard is regularly flooded by water backing up from this drain.
14. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
- (i) That provision be made in the 1977 estimates for the removal of bad bends on the Annaghdown road particularly between Gerard Gardiner's and Walshe's at Cuttenty, and also at Mrs. Newell's, The Old Forge Corner.
 - (ii) That provision be made in the 1977 estimates for the laying of a foot-path from the Annaghdown national school towards the graveyards.
 - (iii) That provision be made in the 1977 roads estimates for improvements and road widening at Baile na hAbhann bridge, Co. Galway.
15. Councillor G. Bartley: I will propose -
- (i) That the L.I.S. drainage scheme started recently at Moorloc, Ballyconneely by the County Council be now completed as outlined over 4 years ago.
16. Deputy J. Callanan: I will propose -
- (i) That the Council take over and maintain Knocknagreena Group Water Scheme, Ballinasloe, as this scheme has been offered to the Council for a long time.
17. Councillor Norman Morgan: I will propose -
- (i) That Galway Co. Council order immediately, designs for public sewerage systems for the villages of Craughwell, Kilrickle, Kiltormer and Tynagh, to facilitate Group Sewerage Schemes being organised for said villages.
 - (ii) That the two dangerous bends with a narrow bridge between them, situated close to Mr. Timothy Forde's house, Killaspugmoylan, Kilchreest, Loughrea, be replaced by a new section of road and a new bridge. The landowners will co-operate, subject to reasonable conditions. Said location is the scene of numerous car crashes, overturned cars and injury to animals.
 - (iii) That Galway County Council implement the terms of planning permission granted to Mr. Sean Kilrairie, Beech Grove, Oranmore for housing development at Beech Park, Oranmore with regard to the open space thereat; that the Co. Council bring said open space up to standard and collect the cost from Mr. Kilrairie, and that this work be carried out immediately.
18. Councillor P. F. Glynn: I will propose -
- (i) That work start on the Milltown/Tuam national primary road early in 1977.
 - (ii) That Galway Co. Council request the Minister for Local Government to implement legislation immediately, to deal with the whole question of street trading.
19. Councillor P. McCormack: I will ask -
- (i) That major repair work on the Athenry to Cashla road be included in the 1977 estimates - this work to include removing of dangerous turns and hills and also high grass banks on sides.
 - (ii) That the road at Claren, Ower be repaired which was recently damaged by the laying of water pipes.
 - (iii) That the "yield right of way" sign at the Claren corner near Hannons house be erected in a position where it would be more effective and that "go slow" signs also be erected at this corner.
20. Councillor P. Ruane: I will propose -
- (i) That the reservoir at Brier Hill be built as soon as possible so as to give more pressure to the nearby water schemes.
 - (ii) That the road between the Ballybrit racecourse cottages and Mervue estate be widened and a footpath left for pedestrians.
 - (iii) That better signposts be erected at Carnmore Cross such as to show Limerick, Tuam and Knock.

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MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree incl. Costs
Ardros Holdings Ltd., 34, Dominick Street, Galway.	Damage to doors etc..	Borough of Galway.	£126.82	£146.97
Gorthreeva Golf Course Ltd., Oughterard, Co. Galway.	Premises destroyed.	Oughterard	£3,250.00	£3,626.49

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 23rd AUGUST, 1976.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillor G. Bartley, Deputy J. Callanan, Deputy Fintan Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. P. Healy, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillors, P. McCormack, H. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O. Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager. S. Stewart, Assistant Co. Manager. C. A. Warner, Co. Engineer. M. Tierney, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer. K. Doyle, Acting Assistant Co. Manager. T. Kavanagh, Acting Co. Secretary.

The opening prayer was recited.

1122 - APPOINTMENT OF MR. K. DOYLE AS COUNTY SECRETARY:

The Chairman congratulated Mr. Kevin Doyle on his appointment as Co. Secretary. He said that Mr. Doyle had given excellent service to the Council and wished him every success in his new position.

The other Members present joined in congratulating Mr. Doyle.

The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff also congratulated Mr. Doyle.

Mr. Doyle in thanking the Members, expressed the hope of working in close co-operation with them for the mutual benefit of all.

1123 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy Kitt, the Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 26th July, 1976, Nos. 1074 to 1121 inclusive were approved and signed by the Chairman subject to a correction being made in Minute No. 1096 where the words "Galway authorities" should have read "Garda authorities".

1124 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as listed in the schedule to the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

1125 - RIVER FERGUS JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE:

The auditor's report of the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1975 was submitted to the Members and noted.

1126 - VACANCY ON THE LOUGH CORRIB NAVIGATION TRUSTEES COMMITTEE:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Molloy, seconded by Councillor T. Welby and agreed -

"That Deputy R. Molloy be nominated to fill the vacancy on the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees Committee created by the resignation of Councillor J. Molloy".

1127 - DATES FOR ESTIMATES MEETINGS:

The Co. Manager suggested that the Roads Estimates Meeting be held on Monday, 20th September, 1976 and that the estimates meeting proper be held on Monday, 18th October, 1976. After some discussion, these dates were agreed to. It was also agreed that Councillors would be allowed to submit road proposals up to the 31st August, 1976. This would allow time for estimate to be prepared for them for the Roads Estimates Meeting.

1128 - OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION - QUARTER ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1976:

It was proposed by Councillor O. Morain, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved -

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, overdraft accommodation not exceeding £1m. be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account during the quarter ending 31st December, 1976".

1129 - LOAN FOR MAKING ADVANCES UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1966:

The Co. Manager explained that it was now proposed to make financial arrangements for the raising of the necessary loans for the payment of housing loans and grants during the 1977 financial year.

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Deputy Callanan and resolved "That Galway Co. Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1m. from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act 1966, the loan to be repaid over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate in force at the date of the issue of the loan to the Council".

1130 - LOAN FOR MAKING SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS UNDER SECTION 26 AND SECTION 29 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1966:

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Deputy Callanan and resolved "That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £350,000 for the making of supplementary grants under Sections 26 and 29 of the Housing Act 1966 from the Commissioners of Public Works, the loan to be repaid over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council".

1131 - ROSSROE PIER:

The Co. Manager stated that in 1974 the Office of Public Works proposed to carry out protective works etc. at Rossroe Pier, Co. Galway at an estimated cost of £2,500 on condition that the County Council would contribute 25%, i.e. £625 and maintain the completed works. The Council agreed to the proposal and paid its contribution of £625 but the work had not yet been done and the Co. Council has now received a letter from the Dept. Agriculture and Fisheries stating that the up to date estimate for the work is £7,000. The Dept. require confirmation that the Council is prepared to increase its contribution to £1,750 but as the Council has already paid £625, the nett increase is £1,125. The Co. Manager stated that the work was urgent and was recommended by the Co. Engineer.

On the proposition of Councillor Bartley, seconded by Councillor O. Morain, it was resolved -

"That in accordance with Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, excess expenditure of £1,125 be authorised for the year ending 31st December, 1976 in respect of the Council's contribution towards protective works at Rossroe Pier and that the Council accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the improved facilities when completed".

1132 - RAISING OF LOAN FOR NEW MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE:

The Co. Manager stated that the new motor taxation office had now been completed and the Dept. Local Government was anxious that its cost be spread over a number of years and asked the Council to raise a loan from its treasurer or otherwise for the purpose. The Co. Manager stated that the Department would recoup the full loan charges each year to the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Molloy, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved -

"That Galway Co. Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £22,100 from the Council's treasurer or other source for the purpose of defraying the cost of the new motor taxation office, the period of repayment and the interest rate to be agreed between the lender and the Co. Council".

In reply to Councillor Morgan about the possibility of providing motor taxation facilities outside of Galway, the Co. Manager stated that this would present many problems and may not be practicable and would be unlikely to be approved. Councillor Glynn asked that the driving licence section of the taxation office be left open during dinner hour and the Co. Manager stated that this would be examined.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

1133 - SPIDDAL FURBO WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The Co. Manager informed the Members of a deputation from the Spiddal Parish Council which had been received by the Department of Local Government on the 21st July, 1976 in connection with the Spiddal/Furbo Water Supply Scheme. The Department advised the deputation that the scheme was No. 7 on the Council's priority list and that if the scheme could be brought to the top of the priority list, it might be possible to start it next year. The Department informed the Council by letter dated 23rd July, 1976 of the deputation and enquired if a higher priority could be given to the scheme. The Co. Manager stated that he also had received a deputation on the subject but he felt that the priority list should be left as it is. In 1974 when the Council was considering the question of arranging the sanitary services schemes for the county on a priority basis, instead of listing the schemes in a specific order, it was considered more desirable to group the schemes based on progress in planning including availability of contract documents etc.. The first three water supply schemes on the list were Ahascragh, Galway city eastern environs and Galway city western environs. In replying to the Department's letter, the Council stated that if a proper ongoing system of making funds available to the Council were in operation, many of the schemes listed including the Spiddal Scheme could be embarked upon.

The Co. Manager dealt with Motion No.20(i) in the name of Councillor Ruane with this item. He stated that the proposed reservoir at Brierhill was part of the Galway city eastern environs scheme and sanction was awaited from the Dept. Local Government to seek tenders for the project.

A discussion followed on the general position as regards water and sewerage schemes.

Deputies Callanan and Kitt and Councillors Joyce and Kilgannon stated that the Ahascragh scheme was long overdue and they were not in favour of altering the priority list. Councillor McCormack said that before the Council could consider altering the priority list, they would need to know what priority other schemes had and he asked in particular about the Oughterard scheme. Councillor Welby said that the Spiddal area was badly in need of a water scheme and he was also interested in the Oughterard scheme. Councillors O Morain and Sean Donnellan stated that water was very important in the Spiddal area where large numbers of tourists were accommodated including large numbers of students in the Irish colleges. Councillor Morgan felt that any public schemes which would facilitate group schemes should get priority.

The Co. Manager stated that the question of the priority list for water and sewerage schemes would be placed on the Agenda for the September meeting and an up to date progress report on all schemes would be issued to the Members.

1134 - AMENITY GRANTS SCHEME:

The Co. Manager referred to the resolution passed by the Council at its July meeting requesting the Minister for Local Government to restore amenity grants to local authorities.

The Co. Manager read letter dated 13th August, 1976 from the Department of Local Government in reply to the Council's resolution. The letter stated that it had not been possible to make any allocation under the scheme during the current year because of the urgent demands on available funds for priority services. At this stage it was not possible to say whether allocations will be made under the scheme in 1977. Councillor Glynn asked that the Dail representatives for the area take up the question of restoring amenity grants with the Department of Local Government.

1135 - CLIFDEN DUMP:

The Co. Manager referred to a proposal at the July meeting of the Council that the Clifden dump be closed forthwith. He read the following report on the matter from the Co. Engineer dated the 23rd August, 1976.

"The present position in relation to the Clifden dump is that the Co. Council are still using the dumping ground at Beach Road, Clifden. All negotiations for an alternative site have petered out. If we are forced to close the present dump it will mean that the Council will have to stop the refuse collection in Clifden until such time as an alternative dumping ground is acquired.

Over the past 5 years, the quest for an alternative site for a dumping ground for Clifden has been actively pursued. In that period attempts were made to acquire sites at (1) Loch Fada, (2) Killymongaun, (3) Ardagh, (4) Shannakeever (5) Couravoughill (6) Toornaskehee and Monga. Negotiations in all these cases were frustrated by objections from various local interests and also by the Department of Lands and Fisheries. It appears that it is well nigh impossible to satisfy the various conflicting interests in the Clifden area.

On Wednesday last the 18th inst. Deputy R. Molloy during a 'phone call to me said that there was a suitable site on the Old Bog Road to Roundstone near the "Half Way House" and that Mr. Mansfield the Architect in Clifden would show it to me. I travelled to Clifden on Wednesday afternoon but Mr. Mansfield was not available on such short notice. I myself examined the area in the vicinity of the said "Half Way House" and could not find any suitable dumping ground. The area is a flat scenic area dotted with lakes and in my opinion not suitable for a dumping ground for the following reasons:- (1) possible pollution of fishing lakes, (2) injurious to scenic amenity and (3) impractical by reason of its distance from Clifden town viz. 6 1/2 miles.

Finally, I would offer the following as a temporary solution to the problem. On the main Galway road about 1 mile from Clifden there is a deep ravine between the realigned main road and the old main road. The Council are at present using the old road as a chip dump. The ravine is heavily screened from the main road by dense growth of bushes and by virtue of the depth of the ravine, about 30 feet, the problem of papers being blown about would be obviated. I attach 3 copies of a 25" map showing the old and new roads and also the ravine marked in red. I now suggest that this be used as a dumping ground on a temporary basis until a site acceptable to all the various interests is found. The Council would ensure that the dump would be strictly maintained and supervised and that the whole area would be covered with topsoil when a new dump is found".

Councillor Bartley stated that the temporary site suggested by the Co. Engineer 1 mile outside Clifden on the Galway Road was not acceptable.

After some discussion, the Chairman suggested that the Councillors for the area meet the officials to try and resolve the matter. This was agreed.

1136 - FACTORY AT BALLYGAR:

The Co. Manager referred to the factory at Ballygar the property of the Co. Council and presently let to Butte Knit of Ireland Ltd.. He stated that the company had requested an extension of the factory involving an additional 2,676 sq. ft.. The estimated cost of the extension was £16,000 and the Dept. of Finance had agreed to make a grant of 50% available. The balance of the cost would be divided between the Co. Council and the company, the company's contribution to be taken as advance payment of rent.

It was proposed by Councillor Raftery, seconded by Deputy Hussey and resolved - "That the Council approve of the proposals outlined by the Co. Manager in relation to an extension of the Co. Council factory at Ballygar".

1137 - ROAD SIGNS IN GAELTACHT AREAS:

The County Manager stated that he wanted to clarify the position about road signs in Gaeltacht areas. The Road Traffic (Signs)(Amendment) Regulations 1970 provided that place-names in Gaeltacht areas be shown in Irish only but in a letter which accompanied the Regulations, the Department stated that it would notify the road authorities as to further arrangements for the changing of the signs. A special act had to be passed in 1973 to enable the Minister for Finance to specify for the purposes of law, forms of place-names in the Irish language and it was only in 1975 that an Order was made under the 1973 Act specifying standard spellings of place-names in the Irish language. The Council, however, was not notified of the Order made in 1975 until the 20th May, 1976 so until then it was not possible to proceed to change the signs. The Council was also notified in letter of the 20th May, 1976 from the Dept. that the position regarding the design of the signs and the system used in showing distances was being reviewed but on making further enquiries, the Co. Council received a reply on the 13th August, 1976 stating that a review is proceeding of the design of informative traffic signs for national roads'. It appears, therefore, that only national primary and national secondary roads will be affected by the review. The Co. Manager recommended that provision be made in the 1977 estimates for the new signs and said that the new place-names would be in accordance with the 1975 place-names Order.

Councillor O Morain asked that the Council be given a list of the Irish place-names before they are provided and it was agreed that a list would be sent to each Councillor. In reply to Councillor McCormack, the Co. Manager said that if money was provided the changing of the signs would go ahead.

1138 - ARAN WATER SUPPLY:

The Co. Manager referred to the water supply problem on the Aran Islands and said that the present acute situation was due to (1) the present prolonged dry spell of weather, it being noted that the last recorded rainfall in Aran was on the 1st July. (2) the very large influx of visitors and campers to the islands during the current season. The situation on the three islands is as follows:-

Inishmore: Kilronan Scheme:- (Constructed in the early 1920's). The source of supply are springs and the reservoir has a capacity of 20,000 gallons. There was a suggestion that there were cracks in the reservoir walls but this has been examined by the engineers and they are satisfied that these cracks are above the water-line and do not contribute to any loss.

Regional Scheme: (Completed in 1952). Again the source of supply is springs and the reservoir has a capacity of 85,000 gallons. This scheme has been recently linked to the Kilronan scheme in an endeavour to relieve the situation generally.

A further spring is being currently examined by the engineers to see if it can be harnessed to any degree. It is evident that the general supply situation will have to be improved but as the yield from the sources are so dependent upon the weather the only apparent longterm solution is to provide for adequate storage of up to 3 million gallons. The cost of constructing a conventional type reservoir of this size would be very great and the Co. Engineer is presently examining the possibility of constructing a low-cost type tank on the island.

Inishere: The only known source of supply is presently being utilised to its full capacity but its yield is again dependent upon rainfall. An additional source is presently being examined.

Inishmaan: The source of supply are springs and three borings were carried out under the guidance of the Geological Survey Officer but to no avail. Further efforts to obtain a supplementary supply are being pursued by the engineers.

The possibility of transporting water to the islands to relieve the problem in some way is being examined but would probably not be practicable having regard to cost etc..

Councillor Sean Donnellan asked about the possibility of using sea water for the operation of toilets. The Co. Manager said that this would be a difficult solution and it would in effect mean the operation of two separate systems and apart from the corrosive effect of sea-water there was the question of cost which could be prohibitive.

Councillor O Morain said that he understood that studies had been done which showed that sea-water could be used and this if put into effect would relieve the very serious situation which has arisen on Aran at the present.

1139 - RIVER AT GORT:

Councillor Fahey asked permission to raise the question of the cleaning of the river flowing through Gort. He said that due to the dry weather the level of the river is very low and was in very bad condition. In addition there seemed to be domestic effluent discharging into the river and he asked that it be examined.

The Co. Manager said that the Co. Council is not liable for the cleaning of rivers but that if the Council had any responsibility in the matter it would be examined.

1140 - GUARANTEED TELEPHONE KIOSKS:

The Co. Manager informed the Members that it was hoped that a representative from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs would attend the next meeting of the Council to explain details of the system to the Members.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

1141 - PRESERVATION OF AREA AROUND LOUGH HACKETT AND TREES AT CASTLEHACKETT:

In reply to Councillor Kelly's two motions, the Co. Manager stated that this matter was under active consideration and a further report would be submitted to the Council when this section of the revision of the Development Plan is drafted. A meeting to discuss the overall position at Castlehackett was recently held between Council officials and the Agricultural Institute and the Institute assured the Council that they had a deep interest in retaining the natural woodland in its present state. Apparently, however, the owner had sold some timber some years ago and this resulted in some tree felling presumably under licence.

Councillor Kelly said that he had been approached by several people about preserving and developing this area and the Co. Council should not let the opportunity pass. He understood that there were rare species of trees at Castlehackett and the Co. Council should do whatever it could to have these preserved. He said that the Irish Land Commission were negotiating for the purchase of some lands there and perhaps the Co. Council could enquire from the Land Commission about the possibility of taking over some of the land.

Councillor Glynn supported Councilor Kelly.

1142 - GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR GROUP WATER SCHEMES:

In reply to Councillor Kilgannon's notice of motion the Co. Manager stated that for some time the Council had been trying to draft a standard set of conditions for group water supply schemes. There was need for these conditions for the good management of the schemes and to avoid any possible abuses of schemes. It was important that the Council had control of schemes supplied from public means. The list of conditions was being finalised at present and would be circulated to the Members.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that group schemes played a very important role in rural areas and the organisers of those schemes were the people who were interested in developing rural Ireland and should get every assistance. He said he was surprised that the list of conditions which issued in relation to a particular scheme could have issued without first being considered by the Council members. He welcomed the Council's involvement in group schemes but it would have to be on a positive basis. He considered that the Council should not have any control where the source for the scheme was a private one. There had been allegations of excessive charges to participants but this was not correct because any profits which the group made went towards the running and maintenance costs of the scheme.

Deputy Coogan said that some groups had refused to give new connections even though the source was adequate and he asked that a clause be provided to cover this.

In reply to Councillor McCormack about the present position of the Ballyquirke scheme, the Co. Manager stated that the organisers of the scheme had been invited into his office to discuss the matter but they had refused to come in which showed that it is necessary for the Council to have control over schemes and which would also facilitate the taking over of schemes later on.

Deputy Callanan said that there was need for the greatest co-operation and consultation between the group and the Co. Council.

Councillor Fahey felt that in some cases the group had too much authority over the participants and asked that this be looked into.

Councillor Morgan said that the Council should have certain controls over schemes for which the Department and the Council pays out substantial grants. As regards the contribution payable by the participants, Councillor Morgan stated that all participants should pay the same contribution whether they join the scheme in the initial stages or at a later date except that allowance should be made for the change in the value of money.

Replying, Councillor Kilgannon asked that before the set of conditions are finalised the Council should consult a number of the organisers of group schemes to hear their opinions in relation to the organisation and maintenance of schemes and said that the Council should be more concerned about the original participants in a scheme rather than those joining a scheme later on.

1143 - DOONE GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Councillor Kilgannon stated that his main interest at the meeting was the Doone group scheme. He appreciated the efforts being made to try and settle the matter and asked the Co. Manager to try and resolve the problem that had arisen.

The Co. Manager stated that the difficulty that had arisen was that in 1969, one land-owner gave the Council a site on his lands for the erection of a pump. In 1972 the landowner requested permission from the Council to use the pump as a source for a piped water supply to his property and the Council gave permission. It was now proposed to develop the source for the Doone group scheme but the organisers wanted the Council to terminate the supply to the landowner which the Council was not prepared to do.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the Council had not played a very positive role as far as this scheme was concerned. He had called to the Council offices several times to try and resolve the matter without success. When the Council agreed to give the source for the scheme there were no conditions attached. As a result of the dispute the people in the area were being deprived of water and he was asking that the source be made available to the group and that the landowner could join the scheme if he wanted to.

Deputy Callanan said that the landowner in question gave a site to the Council for a pump and got permission to lay water to his lands which he did at his own expense. The Council was right not to break its agreement with the landowner who was quite willing to pay towards the maintenance costs of the scheme.

Councillor Morgan asked if the landowner was being charged for the water as he would not agree that he be given a free supply.

The Co. Manager stated that when the landowner was given the supply of water there was no charge specified but he was willing to contribute towards the maintenance costs of the scheme and in the event of the scheme being handed over to the Council, he would become liable for the normal water charges. It would be dishonourable for the Council to revoke the agreement with the landowner and in fact nine members of the scheme had written to the Council confirming their willingness to allow the landowner to retain the supply he had. The Manager urged that if the organisers got down to pursuing the objectives they set out to achieve, namely the provision of a water supply for the members, the matter should be easily settled.

The Chairman agreed that it was up to the group to resolve the matter and this should not be difficult as nine members were in agreement.

1144 - DRAIN AT BALLINAMORE BRIDGE:

In reply to Councillor Kilgannon's motion, the Co. Manager stated that this drain had been cleaned by the Co. Council along the section for which they are responsible. That portion on the land side of the roadside fence is the responsibility of the landowner.

1145 - NOTICES OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF DEPUTY R. MOLLOY:

Deputy Molloy, being absent from the meeting, his motions were not dealt with.

1146 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME AT MOORLOC, BALLYCONNELLY:

Councillor Bartley was informed that the drainage scheme referred to was carried out under L.I.S. LG.143/70 on the basis of an estimate prepared in 1970. Because of the escalation of costs in the meantime the full length of the piping proposed was not completed. However, the main purpose of the scheme, i.e. the drainage of a flooded area has been substantially achieved. It is not considered advisable at this stage to extend the piping to the distance originally proposed because of engineering problems and the problem of future maintenance which, of course, would fall on the contributors. A further engineering assessment of the scheme is being undertaken at present.

Councillor Bartley said that he wanted the whole job finished as was originally proposed and he asked that the scheme be examined to see if the pipes were laid properly.

Councillor McCormack supported Councillor Bartley saying that 25% of the area which the scheme intended to cover still remained to be drained.

1147 - KNOCKNAGREENA GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Deputy Callanan was informed that in April, 1975, an application was received from Mr. William Gaughran on behalf of 30 members of the scheme requesting the Council to take it over. The group were requested to furnish evidence of ownership of the pumphouse site and details of any wayleaves acquired through private property and E.S.B. costs. The groups solicitor forwarded to the Co. Council a licence dated 22nd September, 1971 which the group received from a Mr. Ward. According to the licence, Mr. Ward was not the registered owner of the property on which the pumphouse was built but he undertook to transfer the property outright to the Trustees of the group if and when he became the registered owner. The Council's solicitor has asked Mr. Ward's solicitor to produce title to the site but to date it has not come to hand. The Council must also be satisfied that the scheme is in good order and repair and investigations are at present being carried out by the group scheme's engineer. There are 40 members in this group. 30 members have requested that the scheme be taken over by the Council. The Group Secretary has been informed that the Council will have to acquire the scheme by Compulsory Purchase Order unless the total number of 40 members request that it be taken over.

1148 - SEWERAGE SCHEMES FOR CRAUGHWELL, KILRICKLE, KILTORMER AND TYNAGH:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's motion, the Co. Manager stated that the formation of proposed group sewerage schemes should proceed as planned. The design engineer for the group scheme will be facilitated and assisted in every way by the sanitary services staff of the Co. Council. Group sewerage schemes are co-ordinated by the Department of Local Government. In 1964 the Co. Engineer prepared an outline plan for the provision of a sewerage scheme for Craughwell estimated to cost £25,000. The estimated cost was subsequently reduced and in 1974 Craughwell Sewerage Scheme was put on the list of small schemes at an estimated cost of £20,000. It is now No. 23 on the list of small schemes but it is likely that if re-estimated at present day costs, it would not now qualify for inclusion in the small schemes list. Survey sheets were received from the Department of Local Government for a group sewerage scheme for Kiltormer in January, 1973. There were 5 members in the group.

Councillor Morgan said that what he was proposing was that the Co. Council would prepare designs for group sewerage schemes free of charge for groups that had been properly set up.

Deputy Callanan said that grants for group sewerage schemes were very small and that where a village organised a group sewerage scheme the Department should be asked to give a more reasonable grant.

Councillor Kilgannon seconded Councillor Morgan's proposal and suggested that the Council give a special contribution in the case of group sewerage schemes as applies in the case of group water schemes.

The Co. Manager stated that the cost of sewerage schemes is so high and the grants so low that the question of the Council making special contributions would be impracticable.

Councillor Joyce asked that Kiltormer and Kilrickle be considered for inclusion in the list of minor schemes.

1149 - REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS BENDS AND BRIDGE AT KILLASPUGMOYLAN, KILCHREEST, LOUGHREA:

Councillor Morgan proposed the motion saying that this was a very dangerous stretch of road. The motion was seconded by Deputy Callanan.

The Co. Manager said that the Council's decision would be forwarded to the Department of Local Government as this was a National Route.

1150 - OPEN SPACE AT BEECH PARK, ORANMORE:

Councillor Morgan was informed that the Planning Authority had for some time been pressing the developers of Beech Park, Oranmore to finalise any outstanding matters in relation to this scheme and have within the past few months had a number of meetings with Mr. Kilrain and the Residents Association, the last meeting being in early July. Since that date the developer has carried out work on the parks and roads in accordance with the conditions of the permission granted.

Councillor Morgan said that he was not satisfied with the condition of the open space and asked if the Council could do the work and recoup the cost from

the developer.

The Co. Manager said that the matter would be examined and if anything remained to be done the matter would be taken up with the developer.

1151 - TUAM/MILLTOWN NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD:

Councillor Glynn was informed that his proposal would be forwarded to the Department of Local Government as it was a National Primary Road.

1152 - STREET TRADING:

The Co. Manager said that the existing ^{law} was inadequate to deal with the question of street trading and reliance on the Planning Act was not satisfactory either.

Councillor Glynn proposed that the County Council recommend to the Minister that legislation be brought in to deal with the matter. He said that these traders who set up in towns and villages without paying rates or taxes are a serious threat to the economy and disrupt local trade.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Morgan and agreed.

It was also agreed that the proposal be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils.

1153 - REPAIRS TO ATHENRY/CASHLA ROAD:

Councillor McCormack was informed that this would be considered in conjunction with the roads estimate for 1977.

1154 - ROAD AT CLARAN, OWER:

Councillor McCormack was informed that the damage to the road arose from the laying of pipes for a group water supply scheme and when the scheme is completed and provided the necessary finance is provided in the estimates, the road will be repaired in the coming year.

1155 - YIELD RIGHT OF WAY SIGN AT CLARAN:

Councillor McCormack was informed that arrangements are being made to re-site the "Yield Right of Way" sign at Claran corner. There was no need for any other sign.

1156 - ROAD BETWEEN BALLYBRIT COTTAGES AND MERVUE ESTATE:

Councillor Ruane was informed that the work proposed was very desirable but there were no funds available. The estimated cost of the work including road widening and the provision of footpath with sand surface was £5,000. It will be considered in conjunction with the roads estimates for 1977.

1157 - SIGNPOSTING AT CARNMORE CROSS:

Councillor Ruane was informed that the signposting at Carnmore Cross was considered adequate and that the addition of further signs might constitute a hazard to road users at a very difficult and busy crossroads.

Councillor Ruane stressed that there was a definite need for extra signposting as some of the place-names on the existing signs would not be familiar to strangers who regularly had to ask local people for directions. It was agreed to re-examine the matter.

1158 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following.

Mrs. Cooke, Maunsells Rd., Galway.

Mr. Bleheir and family, Barnavilla, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.

The Joyce family, Doirerush, Rosmuc.

The meeting then terminated.

Submitted, Approved and Confirmed

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Joe Hussey

Chairman

27/9/76
Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bathar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

14th September, 1976.

TO: Each Member of Galway County Council/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of a Committee of the entire Council at the County Buildings, Galway on Monday the 20th Sept., 1976, at 3.30 p.m..

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH.
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Roads Estimate 1977 - copy herewith.
2. Members motions relating to roads received during the year - list to follow.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

14th September, 1976.

To: Each Member of Galway County Council/

Roads Estimates, 1977.

A Chara,

I attach hereto a copy of the draft Estimate. It provides for an increase of £62,274 over the provision from rates for 1976 resulting in a rate increase of 10.830p in the £. The rate of increase for 1976 was 97.912p in the £ made up as follows:

- (a) Provision to maintain the 1975 scale of programme with adjustment for inflation - 39.984p in the £ increase;
- (b) provision for expansion over the 1975 programme of the produce of a rate of 57.928p in the £. This figure included a sum of 16,170p voted by the Council at the Estimates Meeting in addition to the proposals presented by me.

It will be appreciated that the rate increases for 1976 were exceptionally high and accordingly, having regard to continuing inflation and the need for increased expenditure in other areas, the opportunity has been taken to re-examine the approach to the Estimates for 1976 and to consider the provision for 1977 in the light of the overall increases as between the two years in question. In taking this step it was found necessary to advert to the fact that the National Primary and National Secondary Road Improvement Grants were eliminated in 1976 by the Department of Local Government, who at the same time, increased the provision for road maintenance by £30,260. This decision was made after the Council had already committed itself to making increased provision for maintenance within its own estimate for that year.

In arriving at the 1977 figures, cognisance was taken of the fact that the expanded programme of works for 1976 required a special rate increase of 57.928p in the £ in addition to the increased provision made for inflation in order to maintain the Council's hitherto normal programme. Accordingly, the estimate now presented makes provision for the normal scale of activities with an adjustment for inflation. This programme of work could be provided for within the existing rate, even after making an allowance for inflation and a balance would still remain of £65,826 for the programme of improvement works. Provision was then set aside for an increase of £100 per Councillor for Notice of Motion works and £48,000 was set aside for additional tar-spraying of roads. The expanded programme of tar-spraying will enable the Council to maintain the existing level of activity in the production of road chippings. After these allocations a sum of £14,726 remained to which was added £62,274 making a total improvement fund available of £77,000 or the equivalent of £7,000 for each Assistant Engineer's district.

It will be appreciated that the Council's Roads Estimate is prepared without the advantage of precise information as to the level and category of road grants which will be forthcoming for 1977. However, for estimate purposes, it has been assumed that the grants will be of the same order as those applicable in 1976 with an appropriate adjustment for inflation. It is anticipated that sufficient funds will be available in order to maintain the existing level of employment in the road works section. As an alternative to a proposed further provision of funds for improvement works in the roads service, it is proposed to provide for some direct labour works for the provision of small water & sewerage schemes in selected villages in the County.

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The execution of such schemes would normally be dependent upon the allocation of capital funds by the Department of Local Government, but the allocation for 1976 amounted only to £25,000 and this provision was confined by the Minister for Local Government to villages where housing schemes required water & sewerage services. The Council has a particularly large programme of village schemes at various stages of planning and it is felt that rather than continue expanding the programme of works under road maintenance, it would be appropriate to make provision instead for the water & sewerage schemes. Accordingly, it is proposed in the remaining estimate to make provision of £75,000 under this heading.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WHICH WAS HELD IN COMMITTEE ON THE 20th SEPTEMBER, 1976, AT THE CO. BUILDINGS, GALWAY, TO CONSIDER THE ROADS ESTIMATE.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillor H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby.

Officials: Mr. S. Keating, Co. Manager. Mr. S. Stewart, Assistant County Manager, Mr. C. A. Warner, Co. Engineer. Mr. M. Dunne, Deputy Co. Engineer. Messrs. F. Monaghan, K. Hayes and S. McMahon, Chief Asst. Co. Engineers. Mr. M. Moroney, County Accountant. Mr. P. J. McGovern, Senior Staff Officer, Mrs. P. Monaghan, Staff Officer and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The opening prayer was recited.

1159 - ROADS ESTIMATE FOR 1977:

The Estimate of expenses for roads had been circulated to the Members together with explanatory tables and lists of Councillors' proposals and a statement from the County Manager dated 14th September, 1976.

The County Manager pointed out that the rate increase of 10.83 pence in the £1 mentioned in his report should read 3.56 pence in the £1. Referring to his statement, the Co. Manager said that the rate increase for roads for the current year (1976) of 97p in the £1 was exceptionally high. In addition to allowing for inflation it provided for an expanded programme amounting to an increase of 57.928 pence in the £1 which included 16.17 pence in the £1 voted by the Council in addition to the proposals prepared by the Manager. The Estimate prepared for 1977 provides for a normal programme of work. This programme of work could be provided for within the existing rate even after making an allowance for inflation and would leave a balance remaining of £65,326 for the programme of improvement works. The first demand on this balance was to make provision for an increased allowance ^{of £100} per Councillor for Notice of Motion works and £48,000 was set aside for surface dressing and chippings. This left a balance of £14,726 to which was added £62,274 making a total improvement fund available of £77,000. The result was that in addition to making provision for the normal programme of work, there was £77,000 extra available for improvement works or the equivalent of £7,000 for each Assistant Engineer's district. It has been assumed that the Minister will adopt the same policy as last year in regard to road grants.

The County Manager stated that there had been considerable pressure for water and sewerage schemes in small villages in the County in recent years. Last year the Department's allocation for small schemes was only £25,000 and it had to be spent on schemes required for new housing development. With such a small allocation little progress was being made and as an alternative to providing additional funds for improvement works in the roads service, it is proposed to provide £75,000 for some direct labour works for the provision of small water and sewerage schemes in selected villages in the county in the general estimates. Such money could be spent without regard to any conditions the Minister might impose in relation to the Department's allocation for small schemes.

Councillor Morgan said that the increase of £100 for Notice of Motion works bringing the total to £1,500 per Councillor was inadequate and proposed a figure of £2,000 per Councillor.

Councillor Holland agreed with the proposal to provide £75,000 for small water and sewerage schemes and suggested that the £77,000 might also be used for this purpose.

Councillor Joyce, in agreeing with the proposal in relation to water and sewerage schemes, suggested that the money be spent on new schemes rather than extending existing schemes.

Deputy Callanan suggested that the Councillors be allowed to consult with the Engineers for the area regarding the expenditure of the £7,000 per area and as regards the small water and sewerage schemes, he stated that a priority list would have to be approved by the Council deciding which schemes would be done.

Councillor Glynn said that the estimate for roads should not be considered in isolation from the estimates for the other services. There was a limit to what rates people could pay. There was an excellent standard of roads in Co. Galway and it was time emphasis was put on other services such as water and sewerage schemes. He agreed that there should be consultation on the expenditure of £7,000 per area on road works.

Councillor Byrne agreed with the proposals presented by the Co. Manager but considered that the £77,000 should be confined to proposals already submitted by the Councillors and listed on the blue sheets circulated to the Members.

Councillor Kelly supported Councillor Byrne on this.

After some discussion as to who would decide which schemes would be done out of the £77,000, the Co. Manager suggested that the Councillors for each area could get together with the Chief Assistant and Assistant Co. Engineer and decide on which schemes. In reply to Councillors Burke and Kilgannon about the present position of the expenditure of the £6,000 per Councillor provided in the 1976 Estimates, the Co. Manager stated that some works had been done, others will be done in the coming months and there were some problems with some proposals arising from land acquisition etc..

Councillor Burke said that he was not in favour of setting aside money for Councillors and added that the £7,000 per area should be spent on works decided upon by the Engineer for the area as was the system in the past.

Some Councillors disagreed with the idea of setting up a committee to decide what works would be done and after further discussion Councillor Glynn proposed that the £77,000 be used for small water and sewerage schemes. This was seconded by Councillor Holland.

Councillor Byrne said that he was proposing a direct negative to Councillor Glynn's proposal and that he was satisfied to let the decision rest with the Engineer as to what works would be selected. Councillor Burke seconded Councillor Byrne's proposal.

Councillor Morgan proposed that the system of £6,000 per Councillor which was adopted for 1976 be continued and if this was not acceptable, he proposed that the £77,000 be divided out amongst the 31 Councillors, the Councillors to decide what works would be done. He also proposed that the Notice of Motion money be increased to £2,000 per Councillor.

Councillor Kelly seconded Councillor Morgan's proposal to increase the Notice of Motion money to £2,000.

Councillor Ruane said that the £7,000 was a very small sum for the Galway area and he proposed that instead, the £77,000 be divided amongst the 31 Councillors and spent on works without regard to the proposals listed on the blue sheets.

Councillor Kelly seconded Councillor Ruane's proposal.

The Co. Manager stated that it might be possible to get a better programme of work done on the basis of £7,000 per area rather than breaking it up into smaller amounts.

Councillor Haverty proposed that the Co. Manager's proposals be accepted provided that Councillors could discuss with the Engineers for the areas, requests from people to have certain works done and that the works need not be confined to those on the blue sheets. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Holland.

Councillor Ryan said that the allocation of £7,000 per area was a substantial drop from the provision made in the 1976 Estimates and that it would be difficult to operate and he felt that the Council should meet to discuss the spending of it.

After further discussion, Councillor Haverty's proposal was agreed to.

IRISH ROAD SIGNS:

The Co. Manager referred to the changing of road signs in Gaeltacht areas to Irish only signs. He said that no provision was made for this in the Estimate but that he had received an estimate for it which showed that the total cost for the changing of signs

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on non-national roads would amount to £7,360.

Deputy Molloy proposed that provision be made in the estimates for this work. He was seconded by Councillor Flaherty and supported by Councillor Haverty.

Councillor Glynn proposed that the £7,360 come out of the £77,000 for improvement works.

Councillor Joyce said that he was against providing an extra £7,360 on the rates.

After some discussion as to how the cost of changing the road signs should be financed and whether it should be financed out of the £7,000 allocated for the areas where the signs were located or from the £77,000 before distributing it to the eleven areas, the Co. Manager stated that the Council would have to decide as to how provision would be made for it.

Deputy Molloy then withdrew his motion and it was agreed that the £7,360 be taken from the £77,000 before distributing it to the eleven areas.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICE OF MOTION ALLOCATION:

Deputy Molloy proposed that the allocation be increased to £2,500 per Councillor.

Councillor Kelly proposed that it be increased to £1,750 per Councillor and this was seconded by Councillor Ruane.

Councillor Byrne proposed that it be increased to £1,500 as recommended by the Co. Manager. This was seconded by Councillor Burke.

Councillor Morgan proposed that it be increased to £2,000 per Councillor.

A vote was taken on the proposal to allocate £1,500 to each Councillor which resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Burke, T. Byrne, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, Deputy Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, M. Ryan. (9)

Against: Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, M. Kelly, Deputy Kitt, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, P. Ruane, T. W. By. (11)

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

After some further discussion the proposal to increase the allocation to £1,750 per Councillor was agreed.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

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Submitted, approved and confirmed.

T. Hussey
Chairman

22/9/76
Date.

GALWAY COUNTY OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

21st September, 1976.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the County Old Age Pensions Committee which will be held in the County Buildings, Galway at 3.15 p.m. on Monday 27th September, 1976.

Mise, le meas,

E. KING
Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. Renewal of appointment of Mr. E. King as Clerk of the County Old Age Pensions' Committee for a further period of 6 months from 1/10/'76.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

20 Mean Fomhair, 1976.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Cónaí, Gaillimh, De Luain, 27u La Mean Fomhair, 1976 ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa tráthnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'Caomhánáigh.
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Decees received - schedule attached.
3. Declaration of roads to be public roads (copy of advertisement herewith).
4. Guaranteed Public Telephones - representative from Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs to attend.
5. Galway Harbour Commissioners -
(a) Guarantee for repayment of £52,000 loan by Galway Harbour Commissioners
(b) Request for additional assistance under Section 7 of the Harbours Act, 1947.
6. Approval for excess expenditure - Programme Group 6 - Libraries.
7. Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31/12/1975.
8. Excess expenditure for year ended 31/12/1975.
9. To fix date for Committee meetings.
10. Progress report on Sanitary Services Schemes, (report to follow).
11. Raising of loan of £12,000 for stage 1 of Ahascragh Water Supply Scheme.
12. Circular dated 14th September, 1976 re Members Travelling and Subsistence Allowances.
13. Sale of Council houses under Section 90 of Housing Act 1966 to the following:
Mr. Michael J. Keane, Davris, Milltown, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Margaret Fahy, Tisaxon, Athenry, Co. Galway.
Mr. Christopher Nevin, Mingbaun, Ballycrissane, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Michael Costello, Cosmona, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Julia Fitzpatrick, Demesne, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mr. Francis Cannon, Lerhin, Clonberne, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Gerald Reilly, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. Patrick Connors, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. James Conerney, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. Sean Bane, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. John J. Shiel, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

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Mr. Michael Robinson, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. Sean Lohan, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. James McDonald, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. William Burke, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. Frank Daniels, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

14. Resolution under Section 7 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967.
15. General conditions for group water schemes - Copy herewith.
16. Business submitted by County Manager.

NOTICES OF MOTION

17. Councillor P. McCormack: I will ask -
(i) That the County Council extend the water mains from Scanlon's house to Ballindooly cross to enable the 60 householders in Ballindooly, Killeen and Carrowbrowne to carry out a group water scheme.
18. Comhairleoir M. O Flatharta:
(i) Ce'n staid a bfuil corus reigiunach uisce Casla faoi lathair.
(ii) Molaim caoi a chuir ar choras uisce Tir an Fiaidh chun bru níos fearr do bheith ar an uisce ag Maimin agus Leitir Moir.
19. Deputy John Callanan: I will propose -
(i) That the Council investigate the possibility of building a small swimming pool on river bed at Abbeyrow, Athenry. If permission could be obtained, local people would collect towards the cost.
20. Councillor Michael Ryan: I will propose -
(i) That the sewerage system in Newbridge be improved immediately.
21. Councillor Norman Morgan: I will propose -
(i) That a portion at the south end of Portumna fairgreen be fenced off for a public park and childrens playground and that a sum of £1,000 be included in the 1977 estimates for its development and that the swings and exercise bars be re-sited in the proposed park.
22. Councillor Patrick Ruane: I will propose -
(i) That the road between Claregalway and Oramore be completed as soon as possible and that an extra amount of grants be allocated for same this year.
(ii) That Galway Co. Council purchase an extra set of equipment to speed up the testing of pumps for group water schemes.
(iii) Castle Ellen Pump: I propose to ask the Council to deepen this pump where there is a pump-house and some piping to nearby houses.
23. Deputy M. P. Kitt: I will propose -
(i) That the Pallas bog road, Pallas, Caltra, Ballinasloe be adopted by Galway County Council.
(ii) That provision be made in the estimates for improvement works, including a water tower, on the Ahascragh water scheme in order that a water supply be made available for the Creggaun, Bannavane, and Chapelinnerty Group Water Scheme.
(iii) That Galway County Council give a supplementary grant to the Cahererin Group Water Scheme to provide for storage tank and an extra pump.

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24. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
 (i) That arrangements be made for the laying of an extension of the public sewerage at Knockacarra to 400 yards up the Clybawn Road.
25. Councillor Miko Kelly: I will ask -
 (i) That the Manager take immediate steps to have the public lighting connected to Parkview Drive and Abbey Trinity Estates in Tuam and to state the reason for the long delay in having this done.
26. Councillor P. F. Glynn: I will propose -
 (i) That Galway County Council take over the two Land Commission pumps at (a) Abbeytown, Caherlistrane, and (b) Tonacoolen, and have same repaired and maintained in future.
27. Senator Mark Killilea: I will propose -
 (i) That the new houses to be built by the County Council at Headford begin as a matter of urgency.
 (ii) That Galway County Council borrow the money to complete the water works proposal for Tuam town as the Department of Local Government dont appear to have any intention of starting it.
 (iii) I will ask - If the Co. Manager has a statement to make re the investigation recently completed on the water shortage and pressure problems at the new estate in Ballygaddy Rd., Tuam.
28. Councillor Frank Fahey: I will ask -
 (i) That this Council propose to the Department of Local Government that it discontinus with its present policy on the provision of local authority housing and replace it with state subsidised, low interest, local authority loans giving up to 90% of total construction costs.

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MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

Name & Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree incl. Costs
Garthreeva Golf Course Ltd.	Damage to Machinery & Caravan - 16/9/71	D.E.D. Oughterard	£254.75	£282.01
Blackrock Holdings Ltd.	Damage to plate glass door & coin meter 17/3/75	Borough of Galway	£75.32	£87.07

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
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, 27th September, 1976 commencing at 3.30 p.m., consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads:—

Area	From	To	Metres
Clifden	End of existing road at Cloon townland in Omev Island, Claddaghduff	Cooreenatiny townland for a distance of 503 metres	503
Portumna	J.M.R. 340 Drummin	Mr. Fahy's yard Drummin	260
Portumna	C.R. 569 Flowerhill	Gate at S. Walsh's house, Flowerhill	264
Loughrea	C.R. 448 Kiltadoerna E.	Houses of P. Walsh and L. Hawkins	260
Gort	C.R. 341 Ballinduff	P. Mahony's gate, Ballinduff	270
Gort	M.R. 306 Newtown	Gate opposite E. Fennessy's house, Dromminacloghan	28
Mountbellew	C.R. 468 Cairra	towards M. Murray's house	110
Athenry	C.H. 143 Douglisloon, Cloonagh (Chainage 430m.)	towards C.R. 436 Cairra	80
Mountbellew	C.R. 513 Newtown (Chainage 100m.)	towards M. Gordon's house, Newtown	150
Athenry	Chainage 400 metres C.R. 439 Derrymannagh	towards P. Murray's house	150
Athenry	Chainage 270m. C.R. 432 at Lickla bridge	N.W. towards Monaghan's junction	150
Athenry	Junction with Co. Rd. 377 Gloves Middle	to gate leading to Lynskey's house, Gloves Middle	150
Ballinasloe	Chainage 408m. at Hardwood (Kilkeran)	Murray's gate, Hardwood	60
Loughrea	1 1/2 miles N.W. of J. of 481 and 450 Newgrove	Westwards towards J.C.R. 481, Carra	390
Ballinasloe	J.C.R. 557 Crossconell More	towards McKeigue's gate	225
Portumna	J.C.R. 561 Craughwell (Laurencestown)	towards C. Kilkenny's gate, Craughwell	270
Ballinasloe	Chainage 250m. C.R. 517 at Eglis	towards C.R. Ballynamona	190
Ballinasloe	J.C.R. 475 Lissdonnellroe	Loughacalla, Lissdonnellroe	172
Galway	End of existing Co. Road at Uggool	Jain Co. Rd. 108 at Kytelbroughlin	160
Athenry	End of Glennascaul branch road	Carr's yard gate, Glennascaul	150
Gort	Rear of Gort Dispensary	Rear of M. Glynn's house, Gort	115
Gort	Opposite Mr. Foley's house, Gort	Rear of Mrs. O'Donnell's house, Gort	57
Gort	End of C.R. 352 (branch) Kibbeacany	Gate at S. Bruderrick's house, Kibbeacany	50
Gort	End of C.R. No. 373 Ballyhugh	Field gate at T. Ahearn's house, Ballyhugh	50
Loughrea	C.R. 493 Larrage	M. Shiel's house, Barratoo	650
Gort	C.R. No. 354 Kilderry	P. Fitzgerald's street, Kilderry	304
Gort	End of C.R. in townland of Annagh	Alfred Murphy's gate, Annagh	62
Ballinasloe	J.C.R. 554 Carrowbaun	towards Butler's and Reynolds' houses, Carrowbaun	180
Portumna	C.R. 559 Cloonlathan	G. Fahy's house, Ballyooly	273
Ballinasloe	M.R. 310 J — Chainage 525 Brackernagh (Persse)	Newtown house, Brackernagh	50
Ballinasloe	Chainage 1750 Ballyvighier	North towards Croffy's house, Addergoole	160
Portumna	Chainage 1050 J.C.R. 556 through Cooleeney West	towards T. Geoghegan's gate, Cooleeney	130
Milltown	C.R. 228 Stripe North	Michael Higgins' house, Stripe North	250
Milltown	Keeley's house Stripe North	J. O'Toole's house, Stripe North	210
Milltown	Co. Rd. 219 Kilerceevanty	P. Mullin's house, Kilerceevanty	78
Portumna	C.R. 563 Spring Grove chainage 230 metres	M. Guinan's Gate	330
Portumna	C.R. 357 Hannaspark	Gate at M. Keane's house, Hannaspark	337
Loughrea	C.R. 543 at McDonagh's house, Tomanybeg	Farrell's house, Tomanybeg	223
Portumna	C.R. 576 Pallas	Gate leading to T. Kelly's house, Pallas	528
Clifden	Chainage 614 metres from existing Co. Rd. near Lobster Ponds at Aughrus Beg	towards Augrus More, Cloggan	470
Milltown	C.R. 244 Carrownaecer	towards J. Bhattigan's house	145
Milltown	Road near M. Flanagan's house	Co. Road 254 Tomard	144
Tuam	Road No. 132 near Headford Bridge	towards Neome's house, Gortumona	145
Portumna	C.R. 597 Fahy	Fahy Burial Ground, Gortumona	138
Portumna	C.R. 557 Derreen	Gate at P. Hough's house	250
Portumna	C.R. 559 Oghilmore	Gate at Mrs. Celly's yard	245
Portumna	C.R. 582 Kiltmaeshane Chainage 200 metres	North towards end of J. Kenny's Orchard	180
Portumna	C.R. 581 Mountprospect	towards W. J. Coughlan's gate, Mountprospect	140
Tuam	C.R. 164 Cloonacragh	Ryan's house, Cloonacragh, Tuam	152
Tuam	C.R. 206 Grange	Ward's house, Grange	190
Milltown	C.R. 213 Kilerceevanty	J. Connolly's house, Kilerceevanty	313
Milltown	C.R. 213 Carrownaecer	J. Maunton's entrance, Gardenfield	210
Portumna	C.R. 581 Crowsnest Chainage 400m.	towards gate leading to B. McLoughlin's house, Coolbeg	160
Tuam	C.R. 127 at Carrowmore	Mohan's house, Tonacoolen	80
Tuam	C.R. 134 at Cahervoley	Burke's house, Cahervoley	120
Tuam	C.R. 128 Ballanagarran	T. Bally's house, Killamannagh	105
Milltown	C.R. 155 Beaghmore	McDonnell's and Nally's houses	190
Tuam	Connolly's house	Dooley's house, Cloverpark	310
Tuam	C.R. 129 Polloshalla	Costello's house	74
Milltown	C.R. 223 south of J. Courtney's house	towards M. Daly's house, Lissacanny	115
Ballinasloe	Jac. C.R. 513 Kilglass	Burke's house, Kilglass	81
Athenry	End of public road at S. Power's house Shanballard	towards J. Hastings' house, Fahy	60
Athenry	C.R. 433 Junction Shanballyeeshal	towards Hansberry's house, Gortnahultra	75
Tuam	M.R. 60 Bunnacoonen	Connolly's house, Cloverpark	150
Galway	C.R. 132 Baranna	Tom Casey's house, Baranna	71
Galway	C.R. 138 Baranna	Pat Crowe's house, Baranna	51
Tuam	C.R. 122 at Ballyhate	G. Joyce's house, Mountreas	260
Clifden	C.R. 48 Kylemore	towards G. Mortimer's house	610
Athenry	Jac. with C.R. 186 at M. Keaven's house, Rinville West	Sea shore	100
Athenry	Jac. with C.R. 378 Rahard	Rooney's, Rahard	725
Athenry	Jac. with C.R. 382 Blean	Rooney's entrance gate, Blean	450
Athenry	Jac. with C.R. 379 towards Willmount Burial Ground	Gate to T. Murphy's yard	77
Gort	C.R. 341 Kiltarian	Gate piers at Murray's house, Kiltarian	480
Portumna	C.R. 529 Lissalumna	M. Coughlan's house, Lissalumna	185
Portumna	C.R. 529 Mullaghmore	M. Morgan's gate, Mullaghmore	161
Loughrea	C.R. 451 at Booked	C.R. 449 Tinagerragh	190
Tuam	Co. Rd. 151 Kilgill	Mrs. Kavanagh's house	160
Tuam	Main Rd. 60 Ballycow	Higgins' house	240
Tuam	Co. Rd. 104 Ballycow	Lavender's house	200
Mountbellew	Co. Rd. 411 (Chainage 280m.)	towards M. Geraghty's house, Mullaghmore East	300
Tuam	Mullaghmore East	E. Ryder's Gate, Clogherboy	185
Mountbellew	C.R. 208 at Rosgill	Gateway to J. Meehan's house	250
Oughterard	N.S. Route 370 Mullaghmore East	N/E for 510 metres by James Lee's, Annaghkeelagh	75
Athenry	C.R. 86 Annaghkeelagh	Reilly's house, Carrownaclogh	120
Galway	C.R. 442 Carrownaclogh	Keady's house, Pollnaclogha	200
An inaccuracy occurred in the description of the following road County Council at its meeting on the 26th January, 1976.			
Area	From	To	Length Metres
Athenry	C.R. 441 Cloonbenis	Dwyer's gate, Cloonbenis	300
The word Kenny's gate should be substituted for Dwyer's gate.			

T. KAVANAGH, Acting County Secretary

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HEDD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1976.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, F. Coogan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Maherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Stewart, Assistant County Manager; C. A. Warner, County Engineer; M. J. Dunne, Deputy Co. Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; T. O'Neill, Senior Staff Officer; K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The opening prayer was recited.

1160 - CONGRATULATION OF GALWAY MINOR FOOTBALL TEAM:

On the proposition of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and supported by the Chairman and other Members, the Council conveyed its congratulations to the Galway Minor Football Team on winning the all-Ireland trophy.

1161 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Melvin, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 23rd August, 1976 and the Committee Meeting held on the 20th September, 1976 (Nos. 1122 - 1159 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1162 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that malicious damage decrees as listed in the schedule to the Agenda had been received since the last monthly meeting.

1163 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved: "That Galway County Council hereby approve declaration of roads set out in the Schedule to No. 3 on the Agenda circulated to each Member to be public roads, the necessary statutory notices having been published."

1164 - GUARANTEED PUBLIC TELEPHONES:

The Chairman introduced Mr. S. Beausang and Mr. J. O'Connor of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to the Members and explained that they were attending the meeting at the invitation of members of the Council who wished to have further information on the question of guaranteed public telephones in rural areas. The Chairman then asked Mr. Beausang to explain to the Council the policy of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs in relation to the provision of public telephone kiosks in rural areas.

Mr. Beausang stated that prior to 1969, the policy of the Department had been to provide telephone kiosks in sub-post offices and that this resulted in having a telephone in practically every parish in the country. He stated that it was the policy of the Department to extend the telephone service into as many areas as possible subject to cost limitations and that since 1969 it has been the policy to replace call boxes in sub-offices with street kiosks which will be available to the public for 24 hours every day. He stated that those initially replaced were those of most benefit to the public and that since 1970, over 60 such kiosks had been provided in Co. Galway in lieu of call boxes in sub-offices. He stated that some have not been replaced as they were not used to an extent which would warrant replacing them.

The guarantee scheme started with/Post Office Act 1908 under which the Minister could accept a guarantee of a certain amount of revenue from organisations or individuals. Generally, the cost of a kiosk in a rural area is approx. £800 including line work but in some areas the cost may be considerably more

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than this if a considerable length of line work had to be provided. In relation to a kiosk which can be provided at an approximate cost of £800, the amount of the guarantee now sought is £255 but this is likely to be increased because of increased maintenance costs. In one case which was referred to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs by Galway Co. Council, the extra line work would bring the total cost to approx. £4,500 and in such a case, the guarantee needed would be for a greater sum. He considered that where a kiosk has to be provided at a cost of say £800 where it would be used mainly for emergency calls, the question arises as to whether it is a practical proposition which would justify subsidisation. The average revenue from kiosks throughout the country ranges from approximately £80 to £100 per annum.

With regard to the provision of new telephone kiosks, Mr. Beausang stated that where a reasonable creditable revenue is not likely, the Post Office could provide a phone only if revenue up to a certain figure is guaranteed by, say, a local community or by the local authority. The amount of the guarantee would be at present the difference between £255 in the normal case and the creditable revenue which would consist of the amount received in respect of all local calls and 50% of the amount received for trunk calls.

Replying to Deputy Callanan, Mr. Beausang stated that there are approximately 20 sub-post offices in Co. Galway where the call box has not been replaced by an outside kiosk.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that in relation to Kiltullagh, the fact that the call-box is inside the sub-office is a factor in its limited usage and he considered that a call-box should be erected outside immediately.

Councillor Ryan stated that a similar situation exists in Clonberne.

Replying to Councillor O Morain and other Councillors, Mr. Beausang stated that he could not then give an estimate of what the amount of the guarantee would be where the cost of provision of a kiosk is approximately £4,000 to £5,000 but he promised to forward some information on this to the County Council.

Replying to Councillor Morgan who asked why an outside telephone is not provided where a sub-office is closed, Mr. Beausang stated that generally, if a post office is closed, the amount of business does not justify the existence of a sub-office in that location but that with regard to the phone, the extent to which the call-box was used in the post office is taken into account in deciding whether to erect a kiosk outside.

Replying to Councillor Fahey, Mr. Beausang stated that the main element in the cost of kiosks is the cost of maintenance and that the Council is not charged for the initial cost of the kiosk itself.

Councillor Galvin stated that while he would like to see telephone kiosks erected at various locations throughout the county, he noted that the cost involved arises from maintenance and vandalism and he considered that the Co. Council was letting itself in for a lot of trouble in embarking on the erection of a number of telephone kiosks.

Councillor Glynn expressed disagreement with the criteria operated by the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs and stated that the amount of revenue from public telephone kiosks could be influenced by the number of private 'phones in the area. He stated that many telephone kiosks are out of order from time to time due to vandalism and the use of defective coins. Referring to the telephone system in general, he stated that in the Tuam area the greatest inconvenience arises from the lack of an adequate number of lines and he stated that the existing telephone lines are overlaid.

Councillor Haverly stated that the provision of an adequate telephone service was the responsibility of the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs and that that Dept. should carry out its responsibilities.

Replying to Councillor Kelly, Mr. Beausang stated that the 1p slot was discontinued for engineering reasons and also that where the revenue for a year in respect of a guaranteed phone exceeds £255, the excess or surplus is carried on to the revenue for the second year and so on from year to year up to the end of the five-year guarantee period. Regarding malicious damage claims, he stated that those are not lodged unless the amount of damage is over £25.

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Councillor Burke opposed the operation of the guarantee system by the Co. Council stating that it is a dangerous precedent.

Councillor Fahey asked if Mr. Beausang could inform the Council in writing of the experience of cost and revenue of kiosks in rural areas and towns over the last year or two.

Mr. Beausang stated that throughout the country, including Co. Galway, the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs is losing money on telephone kiosks and that the average loss is approximately £80 per annum per kiosk.

The Chairman stated that this matter will be on the Agenda for a later meeting and he conveyed the thanks of the Council to Mr. Beausang and Mr. O'Connor for attending the meeting and for the information which they had given.

1165 - GALWAY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS - GUARANTEE OF LOAN AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Senator Killilea referred to the report of the Co. Manager dated 24/ 9/1976 which had just then been circulated to Members at the meeting in connection with the guarantee of loans and financial assistance for Galway Harbour Commissioners and stated that as there was not time to study the report he proposed that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Morgan.

When Councillor Glynn asked for an explanation of the document from the Co. Manager, the Chairman stated that it is self explanatory.

Deputy Molloy, Chairman of Galway Harbour Commissioners stated that the Commissioners would be glad to have a meeting with Members of the Council on this matter if the Councillors so desired.

Senator Killilea's proposal was agreed.

1166 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE 1976 - PROGRAMME GROUP 6 - LIBRARIES:

The Co. Manager stated that a grant of £6,640 had been received for the purpose of providing books for schools' libraries 1976. He stated that this had not been taken account of when the libraries estimate was being prepared and he requested the approval of the Council to an expenditure of this sum for the purpose of providing books for schools in the current financial year.

It was proposed by Councillor O Morain, seconded by Councillor Kilgannon and resolved -

"That Galway County Council hereby approve excess expenditure in the current financial year amounting to £6,640 for the purpose of providing books for school libraries, in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955".

Councillor Kilgannon complimented the Libraries Committee and the library staff on the excellent service being provided by them.

1167 - ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS, FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31/12/1975:

The Abstract of Accounts for the financial year ended 31/12/1975 which was made available to Members at the meeting for inspection was noted.

1168 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/1975:

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor O Morain and resolved:

"That expenditure in excess of that provided in the estimates or already approved by the Council be now authorised as follows in respect of the year ended 31/12/1975"

<u>Roads A/c</u>			
Ordinary Road Works (C.A.L.)	£49,779
Special Grant Works (C.A.L.)	£363
Other Purposes	£59,977
			£110,119
<u>Housing A/c</u>			
Local Assistance Schemes	£5,664
Housing Acts Loans	£7,432
			£13,096
		Carried forward	£123,215

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	Brought forward	£123,215
<u>Sanitary A/c</u>		
Water Supplies	£46,348	
Baths, Wash-houses and Bathing Places	£2,520	
Domestic Refuse Collection	£9,503	
Burial Grounds	£14,430	
Public Lighting	£348	£73,149
<u>General Purposes A/c</u>		
Public Libraries	£8,306	
Fire Brigades	£10,897	
Materials Expense A/c	£30,519	
Other Purposes	£14,702	£64,424
<u>Public Assistance A/c</u>		
Other Purposes	£9,813	£9,813
	Total	£270,601

It was noted that there were savings in the same year amounting to £341,399.

1169 - DATES FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

It was noted that the Annual Estimates Meeting of the Council would be held on 18th October, 1976 and that the ordinary monthly meeting for October would be held on the 25th idem.

It was agreed that the date for the meeting of the Housing Committee be provisionally fixed for the 29th October, 1976.

Meeting to Consider Adoption of Development Plan for Oranmore and Objections and Submissions to the Draft Plan:

The County Manager suggested that this matter be adjourned for say two months at which time he expected some information would be available from the Galway transportation study. He explained to Members that the terms of reference of the consultants dealing with this matter had been extended to include the road from Galway to Oranmore and that the question of the route which the national roads would take in the vicinity of Oranmore was relevant to the Oranmore Plan.

Deputy Molloy stated that the consultants should be in a position to make the proposals in accordance with existing conditions and development plans. He felt it unnecessary to postpone consideration of the plans for the transportation study as he considered that adequate provision had been made for roads in the Draft Plan for Oranmore. He proposed that the Council go ahead now with consideration of the objections to the Draft Plan. This proposal was seconded by Senator Killilea.

After a further discussion, it was agreed to hold a special meeting of the Co. Council on the 13th October, 1976 to consider the Draft Plan for Oranmore and the objections thereto.

At the request of Councillor Haverty, the Co. Manager stated that in future, Members would be notified of dates on which the Council offices would be closed to the public - in connection with Galway race meetings.

1170 - PROGRESS REPORT ON SANITARY SERVICES SCHEMES:

The Co. Manager referred to the following reports circulated to Members:-

- (a) Co. Manager's report and Priority List - November, 1974.
- (b) Progress report on Sanitary Services Schemes as at 30th June, 1976.
- (c) Report of Mr. J. Stewart, Assistant Co. Manager on Schemes which should proceed immediately in order to meet urgent social, agricultural and industrial needs of the county.

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He stated that with regard to Nos. 10 and 11 on Mr. Stewart's report, the documents approved are the preliminary reports. He explained that the list on this report is not a priority list but is a list of schemes which it is desirable should be carried out soon. He pointed out that in the documents dated November, 1974, some flexibility is built into the priority order to take account of varying rates of progress in the planning of schemes.

Referring to Group Water Schemes, the Co. Manager stated that there are approx. 400 schemes at various stages of progress. The Asst. Co. Manager's report highlighted one such scheme which is dependent on the Loughrea Regional Scheme referred to in Page 2 of the report, where the promoter had asked for a Water Rights Order. In this case the Co. Manager stated that the preliminary report on the Regional Scheme will be sent to the Department of Local Government in a few weeks. Regarding the request of the promoter for a Water Rights Order, he pointed out that the making of such an Order is a reserved function but that progress with the Group Scheme is contingent on the following matters being first cleared in relation to the Regional Scheme:

- (1) The preliminary report has to be approved by the Department of Local Government
- (2) A Water Rights Order has to be made in relation to the abstraction of a supply of water - this cannot be made until the preliminary report is approved.
- (3) If the Water Rights Order is approved, there is then the problem of approximately £2m. being made available for the Regional Scheme.

Mr. Dunne, replying to Deputy Kitt stated that the Contract Documents for Stage 2 of the Ahacragh Water Scheme will be ready in November next.

Senator Killalea stressed the urgency of proceeding with the Tuam Water Augmentation Scheme stating that drainage of 3,000 acres of land is held up until the scheme is provided and that water pressure is low in housing estates. He asked that the motions in his name on the Agenda (Nos. 27(ii) and 27(iii)) be considered in conjunction with this item.

The County Manager stated that the Council cannot borrow except on foot of an allocation and until the Contract Documents are approved.

Regarding the low water pressure in the new estate in Ballygaddy Rd., he stated that a scheme to improve pressure in this scheme would be proposed in the under £20,000 schemes in 1977 - this would be subject to capital being made available.

Replying to Councillor McCormack, the Co. Manager stated that target dates for schemes are set out in the reports, assuming that work could start when schemes are planned and assuming also that funds are available.

Councillor Morgan asked that provision be made in the Water Rights Order for the right to take a sufficient volume of water to serve the Loughrea Regional Scheme and the proposed Group Scheme. The Co. Manager stated that the Order would provide for the whole area to be provided for.

In reply to Councillor O Morain, the Co. Manager referred to the need for flexibility when considering the order of priority of schemes, but he pointed out that the allocation of funds by the Minister for a specific scheme could alter the order of priority.

Councillor Joyce expressed disappointment with the programme stating that no reliance could be placed on target dates which were continually changing. He referred in particular to the Laurencetown Scheme for which the target date for completion of planning is now 1977. He stated that the Council is forgetting villages and small towns. The Co. Manager stated that progress is more dependent on finance than on planning.

Replying to a query by Councillors Fahey and Haverty, the Co. Manager stated that he could give no indication as to what funds are likely to be available in the next five years.

Councillor Kilgannon recommended that the grant structure for Group Sewerage Schemes be altered as existing grants are unrealistic and stating that the schemes on the Priority list would cost £4,962,000 while all proposed schemes would cost approx. £10m. Deputy Callanan recommended that in order to make some progress the Minister be asked to increase substantially the grants for Group Sewerage Schemes.

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The Co. Manager informed the Council that the only capital for major schemes this year was a special allocation for bringing water to Rossaveal. The sum of £12,000 for Ahascragh is also being made available.

Replying to the discussion, Mr. Stewart stated that the reports were presented to the Council in order to give Members an indication of capital needed in the short-term. An effort had been made to select schemes which would relieve the situation in the short-term. He recommended that the Minister be asked for a reasonable allocation to enable progress to be made.

In reply to a query by Councillor Burke, the Co. Manager stated that he could not put a time-scale on progress with the Loughrea Regional Scheme on which the group scheme will depend. Progress will depend on the matters set out on Page 2 of the Assistant County Manager's report, also on whether objections to the Water Rights Order might be made and in addition any problems which might cause delay in construction of the intake, trunk mains and reservoir.

Councillor Kelly supported Senator Killilea's proposal that a loan be now raised for the Tuam Water Scheme. He considered that the existing reservoir is dangerous.

Councillor Glynn asked that the Minister be requested to allocate the sum of £2m. immediately and a guarantee of a reasonable sum each year for the next 10 years. He stated that the sum of £77,000 extra provided for roads should be diverted to providing Village Sewerage Schemes.

The Co. Manager replying to Councillor Ruane stated that he hoped money would soon be allocated for the Carnmore/Brierhill Scheme.

Councillor Fahey proposed and Councillor McCormack seconded that the programme be forwarded to the Minister in order to impress on him the urgency of making capital available. It was agreed that the Manager forward a case to the Minister for a substantial capital allocation.

1171 - LOAN £12,000 FOR STAGE 1 OF AHASCRAGH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £12,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of financing Stage 1 of the Ahascragh Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repayable by instalments over such period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council".

At the request of Deputy Kitt, the Council agreed to consider his motion (No. 23 (ii)) on the Agenda in conjunction with this item.

Referring to this motion, the Co. Manager stated that the Council will provide the Creggaun, Banavane and Chapelinnerty Group Water Scheme with a supply of water on completion of Stage 1 of the Ahascragh Water Supply Scheme the date for completion of which is estimated to be the 1st December, 1976.

1172 - TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND COMMITTEES:

Circular Letter G.8/76 dated 14th September, 1976 from the Department of Local Government in connection with this matter, copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council was submitted.

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Kilgannon and resolved:

"That (A) Galway County Council hereby approve payment of travelling expenses at the rate of 18p in respect of each mile travelled from and to his official residence, to and from a place of meeting, to Members of Galway County Council and to members of any committee, sub-committee, board or joint committee or joint board (other than a Vocational Education Committee or Committee of Agriculture) of, or appointed by the Council where the official residence of the Member is five miles or more by any route from the place of the meeting - this rate to apply to attendances at meetings on or after the 1st July, 1976.

(B) An inclusive travelling and subsistence allowance not exceeding £4.50 be paid to any Member who attends a meeting of the authority or of a committee at a place less than five miles by any route from his official residence and who is

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obliged by reason of such attendance to remain away from his home for a continuous period of not less than three hours - this allowance to apply to meetings held on or after 1st July, 1976.

(C) The Council also approve payment of the other travelling and subsistence allowances set out in the enclosure to the Circular Letter G.8/76 dated 4th September, 1976 and also vote the necessary expenditure to implement all the above allowances in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955."

1173 - SALE OF COUNCIL HOUSES UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1966:

The Co. Manager requested the approval of the Council to the sale of houses listed in the Agenda to the tenants named therein in accordance with the terms of Notices under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966 served on each Member of the Council on the 16th September, 1976.

Deputy Molloy enquired if a condition is included in the sale to the effect that before giving consent to a sale or lease of the dwelling or part thereof within five years from the date on which the dwelling was sold by the Council, the tenant would be required to pay an amount approved by the Minister for Local Government to the Council.

The Co. Manager stated that a clause to this effect is intended to be included in the transfer order in accordance with the Notice dated 16th September, 1976. He stated that this clause was being included in accordance with the directions of the Minister for Local Government but that the Council if it so wishes may exclude this clause from the conditions as set out in the transfer. He pointed out to the Members, however, that the Minister had stated that where a local authority fails to require a contribution under Section 90 (6) (a) of the Housing Act 1966, in any case, without exception, of a first resale of a local authority house within 5 years of the date of a Transfer Order under Section 90 and this results in a loss to public funds, the cost must be borne by the local authority through the operation of housing subsidies. The Co. Manager stated that this means that any such loss which arises will result in a loss of subsidy and the amount would have to be made up from rates.

Deputy Molloy enquired if the Council had not already agreed that such clause should be excluded from future transfers.

The Co. Manager stated that the clause in question is being included on the direction of the Minister and that it is his responsibility in the discharge of his executive functions to put such a clause into all proposed transfers but that it is a matter for the Council if they wish to have this clause excluded in each individual case which he puts before them. He again reminded the Council that failure to include this clause in the transfer which results in a loss to public funds in the event of a sale within five years would involve levying from rates the amount of any loss sustained in loss of subsidy arising from the exclusion of this condition.

The Co. Manager then read for the Members the following letter Ref. H.S.34 H.26/76 dated 24th September, 1976 from the Department of Local Government re Housing Subsidy:

"A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to this Department's Circular letter H.11/76 of 13th May, 1976 about the resale of local authority houses.

Subject to what follows, where the failure of a local authority to require a contribution under section 90(6)(a) of the Housing Act, 1966, in any case, without exception, of a first resale of a local authority house within five years from the date of a Transfer Order under section 90 results in a loss to public funds, the cost must be borne by the local authority through the operation of housing subsidies. In order to establish the cost that must be met by the local authority, you are requested to compile and return the enclosed schedule to the Department in relation to all houses in respect of which Transfer Orders, made after 23rd September, 1974 under section 90 of the Act, incorporated special condition (c) of section 89 and the houses were resold since 13th May last.

This information should be forwarded to the Department, as soon as possible, but in any event not later than 31st October, 1976. Similar returns should

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henceforth be furnished on an annual basis by 31st October each year.

Local authorities are reminded that Transfer Orders made on or after 1st July, 1976 must include special conditions (b) and (c) of Section 89."

Councillor Glynn objecting to the clause in question stated that if the reason for the clause is that houses are being sold to tenants at less than the full market value, the Minister should provide for giving the tenant the option of purchasing the house at the full market value without the operation of the clause referred to, or alternatively, sell it to the tenant at a lower price with the operation of this clause included.

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy and seconded by Councillor Fahey -

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of houses to the following tenants in accordance with the terms of Notice dated the 16th September, 1976, circulated to each Member subject to the exclusion of the condition which reads as follows -

'(b) a condition that the Council may before giving a consent to a sale or lease of the dwelling or part thereof, within five years from the date on which the dwelling was sold by the Council, require the payment to them of an amount approved by the Minister for Local Government.'

Mr. Michael J. Keane, Davris, Milltown, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Margaret Fahy, Tisaxon, Athenry, Co. Galway.
Mr. Christopher Nevin, Muingbaun, Ballycrissane, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Michael Costello, Cosmona, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Julia Fitzpatrick, Demesne, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mr. Francis Gannon, Lerhin, Clonberne, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Gerald Reilly, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. Patrick Connors, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. James Conerney, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. Sean Bane, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. John J. Shiel, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. Michael Robinson, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. Sean Lohan, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. James McDonald, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. William Burke, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. Frank Daniels, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway. "

Councillor Morgan stated that he did not agree that the Council should impose a higher charge on ratepayers to compensate people who make a profit on the sale of houses.

It was proposed by Councillor Burke and seconded by Councillor Morgan that the Council hereby agree to the sale of the houses referred to, to the tenants listed on the Agenda in accordance with the directions given by the Minister for Local Government.

Councillor Glynn stated that the sale of a house to a tenant should be on the same terms as if the person in question had borrowed the amount of the purchase price.

Councillors Kelly and Ryan asked that the matter be deferred for further consideration to the next meeting of the Council.

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

For: Councillors U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy F. Coogan, Cllrs. M. J. Kilgannon, P. McCormack, N. Morgan, M. Ryan. (7)
Against: Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor H. Melvin, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillor M. O Morain. (12)

Councillor M. Kelly did not vote.

The Chairman then declared Councillor Burke's amendment defeated and it was agreed that the motion proposed by Deputy Molloy and seconded by Councillor Fahey be carried by 12 votes to 7.

1174 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND (RELIEF) ACT, 1967:

It was proposed by Deputy Callanan, seconded by Councillor Haverty and resolved -

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"That subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government, the Galway Co. Council hereby determine that allowances granted under the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Acts 1939 to 1974 in respect of land which is subject to assessment for rates by the Council shall not be subject to a condition that the said rates are payable not later than 31st December, 1976."

1175 - GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR GROUP WATER SCHEMES:

It was agreed that this matter be adjourned to the October meeting of the Council.

1176 - TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1976-1980:

The Co. Manager referring to the Plan, copy of which was forwarded to the Members early this year, stated that these proposals had been examined briefly by the Council's staff and consultations had taken place with officers of Bord Failte to see which schemes would be the most appropriate. The preliminary examination was completed only last week and Bord Failte had now proposed that a number of schemes, copy of which was circulated to each Member of the Council at the meeting, be carried out in the current financial year. Bord Failte is prepared to give a grant of £24,500 towards those schemes and a contribution of £19,000 would be required from the Co. Council. He stated that the schemes were selected because of their contribution to tourism by Bord Failte and also because of the fact that they met the criteria for suitable amenity schemes from the point of view of the County Council. He stated that the sum of £24,500 is available from Bord Failte up to the 31st December next but that it would be necessary for the Council to approve the expenditure of £19,000 in the present year as this had not been provided for in the current year's estimates. He stated that if approval in principle were given by the Council now, he would make provision for levying it in next year's rate and also for a sum to meet similar schemes which might be carried out by the Co. Council in the coming financial year.

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy and seconded by Councillor McCormack that the Council hereby approve the voting of excess expenditure amounting to £19,000 to meet the Council's contribution towards the cost of schemes proposed for execution this year by Bord Failte in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

Deputy Callanan stated that there was no expenditure whatever proposed under this scheme for East Galway.

The Co. Manager stated that the tourism plan published by Bord Failte includes proposals for various parts of the county over the next four years and that the proposal now coming before the Council is only the first instalment. Replying to further queries, the Co. Manager stated that Bord Failte is not prepared to make grants towards church car-parks as they are limited to proposals with a tourism content.

Councillor Burke complained that about three months ago he had a proposal for consideration at a meeting that certain schemes for the Meelick, Portumna and Rossmore areas be carried out and that he did not get any reply from the Co. Council to this proposal.

Councillor Kelly also protested at the imbalance in the proposal between East Galway and West Galway.

Councillor O Morain asked Members to examine the Bord Failte plan which was circulated to them and that East Galway had benefited from Bord Failte publicity.

A decision on this proposal had not been made when the meeting adjourned.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned and all remaining items on the Agenda were deferred to the October meeting.

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Submitted Approved and Confirmed
To *[Signature]*
Chairman
5/11/76 DATE.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS ON MONDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1976.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, F. Coogan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TO OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE:

It was proposed by Senator Mark Killilea, seconded by Councillor P. Ruane and Senator J. Mannion and resolved -

" That Edward King, Clerk to the County Galway Old Age Pensions Committee be re-appointed for a further twelve months."

The meeting then terminated.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

Su Deire Fomhair, 1976.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special meeting of the County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Wednesday next, the 13th October commencing at 3.30 p.m. to consider the adoption of the Development Plan for Oranmore and the objections and submissions to the Draft Plan.

Enclosed are copies of the objections and submissions received from the following together with the Planning Officers' observations on them.

1. Messrs. Sandys & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Commander William King.
2. Recke Forge Ltd..
3. Mr. Kieran Furey,
4. Mr. Gregory Mogan.
5. Messrs. Rooney Auctioneers Ltd. and Messrs P. J. Tobin & Co., Consulting Engineers on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. MacNamara, (observations to follow).
6. National Monuments Advisory Council.
7. Oranmore/Maree Community Council.
8. Dr. S. UaConchubhair.
9. Mr. P. J. Brennan.

Mise, le meas,

T. Kavanagh.
ACTING CO. SECRETARY.

W. A. F. SANDYS
BRYAN C. BROPHY
DUBLIN AGENTS' ADDRESS
27 UPPER ORMOND QUAY

SANDYS & CO.
SOLICITORS
25 SEA ROAD
GALWAY
TELEPHONE 091-62548

OUR REF. WS/Mc/3560
YOUR REF.

6th May, 1976.

re: Proposed New Main Road at Oranmore.

Dear Sir,

Please note that we have been instructed to act on behalf of Commander William King and his wife Mrs Anita King in objecting to the proposed Oranmore Bye-pass on the Limerick side, as portion of it cuts through their lands. We propose to put our case to you at the correct time and place, but as of now, you might please let us know how the matter stands and put our name on the list of objectors.

Yours faithfully,

SANDYS & CO.



The County Surveyor,
Galway County Council,
County Buildings,
Prospect Hill
GALWAY.

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OUR REF. WS/Mc/3560
YOUR REF. KD/EK.

4th October, 1976.

re: Proposed New Road at Oranmore.
Draft Development Plan for Oranmore.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your communication of the 28th ult. herein on the visit of our Mr Sandys and Commander William King to your office this morning when they met Mr R. Lee and Mr D. Kavanagh we beg to state as follows:-

The urgency surrounding the submission of our views has taken us somewhat by surprise considering we wrote you on May 6th last and your letter of the 28th ult. was the first notice we had that any progress had been made at your end.

Nevertheless, we have tried to understand what the County Council have in mind and relate their proposals to the farm owned by our clients and which seemingly will be affected by the new roadway running south from the proposed roundabout or cross-roads. Our clients are small farmers and cannot from a viable point of view suffer the loss of any area of land as is envisaged by the draft Plan.

The proposed new road-way will apparently bisect our clients' farm for a considerable distance so that access to the two new divisions and between them for stock and machinery etc. will be well nigh impossible.

Portion of the proposed new road seems to be calculated to run through low lying marsh and bog land which will effectively seal the drainage of this land and make it unfit for any agricultural purpose. If the land were properly drained it might be a different story, but it must be appreciated that considerable extra cost is involved if any such roadway were through bogland and of course the drainage of this area would be costly.

Our clients suggest that an alternative route should be found which would not divide their holding of land, or for that matter, any other owner's land, by placing the roadway between two existing holdings of land or adapting existing secondary roads to future needs by widening and straightening them.

We would also suggest that building the new roadway on higher and firmer ground and not on bog land or marsh land would be much cheaper and give a far better foundation.

We would thank you to please let us have immediate notice of any further developments and kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

SANDYS & CO.

The County Secretary,
Galway County Council,
at H. U.

P.S. The proposed road will cut through existing woodland which protects our clients' stock from the elements all the year round.

RECKE FORGE LIMITED

STEEL FLANGES
ORANMORE
CO. GALWAY - IRELAND
Telephone: (091) 84135
Telex: 8353 (Reck EI)

31st May, 1976.

Galway County Council,
The County Buildings,
Galway.



Attention: Mr. Lee, Planning Officer.

Ref.: Oranmore Draft Development Plan.

1 JUN 1976

Dear Sirs,

The Oranmore Draft Development Plan is showing a residential area which comes close to our existing factory.

We want to bring to your attention that our forge was originally located by the I.D.A. in this area of Oranmore because our equipment and particularly our hammer is very noisy. Also we are operating on two shifts i.e. from 6 am to 10 pm and it is likely that we might operate our hammer on three shifts meaning 24 hours.

We also have an expansion programme planned where we shall add forging equipment of much larger size than we are having now. This equipment is very powerful and noisy.

For the afore-mentioned reasons your planned residential area is entirely unsuitable being that close to our factory.

If nevertheless, you should implement your plan as outlined we want to go on record herewith that we shall not be held liable for any disturbances caused by our equipment to the occupants of your planned residential area.

Please confirm receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,
RECKE FORGE LIMITED

Hans W. Count von der Recke

Managing Director.

Registered Office: 28, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2; registration No. 31455; V.A.T. No. 9249215

DIRECTORS: R. J. Boyko (USA) Chairman; H. W. Count von der Recke (USA) Managing; M. Patt (Germany) K. Patt (Germany) A. Shalom (USA).
SECRETARY: G. C. McCaffrey (Canada), Assistant Secretary: P. A. Galvin.

OBSERVATIONS ON SUBMISSIONS MADE BY RECKE FORGE LTD.

Material Considerations

The main consideration on this submission is that Recke Forge Ltd. have notified the Planning Authority, in advance, that from the action of the Planning Authority in zoning lands for residential use at a distance, at the nearest point, of 450 yards from their plant, the Company would not be liable for any disturbances caused by their equipment.

When permission for the Recke Forge plant was sought it was realized that the plant was a noise producing plant, of a very particular nature. The plant was to be sited in a noise zone i.e.

- Near a flying field in operation at that time.
- Contiguous to an existing industrial zone.
- Adjacent to a mainline Railway Station.

In the course of consideration of the application information was furnished on behalf of the Company on the question of the expected noise level to be produced by the plant. The important content of the information furnished was that a house within 100 yards of the plant could be troubled by the nature of the noise from the plant. The nearest existing houses to the plant at that time were 150 and 240 yards away. The noise factor did not then become an issue in the consideration of the application.

The report on the rezoning of lands at Oranmore by the Planning Consultants included a study on noise levels and this report indicated that the major portion of the rezoned lands could be affected by noise from the plant, road, railway and industrial zone.

There is a fairly wide degree of difference between the initial submission made on behalf of the Company and the concern now expressed by that Company as to the noise disturbance to the new residential zone, which might be created by the plant. The initial submission stated that a house within 100 yards of the plant could be troubled by plant noise but by the action of the Company in building the plant within 150 yards and 240 yards of two houses, then existing, it is reasonable to assume that it was considered that both those houses would not be so affected.

My conclusion then is whilst the residential area will be close to a noise zone the effects of noise produced by the Recke Forge plant is a matter which will have to be the concern of that Company.

The proposal in the Plan is to preserve the routes of the village relief road system until further examination and studies have been completed and finalized decisions have been made.

The main content of the submissions made by Commander King are:

- The farm in Commander King's ownership would be severed.
- The drainage or improvement of drainage of low lying areas of the farm would be obstructed or impeded.
- The loss of the area of land on the site of the new roadway is a grave consideration.

Leaving aside the fact that such considerations are not now directly at issue in the strict meaning of the proposal in the Plan the following observations are submitted as if the proposal were actually to be effected.

In road proposals of this magnitude severance of farms is not uncommon and the means exists to overcome much of the inconvenience created.

Both the drainage for the road and impence of land drainage would be considerations which would be catered for in any road construction which might be undertaken.

The loss of land is a matter which would be dealt with as in the ordinary manner in which land acquisition for road construction is effected.

Oranmore Pitch & Putt Club
Oranmore
Galway
22nd June 76

22 JUN 1976

Dear Sir,

According to the Draft Development Plan for Oranmore you intend to designate my land known as The Oranmore Pitch & Putt Club for housing development. I wish to object to this land being acquired by Compulsory Purchase now or in the future.
Yours Sincerely
Kieran Furey
Hon Sec.

OBSERVATIONS ON SUBMISSIONS BY
MR. KIERAN FUREY

The lands owned by Mr. Furey are largely zoned residential in the Oranmore Plan, this does not imply that any existing use will be disturbed during the period of the Plan, nor does it imply that the lands would be compulsorily acquired by the Council for housing need.

Station Road. the public notice which appeared in the bannerth jubilee, stating that such an arrangement could be made.

Oranmore
16th June 1976

The Secretary
Galway Council

Dear Secretary,

I wish to apply for an appointment to attend at the Co. Buildings, to have my objections to the Oranmore Plan recorded.

This by reference to

Statement

M. G. Mogan

I, GREGORY MOGAN of Carrowmoash, Oranmore, County Galway, herewith wish to state that I am objecting to the Oranmore Development Plan on the following grounds:-
My farm of fiftythree acres, which I own, is my sole means of living and should a road with a turntable be put through same it would be away approximately nine acres and divide my farm into four different sections. I am solely dependant on the farm for my livelihood and livelihood of my family amounting to nine in all. My childrens' ages range from Nineteen years to four years, four of whom are getting full time education and one helping on the farm, and to whom I mean to pass on my place in the not too distant future. Also I am of the opinion that the said development plan as suggested could more easily be effected in a different way if the road were to run from near the bridge at Oranmore diagonally across to meet the Dublin road beyond Oranmore and the main road to Limerick left as it is. This would avoid having a turntable. It is all very well to say that even if my land is taken off me I will be compensated for same. Compensation does not mean much to me as to buy alternative land would be most expensive and I am certain that I would not be able to find such land in my locality. I consider my land is being worked to the full and is producing as much as any farm of its size in the locality. Any interested person who cares to inspect it is very welcome to do so. I also strongly object to the zoning of any portion of my land for industrial purposes as I have no intention of selling any land for industry or otherwise.
My family has had land there for four generations and acquired additional lands there around the year 1911. If I wanted to dispose of any land I could have done so during the last 10-15 years but I have no intention of selling. If the proposed road went ahead it would split up my farm and only the portion of land near my house would be of any benefit to me.

COMAIRLE CONRADA
21 JUN 1976

M. G. Mogan 1/10/76

OBSERVATIONS ON SUBMISSIONS BY
MR. G. MOGAN

Roads - Reservation of Lands

The lands owned by Mr. Mogan are affected to the extent that pending completion and consideration of the studies of the relief road system for Oranmore village no development would be permitted on the tentative routes set out in the Oranmore Plan.

It is only after such considerations that positive proposals for a relief road system would be made.

Oranmore is at a confluence of road routes and any new future road system adopted will involve the creation of a major road intersection. It is obvious that any landowner owning land at the location of the intersection will be far more affected than other landowners affected by the route of a roadway. Any decision to relocate the intersection merely transfers the adverse affects from one landowner to another.

Industry - Zoning of Lands

Mr. Mogan objects to the zoning of his lands for industrial use. For the period of the Plan, which is 5 years, more than sufficient lands have been zoned for industry for that period. The lands therefore can be zoned for agricultural use for the period of the present Plan.

Your Ref.: Victoria House, Eyre Square, Galway Tel. 091/65147/65148

Our Ref.: RJR/EM

12 July 1976

Planning Authorities
Galway County Council
Prospect Hill
Galway



RE: Oranmore Draft Development Plan.

Dear Sir

We refer to Draft Development Plan for the Oranmore area published on the 1 April 1976 and at the outset we would advise that we have been retained by Mrs. Phyllis Mc Na Mara to represent her interests and her objections to the proposals in this plan.

Mrs. Mc Na Mara purchased a property just outside Oranmore on the Oranmore/Gort Road some months ago at a substantial price and a further substantial sum has been expended in renovating the property.

Naturally our client is somewhat alarmed at the proposals in the Draft Development Plan for Oranmore which shows a proposed new road which will go through her front garden. In the event of this new road being implemented our client would suffer serious destruction of privacy, loss of land and disturbance and it is on these grounds that we have been asked to raise objections to the plan.

We hereby give you notice of our interest and would ask you to inform us of any developments relating to the Draft Development Plan such as oral hearing, discussions etc. and we look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of these objections at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

R. Rooney
RAYMOND J. ROONEY
MANAGING DIRECTOR.

Patrick J Tobin & Co
CONSULTING, CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

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REGISTRATION No. 42654, IRELAND.

6th October, 1976.

PLEASE QUOTE OUR REFERENCE: PJT/AC
YOUR REFERENCE

The Secretary,
Galway County Council,
County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

Re / Oranmore Draft Development Plan
Rockland Estate

Dear Mr. Doyle,

We have been consulted by Mr. and Mrs. M. MacNamara of Rocklands, Gort Road, Oranmore, on the question of probable and irreparable damage to their residential property if the plan now under consideration by the Local Authority is implemented exactly as is outlined in the Draft Plan. More particularly our opinion has been sought as to the proposed new road to dual carriageway standard - we believe it is to be 110 ft. wide - which would appear to be planned so as to pass right through the front lawn of the property, turning the remainder of the present frontage into an inaccessible island.

Although we have only been consulted in the last few days, you are, we believe, aware since the 12th July, 1976 that Mr. and Mrs. MacNamara would have objections to the plan whereas as a result of the enquiries we have been able to make in the last few days the possible outcome of blanket acceptance of the plan would far more seriously affect the Rocklands Estate than was at first supposed. Mr. Raymond J. Rooney on the date referred to wrote to intimate that only some months previously Mrs. MacNamara had purchased the property "at a substantial price with a further substantial sum expended in renovating the property".

DIRECTORS
P J TOBIN
D A DOWNES
B BUSTEED
L J CONNEELY
C OBYRNE
Associate Consultant
AP GLYNN

The matter does not end there. During their visit to me on Monday last the young couple indicated to me that they had bought the property because of its Georgian character, and that it was their intention during the next twenty years to spend a good deal more money in true Georgian renovation, so that we are in fact talking of the destruction of what undoubtedly ^{is} be a residence of distinction which would be the certain outcome if the new Oranmore-Gort road were to be built in the location shown on the Draft Development Plan.

Please be assured that we have no adverse comment to make on any other aspiration or objective of the plan; all we seek is a compromise solution to the layout of the dual carriageway in the vicinity of Rocklands, and with good will on both sides we see a decided probability that an outcome acceptable both to the Council and the MacNamaras can be arranged with the minimum interference to good traffic management on the one hand, and private amenity and enjoyment of ownership on the other. In that connection we would like to record our thanks to the Planning Officer and other staff who met Mr. Rooney and myself at short notice on Tuesday morning last.

As a result we were able to get an outline notion from visual inspection of a 6" map of the proposed route for the new road as it affects Rocklands. We have since reproduced this using key point technique on a 25" scale map. The result is the red coloured highway literally cutting the estate in two and causing what we consider to be irreparable environmental destruction of the amenity we have described.

This is our most serious objection, but noise pollution will be a definite factor, and traffic hazards will be further objectional features of a development along these lines. There is also the question as yet indeterminate of vibration damage to what will remain as to foundations and rising walls a very old structure built on stone rather than concrete foundations.

We have given urgent drawing office attention to possible alternative routes for the new road, since time did not permit an actual site survey. We were also hampered in not knowing what points are irrevocably 'fixed' for the location of this road, although there was some reason to suggest that the point on the existing Dublin Road is the nearest one to Oranmore which can definitely be reserved as a fixed point.

Subject to these reservations and in the expectation that the Planning Officer will be ready to consult further with us either in conference or at oral hearing, we feel we can offer alternatives either to the west or to the east. That to the west although it would have to interfere with the boundary to Rocklands and would cause some loss of frontage to the MacNamaras would not interfere with the Development Plan, in as much as the land through which it would pass is scheduled as Agricultural. It would have the advantage of keeping the new road as far as possible from the house thus reducing the noise traffic and vibratory damage hazard. It might not, however, conform to minimum curvature standards for primary roads and this is something which would require further investigation with the fixed points definitely established. We do feel, however, that some location west of the present one offers the best solution.

The second alternative is to locate the new road some 700 feet or so east of the present situation at Rocklands. This would pass through the so called "wood" part of the Rocklands estate, a situation which although involving loss of land would be more acceptable than what has been proposed although the noise, traffic and vibratory problems would remain or might even be accentuated. Here minimum curvature standards are definitely attainable subject to site survey and it could be that in this region also an acceptable outcome could be negotiated.

But we are to state categorically that the objection of Mr. and Mrs. MacNamara to the present proposal is real and genuine and its implementation in the situation now proposed will be strenuously resisted. Because of this our suggestion is that the plan may be adopted, with the route of the road from the roundabout in the direction of Gort deferred until a more positive proposal is put forward which will be acceptable to Mr. and Mrs. MacNamara.

We remain,
Yours faithfully,

Patrick J. Tobin
PATRICK J. TOBIN

SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF MR. & MRS. MACNAMARA OF
ROCKLANDS, GORT ROAD, ORANMORE

Observations on Submissions

The road layout in the Plan is a draft layout of a future road network in the vicinity of Oranmore, it is not an actual detailed designed layout and alignment. The options of road location lines, proximate to the village, are limited, whereas at the southern extremity of the network there is a degree of freedom of location of design lines. The MacNamara property is situated at the southern extremity of the network.

This degree of freedom of design at the design stage, if and when such stage is reached, would permit of a very much reduced encroachment on the MacNamara property and would not exceed a distance of 50 feet from the road boundary fence. Alternative route locations based on design or cost factors might even result in a movement of the route completely away from the MacNamara property.

COMHAIRLE CHOMHARLITHEACN
NA SEADCHOMHARTHAI NAISIUNTA

Páirc Uacht,
Baile Átha Cliath 2



NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Mr. K. Doyle
Acting County Secretary
Galway County Council
Planning and Development Section
County Buildings
Prospect Hill
GALWAY.



Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 31 March 1976 and enclosures in regard to the Draft Variation of the County Development Plan namely the Draft Development Plan for the village of Oranmore. The plan has been examined for this Council by a member of the staff of the Department of Archaeology, University College, Galway and the Advisory Council now wish to recommend the following monuments and archaeological sites as marked on the enclosed map for preservation:-

- (1) Oranmore Castle
- (2) Old Church
- (3) Cornmill (in ruins)
- (4) Tobernacallybhearha
- (5) Lime-kiln
- (6) Boulder-Dolmen

The last mentioned site is just west of the boundary of the area planned for development. This is possibly a megalithic monument. It is not certain at this stage if it is an artificial or natural feature and an archaeological excavation would be necessary to discover the real nature of the site.

The Advisory Council hope the above recommendations will be of assistance to you in the preservation of monuments in the Oranmore area.

Yours sincerely,

John O'Donoghue
for *Kevin O'Connell*, Hon. Secretary
July 1976.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL
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The Council engaged the services of An Foras Forbartha to prepare a report and schedule of the items of historic archaeological and scientific interest in the county. Such schedule is incorporated in the County Development Plan and includes Nos. 1 and 2 of the listed items in the submissions now made for inclusion in the Oranmore Plan. The Foras report is a comprehensive report and can be considered selective in that it seeks to preserve the more important and best items in each category. It is considered that items Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 did not fall within the selective range of such items in the Foras report. However this matter will be taken up with the National Monuments Advisory Council and the Foras to determine whether or not such items should be included in the County Plan.

Oranmore-Maree Community Council

Miss Burke
S.O. Planning

-Deerpark,
Oranmore,
GALWAY.

20 July, 1976

Mr. S. Keating,
County Manager,
Galway County Co.,
Co. Buildings,
GALWAY.



Dear Sir,

Oranmore Draft Development Plan:

The draft plan has been studied in detail by the people of this area for the past few months and on behalf of the local community we now submit our observations:

1. The growth of Oranmore to a 'town' of 3500 persons is acceptable but subject to a number of very important provisions which follow:
2. An adequate water supply and sewerage facilities, which do not damage the local oyster beds, must be provided before any further major development is permitted. We are aware that planning permission for 161 new houses has been granted. Local treatment plants at the proposed 'nodes' are not acceptable.
In view of the delay in producing the draft plan, Oranmore's water supply and sewerage facilities require special priority:
3. Oranmore should not be by-passed. Any by-pass will eat up valuable arable land and will destroy local tourist and commercial business:
4. The concept of Oranmore as a commuter satellite town is not acceptable. Provision should be made for the encouragement and siting of suitable light or service industry in the area to provide employment locally and so reduce traffic on the increasingly dangerous road to Galway:
5. The provision made for commercial space in the draft plan is not adequate for a town of 3500:
6. Special provision must be made by developers for ample recreational facilities in each code. For a town of 3500 we are appalled to note that no provision was made for a large public park, outdoor or indoor amenities for all age groups

together with housing and facilities for the aged and less healthy in the new town.

This failure to make any special provision for such vitally important facilities received particularly unfavourable criticism. It is expected that Galway County Council does not wish to repeat the mistakes of Kildare County Council in Leixlip or of Cork County Council in Balligcollig:

7. Provision for educational facilities (Primary and Post Primary) are inadequate for a town of 3500. One extra primary school could not possibly cope with the needs of such a town:
8. Special provision, including The Presentation Orders, should be made to preserve all existing trees and other natural areas:

Finally, on behalf of the Community Council, I would like to express our thanks to Messrs. R. Lee and Doyle and to Miss C. Burke for their unfailing courtesy while the plan was being discussed at various meetings during the past few months. We also thank you for providing the detailed maps which proved so informative.

Yours sincerely,
For ORANMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

John Shaughnessy
JOHN SHAUGHNESSY - CHAIRMAN

Observations on Submissions

Paragraph 1

The growth of the village is accepted by the Community Council. It should be noted that the extent and rate of growth set out in the plan is entirely based on attracted population settlement and on that basis could take upwards of 30 years to eventuate.

Paragraph 2

The present improved water supply system can cater for anticipated growth for the next two years. Contract documents for the further increased water supply are with the Department of Local Government for sanction. The preliminary report for the drainage system for the village is in the course of preparation and will shortly be sent to the Department.

Paragraph 3

The Community Council in paragraph 1 of their submissions accepts a future population size of 3,500 persons. When it is realised that existing towns of similar population size are now considering the creation of relief road systems it is difficult to understand how an emerging village amenable to the acceptance of a population of that order would at this favourable stage contest the need for the examination of the provision of a village relief road system. Of course the examination proposal goes further than the interests of the village itself, the proposal is intimately related with the improvement of a county part of the National Roads system.

Paragraph 4

It is considered that the attraction of Oranmore as a place of residence cannot be resisted and the future growth of the village relies very heavily on this attraction. If the size of growth is accepted and the kind of growth is largely determined, the village must largely be a commuter satellite village. At the same time paragraph 2.17 of the village Plan deals with probable future employment trends in the village. Industrial employment can then be encouraged to locate in the village as employment needs become evident.

Paragraph 5

To put the village in a proper spatial perspective it should be realised that Oranmore in terms of distance, and certainly in terms of journey time, is as close to many City employment locations and services as are parts of the western suburbs of the City itself. The village will always continue to use the upper ranges of City services and shopping facilities. Consequently the need for a very large commercial zone is not as necessary as a town functioning independent of a larger City. Approximately 16 acres of land are zoned for commercial use, this visualises changes of use and redevelopment of the commercial core. In the circumstances this area is considered adequate for commercial demands. Further areas, if ever required, can be gained from the extensive areas of land zoned for agricultural use.

Paragraph 6

It is felt that existing and permitted housing areas in the village are provided with liberal amounts of open space to serve the needs of each housing area. With regard to parks and other recreational areas, whilst those needs have been borne in mind it should be realised that we are now only dealing with the first five years of growth in the present village plan. At the present stage of growth in the village it is not necessary to seek to provide the total range of facilities for its ultimate or even its intermediate size until the need for such investment begins to be demonstrated.

Paragraph 7

Provision for an extra primary school has been made in the plan and space exists for other educational expansion. It is anticipated that the proximity of particular ranges of educational facilities in the City will be availed of by the village community. Again the present plan is subject to revision every five years and constant monitoring of village growth is advised in 3.03 of the plan.

Since the preservation of trees can be dealt with by agreement on Preservation Orders without dependence on specific provisions in a Plan it is felt in the particular case of Oranmore and generally in the County the whole question of Tree Preservation can be the subject of policy discussion and decision during the period of the Plan.

An Rónaidhe,
Comhairle Conndae na Gaillimhe,
Arus an Chonndae,
Cnoc na Radhairce,
Gaillimh.

ORANMORE DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Dear Sir,

The following observations are offered by me in connection with the Draft Development Plan for Oranmore which was recently published by the Council.

I agree with the suggestion that Oranmore village should be allowed and encouraged to become larger in an orderly fashion. Provided that necessary services and amenities are provided and that existing amenities are preserved, I do not see why any limit need be set for the growth of the village.

A by-pass road is, I believe, a necessity and will become inevitable. The delineation of the probable routes for it set out in the map in the plan is, particularly to the east and to the west, incomplete and too vague. The uncertainty about the route has caused considerable unease among farmers whose land may be required for the road and whose farms may be severely damaged through being bisected. The route for the eastern limb of the by-pass would run for a great distance through bog. It seems to me to be unnecessary to have such a long by-pass and that the junction with the southern limb should be on the existing road from Athenry and Loughrea. I fail to see the need for the delineated extension of the by-pass to the north across and well into the old flying-field. (The amount of traffic which I observe on the Oranmore -- Claregalway road does not seem to merit being brought around the village instead of through it.) To avoid a new junction with its attendant dangers, I suggest that the western limb of the by-pass be crossed with a bridge carrying the extant Oranmore -- Claregalway road.

Further water-supplies are required for the village before it can be allowed to expand further. It is said by many that likewise sewage-disposal facilities must be provided. I am not certain about that point, since most houses not in Beech Grove or Beech Park have already a septic tank each, and as it seems therefore that the owners would probably have to be compelled to connect with any public sewer which might be provided.

The village is badly provided with shops. At present, about sixty new houses are in course of preparation for erection, without any provision whatever for even one new shop, as far as is known here. The Area designated in the draft-plan for commercial use seems to be imaginary and useless, as almost all of it lies behind existing houses and is inaccessible from the streets. In other words, there does not appear to be any provision for new commercial premises.

The plan does not provide for nearly enough communal facilities, such as playing-fields; and the various tiny plots designated as "residential open space" are laughable. It would be desirable to have one sizeable public park, or at most two such parks, rather than scattered "spaces".

As trees are scarce (relatively) in this part of the country, existing ones should be preserved as far as possible; and any which must be felled in developing the village should be compulsorily replaced. The erection of new buildings should not be allowed to hide existing pleasant and beautiful vistas or to injure them, e.g. the view seawards from the western bridge; the view eastwards from the same vicinity; the view of Thorn Park House from the main street. Building should continue to be interdicted on the seaward side of the Galway road to the west of the village.

The largest parcel of land in the village depicted in the draft-plan as "communal" is private property and is not in any true sense "communal". This fact must be well known in County Buildings as it is here. If that piece is subtracted from the "communal" land in the map, precious little is left.

The plan says nothing about developing the foreshore near the Castle and along the banks of the stream. These areas are wild and not easily accessible; but the construction of walks there at some time in the future will become inevitable as the village grows. It seems to be time to consider it now and to arrange for it to be done in an orderly way which will not ruin the natural appearance of the area. Provision in the plan for schools is inadequate.

Yours faithfully,

Observations on Submissions

The submissions made are largely similar to the submissions made by the Community Council in the matters of acceptance of village expansion, relief road system, services, schools, tree preservation, parks and commercial zoning. There is little to add to the observations set out on the Community Council submissions except to refer to additional statements now made.

Commercial Zoning:

- (i) There are additional lands zoned for commercial use and in fact preservation of access to such lands is indicated in the plan.

Amenity Provisions:

- (ii) At this stage of village planning amenity development is not specified but has been examined and will be proposed as the opportunity arises and finances become available for such proposals.

Village Visual Amenity:

- (iii) The visual preservation and development of the village will be subject to the operation of development control considerations in the layout and design of new development.

Submissions by Mr. Paddy Brennan, Oran Motors Ltd., Oranmore
on Draft Development Plan for Oranmore

I object to the Draft Development Plan for Oranmore on the following grounds:-

My premises is situated in the village of Oranmore on the Main Galway/Limerick road.

My business is in the motor trade plus farm and agricultural machinery. I have the main agency for Ford Tractors which was given to me because of the progress I made in building up my business over the last 15 years. To acquire a main agency such as I have, in a small village like Oranmore is unique. The nearest main agents to me are in Portlanna and Ennis. I get business from a very widespread area and a passing trade particularly from the Limerick/Galway road. My petrol sales are in the region of 60,000 gallons per annum.

I have a staff of 8 employees.

If the proposed bye-pass road goes ahead my business would be ruined, I would lose all the passing trade which is vital to me.

In my business I have to set a certain standard and give a certain level of service. This can only be done where a business is of adequate size coupled with proper premises, show-room and equipment such as I have at present.

I would derive no benefit whatever from the proposed new road. Possibly someone else would build a garage on the new roadway. I could not do this as I would not have the necessary capital, having invested all my profits in building up my present business. In my main agency I have 5000 to 6000 specified targets each year but the road as proposed in the plan being a definite possibility at some stage, resulting in a loss of business would completely undermine my initiative in this respect. The value of my premises would depreciate, my staff would be reduced to two employees.

I see no need for the bye-pass as proposed. A bye-pass from the Hurling Field on the Dublin Road to the Bridge in Oranmore would be adequate and this would not effect my business to a great extent. I consider that the Oranmore/Limerick Road component of the present road system could be retained if arrangements were made to have heavy vehicles and busses park at a waste section of the present.



Patrick G. Brennan

1/10/76

Mr. Brennan's property at Oranmore is not affected by the actual layout of the road system set out in the Plan, the objection rather being in respect of the loss of passing business which could arise from the removal of through traffic from the existing streets.

The effects of a village or town by-pass on business is a matter that will always become prominent where such a proposal is mooted. Adverse affects or even the fears of such affects must be measured against the gains. There are gains now and in the future for the community at large and for village business interests by reason of:

- A more efficient road transportation,
- A village not adversely affected by future traffic congestion.
- Increased business from a growth village,
- The gain from the higher service level of the village for its rural hinterland,
- The greater community interest served by the overall planning of areas.

There is a statement in the submission relating to the fear of competitor business interests locating in advantageous locations on or near the road system which deserves comment.

It is an underlying existing policy, and should be a continuous policy that new commercial enterprises should not be permitted outside existing established centres where such competitor enterprises would duplicate and undermine investment in existing centres. Whilst it is extremely unlikely on traffic grounds that new commercial enterprises would be allowed along any of the new roadways the policy stated above alone would not favour such trends. The fear expressed in the submission in this respect should therefore not arise.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

13 Deire Fomhair, 1976.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Monday next, the 18th October, 1976 commencing at 3.30 p.m..

Copy of the Estimate of Expenses will be forwarded within the next day or so.

Mise, le meas,

T. Kavanagh.
Runai Sealadach.

AGENDA

To preview the Estimate of Expenses for 1977.

Note: It was intended to hold the statutory estimates meeting on the 18th October but as the documentation was not ready to allow the statutory notice to be given, it was decided to hold an ordinary meeting on 18th October to preview the estimates and hold the statutory estimates meeting on Monday 25th October, 1976. The Council will be free to adjourn consideration of the estimates on 25th October and proceed to the ordinary meeting (which will also be called for that day) if they so desire.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

15th October, 1976.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Monday 25th October, 1976 commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1977.
2. Making and Sealing of Demands on Urban Authorities.

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NOTE: A Meeting to preview the Estimates is being held on Monday 18th October, 1976 at 3.30 p.m.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

15th October, 1976.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

Notice is hereby given of proposal to move the motion set out hereunder in accordance with the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 at meeting to be held on Monday 25th October, 1976

Mise, le meas,

S. KEATING
County Manager.

"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 Michael Grealish, Crusheeny, Claregalway for the erection of a dwelling house at Kiltullagh, Oranmore, applied for on the 29-9-1976 - Planning Reference No. 22902"

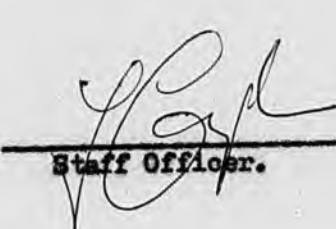
Patrick Ruane, Co. C., John Molloy, Co. C., Robert Molloy, T.D., Co. C.,
Hugh Melvin, Co. C., Sean Donnellan Co. C.

County Council Meeting - 24th September, 1984.

Item No. 3.

Raising of Supplementary Loan of £608,000.00 for Galway City Western Environs Regional Water Supply Scheme.

	£.
Civil Works Contract (Tender £2,568,843.90)	- 3,821,250.00
Pumping Plant (Tender £110,609.64)	- 150,000.00
Fees, expenses and V.A.T.	- 222,000.00
Road restoration by Galway County Council	- 238,000.00
Other direct labour works	- 107,000.00
Resident Engineers, Clerk of Works	- 150,632.00
Land and wayleaves	- 25,000.00
E.S.B.	- 8,500.00
Loan fees, advertising and miscellaneous	- 2,300.00
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	£4,724,682.00
Loans received	- 4,192,000.00


Staff Officer.



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
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Mise, le meas,

S. KEATING
County Manager.

"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 Miss Sadie Broderick, Ballintemple, Castlegar for the erection of a dwelling house at Kiltullagh, Oranmore, applied for on the 29-9-1976 - Planning Reference No. 22910."

Patrick Ruane, Co. C., John Molloy, Co. C., Robert Molloy, T.D., Co. c.,
Hugh Melvin, Co. C., Sean Donnellan Co. C.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON WEDNESDAY 13/10/76
TO CONSIDER THE MAKING OF A VARIATION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
PLAN (DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ORANMORE).

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. O'Flatharta, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, P. Raftery, P. Ruane and T. Welby.

Officials: Mr. S. Keating, County Manager; Mr. S. Stewart, Asst. County Manager; Mr. R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; Mr. S. McMahon, C.A.C.E., Messrs. W. Cahill and L. Kavanagh, Acting C.A.C.E. (Planning), Mr. B. Callegy, Chief Assistant (Planning), Miss Jeanne Meldon, Planning Assistant; Mr. J. O'Kelly, Senior Staff Officer, Mr. T. Fleming, Draughtsman and Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

1177 The County Manager said that while the Council had asked that the plan for Oranmore be dealt with separately from the review of the County Development Plan, the position legally was, that the Oranmore Plan must at this stage, be treated as a variation of the County Development Plan and whatever variation was adopted by the Council would have to be incorporated in the review of the County Development Plan later. Notice of the proposed variation had been published, copies of the prescribed documents had been sent to the prescribed authorities, the latest date for lodging objections or representations was 23/7/76 and any objectors who requested to make oral submissions were given the opportunity to do so. Nine objections had been lodged and copies of these had been circulated to the members together with the Planning Officer's observations on them. The Council would have to consider each objection and make decisions on them. In reply to a question by Deputy Molloy, the County Manager said that the provisions of the 1976 Planning Act relating to the making of Development Plans was in force. Under these provisions, if the Council decided to make a material alteration in the draft variation which had been published for the statutory three month period, it would be necessary to give not less than one month's notice of the proposed amendment in Iris Oifigiuil and at least one newspaper circulating in the area and a further meeting of the Council would be required.

After some discussion as to the manner in which the objections would be dealt with, it was decided that all the objections would be read to the meeting first. The Acting County Secretary read the objections received from the following:

- (1) Commander William King.
- (2) Recke Forge Ltd.
- (3) Mr. Kieran Furey.
- (4) Mr. Gregory Morgan.
- (5) Mr. & Mrs. McNamara.
- (6) National Monuments Advisory Council.
- (7) Oranmore/Maree Community Council.
- (8) Dr. S. O Conchubhair.
- (9) Mr. P. J. Brennan.

The Council then considered each objection separately.

Objection of Commander William King:

Councillor McCormack asked if the recent statement by the Minister for Local Government regarding the abandonment of plans for motorways in the Dublin area had any effect on the road proposal in the plan before the meeting. He said Commander King was a first class intensive farmer and the proposed by-pass would cut through his farm and asked if the road proposals were changed, would the plan have to be re-published.

Replying, the County Manager stated that the motorway proposals for the Dublin area were not comparable with the Oranmore situation, which should not be regarded as a motorway proposal. If the road proposals in the Plan were changed, it would constitute a material alteration and it would be necessary to give not less than one month's public notice as he had already mentioned.

Senator Higgins said that the Minister, in arriving at his decision regarding the Dublin motorways, had balanced the need for the motorways against social and environmental objections to them. Commander King, he said, wanted to continue actively in agriculture and the Planning Officer's observations in response to his objections were not satisfactory.

Deputy Molloy also referred to the Minister's statement and said that the by-pass proposals in the Plan were too elaborate and unnecessary and too costly to implement. According to Commander King's objections, the by-pass would completely bisect his farm. He proposed that the by-pass from the Limerick road to the Claregalway road be omitted from the Plan. This was seconded by Councillor Ruane.

Councillor Morgan said that in making Development Plans, the Council must make provision for the future. If ever a by-pass was required for Oranmore, the location in the Plan was the most suitable for it. If the land is not frozen, it could be lost through building on it. He proposed that the Council accept the proposals in the Plan and said that this would not prevent Commander King from continuing to use the land for agricultural purposes. Councillor Fahey said his main objections to the Plan were the road proposals which he never agreed with. He proposed that the proposed north-south and east-west by-passes be excluded completely and that a corridor of land be reserved as agricultural land from the Dublin Road near Dr. O'Connor's house to the Mill Bridge should the need for a by-pass ever arise. In so doing he said, he was asking that a corridor of land be left available in the event of it being required in the future for a road. Councillor Fahey said that his proposals would not interfere with good agricultural land, it would not be as expensive as the proposals in the Plan and would least affect business in the village.

Deputy Molloy seconded Councillor Fahey's motion saying that Oranmore was not known for traffic jams and suggested that improvements be carried out at Long's corner which premises was for sale at present.

Councillor Byrne said he fully supported the people of Oranmore in their objections to the Draft Plan but said that Councillor Fahey's proposal would have to be put to them for their observations as they had not an opportunity of considering it.

Deputy Callanan asked where the by-pass in the Plan would meet the existing Oranmore/Galway road and stated that he would object to any new road that would re-join the existing Oranmore/Galway Road. Mr. Lee explained with the aid of a map that there appeared to be three options available but that the transportation study being undertaken at present would report on the options.

Deputy Callanan said that there was no traffic problem in Oranmore, that it was in Galway city that the problem was and that there was no need for the elaborate road system proposed in the Draft Plan.

Councillor Kilgannon said that the by-pass proposals required to be examined under three headings, need, cost and the disruption that would result. He said that there was need for something to be done where the traffic from the south met the traffic from the east in the village and now was the time while the opportunity was there. He considered that Councillor Fahey's proposal would meet the foreseeable needs and questioned the large expenditure that would be involved if the proposals in the Plan went ahead. He also felt that Councillor Fahey's proposal would satisfy the objections that had been lodged.

Councillor Galvin stated that he did not agree with the notion that by-pass roads adversely affected the business life of towns and villages and that this certainly was not the position in the village of Aughrim. He did not think there was need for the major by-pass proposals in the Plan and felt that Councillor Fahey's proposals were adequate.

Councillor Glynn said that although the business people of Oranmore felt that there was no need for a by-pass, he considered that land at least, must be reserved for one in the future. Even at present, Oranmore had to cope with very heavy traffic and this would increase substantially because of the deterioration in the rail system and the advent of juggernaut traffic. It was the new housing development in Oranmore that would generate new business in the village rather than the through traffic which might in fact do the opposite.

Councillor Glynn seconded Councillor Morgan's proposal to adopt the Plan as published. Mr. Lee then spoke on the road proposals in the Plan. He reiterated that the Plan was seeking to reserve land for a future road relief system. The proposed population of the village was 3,500 and for this and other reasons a relief system must be considered. The alternative being proposed by the members would result in 1,000 of the population residing north of the relief system which would present a certain hazard for the residents who would be relying to a large extent on the services in the existing village. The sensible thing was to bring the relief road outside the village. The housing development proposed in the Plan would generate new business in the village. Mr. Lee repeated the observations he had already made in regard to Commander King's objections. Councillor Fahey said that the housing development north of the relief system proposed by him would be self-sufficient and would not be dependent on the existing village facilities. He said that an over-pass and an under-pass could also be considered. The County Manager said that the proposal in the Plan before the members had wider implications than their affect on Oranmore itself. The whole issue was the question of the adequacy of the roadway linking Galway to Oranmore and thence to Dublin and Limerick. This had to be considered in the light of Galway city as an important growth centre, in the National as well as the Western context. A transportation study was in progress which would examine the question of access to Galway city from Oranmore. If the Council was concerned about the growth of the city, it was vitally important to reserve land for all the options that might emerge from the study. The County Manager said it would take some time to consider Councillor Fahey's proposal. He also said that instead of amending the Plan, the Council could decide to make a new Plan.

Councillor Glynn then suggested that the lands in Councillor Fahey's proposal as well as the lands set out in the Plan be frozen so that all the options would be kept open.

A vote was then taken on Councillor Morgan's amendment for the adoption of the Plan as published and the voting was as follows:

For: Councillor F. Glynn, Councillor N. Morgan. (2)

Against: Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillor Sean Donnellan, Councillor F. Fahey, Councillors M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors P. Raftery, P. Ruane, T. Welby. (21)

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Councillor Fahey's proposal was then put to the meeting and the voting was as follows:

For: Councillors Bartley, U. Burke, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors P. Raftery, P. Ruane, T. Welby (20)

Against: Councillor T. Byrne Councillor F. Glynn, Councillor N. Morgan. (3)

The Chairman declared Councillor Fahey's proposal carried.

Councillor McCormack then proposed and was seconded by Councillor Byrne that a new Draft Plan be published in order to give the people of Oranmore adequate time to examine the new proposal.

Councillor Fahey proposed that notice of the alteration of the Draft Plan be published in accordance with the provisions of the 1976 Planning Act. This was seconded by Deputy Molloy and supported by Senator Higgins. A vote was taken on Councillor Fahey's amendment which resulted as follows:

For: Councillor G. Bartley, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors P. Ruane and T. Welby. (15)

Against: Councillors U. Burke, T. Byrne, P. T. Galvin, M. J. Kilgannon, P. McCormack. (5).

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

A vote was taken on Councillor McCormack's proposal which resulted as follows:

For: Councillor U. Burke, Councillor T. Byrne, Councillor M. J. Kilgannon, Councillor P. McCormack. (4).

Against: Councillor G. Bartley, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors P. Ruane and T. Welby. (15)

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

On the suggestion of Councillor Joyce it was agreed that the Council's decision in relation to the alteration to the Draft Plan be conveyed to all the objectors.

Objection of Recke Forge Ltd.:

It was unanimously agreed that no change be made in the Draft Plan as a result of this objection.

Objection of Mr. Kieran Furey:

The County Manager pointed out that the zoning of Mr. Furey's land for housing did not mean that it would be acquired compulsorily for housing purposes and Mr. Furey was free to continue the existing use. It was unanimously agreed that no change be made in the Draft Plan as a result of this objection.

Objections of Mr. Gregory Mogan:

By-pass: It was considered that the decision not to reserve land for the by-pass as proposed in the Draft Plan met Mr. Mogan's objection.

Zoning of land for Industry:

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Kilgannon and agreed unanimously that the piece of Mr. Mogan's land zoned industrial be zoned agricultural.

Objections of Mr. & Mrs. McNamara:

It was considered that the decision not to reserve land for the by-pass as proposed in the Draft Plan met this objection.

Objections of National Monuments Advisory Council:

On the proposal of Deputy Molloy, seconded by Councillor Fahey, it was unanimously agreed that the observations of the Planning Officer be approved in relation to this objection and that no change be made in the Draft Plan as a result of the objection.

Objections of Oranmore/Maree Community Council:

Paragraph 2 - Water & Sewerage facilities: The County Manager said that the treatment plants in the village could be connected up to the Sewerage Scheme when it is provided.

Paragraph 3 - By-pass: It was considered that the Council's decision regarding the proposed by-pass met this objection.

Paragraph 4 - Encouragement of Industry to Village: Mr. Lee referred to his observations on this question and pointed out the lands zoned industrial in the Draft Plan and said that any industrial proposal that would be of great benefit to the village would be considered on its merits. The land use zoning table in the Draft Plan provided that development necessary to accommodate any proper expansion need or beneficial development of the village could be permitted in the agricultural zone. The Council unanimously approved of Mr. Lee's reply to this objection, and agreed not to alter the Draft Plan as a result of the objection.

Paragraph 5 - Commercial Space: The Council accepted the Planning Officer's observations on this objection and agreed not to vary the draft Plan as a result of the objection.

Paragraph 6 - Recreational Facilities: Councillor Morgan felt that provision should be made for a park but after some discussion, it was agreed to accept the Planning Officer's observations on this matter and it was decided to make no change in the Draft Plan as a result of the objection.

Paragraph 7 - Educational Facilities: It was agreed to make no change in the Draft Plan as a result of this objection.

Paragraph 8 - Preservation of Trees: The County Manager pointed out that it was possible to achieve preservation of trees without making specific provision for it in the Plan. It was agreed not to alter the Draft Plan as a result of this objection.

Objections of Dr. S. O'Conchubhair:

The only alteration which the Council agreed to make in the Draft Plan as a result of these objections was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Fahey and required that a commercial area adequate for local needs be included in the residential area north of the land which the Council had decided to freeze for a relief road.

Objections of Mr. Paddy Brennan:

It was considered that the decision not to reserve land for the by-pass as proposed in the Draft Plan met these objections.

This concluded the consideration of all the objections lodged.

Deputy Molloy then proposed that the land coloured yellow in the Draft Plan and reserved for optional road alignments be zoned agricultural. This was seconded by Councillor Byrne and agreed unanimously.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

Submitted *Approved and Confirmed*
Tom Murray
Chairman
5/11/76
Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

19 Deire Fomhair, '76

Chuig Gach Ball de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 25u la Deire Fomhair, 1976 ag tosnu nuair a bhéas críoch leis an Cruinniú Meastachain.

Mise, le meas,

C. O Dubhghaill
Runai.

A G E N D A

Opening Prayer.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:
 - (a) "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 Michael Grealish, Crusheeney, Claregalway for the erection of a dwelling house at Kiltullagh, Oranmore, applied for on the 29-9-1976 - Planning Reference No. 22902."
Patrick Ruane, Co. C., John Molloy, Co. C., Robert Molloy, T.B. Co. C., Hugh Melvin, Co. C., Sean Donnellan, Co. C.,
 - (b) "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 Miss Sadie Broderick, Ballintemple, Castlegar for the erection of a dwelling house at Kiltullagh, Oranmore, applied for on the 29-9-1976 - Planning Reference No. 22910."
Patrick Ruane, Co. C., John Molloy, Co. C., Robert Molloy, T.D. Co. C., Hugh Melvin, Co. C., Sean Donnellan, Co. C.
2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Damage Decrees (list herewith).
4. December Meeting of County Councils' General Council.
5. Request for Financial Assistance from Galway Harbour Commissioner (Minute No. 1165)
6. Bord Failte Tourism Plan (Minute No. 1176)
7. General Conditions for Group Water Supply Schemes (Minute No. 1175.)
8. Sale of Housing Site at Townparks (1st Division), Tuam.

9. Creation of the following offices in the Councils' legal Department:
- (a) Wholetime Law Agent.
 - (b) Law/Conveyancing Clerk.
 - (c) Clerical Officer (Secretarial)
 - (d) Clerk/Typist.
10. Raising of Loans to finance contributions to the following Group Schemes:
- (a) Lettergesh/Mullaghglass Group Scheme - £2,240.
 - (b) Polkeen/Ballybritt Group Scheme - £ 830.
11. Approval to Wage & Salary increases under Interim Employer T/U National Agreement, 1976.
12. Report on Review of County Development Plan.
13. Declaration of Roads to be public roads - (list herewith)
14. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

- (a) Adjourned from Meeting of 27th September, 1976.
15. Comhairleoir M. O Flatharta:
- (i) Ce'n staid a bhfuil corus reigiunach uisce Casla faoi lathair
 - (ii) Molaim caoi a chur ar choras uisce Tir an Fhiaidh chun bru nios fearr do bheith ar an uisce ag Maimin agus Leitir Mor.
16. Deputy J. Callanan: I will propose -
- (i) That the Council investigate the possibility of building a small swimming pool on river bed at Caheroyan, Athenry. If permission could be obtained, local people would collect towards the cost.
17. Councillor M. Ryan: I will propose -
- (i) That the sewerage system in Newbridge be improved immediately
18. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -
- That a portion at the south end of Portumna fairgreen be fenced off for a public park and childrens playground and that a sum of £1,000 be included in the 1977 estimates for its development and that the swings and exercise bars be re-sited in the proposed park.
19. Councillor P. Ruane: I will propose -
- (i) That the road between Claregalway and Oranmore be completed as soon as possible and that an extra amount of grants be allocated for same this year;
 - (ii) that Galway County Council purchase an extra set of equipment to speed up the testing of pumps for group water schemes;
 - (iii) Castle Ellen Pump: I propose to ask the Council to deepen this pump where there is a pump-house and some piping to nearby houses.
20. Deputy M. P. Kitt: I will propose -
- (i) That the Pallas bog road, Pallas, Caltra, Ballinasloe be adopted by Galway County Council;
 - (ii) that Galway County Council give a supplementary grant to the Cahererin Group Water Scheme to provide for storage tank and an extra pump.

21. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
- That arrangements be made for the laying of an extension of the public sewerage at Knocknacarra to 400 yards up the Clybaun Road.
22. Councillor Miko Kelly: I will ask -
- That the Manager take immediate steps to have the public lighting connected to Parkview Drive and Abbey Trinity Estates in Tuam and to state the reason for the long delay in having this done.
23. Councillor P. F. Glynn: I will propose -
- That Galway County Council take over the two Land Commission pumps at (a) Abbeytown, Caherlistrane, and (b) Tonacoolen, and have same repaired and maintained in future.
24. Senator Mark Killilea: I will propose -
- That the new houses to be built by the County Council at Headford begin as a matter of urgency.
25. Councillor F. Fahey: I will ask -
- That this Council propose to the Department of Local Government that it discontinue with its present policy on the provision of local authority housing and replace it with state subsidised, low interest, local authority loans giving up to 90% of total construction costs.
- (b) Other Resolutions from Members:
26. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
- That a full report be given on the alleged dampness in the additional rooms built on to the house of (Name & Address supplied) and an explanation as to why the fireplace requested by (Name) has not been constructed.
27. Councillors H. Melvin & E. Haverty: We will propose -
- That the road leading from Hickey's house in Ranamacken village on to the Streamstown County Road be taken over as a public road.
28. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -
- (i) That Galway County Council provide as soon as possible, a minimum of twenty serviced sites in Loughrea Town;
 - (ii) that Galway County Council extend Portumna town water, sewer and street lighting systems, as quickly as possible to St. Joseph's Road and Killimor Road, Portumna.
29. Councillor T. Byrne: I will propose -
- That the well at Lisbrien, Gort be cleaned up. Would it be suitable as a bore-hole for a Council pump?
30. Councillor U. Burke: I will propose -
- (i): That an explanation for the total expenditure of the Bord Failte Grant within the Connemara area by this Council be given. Why was the Council not consulted on the matter? Was any part of the Council or Committee involved in the suggestions presented? Why were other areas not considered and why was my Notice of Motion requesting the Council to consult with Government Dept., Semi-State agencies and local interests ignored following the publication of the Report?

- (ii) That this Council re-allocate the Bord Failte Grant together with the Council's contribution more fairly in projects throughout the County in consultation with Bord Failte and local interests;
- (iii) that this Council repair road between Nutgrove Cross and Cloncona junction on Tynagh/Kilimor Road as it is in a very dangerous condition to road users.
31. Councillor G. Bartley: I will propose -
- (i) That the Galway County Council fit a Sluice Valve to Brandy River, Bunown, Ballyconneely;
- (ii) that work would be completed on alignment of road at Golan Bridge, near Clifden;
- (iii) that a dangerous bend on the Main Road by the Sand Pits at the entrance to Kylemore Abbey be removed and advance signs near the dangerous bend be moved away from the bend.
32. Councillor P. McCormack: I will ask -
- When a County Council refuse collection will be provided for the Rosshill/Roscam area, Galway.
33. Councillors M. J. Kilgannon, T. Byrne, M. Ryan:
- We, the undersigned hereby direct Galway County Council that the Trustees of Doon Group Water Scheme be given immediate access to the Council pump at Doon being the agreed source of water for this scheme.
34. Comhairleoir M. O Flatharta:
- Ce'n staid a bhfuil Roillic na Ceathrun Rua faoi lathair?
35. Senator J. M. Mannion:
- (i) I will propose that Kilkerrin Public Lighting be extended from Coyne's Bar to the Post Office;
- (ii) that Clifden refuse collection be extended to include Kingstown.
- (iii) I will ask the County Manager if he is satisfied with the Moycullen Water Supply and if not, what steps he intends to take to improve same especially re filtering etc.
36. Councillor T. Welby: I will propose -
- That this County Council will review the present arrangements regarding Health Inspectors who are presently engaged through the Western Health Board to carry out work for the County Council.
37. Councillor E. Haverty: I will propose -
- That in the event of water being brought to the Industrial Site on the Woodford Road, Portumna, the pump and pipelines be of adequate size in order to cater for the houses on the Woodford Road and also a group scheme which is proposed for a number of houses & lands on the Tynagh Road.
38. Senator Michael D. Higgins: I will ask -
- If it is possible that the County Council would approach the Electricity Supply Board with a view to designing a more suitable system of electricity poles and cables than such as exist at the moment in the village of Roundstone.
39. Comhairleoir M. O Morain: Ba mhaith liom a mholadh -
- (a) go ndeasofai an bothar ag sgoil an Ghoirt Mhoir chun an t-uisge thogail de phairc na sgoile;
- (b) Go mbainfi an cnocan as an mbothar idir tigh Phadraig Ui Mhaidin agus cros-bhothar Charna.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES.

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Decree
National Bank of Ireland, Galway.	Damage to Building & Contents - 17/5/71	Boro' of Galway Amt. Claimed: £1,500	£625 + £130.17 costs.
William Coyne, Oughterard.	Tractor & Car damaged 24/6/71	D.E.D. Kilcummin Amt. Claimed: £900	£750 plus £144.22 costs.
Bertie Hernon, Kilmurvey.	Damage to Fishing Gear 23/24th June, 1973	Boro' of Galway Amt. Claimed: £250	£135 + £64.40 costs.
Brendan Gill, 24, Shantalla Road, Galway.	Damage to Boat 18/7/73	Boro' of Galway Amt. Claimed: £800	£245 + £82.79 costs.
Bridget Mahony, Ballindine, Ardrahan	Walls destroyed 8/12/74	D.E.D. Killogilleen Amt. Claimed: £250	£40 + £30.20 costs.
Bridget Mahony, Ballindine, Ardrahan	Walls destroyed 30/12/74	D.E.D. Killogilleen Amt. Claimed: £250	£20 + £15.90 costs.
Joseph Gurley, Drimkeary	Hay Burned 7/1/75	D.E.D. Drimkeary Amt. Claimed: £785	£350 + 222.18 costs.
Bridget Mahony, Ballindine, Ardrahan	Walls, fences, wire, timber stakes destroyed - 28/1/75	D.E.D. Killogilleen Amt. Claimed: £200	£20 + £15.90 costs.
Bridget Mahony, Ballindine, Ardrahan	Walls knocked, broken, destroyed 6/2/75	D.E.D. Killogilleen Amt. Claimed: £50	£10 + £12.05 costs.
Ed. & Evelyn Gillespie, 10 Park Avera, Mill Street, Galway.	Damage to windows - 8/2/75	Boro' of Galway Amt. Claimed: £7.50	£7.50 + £19.73 costs.
Bridget Mahony, Ballindine, Ardrahan	Stones taken from wall & placed in ploughed field 6/4/75	D.E.D. Killogilleen Amt. Claimed: £250	£90 + £35.50 costs.
Lacken Estate Ltd., Galway	Damage to flats 25/4/75	Boro' of Galway Amt. Claimed: £150	£40 + £47.42

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Name & Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amt. of Decree
Bridget Mahony, Ballindine, Ardrahan	Walls, bushes & gaps knocked removed & opened - 19/6/75	D.E.D. Killogilleen Amt. Claimed: £50	£15 + £15.90 costs.
Western Motors, Tuam Rd., Galway	Damage to Safe - 12/9/75	Boro' of Galway Amt. Claimed: £400	£157.20 + £108.20 costs.
Cahill & Young Ltd., The Fishery, Galway.	Damage to Weir Cottage 14/9/75	Boro' of Galway Amt. Claimed £40	£30 + £44.23 costs.
Bernard Coen & Sons (Galway) Ltd., Galway.	Damage to motor vehicle 31/10/75	Boro' of Galway Amt. Claimed: £65	£42 + £47.33 costs.
Martin Hession, Spiddal	Apple trees, Clothes line, shrubs & flower bed destroyed - 17/10/75	D.E.D. Spiddal Amt. Claimed: £50	£25 + £26.21 costs.
Bridget Mahony, Ballindine, Ardrahan	Walls & fences; rocks & stones removed & destroyed; left & plaoed in fields. 10/12/75	D.E.D. Killogilleen Amt. Claimed: £60	£15.00 + £15.90 costs.
John Moran, Cloonacauneen, Claregalway, Co. Galway.	Damage to car 12/12/75.	Boro of Galway Amt. Claimed £300	£100 + £69.63 costs.
Bridget Mahony, Ballindine, Ardrahan	Walls bushes & gaps knocked destroyed & removed 18/2/76.	D.E.D. Killogilleen Amt. Claimed: £50	£15 + £15.90 costs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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, 35th October, 1976, commencing at 3.30 p.m., consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads:

Area	From	To	Metres
Oughterard	Co. Road No. 69 at bridge in Barrarevagh, Cloughbrack north-east	Junction with road leading to James Laffey's house, Lecarrow	549
Oughterard	End of existing Co. Road No. 53 at branch road to Garranta Quay west	Pat Feeney (Liam's) house, Lettercarrow, Lettermore	549
Oughterard	Main road 300 metres east of Crumlin Bridge	Joseph Naughton's house, Cornarone, Inverin	119
Oughterard	Bridge on Co. Road at Cloughbrack, Cornamona	Peadar Seoighe's house, Shanaduiluaun	1650
Oughterard	End of Co. Road 77 at Ardneageha	Junction with Forestry road to scenic area the shore at Siobhan Bairread's	276
Oughterard	From a point 45 metres west of Sean O Congaile's eastwards		246
Oughterard	Main Road Sect. 290 at Cornamona west	Frank Sullivan's house	238
Ballinasloe	J.M.R. 470 Southpark	J. Quigley's gate	284
Ballinasloe	J.C.R. 553 Templepark	Gate across road at point 420 yds.	382
Ballinasloe	Loop road adjoining C.R. 468 at Falas	J.C.R. 553 Kellys grove	3584
Ballinasloe	U.D. Boundary, Poolboy	Gate at P. Haugh's house, Foxhall	2067
Portumna	C.R. 528 Foxhall, Gurty Madden	Gate leading to J. Brien's house, Spring Grove	309
Portumna	J.C.R. 562 Spring Grove	J.C.R. 569 Moat	1037
Portumna	J.C.R. 574 Moat	D. Quirke's house, Feeback	996
Portumna	J.C.R. 569 Feeback	Gate beyond P. Larkin's house, Brackloon	288
Portumna	J.C.R. 587 Brackloon	Gate near T. McMahon's house, Cloondadauv	637
Portumna	J.C.R. 577 Bauntia	Gate at E. Starr's house, Lacken	601
Portumna	J.C.R. 548 Lacken	Gate at J. Leahy's house, Corbally	302
Portumna	J.C.R. 529 Corbally	K. Kelly's house, Killaltanagh	187
Portumna	J.C.R. 582 Killaltanagh	F. Donohue's house, Killaltanagh	446
Portumna	C.R. 573 Gurty nail	Gate beyond C. Porter's yard, Bauntia	552
Portumna	C.R. 577 Bauntia	Gate at E. Grady's field Gorteeny	115
Portumna	C.R. 579 Gorteeny	J. Conroy's Gate, Reask	135
Portumna	C.R. 576 Reask	P. Madden's yard, Kilderry	66
Gort	J.C.R. 352 Kilderry	P. Deely's house	234
Gort	J.C.R. 354 Coppard and Gorteeniska	Point 634m. Southeast of same	385
Gort	J.C.R. 354 Gortadraghaun	Gate at J. Geoghan's land, Isertkelly	634
Gort	J.C.R. 395 Isertkelly	E. Harte's yard, Gortacarnaun	1036
Gort	J.C.R. 361 Gortacarnaun	Mannion's house	182
Tuam	C.R. 135 at Annagh West	Murphy's house, Lavally	73
Tuam	N.P. 90 at Glenafosha	John Greaney's gate	804
Tuam	C.R. 135 at Grange	Gate at P. Donohue's house and branch to W. Finn's house, Tawnaghbaun towards J. McHugh's house	146
Mountbellew	C.R. 416 in Cooloorta	C.R. 243 Moat	694
Milltown	C.R. 219 Tonmoyle	170 paces south west by P. Heverin's house	64
Milltown	M.R. 240 Moat	P. Treacy's house, Beaghbaun	964
Milltown	C.R. 236 at Darrary North	M. Geoghegan's Gate	155
Milltown	C.R. 216 Beaghbaun		338
Milltown	Ballaghode C.R. opposite P. Ryan's house		2093
Milltown	C.R. 254 Shantallow	L. Donellan's house, Shantallow	383
Athenry	C.R. 243 in Gorteeahard	Dolan's house in Elmhill	1371
Athenry	Inc. with C.R. 144 Coolagh	Gate entrance to T. Burke's house a distance of 91 metres towards J. Conroy's house	44
Athenry	End of Gortaleva branch road	Gate leading to M. Potter's house, Liss	91
Athenry	Inc. with C.R. 197 Liss (Abbeyknockmoy)	Gate to Nohilly's lands, Pollboy	270
Athenry	Inc. with C.R. 193 Pollboy (Monivea)	Junction with Crumlin road, Shantallow	173
Athenry	Shantallow	Gate to P. Walsh's house, Caherkinmonwee	280
Athenry	Inc. with C.R. 286 Treankyle (Ganty, Craughwell)	R. Gardiner's land gate, Ganty	275
Athenry	Inc. with C.R. 386 Ganty (Craughwell)	Gate near J. Flaherty's house, Castle Ellen	530
Athenry	Main Road L.13 - 210 south of J. Cahalan's, Castle Ellen	E. Flaherty's house, Lissaniska	695
Athenry	Inc. with C.R. 198 Lissaniska (Ryehill)		400
Athenry	End of C.R. 183 over Railway Level Crossing, Mountain West	Mrs. T. Collins' house, Mountain West, (Derrydonnell)	886
Athenry	Inc. with Co. Road 376 Templemoyle	Gate across road leading to Burial Ground, Templemoyle	475

K. DOYLE, COUNTY SECRETARY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 18/10/'76.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members - Councillors U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Deputy F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; J. Stewart, Assistant County Manager; M. Moroney, County Accountant; C. A. Warner, County Engineer; M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; P. J. McGovern, Senior Staff Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; S. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineer; B. Callegy, Chief Assistant (Planning); K. Doyle, County Secretary; Mrs. P. Monahan, Staff Officer and Miss M. Concannon, Assistant Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1178 - MURDER OF GARDA CLERKIN:

The Chairman proposed that the Council express its condemnation of the recent brutal murder of Garda Clerkin in the execution of his duty. He expressed the hope that the perpetrators of this crime would soon be brought to justice and he also proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late Garda.

Deputy Donnellan seconded the Chairman's resolution, which was passed unanimously.

The Council also extended its sympathy to Miss Margaret Dundas, Roundstone on the death of her brother.

1179 - DEMAND FOR FIFTY MILE FISHING LIMIT:

It was proposed by Councillor O Morain, seconded by Councillor Molloy and resolved:

"That Galway County Council expresses its unanimous support for the demand for a fifty mile exclusive and untrammelled fishing limit and that a telegram to this effect be sent to Mr. Joey Murrin, Chairman of the Irish Fisherman's Organisation."

On the proposal of Deputy Molloy, it was also agreed that telegrams in similar terms be forwarded to Comr. P. Lardinois and to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1180 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1977:

The County Manager stated that the purpose of the special Meeting was to give the members an opportunity of previewing the Estimate of Expenses for the year 1977 and that the Statutory Estimates Meeting would be held on the 25th instant. He stated that the rate increase proposed for 1977 is 56.13p in the £ but that the increase would be 93.406p in the £ but for the relief from rates of the final instalment of local authority housing and the Health Services charges. He pointed out that no flat figure for inflation had been adopted in preparation of the Estimates but that the terms of the abortive National Wage Agreement drafted earlier this year had been taken as a guideline in respect of wage increases since Congress of Trade Unions was not objecting to the cash terms of this Agreement.

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Deputy Molloy asked if the Estimates included a sum of £19,000 in respect of amenities, which he stated, the Council had passed at the last meeting.

The County Manager stated that at the last meeting he had asked for approval in principle, to the inclusion of the sum of £19,000 and that if it were then approved by the Council, he would bring it back to the Council for a later meeting to vote the money.

Replying to Deputy Callanan, the County Manager stated that it was hoped to have itemized particulars of graveyards for which provision is being made in 1977 and also public lighting improvements and extensions which are to be carried out in the same year when the estimate comes up for consideration by the Council on the 25th instant.

PROGRAMME GROUP 1 - HOUSING & BUILDING:

Referring to queries about the sum of £96,000 included for repairs to local authority houses, the County Manager stated that this had been increased from £83,000 to £96,000 between 1976 and 1977, of which the wages content was almost $\frac{3}{4}$. In arriving at this figure, an estimate was made of the possible increase under the headings of wages and materials.

Replying to Deputy Callanan, the County Manager stated that he considered the amount of Capital available for the current year to be adequate for the Council's requirements. The County Manager also informed Deputy Kitt that tenders had been sought for the Ahascragh Housing Scheme.

Replying to Councillor Kelly, the County Manager stated that the amount shown as the Capital cost of land is the amount which has been charged to schemes which are going ahead. He stated that the Council has a fairly good land bank but would like it to be much bigger and he would like to be in a position to purchase land in every town if sufficient capital were available.

In reply to Councillor Holland, he stated that the Council had no land available in the immediate vicinity of Galway City.

The County Manager also informed Councillor Fahey that the Council has identified land for the purchase of which it is negotiating in the Gort area and that owners of the land were interviewed last week.

Replying to Councillor O Morain, the County Manager stated that the sum of £20,000 in respect of Agency Services was in respect of services being made available to us by staff of the Western Health Board for work carried out by them on behalf of the County Council.

Councillor Fahey advocated the purchase and development of more serviced sites for sale to people who would build with the aid of loans and grants and he asked if information could be given on the progress for the sale of developed sites in Athenry.

The County Manager stated that this would be coming up for discussion at the Housing Meeting in the near future and that he would then have information on the number of sites sold etc.

Councillor Kelly complained that three sites allocated to the N.B.A. in Tuam by the County Council had not been taken up and he stated that the roadway to the developed sites in the former Fairgreen, Tuam was in a very bad condition.

The County Manager informed Councillor Morgan that negotiations have been going on for the purchase of land in Loughrea but that a Compulsory Purchase Order may be necessary.

Replying to Deputy Molloy, the County Manager stated that he could not guarantee that the sum of £1,880,000 for construction of houses and site development would be made available in the coming year.

On the proposition of Senator Killilea, it was agreed that the Council would again approach the Minister for Local Government requesting that he increase the limit of £4,500 for housing loans to £6,000 - £7,000 and that a substantial increase in the income limit be also approved by the Minister.

Deputy Callanan stated that the number of people availing of loans was dropping because the amount of loan was too low and in particular, the income limit has been retained at too low a level.

Deputy Coogan urged that greater progress be made with sales of houses to local authority tenants in order to save money on repairs.

Deputy Molloy complained that it was not possible for persons who secured tenancies of new houses since 31st September, 1975 to apply for purchase since no scheme has been made for them.

On the proposition of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Deputy Callanan, it was agreed to ask the Minister for Local Government to introduce a new purchase scheme without further delay.

In reply to Senator Killilea, the County Manager stated that the sum of £11,000 which is shown for loan charges for works intended for rehabilitation of travelling people is intended to be used for the provision of halting places and an effort is being made to obtain suitable sites for three such centres. He stated that no specific proposals have been agreed so far but a need is seen for such halting places in Ballinasloe, Tuam and in the approaches to Galway. He stated that the Health Board was agreeable to make a site available to the Council in Ballinasloe.

Deputy Callanan and Councillor Galvin stated that in this area in Ballinasloe, the locals had already accepted three itinerant families and they considered it unfair to put nine or ten more into the area as the people had already done their share in this locality.

Councillor Kelly complained about the conditions in the Cloonthue Rd. area in Tuam where itinerants were camping. He stated that it is not fair to the occupants of houses in this area to leave conditions as they are.

Councillor Haverty proposed that a special meeting of the Council be convened to decide on what is to be done about itinerants.

The County Manager stated that every individual proposal will be brought before the County Council for approval before it is implemented. He stated that the hard-stands proposed are for people who will be ultimately housed by the Council.

Replying to Councillor O Morain, the County Manager stated that the £6,200 provided for Social Workers is in respect of those workers, who are involved with itinerants only and that the Council has no Social Workers engaged on work with the settled community.

Councillor Morgan welcomed the establishment of halting places, but stated that such sites would need supervision by full-time caretakers. He considered that the Council does not enforce the Planning laws and should ensure that it should prevent the depositing of scrap and should insist on keeping the places tidy.

Councillor Kelly seconded Councillor Haverty's proposal that a special meeting of the Council be called to consider the itinerancy problem.

Senator Killilea proposed and Councillor Joyce seconded that the Council do not call a special meeting but that the Itinerancy Committee be allowed to do their job.

Referring to Councillor Haverty's proposal and to the amendment proposed by Senator Killilea, Deputy Molloy suggested that instead of a special meeting, all Councillors be summoned to attend the next meeting of the Itinerancy Committee. This suggestion was agreed.

The County Manager gave particulars of housing schemes for which tenders were invited. He stated that it is hoped to have advertisements published in a few weeks time inviting tenders for a scheme in Oughterard.

Replying to Councillor Haverty, he stated that the availability of money would not be a problem in relation to a scheme for Killimor.

Senator Killilea stated that land acquired by the County Council in Corofin and which has been advertised for letting should be sold if it is not required for housing purposes.

The Estimate for Housing and Building was agreed.

PROGRAMME GROUP 2 - ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY:

Replying to a number of queries about public lighting, the County Manager stated that particulars of those on the waiting list and proposals for a programme for dealing with outstanding applications for extensions and improvements over a three-year period would be submitted for the meeting of the Council on the 25th instant.

Councillor O Morain stated that he wished to protest against the failure to provide any money for improvement or surface-dressing of roads in the Rosmuck area.

Senator Killilea stated that money was provided for lighting in McHale Terrace, Tuam two years ago and that nothing had been done since then.

Deputy Coogan stated that extinguishing lights at 12 midnight provides opportunities for vandalism, especially in tourist areas during the summer months.

Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer stated that an order for photo-electric controls in public lighting systems had been sent to the E.S.B.

Councillor Raftery asked that lighting be provided for the new housing scheme in Ballygar and he complained that the Council had never repaired the entrance to the factory through his land.

Councillor Morgan proposed that an extra sum of £15,500 be provided for additional lighting and that of this, a sum of £500 be allocated to each Councillor to decide on what lighting improvements are required in his own area, or alternatively that £10,000 be allocated to all Councillors to be used as decided by them.

Replying to Councillor Joyce, the County Manager stated that the Council's engineers and the Garda Síochána are dealing with the revision of the Speed Limit areas and that every effort would be made to bring the recommendations before the County Council for the purpose of referring them afterwards to the Minister for implementation.

Replying to Councillor Kelly, the County Manager stated that there has been a reduction in the number of road workers employed but that the Council's objective has been to keep as many as possible in employment within the limits of money available to the Council.

In reply to Deputy Molloy, he stated that there is no statutory retiring age, but that the objective is to encourage people to retire at an age at which they could get a contributory old age pension. He stated that the amount of pension would depend on service.

Councillor O Morain stated that it was short sighted policy to reduce the number of maintenance staff.

The County Manager stated that the Council has adjusted its allocation for roads for inflation to a greater extent than the Department of Local Government had done in the allocation of grants.

In reply to Councillor Holland, the County Manager stated that no allocation had been made for the improvement of National Primary and Secondary Roads this year and that information is not available as to whether the money under this head would be made available in 1977.

The Estimate for Road Transportation & Safety was agreed.

PROGRAMME GROUP 3 - WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE:

Councillor Haverty stated that he considered the sum of £2,000 allocated for water extension to St. Brendan's Road to be very small and he stated that the extension should provide for further houses further out on the Tynagh Road and also for servicing of Group Schemes.

Mr. Dunne stated that the extension proposed is proposed to go to the factory only until there is a general improvement scheme.

Councillor Morgan stated that Group Schemes will help to bring a better supply in this area.

Deputy Molloy enquired what sewerage schemes would be provided for out of the capital sum of £405,000 provided for in the Estimates.

The County Manager stated that it is hoped to start with Oranmore, Tuam treatment works, Athenry, Kilronan and Barna schemes.

Replying to Deputy Coogan, the County Manager stated that the date of commencement for the Spiddal Water Supply would depend on when the capital allocation is made available. He stated that this scheme is high on the list and could start with little delay if capital were made available.

Deputy Molloy welcomed the provision of £10,000 for filters in the Spiddal scheme in 1977 and he asked if the Spiddal scheme could go ahead in the event of the Minister allocating funds for it.

The County Manager stated that he did not want to suggest that the Council should depart from the priorities which it had already determined. He stated that it is possible that one scheme could be provided earlier than another which is higher on the list but it has already been pointed out that the priority list has to be flexible to cater for ^{delays in} planning of schemes and for the advisability of being able to take up capital if it were made available for schemes which plans had been finalised.

Senator Killilea complained that the scheme for the improvement to Tuam Water Supply has been a long time in the hands of the Minister without being approved.

Deputy Molloy asked why no provision was made in the Estimates for grants for road improvements in National Routes, while a sum of £405,000 had been provided for Sewerage Schemes.

The County Manager stated that last year, there was no capital allocation for improvement of National Roads, whereas there was an allocation for Sanitary Services.

The County Engineer stated that works on National Primary and Secondary roads are selected by the Department of Local Government.

Following a discussion it was noted that there was a typing error in page III in the County Manager's report and that the sum of £50,000 was provided for a new water source and additional sewerage at Inishmore and not in Inisheer as stated.

On the proposition of Deputy Molloy, seconded by Deputy Coogan, it was agreed that the improvement of the water supply in Kilronan should take priority over the sewerage scheme proposed for that village. Deputy Molloy stressed the urgency of improving the Kilronan supply stating that for 4 to 6 weeks during the past summer, no water whatever was available and there was also a shortage in 1975 and in previous years.

Councillor Sean Donnellan asked if money was available for provision of a new filter on Moycullen Water Supply.

Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer stated that filters alone would not meet the situation in Moycullen and that this area would ultimately be served by the Galway City Western Environs Scheme.

Replying to Councillor Byrne, Mr. Moroney, County Accountant gave particulars of the schemes for which the sum of £1,166,000 would be used in the event of capital of this amount being made available.

Councillor Morgan complained that people who avail of connections to small water supply schemes in villages which are provided by the County Council should not get a water supply free while others who have joined group schemes have to pay and he asked that some arrangement be made whereby the costs of schemes should be spread evenly.

The County Manager stated that generally, there is no connection charge as there is no authority to do so for County Council schemes but that an effort to overcome the problem, particularly in relation to extensions to group schemes is being made.

The County Manager informed Councillor O Morain that no provision is made for Sanitary Conveniences in places other than Kilronan and Kilmurvey in respect of which 85% grants are expected from Roinn na Gaeltachta and that the Council is not in fact sure that this money will be made available from Roinn na Gaeltachta.

Councillor Joyce stated that large amounts of expenditure seemed to be allocated to the western part of the county and he asked if a more even distribution to benefit the eastern part of the county could be arranged.

Referring to the County Manager's proposal to require promoters of group schemes to pay half the cost of road restoration, Councillor Byrne suggested that in view of the increased costs it would be wrong to stop the subsidy to group schemes and he recommended that the Council do the complete restoration as at present.

The Chairman stated that he agreed with Councillor Byrne's suggestion stating that if this incentive were taken away, it might cause a setback to the group scheme movement.

The County Manager stated that the cost of road restoration is increasing rapidly and that if they were required to pay part of the cost, it would be an incentive to groups to economise. He considered it a generous gesture on behalf of the Council to pay 50% of the cost.

Councillor Byrne proposed that no reduction be made in the amount provided for this year and that the Council carry the entire estimated cost.

Replying to Councillor Joyce, Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer stated that a licence is needed in respect of every road opening and that for any individual crossings, a form of indemnity has to be signed and a deposit of £10 lodged for each opening. He stated that the Council would deduct from the sum of £10 the actual cost incurred by the Council in carrying out the restoration and that the balance would be refunded to the person who lodged it.

Councillor Joyce stated that several such deposits had been paid by promoters of group schemes and by individuals and that these had not been returned.

The County Manager stated that he would examine Councillor Joyce's complaint.

After further discussion, it was agreed that the estimate be increased by the sum of £32,750 to provide for the full cost of road restoration being carried by the County Council where group schemes are constructed.

Subject to increasing the estimate by £32,750 in respect of road restoration, the estimate for water supply & sewerage was agreed.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Fahey, it was agreed to adjourn consideration of the remainder of the Estimates to the Estimates Meeting on Monday 25th October, 1976.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

Submitted *Approved and Confirmed*
Tom Hussey
Chairman
5/11/76
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 25/10/76.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members - Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Stewart, Assistant County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineer; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; S. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineer; W. A. Cahill, Acting Chief Asst. (Planning); T. Kavanagh and J. O'Kelly, Administrative Officers; A. O'Gorman and T. O'Neill, Senior Staff Officers; F. Dawson, Assistant Staff Officer, K. Doyle, County Secretary, Miss C. Hett, Staff Officer and Mrs. P. Monahan, Staff Officer.

1184 - RESOLUTIONS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT ACT, 1955

- - Planning applications numbered 22902 and 22910

Referring to the two resolutions in the name of Councillor Ruane and four other members, the County Manager produced a sketch layout showing the position in relation to those applications. He pointed out that a site containing 1.2 acres had been the subject of an application for Planning Permission for four houses. The application was refused by the Council and appealed to the Minister who granted two houses on the site. He explained that the application now before the Council showed at each end of the site a section of the site together with other adjoining land which was proposed to be the site for the two applications now referred to. He pointed out that to grant those applications would be a breach of the site requirements of the County Development Plan and would also be a breach of previous decisions on other applications.

Councillor Ruane stated that the owner has land on both sides of the site and he asked if the Council would consider a new application which the applicant could submit if he found he could comply with the site requirements of the Development Plan.

The County Manager stated that if new applications are submitted, the Council will examine them to see if they comply with the site requirements of the Plan.

1185 - GUARANTEE FOR REPAYMENT OF LOAN BY GALWAY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS:

The County Manager referred to his report to the Council dated 24th September, 1976 and which was considered by the Council at its September meeting (Minute No. 1165), and stated that he had, in the meantime, had further discussions with Galway Harbour Authorities and he was now satisfied that it was in order for the Council to confirm the resolution guaranteeing repayment of loan of £52,000 by Galway Harbour Commissioners, which was passed by the Council at its meeting on 26th July, 1976. He stated that this guarantee would be shared with Galway Corporation in the usual proportions.

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Councillor Sean Donnellan and resolved:

"that in accordance with the provisions of Section 7(3)(b) of the Harbours Act, 1947, Galway County Council hereby confirms the resolution adopted by the Council at its meeting held on 26th July, 1976 guaranteeing repayment of a loan of £52,000 with interest thereon being raised by Galway Harbour Commissioners from the Bank of Ireland, for the purpose of repairing the Dock Gates at Galway Harbour."

1186 - WAIVER OF CLAIM IN RESPECT OF £13,531.57 DUE TO GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL BY THE GALWAY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS:

The County Manager referred to his report to the Council dated 24th September, 1976 in connection with the sum of £13,531.57 due to Galway County Council by the Galway Harbour Commissioners - this sum having been included in the ordinary demands under the 1935 Act by the Harbour Commissioners between 1970 and 1973 and stated that this sum should not have been included in the Demands unless or until there was default in the repayment of loans guaranteed by the Council on the part of the Harbour Commissioners. He recommended that the Council would agree to waive its claim for refund of this amount.

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by ^{Cir.} Sean Donnellan and resolved:

"that in accordance with the provisions of Section 7(1)(f) of the Harbours Act, 1947, Galway County Council hereby remits wholly, the debt of £13,531.57 due to the Council by Galway Harbour Commissioners."

Councillor Glynn stated that he was not happy with the situation regarding Galway Harbour.

1187 - SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with Mairead De Nasa, Cloch na Ron, on the death of her sister.

The remaining items on the Agenda were adjourned to a special meeting on the 5th November, 1976 and the meeting then adjourned.

Submitted, Assessed and Confirmed

*Tom Hussey
Chairman*

Date 5/11/76

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER, 1976.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members - As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

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The Opening Prayer was recited.

1181 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1977:

Programme Group 1 - Housing & Building:

It was agreed that the estimate for housing & building as submitted, and discussed at the meeting of the 18th October, 1976 be approved.

Programme Group 2 - Road Transportation & Safety:

The County Manager referred to the Public Lighting programme submitted with the report dated 21st October, 1976 from Mr. J. Stewart, Assistant County Manager which was circulated at the meeting, and stated that it was advisable to approach the Public Lighting programme from a somewhat different attitude to that adopted heretofore. Normally, he stated, that the Council would adopt a three-year programme, but that it is now considered that there is a need for a survey of the public lighting systems of the major towns and that following this survey, proposals for modernising the system in those towns would be brought before the Council for approval. He suggested, therefore, that the Council adopt a two-part programme continuing the present system whereby additional lights requested by Councillors from time to time would be provided from year to year and in addition, that a modernising programme be carried out in the major towns following a survey.

Mr. Dunne, replying to Councillor Kelly, explained the different systems of lighting which can be provided by the E.S.B.

Councillor Ruane requested an improvement in the lighting systems in Turloughmore and Lackagh.

Councillor Welby stated that he was informed that three additional lights were to be provided at the car park in Oughterard but that he did not see any provision yet for them.

Deputy Kitt stated that he understood that at least two additional lights were to be provided in Menlough this year but that no provision was made for those in the programme. He stated that there was an urgent need for those and he proposed that provision be made for the lights in the Estimates, also for additional lights at Newbridge.

Councillor Ryan requested that one or two additional lights be also provided in Moylough on the Kilkerrin Road.

Senator Killilea stated that the programme provided for only two additional lights in Tuam. He stressed, in particular, the danger to children on the Dublin Road, where he stated there were many accidents and also the need for additional lights on the Ballygaddy Road.

He proposed that an additional levy of 1p in the £ be raised to provide an improved lighting system for Tuam and for Menlough.

Deputy Kitt seconded Senator Killilea's proposal.

The County Manager stated that he felt that the number of proposals on hands would not absorb the entire sum of £30,000 i.e. £10,000 per year intended to be allocated for the next three years and that it should not be necessary to raise any additional rate for this purpose. He stated that a review of the major towns would be carried out in 1977 and that a proposal can be brought back to the Council for improving them.

Deputy Callanan, agreeing with the proposal to levy an additional sum of 1p in the £ for Public Lighting, stated that this would give flexibility in general improvements to lighting systems.

Councillor ^{Ruane} stressed the need for additional lighting in Annaghdown.

Councillor Kelly, supporting Senator Killilea's proposal, stated that the improvement of the lighting system in the whole of the town of Tuam should be examined.

The County Manager stated that he agreed that the survey should start with the town of Tuam.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O Domhnallain go raibh se buioch go bhfuil solas/breise le cur ar fail i Magh Cuilinn ach go raibh sul aige go gcuirfear nios mo ar fail.

Welcoming the proposal for additional lights towards Merlin Park, Councillor Molloy also asked that the lighting in Ballybane be improved.

Replying to Councillor Haverty, the County Manager stated that the proposal to provide ten lights in Portumna means that those ten would be an addition to whatever lights are there at present.

Councillor Haverty stated that some of the additional 1p in the £ for public lighting should be utilized in Portumna. He complained that Tynagh had not been included in the proposals and that there is an urgent need to extend lighting on the Loughrea road to the playing field.

Deputy Callanan stated that the additional revenue from a levy of 1p in the £ should not be confined to any one town as there are many other areas in urgent need of improved lighting.

Councillor Glynn asked that some lighting be provided on the Galway side of the village of Shrule.

Councillor Morgan proposed that the estimate for public lighting be increased to £15,500 and that each Councillor be allocated a sum of £500 for whatever lighting he considered necessary in his area.

Councillor Kilgannon, referring to such places as churches and schools for which a policy decision is required, recommended that lights in such places should be provided by the County Council.

Referring to complaints by Councillor O Morain, regarding irregularity in the times of switching on and off the lights, Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer stated that an order for photo electric control had been placed with the E.S.B. for all lighting systems in the County and that this should eliminate the difficulties.

Replying to further queries, he stated that surveys already done indicated that a large number of additional lights would be required and that the cost of an additional light would be approximately £40 if a pole and wiring is available but that the cost could be up to £200 if a pole and switch wire is necessary.

Councillor Glynn, referring to traffic problems arising from restricted exit times from the Morgue at the Regional Hospital, Galway, asked that some arrangements be made whereby traffic could leave the hospital more easily on the occasions of funerals.

It was agreed that the matter would be taken up with Galway Corporation.

Replying to further queries, the County Manager stated that the survey to which he referred will commence in Tuam, but that it is not possible to give any estimate for what the total cost will be of improving the system in Tuam.

Replying to Councillor Haverty, he stated that an additional sum of £10,000 for new lighting has been approved for 1977 and that if this is not enough to cover the schemes on hands, he will come back to the Council with further proposals.

The Chairman declared the proposal of Senator Killilea, that the estimate be increased by 1p in the £ to provide for improved public lighting systems, carried. Programme Group 2 as amended was approved. Programme Group 3 - Water Supply & Sewerage:

It was agreed that this Estimate, as amended at the meeting of the Council held on the 18th October, 1976, be approved, i.e., that the Estimate be increased by the sum of £32,750 to provide for the full cost of road restoration being carried out by the County Council where Group Schemes are being carried out.

Programme Group 4 - Development Incentives & Controls:

Senator Higgins asked if the County Manager could state the amount spent by the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Organisation on research.

The County Manager stated that a social study had been carried out in Mayo and that a study was also being carried out on the effects of sea water in septic tanks and also a survey in connection with water resources.

Senator Higgins stated that there is very little research being done on the human side and he stated that there was evident lack of co-operation between third level educational establishments and other authorities, that much could be done by post-graduate students and that it was undesirable that much of the surveys should be carried out by Research Organisations based in Dublin.

Supporting Senator Higgins, Councillor Kelly stated that the resources and information obtainable from the University are not being tapped by local authorities.

Replying to a further query from Deputy Molloy, the County Manager stated that most of the Council's research work is carried out by consulting Engineers and Architects and that most of this is given to local people and local firms. The estimate for programme Group 4 was approved.

Programme Group 5 - Environmental Protection:

Senator Higgins enquired if any research had been carried out into the possibility of re-cycling waste.

The County Manager stated that the cost of re-cycling generally made the exercise uneconomical, but referring to research which was at present being done, the County Manager stated that a report, when available, will be examined.

Senator Higgins referred to the question of re-cycling of waste glass which he stated, had been done to advantage in France. He recommended that further examination should be carried out on the economics of re-cycling and pointed out that although the I.D.A. had funded eight factories involved in re-cycling, none of those were in the Western region. He stated that it should be possible to start a re-cycling industry based on glass and rubber.

The County Manager stated that any proposals coming before him in this category would be carefully examined.

Councillor Morgan enquired if a site had yet been purchased for Loughrea dump and he asked if arrangements could be made to collect refuse from five or six households in a group in a rural area.

The County Manager stated that the refuse collection service was designed for towns and villages and that it would be necessary to increase the capacity of the service if rural areas were to be served. He stated also that it might be possible to consider the request for collecting from groups of say, six houses or more.

Councillor Morgan recommended that the Council consider providing a dump in the Carra bog, south of New Inn.

Replying to further queries, the County Manager stated that dump maintenance will get greater attention in future, but that the covering of refuse will cost more money.

Deputy Callanan stressed the importance of keeping dumps in good condition.

Replying to Councillor Kelly, the County Manager stated that present indications are that alternative methods of disposal of refuse are uneconomical.

Councillor J. Molloy complained that the Corporation dump at Carrowbrowne is continually burning.

Councillor Haverty asked that an effort be made to locate a new site for a dump in Portumna and he also asked if Gurteeny could be considered as a village for the purpose of collection of refuse.

Councillor Kilgannon referred to abandoned cars which are being dumped near Killimor. Councillor Haverty stated that this matter is being remedied by local effort.

Burial Grounds: Councillor Fahey complained that the compensation paid to a farmer in respect of a site for a Burial Ground at Rakerrin, Gort was altogether inadequate and he asked that the Council increase the price considerably.

The County Manager stated that following the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order, the amount of compensation agreed is fixed by arbitration and this is generally very fair to the land owner. The County Manager stated that the Council is bound by the amount fixed by the Arbitrator.

Councillor Ruane complained that a person from whom land was acquired by Compulsory Purchase Order in Claregalway had not yet been paid compensation.

Deputy Callanan stated that land for a new Burial Ground is available in Clontuskert, but that this is not on the list.

The County Manager stated that he will investigate the matter.

Referring to proposed Burial Ground for Mynish, Councillor O Morain stated that he did not know that the Land Commission had land in this area. He stated also that a Burial Ground for Moyrus is not listed in the programme.

Replying to Councillor O Morain, the County Manager stated that the proposed extension to Leenane Burial Ground cannot be carried out in 1977, having regard to the amount of money available.

Councillor Glynn recommended that the Council proceed more rapidly with new Burial Grounds even at the expense of other services and he complained that no progress had been made for several years on the provision of a new cemetery for Addrigoole.

Regarding the proposed Burial Ground at Kildooney, Councillor Glynn stated that negotiations are going on for three or four years and that the Council should make a more realistic offer and buy the land.

The County Manager stated, on the question of acquisition of land for Burial Grounds, he would be prepared to exceed the Estimate, if necessary, but he considered that good progress had been made with the money available.

Replying to Councillor O Flaherty, the County Manager stated that the transfer of a site for a Burial Ground in Carraroe is at present being arranged by the Council's solicitor.

Councillor Bartley stated that he had previously referred to the question of extending a Burial Ground at Cashel and he asked whether a revised survey of the site and road had been carried out. He objected to the suggestion that land be acquired by Compulsory Order elsewhere for a Burial Ground for this area.

Deputy Molloy stated that he also objected to the C.P.O. and he asked if there was a result of a second survey.

The County Manager stated that a further survey had been done and further trial holes had been dug. He stated that as a result of boreholes which had been dug on the 4th October last it was found that there was water to a depth of 3ft. 6 inches in the trial holes on the following day and that in the meantime, they had filled. He stated that to alter the gradient of the roadway would cost a sum of £10,000.

It was agreed that a copy of the Engineers' report would be sent to Deputy Molloy, at his request.

The County Manager, replying to Deputy Kitt, stated that he would inform him of reasons why the site suggested for a new Burial Ground for Pohenagh is not suitable.

Senator Killilea asked if a section of the new Burial Ground in Donaghpatrick could be allocated for immediate use and he also asked that the roadway to Claretuam cemetery be widened by three feet ^{for} approximately ten yards from the head of the road.

The County Manager stated that these proposals would be examined.

Councillor Joyce asked if anything can be done regarding a temporary dwelling, outside the Burial Ground at Clonfert, which has been occupied since last year. He stated that there are dogs, horse and chickens around the temporary dwelling and that it is a most unsuitable place to have one located.

The County Manager stated that this will be examined.

Councillor Burke asked that a ruin in Abbey Burial Ground be either repaired or removed as it a serious danger at present.

Fire-fighting: Councillor Morgan, referring to the County Manager's statement regarding the failure of part-time firemen to turn out on five occasions in the past year, asked if an undertaking is required from part-time firemen to make a service available at all times.

The County Manager stated that this is a matter which is being discussed with the Unions, who have expressed concern in the matter and are prepared to examine it with officials of the County Council.

Replying to a further query from Councillor Morgan, the County Manager stated that generally, when part-time firemen are recruited, they are within reasonable distance of the Fire Station, but that they frequently change residence and that this puts them at some distance occasionally, from the Fire Station. He stated that spot checks are sometimes carried out on availability and that he considered it necessary to make a comment in his report to the Council on the matter from his deep sense of concern at the situation.

Councillor Morgan recommended that a full size standard type fire tender be made available in Portumna.

The County Manager stated that a review of the fire service equipment in general is being made at the moment and if the approval of the Council to a new proposal is necessary, he will bring the matter before the Council.

Deputy Molloy asked that a fire service be provided in Inishmore where a large number of tourists are located each Summer. He stated that in general, water supply is available throughout the island.

The County Manager stated that a report on the matter will be made to the County Council in due course.
The estimate for Programme Group 5 was approved.
Programme Group 6 - Recreation & Amenity:

The County Manager stated that a further review of the cost of operating the Ballinasloe Swimming Pool had been carried out and that it was ascertained that there will be a shortfall in the revenue for the current year of £3,400. He stated that if a contribution of this amount were made available by the County Council, it would involve approximately 0.6p in the £ on the rates but that it would cost 30p in the £ if it had to be levied on Ballinasloe Urban District. He requested the approval of the Council to increasing the grant of £15,000 for the current year to £18,400 to make up the shortfall in revenue.

Councillor Galvin, proposing the increase in the contribution as suggested by the County Manager, gave particulars of the operating cost and revenue of the swimming pool.

Councillor Morgan stated that he agreed with the proposal of the County Manager and Councillor Galvin but he complained that nothing had been provided in the Estimates for improvement of swimming facilities in Loughrea. He stated that more use is made of the swimming facilities in Loughrea than in either Tuam or Ballinasloe.

The County Manager stated that the situation in relation to Loughrea and the two other areas where swimming pools are provided are not comparable. He stated that there was a substantial improvement in the facilities in Loughrea last year and he did not see that very much more was needed.

Councillor Morgan stated that there were no toilet facilities provided in Loughrea and the County Manager stated that this will be examined in the context of the Council's programme for new public toilets. He agreed that there was a need for one at the location mentioned by Councillor Morgan.

Replying to Councillor Fahey, the County Manager stated that the commencement of the pool in Gort would depend on when capital is made available.

Amenity Schemes: The County Manager referred to the report on the Bord Failte Tourism Development Programme, 1976 - '81 which was circulated at the meeting to each member of the Council, and stated that Bord Failte's interest is in the question of tourism and that the interests of the Council are in the provision of facilities for the local people. He stated that the proposals which were before the Council from Bord Failte involved a contribution by Bord Failte of £24,500 and that the contribution paid by the Council to have those schemes carried out would be £19,000. He recommended that the County Council should avail of the grant offered by Bord Failte to carry out the schemes in the current year.

Deputy Molloy proposed and Councillor O Morain seconded that the Council hereby approve the provision of £19,000 in the current financial year to carry out the schemes listed in the report for which grants are offered by Bord Failte and that the Council hereby approve the voting of the sum of money in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City & County Management Act, 1955. He also proposed that the Council increase the Estimates for the coming financial year by the sum of £19,000 in order to carry out further schemes of this type which have yet to be selected.

Councillor Burke stated that he objected very strongly to the proposals of Bord Failte and he stated that Bord Failte cannot ignore the facilities provided by the Shannon. He objected to all of the grants going to Connemara and he considered that Galway County Council should be involved in the selection of schemes. He stated that he had submitted a motion last June for carrying out certain schemes and that he had received an acknowledgement of his motions, he had not received an answer to the motions themselves. He considered the approval of the Council to the allocation of a grant of £19,000 should be withheld.

Replying to a query by Deputy Callanan, the County Manager stated that the sum of £11,000 is provided under a separate heading for amenities such as community centres etc. and that this sum is also provided for in the Estimates for the coming financial year. He stated that the Council had no responsibility for the Plan prepared by Bord Failte, but that consultations had taken place between Bord Failte and the Council since the Plan was published.

Deputy Callanan also expressed dissatisfaction at the allocation of £19,000 to one part of the county only.

The County Manager stated that for the current year, Bord Failte had the sum of £24,500 available and that if the work is not carried out, the amount will be lost. He stated however, that Bord Failte's proposals are flexible and they are prepared to look at any proposal which might be put forward to them for grants. He stated that one reason why all the grants had been allocated in the Connemara area is that the time available is very short and that no land acquisition is necessary in the Connemara area in order to avail of the grants. He stated that Bord Failte is also anxious, in the first year of its programme, to improve access to beaches.

Councillor O Morain stated that this is only the first part of a major plan by Bord Failte, and he referred to the vast amount of schemes proposed in the report for various parts of the county.

Senator Killilea stated that the Council should agree to accept the proposals of Bord Failte for the current year, but that the remainder of the county should get priority in the allocation of grants for the coming financial year.

Councillors Kilgannon and Haverty also expressed agreement with Councillor Burke's complaint regarding the failure to allocate money to east Galway.

The County Manager stated that a considerable amount of money had been spent in the past few years by the Office of Public Works in the Portumna area.

The County Manager stated that the proposals for utilizing the grants available in 1977 will be brought before the Council in due course.

The Chairman declared the motions proposed by Deputy Molloy and seconded by Councillor O Morain carried.

Councillor Fahey asked that some consideration be given to the allocation of a grant to the Gort Golf Club in respect of the construction of a Golf Course on which the sum of £30,000 had been spent.

The County Manager stated that Golf Clubs have not been assisted by County Council grants and that they do not come under the heading of schemes for which the amenity grants are allocated by the County Council.

Deputy Molloy supported Councillor Fahey's request.

The County Manager stated that he will examine a request by Councillor Morgan that the rent payable to the Development Company in Portumna in respect of a library be increased.

On the proposition of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Sean Donnellan, it was agreed that a protest would be sent to the Minister for Education against the failure to increase the income limits for Education Grants for several years and that the Minister be requested to raise the income limit substantially without delay.

Councillor O Morain asked that the closing date be extended from the 31st August into mid-September, or alternatively, that there should be some flexibility regarding the closing date.

The estimate for Programme Group 6 as amended was approved.

Programme Group 7 - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare:

The Estimate for this programme was approved.

Programme Group 8 - Miscellaneous Services:

The Estimate for this programme was approved.

It was noted that, on the basis of the Estimates as amended, the rates to be levied for the year 1977 are as follows:

(a) TABLE B 1.

<u>Programme Group</u>	<u>Amount to be levied.</u>	<u>Rate in the £.</u>
	£	£
Housing & Building ...	462,625	0.8202
Road Transportation & Safety ...	2,178,638	3.8625
Water Supply & Sewerage ...	829,868	1.4713
Development Incentives & Controls ...	113,045	0.2004
Environmental Protection ...	410,315	0.7274
Recreation & Amenity ..	255,078	0.4540
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare ..	721,694	1.2795
Miscellaneous Services ...	430,717	0.8522
<u>All Programme Groups:</u>		
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>5,452,980</u>	<u>9.6675</u>

(b) TABLE C.

<u>Separate Charges</u>	<u>Amount to be Levied</u>	<u>Rate in the £.</u>
	£	£
River Corrib Navigation ...	5,647	0.0096
Galway Harbour ...	4,500	0.0076
Vocational Education ...	78,802	0.1330

Criminal Injury Decrees:

County at Large	5,168.93	0.0092
Galway Rural	267.82	0.0308
D.E.D. Clarenbridge & Ballinacourty	114.36	0.0136
D.E.D. Barna	132.15	0.0136
D.E.D. Spiddal	69.16	0.0191
D.E.D. Ballinastack	87.62	0.0547
D.E.D. Kilbeacanty	40.65	0.0280
D.E.D. Loughrea Urban S.	112.00	0.0174
D.E.D. Kilmeen	63.23	0.0139
D.E.D. Drumkeary	552.25	0.2000
D.E.D. Letterfore	152.54	0.0935
D.E.D. Oughterard	1,499.22	0.2000
D.E.D. Kilcummin (Oughterard R.D.)	58.81	0.2000
D.E.D. Gorunna	64.75	0.0377
D.E.D. Portumna	233.95	0.0265
D.E.D. Lavally	26.30	0.0182

and

charges for Criminal Injuries leviable on Ballinasloe Urban District and the Boro' of Galway as set out in Nos. 2423 to 2480 in Separate Charges Register and in Table C of the Estimates.

TABLE D. Town Charges:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Amount to be raised</u> £	<u>Rate in the £.</u> £
Loughrea	1,469	0.1532
Tuam	1,250	0.1000

1182 - ADOPTION OF ESTIMATE AND DETERMINATION OF RATES IN THE £.:

It was proposed by Councillor Fahey, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby adopt for the financial year ending 31st December, 1977, the Estimate of Expenses set out in Tables A, B.1, C and D, and hereby determine in accordance with the said Estimates the rates set out in Column 11 of Table B.1, Column 11 of Table C, and Column 7 of Table D to be the rates in the £ to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in Column (1) of Table B.1 and in Tables C and D."

The prescribed certificate was then signed by the Chairman and the County Secretary.

1183 - DEMANDS ON URBAN AUTHORITIES:

It was proposed by Councillor Fahey, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved:

"that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on Galway Borough Council and on the Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the year ending 31st December, 1977."

The Demands were then sealed and signed.

Councillor Fahey and the Chairman expressed their thanks to the Managers, County Accountant and staff of the Council who were involved in the preparation of the Estimates and complimented them on the detailed information given to the meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, Assented and Confirmed

*Chairman
Tom Hussey
Date 5/11/77*

*Whis 1184 to 1187 -
See Whis 1184
25/11/77 (ante)*

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
Gaillimh.

29u Deire Fomhair, 1976.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of Galway County Council to be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday 5th November, 1976, commencing at 3.30 p.m..

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL.
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A G E N D A

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Decrees
3. December Meeting of County Councils' General Council.
4. General Conditions for Group Water Supply Schemes (Minute No. 1175).
5. Sale of Housing Site at Townparks (1st Division), Tuam.
6. Creation of the following offices in the Council's legal department:
 - (a) Wholetime Law Agent
 - (b) Law/Conveyancing Clerk
 - (c) Clerical Officer (Secretarial)
 - (d) Clerk/Typist.

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7. Raising of Loans to finance contributions to the following Group Schemes:
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| (a) Lettergesh/Mullaghglass Group Scheme | - | £2,240. |
| (b) Polkeen/Ballybritt Group Scheme | - | £ 830. |
8. Approval to Wage & Salary increases under Interim Employer T/U National Agreement, 1976.
9. Report on Review of County Development Plan.
10. Declaration of Roads to be public roads.
11. Business submitted by County Manager.
- MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:
- (a) Adjourned from Meeting of 27th September, 1976.
12. Comhairleoir M. O Flatharta:
- (i) Ce'n staid a bhfuil corus reigiunach uisce Casla faoi lathai
- (ii) Molaim caoi a chur ar choras uisce Tir an Fhaidh chun bru nios fearr do bheith ar an uisce ag Maimin agus Leitir Mor.
13. Deputy J. Callanan: I will propose -
- (i) That the Council investigate the possibility of building a small swimming pool on river bed at Caheroyan, Athenry. If permission could be obtained, local people would collect towards the cost.
14. Councillor M. Ryan: I will propose -
- (i) That the sewerage system in Newbridge be improved immediately.
15. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -
- That a portion at the south end of Portumna fairgreen be fenced off for a public park and childrens playground and that a sum of £1,000 be included in the 1977 estimates for its development and that the swings and exercise bars be re-sited in the proposed park.
16. Councillor P. Ruane: I will propose -
- (i) That the road between Claregalway and Oranmore be completed as soon as possible and that an extra amount of grants be allocated for same this year;
- (ii) that Galway County Council purchase an extra set of equipment to speed up the testing of pumps for group water schemes;
- (iii) Castle Ellen Pump: I propose to ask the Council to deepen this pump where there is a pump-house and some piping to nearby houses.
17. Deputy M. P. Kitt: I will propose -
- (i) That the Pallas bog road, Pallas, Caltra, Ballinasloe be adopted by Galway County Council;
- (ii) that Galway County Council give a supplementary grant to the Cahercrin Group Water Scheme to provide for storage tank and an extra pump.

18. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
- That arrangements be made for the laying of an extension of the public sewerage at Knocknacarra to 400 yards up the Clybaun Road.
19. Councillor Mike Kelly: I will ask -
- That the Manager take immediate steps to have the public lighting connected to Parkview Drive and Abbey Trinity Estates in Tuam and to state the reason for the long delay in having this done.
20. Councillor P. E. Glynn: I will propose -
- That Galway County Council take over the two Land Commission pumps at (a) Abbeytown, Caherlistrane, and (b) Tonacoolen, and have same repaired and maintained in future.
21. Senator Mark Killilea: I will propose -
- That the new houses to be built by the County Council at Headford begin as a matter of urgency.
22. Councillor F. Fahey: I will ask -
- That this Council propose to the Department of Local Government that it discontinue with its present policy on the provision of local authority housing and replace it with state subsidised, low interest, local authority loans giving up to 90% of total construction costs.
- (b) Other Resolutions from Members:
23. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
- That a full report be given on the alleged dampness in the additional rooms built on to the house of (Name & Address supplied) and an explanation as to why the fireplace requested by (Name) has not been constructed.
24. Councillors N. Melvin & E. Haverty: We will propose -
- That the road leading from Hickey's house in Ranamacken village on to the Streamstown County Road be taken over as a public road.
25. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -
- (i) That Galway County Council provide as soon as possible, a minimum of twenty serviced sites in Loughrea Town;
- (ii) that Galway County Council extend Portumna town water, sewer and street lighting systems, as quickly as possible to St. Joseph's Road and Killimor Road, Portumna.
26. Councillor T. Byrne: I will propose -
- That the well at Lisbrien, Gort be cleaned up. Would it be suitable as a bore-hole for a Council pump?
27. Councillor U. Burke: I will propose -
- (i) That an explanation for the total expenditure of the Bord Fáilte Grant within the Connemara area by this Council be given. Why was the Council not consulted on the matter? Was any part of the Council or Committee involved in the suggestions presented? Why were other areas not considered and why was my Notice of Motion requesting the Council to consult with Government Dept., Semi-State agencies and local interests ignored following the publication of the Report?

(ii) that this Council repair road between Nutgrove Cross and Cloncoma junction on Tynagh/Kilimor Road as it is in a very dangerous condition to road users.

28. Councillor G. Bartley: I will propose -

- (i) That the Galway County Council fit a Sluice Valve to Brandy River, Bunown, Ballyconneely;
- (ii) that work would be completed on alignment of road at Golan Bridge, near Clifden;
- (iii) that a dangerous bend on the Main Road by the Sand Pits at the entrance to Kylemore Abbey be removed and advance signs near the dangerous bend be moved away from the bend.

29. Councillor P. McCormack: I will ask -

When a County Council refuse collection will be provided for the Rosshill/Roscam area, Galway.

30. Councillors M. J. Kilgannon, T. Byrne, M. Ryan:

We, the undersigned hereby direct Galway County Council that the Trustees of Doon Group Water Scheme be given immediate access to the Council pump at Doon being the agreed source of water for this scheme.

31. Comhairleoir N. O Flatharta:

Ce'n staid a bhfuil Roillic na Ceathrun Rua faoi lathair?

32. Senator J. M. Mannion:

- (i) I will propose that Kilkerrin Public Lighting be extended from Coyne's Bar to the Post Office;
- (ii) that Clifden refuse collection be extended to include Kingstown.
- (iii) I will ask the County Manager if he is satisfied with the Moycullen Water Supply and if not, what steps he intends to take to improve same especially re filtering etc.

33. Councillor T. Welby: I will propose -

That this County Council will review the present arrangements regarding Health Inspectors who are presently engaged through the Western Health Board to carry out work for the County Council.

34. Councillor E. Haverty: I will propose -

That in the event of water being brought to the Industrial Site on the Woodford Road, Portumma, the pump and pipelines be of adequate size in order to cater for the houses on the Woodford Road and also a group scheme which is proposed for a number of houses & lands on the Tynagh Road.

35. Senator Michael D. Higgins: I will ask -

If it is possible that the County Council would approach the Electricity Supply Board with a view to designing a more suitable system of electricity poles and cables than such as exist at the moment in the village of Roundstone.

36. Comhairleoir M. O Morain: Ba mhaith liom a mholadh -
- (a) go ndeasofai an bothar ag sgoil an Ghairt Mhoir chun an t-uisge thogail de phairc na sgoile;
 - (b) Go mbainfi an cnocan as an mbothar idir tigh Phadraig Ui Mhaidin agus cros-bhothar Charna.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF HOUSING COMMITTEE OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE CO. BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1976

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. J. Stewart, Assistant Co. Manager. A. O'Gorman, Senior Staff Officer. M. J. Dunne, Deputy Co. Engineer. K. Doyle, Co. Secretary. Miss C. Hett, Staff Officer.

1188 - DATE OF DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING:

It was agreed that the monthly meeting of the Council for December would be held on Tuesday, 21st.

1189 - HOUSING PROGRESS:

The following documents were circulated to Members: (1) Housing Progress Report, (2) Housing Programme as at October, 1976, (3) list of applicants for rural houses approved since the 21st June, 1976.

Mr. Stewart gave an outline of the Progress Report which had been circulated. Councillor Morgan enquired what is the position regarding acquisition of land in Loughrea.

The Assistant County Manager stated that it has been found necessary to make a Compulsory Purchase Order in this case.

Senator Killilea asked that he be informed of the position regarding the construction of a new house in Barnaderg and two houses in Ballinastack.

Replying to a query from Councillor Kelly, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that he anticipated that work on the construction of old persons homes in Tuam would commence in 1977 and that the site for those is being transferred by the Council's solicitor. The Assistant County Manager also stated that he would inform Councillor Kelly of the position regarding the purchase of the remainder of the fairgreen in Tuam.

He also informed Councillor Kelly that the Council is negotiating for purchase of part of the lands at Parkmore as it would not be possible for the Council to purchase the entire land available. He also stated that four sites on the developed site on the fairgreen are in the process of being transferred to the National Building Agency.

The Assistant County Manager informed Senator Mannion that the list of approved applicants includes those who require houses and those for whom demountable dwellings are being provided. He also informed him that contract documents are being prepared for ten houses in Clifden and that eight sites will also be developed there.

Replying to Councillor O Morain, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that the Council is not at present purchasing land in Cill Ciarain, that construction of a house by Fabri-cast in the area had commenced but that this was stopped for a time because of increased prices. The matter had now been resolved and there is hope that the house will be constructed soon. Regarding the provision of toilet facilities in demountable dwellings, the Asst. Co. Manager informed Councillor O Morain that the Council would connect such buildings where a public sewerage system is available but that a difficulty arises in many cases where the site is only rented and is not owned by the Council. He also informed Councillor O'Morain that it is hoped to commence erection of a few houses on a one-acre site which has been acquired in Rosmuck.

Councillor O Morain stated that a family living in Cill Ciarain in a caravan was in urgent need of rehousing.

Replying to Deputy Kitt, the Asst. Co. Manager stated that he anticipated that work on schemes in respect of which tenders had been invited as set out in item number 3 of the Progress Report would commence before the end of the present year and that when schemes are completed, and where/there is a further demand for there

houses, the Council is prepared to go back to those sites and erect further houses if money and sites are available.

Complimenting the Minister for Local Government for making an additional £161,000 available, Councillor Fahey stated that it was regrettable that this had come eighteen months too late. Referring to the Progress Report before the Council, Cllr. Fahey stated that it was an impressive list but he wondered if there was too much emphasis on local authority housing and not enough assistance being given to people who would normally be expected to be in a position to build their own houses. He considered that those outside the local authority category had been forgotten. He recommended that the system of financing local authority housing should be changed and that instead of the present system loans at a low interest rate of say 2% or 3% up to 90% of the value of the houses should be given to tenants. He stated that this would cost less on the government than the present system. He complained that the maximum loan of £4,500 available was far too low and that in addition, the income limits for such loans is too low. He considered that these factors are shifting the demand to local authority housing.

Councillor Kilgannon expressed satisfaction with the progress and type of demountable dwellings being made in his area. Regarding the provision of septic tanks for demountable dwellings, he considered that the occupants can, at any time, come back to the Council and apply to have a tank constructed provided any problems which exist can be solved. He stated that newly married people are not able to build their own houses and they need local authority housing.

Deputy Callanan stated that persons who require houses in rural areas should be provided with them and he recommended that higher grants and loans should be available for persons building their own houses.

Mr. Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager, replying to Deputy Callanan stated that all applicants for demountable dwellings who had agreed to accept them are expected to be provided for by the end of this year. He stated, however, that in some cases it is difficult to get a suitable site and that if a septic tank is required, larger sites are necessary. Regarding the backlog of applications, he stated that the Council is working through those in an effort to cater for the most needy but that applications continue to come. Referring to the question of a new purchase scheme for local authority houses, he stated that the necessity for bringing in a new purchase scheme was brought to the attention of the Dept. Local Government and that it is expected that conditions for a new purchase scheme would be in the hands of the Council within the next few weeks.

Mr. Dunne, Deputy Co. Engineer, referring to the cost of septic tanks stated that this, together with the necessary water installation could cost an extra £1,000 for a demountable dwelling.

Councillor Byrne congratulated the Manager and the housing staff of the Council on the progress made on the building of local authority houses. He recommended that of the twelve houses proposed to be built in Kinvara, two houses would be divided into two flats each so as to cater for single people. He also recommended that the Kinvara scheme should include at least one house for elderly persons and he considered that all future housing schemes should include old peoples houses.

Complimenting the Manager and staff on the progress made with housing, Cllr. Galvin stated that with the cost of housing now approximately £8.50 per square foot, there is no hope that a small farmer can afford the cost of building. Therefore, he considered, the demand for housing will continue.

Cllr. Glynn stated that the progress with housing might not appear to be as good as seemed from the programme presented to the Council. He referred to the fact that there are fifty-four sites proposed for Glenamaddy but there are none proposed for Williamstown/Ballymoe. He recommended that land be bought in all the small towns so as to make sites available at reasonable cost. He considered that the terms of the purchase schemes for new houses were wrong in that tenants can buy houses after a few years at a very low price. He stated that Galway was one of the few counties where communal septic tanks are not allowed and he recommended that these should be allowed in order to reduce cost until such time as small sewerage schemes for towns can be provided. He considered that the policy of the housing authority should be to provide greater encouragement for owner builders.

The Chairman and other Members of the Council also complimented the Manager and staff on the progress made with housing.

Senator Killilea, referring to the reduction in the number of applications for housing loans, proposed that the Minister be again asked to increase the income limit for loans to, say, £3,250 and also to increase the maximum loan which is made available. He proposed that the Council draw up a scheme whereby toilets and bathrooms could be installed in vested houses in Gilmartin Road, Tuam and that the difference between the total cost and any grants available be recovered from the vested tenants by instalments.

Cllr. Kelly supported Senator Killilea's proposal regarding the installation of sewage facilities and bathrooms in Gilmartin Road.

Mr. Stewart stated that those houses are in fact private houses and it would not be possible or practicable to undertake the work proposed by Senator Killilea. He stated that loans and grants were available for the work and he suggested that the vested tenants should avail of those.

Proposing the motion under Item 3 on the Agenda, Councillor Bartley stated that the standard of work on this demountable dwelling was not good. He asked that one fireplace be provided in the extension which is a long distance away from the main fireplace in the original structure.

Councillor Welby supporting Councillor Bartley's proposal stated that the rooms are cold as they are very far away from the fireplace and there is no means of heating at this end of the building. He recommended that the Council provide an outside chimney-breast in order to provide a fireplace for the extension.

Mr. Stewart stated that the engineer had reported that there is no evidence of dampness in the rooms and that dampness was not evident on previous inspections. The type of construction used on this cottage, i.e. prefabricated wall panels with dry lining, studding, insulation and vapour barriers is practically fool-proof against dampness and that no house of this type had shown evidence of dampness. It was more likely that there may be condensation in the rooms which would normally be remedied by keeping a night vent open on the windows. Mr. Stewart suggested that moveable gas fires might be used occasionally to provide heating.

After a further discussion, Mr. Stewart stated that he would ask the engineer to examine the matter again.

Replying to Councillor Welby, Mr. Stewart stated that following a further examination of the site for the housing scheme in Oughterard, it was found that it would only accommodate eight houses.

Councillor Welby asked that serviced sites would be made available as soon as possible in Moycullen.

Councillor Haverty stated that he did not agree that local authority housing was going too far and he agreed that it was good policy to have sufficient land bought in all towns. He complained about the delay in going ahead with the scheme for Killimor and pointed out that no land had yet been acquired for Woodford, Tynagh or Abbey. He asked was it the policy of the Council to house a number of itinerants in each scheme. He stated that people were being deprived of loans for housing because of the fact that they have only temporary employment. He considered that this should not deprive them of loans.

The Asst. Co. Manager, replying to Cllr. Haverty, stated that many difficulties were being encountered regarding the acquisition of a site in Killimor. It was not possible to have sewage services provided in one site which was selected. A deal was also negotiated in respect of other land but the owner withdrew and was seeking £10,000 per acre. He stated that the difficulties being encountered in Killimor may force the Council to seek individual sites rather than a site for a major scheme. An alternative might be the making of a compulsory purchase order. He stated that itinerants are being housed in new schemes and that this policy will continue although it is a slow method of solving the itinerant problem.

Cllr. Ryan recommended that the Council should acquire more land in Mountbellew and also that they should acquire land in Moylough if it is found to be available. He agreed with the proposal that the maximum income limit for loans be substantially increased.

Referring to the housing of itinerants, Cllr. Ryan stated that he would like to see a policy whereby itinerants were housed both in the rural areas and in villages but

not in any large group. He asked that the Council would try to find a solution to the problem of itinerants in the Cloonthue area of Tuam.

The Asst. Co. Manager stated that if there is evidence of a greater demand for housing in Mountbellew an effort will be made to acquire additional land.

Cllr. Kilgannon, referring to the housing of itinerants, stated that integration of itinerants in housing schemes should continue and they should not be treated as a separate category in dealing with the allocation of tenancies. He objected to ghetto settlements which, he stated, create slum areas. He suggested that itinerants should be the first tenants to be appointed in a scheme and then applications from others could be considered once they were aware that itinerants would be housed in the schemes. He stated that people who are not getting local authority loans for housing may be in a position to get the money elsewhere and he considered that the local authority scheme may have outlived its usefulness. He asked why local authorities should have to provide money for housing loans if it is available from another source and he considered therefore that the case might not be so strong for increasing the limits of loans and income.

Cllr. Fahey stated that he was not objecting to the number of houses which was expected to be provided this year but to the system of financing houses which he stated should be arranged in a different way. He recommended that a government subsidised loan of 90% of the cost be provided for purchase of the houses and he considered that an interest rate of 2% or 3% should apply.

Cllr. Joyce stated that Cllr. Fahey's idea for changing the system of financing of housing was worth considering. Regarding the housing of itinerants, Cllr. Joyce stated that it would be a good idea to house, say, one itinerant in each scheme of say, ten or twelve houses especially in smaller towns. He recommended that in the larger towns two or three smaller hard stands for itinerants should be provided rather than one large one.

Replying to a further query from Cllr. Joyce, Mr. Stewart stated that the Council have prepared contract documents for six houses in Laurencetown and that it is hoped to commence work on those in 1977 with the allocation for the coming year.

Cllr. Kelly, referring to the suggestion that local authority loans be phased out, stated that building societies might be in a position to make loans available on a greater scale than heretofore. Regarding the housing of itinerants, he suggested that a survey of vacant houses be carried out in order to provide homes for itinerants.

Cllr. Morgan stated that a house was built in Craughwell about two years ago and a front wall had not yet been provided and that a wall in front of a house provided in Kingsland, Athenry was used for the foundations. He asked that a wall be provided in those two cases.

The Asst. Co. Manager stated that he understood there was a problem regarding road alignment in the case of the house in Craughwell.

Cllr. Morgan also asked that in the Loughrea housing scheme, houses facing west should be provided with a screen wall for their gardens and that builders should be asked not to dump materials in the grass in front of a scheme when building is going on. Referring to a house which was burned in Loughrea recently, Cllr. Morgan recommended that a caravan be provided and that the house be reconstructed. Cllr. Morgan also recommended that the Council's scheme of priorities for letting of houses be amended in order to prevent abuses. He stated that applicants for rehousing are creating conditions artificially to better their chances of obtaining a tenancy.

Deputy Callanan expressed reservations about placing too much reliance on building societies as a source for housing loans. Regarding the housing of itinerants, he recommended that one itinerant per four or five houses in a scheme should be rehoused and that it should be known in advance that an itinerant was to be housed in a particular scheme. He stated that people do not want a big number of itinerants housed in one area together.

Councillor Haverty asked if the Council officials were satisfied with the plans of houses being provided. He referred to a house in Loughrea where there is a large family and stated that the space available for cooking and similar domestic work was inadequate.

Replying to a query by Cllr. McCormack in connection with demountable dwellings on sites owned by the applicant, the Asst. Co. Manager stated that the construction of a septic tank on this type of site and all other sites would be considered on its merits and that it was a question of cost in each case apart from other considerations.

1190 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Mrs. Keane, Creggane, Craughwell.
- Mr. Martin Boyle, Trasternagh, Moylough, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Michael Donoghue, Alloon, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Martin Gormally, Fairhill, Menlough, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Costello, Ballagh, Menlough, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Patrick Ruane, Liscume, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Jimmy Ward, Ruane, Ballinasloe.

The meeting then terminated.

Submitted

Approved and Confirmed

Tom Hovoney
Chairman

Date - 22/11/76

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE CO. BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 5th NOVEMBER, 1976.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, Co. Manager. J. Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager. M. Dunne, Deputy Co. Engineer, T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer. J. O'Kelly, Administrative Officer, W. Cahill, Acting Chief Asst. Co. Engineer (Planning). F. Dawson, Asst. Staff Officer. K. Doyle, Co. Secretary.

The opening prayer was recited.

1191 - RETIREMENT OF MR. C. A. WARNER, CO. ENGINEER:

The Chairman stated that Mr. C. A. Warner, Co. Engineer would soon be retiring from the service of the Council and that he wished to pay tribute to the work done by him in the county since his appointment in 1959. He stated that he wished in particular to pay tribute to the work done by Mr. Warner on the roads which were a credit to him, and he wished him many happy years of retirement.

Deputy Molloy stated that he would like to record his deep appreciation of the great qualities and integrity of Mr. Warner who, he stated, was held in highest esteem by his own staff. He expressed his appreciation of the contribution made by Mr. Warner to the development of the county and city of Galway.

All other Members of the Council present joined in the tributes paid to Mr. Warner.

The Co. Manager, joining in the tribute paid to Mr. Warner, stated that he possessed the highest standards of integrity and devotion to duty and his fine achievements for the county had been well acknowledged.

Mr. Dunne also joining in the tributes paid to Mr. Warner stated that 900 miles of non public roads had been taken over for maintenance since Mr. Warner was appointed and in addition, 2,600 miles of county roads had been blacktopped. He paid tribute to Mr. Warner's integrity and fairness to all.

1192 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of the Chairman, the Council extended its sincere sympathy to the wife of the late Mr. H. B. Naughton, Solicitor, the Co. Council and also to the wife of Mr. Patsy O'Toole, former Superintendent, both of whom were recently deceased.

He paid tribute to the long and faithful service given by both of the deceased to the county of Galway.

The Co. Manager also joined in the expression of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. Naughton and Mr. O'Toole.

Councillor Ruane proposed a vote of sympathy with the husband and family of the late Mrs. Maire Drumm, Belfast, and he paid tribute to Mrs. Drumm's work for her republican principles. Councillor Flaherty stated that he was seconding the vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. Drumm on the basis that hers was a callous and brutal murder.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

The sympathy of the Council was also extended to Mrs. Nora Murphy, Clarke's St., Athenry on the death of her mother.

1193 - REQUEST FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE TO CONTEST THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION:

The Co. Secretary read for Members letter dated 28th October, 1976 and memorandum dated 27th October, 1976 enclosed therewith which was received from Mr. Basil A.

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Morahan, Main Street, Louisburg, Co. Mayo, requesting that the Council would nominate him for the office of President of Ireland. The Chairman directed that the letter be marked "read".

1194 - MINUTES:

The Co. Manager requested the approval of the Council to the insertion of the word "new" before the word "schemes" in the first line of Page 6 of the Minutes of 27th September, 1976 which was omitted from the statement which he made at the Council meeting.

On the proposition of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor O Morain, the Minutes of meetings held on 27/9/1976 (amended as requested above by the Co. Manager), 13/10/1976, 18/10/1976, 25/10/1976 (2 meetings) (Nos. 1160 - 1187 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1195 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that malicious damage decrees as set out in the schedule to the Agenda were received since the last monthly meeting.

1196 - DECEMBER MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

The Co. Manager stated that the December meeting of the County Councils' General Council will take place early in December and that notice of any matter which the Council might wish to have placed on the Agenda should reach the Secretary of that Council on or before Friday, 26th November, 1976.

1197 - GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES - CONDITIONS:

The draft conditions for Group Water Supply Schemes which are applicable to schemes which are extensions of the Council's public water supply mains were discussed.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that he considered that nobody should be entitled to obtain free water supply. He commended the conditions set out in the draft circulated to Councillors as a commonsense document.

Deputy Callanan stated that the Council had agreed that schemes which were not from a County Council source would also be taken over and that conditions for such schemes might also be drafted.

Replying to Councillor Ryan, the Co. Manager outlined the legal position regarding the taking over of schemes by the Co. Council in accordance with the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1962.

Councillor Morgan stated that people near towns get a water supply free and he did not consider that people should be treated differently and that all should make some contribution.

The Co. Manager stated that when a scheme has been taken over by the Co. Council people who apply for connections will be charged a particular sum through the operation of the water charges scale.

The document setting out draft conditions for group water schemes was approved.

1198 - SALE OF HOUSING SITE AT TOWNPARKS (1st DIVISION), TUAM:

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by the Chairman and resolved:- "That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a housing site at Townparks (1st Division), Tuam, to Mr. Patrick Hession, c/o Paddy Hession, Dublin Rd., Tuam in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 14/10/1976 circulated to each Member of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966."

1199 - CREATION OF OFFICES OF WHOLETIME LAW AGENT, LAW/CONVEYANCING CLERK, CLERICAL OFFICER (SECRETARIAL), AND CLERK/TYPIST IN THE COUNCIL'S LEGAL DEPARTMENT:

The Co. Manager referred to the Memorandum which he had circulated to each Member of the Council dated 22nd October, 1976 regarding the creation of the office of Wholetime Law Agent and stated that this had been prepared before Mr. Naughton's death. He stated that Mr. Naughton had in fact resigned on the 12th October, 1976 and that temporary arrangements were then made to carry out the Council's

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legal business. He requested the approval of the Council to the creation of the office of whole-time Law Agent rather than continue the present system whereby the solicitor was paid on taxed costs and he pointed out that if this office is created, the Council would take over the employment and remuneration of the other staff in the Council's legal department.

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

"That Galway Co. Council hereby approve the creation of the following offices in the Council's legal department, viz.:-

- (a) Whole-time Law Agent
- (b) Law/Conveyancing Clerk
- (c) Clerical Officer (Secretarial)
- (d) Clerk/Typist

in accordance with the qualifications and particulars of office prescribed by the Minister for Local Government for those offices."

1200 - RAISING OF LOANS TO FINANCE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOLLOWING GROUP WATER SCHEMES:
(A) LETTERGESH/MULLAGHGLOSS GROUP SCHEME:

It was proposed by Senator Mannion, seconded by Cllr. O Morain and resolved:-

"That Galway Co. Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £2,240 from the Council's Treasurer to finance the making of a contribution towards the cost of the Lettergish/Mullaghgloss Group Water Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government at the usual interest rate for such loans."

(B) POLKEEN/BALLYBRIT GROUP SCHEME:

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Molloy, seconded by Cllr. Ruane and resolved:-

"That Galway Co. Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £830 to finance the making of a contribution towards the cost of the Polkeen/Ballybrit Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Council's Treasurer and to be repaid over such period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government with interest at the usual rate for such loans."

1201 - WAGE AND SALARY INCREASES UNDER INTERIM TRADE UNION/EMPLOYER NATIONAL AGREEMENT 1976:

The Co. Manager requested the approval of the Council to wage and salary increases in accordance with the terms of the Interim Employer/Trade Union National Agreement 1976. He stated that the increase under this agreement was 3% plus £2 per week subject to a minimum of £3 per week and a maximum of £5 per week with effect for (a) maintenance craftsmen from the 1st June, 1976, and (b) all other grades from 1st August, 1976. He stated that the cost of the increase is estimated at £105,000 but that no additional vote is necessary as a sum of £110,000 under this heading had been provided in the estimates.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Molloy, seconded by Cllr. Flaherty and resolved:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, Galway County Council hereby approve payment of increased rates of wages and salaries in accordance with the terms of the Interim Employer/Trade Union National Agreement 1976 to all officers and servants, whole-time and part-time with appropriate adjustments for all related grades."

1202 - REPORT ON REVIEW OF CO. DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The Co. Manager informed the Council that a report is being prepared on the work already done by the Co. Council on the review of the Co. Development Plan and on what steps have yet to be taken before the plan can be published and put on deposit. He stated that this report would be brought before the Council in the near future.

1203 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Cllr. Galvin and resolved -

"That Galway Co. Council hereby approve the declaration of roads as set out in the Schedule to the Agenda for the meeting held on the 25th October, 1976 and which was adjourned to the 5th November, 1976 to be public roads."

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Replying to queries, Mr. Dunne stated that the list before the Council is a list of local improvement scheme roads which were ready to be taken over at the end of August last and that there will be another list of notice of motion roads for taking over before the end of the year.

In reply to Cllr. Haverty, the Co. Manager stated that proposals by Members for the taking over of roads which are not regarded as qualified for taking over will be reported to Members with an explanation of the reasons why they are not considered suitable for taking over.

Councillor Kilgannon asked if a list of roads nominated by each Member could be circulated.

Deputy Callanan stated that up to some time ago, Members used to get periodical lists showing where the money allocated to each Member was to be expended and this was useful to Members who might wish to join with another Member in having particular roads taken over.

Councillor Haverty stated that at one stage estimates for each road recommended by Members was circulated to Members and that a choice could then be made between various roads by the Members concerned.

Replying to Councillor Morgan, Mr. Dunne stated that some Councillors had not yet sent in proposals but a list of those sent in which are considered to be in order for taking over will be published soon.

1204 - RESTORATION OF GOVERNMENT GRANTS FOR AMENITIES:

The Co. Manager referred to the proposal of the Council at its meeting of the 26th July, 1976 that the Minister be asked to restore grants to local authorities for amenity schemes and he read for Members letter dated 13th August, 1976 stating that it had not been possible to make any allocations under the scheme in the current year and that it was not possible to say whether allocations will be made under the scheme in 1977.

1205 - GRANT FOR GALWAY COMMUNITY GAMES:

The Co. Manager referred to the request of the Council that the Minister for Local Government be asked to give approval to payment of a grant by the Council to Galway community games and he read for Members letter dated 31st August, 1976 from the Department of Local Government which gave a list of the various sections of Acts under which grants could be made for facilities for games and recreation but that the letter had pointed out that there was no authority for giving a grant to community games and there is no proposal on hands to amend the law to enable local authorities to make such grants.

1206 - GOVERNMENT DECISIONS IN REGARD TO HOUSING:

The Co. Manager referred to Circular H.32/76 dated 29th October, 1976 from the Department of Local Government and also to the press release referred to therein copy of which was circulated to each Member of the Council at the meeting and he gave particulars of the method by which local authority housing had been financed by the Council up to the present time. He stated that in future under the proposed scheme outlined in the press release the Minister will recoup only the loan charges in respect of the amounts borrowed for building houses and that the cost of management and maintenance of the houses would have to be met from rates. He stated that the Council's sources of revenue under the new system would be rents and 60% of the receipts from sales of houses and that the deficit will have to be made up from rates. He stated that in the year 1977, it was estimated that the shortfall would be £117,000 which would be the equivalent of approximately 21p in the £1. He pointed out that the difficulty is that the Council has now adopted its estimates for the year 1977 and it has no authority to amend the estimate now, that it cannot, therefore, get the money from rates next year or from the Minister.

Councillor Fahey stated that the Minister had promised that the cost of local authority housing would be borne by the state and he criticised the decision now to throw the cost of maintenance over on housing authorities.

Deputy Callanan stated that it appears the Council have no option but to accept the terms set out in the statement but that the time of issue of the statement was deceitful in that many local authorities had already adopted their estimates.

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Councillor Galvin stated that he agreed that this was a shock to local authorities but he felt it was inevitable in view of the increase in the loss on housing from £4m. to £28m. in 3½ years. He considered that the Council should fight for a subsidy to meet the resulting loss arising from the Minister's decision.

Asking where the money for housing is now to come from, Cllr. O Morain asked if the alternative is that the Council does not carry out maintenance during the coming year. He pointed out that the fault does not lie with the Council as the statement was not issued by the Minister in time.

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon, the Co. Manager gave details of how the expenditure and receipts in the local authority housing account are made up and stated that the estimated figure for maintenance next year is £96,000.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the Minister had pointed a finger to the local authorities who had caused the change in policy and he stated that the Minister had pointed out that the guidelines set by the Department had been accepted by the majority of authorities but that others had exceeded the permitted limits. He also referred to the decision on the "clawback" whereby purchasing tenants can retain all the profit which they make from the sale of a house.

Deputy Molloy stated that the bungling in the change of policy had caused serious difficulties for the Council as the rate had already been adopted and the Council can not now interfere with it. He asked the Manager to state what exactly the legal position is.

The Co. Manager stated that in the preparation of the estimates the Council had complied with the formula then in operation as previously notified by the Dept. of Local Government but that following this decision there will now be a shortfall of £117,000 in receipts in the coming financial year. He stated that the rate can not be changed unless the law is changed to permit it but that there may be some proposals which might indicate possible lines of action in the circular which has been promised by the Department. As the position is at present, he stated, all the Council can do is carry the expenditure on overdraft but the sum of 21p in the £1 for 1977 would have to be levied for 1978 in addition to the appropriate levy for the year 1978 itself.

Replying to further queries by Deputy Molloy, the Co. Manager stated that Ministers for Local Government have control over the conditions in renting schemes and that they may not be varied by the Council. With regard to sales of houses, he stated that 60% of the sales would be credited to revenue account and 40% would be credited to capital account.

Replying to Councillor McCormack, the Co. Manager stated that it was assumed that the state would pay the cost of salaries and management including losses on repairs but that under the new arrangements this will have to be carried by the Council.

Councillor Morgan stated that sales terms for houses are too generous. After a further discussion the County Manager stated that the only suggestion he could make was that the Council might put its case before the Minister and request that arrangements be made to make up the shortfall of £117,000 in the coming year. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Morgan and resolved .

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for a special grant of £117,000 to meet the deficit on local authority housing operations in 1977."

It was agreed that further consideration of the matter be postponed until further information was received from the Department of Local Government.

Deputy Molloy, referring to the proposed new sales scheme, stated that he understood that the price was made up on the basis of the value of the £1 in August 1976 as against its value on the date on which the house was provided. He asked the Co. Manager if relevant figures showing the value of the £1 at different dates were available.

The Co. Manager stated that the new sales scheme will show this and the figures will be brought before the Council.

Deputy Molloy asked if the terms for the old scheme could be brought before the Council at the next meeting.

MEMBERS NOTICES OF MOTION

1207 CORAS REGIUNACH UISCE CASLA:

Replying to Cllr. O'Flaherty's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that consultations

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had been going on for a long time with the owners of the fisheries which are concerned with the Costello Regional Water Supply Scheme and that it had not been possible to make a settlement with them on terms which would enable them to withdraw their objections. He stated also that in order to bring the matter to a conclusion the Council is now examining the terms which it will be prepared to offer to the objectors and that this offer when prepared will be made to them. If they do not accept the offer, application will be made to the Minister for Local Government for an order confirming the proposal which has been made under the 1942 Act.

Replying to further queries, the Co. Manager stated that there is a substantial difference between the amount claimed by the fishery owners and that which the Council felt might be payable.

It was agreed that the matter would be put on the Agenda for the monthly meeting in January, 1977.

1208 - CORAS UISCE TIR AN FHIADH:

In reply to Cllr. O'Flaherty's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that proposals for improvement of the Tir an Fhiadh, Maumeen, Lettermore and Lettercallow schemes had been sent to Roinn na Gaeltachta with application for a grant on the 20th October last.

Councillor Flaherty enquired if ten particular houses which had no water at present were included in the proposals submitted. Mr. Dunne informed him that if he called to the office he could inspect the plans for the improvement works proposed.

1209 - BATHING PLACE AT CAHEROYAN, ATHENRY:

In reply to Deputy Callanan's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that the main problem in this case is to get the consent of the owners of the land through which the river flows. He also stated that when an application form for planning is received showing the site proposed, the question of consent to use Council property will be examined.

1210 - SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR NEWBRIDGE:

The Co. Secretary informed Cllr. Ryan that this scheme was included in the 1976 proposals for schemes costing under £20,000 but that funds were not available in the current year for it. It will be included in the proposals for such schemes in 1977.

Deputy Kitt supported Cllr. Ryan's proposal that this work be done in 1977.

Mr. Dunne stated that this would depend on the allocation for small schemes in 1977 and the conditions which might be attached to the allocation.

1211 - PORTUMNA FAIRGREEN:

In reply to Cllr. Morgan's proposal, the Co. Secretary stated that the proposal to provide a playground in part of the fairgreen will be considered in conjunction with development proposals for the whole area of the fairgreen. The Co. Manager stated that a meeting has been arranged with officers of the Board of Works in connection with development of the fairgreen during the coming week.

1212 - IMPROVEMENT OF CLAREGALWAY/ORANMORE ROAD:

In reply to Councillor Ruane's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that this is a national secondary road and that improvements would have to be defrayed from an allocation of state grants if this work is to be carried out. He stated also that no notification had yet been received of grants under this heading for 1977. Cllr. McCormack supported Cllr. Ruane's proposal.

1213 - PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL PUMPING EQUIPMENT:

Replying to Cllr. Ruane's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that extra pumping equipment has been purchased and is now in operation.

1214 - CASTLE ELLEN PUMP:

Replying to Councillor Ruane's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that a new bore was sunk in 1974 beside the Castle Ellen pumphouse and it was abandoned due to poor output and the presence of clay and silt. It is unlikely that any deepening of the existing pump would improve the source. He stated also that a well source for the

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Castle Ellen group water supply scheme on the lands of Mr. Gilhooley is being tested at present.

The Chairman and Cllr. Morgan also supported Cllr. Ruane's proposal.

1215 - ADOPTION OF FALLAS BOG ROAD AS A PUBLIC ROAD:

Replying to Deputy Kitt's proposal, the Co. Secretary stated that the Council had agreed at its September meeting to adopt this road as a public road.

1216 - CAHERCRIN GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

In reply to Deputy Kitt's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that the normal procedure in deciding to make contributions is that a recommendation regarding the making of a contribution is received from the Department of Local Government. A recommendation in the case of Cahercrin had not yet been received.

1217 - EXTENSION OF SEWER ON CLYBAUN ROAD, KNOCKNACARRA:

The Co. Secretary informed Deputy Molloy that the sewer on Clybaun Road extends to the boundary of the development area and that there are no plans to extend it beyond this point. He stated that an extension of 660 l. yards would be required to serve 8 existing houses in the Clybaun Road.

Mr. Dunne, Deputy Co. Engineer stated that the only way that this extension could be provided would be under the small schemes programme.

Deputy Molloy asked that it be included in this programme.

1218 - PUBLIC LIGHTING, PARKVIEW DRIVE AND ABBEY TRINITY ESTATES, TUAM:

In reply to Cllr. Kelly's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that this is a matter for the developer and those schemes have not yet been taken over for maintenance by the Council.

The Co. Manager informed Cllr. Kelly that an investigation will be carried out to ascertain what works have to be carried out before the Council could take over those estates and that Cllr. Kelly would then be informed of the position.

1219 - IRISH LAND COMMISSION PUMPS AT ABBEYTOWN AND TONACOOLEEN:

In the absence of Cllr. Glynn, it was agreed that a letter would be sent to him setting out the position in relation to his proposal.

1220 - HOUSING SCHEME AT HEADFORD:

In reply to Senator Killilea's motion which was proposed by Cllr. Welby, the Co. Secretary stated that tenders had now been received for a housing scheme at Headford consisting of 12 houses and those tenders are being examined.

1221 - FINANCING OF LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING:

Councillor Fahey amended his proposal to read -

"That this Council propose to the Department of Local Government that it discontinue with its present policy on the provision of finance for local authority housing and replace it with state subsidised, low interest, local authority loans giving up to 90% of the construction costs."

Elaborating on his proposal, Cllr. Fahey stated that if loans were advanced at 2% or 3% to purchasing tenants it would contribute towards the purchase of more houses by the tenants themselves and encourage people to save for the building of their own houses. It would also involve a lesser charge on central funds.

The Co. Manager stated that it appeared that there would always be a need for the local authority to provide houses but he considered that an alternative might be a scheme whereby tenants could commence the purchase of their houses on the date on which they would be given possession.

The Chairman seconded Cllr. Fahey's proposal.

1222 - ALLEGED DAMPNESS IN ADDITIONAL ROOMS BUILT ON TO A PREFABRICATED DWELLING:

Replying to Deputy Molloy's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that this proposal had been considered at the housing meeting on the 29th October and that a suggestion was then made that a chimney-breast might be built on the outside of the room

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which is farthest away from the original dwelling and that this proposal is being examined.

1222 - ROAD LEADING TO MACKEYS HOUSE IN RANAMACKEN VILLAGE:

In reply to the motion in the names of Councillors Melvin and Haverty, the Co. Secretary stated that this road is suitable for adoption under notice of motion procedures and the estimated cost of bringing it to the required standard is £2,500.

1223 - PROVISION OF SERVICED SITES IN LOUGHREA:

Replying to Cllr. Morgan's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that twelve serviced sites were provided recently in Loughrea but were not taken up. He stated also that the Council is in the process of acquiring land in Loughrea for housing and that this land if acquired could be used for private sites and local authority housing if there is an ascertained need for developed sites.

1224 - WATER, SEWAGE AND LIGHTING SYSTEMS, ST. JOSEPH'S ROAD AND KILLIMOR ROAD, PORTUMNA:

Replying to Cllr. Morgan's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that it is suggested that group schemes be formed to deal with the water situation in each case, after the new rising main for which provision is made in the 1977 estimates has been provided.

Regarding the sewage system he stated that it was not possible to service the houses on the Killimor Road and 15 of the 17 houses on St. Joseph's Road by gravity into the sewerage extension being constructed for the I.D.A. site. In both cases, accordingly, separate small sewerage schemes will be required and no provision has been made in the programme for small schemes to deal with these.

Regarding public lighting, he stated that ten lights are to be provided under the programme agreed at the estimates meeting for public lighting in 1977, that the number to be provided in 1978 had not yet been determined and that traffic route lighting will be considered in 1979.

1225 - WELL AT LISBRIEN, GORT:

In the absence of Cllr. Byrne, when this motion came up for discussion it was agreed that a letter would be sent to him.

1226 - BORD FAILTE TOURISM PROPOSALS:

In the absence of Cllr. Burke, it was agreed that a letter would be sent to him in reply to his motion.

1227 - REPAIR OF ROAD BETWEEN NUTGROVE CROSS AND CLONCONA JUNCTION:

In the absence of Cllr. Burke, it was agreed that a letter would be sent to him in reply to his motion.

1228 - SLUICE VALVE FOR BRANDY RIVER, BUNOWEN, BALLYCONNELLY:

In reply to Cllr. Bartley's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that the amount authorised to be expended under this scheme was £280 originally but that it had been discovered that because of the cost of the sluice valve the total cost of the scheme will now be very much more than this. He stated that a complete re-evaluation of the scheme is being undertaken and that a report on this will be available for the next meeting of the Council.

1229 - ALIGNMENT OF A ROAD AT GOLEN BRIDGE NEAR CLIFDEN:

In reply to Cllr. Bartley's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that completion of the re alignment of the road would require 100% grant as this is a national secondary road. He stated also that no allocation for such work was made in the current year and that no information is yet available as to what the position will be in 1977.

Senator Mannion and Deputy Molloy supported Cllr. Bartley's request that this work be done.

It was agreed that an estimate of the cost of the work would be available for the next meeting.

1230 - DANGEROUS BEND NEAR KYLEMORE ABBEY:

In reply to Cllr. Bartley's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that the removal of the

bend near Tullywee Bridge would involve extensive heavy excavation and would be a major road re-alignment job. He stated that this is a national secondary road and finances for this work would have to be by way of 100% grants from Central funds but that no allocation has been made for the work. He stated also that the question of relining and signposting will be investigated and attended to.

Cllr. Bartley stated that quite a number of accidents had occurred at this location which is very dangerous and he asked that the signs be removed some distance from the bend.

Dep. Molloy seconded Cllr. Bartley's proposal.

1231 - REFUSE COLLECTION FOR ROSSHILL/ROSCAM AREA:

In reply to Cllr. McCormack's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that a refuse collection for this area is being arranged.

1232 - DOON GROUP WATER SCHEME:

Referring to the motion in his name and in the names of Cllrs. Byrne and Ryan, Cllr. Kilgannon stated that this matter was being dealt with and that his motion need not be considered.

1233 - REILIG DO NA CEATHRU RUA:

The Co. Secretary informed Cllr. Flaherty that in the course of transfer of the site originally selected for burial ground for Carraroe, the owner requested ^{that} additional land be purchased. Agreement has been reached on the purchase of additional land which is at present being transferred to the Council by the Council's solicitor.

1234 - KILKERRIN PUBLIC LIGHTING:

The Co. Secretary informed Senator Mannion that three additional lights will be provided in this location before the end of the present year.

1235 - REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR KINGSTOWN, CLIFDEN:

In reply to Senator Mannion's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that the refuse collection schedule for the Clifden area is taxed to full capacity but the question of re-arrangement of the schedule will be examined to see if the Kingston area can be included.

Senator Mannion asked that he be informed in due course if it is possible to serve the Kingston area.

Senator Mannion also asked the Co. Manager to defer any further action on the acquisition of a site for a dump at Clifden as the local community council is examining the position regarding sites at the moment.

1236 - MOYCULLEN WATER SUPPLY:

Replying to Senator Mannion's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that recent improvements had been carried out to the Moycullen scheme which had improved the available pressure and that as a new chlorinator is to be installed soon it is not intended to instal filtration equipment at present. Moycullen will form part of the Galway City West Environs Scheme and further expenditure would not be justified and could also possibly delay approval of the major scheme.

At the request of Senator Mannion, Mr. Dunne stated that he would investigate whether it is true that people who are near the reservoir can not get a connection from the supply.

Councillor Welby stated that he had been informed that the Leagan Group Scheme was not getting sufficient water for three houses and he asked that the matter be investigated.

1237 - AGENCY SERVICES, WESTERN HEALTH BOARD - HEALTH INSPECTORS:

Replying to Cllr. Welby's proposal, the Co. Secretary stated that an examination is at present being carried out of the services which are being provided by the Health Board for the County Council on an agency basis.

Cllr. Welby stated that this was an unsatisfactory way of having the Council's services provided and he considered that the Health Inspectors should be employed directly by the Co. Council.

Deputy Molloy stated that he was not satisfied that the Council is getting good value for the money it pays for the agency service.

Cllr. Morgan agreed that the Council should have its own Health Inspectors.

The Co. Manager stated that the present arrangement arose out of the Health Act 1970 and that we are now relying on the staff of the Health Board for certain matters. He stated, however, that to recruit Health Inspectors would not itself solve any problems as it would be necessary for such Health Inspectors to be under the control of the Chief Medical Officer who is also an officer of the Health Board. It is unlikely that the Council, even if it had decided to do so, would be allowed to appoint a Chief Medical Officer but he stated that when the matter is fully examined, if any worthwhile proposals emerge, they will be brought before the Council.

Deputy Callanan stated that he understood that under re organisation proposals it was intended that part of east Galway for certain health purposes would come under the jurisdiction of the medical officer and other staff from an outside county. He stated that he strongly objected to this.

The Chairman stated that he understood that this matter was not going ahead at present.

1238 - WATER SUPPLY, WOODFORD ROAD, PORTUMNA:

In reply to Cllr. Haverty's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that he understood that the extension proposed is to go to the factory site only until there is a general improvement of the Portumna Scheme.

Replying to further queries, Mr. Dunne stated that the main in question is being provided by the I.D.A. and he would investigate the possibility of getting permission for people on the route of the pipeline to connect to the main.

1239 - DESIGN OF ELECTRICITY POLES:

In the absence of Senator Higgins, his motion regarding the design of electricity poles was not dealt with.

1240 - DRAINAGE OF PLAYGROUND AT GORTMORE SCHOOL:

In reply to Cllr. O Morain's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that the problem in this case is one of drainage of the playground itself and that the flooding is not caused by any condition in relation to the road.

1241 - CNOCAN AR AN MBOTHAR IDIR TIGH PADRAIG UI MHAIDIN AGUS CROS-BHOTHAR CHARNA:

In reply to Cllr. O Morain's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that this matter will be attended to very soon.

1242 - RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

The Costello family, Ballagh, Menlough, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mrs. L. Murray, St. Michael's Square, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The meeting then terminated.

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Submitted

Approved and Confirmed

Tom Murray
Chairman

Date 22/11/74

SCHEME FOR PAYMENT OF RATES BY INSTALMENTS

FINANCIAL YEAR 1977

The rated occupiers of the following classes of hereditaments may pay by instalments to the Galway County Council subject to the conditions specified in this Scheme.

Classes of rateable hereditaments concerned are:-

- (a) hereditaments consisting wholly or mainly of a dwelling.
- (b) hereditaments consisting wholly or mainly of Agricultural Land within the meaning of the rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1939.

Persons wishing to avail of the facility granted under this Scheme must comply with the following conditions:-

- (1) Application for participation in this Scheme must be made in writing to the County Secretary, not later than 31st December, 1976.
- (2) The applicant must furnish such information as the Council may require to enable it to determine whether the hereditament in relation to which the application is being made belongs to one of the classes specified in this Scheme.
- (3) Rates shall be payable in ten monthly instalments which shall be equal in amount in so far as is practicable, the full amount of each instalment being payable within the first 15 days of each of the ten consecutive months commencing 1st January, 1977.
- (4) Failure to pay any instalment by the specified date may result in the loss of the facility under the Scheme.

Miss O'Grady. S.S.O.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

15u Samhain, 1976.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 22u Samhain, 1976 ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL

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A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Decrees (List herewith).
3. Overdraft for half-year ending 31st March, 1977.
4. Fix date of meeting of Itinerant Settlement Committee.
(Note: All members of the Council may attend this meeting).
5. Sale of Housing Site at Cullairbaun, Athenry to Mr. Anthony J. Torphy, 6 Park Road, Athenry - Notice dated 9th November, 1976.
6. Minutes of Meeting of Housing Committee held on 29th October, 1976.
7. Report on Review of County Development Plan.
8. Site for dumping ground at Clifden.
9. Fitting of Sluicé Valve on Brandy River Bunowen, Ballyconneely - L.I.S. No.159/70 (Minute No. 1228).
10. Scheme for Payment of Rates by Instalments for 1977 - Draft Scheme herewith.
11. Application for remission of Rates in respect of factory at Derrymullen, Ballinasloe - Messrs. T. Pryal & Co. Ltd.
12. Business submitted by County Manager.

Notices of Motion/contd.....

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION.

13. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -
- (1) That Galway County Council declare the Walks Public Park, Loughrea, as a Public Park and prohibit all motor traffic from using it - it has been used as a Public Park at least 100 years, but to my knowledge it has never been declared public.
 - (11) That a sum of £10 per week be paid to Portumna District Development Company for the use of the Library and Fire Station at Dominic Street, Portumna.
 - (111) That Galway County Council make application to the Minister for Transport and Power for approximately twenty acres of the most easterly section of Oranmore Bay for the purpose of having it filled in with suitable material and developed over a period of years as the Oranmore Public Park, Recreation Area and Children's Playground, with a promenade etc. The plan to include the piping of the river out into the sea, and the building of a concrete or other retaining wall which would not allow the filling material to get into the sea. The proposal would have Oranmore Castle within the development.
14. Councillor P. Ruane: I will propose -
- That a test be carried out on Lisheenavalla well for a Group Water Scheme for Lisheenavalla/Cregmore Area.
15. An Clr. Micheal O'Flatharta.
- Molaim aríst talamh a cheannacht i gcoir tighthe Coirle Chontae sa gCheathru Rua agus freisin i Ros a Bhil.
16. Senator M.D. Higgins: I will ask -
- If it is possible that the County Council would approach the Electricity Supply Board with a view to designing a more suitable system of electricity poles and cables than such as exist at the moment in the village of Roundstone.
17. Deputy R. Molloy:
- (1) That footpaths, public lighting and a refuse collection be provided in the Ballybrit, area Galway.
 - (11) That a full report be given on the steps to be taken by Galway County Council in the repair of house occupied by (name and address supplied).
 - (111) That the Gaeltacht newspaper "Amarach", Inverin, Co. Galway be included in the list of local newspapers in which planning notices may be officially placed.
18. Councillors F. Glynn, Deputy J. Donnellan and Deputy T. Hussey:
- That L.I.S. No. 22/74 be repriced on a gravel basis and that an option be given to the applicants to contribute on this basis because of the excessive cost of the original proposal for blacktopping.
19. Councillor M. Ryan: I will propose: -
- (1) That the Council take over Clooncurry Road, Glynsk, recently tarred by L.I.S.

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- 19. (11) That the Council give some grant towards the new Community Centre in Barnaderg.
 - (111) That the Council trim hedges in Mid-Summer instead of Autumn.
20. Councillor M. Kelly: I will propose -
- To ask the Manager to give details of the pressure situation at Bel-Air Drive, Tuam and what steps are being taken to improve the position there.
21. Councillor G. Bartley:
- (1) That permission be given to (name and address supplied) to connect to the Council watermain at Letterfrack.
 - (11) That Galway County Council close down the public refuse dump at the Ball Alley, Clifden immediately and establish a new public refuse dump on the north side of the Bog Road at Halfway House, Craggy, Derryhunley, Clifden.
 - (111) That the repairs being carried out to the footpath at Railway View, Clifden be completed immediately.

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M A L I C I O U S D A M A G E D E C R E E S.

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Decree
Patrick J. Noonan, Munster Ave., Galway.	Damage to Windows (9/11/1975) Amount Claimed £50	Borough of Galway	£50 + £32.72 costs.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 22/11/1976.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

Also Present:

Members - As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, F. Coogan, J. Donnellan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Stewart, Assistant County Manager; M. J. Dunne, Acting County Engineer; M. Tierney, K. Hays and S. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineers; J. O'Kelly and T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officers; T. O'Neill, Senior Staff Officer and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1243 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Melvin, the Minutes of meeting held on 5th November, 1976 (Nos. 1191 - 1242 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Senator Killilea referred to the Minutes of the Estimates Meeting held on 25th October, 1976 (confirmed at meeting on the 5th November, 1976) and stated that he proposed at that meeting and that Deputy Kitt seconded that a sum representing the produce of 1p in the £ be levied to provide an improved Public Lighting system for Tuam and Menlough but that this was not correctly recorded in the Minutes.

Arising from the Minutes of the meeting of the 5th November, Councillor O Morain asked if, in the event of the Minister for Local Government approving the creation of the whole-time office of Law Agent, the appointment would be made by the County Council or by the Local Appointments Commissioners.

The County Manager replied that the appointment of a whole-time Law Agent would be made on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners.

1244 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decree as set out in the schedule to the Agenda had been received since the previous meeting.

2345 - OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION - HALF-YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1977:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Molloy, seconded by Councillor Melvin and resolved:

"that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, overdraft accommodation not exceeding £1,000,000 be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account during the half year ending 31st March, 1977."

Replying to Deputy Molloy, the County Manager stated that the normal rate of interest payable by the Council on overdraft is approximately 1% under the standard rate.

1246 - MEETING OF ITINERANT SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE:

It was agreed that a meeting of the Itinerant Settlement Committee, which all members of the Council could attend, would be held on Friday the 10th December at 3.30 p.m.

1247 - SALE OF HOUSING SITE AT CULLAIREBAWN, ATHENRY:

It was proposed by Councillor Melvin, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a Housing Site at Cullairebawn, Athenry to Mr. Anthony J. Torphy, 6, Park Road, Athenry in accordance with the terms of notice dated 9th November, 1976 circulated to all members of the Council under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966."

1248 - MINUTES OF MEETING OF HOUSING COMMITTEE - 29/10/1976:

On the proposition of Councillor O Morain, seconded by Councillor Raftery, the Council confirmed the Minutes of the Housing Committee Meeting of the Council which was held on the 29th October, 1976.

Deputy Molloy stated that some applicants for re-housing had been informed by the County Council that the Council was "not providing a house for them at the present time". He stated that the letter did not inform them whether they had been approved for re-housing or not and he asked if they could be given this information.

The County Manager stated that he would examine the position.

1249 - REPORT ON REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The County Manager referred to a report circulated to members at the meeting on the steps which have now to be taken by the Council in connection with the review of the Development Plan, arising from consideration of the Plan by the Council and Committees to date. He suggested that the Committees for the Galway, Tuam and Loughrea areas might deal with the outstanding matters to be dealt with by them and the Council could then consider the report to the Committees and the other outstanding matters.

The following arrangements for holding committee meetings were approved:

- (a) Meeting of Galway Area Committee at County Buildings, Glway - 2.30 p.m. on 10th December, 1976;
- (b) Joint Meeting between the members of the Council for the Tuam Electoral Area and Tuam Town Commissioners to be held in Tuam at 6.00 p.m. on Friday 10th December, 1976;
- (c) Joint Meeting between the members for the Loughrea Electoral area and the Loughrea Town Commissioners to be held in Loughrea on 13th December.

1250 - CLIFDEN REFUSE DUMP:

The County Manager referred to the urgent necessity of providing an alternative refuse dump for Clifden in lieu of the existing site and stated that any site must in so far as possible fulfill the following requirements:

- (a) be sited within reasonable distance from the town to enable private dumping to be carried out;

(b) located so as to eliminate any health, visual or pollutant nuisance;

(c) readily accessible during all weathers.

He gave particulars of the efforts made by the Council so far to find a solution to the problem and stated that recently, a site off the Sky Road, approximately 2½ miles from Clifden, had been examined in the light of objections received. While it was agreed that this site is located off a scenic road, it was not visible from the road and it could be screened. From the Council's point of view, he stated that the one advantage was that the site was available to the Council. He stated also that additional money has been provided in the Estimates for 1977 for the maintenance and control of dumps and that every effort would be made to ensure that they are maintained to a satisfactory standard as possible in the coming year.

Councillor Bartley stated that there are 54 objectors to this site, which is on a scenic road and that most people were in favour of a site at the Half-way House. He stated that Mr. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineer was not in favour of this site in view of its proximity to lakes, but he stated that these were not fishing lakes and would not be polluted by the dump. He asked that the Council would again examine this site.

Supporting Councillor Bartley's objection to the site off the Sky Road, Deputy Molloy stated that this is on a scenic road on high ground and that there is very strong local objection to the use of this site. He asked that the Council would disregard the distance of 6 miles from the site at the Half-way House to Clifden and he stated that locals agreed that a dump this side would not interfere with the lakes.

Councillor O Morain, also opposing the site on the Sky Road, stated that with a little covering, the site at the Half-way House would be suitable.

Mr. Stewart, Assistant County Manager stated that it would be desirable that any site which is selected should be reasonably close to the town so that private dumping could take place there. He considered that the site at the half-way house would be impossible to screen as it is on very open land, and that there is a possibility of a danger of pollution of the lakes. He stated that the site on the Sky Road has the advantage of being close to the town and that this would tend to eliminate indiscriminate dumping.

Deputy Molloy again appealed to the Council to find an alternative site to that suggested on the Sky Road.

The County Manager stated that the selection of dumping sites is a very difficult one but that in the case of a site at the Half-way House, the Council would have to be very careful to ensure that it would not pollute lakes and that for this purpose, it might be necessary to do some tests. He stated that the matter would be re-examined and that it may be possible to have a report for the next meeting of the Council.

1251 - SLUICE VALVE - BRANDY RIVER, BUNOWEN, BALLYCONNELY:

The County Manager stated that the revised estimated cost of this work is £2,200 and stated that if the contribution percentage remained the same, the contributors would normally be requested to provide an extra £200 approximately. He recommended, however, that an approach be made to the Minister for Local Government to have the extra contributions waived in this case, in view of the fact that the contributions had already been made in respect of a lesser estimate, that the scheme is not a normal drainage one but rather one to prevent tidal flooding of a large acreage of land involving 8 holdings and the comparatively high cost because of the particular difficulties involved.

It was proposed by Councillor Bartley, seconded by Deputy Molloy and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby request the Minister for Local Government to waive the additional contribution which would normally be required from the contributors to the scheme, in view of the special circumstances involved."

1252 - SCHEME FOR PAYMENT OF RATES BY INSTALMENTS FOR 1977:

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Galvin and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the draft scheme for payment of rates by instalments for the financial year 1977 circulated to each member of the Council."

1253 - APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF RATES - MESSRS. T PRYAL & CO., LTD., DERRYMULLEN, BALLINASLOE:

The County Manager stated that this proposal came within the general guidelines approved by the Council for remission of rates in respect of factory premises.

It was proposed by Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Deputy Donnellan and resolved:

"that Galway County Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts, 1969 to 1975, hereby remits two-thirds of the rate leviable by the Council in respect of a factory at Derrymullen, Ballinasloe, occupied by Messrs. T. Pryal & Co., Ltd. - being an industrial undertaking in a designated area, this remission to have effect in respect of the local financial year next following that in which the premises in question was completed and in respect of each of the next nine local financial years - the appropriate certificate under Section 7 of the Industrial Development Act, 1972 having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority on the 13th July, 1976."

1254 - ORANMORE DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The County Manager referred to the decision of the Council on the proposals for a Development Plan for Oranmore at its meeting on the 13th October, 1976 and stated that in the implementation of that decision, certain difficulties had been encountered regarding the roads. This problem had been outlined in the Acting County Engineer's report of the 22nd November, 1976 as follows - copy of which had been circulated that day to all members at the meeting.

Oranmore Development Plan - Minute No. 1177 of Special Meeting 13/10/76:

I refer to the resolution which was passed at the above meeting requiring a corridor of land to be reserved as agricultural land from the Dublin Road near Dr. O'Connor's house to the Mill Bridge. This proposal has now been examined and in my opinion it cannot provide for a by-pass at Oranmore as envisaged in the motion.

In 1974 An Foras Forbartha produced a Report on "A Road Needs Study - National Primary Routes" wherein it indicated that a road to dual carriageway standards would be required between Galway and Oranmore in 1975; between Oranmore and Derrydonnell in 1983 and between Oranmore and Kilcolgan in 1988. While this Report has not formally been accepted by the Department of Local Government who control improvements on National routes, it must, nevertheless, be assumed that any road proposals envisaged for such as Oranmore will be required to fit in with the Foras projections. Accordingly, a by-pass for Oranmore to serve the Dublin and Limerick routes will be to dual carriageway standards. The road as specified in the motion cannot be provided to these standards because of -

- (a) the built-up area west of the Mill Bridge, and
- (b) the housing developments, actual and approved or under appeal, on the Oranmore Derrydonnell side. The housing developments here are such as would require service roads on either sides of the dual carriageway and because of the distance between the frontages it is not possible to provide these service roads.

Reference was made at the discussion on this motion, to the Transportation Study already in progress for Galway City and including the Galway/Oranmore and the Oranmore/Claregalway road, and it may well prove that this Study will confirm the proposals already made for the by-passing of Oranmore.

Nevertheless, as requested by the Council, a map has been prepared indicating a road from the Mill Bridge to Dr. O'Connor's house, but because of the constraints mentioned above, this road is shown as a two-lane road only. I am satisfied, however, that the Department of Local Government would not approve expenditure on a road of this nature and accordingly I am of opinion that this road will never be built and that it would be futile to reserve as agricultural land the corridor required for same.

M. J. Dunne
Acting Co. Engineer. "

Councillor Fahey stated that this report is similar to a number of other reports previously made in connection with this Plan and was designed by officials to hinder the adoption of the Plan for Oranmore.

The County Manager stated that the Plan is ready for publication but he felt that he had an obligation to bring the information set out in the Acting County Engineer's report before the members.

Councillor Fahey stated that the report calls into question whether it is the Councillors or the Officials are the bosses in this case - that officials are coming back time and again with objections to the Plan and that the statements which they now make are in conflict with those made previously. He stated that a Plan made in 1974 showed the same road line as the Council decided on on 13th October last from the Mill Bridge to Dr. O'Connor's house and that they were then told that this could cater for a dual carriageway, whereas they were now being told that it was inadequate. He stated that he did not pay much heed to these reports and if more common sense were applied instead of consulting an Foras Forbartha, the Council might have better roads.

He stated that a survey carried out in the late sixties and early seventies ended with a road from Oranmore to Galway which was a near disaster. He stated that he rejects what is stated in the document and he suggested that the Council go ahead with what they had decided at their meeting on the 13th October, unless the Department of Local Government rejects it.

Councillor Morgan stated that he did not agree with Councillor Fahey and that members of the Council should do what is right in all circumstances. He considered that in matters such as these, members of the Council should not have the final decision and that they should only be in a position to make recommendations. He stated that the decision not to make any provision for a by-pass road to Limerick was madness.

Deputy Molloy proposed that the Council publish the report as amended on 13th October, 1976 and that the Development Plan as amended at that meeting be now published.

Councillor Fahey seconded Deputy Molloy's proposal.

Councillor Byrne stated that the report points out that it is not possible to build a dual carriageway as proposed in accordance with normal standards and that the reasons why should be clarified.

The County Manager stated that if it is the Council's wish to publish the Plan as decided on at the meeting on the 13th October, it will be published in that form, but he considered it his duty to inform the members of the implications of their decision. The problems which had now been brought before them arose from the examination of the decision made on the 13th October in an effort to comply exactly with the decision made on that date.

Mr. Lee explained from maps the previous plans, the Plan placed before the Council at their meeting on the 13th October and the Plan showing the road on the route which was decided on by the Council at their meeting on the 13th October. He stated that the problems arise from existing dwellings along or very close to this route, outline permissions which have been granted, applications on hand and he also pointed out that this road abuts on the G.A.A. field. He stated that it was really only suitable as a two lane road because of housing development along the line.

Councillor Fahey stated that there are no changes in the conditions between the time the previous Plan was made and now.

Deputy Callanan stated that the only problem is Dublin traffic and that there will be no chaos if the Dublin traffic were taken off the road through Oranmore.

Senator Killilea stated that in relation to other roads, the Council did not hesitate to go within three or four feet in one case and 7 feet in another case with a road towards houses. He stated that there was little point in having a dual carriageway in this area if there were bottle-necks elsewhere.

Councillor Morgan stated that, with increasing traffic, the Council has an obligation to reserve adequate land to provide for future needs.

Mr. Dunne stated that the route of the road as decided by the Council at meeting of the 13th October, is not the same as that set out in the previous Plan as it was originally intended that the road would go to the rear of houses near Mill Bridge. He stated that the only location for dual carriageway is to go back to the site which was recommended in the Plan which was before the Council on the 13th October.

Replying to Councillor Fahey's statement regarding the Oranmore/Galway Road, he stated that no consultants were previously employed on the design of this road. He stated that over five years ago, a section in the Merlin Park area was constructed as one half of a dual carriageway and that this explains why the road is not adequate for overtaking traffic at present.

Councillor Fahey stated that his proposal in relation to the section of a road from the Mill Bridge to Dr. O'Connor's house was that it be constructed along the lines of the previous Plan and included making reservation of land behind the houses at the Mill Bridge. He stated that officials took his proposal too literally and mis-interpreted it.

Referring to the Section of the road near the Mill Bridge, Mr. Dunne stated that if the Council requires a dual carriageway - and he stated, it must be a dual carriageway - that this must go north of the houses at the Mill Bridge.

He pointed out however, that this leaves a large area of land zoned for housing on the wrong side of the dual carriageway with the village of Oranmore on the other side.

Referring to that section of road on the Derrydonnell side on Dr. O'Connor's house, he stated that nine or ten houses have been provided here since the original Plan was prepared and that in a dual carriageway it is not permissible under any circumstances that each of those ten have separate access points to the dual carriageway. He stated that in such cases separate service roads are necessary but that the proposal now decided on by the Council leaves no room for this service road. He pointed out that if the Council is putting up a very dangerous situation, a service road must be provided.

He stated that from an engineering point of view a dual carriageway in this area is not possible.

Mr. Dunne also stated that the traffic in Oranmore is divided roughly 50/50 between the Dublin Road and the Limerick road and that in both cases a dual carriageway is needed. He stated that when Galway Transportation Study is completed, it will give advice on access points for traffic to Galway city but that he is satisfied between Galway and Oranmore is possible that a dual carriageway

Replying to Deputy Molloy, Mr. Dunne stated that it might be possible to fit a three lane road in the area east of Dr. O'Connor's house but that this proposal has already been decided as being obsolete in 1976 by an Foras Forbartha.

Councillor Fahey stated that he wanted the line of the road to be similar to that set out in the 1974 Plan as he visualised freezing part of Mr. Divilly's land but that officials of the Council took his proposal too literally.

The County Manager stated that his proposal was made in writing and was acted on as such.

Councillor Glynn stated that he considered that both corridors of land should be retained for the time being, i.e. that shown the Plan brought before the Council on the 13th October and the area now proposed by Councillor Fahey to be reserved.

Deputy Molloy suggested that the road should go to the rear of the houses at Mill Bridge.

Deputy Donnellan proposed and Councillor Ryan seconded that all members of the Council go to Oranmore and inspect the area and that a decision be deferred until this inspection is carried out.

It was proposed by Councillor Glynn and seconded by Councillor Morgan that the Council reserve two corridors for the by-pass road, i.e., that included in the Plans submitted to the Council on the 13th October and that now proposed by Councillor Fahey.

Replying to Councillor Glynn, Mr. Lee stated that the best solution is to reserve the land in the Plan submitted to the Council on the 13th October until such time as the Transport Study has been carried out for Galway city.

The County Manager pointed out that the Plan now proposed would mean that people would have to cross the dual carriageway between housing development on the north side of the by-pass road and the village of Oranmore.

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy:

"that the corridor to be reserved for a dual carriageway leading from the west of the playing field towards Weir Bridge continue to the rear of houses north of the road west of Weir Bridge and that the area of the land zoned for development at meeting on the 13th October, 1976 be the same in the now amended Plan by including a similar area to the north of the development area - the line of this road to be the same as that included in the Draft Plan prepared in 1968."

Councillor Fahey seconded Deputy Molloy's proposal.

Replying to further queries, Mr. Dunne stated that it is not feasible to construct a dual carriageway as proposed on the Derrydonnell side of Oranmore and that the advice he was giving the Council was that the only satisfactory route for a dual carriageway is that which was shown in yellow on the map which was submitted to the County Council for consideration on the 13th October, 1976 to cater for future road development including Galway Dublin route and the link towards Limerick. He pointed out that the implications of the proposals made by Deputy Molloy is to split the development. He again advised that the only solution to the problem is to provide an outer ring road to cater for the long term traffic requirements and to provide a greater area for development. He stated that it has been proven that individual exits are a serious contributing factor towards accidents and that it is not possible to provide a service road in the Derrydonnell side of Oranmore as there are private houses on one side and cottages on the other.

Councillor Morgan proposed and Councillor Kilgannon seconded that the original Plan for Oranmore be adopted.

A vote taken on the proposal of Deputy Donnellan which was seconded by Councillor Ryan resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Burke, Byrne, Deputy Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillor Galvin, Senator Higgins, Councillors Holland, Kelly, Kilgannon, McCormack, Morgan, Ruane, Ryan (13).

Against: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, Fahey, Faherty, Deputy Hussey, Cllr. Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillor Melvin, Deputy Molloy, Councillors O'Morain and Welby (13).

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the proposal which he then declared lost.

Councillor Glynn did not vote.

A vote taken on the proposal of Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Morgan resulted as follows:

For: Deputy Coogan, Councillor Glynn, Senator Higgins, Cllrs. Holland, Kelly, Kilgannon, Morgan (7).

Against: Councillors Bartley, Byrne, Deputy Callanan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, Fahey, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy Molloy, Councillors O'Morain, Ruane, Ryan, Welby (20).

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Councillor Burke did not vote.

Councillors Morgan and Kilgannon agreed to withdraw the motion proposed and seconded by them respectively.

A vote taken on Deputy Molloy's proposal resulted as follows:

For: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, Fahey, Flaherty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors O Morain, Welby (15).

Against: Councillors Burke, Byrne, Deputy Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Senator Higgins, Councillors Holland, Kelly, Kilgannon, Morgan, Ruane, Ryan, Galvin. (13)

The Chairman declared Deputy Molloy's proposal carried.

1255 - ALIGNMENT OF ROAD AT GOLAN BRIDGE:

The County Manager stated that the estimated cost of completing the alignment of the road at Golan Bridge is £15,000, but that the money for this work would have to be provided for out of State Grant as it is a National Secondary Road. He stated also that it is not possible at present to state whether any grant allocation will become available for this road in 1977. In addition, he stated, that small scale improvements were commenced some time ago and that it may be possible to complete these out of maintenance allocation for 1977.

1256 - HOUSING:

The County Manager stated that two circulars had been received from the Department of Local Government on the morning of the meeting in connection with -

- (a) Sales schemes for local authority houses, 1976 and
- (b) new scheme of low-rise house purchase mortgages and that copies of those had been handed around at the meeting to the members.

It was agreed that the subject matter of those circulars would be put on the Agenda for the December meeting of the Council.

1257 - THE WALKS PUBLIC PARK, LOUGHREA:

Replying to Councillor Morgan's motion, the County Manager stated that the Walks is listed as part of County Road No. 406 and is being maintained as a County Road by the County Council.

Councillor Morgan asked if it could be "undeclared" a public road as it has been used as a public park for years.

The County Manager stated that there was no information on the ownership of the land and that it would require further investigation.

1258 - PURCHASE OF FORESHORE IN ORANMORE FROM MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT & Power:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's motion, the County Secretary stated that the proposal would prove very expensive and would require detailed survey and examination. It was recommended that an application to the Minister be deferred until such time as the details have been worked out and arrangements made for financing of the project.

Councillor Morgan stated that he wished his proposal to stand and his proposal was then seconded by Councillor Byrne.

The County Manager stated that the matter would be further examined.

1259 - RENT OF LIBRARY & FIRE STATION AT PORTUMNA:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's motion, the County Secretary stated that the Council is at present dealing with a request for increasing the rent from the Portumna Development Company.

1260 - LISHEENAVALLA GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

In reply to Councillor Ruane's motion, the County Secretary stated that during the summer of 1975 the yield from this well was found to be inadequate for a Group Scheme and that the Group Scheme Engineer has stated that deepening and widening of the well might bring about an improvement. Chemical and Bacteriological reports indicated that it is a suitable source from the quality point of view, provided it is protected from surface pollution and provided chlorination is applied before use. This information was forwarded to the Department of Local Government in April, 1976.

1261 - PURCHASE OF HOUSING SITES IN ROSAVEAL AND CARRAROE:

Replying to Councillor Flaherty's motion, the County Secretary stated that extensive investigations in Carraroe and Rosaveal in connection with housing sites had been carried out but that it had not been possible to acquire land by agreement. He stated that investigations regarding ownership of commonage in Rosaveal are in progress and that it is likely that a Compulsory Purchase Order will be necessary in respect of land at Carraroe.

1262 - UNSIGHTLY ELECTRICITY & TELEPHONE POLES IN ROUNDSTONE:

Proposing his motion, Senator Higgins stated that the village of Roundstone had been attractively designed, but that the visual amenity of the village was adversely affected by unsightly poles and overhead lines and he asked that the authorities be approached with a view to the possibility of designing a more suitable system.

Councillor O Morain stated that Ireland West is also concerned about this matter.

Councillor Byrne, supporting Senator Higgins' motion, recommended greater consultation between the Council and the E.S.B. and Post Office authorities with regard to the construction of overhead lines.

1263 - FOOTPATHS, PUBLIC LIGHTING & REFUSE COLLECTION - BALLYBRIT AREA:

Replying to Deputy Molloy's motion, the County Secretary stated that no provision had been made for footpaths in the 1977 estimates and that the question of Public Lighting will be examined in connection with the overall examination of public lighting in built-up areas during the County as part of the three-year programme. With regard to refuse collection, he stated that this would commence in the Ballybrit area on Friday 26th November, 1976.

Deputy Molloy asked that the Council consider the construction of footpaths in Ballybrit in 1978 if they cannot be constructed in 1977.

1264 - ESSENTIAL REPAIRS TO HOUSE:

Replying to Deputy Molloy's proposal, the County Secretary stated that the County Council does not normally carry out Essential Repair work but occasionally negotiates with local contractors to have the work done. He stated that efforts had been made to get four or five contractors interested in doing this work,

but that it is possible now that one contractor may undertake the work.

1265 - PLANNING NOTICES IN NEWSPAPER (AMARACH):

Replying to Deputy Molloy's motion, the County Secretary stated that an enquiry had been addressed to the proprietors of "Amarach" requesting particulars of the circulation of the newspaper in various parts of the County and that when this information is received, the question of whether publication in that newspaper for Planning Notices could be accepted would be considered.

Councillor Byrne stated that he was not objecting to the proposal provided notices in relation to non-Gaeltacht areas would not be allowed.

Deputy Molloy asked that he be informed of the decision in due course in relation to public notices in this paper.

1266 - L.I.S. SCHEME - L.G. 22/74:

In reply to the motion in the names of Councillor Glynn, Deputy Donnellan and Deputy Hussey, the County Secretary stated that the revised cost based on up-to-date prices of Surface Dressing for this scheme is £3,000 and would involve an additional contribution of £500 from the 18 participants or £28 per landowner. It is desirable that the road should be blacktopped under the Local Improvement Scheme so that it can, when complete, be taken in charge by the Council. He pointed out that in the event of the road not being blacktopped under the Local Improvement Scheme, it would be necessary to have it blacktopped and the cost charged against the Rates, if the road is to be taken over by the Council. It was recommended, he stated, that the road be blacktopped under the Local Improvement Scheme.

Councillor Glynn recommended that the Local Improvement Scheme be carried out without blacktopping and he suggested that a grant might be available towards the cost of blacktopping from Bord Failte as it provides access to a fishing area.

Deputy Donnellan also supported the resolution stating that many of the participants could not afford a contribution and that the contribution of £500 would have to be paid by 4 or 5 people.

Councillor Morgan stated that this is a link road and that it is wrong to ask people who had land beside it to pay all the cost as other people would be using it also.

With the permission of the Chairman, a representative of the group addressed the meeting.

Other members of the Council present also supported the proposal that the Local Improvement Scheme be carried out without blacktopping.

Mr. Stewart, Assistant County Manager recommended that before roads/are taken over, they should be blacktopped, as it would cost a considerable amount if the Council had to blacktop them after taking them over.

The County Manager stated that it is a question of whether or not the cost should be payable by way of grant, or directly from rates, and he recommended that the Council avail of the grant which may be obtained through the operation of Local Improvement Scheme to have blacktopping carried out.

It was agreed that a further examination would be carried out to ascertain the total contribution payable for the entire scheme by the participants.

1267 - GLENCURRY ROAD, GLYNSK:

In reply to Councillor Ryan's motion, the County Secretary stated that this road does not comply with the test of General public Utility as the road serves land only and there are no houses on it. It is also a stop-end road.

Councillor Ryan stated that his information was that there was one house on the road.

It was agreed that the matter would be further examined in the light of this information.

1268 - COMMUNITY CENTRE IN BARNADERG:

In reply to Councillor Ryan's motion, the County Manager stated that this will be considered in conjunction with other applications received for grants in the coming financial year.

1269 - TRIMMING OF ROADSIDE HEDGES:

In reply to Councillor Ryan's motion, the County Secretary stated that available plant could not complete the work during the Summer months and that any attempt to reduce the period during which cutting is carried out will increase costs due to the peak demand.

Councillor Ryan stated that people have complained about the cutting of hedges and the depositing of branches on the roads during the winter, causing tyre punctures. He considered that it would be more economical to have the work done in summer time.

1270 - WATER PRESSURE AT BELAIR DRIVE, TUAM:

In reply to Councillor Kelly's motion, the County Secretary stated that at peak periods, water pressure can drop below 10lbs a sq. inch and that in order to solve the problem, it is proposed including the provision of a booster pump for this area in the list of schemes under £20,000 for 1977, but he stated that this is dependent on getting a capital allocation to enable the work to be done.

Councillor Kelly stated that the Council should not have to wait for the major improvement scheme to have this work carried out and he also stated that the pressure is low in the Fairgreen site.

1271 - CONNECTION TO WATER SUPPLY SCHEME AT LETTERFRACK:

Referring to his proposal, Deputy Molloy stated that he had been informed that this work had now been authorised.

1272 - DUMPING GROUND FOR CLIFDEN:

It was noted that this matter had already been dealt with (Minute No. 1250).

1273 - REPAIRS TO FOOTPATH AT RAILWAY VIEW, CLIFDEN:

In reply to Councillor Bartley's motion, the County Secretary stated that this work will be completed within the next few months.

1274 - SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Michael Collins, Caraun, Claregalway.
- Mrs. Cunningham, Carraroe, Co. Galway.
- Mary Stewart, Looscaune, Woodford.
- Micheal O Maille, Clochan, Maghcuilinn.
- Mrs. Lena Keller, "Curramore", B'sloe.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

*Submitted, Approved & Confirmed
To Hussey Chairman 21/12/76*

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

15u Nollaig, 1976.

Chug Gach Ball de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionólfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh De Mairt an 21u la Nollaig ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Minutes.
3. Sale of Housing Sites at Cullairbaun, Athenry to:-
Mr. Martin Mulroe, Abbey Row, Athenry.
Mr. Gerald Corbett, Tiaquin, Colemanstown, Ballinasloe.
Mr. John G. Daly, Cloonsheecahill, New Inn, Ballinasloe.
(Notice dated 26th November, 1976).
4. Sale of houses under Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 to:-
Mr. Bart Gormley, Demesne, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mr. Michael Lucas, Townparks, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway.
Mr. Joseph Corless, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
Mr. John Ward, Cappatagle, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Leo Finn, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
Mr. Laurence Headd & Mrs. Nora Headd, Magheramore, Killimor, Co. Galway.
Mr. Thomas Walsh, Killuney, Dunmore, Co. Galway.
Mr. Gerry Flannery, Dowras, Woodford, Co. Galway.
Mr. Peter Lynskey, Cappagh, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
(Notices dated 6th December, 1976)
5. Minutes of meeting of Itinerant Settlement Committee held on 10/12/1976.
6. Minutes of meeting of Sheep Dipping Committee held on 7th December, 1976.
7. Seeds and Fertilisers Loan Scheme, 1977.
8. Appointment of representative on the Governing Body of University College, Galway - Notice dated 2nd November, 1976.
9. Raising of loan of £40,000 to finance Stage I of the Oughterard Water Supply Scheme.
10. Raising of loan of £1,645 to finance a Special Contribution for Maree Group Water Supply Scheme.
11. Raising of loan of £21,600 for purchase of Fire Tender for the County Fire Service.
12. Housing Circulars from the Department of Local Government:-
(a) Low-Rise Mortgage Scheme - circular dated 22/11/76 - copy already circulated.
(b) Housing Subsidy - circular dated 19/11/76 - copy herewith.
(c) Sales Schemes - Circular dated 17/11/76 - copy already circulated.

13. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

14. Councillor G. Bartley: I will propose -

(i) That 30 mile per hour, Speed Limit, be erected at Cornamona, from Doughta Bridge to Carrick West.

15. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -

(i) That provision be made in the estimates for the culverting of river running at the rear of houses at Hulk St., Clifden;

(ii) that immediate steps be taken to erect a chalet at Kilronan, Aran Islands allocated to (Name and Address supplied);

(iii) that two public street lights be erected on E.S.B. poles at Railway View, Clifden, Co. Galway..

16. An Comhairleoir M. O Morain: I will propose -

(i) That the Council call on the Department of Agriculture to provide an adequate Veterinary Service in West Connemara;

(ii) that the Council seek additional monies from Local Government to repair the main Galway Coast Road.

17. Councillor P. McCormack: I will propose -

(i) That public lighting be provided at the Dispensary in the village of Moycullen;

(ii) that public lighting be provided at the Dispensary at Turloughmore;

(iii) that the County Council take over and declare public the road at Island, Monard, Turloughmore from the Monard road to the Burma Rd. at James Morris' house.

18. Councillor U. Burke: I will propose -

(i) That money allocated in the 1977 Estimates towards the provision of Village Sewerage Schemes, be allocated to the provision of such a scheme at Tynagh;

(ii) that the Council recommend the improvement and restration of the bay at Woodford on the Council's list to Bord Failte for inclusion in its 1977 Amenity Grants to this Council;

(iii) that this Council complete the work started several years ago at Abbey Church.

19. Councillor P. Ruane: I will propose -

(i) That the grass margin on road between Ballintemple and Carnmore Cross be removed as the volume of traffic on this road to factory is very high;

(ii) that the grass margin on the road leading in to Claregalway cemetery be removed to enable cars to park there, as there were no parking facilities left at cemetery;

(iii) that the bin collection be extended from Claregalway to Loughgeorge and to Carraghy Cross near Lydon's Bar and across to Turloughmore and Lackagh.

20. Deputy J. Donnellan: I will propose -

(i) That Galway County Council investigate the possibility of having a car-park provided outside Caltra Church;

(ii) that Galway County Council erect Speed Limit signs at Caltra & Castleblakeney;

(iii) that Galway County Council take immediate steps to have the large rat population exterminated from the dump at Headford, Co. Galway.

21. Councillor J. Molloy: I will propose -

(i) That this Council ease a number of dangerous corners on the Cloughanover Road (Headford area);

(ii) that this Council ease corner to improve sight distance at T junction Knocklehard - Clydagh roads.

22. Deputy T. Hussey: I will propose -

That estimates be prepared for the provision of footpaths at Abbeyknockmoy.

23. Senator M. Killilea: I will propose -

(i) That the restoration of roadside property, changed by road widening process, on our main arterial roads, be completed to the satisfaction of those people whose property has been or will be disturbed in this process;

(ii) that the water source at Kilcurriff Ard be examined and that whatever source is causing pollution be remedied immediately.

24. Councillor P. T. Galvin: I will propose -

That Galway County Council improve the corner on the Ballinasloe-Kilconnell road at the Deerpark junction (Ballinasloe Urban) so as to give reasonable sight distance.

25. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -

(i) That Galway County Council offer to take over the Parochial Park and Playground beside the Post Office, Athenry; thereafter to insure maintain and provide additional facilities therein;

(ii) that Galway County Council remove the weighing scales from the Square, Athenry and resite it in the site of the proposed Public Toilet, Cross Street, Athenry;

(iii) that, as a matter of urgency, the road from Quitmann's factory to and including the Council Estate on the Killimor Road, Portumna be re-routed so as to eliminate the very dangerous bends thereat.

26. Comhairleoir M. O Flatharta:

(i) Molaim go gcuirfidh an Comhairle Contae caoi ar an gcoras Searachais o'n sean Bhearraic soir comh fada le teach Aoideachta Ui Domhnaill sa gCeathru Rua;

(ii) go ndeanfaidh an Comhairle Contae an coras searachais a mheadu agus e thabhairt siar comh fada le teach Phadraic O Neachtain taobh le Bothar na Ronne (Rinn);

(iii) solas amhain a chur idir na monarcain agus an Teach Osta Realt na Maidne sa gCeathru Rua.

27. Councillor J. Joyce: I will propose -

(i) That the junction of the Meelick road and the Portumna/Eyrecourt Rd near Salmon's house, Prospect, Eyrecourt be developed so that traffic emerging from or entering onto the Meelick road must stop and that the turn be eased;

(ii) that the Council explain why it is employing Home Assistance Officers who do not live within the areas they serve, which is one of the conditions of their employment;

(iii) that danger signs indicating "Slippery Surface" be immediately erected on the piece of roadway between Tony Curley's house and Noel Finneran's house at Chapel Park, Clontuskert and that a programme of worthwhile development be started on the turns involved and also the fences.

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GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SHEEP DIPPING
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER, 1976

PRESENT: Councillors Michael Ryan, Hugh Melvin and Mr. Joseph Higgins of the Galway Sheep Breeder's Association. An apology for inability to attend was received from Deputy John Callanan.

OFFICIALS: Mr. Broderick, Veterinary Inspector, and Miss G. O'Grady, Senior Staff Officer.

The Secretary (Miss O'Grady) invited the views of the Members on the programme to date.

Mr. Melvin reported that the dipping campaign had been very satisfactory in his area.

Mr. Higgins said that the Galway Sheep Breeder's Association would prefer to see the campaign start on September 1st, next year, and finish earlier. He said that there were 800,000 sheep in the County of which 350,000 were ewes.

The Committee recommended that the County Council request the Minister for Agriculture to bring forward the commencement of the dipping period to the 1st September.

Mr. Broderick reviewed the situation and made the following points:-

- (1) A letter to the Secretary of each County Council from the Department in April of this year outlined the need for compulsory Winter dipping. It reported the findings of a three-year study carried out by a Departmental Committee. They originally suggested dipping all sheep between 1st September and the 31st October, and hill sheep a second time before the 1st March following. Pressure from County Councils and "other interests" had this period changed to 1st October - 31st January for all sheep.
- (2) The British dipping period is 16th August to the 13th November.
- (3) The Northern Ireland dipping period is 1st October to the 20th November. However, after 3rd October, it is illegal to move sheep that are not accompanied by a dipping certificate.

It was his view that the Northern Ireland arrangement was best for County Galway as one fifth of the sheep population was located there. Other Counties should be able to finish in 14 days.

Mr. Broderick pointed out that any change to September dipping would have to be made by the Department. He said that dipping was not some sort of ritual, but was designed to eradicate scab. He felt that most movement of sheep had finished by 1st October, and that dipping was more effective after that date.

In reply, Mr. Higgins said that he was worried about the effect that dipping would have on the lamb crop.

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This concluded the business of the Meeting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON
ITINERANCY AND MEMBERS OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 1976.

ATTENDANCE: In the Chair - Deputy R. Molloy.

Galway County Council:

Councillors U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Senator J. M. Mannion, Deputy F. Coogan, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O Morain, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

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An Comhairleoir O hUiginn.

Ballinasloe U.D.C.

Councillor P. T. Galvin.

An apology for inability to attend was received from ^{Clr.} Miss M. Byrne, Galway Corporation.

Officials:

Messrs. J. Stewart, Assistant County Manager; K. Hays, ^{Acting} Deputy County Engineer; M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; A. O'Gorman, Senior Staff Officer; K. Doyle, County Secretary; Miss M. Nolan, Staff Officer, Miss M. McCracken, Social Worker and Sr. Brigid Keane, Social Worker.

DATE FOR MAKING OF RATE AND SEALING OF RATE BOOKS:

On the proposition of Councillor O Morain, seconded by Councillor Melvin, it was agreed that a special meeting of the Council be held on Monday 28th February, 1977 for the purpose of making the Rate and sealing of the Rate Books.

It was noted that this is the date of the February monthly meeting.

ITINERANT SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS:

Mr. Stewart gave an outline of his report dated 6th December, 1976 which was circulated to all members present.

POLICY:

Councillor Kilgannon stated that he disagreed with the idea of ghettos as part of proposals for settlement of itinerants and he felt that it would be more sensible if each community would make a contribution towards solving the problem. He also considered that the solution to the problem should not rest with housing itinerants in working class areas and that houses for itinerants should also be provided in middle to higher income group housing estates.

Agreeing with Councillor Kilgannon, Deputy Callanan stated that it should be the duty of all communities to help in the rehabilitation and housing of itinerants and he ^{stated that it} was accepted that it was good policy to house one itinerant in every ten houses in local authority estates.

People who oppose grouping of itinerants should agree to take even one family in to their community.

Councillor Galvin, referring to a recent visit to itinerant settlement areas in Dublin, gave particulars of the work being done there and he recommended that where itinerants are being settled, they should not be allowed to continue begging.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SHEEP DIPPING
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER, 1976

PRESENT: Councillors Michael Ryan, Hugh Melvin and Mr. Joseph Higgins of the Galway Sheep Breeder's Association. An apology for inability to attend was received from Deputy John Callanan.

OFFICIALS: Mr. Broderick, Veterinary Inspector, and Miss G. O'Grady, Senior Staff Officer.

The Secretary (Miss O'Grady) invited the views of the Members on the programme to date.

Mr. Melvin reported that the dipping campaign had been very satisfactory in his area.

Mr. Higgins said that the Galway Sheep Breeder's Association would prefer to see the campaign start on September 1st, next year, and finish earlier. He said that there were 800,000 sheep in the County of which 350,000 were ewes.

The Committee recommended that the County Council request the Minister for Agriculture to bring forward the commencement of the dipping period to the 1st September.

Mr. Broderick reviewed the situation and made the following points:-

- (1) A letter to the Secretary of each County Council from the Department in April of this year outlined the need for compulsory winter dipping. It reported the findings of a three-year study carried out by a Departmental Committee. They originally suggested dipping all sheep between 1st September and the 31st October, and hill sheep a second time before the 1st March following. Pressure from County Councils and "other interests" had this period changed to 1st October - 31st January for all sheep.
- (2) The British dipping period is 16th August to the 13th November.
- (3) The Northern Ireland dipping period is 1st October to the 20th November. However, after 3rd October, it is illegal to move sheep that are not accompanied by a dipping certificate.

It was his view that the Northern Ireland arrangement was best for County Galway as one fifth of the sheep population was located there. Other Counties should be able to finish in 14 days.

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Deputy Coogan, stating that the policy recommended by the Assistant County Manager should be accepted, pointed out that no back-up services were provided where many itinerants were housed, as a result of which there were some failures. He considered that itinerants must be housed in groups if pre-school education and other services are to be provided for the children.

Councillor Holland stated that Galway County Council and Galway Corporation have done a fair share in the settlement of itinerants but he felt that more co-operation should be forth-coming from neighbouring counties. He stated that when hard-stands were provided in Galway city, back-up services were not provided.

Deputy Coogan stated that only itinerants based in Galway have been accepted for re-housing in Galway.

Councillor Morgan stated that itinerants should not be treated as people different from others but should be treated as people in need of housing. He enquired what are the conditions applicable to Tenancy Agreements for itinerants. He agreed with providing an estate of Tigeens for itinerants if a Social Worker and Caretaker are employed. He proposed that the Sister who is a Social Worker with the itinerants in the housing estate in Loughrea should be employed on a full-time basis by the County Council.

Councillor Haverty stated that members of the settled community should speak to itinerants if they feel they are not behaving properly. He stated that there is a considerable amount of land available which is parochial property and he considered that this should be made available for housing itinerants as well as some land in the possession of religious orders.

Councillors Byrne, complimenting the officials involved in the re-settlement of itinerants stated that he is not in favour of housing them in larger groups as there is some chance of helping children if they are in smaller groups. He was not in favour of forcing itinerants on any particular area and he considered that they should not be housed in an area until people are told and their approval obtained. In relation to itinerant traders, he stated that the law should be enforced where they are creating a nuisance and a hazard on roadsides.

Councillor Sean Donnellan agreed that educational facilities are essential for itinerant children, but he stated that a check should be kept on the movement of itinerants to ensure that they do not come into areas where they do not belong.

Deputy Hussey stated that there was a need for re-awakening of responsibility of local communities towards re-habilitation of itinerants. He considered that local committees should be asked to become more involved in the solving of this problem but he recommended that when itinerants are housed, they should be compelled to abide by the Law. He stated that school attendance does not appear to be forced in relation to itinerant children.

Councillor Fahey gave an instance of a family in the Gort area which, despite predictions to the contrary, had established itself well and was accepted in the area. He stated that of the four families listed in the Gort area, one had already been housed.

Stating that he agreed generally with the proposal, Senator Killilea stated that it was not in fact, enough with regard to recommended solutions. He stated that when a family is housed, it happens, after a time that the eldest children marry and because of lack of accommodation, they have to go on the road again, thus necessitating the same procedure again in relation to that family. He considered that a back-up service should be provided when families are housed. He considered that the Council should insist that houses are well kept, that roadsides are kept clean, that collections of vans and vehicles in the vicinity of a house should be prevented and that generally cleanliness and sanitary conditions in the house and surroundings should be enforced as well as encouraged.

Paying tribute to the work of Miss McCracken, Social Worker, Senator Killilea stated that Social Workers should call at regular intervals to advise and help itinerants who have been housed and he proposed that the Council should approach the Religious authorities throughout the county to donate land for itinerant housing.

Councillor Burke also recommended that local communities should be involved in itinerant settlement and he gave an instance in Portumna where there was ^{one} failure in the settlement of a family due to the fact that ^{the} local community was not involved. He considered that such ^{involvement} is essential if the policy is to succeed. He stated that there is not as much parochial land available as is generally thought. He asked what are the criteria used in deciding whether a family is suitable for housing.

Councillor Kelly accepting in general the contents of the Report, stated that there ^{were} not ^{enough} statistics available. In relation to Tuam, he asked how many would be prepared to settle elsewhere. He recommended that people in the area where settlement is proposed should be considered and he stated that the County Council appear to have done little with regard to acquisition of the sites suggested. He considered also that there should be a policy statement as to who can get a caravan and he suggested that the Diocesan authorities in Tuam be approached for a site in the vicinity of the Dunmore Rd. a site where many itinerant families are in caravans and which is very well kept.

Councillor Kelly complained that there is complete squalor in the Cloonhue Road area and that nothing has been done to remedy the defects, that rats are visible in the area and he recommended that the entire area needs a facelift and that the filth and rubbish in the area be bulldozed away. The County Council should also tackle the question of caravans and vehicles parked at the entrance to private property. He considered also that the Tuam Town Commissioners should become involved in the matter and he suggested a meeting in committee with the Town Commissioners. He also referred to a nuisance in the Weir Road area where he stated, a septic tank is overflowing.

Councillor Glynn stated that one or two itinerant families should be settled in each parish and he recommended that the policy should be to take many of them out of the towns, pointing out that some had fared very well outside the vicinity of the town of Tuam.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that there is a vast number of voluntary sports, cultural and other organisations in the county including Macra na Feirme, Muintir na Tire etc. and he recommended that the Council should bring to the attention of those organisations the extent of the problem and seek their co-operation in solving it. He considered that it is not too much to ask each parish to house one itinerant family.

Deputy Coogan stated that if the Council accepted the policy recommended it should not be subject to pressure groups.

Replying to the points made by members, Mr. Stewart stated that he agreed that the ^{involvement} of the community Councils and committees is necessary. He stated also that the Council has two Social Workers, Sr. Brigid and Miss McCracken, both of whom were doing excellent work and that another would be employed if the need was seen for such employment. He also complimented the voluntary worker in Loughrea who is a Sister in the local ^{religious} community who is doing great work. He stated also that the Council has received full co-operation from the local clergy in any approach which has been made to them with regard to acquisition of land. Stating that caretakers would be appointed to look after halting places, he stated that traders would not be allowed on those halting places. He stated that the Social Workers advise the Council on the itinerants who are suitable for permanent housing. He pointed out that the housing of itinerants in housing estates would be a slow process - approx. 6 to 8 per year.

He agreed that ^{the} problem of members of a family of housed itinerants marrying would need to get greater attention. He stated that the total number of itinerants in the County had not increased in the past 3 or 4 years. He agreed that a copy setting out the conditions in tenancy agreements would be circulated to each member of the Council and the Committee.

Replying to Councillor Morgan, Mr. Stewart stated that generally itinerants are not permitted to absent themselves from their houses for over six weeks in any year.

MERLIN PARK, GALWAY:

Mr. Stewart stated that it is hoped to purchase a site from the Forestry Department off the side of the road at Merlin Park and that it is proposed to appoint a caretaker there.

Replying to the Chairman, Mr. Stewart stated that a site of sufficient size to cater for those in the Merlin Park area would be acquired.

TUAM:

Councillor Kelly again expressed concern at the conditions in the Cloonthue Road area and he asked that the Council would make a definite decision to tackle the problem in this area. He stated that a family ^{under canvass} in the Galway Road had been told that they would not get a caravan unless they had a site and that another family would not get a larger caravan unless they go off the main road. Councillor Kelly also asked that an old man living in a caravan in a back garden of a house off the Weir Road be given a small demountable dwelling. He stated that another house could be built on a site at Gallagher and he asked that a septic tank be provided for the existing house. He stated also that a site for a house is available in Cluide, Corrandulla where there is a local man in a caravan who needs re-housing. He stated that all itinerant children in the Tuam area were attending school.

Mr. Stewart stated that he agreed that conditions in the Cloonthue Road were bad and that the Council would prefer if the people in that area would move to another site. He promised, however, that the Council would do everything possible to relieve the situation.

Councillor Ryan supported Councillor Kelly's recommendations regarding the Cloonthue Road area and he suggested that each parish should take two or three itinerants.

BALLINASLOE:

Deputy Callanan stated that he did not agree with the proposals for the Creggane area in Ballinasloe. He stated that three houses have already been built there and accepted by the local people and he stated that Residents' Associations there object to any more being settled in the area because of nuisances from dogs and other objections. He objected to the proposals to put more of them on the adjoining Health Board land and to house them in the Ahascragh/Castlegar estate in the same parish. He stated that immediately the people are housed from the hard-stand, others would move in. He stated that he strongly opposed this proposal.

Councillor Galvin stated that 4 tigeens had been provided in the Poolboy area and ^{10 families} had been listed in that area also. He was informed that there were now 19 families on the roadside and he suggested that land, the property of the Western Health Board in Garbally at the entrance of the Cleaghmore Road should be acquired. He stated that he considered that there would ^{be} no local objections to this.

Regarding the Creggane area, he agreed that there are very strong local objections and these will not be withdrawn. He agreed that there is difficulty in getting the families concerned to move elsewhere.

Councillor Haverty recommended that ^{if} an alternative site on Health Board property is available, an approach should be made for the site to the Health Board.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that he did not agree that the solution for the Creggane area is a hard-stand in that area, and that the integration of the three existing families in houses in the area is more likely, if others are not put on a hard-stand beside them. He stated that it is not good policy to group the others in a hard-stand beside the three existing families and that resentment is building up against them locally.

Councillor Joyce also objected to the proposed hard-stand at Creggane. He considered that in general, local opinion should be consulted regarding who should get houses as many itinerants are known locally and acceptable to local people. He agreed that there is a need for a hard-stand for those in the Poolboy area, but he considered they should be prepared to move out a few miles from Ballinasloe. He suggested a lay-by at Moher on the Galway Road and he also stated that there may be a site in Glann nearby on a side road. He also stated that there is a possibility of a site near the Four Roads at Clonfert where three families are camped. He stated that there is another camping site in the Bellvue/Laurencetown area and it may be that a site could be got near this location.

Councillor Kelly proposed and Councillor Morgan seconded that a further meeting should be held in January, 1977.

The Chairman suggested that the Council re-examine the proposals in relation to Creggane.

The Assistant County Manager stated that ^{if} the Council had an alternative, it would be adopted. He pointed out that the families in question are on a dangerous stretch of road and that it is considered an urgent matter to get them off this road for safety and other reasons until an alternative site is found. He stated that only a short term lease is being taken from the Health Board of the proposed hard-stand. He stated that he would investigate with the Health Board the possibility of an alternative site, as a matter of urgency, as he was very concerned with the safety of the families on this road.

It was agreed that the suggested alternatives would be examined and that no action would be taken with regard to developing the hard-stand at Creggane without coming back again to the Committee to inform them of the position.

Councillor Burke stated that it is likely that there would be strong objections to the alternative site suggested in Ballinasloe as it is a high residential area.

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon, Mr. Stewart stated that the Council had got full co-operation from the Land Commission with regard to purchase of land where the Land Commission has any on hands and where it is suitable for the Council's requirements.

LOUGHREA:

Councillor Morgan proposed that Sr. Brigid, Convent of Mercy, Loughrea be appointed full-time Social ^{housing} worker by the Council for the itinerant ^{estate} in Loughrea. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Burke.

Mr. Stewart stated that the employment of one Social Worker for 9 families would not appear to be justified but he paid tribute to the work being done by Sr. Brigid for the itinerant community in Loughrea. He considered, however, that if people were to be paid for doing what is hitherto voluntary Social Work, ^{they} lose interest in the work.

Councillor Burke stated that in view of the danger of the loss of co-operation involved in the employment of a full-time Social Worker, he would withdraw his seconding of the proposal. He agreed that local acceptance and involvement is all-important.

Councillor Haverty stated that if a paid Social Worker is to be employed, this should be done only after consultation with the local committee.

Deputy Callanan recommended that the matter should be deferred until it is further investigated.

Mr. Stewart stated that it would seem to him that the Mercy Order in Loughrea had agreed to make a contribution to the problem by giving a voluntary Social Worker and he considered that to employ a Social Worker now might be defeating this purpose.

After further discussion, it was agreed to leave the matter to the Assistant County Manager.

Councillor Morgan stated that some itinerants who have got houses in Pollroebuck, Loughrea had left scrap heaps in the itinerant estate after them. He recommended that itinerants who got houses should not be allowed to have unauthorised buildings on the site.

ATHENRY:

Mr. Stewart stated that the Council is acquiring a site from the Agricultural College authorities and if so, would use this site for building of two further houses in lieu of the suggested site at the disused dump site.

PORTUMNA:

It was noted that there was no itinerant problem in Portumna.

On the proposition of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Councillor Kilgannon, it was agreed that the report of the Assistant Manager before the meeting be approved, subject to the comments made.

Councillor Kilgannon complimented the Itinerant Settlement Committee, Sr. Brigid, Miss McCracken and all others involved in finding a solution to the itinerant problem.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

Also Present:

Members - As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, J. Donnellan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O Morain P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Stewart, Assistant County Manager, M. J. Dunne, Acting County Engineer, K. Hays, Acting Deputy County Engineer; T. Kavanagh and J. O'Kelly, Administrative Officers; A. O Gorman and T. O'Neill, Senior Staff Officers, F. Dawson, Assistant Staff Officer and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1275 - RESOLUTION FROM THE MOVEMENT FOR PEACE:

The Chairman stated that he had been requested by the Movement for Peace to ask the Council to pass a resolution supporting the Movement.

The Chairman accordingly proposed:

" We the Council of the County of Galway at our meeting here today, hereby acknowledge the contribution towards the achievement of peace made by the Peace Movement, and in recommending its aims and ideas to the entire community, we urge all who can do so to help forward its aims and ideals."

This resolution was seconded by Senator Manninn and unanimously adopted.

1276 - SYMPATHY:

The Chairman informed the members that since the last meeting two members of the Council had suffered bereavements. He accordingly extended the sympathy of the Council to Councillor Hugh Melvin on the death of his brother and to Councillor G. Bartley on the death of his mother and also to the County Manager on the death of his aunt. He also proposed that the Council adjourn for a time as a mark of respect to the deceased.

This proposal was seconded by Senator Killilea and unanimously adopted.

Councillor Bartley thanked the members for their expression of sympathy and joined in the expression of sympathy to Councillor Melvin and to the County Manager.

The County Manager also thanked the members for their expression of sympathy and on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council, extended sympathy to Councillors Melvin and Bartley.

The Meeting then adjourned for a short time.

On resumption, resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

- Miss M. Shaughnessy, Killian, Ballinamore Br., Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Patrick Hughes, Main Street, Ballygar.
- Mrs. Mary Joe Cunniffe, Housing Estate, Ballygar.
- Mrs. Michael Donnellan, Moylough, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Colm O Guairim, Ruisin na Manach, Carna.

1277 - MINUTES:

The Chairman stated that an error has come to notice in relation to Minute No. 1253 of the meeting held on 22nd November, 1976 in so far as it concerned the names of the proposer and seconder of the resolution adopted under that Minute and he requested the approval of the Council to substitute the name of Councillor Galvin as the proposer and Councillor Kalgannon as the seconder of that resolution.

This amendment was agreed.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Molloy, seconded by Councillor Melvin, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd November, 1976 (Nos. 1243 to 1274 inclusive) were approved, subject to the amendment of Minute No. 1253 as set out above, and were then signed by the Chairman.

1278 - SALE OF HOUSING SITES AT CULLAIREBAUN, ATHENRY:

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of ^{three} Housing Sites at Athenry to Mr. Martin Mulroe, Abbey Row, Athenry, Mr. Gerald Corbett, Tiaquin, Colemanstown, Ballinasloe and Mr. John G. Daly, Cloonshecahill, New Inn, Ballinasloe on the terms set out in Notice dated 26th November, 1976 under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, copy of which had been sent to each member of the Council."

1279 - SALE OF HOUSES UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966:

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the houses occupied by them to the persons named hereunder in accordance with the terms of Notices dated 6th December, 1976 under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 which was sent to each Member of the Council:-

- Mr. Bart Gormley, Demesne, Tuam, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Michael Lucas, Townparks, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Joseph Corless, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
- Mr. John Ward, Cappatable, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Leo Finn, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Laurence Headd & Mrs. Nora Headd, Magheramore, Killimor, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Thomas Walshe, Killuney, Dunmore, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Gerry Flannery, Dowras, Woodford, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Peter Lynskey, Cappagh, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway."

1280 - MINUTES OF MEETING OF ITINERANT SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE - 10/12/76:

On the proposition of Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy, the Minutes of the Itinerant Settlement Committee held on 10/12/76 were approved.

1281 - MINUTES OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE - 7/12/1976:

On the proposition of Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy, the Minutes of the Sheep Dipping Committee held on 7th December, 1976, were approved.

1282 - SEEDS & FERTILISERS LOAN SCHEME, 1977:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to continue this scheme on the same terms as applied in the year 1976.

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

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the Scheme for the supply of Seeds & Fertilisers on loan terms for 1977 on the same terms as applied to the Scheme for the year 1976."

1283 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNCIL ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, GALWAY:

The County Secretary informed the Council that consequent on the Notice dated 2nd November, 1976 which was sent to each member of the Council, only one nomination had been received for the appointment of a representative of the Council on the Governing Body of University College, Galway for the period commencing on the 1st February, 1977, i.e. Deputy R. Molloy, 1, Dalton Drive, Salthill, Galway and that his nomination paper was in order.

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved:-

"that Deputy R. Molloy, 1, Dalton Drive, Salthill, Galway be appointed a representative of Galway County Council on the Governing Body of University College, Galway for the period commencing the 1st February, 1977."

1284 - LOAN £40,000 - STAGE I OF OUGHTERARD WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

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

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £40,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance Stage I of the Oughterard Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate in force on the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

1285 - LOAN £1,645 - SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR MAREE GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Deputy Donnellan and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1,645 from the Bank of Ireland for the purpose of financing the cost of increased pipe sizes for the Maree Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repayable over a period of three years with interest at the usual rate applicable to such loans."

Replying to enquiries from members, the County Manager stated that it is expected that work on Stage I of this scheme would commence very soon and he also informed the Council that approval to ^{invite} tenders for the Tuam Water Supply Improvement Scheme had been received from the Minister.

1286 - LOAN £21,600 FOR PURCHASE OF FIRE TENDER:

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £21,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister, to finance the purchase of a fire tender for the County Fire Service, the loan to be repaid over such period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government at the usual interest rate for such loans."

1287 - HOUSING CIRCULARS:

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed that consideration of three circulars referred to at No. 12 on the Agenda would be deferred to the next meeting of the Housing Committee.

1288 - AUDITORS' REPORTS:

The County Manager informed the Council that he had received copies of the Auditor's reports on the Lough Mask and River Robe Joint Drainage Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1975 and also the Auditor's report on the County Galway Vocational Education Committee for the 4 years ended 31st December, 1975 and that the reports were available to the members for inspection if they wished to see them.

1289 - SPEED LIMITS - CORNAMONA:

Referring to Councillor Bartley's motion, the County Secretary stated that the ^{Speed Limits} committee had considered a speed limit for Cornamona and that the matter was under investigation by the engineering staff and the Garda authorities.

Replying to Senator Mannion, the County Secretary stated that the committee had also made a recommendation regarding Clonbur.

Replying to complaints about the delay from members, the County Secretary stated that it was hoped to have recommendations brought before the Council at ^{the} latest for the February, 1977 meeting.

1290 - MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY DEPUTY R. MOLLOY:

In the absence of Deputy Molloy, the Chairman directed that written replies to his motions be sent to him.

Senator Mannion asked that he be informed of the position regarding the provision of two lights at Railway View, Clifden.

1291 - VETERINARY SERVICE - WEST CONNEMARA:

Councillor O Morain proposed that the Department of Agriculture be asked to provide a proper veterinary service for West Connemara. He stated that the entire area is at present being served by two Veterinary Surgeons, one of whom is living in Clifden and the other in Spiddal and that the area is much too large for two Veterinary Inspectors only. He stated that the present service is subsidised by the Department to the extent of only £500 and he asked that a Veterinary service similar to that being provided in the poorer areas of Scotland be provided.

Councillor Bartley, seconding the resolutions, stated that sometimes, people have to wait for a week before any Veterinary Inspector can attend.

1292 - IMPROVEMENT OF GALWAY COAST ROAD TO CONNEMARA:

Replying to Councillor O Morain, who proposed the resolution standing in his name, the County Manager stated that no information had yet been received regarding Road Grants for 1977.

Stating that the road is in an extremely bad condition, Councillor O Morain stated that there is no guarantee that people who are at present paying road tax will continue to do so unless substantial improvements are made. He asked that the Department of Local Government be requested to send an Inspector immediately to examine the road.

1293 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT DISPENSARY IN MOYCULLEN:

Replying to Councillor McCormack's motion, the County Secretary stated that an order had been issued to the E.S.B. to have a light provided at this location.

1294 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT DISPENSARY IN TURLOUGHMORE:

Replying to Councillor McCormack's motion, the County Secretary stated that a light at this location will be provided early in 1977.

1295 - DECLARATION OF ROAD FROM ISLAND, MONARD, TURLOUGHMORE TO BURMA ROAD AT JAMES MORRIS' HOUSE AS A PUBLIC ROAD:

In reply to Councillor McCormack's motion, the County Secretary stated that it would cost £400 to bring this road to the required width for adoption and it was suggested that Councillors' Notice of Motion funds could be used for this purpose.

Councillor McCormack asked that £400 of his Notice of Motion money be allocated to bring this road to the required standard, for adoption.

1296 - SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR TYNAGH VILLAGE:

In reply to Councillor Burke's motion, the County Secretary stated that some preliminary work had been done in the planning of a Sewerage Scheme for Tynagh but that it is not included in the 1977 proposals.

- Stressing the urgency of providing a Sewerage Scheme for Tynagh, Councillor Burke stated that many people who are working in Tynagh are in fact, housed in Loughrea and Portumna because of lack of facilities in Tynagh. He stated that the Council should encourage the development of such villages in accordance with the provisions of the Development Plan.

The County Manager stated that the Council is committed to examining the situation in all villages and that Tynagh is one of those for which planning will continue.

Councillors Haverty and Morgan supported Councillor Burke's proposal.

1297 - BORD FAILTE AMENITY GRANTS - WOODFORD BAY:

In reply to Councillor Burke's motion, the County Secretary stated that this proposal will be examined in the context of the schemes to be aided by Bord Failte Grants for 1977 and that proposals in relation to such schemes will be brought before the Council in due course.

Councillor Burke stated that ^{part of} this Bay had dried up and was overgrown and that recently a committee had been formed for the purpose of improving and restoration of the Bay. He stressed that this is an area of high amenity value and he asked that it be included ^{in the schemes} for Bord Failte Assistance for 1977.

The County Manager suggested that Councillor Burke would ask the members of the committee to ^{contact} the Council with a view to having the matter examined.

1298 - COMPLETION OF WORK AT ABBEY CHURCH:

In reply to Councillor Burke's motion, the County Secretary stated that additional land had to be acquired in this case and that as soon as this is purchased, work will re-commence.

Councillor Burke stated that this matter is going on for ten years and that the location is dangerous, as a result of which many cars have been damaged. He asked that the Council would finalise the purchase of the land without further delay.

Mr. Dunne, Acting County Engineer, stated that agreement on the terms for purchase of land had been reached and that land is now being transferred to the Council.

1299 - GRASS MARGIN ON ROAD BETWEEN BALLINTEMPLE AND CARNMORE CROSS:

Councillor Ruane proposed that this grass margin be removed as the volume of traffic on the road to the factory is very high. He stated that as a Councillor, he felt ashamed that this work had not been done several years ago and also that a section of the

Claregalway/Oranmore road had not been widened.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Molloy.

The County Secretary stated that it was agreed that widening of the carriageway is desirable but that no funds had been provided for this purpose.

1300 - REMOVAL OF GRASS MARGIN ON ROAD TO CLAREGALWAY CEMETERY:

In reply to Councillor Ruane's motion, the County Secretary stated that this work will be put in hands early in 1977.

1301 - EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION FROM CLAREGALWAY TO SURROUNDING AREA:

In reply to Councillor Ruane's motion, the County Secretary stated that refuse collection service for this area is already over-extended and that no additional collections can be made.

Councillor Ruane asked that the proposal be re-considered at least in order to permit extension of the service to Loughgeorge.

The County Manager stated that the service is already stretched to capacity.

1302 - CAR PARK OUTSIDE CALTRA CHURCH:

Replying to Deputy Donnellan's motion, the County Secretary stated that the Council's policy in relation to car parks at churches is that the land be provided, fenced, and all excavations and filling completed by the Church Authorities, following which the necessary lands should be dedicated to the County Council. The Council would then undertake the final surfacing and subsequent maintenance of the car park.

Deputy Kitt stated that extra car parking is required in this area as there is a car park already in existence. He considered that the Council should widen the road to allow a hearse into the graveyard.

Councillor Kilgannon supported the motion.

1303 - SPEED LIMIT SIGNS- CALTRA & CASTLEBLAKENEY:

In reply to Deputy Donnellan's motion, the County Secretary stated that the report of the Speed Limits Committee would be brought before the Council in due course, in relation to Caltra village and that the recommendation regarding Castleblakeney will be examined in conjunction with the Garda Authorities.

1304 - HEADFORD DUMP - EXTERMINATION OF RATS:

Replying to Deputy Donnellan's motion, the County Secretary stated that steps have recently been taken to remedy this complaint and that whatever steps are necessary will continue to be taken to exterminate rats.

Deputy Donnellan stated that he had received complaints from people who live beside the dump, who state that the situation is very serious.

Councillor Mc Cormack supported Deputy Donnellan's proposal.

1305 - EASING OF CORNER - CLOUGHANOVER ROAD, HEADFORD:

In reply to Councillor J. Molloy's motion, the County Secretary stated that there is a continuing programme of improvement to this main road and that expenditure for the present year was £27,000. He stated that further work would depend on availability of grants.

1306 - T JUNCTION - KNOCKLEHARD/CLYDAGH ROADS:

In reply to Councillor J. Molloy's motion, the County Secretary stated that improvements would be desirable, but that there are more important junctions requiring attention in the vicinity. It would not be possible to have the improvements carried out in 1977.

Councillor Molloy asked that the work be considered for the year 1978.

1307 - FOOTPATHS AT ABBEYKNOCKMOY:

In reply to Deputy Hussey's motion, the County Secretary stated that the estimate for a footpath from Mannions' to O'Donoghue's, Abbeyknockmoy - a length of 250 yards is £2,500 and that no money had been provided for carrying out the work.

Senator Killilea seconded the proposal made by Deputy Hussey that the footpath be constructed.

1308 - RESTORATION OF ROADSIDE PROPERTY FOLLOWING ROAD WIDENING:

Replying to Senator Killilea's proposal, the County Manager stated that it has always been County Council policy to leave landowners' property in at least as good a condition as it was prior to the carrying out of roadworks. Generally, all landowners are very satisfied but in a minority of cases, all may not be satisfied with the work as carried out.

In the case referred to by Senator Killilea, the County Manager stated that evidence of the facts of the agreement entered into were sought to the effect that the wall was previously capped. That evidence has now been received and the wall will be capped.

Senator Killilea stated that it should not have been necessary to bring photographs to the Council to prove that the wall was capped. He also stated that the back yard attached to this house was previously concreted and was damaged by the Council and that the Council seem to be slow to have it tarred and chipped.

1309 - POLLUTION OF WATER SOURCE AT KILCURRIFF ARD:

Senator Killilea stated that the well at Kilcurriff Ard, which is a source of a Group Water Supply Scheme was grossly polluted, that the Chief Medical Officer had been asked on at least four occasions to have the water tested and that no action had been taken on the matter.

Councillor McCormack stated that he had asked the County Medical Officer on ten occasions to have the examination carried out and not alone was no report given, but no satisfactory explanation was obtainable as to the reason for not having the examination carried out and report submitted. He stated that the water from the well was grossly polluted and that the contamination occurred after the scheme was completed.

The County Manager stated that the matter will be fully investigated and a report submitted to the Council.

1310 - IMPROVEMENT OF CORNER AT DEERPARK ON BALLINASLOE/KILCONNELL ROAD:

Proposing his motion, Councillor Galvin stated that this junction was a serious danger to life. He was supported by Deputy Callanan and Councillor Kilgannon.

The County Secretary stated that the proposal is being examined and the report will be submitted later.

1311 - TAKING OVER OF PAROCHIAL PARK AND PLAYGROUND NEAR POST OFFICE, ATHENRY:

Councillor Morgan gave an outline of the expenditure incurred by the people in Athenry in purchasing a hall and other amenities and

he asked that the Council, as a gesture of support, should offer to take over this park and playground and provide facilities thereon.

The County Manager stated that the Council had not been approached by the owners of the land in question.

Councillor Glynn stated that it is up to the owners of the property to make application to the Council if they wish to have it taken over.

The Chairman stated if the owners of the property wished to have it taken over, they should make application to the Council.

1312 - REMOVAL OF WEIGHING SCALES FROM THE SQUARE, ATHENRY:

Councillor Morgan stated that the existing site of the weighing scales is being used as a toilet and he proposed that they be moved to the site which was acquired by the Council for a Public Toilet some time ago.

Councillor McCormack supported Councillor Morgan's proposal.

The County Manager stated that the proposal would be examined.

1313 - DANGEROUS BENDS NEAR QUITMANN'S FACTORY ON KILLIMOR ROAD, PORTUMNA:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's motion, the County Secretary stated that this was a National Secondary Road and that no information had yet been received on allocation of grants for improvement to this road in 1977.

Councillor Morgan urged that representations be made to the Department of Local Government to allocate funds for this purpose.

1314 - CORAS SEARACHAIS SA CHEATHRUN RUA:

In proposing his motion, Councillor Flaherty stated that the diameter of the sewer pipe from the old barracks to O'Donnell's guest house in Carraroe appears to be too small.

The County Secretary stated that the matter is being investigated.

1315 - EXTENSION OF SEWER AT CARRAROE:

Replying to Councillor Flaherty's motion, the County Secretary stated that there are no plans at present to extend Carraroe Sewerage Scheme as proposed, but consideration can be given to this proposal when the schemes costing under £20,000 are being put forward for 1978.

1316 - SOLAS POIBLI IDIR NA MONARCAIN AGUS TEACH OSTA REALT NA MAIDNE SA CHEATHRU RUA:

Replying to Councillor Flaherty's motion, the County Secretary stated that this light will be provided in 1977.

1317 - IMPROVEMENT OF JUNCTION AT PROSPECT, EYRECOURT ON JUNCTION OF MEELICK ROAD AND PORTUMNA/EYRECOURT ROAD:

Replying to Councillor Joyce's motion, the County Secretary stated that this is being examined and a report will be submitted at a later date.

1318 - REQUIREMENT THAT HOME ASSISTANCE OFFICERS LIVE WITHIN THEIR AREA:

Replying to Councillor Joyce's motion, the County Secretary stated that the conditions for the post of Assistance Officer state that where a person is being appointed to the office he must reside within the district or within reasonable distance thereof and all the Council's Assistance Officers, with the exception of temporary officers, reside within their districts.

He stated that in one case, however, a temporary Assistance Officer is living 15 miles from his area, but that since the post was temporary, and because the officer in question could be contacted by telephone, the Superintendent Assistance Officer considered that it would be unreasonable to require him to live in the area. The Officer in question is at specified places on three days of every week within the district, that the Officer in question if leaving the area within the next few weeks and that a person who is resident in the area will act in the temporary post for a time from January, 1977.

Replying to a further question by Councillor Joyce, the County Manager stated that holders of permanent offices of Assistance Officer are required to live within the area.

1319 - WARNING SIGNS INDICATING SLIPPERY SURFACE OF ROAD AT CHAPEL PARK, CLONTUSKERT:

Replying to Councillor Joyce's motion, the County Secretary stated that this proposal is being examined and that a report will be submitted in the near future.

1320 - GOOD WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS:

The Chairman wished the members and officials of the County Council a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted approved and Confirmed

Chairman

Tom Ummey

24/1/77

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.
(Galway County Council)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

7th January, 1977.

TO: Each Member of Galway County Council/

A Chara,

I give you hereunder copy of a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, which will be considered at the meeting of the Council to be held on Monday 24th January, 1977.

Mise, le meas,

P. KEARNS
Deputy County Manager.

COPY.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, we propose that the County Manager be directed to grant permission for retention of dwelling-house at Frenchfort, Oranmore - Planning reference No. 23463 - this resolution to be considered at the monthly meeting for January, 1977.

Robert Molloy, Hugh Melvin, Francis Fahy. - 4/1/77.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

14th January, 1977.

TO: Each Member of Galway County Council/

A Chara,

I give you hereunder copy of a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, which will be considered at the meeting of the County Council to be held on Monday 24th January, 1977.

Mise, le meas,

S. KEATING
County Manager.

COPY/

We hereby give notice that we will propose the following resolution at meeting of Galway County Council to be held on Monday 24th January, 1977:

"In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council hereby directs the County Manager to grant planning permission for erection of dwellinghouse at Ross - Planning Reference No. 23386."

Tom Welby; Robert Molloy; Sean Donnellan.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

17u 1a Eanair, 1977.

Chuibh Gach Ball de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh De Luain, an 24u 1a Eanair, 1977 ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai.

A G E N D A

TO CONSIDER:

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:
 - (a) In accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we propose that the County Manager be directed to grant permission for retention of dwellinghouse at Frenchfort, Oranmore - Planning Reference No. 23463 - this resolution to be considered at the monthly meeting for January, 1977.

Robert Molloy, Hugh Melvin, Francis Fahey. - 4/1/77.
 - (b) In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council hereby directs the County Manager to grant planning permission for erection of dwellinghouse at Ross - Planning Reference No. 23386.

Tom Welby; Robert Molloy; Sean Donnellan.
2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Damage Decrees - list herewith.
4. Improvement of corner at Deerpark junction on Ballinasloe-Kilconnell road (Minute No. 1310)
5. Improvement of junction at Prospect, Meelick Road and the Portumna-Eyrecourt Road (Minute No. 1317)
6. Danger signs on road at Chapel Park, Clontuskert and development programme on turns and fences (Minute No. 1319).
7. Sanitary Services Small Schemes Programme, 1977 - already circulated to members.
8. Galway Harbour Commissioners - confirmation of resolution adopted on 25th October, 1976 remitting debt of £13,531.57 (Minute No. 1186).
9. Fix date for meeting of Housing Committee.
10. Business submitted by County Manager.

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MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

11. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
 - (i) That provision be made in the 1978 Road Estimates for improvements at Hospital Road, Clifden, Co. Galway;
 - (ii) that a light be erected on the new quay at Roundstone, that a ladder be fixed to the quay wall and that the harbour be generally cleaned up;
 - (iii) that a public toilet be provided in Roundstone.
12. Councillor H. Melvin: I will propose -
 - (i) That provision be made for the construction of a new pier at Cave, Clarenbridge, Co. Galway;
 - (ii) that provision be made in the 1978 Estimates for the removal of bad band at Slieveaun, Clarenbridge between Christy Burke's house and Mr. Samway's house.
13. Councillor P. F. Glynn and Councillor P. Ruane: We will propose -
That this County Council call on ^{the} Government to hold a public inquiry into inhuman conditions in Portlaoise Jail.
14. Councillor P. McCormack: I will propose -
 - (i) That a refuse collection service be provided for the houses on the Slievefin/Knockdoe Road;
 - (ii) that the road through part of the Ross Demesne, Rosscahill from the Galway/Clifden Road at Kinneavey's Public house through part of the Forestry to the Killanin/Tullycoyne road near Killanin Church be opened and declared a public road.
15. An Comhairleoir M. O Flatharta:
 - (i) Molaim leathnu a chur ar an gcasadh le taobh scoil Naisiunta Leitir Moir sa gcaoi go mbeadh an casadh sabhailte do na scolairi.
 - (ii) Molaim leathnu a dheanamh ar an droichead ag an Tullach, Baile na h-Abhann.
16. Senator M. Killilea: I will propose -
 - (i) That the County Council carry out work estimated by them to cost £800 (N.O.M. money) and allocated by me to complete the road at Pollnahalia, Belclare, Tuam;
 - (ii) that a scheme be prepared for the houses at Gilmartin Road, Tuam both for those vested and those not, to have water & sewerage put into each house on the road - those houses that are vested be given the bill of the scheme and that when grants etc. would be deducted by the Council towards the cost, that the balance be paid ^{over} an agreed period;
 - (iii) to ask the County Manager to make available a proper signed and laid out taxi rank on the Square in Tuam.
17. Councillor G. Bartley: I will propose -
 - (i) That a light be placed at the entrance to Clifden Hospital;
 - (ii) that the Hospital road at Clifden be blacktopped in 1977;
 - (iii) that Galway County Council ask the I.D.A. to demolish the ruins of a seaweed factory at Aillebrack, Ballyconneely.

18. An Comhairleoir M. O Morain:

- (i) I propose that the County Manager inform the County Council of the guide lines and application of same regarding (a) Free fuel (b) Free milk (c) Home Assistance in general;
- (ii) I would like to know what is the position of the Rosmuc Regional Water Scheme;
- (iii) Ce'n uair a cuirfear caoi ar an mbothar mor i Rosmuc?

19. Councillor U. Burke: I will propose -

- (i) That the Council provide extra housing at the Portumna estate, suitable for elderly people as is usual in all other schemes throughout the County;
- (ii) that this Council remove the tree-roots along the footpath on the Bridge Road, Portumna, which are causing the path to become dangerous for us
- (iii) that this Council insist through its Planning Department, that all public offices, Social and Public Buildings for which Planning Permission is being sought contain suitable entrances and accessibility throughout to enable physically handicapped and wheel-chair occupants free mobility as this is one of the contributory factors providing for equal opportunity of employment

20. Councillor Norman Morgan: I will propose -

- (i) That Galway County Council extend the footpaths northwestwards from Craughwell Village to the junction with the Athenry Road on one side of the road and with the Clarinbridge Junction on the opposite side of same road, and provide footpath at Brogham's;
- (ii) that the three dangerous bends on the Loughrea-Newtowndaly Road, Loughrea be removed namely just east of John Boyle's Moanmore; opposite Tom Silke's, Traskernagh and at Peter Hyland's, Glennaslat. The section of road containing said bends is from beginning to end 1,000 yards;
- (iii) that a report be given to the Council on the precautions taken by the Council to protect roadworkers from injury and a list of protective clothing with details, granted to roadworkers.

21. Deputy M. P. Kitt: I will propose -

- (i) That Galway County Council make a special contribution towards the cost of headworks for the Cahercrin Group Water Supply Scheme;
- (ii) that Galway County Council carry out repairs to the road at Corgary pump, Mountbellew, to allow a C.I.E. school bus to turn.

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M A L I C I O U S D A M A G E D E C R E E S.

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amt. of Claim.	Amt. of Decree (inc. costs).
R. F. Gill, Ltd., Galway.	Damage to pipes, Collars & warning lamps.	Boro' of Galway	£60.40	£115.29
Merchants National Co-operative Ltd., Snipe Ave., Galway.	Damage to warehouse & wooden pallets.	Boro' of Galway	£739.50	£819.66.

COMHAIRLE CHL. TAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Box No. 27,
County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

12th January, 1977.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

Re: Sanitary Services: Small Schemes Programme 1977.

A Chara,

The Council at its Estimates meeting approved of the expenditure of £75,000 on the provision of water and sewerage schemes for villages in the current year. The Department of Local Government make an annual allocation for expenditure on small schemes but there are restrictions in respect of these expenditures. One such restriction is that any small scheme must cost less than £20,000. In relation to the Council's expenditure, it is not proposed to adopt this limitation but the cost of providing a scheme should not be excessive, otherwise the number of schemes which can be undertaken would be very restricted. In this respect, it is noted that drainage schemes have been designed for both Killimor and Laurencetown either of which would absorb in excess of the £75,000 provided.

It is proposed, subject to Council's approval, to undertake the schemes listed hereunder in the current year. Those schemes have been designed by the County Engineer's staff and will be undertaken by means of direct labour:-

1. Williamstown Water Supply Improvement	-	£19,500
2. Newbridge Sewerage Scheme	-	£9,000
3. Ballygar Water Supply Improvement	-	£16,000
4. Ballyconneely Water Supply Improvement	-	£30,500
		<u>£75,000</u>

It is noted that the implementation of the Newbridge Scheme is dependent on the acquisition of a site for the treatment works.

It is proposed to undertake preliminary investigation in relation to the provision of sewerage facilities at the following villages in the coming year:-

Craughwell
Ballymoo.
Williamstown
Moylough
Carra
Cloggan
Letterfrack
Tully
Tullycross
Monivea
Tynagh

Appropriate schemes would then be considered for inclusion in the Council's programme

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within the coming years. Other villages which may have been omitted can be added to the above list. It is anticipated that the Council will increase the finance for this work in the coming years which would permit the acceleration of the programme and permit phasing of both the Killimor and Laurencetown schemes.

A programme of works in regard to the current year's commitments, if approved, will be drawn up by the County Engineer.

In relation to the Department allocation in respect of small water and sewerage schemes, this Council's allocation over the past few years has amounted to £25,000 per annum. As mentioned above, there are restrictions attached to this expenditure. A list of schemes together with the required details has been submitted to the Department for approval for 1977 and the allocation is awaited. The Schemes submitted are as follows:

1. Tuam Booster	£6,000
2. Athenry Sewerage Scheme - Extension	£6,000
3. Portumna Sewerage Scheme - Extension	£16,000
4. Clonbur Water Supply Improvements.	£15,000
5. Loughrea Sewerage Scheme - Extension	£2,000
6. Loughrea Sewerage Scheme - Extension	£8,000
7. Woodford Sewerage Scheme - Extension	£4,000
8. Galway City Water Supply - Extension	£14,000
9. Clifden Sewerage Scheme - Extension	£17,000
10. Clifden Sewerage Scheme - Extension	£5,000
11. Galway City Sewerage Scheme - Extension	£19,800
12. Galway City Water Supply - Extension	£8,000
	<u>£120,800</u>

The extent to which this programme can be implemented in the current year is dependent upon the allocation obtained.

I would request County Council approval to the programme as set out above.

Mise, le meas,

J. Stewart
J. Stewart.
Assistant County Manager.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
O'CONNELL BRIDGE HOUSE
DUBLIN, 2



ROINN RIALTAIS ÁIRIÚIL
TEACH DROICHEAD UÍ CHONAILL
BAILE ÁTHA CLÁIR

HGS 1/77
13 January, 1977.

TELEPHONE 787199

LIMITATION OF RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS

▲ Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the recent Government decision to limit State grants payable under the Housing Act, 1966 for the reconstruction of houses and to state that reconstruction grants will now be allocated only to persons whose applications were received on or before 11th January, 1977 or to those persons whose applications were received subsequent to that date and whose house valuations are as follows:

County Boroughs of Dublin, Cork,
Limerick and Waterford, Dublin
County and the Boroughs of
Dun Laoghaire and Galway Not more than £20

Other Boroughs,
Urban Districts Municipal Towns and
Census Towns (as defined in the Not more than £15
Census of Population 1971)

Rural areas Not more than £10

The various categories of grants and existing limitations remain unchanged.

As payment of supplementary grants is dependent on payment of State grants, the eligibility of applicants for supplementary grants will also arise.

As and from 12th January, 1977, in all cases where the application, prima facie, appears to be in order for a State grant on valuation grounds, a query will issue to the appropriate housing authority, as named by the applicant, asking for the relevant house valuation. It is requested that all such queries be dealt with as quickly as possible to ensure that decisions on applications will not be unduly delayed.

Where a query happens to be sent to the incorrect housing authority (e.g. County Council instead of U.D.C.), it would be appreciated if it were referred directly to the correct source and the Department advised accordingly.

Any enquiries about this circular should be addressed by letter to the Housing Grants Section of the Department at O'Connell Bridge House, Dublin 2 or by telephone to (01) 787199, Extension 34 (Dublin areas and Co. Kildare) and Extension 29 (all other areas).

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Michael E. Guigan
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City and County Manager
County Secretary
Town Clerk

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1977.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, Deputies J. Callanan, F. Coogan, J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillor J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, Co. Manager. J. Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager, M. Dunne, Acting Co. Engineer. K. Hayes, Deputy Co. Engineer. W. A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning), J. Beirne, Acting Chief Asst.. J. O'Kelly, Administrative Officer. F. Dawson, Asst. Staff Officer. T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer who acted as Secretary to the meeting.

The opening prayer was recited.

1321 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, IN THE NAMES OF: Deputy Molloy, Councillor Melvin and Councillor Fahey.

Planning Application No. 23463.

The motion was proposed by Deputy Molloy and seconded by Councillor O Morain. The Co. Manager stated that a number of Members were aware of the history of the application. The house in question was built without planning permission and an application for its retention was refused both by the Co. Council and by the Minister on appeal. There were five convictions against the applicant relating to the unauthorised house. Permission for a number of houses had been granted on the applicants lands. A request for further information was issued to the applicant on the 21st January, 1977 and the main question raised in the request related to the sterilization of certain lands. As a result of this the Council had sufficient time to leave the matter over to the next meeting.

Deputy Molloy stated that if the motion was in order for the next meeting, he was prepared to adjourn it to that meeting, without prejudice to the request that certain lands be sterilized.

1322 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 1955 IN THE NAMES OF: Councillor T. Welby, Deputy R. Molloy and Councillor S. Donnellan.

Planning Application No. 23346.

The Co. Manager stated that it has been the Council's policy to restrict development along National Traffic Routes to local family housing needs, and even in such cases we have refused permission if alternative sites were available along minor roads. The present application is not claimed to be in any of the special categories of housing need.

Along the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile stretch of the National Secondary Route on each side of the site there have been 24 applications in the past 8 years; 16 of these have been refused, 4 were granted as 2nd family claims, and of the 4 remaining applications which were not in any of the special categories, 3 were granted by the Planning Authority in 1969 and one by the Minister on appeal. As recently as last month the Minister refused Outline Permission on a site 300 yards from this site, on the basis of traffic hazard.

This present site (allowing for some discrepancies of boundary) has been refused on five previous occasions, involving four different applicants. Only one of these was appealed - this was the most recent application by Mr. Noone and it has since been withdrawn.

There are no speed limits along this section of road, despite the proximity of a school, a post office and a public house and it is felt that the location should be assessed in the same way as any other section of a National Route which is governed by the maximum speed limits. Only development directly related to local

family needs, which cannot be located elsewhere, should be granted on such routes, so as to keep the number of traffic access points to a minimum and so maintain a consistent policy in regard to the function of these routes, which is to provide a safe, fast and efficient way for private and commercial traffic between major centres.

The Council also asked the applicant if there were any particular reasons relating to his conditions of employment or family circumstances which confined his choice of house location to this particular site and the applicant replied as follows:

"Re your memo dated 18/1/77, the following are the reasons relating to my conditions of employment and family circumstances which confined my choice of house location to Rosscahill East, Ref. 23386.

I was transferred to Oughterard as a Forester on 26/3/76 on a permanent basis and from the Department's point of view it is desired that I live as near as possible to Oughterard. During the months April to July, I made every effort to buy a suitable site for my family but I was unable to do so due to the exorbitant prices being asked. I eventually bought above-mentioned site at a realistic price - I had never doubted there being any problem with planning permission as I had noticed the many new entrances coming on to the National Secondary Route. Each delay in granting planning permission makes my financial situation more difficult as I am presently paying £20 per week for my rented house and with the ever increasing costs in building materials etc., I would ask that special consideration be given to my housing needs as a further delay in planning permission will make it almost impossible for me to ever build a house, and I will be forced to put a caravan or mobile home on my site which I would find very undesirable for the upbringing of my family.

I humbly ask once again that my application be granted for my proposed bungalow."

Councillor Welby in proposing the motion stated that new houses had been built all along this road. No traffic problem would arise as there is a clear view of the traffic in the vicinity of the site. The applicant was working and living in the area and had purchased the site to build a house for himself and his family.

Deputy Molloy seconding the motion stated that there seemed to be no control policy in operation along this National Secondary Road as several permissions have been granted by the Minister. There was no traffic hazard involved and he asked the Council to support the motion.

Councillor S. Donnellan also spoke in favour of granting permission for the house.

In reply to a question by Councillor Holland, the Co. Manager stated that if the Council passed the motion, a decision granting permission would issue.

The Chairman declared the motion passed.

1323 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor S. Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Morgan, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st December, 1976 (Nos. 1275 - 1320 incl.) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1324 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as set out in the schedule to Item No. 3 on the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

1325 - IMPROVEMENT OF CORNER AT DEERPARK JUNCTION ON BALLINASLOE/KILCONNELL ROAD:

The Co. Manager informed Councillor Galvin that the cost of improving this corner was estimated at £5,750. There was no provision in the Council's 1977 Estimates for this work.

Councillor Galvin said that this was an extremely dangerous corner and badly needed to be improved.

Deputy Callanan supported Councillor Galvin.

The Co. Manager stated that the work could be considered for the 1978 roads estimates.

1326 - IMPROVEMENT OF JUNCTION AT PROSPECT, MEELICK ROAD AND THE PORTUMNA EYRECOURT ROAD:

The County Manager stated that the estimated cost of this work was £3,000 but there were no funds available for it in the 1977 Estimates. It could be considered for the 1978 Estimates.

1327 - DANGER SIGNS ON ROAD AT CHAPEL PARK, CLONTUSKERT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON TURNS AND FENCES:

The County Manager, in reply to Councillor Joyce's motion, stated that the estimated cost of improving this stretch of road is £10,000. There are no funds available to do the work. In regard to the alleged slippery surface, the road surface as such, is not slippery but because of the narrow width of carriageway, mud, clay etc. is occasionally scattered over same and may contribute to the condition referred to. Arrangements have been made to provide appropriate warning signs.

1328 - SANITARY SERVICES SMALL SCHEMES PROGRAMME, 1977:

The County Manager referred to the report circulated to the members dated 12th January, 1977 setting out a proposed programme for Small Schemes for 1977. He said that up to now, there were two sources from which the Council executed Water & Sewerage Schemes, large schemes were done under the Council's capital allocation for Major schemes and the smaller schemes were financed out of the special allocation for schemes costing £20,000 or less. The Department allocation for small schemes has only been in the region of £25,000 to £30,000 per annum and because of this, it was decided a sum of £75,000 in the current year's estimates, in order that some of these small schemes, would be done out of revenue. The report listed those schemes proposed to be done out of the £75,000 this year, those where preliminary investigations would also be carried out this year and also the list of schemes submitted to the Department costing £20,000 or less.

Deputy Callanan said that there were other villages in the County which badly needed services and he asked that Kiltormer be put on the list for investigation.

Councillor O Morain referred to Clonbur Water Supply Improvement Scheme, which was numbered 4 on the list submitted to the Department. He said the scheme there was very old and that Clonbur was an important tourist area and had been neglected over the years. He asked that this scheme be done out of the Government allocation for small schemes for 1977. Deputy Molloy agreed with Councillor O Morain adding that Clonbur Water Improvement should get priority over the Sewerage extensions on the list which had a higher priority.

Deputy Kitt welcomed the report and particularly the fact that the schemes to be carried out from the £75,000 would not be subject to any restrictions, and he hoped that early progress would be made on the Newbridge Sewerage Scheme. He asked why new schemes were not included on the list submitted to the Department to which the County Manager replied that having regard to present day costs, it was very difficult to plan any complete scheme which would cost less than £20,000.

Councillor Fahey asked that Sewerage Schemes for Clarenbridge and Ardahan be looked into as he understood that preliminary investigations had already been carried out in relation to those villages.

Councillor Haverty complained that Killimor and Laurencetown were not listed amongst the schemes to be carried out. He stated that these two places needed Sewerage Schemes very urgently. In relation to Killimor, he stated that the effluent was flowing out on to the street and the County Medical Officer had acknowledged that a Sewerage Scheme for Killimor was a top priority. He could not agree that these schemes be left in abeyance.

Councillor Kelly, having been told by the County Manager that the £75,000 would not qualify for any Government Assistance, proposed that the Department be informed of the fact that the Council had provided this £75,000 out of revenue for these schemes and that the Department be asked to match it £ for £.

Councillor Kelly stressed that the booster for Tuam which was No. 1 on the list submitted to the Department was urgent.

Councillor Kilgannon agreed that many of the areas listed in the report were a long time waiting for schemes and that the £20,000 limit on small schemes financed by the Department was very restrictive.

The County Manager informed Councillor Ryan that a Sewerage Scheme for Moylough would be investigated in 1977.

Councillor S. Donnellan asked if a reservoir could be provided to improve the Moycullen Water Supply Scheme which was inadequate.

The County Manager replied that Moycullen came under the Council's capital programme for major schemes and was dependant upon the completion of a new intake works and reservoir by Galway Corporation.

Councillor Donnellan asked that the source of the scheme be looked at as there appeared to be silt getting into the system and Councillor Welby made a similar request.

In reply to Councillor Morgan, about the Sewerage extensions listed for Loughrea, Mr. Stewart stated that the scheme costing £2,000 related to an extension to Tullahill and would serve 7 houses. The scheme costing £8,000 was a proposed extension to Cuscarrick.

Councillor Morgan supported Councillor Kelly's proposal that the Department be asked to contribute £ for £ towards the £75,000 provided by the Council.

Councillor Morgan and Deputy Callanan enquired if the Council could accept contributions from people towards the cost of Sewerage Schemes as some relatively small sewerage schemes were very costly and this might be the only way to have them done.

The County Manager said that he would look into this proposal to see if the Council could accept such contributions.

Councillor Joyce expressed grave dissatisfaction with the report. He said that of the 27 schemes listed, only one was in the Ballinasloe Electoral Area and that the area was being totally neglected and he objected strongly to it. He stated that the people of the area were paying high rates because of their high valuations and were getting nothing in return. He was not satisfied with the position about Laurencetown and Killimor and felt they were being put on the long finger. At Estimates time, he had asked that the £75,000 be reserved for new schemes and this had not been done. This proposal was seconded by Deputy Callanan.

The Chairman stated that the £75,000 provided in 1977 was only a beginning and obviously the schemes which could be financed from it would not satisfy every Councillor. Nevertheless, he felt a good start was being made and next year the Council could provide the same amount or perhaps, even more. He asked that Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe be included in the list of places where preliminary investigations for sewerage facilities would be carried out during 1977 and then proposed that the list as circulated be accepted. This was seconded by Councillor McCormack.

A vote was taken on the proposal to adopt the list as circulated which resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Bartley, Burke, Deputy Coogan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, B. Holland, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillors Kelly, Kilgannon, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors Morgan, O Morain, Raftery, Ruane, Ryan and Welby. (21)

Against: Deputy Callanan, Councillors Haverly and Joyce. (3).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

1329 GALWAY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS - REMISSION OF DEBT OF £13,531.57

The County Manager referred to Minute No. 1186 of the meeting of the Council of the 25th October, 1976 wherein the Council agreed to remit the sum of £13,531.57 due to the Council by Galway Harbour Commissioners and explained that a resolution was required confirming the Council's decision.

It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Morain and resolved:

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 (3)(b) of the Harbours Act, 1947, Galway County Council hereby confirms the resolution adopted by the Council at its meeting held on 25th October, 1976 remitting wholly the debt of £13,531.57 due to the Council by Galway Harbour Commissioners."

1330 - DATE FOR HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING:

It was agreed that the next Housing Committee meeting would be held on Friday 4th March.

1331 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

Seminar "Education for Development"

The County Manager informed the members that the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group were holding a Seminar in Ballina on the 27th January, 1977 entitled "Education for Development" and representatives from all public bodies in the Regional Development Organisation were invited to attend.

It was agreed that Councillors Haverly, Kilgannon, Fahey and O'Morain would attend the Seminar.

Improvements to Council Chamber:

The County Manager referred to the suggested layout for the improvement to the Council Chamber which had been distributed to the members. He asked the members for their views on the matter and said that an estimate of the cost would be prepared as soon as he knew what the members' requirements were.

Some members felt that improved accommodation was badly needed whereas other members felt that the present arrangements were adequate. It was agreed that an estimate of the cost of installing a machine which would dispense tea or coffee.

1332 - GET WELL MESSAGE TO COUNCILLOR MELVIN:

The Council wished Councillor Hugh Melvin, who is presently ill, a speedy recovery.

Councillor Morgan congratulated Senator Higgins on his winning the award for 1976 for the best political speaker sponsored by the Cork Speakers' Club.

1333 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Councillor McCormack, the Council extended its sincere sympathy to the wife and family of

of the late Sean Cullinane, former Chief Assistant County Engineer with Galway County Council.

The County Manager and the Acting County Engineer joined in the expression of sympathy on their own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mrs. S. J. Flaherty & Family, Killannin, Rosscahill, Co. Galway.
Mr. & Mrs. Paddy Cunningham, Birmingham, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Ryan Family, Castlegar Village, Castlegar, Galway.
Peter Feeney, Mullacatra, Claregalway.
Clann Ui Chualain, Carna, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Sean O Suilleabhain, Doire Fhearra Mor, An Ceathru Rua.
Joseph Egan, Derrybrien, Loughrea.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

1334 - IMPROVEMENTS AT HOSPITAL ROAD, CLIFDEN:

In reply to Deputy Molloy's motion, the Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the improvements for this road is £1,000 and that it would be considered for the 1978 Estimates. After Deputy Molloy had asked some further questions about the road, Mr. Dunne felt that there may have been some mistake in relation to the particular road examined and said he would have the matter re-investigated and would report back at the February meeting.

1335 - IMPROVEMENTS AT NEW QUAY IN ROUNDSTONE:

The Acting Secretary informed Deputy Molloy that the light requested was included in the three year programme of public lighting. The required ladder would be provided during the present year and the pier area under Council jurisdiction will be cleaned up. Any dredging of the harbour itself is not the responsibility of the County Council.

Deputy Molloy asked who was responsible for the dredging of the harbour and the County Manager replied that the County Council was only liable for the maintenance of the pier in the condition in which it was taken over from the Office of Public Works. The County Council was not liable for the approaches to the pier. He stated that if the Council wished, the matter would be taken up with the office of public works and this was agreed to.

1336 - PUBLIC TOILET AT ROUNDSTONE:

The Acting Secretary stated, in reply to Deputy Molloy's motion, that negotiations for a site for a public toilet at Roundstone were in progress. The owners had been asked to complete a Purchase Agreement and submit details of title. Roundstone was No. 6 on the priority list for public conveniences.

1337 - NEW PIER AT CAVE, CLARENBRIDGE:

Deputy Molloy moved this motion on behalf of Councillor Melvin. The Acting Secretary stated that the County Council does not normally provide new piers but takes over for maintenance, piers provided by the Office of Public Works. Deputy Molloy stated that the Office of Public Works had informed him that it was not responsible for the construction of a new pier and he asked that provision be made in the 1978 Estimates for this work. The County Manager agreed to take the matter up with the Office of Public Works and report back to the Council.

1338 - REMOVAL OF BAD BEND AT SLIEVEAUN, CLARENBRIDGE:

In reply to Councillor Melvin's motion, the Acting Secretary stated that the estimate for this work will be prepared for the 1978 Roads Estimates.

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1339 - CONDITIONS IN PORTLAOISE JAIL:

It was agreed to adjourn this motion to the next meeting.

1340 - EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE TO SLIEVEFINN/ KNOCKDOE RD:

In reply to Councillor McCormack's motion, the Acting Secretary stated that it was not proposed to collect from scattered houses on rural roads, such as the road in question, which road the collection truck does not traverse. The collection truck is working to full capacity. Councillor McCormack made the point that the collection truck was collecting very close to the road at present, but the County Manager stated that the service could not be extended at present.

1341 - ROAD THROUGH THE ROSS DEMESNE, ROSSCAHILL:

Councillor McCormack was informed by the Acting Secretary that this was a non-public road, 1,000 metres in length and the estimated cost of the repairs required to bring it up to standard was £3,500. Councillors' Notice of Motion money would be required for this work and the necessary adoption procedures.

Councillor McCormack stated that there had been a right of way to this land but that it had been closed up by the Forestry Department. He asked that it be re-opened.

The County Manager agreed to take the matter up with the Department of Lands.

1342 - CASADH LE TAOBH SCOIL NAISIUNTA LEITIR MOIR:

In reply to Councillor Flaherty's Notice of Motion, the Acting Secretary stated that no provision had been made in the 1977 Estimates for this work, the estimated cost of which was £2,000.

Councillor Flaherty felt that this turn needed attention as it was very dangerous from the point of view of children leaving the school.

1343 - DROICHEAD AG AN TULACH, BAILE NA HABHANN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the work proposed by Councillor Flaherty would entail the replacement of the existing bridge by a new structure. The estimated cost of the bridge, including work on the approach roads, was £20,000.

Councillor Flaherty said that this was a very dangerous road and was causing a serious traffic hazard as it carried a lot of traffic. It was a noted accident Black Spot.

Deputy Molloy supported Councillor Flaherty, saying that the cost which was estimated at £20,000, should not deter the Council from carrying out the improvements.

It was agreed to have the matter considered for the 1978 Roads Estimates.

1344 - ROAD AT POLLNAHALIA, BELCLARE, TUAM:

In the absence of Senator Killilea, it was agreed to adjourn this motion to the next meeting.

1345 - HOUSES AT GILMARTIN ROAD, TUAM:

In the absence of Senator Killilea, it was agreed to adjourn this motion to the next meeting.

1346 - TAXI RANK AT THE SQUARE, TUAM:

In the absence of Senator Killilea, it was agreed to adjourn this motion to the next meeting.

1347 - LIGHT AT ENTRANCE TO CLIFDEN HOSPITAL:

In reply to Councillor Bartley's motion, the Acting Secretary stated that this light was included in the present three-year programme of public lighting.

1348 - HOSPITAL ROAD AT CLIFDEN:

This is the same road as that referred to in Deputy Molloy's motion No. 11(i) about which further ^{investigation} is to be carried out and a report submitted to the Council.

1349 - RUINS OF SEAWEED FACTORY AT AILLEBRACK:

Councillor Bartley stated that this structure was in ruins and the place was most unsightly and asked that the ruins be demolished and the site cleared up.

The County Manager stated that the Council would get in touch with the I.D.A. who appeared to be the owners of the site.

1350 - FREE FUEL, MILK AND HOME ASSISTANCE:

The Acting Secretary read the following report dated 20th January, 1977 received from Mr. McDaid, Programme Manager, Western Health Board regarding Councillor O Morain's Notice of Motion:

Free Fuel:

This Scheme is confined to the months of November to March and assistance is given by arranging for the supply of fuel or the giving of cash for the purchase of fuel. Assessment of need relates to home assistance standards generally.

The categories eligible are:-

- (1) Old people or couples living on their own.
- (2) Disabled persons living alone or with an old person.
- (3) Widows with young children.
- (4) Households with no able-bodied person resident.

The recipient must not be able to secure fuel from any other source.

The supply of fuel direct, the giving of cash or the making of arrangements for supply to a local voluntary body is a matter for decision in each individual case as is most appropriate.

Arrangements for securing the supply of fuel is also a matter for local arrangement.

There is a limit per household in a single winter of two tons of turf, half ton of coal or one ton briquettes.

Free Milk:

The Board makes arrangements for the supply of milk to expectant mothers with full eligibility, nursing mothers with full eligibility and children under five years of age whose parents are unable from their own resources to supply the children with an adequate supply of milk. "Milk" includes foods derived wholly or mainly from milk.

Home Assistance:

The following are the minimum standard rates of home assistance payments

- (1) Single persons living alone £7.75
- (2) Single persons living with relatives £6
- (3) Man and Wife £13.50
- (4) Each of first two children £2.50

- (5) Each additional child £1.90.

The above rates have been in operation since 1st October, 1975."

Councillor O Morain said that the Free Fuel Scheme which was financed by the County Council and administered by the Health Board should be examined by the Council. He said that he had experienced great difficulty in getting free fuel for people who were entitled to it. Some people had been refused free fuel because they were receiving a very small sum of money for land which they had let. Others had been refused because they had cut small amounts of turf. Applicants who were notified that they were entitled to free fuel had to wait an undue length of time before getting it. He considered that the scheme in its present form was being too rigidly administered.

Deputy Molloy supported the motion. He had experienced the same long delays in fuel being provided for those who were eligible for it. He stated that in some cases, widows who had qualified for free fuel in the past had been refused because of an increase in their pension. Other families who were in very poor health had been refused. He suggested that the C.E.O. of the Health Board be informed of the Council's dissatisfaction with the Scheme.

Deputy Callanan and Councillor Welby expressed similar dissatisfaction with the scheme and recommended that the guidelines for the issue of free fuel be revised upwards.

In reply to Deputy Kitt, the County Manager said that the new Social Welfare Bill transferring Public Assistance over to the Health Board had not yet become law.

As regards the rates of Home Assistance the County Manager pointed out that provision had been made for increased rates from the 1st January, 1977 on the understanding that the County Council would contribute 40% of the increased cost and the balance would be made up by the Department of Social Welfare.

1351 - ROSMUC WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Replying to Councillor O Morain's motion, the Acting Secretary said that the Preliminary Report for the Rosmuc Water Supply Scheme was approved in principle in October, 1975. A proposal under the Water Supplies Act, 1942 was made on the 28th June, 1976. There were no objections. Notice that the proposal will come into force will be published shortly. Land for dam site, treatment works, wayleave and right of way is a commonage in which 78 tenants have an interest. Negotiations are in progress regarding the land acquisition. Contract documents have been received and examined. They have been referred back to the Consultant with instructions to complete the specification.

1352 - BOTHAR MOR I ROSMUC:

In reply to Councillor O Morain's motion, the Acting Secretary said that normal maintenance on this road will be carried out during 1977 and any necessary repairs will be done.

1353 - HOUSING SCHEME AT PORTUMNA:

Replying to Councillor Burke's motion, the Acting Secretary stated that subject to demand, the County Council may arrange for the provision of Old Peoples' Homes to be included in future phases of Portumna Housing Scheme.

Councillor Burke said that he was pleased that consideration would be given to the provision of homes for old people in future phases of the scheme. He said he understood there were old couples who were applicants for the first twenty houses which had been let. He said that in some instances, old people had to pay very high rents for flats with very poor facilities.

Deputy Callanan and Councillor Morgan supported Councillor Burke.

1354 - FOOTPATH ON BRIDGE ROAD, PORTUMNA:

Proposing the motion, Councillor Burke said he understood there were proposals for improvements to the footpaths in Portumna. The footpath along the Bridge Road, Portumna was relatively short but was in a dangerous condition and he asked that it be included. The Acting Secretary said that there would be a report available for the February meeting.

1355 - ACCESS TO PUBLIC OFFICES, BUILDINGS FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED:

The Acting Secretary read the following report from the Acting County Engineer:

"I have fully examined the proposal made and find that as well as convenience, the question of safety in the event of fire arises, this being the dominant factor.

The access must be considered from two aspects - horizontally and vertically. The horizontal aspect, say from the street to the building can be dealt with by means of a ramp on one of the entrances. The vertical aspect from a convenience point of view is best served by a lift between floors. However, in the event of fire, the lift cannot be relied on, due to the allied power cut or failure that would occur. In this case, stairs with a suitable hand rail should be provided.

In a circular letter dated 28th February, 1972 entitled "Facilities for Disabled Persons" from the Minister for Local Government, Planning Authorities were advised that these provisions be brought to the notice of developers and, if necessary, to impose suitable conditions when granting permission, but the Minister hoped that this course would rarely be necessary and that arrangements would be negotiated informally, regard being had in each case to the particular circumstances and what it is practicable and reasonable to provide. This latter course has been the practice of the Planning Authority up to now and no case has arisen where the former had to be invoked."

Councillor Burke said that he was not satisfied that the provisions of the Minister's circular were being complied with and he asked that the Planning Department ensure that in future they be complied with to the full. He said that it was very important that adequate accessibility be provided for wheelchair occupants as without this, these people had no hope of employment. He was aware of several buildings, hotels and offices, including the Motor Tax Office, which had not adequate provision in this respect.

Deputy Molloy, supporting the motion, stated that whereas there may be some difficulties with old buildings, there should be no problem in relation to new ones.

The County Manager said that there was a limit to the degree to which this matter could be enforced in relation to private development but that the Council would do its best to see that adequate facilities are provided. The provision of a ramp or other alternative at the Motor Taxation Office would be examined.

1356 - EXTENSION OF FOOTPATHS AT CRAUGHWELL VILLAGE:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's motion, the Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of a gravel footpath from the Parochial Hall to the Clarenbridge road junction was £7,000, but there were no funds available for the work this year. The work at Brogham's is scheduled to be done in the very near future.

1357 - REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS BENDS ON LOUGHREA/NEWTOWNDALY ROAD:

The Acting Secretary informed Councillor Morgan that a report would be available on this item for the February Meeting.

1358 - PROTECTIVE CLOTHING ETC. FOR ROADWORKERS:

Councillor Morgan was informed that the protective clothing issued to roadworkers was as follows:

- Oilskins & Boots - Every 2 years (Every year for Refuse Collectors)
- Donkey Jackets - " " "
- Overalls - Every 6 months (If ruined in the case of Tar Operators new ones are issued on requisition from C.A.(Mech.)

Councillor Morgan explained that the types of risk of injury to workers he had in mind was in case of men working in the vicinity of high loaders etc. He asked that helmets be supplied in such cases and also stated that flying chips presented a hazard to roadworkers who were asked to sweep up the loose chippings. The main cause of the difficulty was that many vehicles did not obey the warning signs and slow down and he suggested that the Gardai be asked to give assistance. As regards protective clothing, Councillor Morgan asked that whatever workers were entitled to, be supplied to them on time.

1359 - CAHERCRIN GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

In reply to Deputy Kitt's motion, the Acting Secretary stated that a recommendation had been received from the Department of Local Government for the payment of a special contribution towards the Cahercrin Group Water Supply Scheme. The recommendation was only received very recently and was still under investigation.

Deputy Kitt, who was supported by Deputy Callanan said that because of the high cost of the scheme, a special contribution was necessary.

The County Manager said that a contribution as large as that recommended by the Department may not be required by the Group and he asked the Council for their approval in principle to the payment of the Contribution up to the amount recommended by the Department and this was agreed to.

1360 - REPAIRS TO ROAD AT CORGARY PUMP, MOUNTBELLEW:

In reply to Deputy Kitt's motion, the Acting Secretary stated that the work referred to by Deputy Kitt would be carried out.

1361 - REMOVAL OF V.A.T. FROM PROVINCIAL NEWSPAPERS:

The following resolution from Tuam Town Commissioners was put to the meeting by the Chairman:

" that Tuam Town Commissioners call on the Government to remove V.A.T. from Provincial Newspapers.

Deputy Molloy proposed that the Council support the resolution and this was seconded by Councillor Morgan and agreed.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

Submitted, Approved and Confirmed
Tom Gurnsey
Chairman
28/2/77

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

15th February, 1977.

TO: Each Member of Galway County Council/

A Chara,

I give you hereunder copies of resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, which will be considered at the meeting of the County Council to be held on Monday 28th February, 1977.

Mise, le meas,

S. KEATING
County Manager.

- (a) Galway County Council by virtue of the powers vested in them by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, hereby directs the County Manager to consent to the sale of 20, Carramanagh, Oughterard, Co. Galway by Mrs. Maureen Staunton to Kevin Carey in consideration of a price of £6,700 without requiring any payment to Galway County Council under Section 90 (6)(a) of the Housing Act, 1966.

SIGNED: Robert Molloy; Tom Welby; Sean Donnellan.

- (b) In accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we propose that the County Manager be directed to grant permission for a store and septic tank at Sylau - Planning Reference No. 23752 - this resolution to be considered at the monthly meeting for February, 1977.

SIGNED: Robert Molloy; Sean Donnellan, Tom Welby.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

16th February, 1977.

TO: Each Member of Galway County Council/

A Chara,

In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, notice is hereby given to you of a proposal to sell a plot of land at Corkess, Whitestrand Road, Galway, particulars of which are given hereunder, viz.,

LAND:

Plot of land, area - 7 pers. 2.6 sq. yards at Corkess, Whitestrand Road, Galway, Parish of St. Nicholas, Barony of Galway. The land consists of an area of 3 pers 2 sq. yards acquired by the Council for Road Improvement in 1962, the remaining area of 4 pers, 0.6 sq. yds. represents half the adjoining road.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Mr. Patrick O'Flaherty, Dominick Street, Galway.

PERSONS TO WHOM THE LAND IS TO BE DISPOSED:

Galway Corporation for the purpose of enabling the Corporation as Road Authority to extinguish the public right of way over the roadway to be transferred under the provisions of Section 84 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and also to enable the Corporation by virtue of its powers under Sections 83 and 84 of the Local Government Act, 1946, to transfer the area of 7 pers. 2.6 sq. yards to the O'Malley Construction Company Ltd., Galway.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL:

£442.87 - the O'Malley Construction Company Ltd., to be responsible for the costs of transfer to be incurred by Galway County Council and Galway Corporation.

OTHER COVENANTS OR CONDITIONS:

The title to be given to O'Malley Construction Company Limited is that arising from Conveyance dated 19th January, 1962 between Patrick O'Flaherty and Galway County Council.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held after the expiration of ten clear days from the date of this notice.

K. DOYLE
County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

21u Feabhra, 1977.

Chuibh Gach Ball de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Farrtar ort leis seo b'fheith i lathair ag cruinniú Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 23u la Feabhra, 1977 ag tosnu nuair a bheas críoch leis an Cruinniú Speisialta.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai.

A G E N D A

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Signed: Robert Molloy; Sean Donnellan; Tom Welby.
2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Damage Decrees - list herewith.
4. Business adjourned from meeting of 24th January, 1977:-
 - (a) Improvements to Hospital Road, Clifden - Minutes Nos. 1334 & 1348.
 - (b) Footpath on Bridge Road Portumna - Minute No. 1354.
 - (c) Dangerous bends on Loughrea/Newtowndaly Road - Minute No. 1357.
 - (d) Protective clothing etc. fro workmen - correction of Minute No.1358.
5. Raising of supplementary loan of £6,400 for Gort Sewerage Scheme.
6. Approval to appointment of Councillor Sean Donnellan and Mr. Frank Mullins as delegates to Joint Library Conference in Tramore as recommended by County Library Committee.
7. Sale of land at Whitestrand Road, Galway - Notice dated 15/2/77.
- 7(a). Proposal under the Water Supplies Act, 1942 - Tiernea/Lettermore Water Supply.

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8. Declaration of roads to be public roads - list herewith.
9. Road Grants, 1977.
10. Local Improvement Scheme - Allocation for 1977 - £85,000
11. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:
12. Councillors P. F. Glynn and P. Ruane: We will propose -

That this County Council call on the Government to hold a public enquiry into inhuman conditions in Portlaoise Jail.
13. Senator M. Killilea: I will propose -
 - (a) That an estimate be prepared for extension of the sewer to Ballygaddy Road to take into account the needs of all new houses adjacent to Airglooney;
 - (b) that a scheme be prepared for the houses at Gilmartin Road, Tuam both for those vested and those not, to have water & sewerage put into each house on the road - those houses that are vested be given the bill of the scheme and that when grants etc. would be deducted by the Council towards the cost, that the balance be paid over an agreed period;
 - (c) to ask the County Manager to make available a proper signed and laid out taxi rank on the Square in Tuam.
14. Councillor F. Fahey: I will propose -
 - (a) That this Council condemn the Government for its failure to establish the Western Development Board as outlined in its Policy document two years ago;
 - (b) that this Council restore the water supply to the pump at Cartron, Kinvara by extending the town supply to this pump;
 - (c) that the playground at the rear of St. Colman's Terrace be maintained by this Council.
15. Councillor M. Kelly: I will propose
That the Manager give a full report on the structural state of the last batch of County Council houses erected at Dublin Road, Tuam.
16. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
 - (a) That the road at Cahermore, Kinvara, Co. Galway leading to the home of Michael Burke and others be declared a public road;
 - (b) that provision be made in the 1978 estimates for the construction of a new road leading from the main road to Quay Wallace, Cashel, Connemara, Co. Galway;
 - (c) that a report be given on the proposal to have a survey carried out by An Foras Forbartha on the newly constructed road at Merlin Park, Galway.
17. Senator J. M. Mannion: I will propose -
 - (a) That Lettermorena-Coille cemetery, Camus be extended;
 - (b) that some improvement be carried out on the Upper Camus Road (near the Church) to prevent it being eroded.
18. Councillor G. Bartley: I will propose -

That a culvert ^{be made} under Main Road at Leenane to take flood water as the water as the water is crossing road and causing damage to Mr. Hamilton's property.

- (b) that a light be put on the steps from Hulk St., Clifden to Railwayview, Clifden;
- (c) that the drain on side of road outside Mr. Pat John Varrilly's house, Dooras, Cornamona be piped and filled and made safe by the Galway County Council;

19. Councillor M. O Morain: I will propose -

- (a) That Galway County Council accede to the wishes of the people residing in the parish of Cashel, that the proposed extension to the Cashel graveyard be provided in the adjoining ground, which is available, rather than the new location proposed by the Engineers on the Council staff;
- (b) that Galway County Council make a C.P.O. on all rural sites required for development where legal title may be causing delay.
- (c) that any monies by way of extra road grants be used on the roads in Carna and Rosmuc where the condition is no longer tolerable.

20. Councillors J. Molloy, S. Donnellan, T. Welby: We will propose -

That Galway County Council make a grant of £6,000 available for the provision of Ball Alley and Community Centre at Annaghdown, Co. Galway.

21. Councillor M. O Flatharta:

- (a) Ce'n staid a bhfuil coras uisge Chasla (Gleannach Mhuirinn) aige faoi lathair.
- (b) Molaim an bothar a ardu ag ait iontrala chuig Radio na Gaeltachta i gCasla.
- (c) Molaim an taobh-casan i Leanacht siar go Ceardscoil Cnoc na h-Aille, Indreabhan o'n ait a stop se.

22. Councillor J. Joyce: I will propose -

- (a) That the Council compensate the Caretaker of Eyrecourt Courthouse for all the fuel he has had to supply for the heating of Eyrecourt Courthouse over the past 6 years, and also compensate him for other articles he has had to purchase for the benefit of the users of the Courthouse;
- (b) that the County Council now reconstruct the old footpaths and construct new footpaths in Kiltormer as promised over a year ago;
- (c) that the Council explain why in many parts of the County, sections of roads which were re-surfaced during 1976 have now lost in many cases, up to 50% of the new surface.

23. Councillor P. McCormack: I will propose -

- (a) That the Council take steps to widen the road at the Cemetery corner, Oughterard;
- (b) that the Council recommend the erection of 40 m.p.h. speed limit in Rosscabill from the National School to the public house;
- (c) that the Council carry out work to complete the fairgreen in Oughterard.

24. Councillor M. J. Kilgannon:

That this Council urges the Minister for Health to accept the proposals of Comhairle na nOspideal in relation to the proposed Federation of Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe and Roscommon County Hospital and to make funds immediately available for the implementation of the Comhairle na nOspideal decision in relation to substitute Consultant staffing at Roscommon Co. Hospital and the additional Consultant staffing at Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe.

25. Deputy J. Donnellan: I will propose -

- (a) That Galway County Council give permission to the Grange Group Water Scheme to use the Tuam Water supply at Ballymote, Tuam as a source of supply;
- (b) that Galway County Council take the necessary steps to have the proposed County Council scheme of houses at Headford started immediately;
- (c) that Galway County Council remove the water pump at Ardskeaghmore Ballyglunin, Tuam as it creates a traffic hazard and re-site the pump nearby.

26. Deputy T. Hussey: I will propose -

- (a) That Old Age Pensioners and persons in receipt of D.P.M.A. be allowed free access to all library services in the County;
- (b) that the roadside fence between Brogan's house and the Vocational School, Kilkerrin Road, Glenamaddy be removed, also that the hedge on the opposite side of the same road be lowered to give approaching traffic a clear view.

27. Councillor T. Byrne: I will propose -

- (a) I will ask for a report on the Cappamore Pump, Kinvara, with a view to its suitability for an area Group Water Scheme.
- (b) That, as an aid to keeping the village clean, 5 large litter bins be provided at Clarenbridge;
- (c) that provisions be made in the forthcoming estimates for extending the footpath from Convent School, Clarenbridge to Stradbally Road.

28. Councillor P. Ruane: I will propose -

- (a) That a big percentage of the Main Road grants be allocated to the Oranmore/Claregalway National Secondary Road for 1977;
- (b) that the following roads recently done through L.I.S. be taken over and maintained by this Council:
 - (i) Road leading into Mrs. Bridie Hanley's house at Carnmore;
 - (ii) Road leading into Mattie Furey's house at Anbally, Cummer;
 - (iii) road leading through Ardskeagh village out to Bullaun/Corofin County Road (Tuam Engineer's area).

29. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -

- (a) That a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Local Government to pay a Headworks Grant £200 max. for each parcel of land served by a Group Water Scheme, wherever it would not be economical for a farmer to connect one parcel of land with another, thereby bringing grants for land connections paid by Local Government in line with grants for land connections as paid by the Department of Agriculture;
- (b) that Galway County Council declare public, all the roadways at Pollroeck Council Housing Estate, Loughrea and at Beech Grove and Beech Park, Oranmore;
- (c) that Galway County Council adopt a policy whereby a list of dangerous bends to be removed could be drawn up, but that instead the Council would acquire the necessary land, erect the fences and remove the obstructions, thereby leaving a clear view and that the new roadways be installed when all the proposed list of roads have been re-aligned; that this policy be adopted for the Craughwell side of the Craughwell-Athenry road.

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Name and address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree incl. Costs.
Bridget Mahoney, Ballindiv, Ardahan	Damage to walls	D.E.D. K. Illogilleen	£50.00	£35.65
Mrs. Anne Hall, Ballyboy, Gort.	Damage to hay & waterpipe	D.E.D. Beagh	£150.00	£41.00
Galway Diocesan Trustees	Damage to doors & windows	D.E.D. Castletaylor	£50.00	£31.98
Michael Tully, Kinvara	Damage to walls & fences 1/4/76	D.E.D. Killeenavarra	£20.00	£19.75
Michael Tully, Kinvara	Damage to walls & fences 10/2/76	D.E.D. Killeenavarra	£110.00	£76.05.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

(Galway County Council)

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 28th February, 1977, commencing at 3.30 p.m. consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads:—

Area	From	To	Metres
Portumna	C.R. 536 Lecarrow	Fence between Gohery's and Costello's land	202
Gort	C.R. No. 331 Cahermore	J. J. Glynn's house gate	180
Gort	C.R. 338 Ballybuck	Gate at P. Water's house with branch to Miss Lynch's house	240
Gort	C.R. No. 327 Carrownamaddra	entrance to Thomas Hanlon's house, Carrownamaddra	440
Ballinasloe	Chainage 550m. Lecarrowmactully	Matt Kenny's gate	163
Tuam	C.R. 153 Glenafosha	Murphy's gate, Caherhugh	110
Tuam	C.R. 206 Pollbaun	Michael Stephen's house, Pollbaun	160
Tuam	C.R. 154 Caherakeeny	towards C.R. 152 Ballintleva	260
Tuam	C.R. 154 Killover	Owen McGath's house, Killover	160
Oughterard	Sec. 180. at J. Fatharta's, Loughaubeg	South to Sorca Bn. Ní Finnés, Loughaubeg	190
Oughterard	Derroagh, Rossavel C.R. 67	Mrs. Landy's, Rossavel	90
Oughterard	C.R. 64 west of Shruflaun Br.	north to Walsh's house, Clynagh	726
Portumna	C.R. 556 Cooleeney	towards T. Geoghegan's house	70
Galway	C.R. 115 at Tonabrocky	Joe Kelly's house	166
Oughterard	Oughterard/Moycullen road in townland of Laghtgannon	south to S. Kelly's, Heraghty's and Thornton's, Drimnaheen	730
Milltown	C.R. 245 Gorteen	towards Paddy Kemple's house	125
Milltown	C.R. 235 Cloonkeen	towards Mullarkey's house, Cloonkeen	214
Milltown	C.R. 245 Killavoher	towards C.R. 245	280
Portumna	C.R. 582 in townland of Srahaun	towards M. Larkin's gate	130
Portumna	C.R. 561 Mountprospect	towards W. J. Coughlan's gate, Mountprospect	110
Portumna	C.R. 581 Crowsnest	towards B. McLoughlin's house, Coolbeg	183
Athenry	Jnc. with C.R. 435	towards Margaret Potter's house, Ballyboggan	125
Athenry	End of C.R. 435 at Level Crossing	Sarah Ann McDonagh's house, Ballyboggan	100
Athenry	End of branch road No. 433 Clooncah	Join Co. Road No. 463 Caltrabreedy	320
Athenry	End of Public Road No. 439 Derrymanagh	Patrick Murray's house, Derrymanagh	100
Ballinasloe	J.C.R. 554 Carrowbaun	towards Butler's and Reynolds' house, Carrowbaun	84
Ballinasloe	C.R. 517 chainage 350m. Eglis	for a distance of 84m. towards burial ground	100
Ballinasloe	Jnc. of C.R. 517 chainage 100m. Castlegar	towards Bannerton's gate	100
Ballinasloe	Jnc. of C.R. 468 chainage 200 Fohenagh	towards Johnson's gate	100
Milltown	Main Road 230 Blindwell	towards gate of Patrick Heneghan's house (proposed)	100
Athenry	End of public road branch 432 n.w. of Lickla Bridge, Lenamore	north west towards Monaghan's house, Lenamore	208
Loughrea	N.S.R. 330 Ballydoogan	Gate at John Fallon's house	270
Loughrea	C.R. 481 Carra	Patrick Healy's gate, Carra	160
Athenry	Jnc. with C.R. 434 Dunsandle	Curtin's house, Dunsandle	45
Loughrea	Jnc. with Main Road. L13-480 Carrowbaun	Gate at priest's house	153
Loughrea	C.R. 402 Barragurrane	Peter Corcoran's yard gate	70
Loughrea	C.R. 445 Rathruddy East	Anthony Rafferty's residence	64
Loughrea	M.R. 400 Killaspugmoylan	Frank Mahony's gate	90
Loughrea	C.R. 406 Loughrea	Entrance to De La Salle Monastery	40
Loughrea	M.R. 380 Loughrea	Lake Shore East of De La Salle School	21
Loughrea	M.R. 400 Cuscarrick	Lake Shore west of Children's Playground	108
Loughrea	C.R. 451 Ballyeigher	Laurence Conway's house	225
Loughrea	C.R. 451 Ballyeigher	Mrs. Quigley's gate, Ballyeigher	136
Loughrea	C.R. 444 Benmore	Patrick Corcoran's gate, Benmore	180
Athenry	Jnc. with C.R. 386 Ballymore	Fahy's back entrance gate, Ballymore	53
Loughrea	C.R. 537 Leitrim More	Michael Fahy's gate	25
Portumna	C.R. 529 Derreenboy	T. Hynes' gate	640
Athenry	Jnc. with C.R. 383 Carnakelly south	Gerard O'Donnell's house, Gloves South	300
Loughrea	Chainage 3133m. n.w. of Jnc. of roads nos. 481 and 450 Newgrove	towards Jnc. C.R. 481 Carra	155
Athenry	Jnc. with C.R. 173 near T. Fallon's house, Monard, Turiloughmore	house occupied by R. Lawlor, Monard	30
Tuam	C.R. 171 Corbally	towards Feeney's house, Corbally	200
Milltown	C.R. 233 Quinaltagh	towards Abraham's house	237
Milltown	C.R. 223 south of J. Courtney's house	M. Daly's house, Lissananny	93
Tuam	C.R. 129 Pollnahallia	Costello's house	65
Clifden	Junction at Church Hill, Clifden	Rev. Canon Mooney's house, Clifden	386
Clifden	a point 1234m. from the junction with N.S.R. at Tullyconor (i.e. end of existing Co. Rd. 30A)	a point 386 m. south east of this junction in the townland of Glencraff	270
Mountbellow	C.R. 257 Kilkerrin	James Ward's house	250
Oughterard	Galway Clifden N.S. Rd. Sec. 40 Rushveala	north to Wm. Colohan's house, Rushveala	255
Galway	C.R. No. 104 Pollagh	Wicket gate leading to R. Lee's house and gateway leading to P. Geraghty's house	421
Loughrea	O'Donnell's house, Poulnaclogha	Via Rabbite's house to O'Connor's	593
Loughrea	Hickey's house, Ranamackan	Eastwards for 593 metres to a point in townland of Streamstown	102
Portumna	C.R. 528 Foxhall	J. Hough's entrance gate	102
An inaccuracy occurred in the description of roads already declared public by the Council as follows:			
Milltown	C.R. 244 Carrownaseer	towards J. Rhattigan's house	145
	C.R. 247 should be substituted for C.R. 244		
Gort	J.C.R. 352 Kilderry	P. Madden's yard, Kilderry	234
	J.C.R. 354 should be substituted for J.C.R. 352		

K. DOYLE, County Secretary

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.
(Galway County Council)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

21st February, 1977.

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 28th February, 1977 commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Making of Rates and Sealing of Rate Books for the year ending 31st December, 1977.
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

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

Aon Fhrongra ar an litir seo
is mar seo ba chóir é stiúradh
Any reply to this communication
should be addressed to
RÚNAÍ
(The Secretary)
fó'n uimhir seo:
(and the following number quoted)
.....
Guthán: Gaillimh 63151
Phone: Galway 63151

2nd March, 1977.

TO: Each Member of Galway County Council/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the adjourned meeting of Galway County Council at the County Buildings, Galway on Friday next the 4th instant on completion of the Housing Committee Meeting to consider the items on the Agenda which were adjourned on Monday last the 28th ultimo.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE
County Secretary.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 28/2/77.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

Also Present:

Members - As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, F. Coogan, J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; M. J. Dunne, Acting County Engineer; K. Hays, Acting Deputy County Engineer, M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineer; J. Beirne, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer; Miss M. Nolan, Staff Officer, Messrs. J. O'Kelly and T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officers; Messrs. P. J. McGovern and T. O'Neill, Senior Staff Officers and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer as recited.

1362 - MAKING OF RATE AND SEALING OF RATE BOOKS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31/12/77:

Deputy Molloy enquired if the problem arising from the shortfall in the housing subsidy had been resolved.

The County Manager stated that the Council had been in correspondence with the Department of Local Government regarding this matter but that the problem had not been resolved. Certain proposals had been put to the Department regarding the inclusion of certain salaries in the Capital expenditure, but that a decision from the Department had not yet been received.

In reply to a further query by Deputy Molloy, the County Manager stated that the shortfall could be met either by way of a Government grant or by inclusion of the sum in next year's rates, but he pointed out that there was no way out of the obligation of the Council to strike a rate at this stage. The Council's revenues would be at risk if the Council does not make the rate. He pointed out that the rate has already been determined by the County Council, that the function to be discharged at the meeting at this stage is to seal the Rate Books.

Deputy Callanan stated that he agreed that the Council must strike the rate now and that the shortfall would have to be met from next year's rates.

It was proposed by Councillor McCormack and seconded by Senator Mannion -

"that the Galway County Council hereby allows and makes the rates for the year ending 31st December, 1977 as assessed in the Rate Books and that the Rate Books and Rate Warrants be sealed with the Seal of the Council."

Deputy Molloy stated that he was proposing an amendment that the Rate Books be not sealed until the position is clarified by the Department of Local Government.

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The County Manager stated that the Council had decided to call a special meeting for this date for the purpose of making the rate, that the Demand Notes had been printed with the date of making the rate inserted in them as the 28th February, 1977. He stated that it would create a serious problem for the Council if the rate was not made on this date.

Deputy Molloy stated that in view of these difficulties, he was withdrawing his amendment on condition that a protest would be sent to the Minister at his action in reducing the subsidy after the Estimate of Expenses for the current year had been adopted by the County Council - this action having caused a loss of revenue to the Council in the current year.

It was agreed that a letter of protest would be sent to the Minister.

The Chairman then declared the resolution proposed by Councillor McCormack and seconded by Senator Mannion carried.

The Rate Books and Warrants were then sealed.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

Submitted approved and Confirmed

Seán Ó Súilleabháin

[Signature]
Chairman

28/3/77