

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY 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.

1363 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - HOUSE NO. 20, CARRAMANAGH, OUGHTERARD:

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Councillor Welby -

"that Galway County Council by virtue of the powers vested in them by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, hereby direct 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".

The County Manager stated that the Transfer Order under which the interest of the Council was transferred to the tenant in this case in 1975, included a clause which provided that the Council, before giving its consent to a sale or lease of the dwelling or part thereof within 5 years from the date on which the dwelling was sold by the housing authority, may require a payment to them of an amount approved by the Minister for Local Government. He stated that the amount specified by the Minister for recovery in such case was one third of the difference in the price at which the house was sold to the tenant and that which the tenant received on re-sale within the period of five years from the Transfer. He stated also that the Council had asked for a copy of the Deed of Sale but that this had not been supplied. He pointed out that in the circumstances, this sum of money is recoverable, and is a source of revenue to the County Council. He had therefore no alternative but to insist upon its payment to the Council. He stated also that he had the unpleasant duty of warning members in any case in which action such as that now proposed would result in a deficit or loss of revenue to the Council, that the sum in question is recoverable. He stated also that he was obliged to insist on having a vote taken on the proposal and those voting for and against the proposal should be recorded so that if the question of a charge or surcharge arises, those voting for the resolution which would result in a loss of revenue would be held liable for the amount of the loss involved, but that those not voting for it would not be so liable.

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Deputy Molloy stated that the Housing Act specifies that the housing authority may include the clause referred to in Transfer Orders. The word used in the Act is that they "may" not "shall". He stated that the result of this is that the Council has discretion not to demand the amount in question.

The County Manager stated that the Minister had pointed out that any local authority failing to demand the sum of money involved in a case such as this would have to be responsible for having the loss paid from the rates, as the Minister proposed to make such a deduction from the State subsidy payable to housing authorities where they do not recover such amounts.

Deputy Molloy stated that the Minister may not act dictatorily and that there is no legal basis for the action which he has specified. He also stated that all similar resolutions under Section 4 of the 1955 Act regarding recovery of such sums of money have been carried by Dublin Corporation and that the City Manager acted on such resolutions.

Councillor Glynn stated that he objected to the law as stated by the Minister.

The County Manager, at the request of some members, repeated the warning which he had earlier given for the benefit of members of the Council who were not present, when he had previously given it.

Deputy Molloy stated that he would dispute the statement that there was any possibility of a surcharge and that the Council is only exercising its rights.

The County Manager stated that he is satisfied that the Minister will reduce the subsidy if the Council does not insist on the payment in question.

The vote taken on Deputy Molloy's proposal resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors Fahey, Flaherty, Glynn, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Senator Kilhlea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy Molloy, Councillors O Morain, Raftery, Ruane, Welby (16)

AGAINST: Councillors Burke, Byrne, Deputy Coogan, Councillors Galvin, Kilgannon, McCormack, Senator Mannion, Councillor Ryan. (8)

Councillor Morgan did not vote.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1364 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 23752:

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

"that 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 of the Council for February, 1977."

The County Manager stated that the policy of preservation in this area had been successful until quite recently when permissions for a number of commercial developments nearby, a Garage and Machinery Depot, factory-cum-Hotel and tinware houses were granted on appeal. Portions of these developments already carried out have resulted in severe visual damage with car bodies and scrap littering the landscape.

The concrete evidence of the damage resulting from development is a strong argument for resisting further sporadic building development which is proposed. Warehousing, he stated, should properly be sited in areas designated for the purpose such as the land on the Tuam Road inside the Borough boundary or the lands at Doughiska where similar developments have been allowed.

He stated also that if there are special reasons why the applicant should locate his premises on the Headford Road, then the damage would be minimised by availing of the permission granted by the Minister late last year, just  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile on the Galway side of the present site.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Replying to a query, the County Manager stated that he will comply with the direction set out in the resolution.

Replying to Councillor Morgan, the County Manager stated that by the next meeting, it is hoped the entire 1976 Planning Act would be in operation, and that information on the Act will be available to members at the March meeting.

1365 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Melvin, seconded by Councillor Welby, the Minutes of meeting held on 24th January, 1977 (Nos. 1321 - 1361 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1366 - 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.

1367 - IMPROVEMENTS TO HOSPITAL ROAD, CLIFDEN:

Referring to Minutes numbered 1334 and 1348 of meeting held on 24th January, 1977, the County Manager stated that members may have been under the impression that this road was one repaired under Local Improvements Scheme. In fact, part of the road was adopted as a public road in 1957/58 and the remainder in 1969/70, the latter section having been improved through a Local Improvement Scheme. While the road is a normal gravel surface road requiring periodic attention, he stated, it is otherwise in reasonably good repair. It is proposed including a figure of £1,000 in the 1978 Estimates for blacktopping for the consideration of the Council at the next Estimates Meeting.

1368 - FOOTPATH ON BRIDGE ROAD, PORTUMNA:

Referring to Minute No. 1354 of the meeting held on 24th January, 1977, the County Manager stated that roots of trees growing in fields adjacent to the footpath and bursting up through the footpath were damaging the surface. He stated that while the trees are on private property, the County Council may have the right to cut the roots even if this might damage the trees, but that before undertaking the work, the opinion of the Solicitor would be obtained.

1369 - DANGEROUS BENDS ON LOUGHREA/NEWTOWNDALY ROAD:

Referring to Minute No. 1357 of the meeting of the 24th January, 1977, the County Manager stated that the cost of improvement of those bends which were on County Road No. 488 is £12,300 and that no provision for this had been made in the Estimates for the current year.

Councillor Morgan asked that provision for this work be included in the Estimates for 1978.

1370 - PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR WORKMEN:

Referring to Minute No. 1358 of the meeting held on 24th January, 1977, the County Manager stated that an error had been detected in the answer given to Councillors on that date regarding the issue of overalls to road workers. He stated that the reply should have read that overalls are issued every six months to workers on machinery and to assistants on tar sprayers, that fitters are issued with overalls three times a year.

Referring to a further query by Councillor Morgan, the County Manager stated that the Federation of Rural Workers had been informed and that there was an error in information given to the Federation in the Council's letter of the 25th November last and that this had now been corrected.

Councillor Morgan recommended that roadworkers get two sets of overalls each year.

The County Manager stated that matters such as this are discussed between the Unions and the Council, that the Unions look after their members very well and if there were any problems with regard to this matter, they will be dealt with by the Union.

Councillor Morgan also stated that road workers who are cutting hedges should be supplied with gloves and that Contractors who specialise in removing slurry from septic tanks should be employed to clean pipes.

The Chairman, Deputy Molloy and Deputy Callanan stated that such matters should be negotiated in the usual manner between the County Manager and the appropriate Union.

1371 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £6,400 FOR GORT SEWERAGE SCHEME:

The County Manager informed the Council that a loan of £7,000 was raised in November, 1974 for carrying out certain improvement works to Gort Sewerage Scheme, but for reasons which he gave, the work could not then be carried out. The total cost of the work now is £13,425. He asked the approval of the Council to the raising of a supplementary loan of £6,400 to cover the additional cost.

It was proposed by Councillor Fahey, seconded by Councillor Byrne and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £6,400 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister, for the purpose of defraying additional expenditure on improvements to Gort Sewerage Scheme, the loan to be repaid by instalments over such period as may be approved by the Minister, with interest at the usual rate."

Councillor Fahey stated that when a local improvement scheme on the river which was associated with the improvement scheme to the sewerage scheme was being carried out, a footbridge was removed and he asked that it be restored.

1372 - APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO JOINT LIBRARY CONFERENCE IN TRAMORE:

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the appointment of Councillor Sean Donnellan and Mr. Frank Mullins, delegates at the Joint Library Council in Tramore as recommended by the County Library Committee."

1373 - SALE OF LAND AT WHITESTRAND ROAD, GALWAY:

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Councillor McCormack and resolved;

"that Galway County Council hereby approve sale of a plot of land at Corkess, Whitestrand Road, Galway to the Galway Corporation for the purpose of enabling that authority to transfer it to the O'Malley Construction Company Limited, Galway in accordance with the terms of notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 which was sent to each member of the Council on the 16th February, 1977."

1374 - TIERNEE/LETTERMORE WATER SUPPLY - PROPOSAL UNDER WATER SUPPLIES ACT, 1942:

The County Manager gave particulars of the scheme and requested the approval of the Council to the making of a proposal under the Water Supplies Act, 1942 to enable the Council to take a supply of water for this Scheme from a lake known as Lough Illauntreasna.

It was proposed by Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor O'Morain and resolved;

"that the County Council of the County of Galway as Sanitary Authority for the County Health District of Galway being desirous to take a supply of water from a lake known as Lough Illauntreasna situated in the townlands of Maumeen and Teeranea in the District Electoral Division of Gorumna, in the said County Health District of Galway, for the purpose of providing the Tiernea/Lettermore Water Supply Improvement Scheme to serve the areas described in the schedule hereto, under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1964, under a scheme to be called and known as the "Tiernea/Lettermore Water Supply Improvement Scheme", hereby make this proposal under and by virtue of Section 2 of the Water Supplies Act, 1942, so taking such supply of water from the said lake known as Lough Illauntreasna, sufficient for the requirements of the said region.

The said supply is to be taken from the said lake at an intake point situated on the eastern side of Lough Illauntreasna and in the townland of Teeranea shown on Drawing No. TLI, made for the purpose of the said scheme by Mr. M. J. Dunne, Acting County Engineer, Galway County Council, Prospect Hill, Galway.

Only part of the water in the said lake is to be taken. The maximum rate at which it is proposed to take water is 360 cubic metres (79,200 gallons) per day when the scheme is fully developed ultimately.

The estimated lowest summer level of the lake is 14.05 metres (46.10 feet) O.D. The lake itself has a surface area of approximately 12.59 hectares (31.10 acres) and the catchment area is approximately 48 hectares (120 acres). The storage capacity available in the lake is approximately 125.9 cubic metres per millimetre depth (703,500 gallons per inch depth). It is estimated that the abstraction of 360 cubic metres (79,200 gallons) of water per day from the lake would have the effect of lowering the level of the lake by approximately 2.858 millimetres (0.1125 inches) in every period of 24 hours, assuming that there is neither rainfall nor inflow to the lake during the aforesaid periods. In an extreme drought situation lasting 120 days, the lake will not be lowered by more than 343 millimetres (13.5 inches) below the level it would otherwise maintain. It is proposed, as an ancillary operation, to construct a pumphouse adjacent to the intake point as shown on Drawing No. TLI.

SCHEDULE

REGION TO BE SERVED	
Townland	District Electoral Division
Lettercallow, Lettermore	Lettermore.
Teeranea, Maumeen, Knock, Creelagh.	Gorumna.

Deputy Molloy recommended that pipe sizes should be sufficiently large to cater for Group Schemes which would take a supply from this scheme.

1375 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan and seconded by Councillor Ryan -

"that Galway County Council hereby declare the roads on the schedule attached to Item No. 8 on the Agenda, to be public roads, the necessary procedure in relation to publication of notice of intention to do/having been complied with."

Councillor Haverty stated that a branch road from Road No. 451 in the list had not been included in the schedule and he asked that the Council defer declaring road No. 451 to be a public road until such time as the branch road is included. He pointed out that if this branch road is not included, the branch in question might not qualify for taking over for maintenance by the County Council.

Councillor Morgan stated that the Council should go ahead and declare Road No. 451 to be a public road with the others.

The County Manager suggested that the Council might adopt the list as put before it and that when the branch road referred to by Councillor Haverty comes up for consideration, it could be considered as if this branch and road No. 451 were being considered together.

This suggestion was agreed by the Council. Subject to this, the Chairman declared the proposal made by Councillor Morgan and seconded by Councillor Ryan, carried.

Councillor Melvin referred to Road No. 434 on the list and stated that the Council refused to declare this road a public road when it was proposed by him about two years ago and he enquired why it was regarded as eligible now.

The County Manager stated that this matter will be examined and a letter will be sent to Councillor Melvin.

Councillor Haverty stated that a similar situation arose in relation to the Rannamacken road.

1376 - ROAD GRANTS, 1977:

The County Manager referred to the report from the Acting County Engineer dated 23rd February, 1977 which had been circulated to each member and stated that the total amount of grants for the current year was £263,000 in excess of that allocated for last year.

Councillor O Morain criticised the small amount (£8,300) which had been allocated for improvement of the road from Rosmuc to Carna and he stated that this was absolutely useless having regard to the condition of the road, about which he had been complaining for years. He proposed that the sum of £20,000 allocated to improve the access to Furbo Bridge be diverted instead to the Rosmuc/Carna road.

Deputy Molloy stated that he supported Councillor O Morain regarding the need for allocating a substantial sum of money towards the roads in the Kilkieran area, but that he could not agree to have it diverted from the Furbo Bridge, which, he stated was very urgent work. Deputy Molloy also stated that he could not understand why the Council's engineers have not allocated a substantial sum of money to the roads in Kilkieran/Carna area, which are in very bad condition.

Councillor McCormack welcomed the increased allocation for 1977 and proposed that the Council accept the recommendations of the Acting County Engineer as set out in his report dated 23rd February.

Deputy Coogan seconded this proposal.

Councillor Glynn complained that no allocation was made for improvement of the Claregalway/Oranmore road, where he stated the grass margins had been cut away right into the fences by large lorries. He proposed that the Council apply to the Minister for Local Government for a special allocation for the widening and improvement of this road.

Referring to the allocation of money for surface dressing, Councillor Glynn stated that much of the surface dressing which had been carried out during the past year was defective as a result of which the chips were still breaking windscreens. He asked for an explanation on the defects which had arisen.

Senator Killilea, Deputy Donnellan and other Councillors also enquired what caused the failure in the surface dressing.

Councillor Ruane seconded Councillor Glynn's proposal that a special allocation be sought for the improvement of the Claregalway/Oranmore road.

Councillor Welby seconded Councillor O Morain's proposal that the sum of £20,000 be diverted from the approaches to Furbo Bridge to the Carna/Kilkieran area.

Replying to the Councillors' queries, Mr. Dunne, Acting County Engineer stated that he had sympathy with Councillor O Morain and other Councillors who had referred to the conditions of the roads in the Rosmuc/Carna area, but he pointed out that no provision had been made for those roads in the Annual Estimates. He stated that it would be possible to allocate the sum of £8,300 from grants towards in this area and that it might also be possible to transfer some unexpended balances from 1976 amounting to approximately £5,000 to roads in this area, which would bring the total allocation to approximately £13,000, out of which work could be done on the Rosmuc/Gortmore road also. He stated that a bridge grant had been allocated for the Furbo Bridge, that work had already commenced and that it was absolutely necessary to have the approaches approved also.

He stated also that it was necessary to divert the sum of £20,000 from the Rusheen/Kingston road area due to the fact that further pipelining on this road will be carried out in the near future.

Councillor O Morain stated that he was withdrawing his proposal regarding the diversion of money from Furbo to the Carna/Kilkieran area, but he asked that Roinn na Gaeltachta be approached for a special grant to improve the roads in the Carna/Kilkieran area.

Mr. Dunne, referring to complaints about defective surface dressing, stated that approximately <sup>300</sup> miles of road had been surface-dressed last year involving 213 jobs, and that out of those, problems arose in only 20 of the jobs. He stated that tests are being carried out and are still continuing. Loose chips are being brushed off the roads as they become loose.

Councillor Welby and other Councillors complained about the excessive amount of work which is being done on walls in the Drimcong area, where he stated walls to a much higher standard than that provided elsewhere, are being constructed.

Mr. Dunne stated that he was having enquiries made regarding the type of walls being built in Drimcong.

Deputy Molloy supported Councillor Glynn's motion for the allocation of a special grant for the improvement of the Clare-Galway/Oranmore road. He also asked that the Acting County Engineer investigate the amount of money which was spent on walls in the Drimcong area.

Replying to Deputy Molloy, Mr. Dunne stated that it would not be possible for him at present to give a definite date on which the new road signs would be provided in Gaeltacht Areas.

The Chairman declared Councillor McCormack's proposal carried.

1377 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES-ALLOCATION FOR 1977:

The County Manager stated that the allocation of £85,000 for Local Improvement Schemes for 1977 was the same amount as that allocated for last year. He referred to the documents circulated to each member of the Council setting out recommendations regarding the allocation of the grant to each engineer's district and stated that this was arrived at on a basis of allocating a basic sum of £6,000 to each area with the balance of £19,000 divided in proportion to the number of schemes on the waiting list for each area.

Deputy Kitt stated that the amount of the allocation was the same for the past three years and that no allowance has been made for inflation of approximately 25% per annum. He considered the allocation far too low.

The County Manager, replying to Deputy Donnellan, stated that when the offers of grants which had been made had not been accepted, some money allocated to one area may have been spent in other areas in order to ensure that the overall amount of grant allocated to the county would be expended.

Deputy Donnellan stated that the Milltown area should get an extra allocation of £4,631 this year to compensate for sums which he considered were transferred to other areas during the past year.

After further discussion, the County Manager stated that there may be some degree of error or misunderstanding regarding the figures which had been supplied and discussed and he stated that he would like to have an opportunity to re-examine them and he suggested that the matter might be adjourned to enable this to be done.

It was agreed that the matter would be adjourned to the meeting on Friday the 4th instant after the Housing Committee Meeting.

Councillor O Morain asked if information could be available on the length of time applications are on the waiting list.

Councillor Kilgannon proposed and Councillor McCormack seconded that the Council invite the press to the meeting on Friday next.

The Chairman stated that this is a Committee Meeting and that there is a standing arrangement that the press would not be invited to Committee Meetings.

1378 - EMPLOYER/TRADE UNION NATIONAL AGREEMENT, 1977:

The County Manager informed the Council that the first phase of this Agreement provided for payment of an increase of 2½% plus £1 per week, subject to a minimum of £2 per week and a maximum of £4.13 per week - that the second phase provided for payment of 2½% plus £1 subject to a minimum of £2 per week and a maximum of £4.23 per week and gave the operative dates for the various grades employed.

He stated that the total cost of implementing the Agreement in the current year is estimated at £141,000 and that provision had been made for this sum in the Estimates which have been adopted.

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

"that accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council hereby approve payment of the increased rates of wages and salaries in accordance with the terms of the Employer Trade Union National Agreement, 1977, to all officers and servants, whole-time and part-time with appropriate adjustments for all related grades."

1379 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. William Cahill, Rockbarton, Salthill, Galway.  
Bean Colm O Cualain, Dubh Ithir, Carna.  
Peigi Bean Ui Chualain, Inisharc, Leitirneallain.  
Mrs. Faherty and Family, Menlo, Galway.  
Mr. William Glynn, Kiltulla, Glenamaddy.  
Mr. Pat Cloonan, Craughwell.

The remaining items on the Agenda were adjourned to a Special Meeting to be held after the Housing Committee Meeting on Friday 4th March, 1977.

Submitted, Approved and Confirmed

*Seán Spinnellan*

Chairman

28/3/77  
Date.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF A COMMITTEE OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 1977.

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 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, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, 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; M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineer; Misses J. Forde and C. Hett, Staff Officers; Messrs. J. O'Kelly, Administrative Officer; A. O'Gorman, Senior Staff Officer; K. Doyle, County Secretary; F. Dawson, Assistant Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1380 - GET WELL MESSAGE TO COUNCILLOR SEAN DONNELLAN:

On the proposition of the Chairman, the Council wished Councillor Sean Donnellan, who is presently ill, a speedy recovery.

1381 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Thomas Geraghty B.E. Caherdavin, Limerick.  
Mr. William Cahill, Rockbarton, Salthill.  
Mrs. O'Hara, Kilrickle, Loughrea.  
Miss Madge Geraghty, Church Street, Glenamaddy.  
Mr. John Ward, Patch, Glenamaddy.  
Maire Bean Ui Griofa, Ros, An Cea/ru Rua.  
Mrs. William Conlon, Athenry Road, Loughrea.  
Mr. Bernie White, Scregg, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. Michael Reilly, Derryfrench, Tynagh, Loughrea.  
Mr. Laurance Shiel, Clanmoylan, Ballyshrule, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. M. Burke, Upper Breackernagh, Ballyshrule.  
Sean Uasal O'Clochartaigh agus a Chlann, Muighinis; Carna.

1382 - LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING SUBSIDY:

Mr. Stewart, Assistant County Manager submitted the following report to the Council.

"With reference to the Department Circular re the change in the housing subsidy, it will be recalled that it was estimated that the change would in effect mean that there would be a shortfall of approximately £117,000 in the current year in respect of housing maintenance in the county. The Council at its meeting on the 5th November passed the following resolution -

"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."

This request was sent to the Department and a reply was received on the 17th January, 1977 from the Department indicating "that it is regretted that there are no funds available to the Minister to enable him to make special grants to any local authority on this matter."

A subsequent Circular further pointed out that where local authorities had in fact struck the rate prior to the Circular letter being issued, that they would have to resort to other means such as overdraft accommodation to meet the deficit.

The Department further outlined in Circular letter dated 19th November that it was agreeable to have a proportion of the salaries of the technical officers charged against the housing construction programme. A further appeal was made to the Department on the 7th January requesting permission to charge the salaries of the appropriate administrative staff also against the housing construction grant and it was estimated that the salaries of the technical people involved in housing construction would amount to £26,000 in the year and the administrative staff to £19,500 making a total of £45,500. It was further pointed out that the Council would as far as possible restrict its expenditure to the 1975 figure. The Department indicated in its reply dated the 25th February, 1977 that they were not prepared to permit the salaries of the administrative staff to be charged against the above scheme but would, with consultation, accept the recommendation in respect of the technical officers.

Every effort will be made to retain expenditure within the 1975 expenditure and this in effect would mean a reduction of £13,000 and this together with the technical officers salaries charged against the scheme would reduce the estimated expenditure of £117,000 by £39,000 to £78,000 which amounts to approximately 14p in the £1 on the rates."

1383 - SALES SCHEME FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES:

The County Manager referred to the details of the proposed Sales Scheme for Local Authority houses which have been circulated to the members which set out the terms on which the various houses referred to therein could be purchased by the tenants. He stated that the maximum purchase period had been reduced to thirty years as required by the Minister. He stated also that in the scheme now before the members a clause had been included which would authorise the Council before giving consent to a sale or lease of a dwelling or a part thereof by a purchasing tenant within five years of the date the dwelling was sold by the Housing Authority to require payment to the Council of the amount approved by the Minister for Local Government. He stated, however, that if the Council wished to have this clause excluded from the scheme, he would exclude the clause in question.

Councillor O'Morain asked why this clause was now being included in the scheme, in view of the fact that the Council had previously decided that it should be excluded in all future cases.

The County Manager stated that in the case which was then before the Council this clause was included in the Purchase scheme. He stated that it is included in the context of the present Draft scheme as the Minister had directed that the "should" clause should be included but he (the manager) was giving the Council an opportunity of saying whether or not they wished to have this clause included in the present scheme.

He stated that the making of a scheme is an executive function but that he had brought it before the Council for consultation purposes and in order to get their advice on its contents. He stated that he would be guided by the Council's decision.

It was proposed by Deputy Callanan and seconded by Councillor O'Morain that the clause which permitted the "clawback" should be excluded from the scheme.

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon, the County Manager stated that he is not aware of what the likely response of tenants will be to the scheme since the terms have not yet been offered to tenants. He also informed Councillor Kilgannon that the Minister stated that he will deduct any losses due to the failure of the Council to operate the "clawback" clause from the housing subsidy but that this will not affect the capital allocation.

Stating that there should be some clause permitting a "clawback" Councillor Galvin referred to the case of an urban house which was purchased for £100 and is now valued at £6,000.

Councillor Mc Cormack stated that the scheme should include the "clawback" clause as the person who is selling a house should not be in a position to make a profit.

Senator Killilea stated that he agreed that in some cases, there may be justification for including the "clawback" clause but he stated that in rural areas houses may sometimes be too small for families and <sup>they</sup> may have to leave and purchase a larger house elsewhere.

Councillor Burke stated that he was in favour of the "clawback" clause because sales of houses by tenants reduced the number of houses available to qualified persons and that if the "clawback" clause were omitted, the loss would fall on rates.

Replying to Councillor Morgan the County Manager stated that expenditure on repairs is not taken into account in determining the price of a house.

Councillor Haverty stated that because of the failure to increase limits for grants and loans people on relatively higher incomes are now being forced onto the housing list.

Replying to various points raised by members, the County Manager stated that it is not correct to say that all purchasers maintain their houses well and that in many foreign countries the concept of sale to tenants is not generally accepted. He stated that generally, a purchasing tenant who sells is making a profit on money which is invested by the public in his house but the "clawback" clause means that the Minister is prepared to allow the person selling his house to retain two-thirds of the profit.

Deputy Callanan stated that he agreed with the clause whereby the Council retains the right to approve a sale and he stated that the amount of loss on the sale of houses is very small.

Replying to Councillor Kelly the County Manager stated that the amount of rent a person is paying does not affect the purchase price. Referring to a further query the County Manager stated that he understood the right of the Minister to insist on the operation of a "clawback" clause was challenged recently but that the Minister is entitled to make regulations setting out the conditions on which subsidy will be paid.

Councillor Byrne proposed <sup>as</sup> an amendment to Deputy Callanan's proposal that the scheme submitted by the Manager be approved.

Councillor Burke seconded this amendment.

A vote taken on the amendment resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Burke, Byrne, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Galvin, Kelly, Kilgannon, Mc Cormack, Senator Mannion, Councillors Morgan and Ryan (10)

Against: Deputy Callanan, Councillors Fahey, Flaherty, Haverty, Holland, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Melvin, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane and T. Welby. (15)

The Chairman declared the amendment defeated and the original proposal of Deputy Callanan carried by the same voting.

1384 - LOW-RISE MORTGAGE SCHEME:

Mr. Stewart Assistant County Manager gave an outline of the scheme as it was in his report of the 24th February 1977 and in circular letter dated the 22nd November 1976 from the Department of Local Government both of which had been circulated to members and he asked the Council for approval to this scheme for the period of one year.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that it was a desirable type of scheme and he recommended approval in principle.

Deputy Kilgannon pointed out that some people, through this scheme, can get loans of up to £7,500 which is £3,000 over the normal loan.

Welcoming the scheme as a step in the right direction, Councillor Fahey stated that, however, it served only a small section of the community and that in order to qualify for benefit under the scheme a person must be in dire straits. He stated that it is a good scheme in that it offers something to those in Local Authority houses where he pointed out that these are reasonably well looked after at present but that the Middle Income Group are badly catered for because of the limits on loans and grants and on the incomes in order to qualify for such loans and grants.

Referring to queries, the County Manager stated that the scheme is limited to the three categories set out in the reports.

Replying to Councillor Kelly the County Manager stated that the Council would consider in certain circumstances, purchasing a Local Authority house for a tenant and would be prepared to negotiate a price based on its market <sup>having</sup> regard to its condition, location, etc.

Replying to Deputy Callanan The County Manager stated that no income limit in order to qualify for the benefits of the scheme had been decided but it was hoped to operate a liberal system with an income limit of up to approximately £3,000 per annum.

Councillor Kilgannon proposed and Deputy seconded that the Council adopt <sup>the</sup> scheme for the period of one year.

Councillor Fahey proposed and Senator Killilea seconded that a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Local Government to include a fourth category of persons who would be eligible to come under the provisions of the scheme - i.e.

"People who can satisfy the Local Authority that they are in need of housing but cannot provide the necessary finance because of income limitations."

Councillor Fahey stated <sup>the scheme</sup> in reply to a query that/as it stood, did not apply to a person who was in a flat but who wished to have a house for himself.

It was agreed that the scheme submitted be approved and that the recommendation proposed by Councillor Fahey be submitted to the Minister with a request that it be included in the scheme.

1385 - ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEEDS:

Mr. Stewart Assistant County Manager gave an outline of the assessment of needs as set out in his report of the 24th February, 1977 copy of which has been given to each member of the Council.

Councillor Morgan stated that the estimate of 1,500 houses to be provided by the County Council appears a very conservative one and that the numbers will increase due to inflation and to the operation of unrealistic income limits.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that if the needs increase the Local Authority can step in and he stated that there is adequate finance available from Building Societies for people in the private sector.

Councillor Fahey stated that it appears that only people in unfit and over-crowded conditions would qualify to be included as a need to be met by the Local Authority.

Councillor Kelly stated that the Housing Programme which was brought before the Council indicated that there are 749 applicants for houses at present under consideration but that the report did not take into account a large number of married couples who are living in flats.

Mr. Stewart stated that it is not possible to be definite as to the percentage of the total need which has to be met by Local Authorities but that the target of £1,500 set out in the proposed building programme means that the Council would have to increase its present rate of building. The Council would also try to cater for those referred to by Councillor Kelly. Replying to Councillor Fahey he stated that the Council tries to cater for people other than those in unfit or overcrowded dwellings but that priority has to be given to those in unfit and overcrowded dwellings over persons whose circumstances are not so urgent.

The assessment of means and building programme as submitted was approved.

1386 - HOUSING PROGRAMME:

Mr. Stewart referred to the Council's Housing Construction Programme and gave the following report on the Capital allocation for this purpose.

"Notification has been received from the Department of Local Government dated 22nd February, 1977 indicating that a capital allocation of £940,000 has been made to Galway County Council for on-going commitments in respect of its housing programme. It is anticipated that this amount will cover the Council's existing programme.

The Circular further indicates that additional allocation will be made within the next few months to cover new works which will be started before the 30th June, 1977. A number of schemes are now at the tender stage and it is anticipated that we will be in a position to advertise these for tender before the end of March. Accordingly, a substantial additional capital allocation will be required to finance these new schemes.

The total allocation made to the Council in the last year was £1,241,000 of which £99,000 was to be raised by way of overdraft. The Council's actual expenditure in its capital programme in the past year was £1,218,000 of which £77,000 was raised by way of overdraft. Accordingly, the Council expended its total allocation last year plus this additional £77,000 which itself carried."

Mr. Stewart then gave particulars to members of the position regarding housing schemes in various towns and villages throughout the County.

Councillor Welby asked for particulars of the types of cookers which will be used in the Housing schemes in Oughterard and Headford.

Mr. Stewart stated that in the past three or four years the policy of getting ranges had to be changed as difficulty had been experienced in getting parts for ranges and getting repairs to them done.

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon Mr. Stewart stated that the standard type rural dwelling contains three bedrooms.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that there should be flexibility of design and different plans for Council houses.

Councillor Burke stated that there is a marked reluctance on the part of building contractors to build houses in rural areas and he asked if the Council's regulations were too stringent.

Mr. Stewart stated that many of them may have problems regarding liability for income tax.

Deputy Callanan stated that he would like to see more rural houses and he asked if a few varieties of plan could be adopted as he did not wish to see all Council houses of the same design.

Councillor Ryan gave the names of two applicants who are in need of re-housing and he asked to be informed of the prospects of providing for them. Deputy Donnellan made a similar request.

Replying to <sup>a</sup>query Mr. Stewart stated that all housing sites in Athenry were the same price but that progress in selling them had been slow, only eight sites have been sold so far.

Mr. Stewart agreed to write to Deputy Donnellan regarding a housing site in Corofin.

Councillor Haverty referring to the difficulty in getting a suitable scheme in Killimor asked that provision be made on individual sites for four applicants in the area and also for a fifth applicant in Rathmore.

Replying to Councillor Burke Mr. Stewart stated that he would examine the possibility of making provision for houses for elderly people in Portumna.

Referring to the purchase of caravans Mr. Stewart stated that it is the policy to provide those only for emergency cases as many elderly people are unable to utilise caravans in safety and because of this the Council prefers to provide demountable dwellings.

1387 - REPAIRS TO VESTED COTTAGES:

Replying to Councillor Joyce's motion Mr. Stewart Assistant County Manager stated that where cottages are vested the Council has no authority for carrying out repairs.

Councillor Joyce stated that some of those are very old and the tenants are not in a position to carry out any repairs to them. He stated that the amount of loans and grants available would not be of any assistance to tenants; He asked if the council would build a new house for some of those people on their existing plots.

Mr. Stewart stated that if Councillor Joyce had any specific cases in mind they would be examined if he supplied particulars.

1388 - GRANTS FOR INSTALLATION OF RANGES:

Proposing his motion, Councillor Joyce stated that he disagrees with the policy of not providing ranges in houses particularly where fuel is available from bogs nearby. He stated that previously the Council gave a 50% grant for ranges and he asked that that policy be resumed now.

Mr. Stewart stated that it was the policy to provide ranges up to three or four years ago until difficulty was experienced in getting parts for ranges and that since then a boiler grate was provided with an immersion unit for water heating.

The County Manager stated that any assistance which might be given under this heading would have to come off the allocation for repairs to houses, that the Council had to maintain and replace the ranges and that, in fact, some tenants had taken out ranges where they were provided in houses when the tenancies were allocated to them.

1389 - ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION FOR TWO COUNCIL HOUSES:

Replying to Councillor Joyce's motion Mr. Stewart, Assistant County Manager, stated that it is hoped to start work on Mr. Farrell's house fairly soon but that regarding Mr. Flanigan's house, while it was agreed an extra room is desirable, it is not clear how the cost is to be financed having regard to limitations which exist regarding major extensions to Local Authority houses. He stated, however, that the matter will be examined further.

1390 - CAR PARKING FACILITIES IN GROUNDS OF COUNTY BUILDINGS:

Councillor Ryan stated that there are difficulties regarding car parking in the grounds of the County Buildings on the dates of Council meetings and he asked if somebody could be appointed to ensure that cars are properly parked on those days.

The County Manager stated that he will have the matter examined.

The Meeting then terminated.

Submitted, Approved and Confirmed

*Ain Donnellan*

Chairman

28/3/77

Date.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY 4TH MARCH, 1977.

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 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, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby.

Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Stewart, Assistant County Manager; M. J. Dunne, Acting County Engineer; J. Hays, Acting Deputy County Engineer; M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineer; Misses J. Forde and C. Hett, Staff Officers; Messrs. J. O'Kelly, Administrative Officer; A. O'Gorman, Senior Staff Officer; F. Dawson, Assistant Staff Officer and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

1391 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 1977:

The County Manager gave an outline of the position in relation to the allocation of money for Local improvement schemes in the eleven engineering areas of the county set out in the report dated 2nd March, 1977 circulated to each member of the Council.

Replying to a query by Deputy Donnellan Mr. Stewart, Assistant County Manager stated that two further applications had been received from the Tuam area and are at present been processed and also that three new applications have been received from the Gort area. Mr. Stewart also stated that it was likely that a further scheme costing approximately £11,000 in the Mountbellew area could be partly done this year but that part may have to remain until the beginning of next year. He stated, however, that if the scheme is not completed this year there will be no increase in the contribution in respect of the part to be carried out in 1978.

Councillor Morgan stated that the report before the Council indicated that the value of applications on hands was £455,129 and that a sum of £85,000 only is available to carry out this work. He suggested that the scheme be accepted as it is this year but that for future years no further applications be accepted until the backlog is eliminated.

Senator Mannion stated that at the rate money was being allocated to the Clifden area the applications there would not be disposed of for ten years.

Deputy Callanan stated that no contributions are required in the Clifden area and this accounts for the substantial demand in that area.

It was proposed by Councillor Fahey, seconded by Deputy Callanan and resolved that the Council hereby approve the allocation of Local Improvements Scheme grants for 1977 as recommended in the report submitted to the Council but that money should not be transferred from one area to another until all applications in that area have been exhausted.

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Councillor Burke stated that he had been informed that there were applications waiting for three years in the <sup>Portumna</sup> area and that they had not yet been priced. Mr. Stewart, Assistant County Manager, stated the Council has applications from this area valued at £35,000 which have been priced.

Councillor Burke stated that he was referring to three schemes in particular and Mr. Stewart stated that he would have those examined and prices updated if necessary.

Deputy Donnellan asked that in the event of money being available from either the Tuam, Gort or Portumna areas in the current year, any surplus amount would be transferred to the Mountbellew area in order that the Cloonruff scheme might be completed within the year if at all possible.

Councillor Haverty asked if an ordinary dwelling house and a mobile home would render a scheme eligible.

The Chairman stated that the scheme relates to land holdings and not to houses.

The remaining items on the Agenda were adjourned to the Monthly Meeting to be held on the 28th instant.

Submitted, Approved and Confirmed

*Sean Donnellan*

Chairman

28/3/77

Date.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

21u Marta, 1977.

CHUIG 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 28u la Marta, 1977, ag tosú ag 3 30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL,  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:  
"We will propose that in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Mr. Michael Fehy for change of use of Agricultural Building to Agricultural Engineering workshop - Planning Reference No. 23886".  
Signed:- John Molloy, Thomas Welby, Mark Killilea.
2. Minutes:
  - (a) Council Meetings of 28th February and 4th March, 1977.
  - (b) Housing Committee Meeting of 4th March, 1977.
3. Malicious Damage Decrees (list herewith).
4. Auditor's Report on Accounts of Galway County Council for three financial years ended 31st December, 1974 (copy circulated to members). Explanatory comments for information of Members herewith.
5. Overdraft Accommodation for quarter ending 30th June, 1977.
6. Sale of Houses to the following tenants:-  
Mr. John Molloy, Marian Terrace, Portumna;  
Mrs. Margaret Daly, Cooleeny, Kilrickle, Loughrea;  
Mr. Michael Feenay, Dollroebuck, Loughrea;  
Mr. Peter Creighton, Dublin Road, Tuam;  
Mr. Henry Mullins, Marian Terrace, Portumna;  
Mr. Michael O'Brien, Marian Terrace, Portumna;  
Mr. Thomas Leybourne, Marian Terrace, Portumna;  
Mr. John Dermody, Marian Terrace, Portumna;  
Mr. Desmond Madden, Marian Terrace, Portumna;  
Mr. Patrick Guinan, Skycar, Kiltormer;  
Mrs. Kathleen Lurns, Carrownafinnoge, Eyrecourt;  
Mr. John J. Lombard, Marian Terrace, Portumna;  
Mr. Michael O'Rourke, Corvaneena, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe;  
Notices dated 9th March, 1977.
7. Creation of additional office of Assistant Librarian - Report herewith.

8. Appointment of Nominee on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.
  9. Increase in Public Assistance Rates from 1st January, 1977 - excess expenditure.
  10. Capital Allocation for Sanitary Services 1977, report herewith.
  11. Raising of Loans for Sanitary Services Schemes:-
    - (a) Small Schemes 1977
    - (b) Ahasragh Water Scheme - Stage 2 - £60,000
    - (c) Galway City East Environs - Water Scheme Extension - 44,100
  12. Rossaveal Harbour - Report of County Manager herewith.
  13. Variation of County Development Plan in relation to Development Plan for Oranmore.
  14. Review of County Development Plan - Report herewith.
  15. Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976 - Memorandum herewith.
  16. Seminar on Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, for Local Authority Members, in Galway, on Thursday, 21st April, 1977.
  17. I.F.H.P. Congress - Geneva - September, 1977.
  18. Business submitted by County Manager.
- A - MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION: Adjourned from previous meetings.
19. 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.
  20. 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 Airgloneey;
    - (b) That a scheme be prepared for the houses at Gilmartin Road, Tuam, both for those vested and those not, to have water and 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.
  21. 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.
  22. 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.

23. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
- That the road at Cahermore, Kinvara, Co. Galway, leading to the home of Michael Burke and others be declared a public road;
  - 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
  - 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.
24. Senator J. M. Mannion: I will propose -
- That Lettermorena-Coille Cemetery, Camus, be extended;
  - That some improvement be carried out on the Upper Camus Road (near the Church) to prevent it being eroded.
25. Councillor G. Bartley: I will propose -
- That a culvert be made under Main Road at Leenane to take flood water as the water is crossing road and causing damage to Mr. Hamilton's property;
  - That a light be put on the steps from Hulk Street, Clifden to Railwayview, Clifden;
  - That the drain on side of road outside Mr. Pat Joe Varrilly's house, Dooras, Cornamona, be piped and filled and made safe by the Galway County Council.
26. Councillor M. O Morain: I will propose -
- 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;
  - That Galway County Council make a C.P.O. on all rural sites required for development where legal title may be causing delay.
27. 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.
28. Councillor M. O Flatharta:
- Ce'n staid a bhfuil coras uisce Chasla (Gleannach Mhuirinn) aige faoi lathair;
  - Molaim an bothar a ardu ag ait iontrala chuig Radio na Gaeltachta i gCasla.
  - Molaim an taobh-casam a leanacht siar go Ceardscoil Cnoc na h-Aille, Indreabhan o'n ait a stop se.
29. Councillor J. Joyce: I will propose -
- 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;
  - That the County Council now reconstruct the old footpaths and construct new footpaths in Kiltormer as promised over a year ago;
30. Councillor M. J. Kilpannon: I will propose -
- 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.

31. Deputy J. Donnellan: I will propose -
- 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;
  - That Galway County Council take the necessary steps to have the proposed County Council scheme of houses at Headford started immediately;
  - That Galway County Council remove the water pump at Ardskeaghmore, Ballyglunin, Tuam, as it creates a traffic hazard and re-site the pump nearby.
32. Deputy T. Hussey: I will propose -
- That Old Age Pensioners and persons in receipt of D.P.M.A. be allowed free access to all library services in the County;
  - 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.
33. Councillor T. Byrne: I will propose -
- I will ask for a report on the Cappamore Pump, Kinvara, with a view to its suitability for an area Group Water Scheme;
  - That, as an aid to keeping the village clean, 5 large litter bins be provided at Clarenbridge;
  - That provisions be made in the forthcoming estimates for extending the footpath from Convent School, Clarenbridge to Stradbally Road.
34. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -
- 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;
  - That Galway County Council declare public, all the roadways at Pollroebuck Council Housing Estate, Loughrea, and at Beech Grove and Beech Park, Oranmore;
  - 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.
- B. MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION: Received since February, 1977, Meeting:**
35. Councillor H. Melvin: I will propose --
- That immediate steps be taken to reduce the traffic hazard for traffic approaching Oranmore from the Dublin Road - improvements to include resurfacing with granite chipping, relocation of the speed limits further out from the village and erection of advance warning notices.
36. Councillor U. Burke: I will propose -
- That this Council pipe the short section of roadside river at the entrance to Mullagh National School, Loughrea, as it is very dangerous to the school going children;
  - That this Council make a pedestrian walk or gravel path along the roadside margin on the Portumna/Woodford Road from the junction at the Tynagh Road to the Council houses on the Woodford Road, in the absence of funds for the immediate provision of a footpath there.

- (c) That this Council change its policy in relation to costs and charges demanded, and more often its refusal, to carry out work on road culverts, especially where only minor drainage works are in progress.

37. Deputy M. P. Kitt: I will propose -

- (a) That Galway County Council give formal approval to the design drawings submitted to them by the Department of Local Government for the Castlegar/Lissyegan and Creggaun/Keaves Group Water Schemes;
- (b) That Galway County Council approach County Galway Vocational Education Committee with a view to obtaining from them a large tank to give a supply of water to the people of Castlegar, Mountbellew, Ballinasloe.

38. Deputy Michael P. Kitt and Councillor P. Raftery: We will propose -  
That Galway County Council proceed with the public lighting programme at Killasolan N.S. and at Toghergar Church as soon as possible.

39. Councillor M. J. Kilgannon: I will propose -

- (a) That Galway County Council take adequate steps to ensure that the mass-parking by travelling traders on old western exit road from Aughrim Village does not recur as considerable distress and annoyance has been caused repeatedly to residents and landowners on this road;
- (b) That Galway County Council develop the two dangerous bends on the Ballyfa-Raford Road immediately on either side of the Clonshecahill Village junction. The bend on the west side has been the scene of numerous accidents.

40. Councillor P. Ruane: I will propose -

- (a) That the Reservoir be built at Ballybrit to supply the group water schemes at Ballintemple, Kiltulla and Carnmore as soon as possible as the scheme is about to start;
- (b) That the Lakeview Road, Claregalway, into Moran's houses be tarred as soon as possible.

41. Councillor P. McCormack: I will propose -

- (a) That the County Council take steps to eliminate the serious flooding which occurs regularly on the roadway outside the Cloonbinna House Hotel, Moycullen;
- (b) That Galway County Council take over and declare public the following roads -
- (i) The road into St. Vincent's National School, Coolarne, from the Athenry/Turloughmore Road
- (ii) The road into Mrs. Michael Hanley's and Michael Flaherty's houses on the right hand side of the Carnmore/Coshla Road
- (iii) The road from Shul Road to Jim and Tom Mannion's house, Annagh, Oughterard;
- (c) That the County Council carry out work to complete the Fair Green, Oughterard.

42. Councillors T. Welby and S. Donnellan: We will propose -

That the Galway County Council request the Department of Post and Telegraphs to provide a Public Telephone Kiosk at Collinamuck, and that the Council give the required guarantees.

43. Councillor M. Kelly: I will propose -

- (a) To ask the Manager that in the event the roads not being ready to be taken over in the 3 estates in Tuam, that he make special temporary arrangements to have the electricity supply connected on and from April 1st next;

- (b) I propose to ask the Manager to obtain special permission from the Minister to have the booster water pump installed to boost supply at Belair Drive, Tuam.

44. Councillors J. Joyce, P. T. Galvin, Deputies M. P. Kitt, J. Callanan:  
We will propose -

That Galway County Council request the Minister for Health to provide the necessary funds to implement the proposed federation of Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe and the Roscommon County Hospital and that he sanction the immediate appointment of additional Consultant Staff in Portiuncula Hospital.

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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 Claim	Decree incl. Costs
Francis P. Glynn, Gort, Co. Galway.	Damage to windscreen and side window of motor car.	Borough of Galway	£150.00	£189.54
Brendan Hynes, Knockshanbally, Moycullen, Co. Galway.	Damage to Tractor.	Borough of Galway	£500.00	£275.02
Joseph Mullaney, 10 Beech Close, Renmore, Galway.	Honda 175 motor cycle burned	Borough of Galway	£400.00	£98.65
Paddy Flaherty, Munster Avenue, Galway.	Damage to car.	Borough of Galway	£140.00	£156.15
Galway Diocesan Trustees.	Damage to Community Centre, Shantalla.	Borough of Galway	£60.00	£68.20
Michael Dooley, 46 Ashe Road, Shantalla.	Damage to shop window.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£69.27
Irish Christian Brothers.	Damage to Cast iron Railings at Lr. Salthill.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£64.22
Sisters of Mercy, Galway.	Damage to Mervue School.	Borough of Galway	£50.00	£64.32
Galway City Sports Shop Ltd., 62 Dominick Street, Galway.	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£72.00	£96.13
William Hogan, Threadneedle Road, Galway	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£200.00	£86.98
Janet McKeown, Truskey West Barna.	Damage to Motor car.	Borough of Galway	£20.00	£40.15

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/9/1003

9th, March, 1977.

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 (as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966) notice is hereby given that it is proposed to sell a dwelling owned by the Council to a tenant.

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Minister for Lands.

Location:- Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. John Dermody of: Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

The sale will be by way of lease over 150 years.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2041 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

The conditions to be included in the lease will contain, among others:-

the conditions as specified in the Form of Transfer Order prescribed in the Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 and Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.

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

K. Doyle,  
Secretary.

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 Claim	Decree incl. Costs
Francis P. Glynn, Gort, Co. Galway.	Damage to windscreen and side window of motor car.	Borough of Galway	£150.00	£189.54
Brendan Hynes, Knockshanbally, Moycullen, Co. Galway.	Damage to Tractor.	Borough of Galway	£500.00	£275.02
Joseph Mullaney, 10 Beech Close, Renmore, Galway.	Honda 175 motor cycle burned	Borough of Galway	£400.00	£98.65
Paddy Flaherty, Munster Avenue, Galway.	Damage to car.	Borough of Galway	£140.00	£156.15
Galway Diocesan Trustees.	Damage to Community Centre, Shantalla.	Borough of Galway	£60.00	£68.20
Michael Dooley, 46 Ashe Road, Shantalla.	Damage to shop window.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£69.27
Irish Christian Brothers.	Damage to Cast iron Railings at Lr. Salthill.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£64.22
Sisters of Mercy, Galway.	Damage to Mervue School.	Borough of Galway	£50.00	£64.32
Galway City Sports Shop Ltd., 62 Dominick Street, Galway.	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£72.00	£96.13
William Hogan, Threadneedle Road, Galway	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£200.00	£86.98
Janet McKeown, Truskey West Barna.	Damage to Motor car.	Borough of Galway	£20.00	£40.15

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/9/1001

9th. March, 1977.

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 (as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966) notice is hereby given that it is proposed to sell a dwelling owned by the Council to a tenant.

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Minister for Lands.

Location:- Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. Thomas Leybourne of: Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

The sale will be by way of lease over 150 years.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2041 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

The conditions to be included in the lease will contain, among others:-

the conditions as specified in the Form of Transfer Order prescribed in the Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 and Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.

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

K. Doyle,  
Secretary.

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 Claim	Decree incl. Costs
Francis P. Glynn, Gort, Co. Galway.	Damage to windscreen and side window of motor car.	Borough of Galway	£150.00	£189.54
Brendan Hynes, Knockshanbally, Moycullen, Co. Galway.	Damage to Tractor.	Borough of Galway	£500.00	£275.02
Joseph Mullaney, 10 Beech Close, Renmore, Galway.	Honda 175 motor cycle burned	Borough of Galway	£400.00	£98.65
Paddy Flaherty, Munster Avenue, Galway.	Damage to car.	Borough of Galway	£140.00	£156.15
Galway Diocesan Trustees.	Damage to Community Centre, Shantalla.	Borough of Galway	£60.00	£68.20
Michael Dooley, 46 Ashe Road, Shantalla.	Damage to shop window.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£69.27
Irish Christian Brothers.	Damage to Cast iron Railings at Lr. Salthill.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£64.22
Sisters of Mercy, Galway.	Damage to Mervue School.	Borough of Galway	£50.00	£64.32
Galway City Sports Shop Ltd., 62 Dominick Street, Galway.	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£72.00	£96.13
William Hogan, Threadneedle Road, Galway	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£200.00	£86.98
Janet McKeown, Truskey West Barna.	Damage to Motor car.	Borough of Galway	£20.00	£40.15

C O M H A I R L E   C H O N T A E   N A   G A I L L I M H E

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

9th. March, 1977.

Ref. No. 63/9/605

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 (as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966) notice is hereby given that it is proposed to sell a dwelling owned by the Council to a tenant.

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Mrs. Kathleen Burns, Carrownafinnoge, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway.

Location:- Carrownafinnoge, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mrs. Kathleen Burns of: Carrownafinnoge, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway.

The sale will be by way of lease over 150 years.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1379 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

The conditions to be included in the lease will contain, among others:-

the conditions as specified in the Form of Transfer Order prescribed in the Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 and Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.

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

K. Doyle,  
Secretary.

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 Claim	Decree incl. Costs
Francis P. Glynn, Cort, Co. Galway.	Damage to windscreen and side window of motor car.	Borough of Galway	£150.00	£189.54
Brendan Hynes, Knockshanbally, Moycullen, Co. Galway.	Damage to Tractor.	Borough of Galway	£500.00	£275.02
Joseph Mullaney, 10 Beech Close, Renmore, Galway.	Honda 175 motor cycle burned	Borough of Galway	£400.00	£98.65
Paddy Flaherty, Munster Avenue, Galway.	Damage to car.	Borough of Galway	£140.00	£156.15
Galway Diocesan Trustees.	Damage to Community Centre, Shantalla.	Borough of Galway	£60.00	£68.20
Michael Dooley, 46 Ashe Road, Shantalla.	Damage to shop window.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£69.27
Irish Christian Brothers.	Damage to Cast iron Railings at Lr. Salthill.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£64.22
Sisters of Mercy, Galway.	Damage to Mervue School.	Borough of Galway	£50.00	£64.32
Galway City Sports Shop Ltd., 62 Dominick Street, Galway.	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£72.00	£96.13
William Hogan, Threadneedle Road, Galway	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£200.00	£86.98
Janet McKeown, Truskey West Barna.	Damage to Motor car.	Borough of Galway	£20.00	£40.15

C O M H A I R L E C H O N T A E N A G A I L L I M H E

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

9th. March, 1977.

Ref. No. 63/1/171

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 (as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966) notice is hereby given that it is proposed to sell a dwelling owned by the Council to a tenant.

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Mr. Joseph Campbell, Kiltormer, Co. Galway.

Location:- Skycur, Kiltormer, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. Patrick Guinan Of: Skycur, Kiltormer, Co. Galway.

The sale will be by way of lease over 150 years.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £808 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

The conditions to be included in the lease will contain, among others:-

the conditions as specified in the Form of Transfer Order prescribed in the Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 and Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.

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

K. Doyle  
Secretary.



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 Claim	Decree incl. Costs
Francis P. Glynn, Gort, Co. Galway.	Damage to windscreen and side window of motor car.	Borough of Galway	£150.00	£189.54
Brendan Hynes, Knockshanbally, Moycullen, Co. Galway.	Damage to Tractor.	Borough of Galway	£500.00	£275.02
Joseph Mullaney, 10 Beech Close, Renmore, Galway.	Honda 175 motor cycle burned	Borough of Galway	£400.00	£98.65
Paddy Flaherty, Munster Avenue, Galway.	Damage to car.	Borough of Galway	£140.00	£156.15
Galway Diocesan Trustees.	Damage to Community Centre, Shantalla.	Borough of Galway	£60.00	£68.20
Michael Dooley, 46 Ashe Road, Shantalla.	Damage to shop window.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£69.27
Irish Christian Brothers.	Damage to Cast iron Railings at Lr. Salthill.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£64.22
Sisters of Mercy, Galway.	Damage to Mervue School.	Borough of Galway	£50.00	£64.32
Galway City Sports Shop Ltd., 62 Dominick Street, Galway.	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£72.00	£96.13
William Hogan, Threadneedle Road, Galway	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£200.00	£86.98
Janet McKeown, Truskey West Barna.	Damage to Motor car.	Borough of Galway	£20.00	£40.15

C O M H A I R L E C H O N T A E N A G A I L L I M H E

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

9th. March, 1977.

Ref. No. 63/9/1007

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 ( as amended Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966) notice is hereby given that is proposed to sell a dwelling owned by the Council to a tenant.

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Minister for Lands.

Location:- Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. Michael O'Brien of: Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

The sale will be by way of lease over 150 years.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2041 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

The conditions to be included in the lease will contain, among others:-

the conditions as specified in the Form of Transfer Order prescribed in the Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 and Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.

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

K. Doyle,  
Secretary.

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 Claim	Decree incl. Costs
Francis P. Glynn, Gort, Co. Galway.	Damage to windscreen and side window of motor car.	Borough of Galway	£150.00	£189.54
Brendan Hynes, Knockshanbally, Moycullen, Co. Galway.	Damage to Tractor.	Borough of Galway	£500.00	£275.02
Joseph Mullaney, 10 Beech Close, Renmore, Galway.	Honda 175 motor cycle burned	Borough of Galway	£400.00	£98.65
Paddy Flaherty, Munster Avenue, Galway.	Damage to car.	Borough of Galway	£140.00	£156.15
Galway Diocesan Trustees.	Damage to Community Centre, Shantalla.	Borough of Galway	£60.00	£68.20
Michael Dooley, 46 Ashe Road, Shantalla.	Damage to shop window.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£69.27
Irish Christian Brothers.	Damage to Cast iron Railings at Lr. Salthill.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£64.22
Sisters of Mercy, Galway.	Damage to Mervue School.	Borough of Galway	£50.00	£64.32
Galway City Sports Shop Ltd., 62 Dominick Street, Galway.	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£72.00	£96.13
William Hogan, Threadneedle Road, Galway	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£200.00	£86.98
Janet McKeown, Truskey West Barna.	Damage to Motor car.	Borough of Galway	£20.00	£40.15

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/10/1107

9th. March, 1977.

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 (as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966) notice is hereby given that it is proposed to sell a dwelling owned by the Council to a tenant.

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Western Health Board.

Location:- Dublin Rd., Tuam, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. Peter Creighton of: Dublin Rd., Tuam, Co. Galway.

The sale will be by way of lease over 150 years.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £3173 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

The conditions to be included in the lease will contain, among others:-

the conditions as specified in the Form of Transfer Order prescribed in the Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 and Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.

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

K. Doyle,  
Secretary.

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 Claim	Decree incl. Costs
Francis P. Glynn, Gort, Co. Galway.	Damage to windscreen and side window of motor car.	Borough of Galway	£150.00	£189.54
Brendan Hynes, Knockshanbally, Moycullen, Co. Galway.	Damage to Tractor.	Borough of Galway	£500.00	£275.02
Joseph Mullaney, 10 Beech Close, Renmore, Galway.	Honda 175 motor cycle burned	Borough of Galway	£400.00	£98.65
Paddy Flaherty, Munster Avenue, Galway.	Damage to car.	Borough of Galway	£140.00	£156.15
Galway Diocesan Trustees.	Damage to Community Centre, Shantalla.	Borough of Galway	£60.00	£68.20
Michael Dooley, 46 Ashe Road, Shantalla.	Damage to shop window.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£69.27
Irish Christian Brothers.	Damage to Cast iron Railings at Ir. Salthill.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£64.22
Sisters of Mercy, Galway.	Damage to Mervue School.	Borough of Galway	£50.00	£64.32
Galway City Sports Shop Ltd., 62 Dominick Street, Galway.	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£72.00	£96.13
William Hogan, Threadneedle Road, Galway	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£200.00	£86.98
Janet McKeown, Truskey West Barna.	Damage to Motor car.	Borough of Galway	£20.00	£40.15

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

9th. March, 1977.

Ref. No. 63/9/1006

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 (as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966) notice is hereby given that it is proposed to sell a dwelling owned by the Council to a tenant.

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Minister for Lands.

Location:- Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. John Molloy of: Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

The sale will be by way of lease over 150 years.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2041 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

The conditions to be included in the lease will contain, among others:-

That the conditions as specified in the Form of Transfer Order prescribed in the Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 and Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.

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

K. Doyle,  
Secretary.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES.

Name and address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Decree incl. Costs
Francis P. Glynn, Gort, Co. Galway.	Damage to windscreen and side window of motor car.	Borough of Galway	£150.00	£189.54
Brendan Hynes, Knockshanbally, Moycullen, Co. Galway.	Damage to Tractor.	Borough of Galway	£500.00	£275.02
Joseph Mullaney, 10 Beech Close, Renmore, Galway.	Honda 175 motor cycle burned	Borough of Galway	£400.00	£98.65
Paddy Flaherty, Munster Avenue, Galway.	Damage to car.	Borough of Galway	£140.00	£156.15
Galway Diocesan Trustees.	Damage to Community Centre, Shantalla.	Borough of Galway	£60.00	£68.20
Michael Doolley, 46 Ashe Road, Shantalla.	Damage to shop window.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£69.27
Irish Christian Brothers.	Damage to Cast iron Railings at Lr. Salthill.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£64.22
Sisters of Mercy, Galway.	Damage to Mervue School.	Borough of Galway	£50.00	£64.32
Galway City Sports Shop Ltd., 62 Dominick Street, Galway.	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£72.00	£96.13
William Hogan, Threadneedle Road, Galway	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£200.00	£86.98
Janet McKeown, Truskey West Barna.	Damage to Motor car.	Borough of Galway	£20.00	£40.15

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/9/1401

9th. March, 1977.

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 (as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966) notice is hereby given that it is proposed to sell a dwelling owned by the Council to a tenant!

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Minister for Lands.

Location:- Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. Henry Mullins of: Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

The sale will be by way of lease over 150 years.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2462 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

The conditions to be included in the lease will contain, among others:-

the conditions as specified in the Form of Transfer Order prescribed in the Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 and Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.

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

K. Doyle,  
Secretary.

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 Claim	Decree incl. Costs
Francis P. Glynn, Gort, Co. Galway.	Damage to windscreen and side window of motor car.	Borough of Galway	£150.00	£189.54
Brendan Hynes, Knockshanbally, Moycullen, Co. Galway.	Damage to Tractor.	Borough of Galway	£500.00	£275.02
Joseph Mullaney, 10 Beech Close, Remmore, Galway.	Honda 175 motor cycle burned	Borough of Galway	£400.00	£98.65
Paddy Flaherty, Munster Avenue, Galway.	Damage to car.	Borough of Galway	£140.00	£156.15
Galway Diocesan Trustees.	Damage to Community Centre, Shantalla.	Borough of Galway	£60.00	£68.20
Michael Dooley, 46 Ashe Road, Shantalla.	Damage to shop window.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£69.27
Irish Christian Brothers.	Damage to Cast iron Railings at Lr. Salthill.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£64.22
Sisters of Mercy, Galway.	Damage to Mervue School.	Borough of Galway	£50.00	£64.32
Galway City Sports Shop Ltd., 62 Dominick Street, Galway.	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£72.00	£96.13
William Hogan, Threadneedle Road, Galway	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£200.00	£86.98
Janet McKeown, Truskey West Barna.	Damage to Motor car.	Borough of Galway	£20.00	£40.15

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/1/62

9th. March, 1977.

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 (as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966) notice is hereby given that it is proposed to sell a dwelling owned by the Council to a tenant.

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Particulars cannot be obtained by reasonable enquiry but Council in possession and receiving rent since 1910.

Location:- Corraneena, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. Michael O'Rourke of: Corraneena, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The sale will be by way of lease over 150 years.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £723 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

The conditions to be included in the lease will contain, among others:-

the conditions as specified in the Form of Transfer Order prescribed in the Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 and Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.

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

K. Doyle  
Secretary.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES.

Name and address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Decree incl. Costs
Francis P. Glynn, Gort, Co. Galway.	Damage to windscreen and side window of motor car.	Borough of Galway	£150.00	£189.54
Brendan Hynes, Knockshanbally, Moycullen, Co. Galway.	Damage to Tractor.	Borough of Galway	£500.00	£275.02
Joseph Mullaney, 10 Beech Close, Remore, Galway.	Honda 175 motor cycle burned	Borough of Galway	£400.00	£98.65
Paddy Flaherty, Munster Avenue, Galway.	Damage to car.	Borough of Galway	£140.00	£156.15
Galway Diocesan Trustees.	Damage to Community Centre, Shantalla.	Borough of Galway	£60.00	£68.20
Michael Dooley, 46 Ashe Road, Shantalla.	Damage to shop window.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£69.27
Irish Christian Brothers.	Damage to Cast Iron Railings at Lr. Salthill.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£64.22
Sisters of Mercy, Galway.	Damage to Mervue School.	Borough of Galway	£50.00	£64.32
Galway City Sports Shop Ltd., 62 Dominick Street, Galway.	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£72.00	£96.13
William Hogan, Threadneedle Road, Galway	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£200.00	£86.98
Janet McKeown, Truskey West Barna.	Damage to Motor car.	Borough of Galway	£20.00	£40.15

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

9th. March, 1977.

Ref. No. 63/6/620

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 (as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966) notice is hereby given that it is proposed to sell a dwelling owned by the Council to a tenant.

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:-

Mrs. Margaret Daly, Cooleeny, Kilrickle, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Location:- Cooleeny, Kilrickle, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mrs. Margaret Daly of: Cooleeny, Kilrickle, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

The sale will be by way of lease over 150 years.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1406 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

The conditions to be included in the lease will contain, among others:-

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K. Doyle

Secretary.

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Michael Dooley, 46 Ashe Road, Shantalla.	Damage to shop window.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£69.27
Irish Christian Brothers.	Damage to Cast iron Railings at Lr. Salthill.	Borough of Galway	£40.00	£64.22
Sisters of Mercy, Galway.	Damage to Mervue School.	Borough of Galway	£50.00	£64.32
Galway City Sports Shop Ltd., 62 Dominick Street, Galway.	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£72.00	£96.13
William Hogan, Threadneedle Road, Galway	Shop windows broken.	Borough of Galway	£200.00	£86.98
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C O M H A I R L E   C H O N T A E   N A   G A I L L I M H E

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/9/1008

9th. March, 1977.

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 (as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966) notice is hereby given that it is proposed to sell a dwelling owned by the Council to a tenant.

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Minister for Lands.

Location:- Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. Desmond Madden of: Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

The sale will be by way of lease over 150 years.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2041 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

The conditions to be included in the lease will contain, among others:-

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/9/1002

9th. March, 1977.

To: Each Member:-

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The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Minister for Lands.

Location:- Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. John J. Lombard of: Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

1. sale will be by way of lease over 150 years.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2041 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

The conditions to be included in the lease will contain, among others:-

the conditions as specified in the Form of Transfer Order prescribed in the Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 and Housing Authorities (Borrowing and Management) Regulations, 1974 (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/6/907

9th. March, 1977.

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 (as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966) notice is hereby given that it is proposed to sell a dwelling owned by the Council to a tenant.

The particulars are as follows:-

and Acquired From:- Mr. John McTigue, St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Patrick McTigue, St. Mary's Rd., Galway.  
Mr. John Coen, Galway Rd., Loughrea, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Edward Healy, Athenry Rd., Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Location:- Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. Michael Feeney of: Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

The sale will be by way of lease over 150 years.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1928 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

The conditions to be included in the lease will contain, among others:-

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 28TH MARCH, 1977.

IN THE CHAIR: A. Councillor Sean Donnellan  
B. 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 B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, 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 and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, Co. Manager. J. Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager. M. J. Dunne, Acting Co. Engineer. K. Hayes, Acting Deputy Co. Engineer. R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant. B. Callagy, Chief Assistant, Planning. W. A. Cahill, Acting Chief Asst., Planning. M. Tierney, C.A.C.E.. J. Beirne, Acting C.A.C.E.. T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer. T. O'Neill, Senior Staff Officer. K. Doyle, Co. Secretary.

Also in Attendance: Messrs. Thomas Behan and Ian Keating from the School of Public Administration, Dublin.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Sean Donnellan took the chair.

The opening prayer was recited.

1392 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of the Chairman the Council extended its sympathy to Mr. C. I. O'Flynn, former Co. Manager on the death of his wife and adjourned the meeting for a short time as a mark of its sympathy.

On the proposition of Councillor Welby, the Council extended its sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. Peter O'Farrell of Oughterard and Miss Carmel Carter, Cloonabinn, Moycullen who lost their lives tragically in England.

The Co. Manager and other members of the Council also joined in the expressions of sympathy.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mrs. Shaughnessy, Shantalla Rd., Galway. Mrs. Halloran & family, Kilkerrin.  
Mr. John Fagin, Seapoint, Barna. John Huban, Knockaculleen, Kinvara.  
Mr. M. Nevin and family, Newtown, Abbey, Loughrea. Denis Lally, Ryehill, Monivea.  
Mr. Peter McCarthy, Eglis, Ahascragh.  
Mrs. Celia Canavan, Market Street, Clifden.  
Mr. Patrick Roche, Kylemore House, Abbey, Loughrea.  
Mrs. Felle and family, Loughenroe, Ballyshrule, Ballinasloe.

1393 - WELCOME TO VISITORS:

The Chairman on behalf of the Council welcomed Mr. Thomas Behan and Mr. Ian Keating from the School of Public Administration in Dublin to the meeting of the Council.

1394 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955:

It was proposed by Councillor John Molloy, seconded by Councillor Welby -

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council direct the Co. Manager to grant permission to Mr. Michael Fahy for the change of use of an agricultural building to agricultural engineering workshop - Planning Ref. No. 23886."

The Co. Manager submitted the following report to the Council:

"This applicant was given permission to retain a farm machinery store subject to a covenant which was completed on the 31/12/1975 restricting the use of the development.

Under Ref. No. 22347 the applicant was refused permission to change the use to an agricultural engineering workshop on the grounds of traffic hazard, visual amenity and covenant. The Minister refused the applicant's appeal on the 15/12/1976 giving as the reason the traffic hazard. The present application (No. 23886) is a repeat of No. 22347. When this application was being examined, it was discovered that the applicant was in fact using the building as a commercial motor garage and a request for further information was issued on the 4/3/1977 in relation to this activity and also in relation to the inadequacy of the site-map submitted."

He stated that the Co. Engineer was of the opinion that to grant this permission would be a contravention of the Development Plan. He stated also that information in response to the "further information" request had now been received and was being examined.

Deputy Molloy stated that he was supporting the motion and that he did not agree fully with the Co. Engineer's views as expressed by the Co. Manager as other permissions not very different from the present one had been granted on this road.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Replying to a query, the Co. Manager stated that he would make an Order granting the permission.

1395 - MINUTES:

The Co. Secretary stated that there was an error in Minute No. 1376 of the meeting of the 28/2/1977 which mentioned that approximately 3 miles of road had been surface-dressed during the past year. He stated that this should have read 300. He requested the approval of the Council to the amendment of the Minute. This was agreed.

Councillor O'Morain proposing the adoption of the Minutes stated that he took exception to the fact that a motion in his name regarding roads in the Carna/Kilkerrin area which was on the Agenda for the 28/2/1977 had been omitted from the Agenda for this meeting.

The Co. Secretary stated that he understood that this matter had been dealt with under the heading of Road Grants at the meeting of the 28th February last.

Councillor O'Morain stated that his motion referred to the question of establishing a fund for the improvement of the roads in question.

Referring to Minute No. 1377 of the meeting of the 28th February last, Cllr. Kilgannon stated that he objected to the decision not to allow the press attend the Housing Committee meeting.

Deputy Donnellan seconded the proposal that the Minutes be adopted.

Subject to the amendment of Minute No. 1376 which was agreed, the Minutes (Nos. 1362 - 1391 inclusive) were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

1396 - ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Councillor Morgan stated that resolutions which were adjourned from the meeting of the 28th February last should have been first on the Agenda to be dealt with at this meeting.

The Chairman stated that the Agenda was in order and he referred Cllr. Morgan to Standing Orders.

1397 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that malicious damage Decrees as set out in the schedule to the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

1398 - AUDITOR'S REPORT:

The Co. Manager stated that a copy of this report together with his memorandum giving explanatory notes on it had already been circulated to Members.

Deputy Coogan complained that this report is, in respect of part of the period covered, approximately four years overdue.

Deputy Molloy, referring to the penultimate paragraph of the Auditor's report stated that it was disturbing to see the Auditor's remarks regarding the lack of an elementary system of costing for a county with an expenditure of almost £14m. per annum and also to the reference of one way traffic to other branches of the Council of staff from the Accounts Dept.. He stated that the Council should be unhappy at the situation as outlined by the Auditor and he referred also to the fact that regrading had taken place in departments of the Council other than in the Accounts Dept.. He also stated that the Co. Accountant's order of seniority in the staff had been altered to his detriment and he asked that a further report on the whole matter be brought before the Council at the April meeting.

Cllr. Glynn supported the remarks made by Deputy Molloy and stated that it appeared from the report that the Council's accounts with the Western Health Board had not yet been cleared and he stated that he considered it unsatisfactory that there was such a delay in presentation of the Solicitor's Bill of Costs.

Cllr. Byrne stated that an Auditor's report which is four years old is of little use to the Council and he considered that an Auditor's report should be received in respect of any financial year during the following financial year. He stated that he supported Deputy Molloy and Cllr. Glynn in providing a proper Accounts branch.

Deputy Callanan stated that he agreed that the Council should have an Auditor's report within the year following the close of a financial year and he stated that the Council should consider sending a recommendation to this effect to the Minister for Local Government. He thought that the Auditor may have too much work on hands which prevented him from doing this.

Deputy Molloy stated that he wished to refer to the part of the report which stated that bookkeeping standards had been excellent and that the criticism is that the Council has not moved into a modern system of accounting and that there is no regrading in the Accounts Dept.. He stated that regrading should be done in every section of the Council and he complimented Mr. Moroney, Co. Accountant on the work which he had done.

The Co. Manager stated that he wished to endorse some of the points which had been made and in particular he stated that he wished to congratulate the staff of the Co. Council who had been responsible for the expenditure of approximately £14m. and receipts to the same amount which involved thousands of transactions and that he was pleased to note that no serious matter had been brought to attention by the Auditor.

Referring to the penultimate paragraph of the Auditor's report, he stated that he finds that this is capable of being misunderstood and he also stated that he finds nothing disturbing regarding the staffing of the Accounts Dept. competing for and getting promotion in any sections of the Council. Referring to the question of the appointment of a Finance Officer, he stated that he had previously given particular propositions for strengthening of the service to the Council but that in relation to the Accounts Dept., these proposals had not been approved. The same position applies in other counties. He stated that a study and review of skills and manpower necessary is being carried out and that when the time is opportune, he will bring any necessary proposals before the Council.

Deputy Molloy asked that the report be available for the April meeting.

The Co. Manager replied that he would have nothing to report for the April meeting except what he is now telling the Council and that he will come in his own time with whatever proposals are necessary to the Council.

When Deputy Molloy enquired why Dublin and Cork could appoint Finance Officers and Galway could not the Co. Manager stated that this was a matter for the Councils in Dublin and Cork and that when the time is opportune, he will come back to the Council in relation to the position in Galway.

1399 - OVERDRAFT:

The Co. Manager stated that it was estimated that the Council would require overdraft accommodation amounting to £1m. during the quarter ending 30/6/1977. He stated that the present interest rate is 10% and the amount provided in the estimates for overdraft interest in the current year is £67,000.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Molloy, seconded by Cllr. Welby 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 A/c during the half year ending 30/6/1977".

1400 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Deputy Donnellan and resolved -

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the houses let to them to the following tenants in accordance with the terms of Notices dated 9th March, 1977 under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 copy of which had been given to each Member of the Council:-

Mr. John Molloy, Marian Tce., Portumna.  
Mrs. Margaret Daly, Cooleeny, Kilrickle, Loughrea.  
Mr. Michael Feeney, Pollroebuck, Loughrea.  
Mr. Peter Creighton, Dublin Rd., Tuam.  
Mr. Henry Mullins, Marian Tce., Portumna.  
Mr. Michael O'Brien, Marian Tce., Portumna.  
Mr. Thomas Leybourne, Marian Tce., Portumna.  
Mr. John Dermody, Marian Tce., Portumna.  
Mr. Desmond Madden, Marian Tce., Portumna.  
Mr. Patrick Guinan, Skycur, Kiltormer.  
Mrs. Kathleen Burns, Carrownafinnoge, Eyrecourt.  
Mr. John J. Lombard, Marian Tce., Portumna.  
Mr. Michael O'Rourke, Corraneena, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe."

1401 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE OF ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN:

The Co. Manager requested the approval of the Council to the creation of an additional office of Assistant Librarian in the Co. Library service to enable the Galway Regional Technical College to extend its library service. He stated that the salary of the officer concerned would be recouped to the Council.

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Senator Killilea and resolved -

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of an additional office of Assistant Librarian in accordance with the qualifications and particulars of office prescribed for this office by the Minister for Local Government."

1402 - APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE OF THE COUNCIL ON THE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.:

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Deputy Molloy and resolved -

"That Galway County Council hereby appoint Mr. Gerald Bartley, County Councillor, to be its nominee on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. for the coming year."

1403 - INCREASE IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RATES:

The Co. Manager stated that he had previously informed the Council that when the new Social Welfare Act was brought into operation, 60% of any expenditure incurred on public assistance over that incurred last year would be provided from State funds and accordingly the Council at his request had provided only 40% of the estimated increase in public assistance in the current year over that provided for last year. He stated that the Act has not yet been brought into operation and he requested the approval of the Council to an additional expenditure of £14,820 in order to enable public assistance rates to be increased from the 1/1/1977. He stated that it was anticipated that this amount would have been made available from State funds but that this had not happened since the Act had not been brought into operation.

Cllr. O'Morain stated that since the Co. Council is providing the money for public assistance, it should take a greater interest in how it is allocated to people who

are in need. He stated that much hardship results from the manner in which the assistance scheme is operated and he considered that the Council should investigate this fully and get a full report. He gave an instance of a case where a person was penalised because land in a mountain area which was really only scrub land had been let and because of this he was refused assistance.

Deputy Molloy stated that the request now before the Council was because of the refusal of the Government to implement promises which it had made to pay 60% of the increase in home assistance rates from the 1st January last.

Cllr. Kelly stated that the Council should call for regionalisation of the Dept. of Social Welfare.

Replying to the discussion the Co. Manager stated that when the estimate for the current year was adopted, it was felt that the Social Welfare Act would come into operation soon afterwards but that since it had not yet been brought into operation he wished to go ahead and make the increased payments to home assistance recipients.

Cllr. Burke stated that there is a discrepancy in the amounts given in one area as against another and he asked who sets the guidelines.

The Co. Manager stated that certain guidelines are issued by the Health Board since it is operating the scheme on behalf of the Council but he stated that there has always been flexibility in order to adjust upwards or downwards as might be required. He stated that the Superintendent Assistance Officer solves any problems regarding discrepancies but he pointed out that it is not always safe to assume what the means of any particular applicants are. He stated that the Assistance Officer is entitled to any information which he would require in determining the amount of assistance being given.

Cllr. O'Morain stated that in a county as large as Galway it is not possible to have an adequate service since there is only one Superintendent Assistance Officer for the whole county.

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Cllr. McCormack and resolved -

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council hereby approves excess expenditure in the current year amounting to £14,820 to enable increased public assistance rates to be paid from the 1/1/1977."

Deputy Hussey now took the chair.

#### 1404 - CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR SANITARY SERVICES IN 1977:

The Co. Manager stated that notification had been received from the Department of Local Government that the sanitary services allocation for the current year in respect of sanitary services schemes is as follows:

- (a) For major water and sewerage schemes - £250,000
- (b) For the small schemes programme - £60,000

The Co. Manager also referred to the report on sanitary services prepared by Mr. Stewart which had been circulated to each Member of the Council and which set out particulars of the schemes which would be covered by the allocation, schemes for which a further capital allocation would be required before they could be commenced and further schemes which are now at the contract stage.

Deputy Donnellan proposed the adoption of the report before the Council and this was seconded by Senator Mannion.

Replying to Senator Killilea, the Co. Manager stated that the capital allocation does not enable the Tuam scheme to start as it includes only schemes which are fully approved for which loans have been sanctioned. In relation to the Tuam scheme, he stated that there is no capital allocation for it yet and also, some parts of the plans may have to be revised in order to make available an adequate water supply for an industry which the Council is trying to attract to Tuam.

Senator Killilea asked that when the next allocation for capital services is made priority be given to people in Tuam who require water for their private houses.

Replying to Deputy Callanan and Deputy Kitt, the Co. Manager stated that the capital allocation does not make provision for the Ahascragh scheme.

Replying to queries from Cllr. O'Morain, the Co. Manager stated that the Council is at present carrying the excess expenditure on the Carna/Kilkerrin scheme and that in relation to the Spiddal scheme the Council is endeavouring to bring it to the contract stage.

Referring to the Ahascragh scheme, Councillor Kilgannon asked that it be expedited as two group schemes are depending on it.

Replying to Deputy Donnellan, Mr. Stewart, Assistant Co. Manager stated that difficulty had been experienced with regard to the acquisition of a site for the treatment works for Newbridge Sewerage Scheme and that it is not likely that it will be done this year.

Councillor Morgan asked that the sewer be extended further along the Woodford Road and the Killimor Road in Portunna.

Councillor Joyce complained that schemes for some villages are being deferred for a long time because they are too small to be provided for under the small schemes programme.

Replying to further queries, Mr. Stewart stated that the Oranmore and Spiddal schemes are at the contract document stage and that the Department of Local Government had been asked for an additional allocation this year for Ahascragh and Tuam and also for the Briarhill/Oranmore Scheme and Spiddal Scheme. He also stated that the Oughterard scheme will be carried out by direct labour and that work will be commenced this year.

Replying to queries regarding the reduction in the cost of the Ahascragh Scheme, Mr. Dunne, Deputy Co. Engineer stated that it was originally proposed to provide a water tower in Ahascragh but that it had now been decided to provide a ground level reservoir instead.

#### 1405 - CARNMORE/KILTULLA GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Cllr. Ruane stated that difficulty had been experienced by the promoters of this group in getting a price for Wavin pipes from the suppliers and he asked if the Council could be of any assistance in the matter.

The Co. Manager stated that the Company will be contacted by the Council.

#### 1406 - RAISING OF LOAN FOR THE SMALL SANITARY SERVICES SCHEMES PROGRAMME, 1977:

It was proposed by Cllr. McCormack, seconded by Senator Killilea and resolved -

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £60,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance the Council's Small Schemes Sanitary Services Programme for 1977, the loan to be repaid by instalments over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

#### 1407 - RAISING OF LOAN - AHASCRAGH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME, STAGE 2.:

It was proposed by Cllr. McCormack, seconded by Senator Killilea and resolved -

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £44,100 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance Stage 2 of the Ahascragh Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid by instalments over the unexpired period of the parent loan with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

#### 1408 - RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £6,600 FOR GALWAY CITY EASTERN ENVIRONS WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Cllr. McCormack, seconded by Senator Killilea and resolved -

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £6,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance the cost of the Galway City Eastern Environs Water Scheme Extension to Cloonacauneen and Ballybrit, the loan to be repaid by instalments over the unexpired period of the parent loan with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

1409 - ROSSAVAL HARBOUR:

The Co. Manager referred to his report to Members dated 21st March, 1977 in which he had made certain recommendations regarding the terms on which the Council might take over the future maintenance of Rossaveal Harbour on completion by the Office of Public Works. He stated that work is continuing on the improvement of the road and on the provision of a water supply to the pier.

Cllr. Flaherty congratulated the Manager on his report but stated that Members would require more time to examine it.

Senator Killilea proposed that the Connemara members of the Council together with Deputy R. Molloy, Chairman, Galway Harbour Commissioners should meet the Co. Manager to discuss the report.

Cllr. O'Morain seconded this proposal. Senator Mannion agreed but suggested that in the meantime the Council should go ahead and see what grants are available.

Replying to Deputy Molloy regarding the area of jurisdiction of Galway Harbour Authority, the Co. Manager stated that no conflict will arise in this matter as the County Council will not become a harbour authority for Rossaveal and that the work being carried on will be just an on-shore activity.

It was agreed that the Members for the Connemara area with Deputy Molloy should meet the Co. Manager on Monday, 4th April at 4.00 p.m..

1410 - VARIATION OF CO. DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN RELATION TO DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ORANMORE:

The Co. Manager stated that it had been hoped that the submissions made on the published draft plan together with the observations on those submissions would be available for this meeting but as they were not available for circulation to Members he suggested that the matter might be adjourned to a later date.

1411 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The Co. Manager referred to the memo which was circulated to Members in connection with this matter and suggested that a date might be fixed to consider a review of the Co. Development Plan and also the variation of the Plan in relation to Oranmore.

It was agreed that a special meeting of the Council would be held on Monday, 9th May to consider both of those matters.

Senator Killilea stated that people in Tuam feel that enough land was not included in the Tuam plan.

The Co. Manager stated that this matter could be raised at the special planning meeting on the 9th May.

1412 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1976 AND I.P.A. SEMINAR THEREON - 21/4/1977:

Deputy Molloy stated that a number of questions arose with regard to the manner in which the declaration under Section 32 of the 1976 Act should be completed by Members.

The Co. Manager stated that as the law stands, this is a new obligation which is imposed on Members and officials and which has to be completed and returned to the Council by the 11th April. He stated that Members and officials are not answerable to the County Council for failure to comply with Section 32 but to the law. He felt that if any Members or officials have any difficulties about the matter, they should get their own legal opinion on it as it is a personal obligation.

Deputy Callanan stated that each Member should get advice from his own solicitor on the matter.

Replying to Cllr. Glynn, the Co. Manager stated that the Council would not be responsible for payment of any legal costs incurred by Members in getting advice as to how they should comply with Section 32 of the Act.

It was agreed that a circular would be issued to Members giving particulars of the seminar on the 1976 Act to be held in Galway on the 21st April and that each Member would be asked in the circular to indicate whether or not he proposed attending the seminar.

1413 - INTERANTIONAL FEDERATION FOR HOUSING AND PLANNING - CONGRESS AT GENEVA, 5th to 10th SEPTEMBER, 1977:

The Co. Manager drew the attention of Members to Circular G.2/77 dated 25th Feb., 1977 from the Department of Local Government stressing the desirability in the present economic climate of keeping attendances at all conferences, meetings and seminars etc., whether at home or abroad to the absolute minimum consistent with necessity particularly on occasions where the venue for the conference is at a distant location or where the costs involved are high. He stated that the estimated cost per member of attending the congress at Geneva is £50.

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Cllr. Joyce and resolved -  
"That the Council send three Members to the Congress at Geneva."

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Cllr. Joyce that Cllrs. Haverty and Welby be appointed to attend the congress. This was agreed and the Chairman declared them appointed.

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan and seconded by Senator Mannion that Cllr. Kilgannon be appointed to attend the congress.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ruane and seconded by Cllr. Kelly that Cllr. Glynn be appointed to attend the congress.

A vote taken on the latter proposals resulted as follows:-

For Cllr. Glynn - Cllrs. Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Cllrs. S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, Flaherty, Glynn, Holland, Deputy Hussey, Cllrs. Joyce, Kelly, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Cllr. J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Cllrs. O'Morain, Raftery, Ruane, and Welby (18)

For Cllr. Kilgannon - Cllrs. Burke, Byrne, Deputy Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Cllrs. Galvin, Haverty, Kilgannon, McCormack, Senator Mannion, Cllr. Ryan. (10)

The Chairman declared Cllr. Glynn appointed to attend the congress.

1414 - CONDITIONS IN PORTLAOISE PRISON:

It was proposed by Councillor Glynn and seconded by Councillor Morgan -

"That this County Council call on the Government to hold a public enquiry into inhuman conditions in Portlaoise jail."

Deputy Coogan stated that he was proposing a direct negative to Cllr. Glynn's proposal. Councillor McCormack seconded Deputy Coogan's proposal.

The Chairman stated that if Cllr. Glynn would agree to delete the words "public" and "inhuman" from the motion, it might get a certain measure of support from the Council.

Cllr. Glynn stated that he was not willing to have the motion amended as suggested by the Chairman.

Senator Killilea then proposed that Cllr. Glynn's resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Justice for his observations. Deputy Molloy seconded Senator Killilea's proposal.

After a further discussion, Cllr. Glynn stated that he would withdraw the word "inhuman" from his motion as it might be taken as prejudging the issue.

Senator Killilea stated then that he would withdraw his amendment.

The Chairman then directed that a vote be taken for or against Cllr. Glynn's proposal. The vote taken resulted as follows:-

For: Cllr. Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Cllrs. Fahey, Flaherty, Glynn, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Cllr. Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Cllr. J. Molloy, Deputy Molloy, Cllrs. Morgan, O'Morain, Raftery, Ruane and Welby (17).

Against: Cllrs. Burke, Byrne, Deputy Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Cllrs. Galvin, Holland, Kelly, Kilgannon, McCormack, Senator Mannion, Cllr. Ryan (11)

The Chairman declared Cllr. Glynn's proposal, as amended, carried.

1415 - EXTENSION OF TUAM SEWERAGE TO SERVE AIRCLOONEY:

In reply to Senator Killilea's proposal, the Co. Secretary stated that a preliminary report is at present being prepared for the improvement of the Tuam Sewerage Scheme and that Senator Killilea's proposal will be considered in conjunction with the improvement scheme. Cllr. Kelly supporting Senator Killilea's proposal stated that there was not a nuisance arising from raw sewage in the area.

1416 - IMPROVEMENTS TO HOUSES AT GILMARTIN ROAD, TUAM:

Replying to Senator Killilea's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that these houses were provided by Tuam Town Commissioners and that the only assistance which the Council could give would be to the occupiers of houses being purchased who may qualify for grants and loans.

1417 - TAXI RANK AT THE SQUARE, TUAM:

In reply to Senator Killilea's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that this proposal is under consideration in conjunction with an overall examination of the traffic situation in Tuam.

1418 - ESTABLISHMENT OF WESTERN DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

Cllr. Fahey proposed that the Council condemn the Government for its failure to establish the Western Development Board as outlined in the policy document two years ago. He stated that there had been no consultation about the setting up of this authority. He felt that there were already enough structures to look after development in the western areas.

Deputy Molloy seconded this proposal.

Cllr. McCormack opposed Cllr. Fahey's motion and assured him that the board would be set up soon and that much of the necessary investigation has already been carried out.

Cllr. Kilgannon supported Cllr. McCormack and stated that there was a contradiction in Cllr. Fahey's proposal and stated that the setting up of an authority of this nature required fairly extensive investigation.

A vote taken on Cllr. Fahey's proposal resulted as follows:

For: Deputy Callanan, Cllrs. Fahey, Flaherty, Glynn, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Cllr. Joyce, Deputy Kitt, Deputy Molloy, Cllrs. O'Morsain, Ruane, (11)

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The Chairman declared Cllr. Fahey's motion carried.

1419 - PUMP AT CARTRON, KINVARA:

Replying to Cllr. Fahey's motion the County Secretary stated that he understood that the demand for water at Cartron was for stock and that it would entail a half mile of piping to provide the supply. He stated also that there were no proposals on hand at the moment for carrying out this extension.

Cllr. Fahey stated that when the Council changed the source for Kinvara water supply they took away a supply of water which was available for stock at this location and he asked that it be restored.

Cllr. Byrne supported Cllr. Fahey.

The Co. Secretary stated that the matter would be investigated further.

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Replying to Cllr. Fahey's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that it would cost £400 to restore this playground and that no provision had been made for this in the estimates.

Cllr. Fahey stated that very little expenditure would be required to effect an improvement in this playground and he asked that the matter be further examined.

Cllr. Morgan supported Cllr. Fahey's proposal.

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In reply to Cllr. Kelly's motion, Mr. Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager stated that there are no structural defects in the houses in question but that there are some minor problems regarding condensation which are the subject of investigations which are at present continuing.

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In reply to Deputy Molloy's motion, the Co. Secretary read the following report:

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1428 - LIGHT ON STEPS BETWEEN HULK STREET AND RAILWAY VIEW, CLIFDEN:

Replying to Cllr. Bartley's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that a light at this point would be erected during the present financial year.

1429 - ROADSIDE DRAIN AT DOORAS, CORNAMONA:

In reply to Cllr. Bartley's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that this drain is primarily for land drainage and is not part of the road drainage system, that about 1973 a short section of the drain was piped outside Varley's gateway to obviate danger to the Varley children. He stated that further piping of this drain is outside the statutory obligations of the Council.

Deputy Molloy stated that this drain is a danger to children, some of whom had fallen into it. He considered that the Council should fill it in.

Cllr. O'Morain supported Deputy Molloy.

Mr. Dunne stated that it was not the responsibility of the Council to do this work and Deputy Molloy suggested that as the Council had already done part of the work they should complete it.

After a further discussion, Mr. Dunne stated that he would examine the matter again.

1430 - CASHEL CEMETERY:

In reply to Cllr. O'Morain's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that the land adjoining the existing burial ground at Cashel is not suitable for burial, that in May, 1975, a trial hole was flooded to a depth of 6'3" and others averaged 1' of water after a period of three weeks without rain. Further trial holes were dug in October, 1976 and the next day the holes were full of water for a depth of 3'6" and on the following day were completely full. He stated also that the cost of the provision of a suitable roadway to the extension would be £10,000 and that because of a steep gradient for almost half its length would not be negotiable by ordinary mechanical vehicles. He stated also that the only alternative to the proposal is to provide a new cemetery which was suggested for Derryadd West.

Cllr. O'Morain stated that if there is such a steep gradient as is referred to it should be possible to drain the burial ground and he asked that a report on this aspect of the matter be prepared and submitted to the Council.

Mr. Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager stated that even if it was found to be possible to drain the site, the cost would be completely uneconomic and that the only solution is an alternative site for a burial ground.

1431 - ACQUISITION OF RURAL SITES BY C.P.O.:

Proposing his motion, Cllr. O'Morain referred to the difficulties regarding title which arise in many sites in rural areas and he suggested that to overcome this difficulty a Compulsory Order be made to enable the Council acquire title.

Mr. Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager stated that the matter is being taken up with the solicitors for owners where difficulties regarding title have arisen and subject to agreement with the solicitors, it is proposed to make Compulsory Purchase Orders in order to acquire title.

1432 - GRANT FOR A BALL ALLEY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE AT ANNAGHDOWN:

In the absence of the Councillors in whose names this motion stood, it was agreed that a reply would be sent to them in writing.

1433 - COSTELLO REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Replying to Cllr. Flaherty's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that the Council had made an offer covering all points involved in negotiations to the Costello and Fermoy Fisheries Company. The solicitors acting for the company have stated that

discussions are taking place and that they will inform the Council as soon as possible of the outcome of these discussions.

Cllr. Flaherty stated that he has been getting the same reply to motions regarding this scheme for years and he complained that Councillors were never asked to take part in the discussions.

Mr. Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager stated that the Council has made a final offer to the fishery owners and they will be asked to give a definite answer to it within a very short time.

Deputy Molloy stated that nothing was heard about the scheme until it was raised by a Member and he requested that the officials make a special effort to bring the matter to a speedy conclusion.

Mr. Stewart stated that he will keep the Members informed with regard to progress on the negotiations.

1434 - RAISING OF ROAD NEAR RADIO NA GAELTACHTA AT CASHLA:

In reply to Cllr. Flaherty's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that the estimated cost of carrying out the work involved is £1,500 and that no provision had been made in the 1977 estimates for this work.

Cllr. Flaherty stated that the road has subsided here and it was an urgent matter to have it raised.

Deputy Molloy stated that he assumed that there must be some emergency fund established for work of this nature and he asked that the matter be further investigated.

1435 - FOOTPATH AT CNOG NA H-AILLE, INDRABHAIN:

In reply to Cllr. Flaherty's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that no provision had been made in the 1977 estimates for this work.

Cllr. Flaherty stressed the importance of providing this footpath for the safety of children using the road.

1436 - RECOUPMENT OF EXPENSES TO CARETAKER OF EYRECOURT COURTHOUSE:

Replying to Cllr. Joyce's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that the caretaker had been written to asking him to give particulars of the expenses he had incurred and he wished recouped from the Co. Council.

1437 - FOOTPATHS IN KILTORMER:

In reply to Cllr. Joyce's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that footpath reconstruction will commence in Kiltormer in April or May, depending on weather conditions.

1438 - PROPOSED FEDERATION OF PORTIUNCULA HOSPITAL BALLINASLOE AND ROSCOMMON CO. HOSPITAL:

It was agreed that the proposal of Cllr. Kilgannon (No. 30 on the Agenda) be considered in conjunction with that proposed by Cllrs. Joyce, Galvin, Deputies Kitt and Callanan (No. 44 on the Agenda).

After discussion, both resolutions were passed unanimously.

1439 - GRANGE GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

In reply to Deputy Donnellan's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that some time ago the Council acquired the right to abstract water for a public scheme from a source at Ballymote but that the Council did not have any authority to give permission to the group to take water from this source as the Council's powers were limited to taking a supply for the Tuam Water Supply Improvement Scheme.

Deputy Donnellan asked that the group be given permission to connect with the improvement scheme when it is provided.

1440 - HEADFORD HOUSING SCHEME:

Referring to Deputy Donnellan's motion, Mr. Stewart stated that the contractor originally selected could not obtain a bond and the next lowest tenderer has now



been asked to supply a bond and he expected that he would be able to obtain one very soon.

Deputies Donnellan, Callanan and Cllr. McCormack asked that they be notified when work starts on the scheme.

1441 - REMOVAL OF WATER PUMP AT ARDSKEAGHBEG:

Replying to Deputy Donnellan's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that while it would be desirable to resite the pump and improve the junction, there are at present no plans for such improvement.

Deputy Donnellan stated that he could not understand why the Council could not remove it. He considered it an urgent matter and he asked that the matter be again examined.

1442 - FREE LIBRARY SERVICES FOR OLD AGE PENSIONERS AND D.P.M.A. RECIPIENTS:

In reply to Deputy Hussey's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that there is no objection to this proposal and that if old age pensioners and D.P.M.A. recipients produce evidence of entitlement, they will be given free library services by the local librarian.

1443 - REMOVAL OF FENCE AT KILKERRIN ROAD, GLENAMADDY:

In reply to Deputy Hussey's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that this work is considered desirable and will be attended to subject to appropriate arrangements being made with the landowners involved.

1444 - CAPPAMORE PUMP, KINVARA:

In reply to Cllr. Byrne's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that the usual procedure is that a group scheme is formed and that a request is then received from the Dept. of Local Government to have quality and quantity tests carried out by the Council. No request has been received in relation to Cappamore pump so far.

1445 - PROVISION OF LITTER BINS AT CLARENBRIDGE:

In reply to Cllr. Byrne's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that arrangements are being made to provide additional bins in Clarenbridge.

1446 - EXTENSION OF FOOTPATH FROM CONVENT SCHOOL, CLARENBRIDGE TO STRADBALLY ROAD:

In reply to Cllr. Byrne's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that this proposal will be considered for the estimates for 1978.

1447 - GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES - ADDITIONAL GRANT OF £200 FOR EACH PARCEL OF LAND:

In proposing his motion, Cllr. Morgan stated that it happens that a man may have a divided holding but that at present he qualifies for only one grant. It was agreed that Cllr. Morgan's resolution be forwarded to the Department of Local Government.

1448 - DECLARATION OF ROADS IN LOUGHREA TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

In reply to Cllr. Morgan's motion, the Co. Secretary stated that it is proposed to declare public the roads at the Pollroebuck Council Estate after the roads serving the estate have been completed. In the meantime they are being maintained either by the contractors under the Maintenance Clause of the contract or by the Co. Council as estate roads. With regard to the Beech Grove and Beech Park Roads, it is proposed to declare these public roads after the developer has attended to certain deficiencies in regard to open space, road surfaces and footpaths.

Cllr. Morgan stated that he was not satisfied to have the roads in the Council's estate maintained either by the contractor or as housing estate roads and he asked that they be included in the next list of roads for adoption as public roads.

1449 - REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS BENDS:

In reply to Cllr. Morgan's motion, the Co. Secretary read the following report:

"Advance land acquisition is undertaken in all cases where there is a prospect of funds becoming available for improvement works. The provision of new fences is an expensive undertaking and normally such fences are provided out of the funds allocated towards the improvement works. It is not considered desirable to undertake on a large scale the alteration of fences in advance of the full improvement works as this in many cases could render the situation more dangerous than before. Where the removal of fences to provide extra sight distances is necessary as an end in itself, such work is undertaken subject to availability of funds. It is unlikely in the near future that funds for the improvement of the Craughwell/Athenry Road will be made available and it is not proposed to adopt the policy suggested in regard to this road."

Cllr. Morgan asked that a further examination be carried out of the area on the Craughwell side of the Craughwell/Athenry road where extensive development has taken place.

At this stage the Chairman declared the meeting closed and directed that replies be sent to the Councillors who submitted the remaining motions on the Agenda which had not been dealt with.

Submitted, Approved and Confirmed.

Tom Hussey  
Chairman

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Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 25u la Aibreain, 1977, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

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

A G E N D A

1. Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:  
"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the County Manager be directed to grant outline permission to Tim Molloy for erection of house at Derrymoyle, Oughterard - Planning Ref. No. 24206".  
Thomas Welby, Sen J. Mannion, G. Bartley.
2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Damage Decrees.
4. Fix date of Annual Meeting.
5. Annual Conference of County Councils' General Council.
6. Amenity Grants - Report and proposals for 1977 herewith.
7. Guaranteed Public Telephones - report herewith.
8. Publication of list of planning applications under Article 24 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 1977.
9. Relief of Domestic Rates - copy of Circular FIN.6/77 dated 5 Aibreain, 1977 from Department of Local Government herewith.
10. Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme - report of Assistant Co. Manager herewith.
11. Raising of loan of £84,000 to finance scheme of grants for installation of water and sewerage facilities in private houses.
12. Seminar for elected members of local authorities.
13. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

A. Adjourned from 28/ 3/1977.

14. Councillor H. Melvin: I will propose -  
That immediate steps be taken to reduce the traffic hazard for traffic approaching Oramore from the Dublin Road - improvements to include resurfacing with granite chipping, relocation of the speed limits further out from the village and erection of advance warning notices.
  15. Councillor U. Burke: I will propose -
    - (a) That this Council pipe the short section of roadside river at the entrance to Mullagh National School, Loughrea, as it is very dangerous to the school-going children.
    - (b) That this Council make a pedestrian walk or gravel path along the roadside margin on the Portumna/Woodford Road from the junction at the Tynagh Road to the Council houses on the Woodford Road, in the absence of funds for the immediate provision of a footpath there.
    - (c) That this Council change its policy in relation to costs and charges demanded, and more often its refusal, to carry out work on road culverts, especially where only minor drainage works are in progress.
  16. Deputy M. P. Kitt: I will propose -
    - (a) That Galway County Council give formal approval to the design drawings submitted to them by the Department of Local Government for the Castlegar/Lissyegan and Creggaun/Keaves Group Water Schemes.
    - (b) That Galway County Council approach County Galway Vocational Education Committee with a view to obtaining from them a large tank to give a supply of water to the people of Castlegar, Mountbellew, Ballinasloe.
  17. Deputy M. P. Kitt and Councillor P. Raftery: We will propose -  
That Galway Co. Council proceed with the public lighting programme at Killasolan National School and at Toghergar Church as soon as possible.
  18. Councillor M. J. Kilgannon: I will propose -
    - (a) That Galway Co. Council take adequate steps to ensure that the mass parking by travelling traders on old western exit road from Aughrim Village does not recur as considerable distress and annoyance has been caused repeatedly to residents and landowners on this road.
    - (b) That Galway Co. Council develop the two dangerous bends on the Ballyfa/Raford Road immediately on either side of the Clonshecahill Village junction. The bend on the west side has been the scene of numerous accidents.
  19. Councillors T. Welby and S. Donnellan: We will propose -  
That the Galway Co. Council request the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to provide a public telephone kiosk at Collinamuck and that the Council give the required guarantees.
  20. Councillor M. Kelly: I will propose -
    - (a) To ask the Manager that in the event of the roads not being ready to be taken over in the three estates in Tuam, that he make special temporary arrangements to have the electricity supply connected on and from April 1st next.
    - (b) I will propose to ask the Manager to obtain special permission from the Minister to have the booster water pump installed to boost supply at Belsir Drive, Tuam.
- B. Additional Notices of Motion.
21. Deputy T. Hussey: I will propose -  
That the sewerage scheme at Mountbellew be extended to Kilgannons' Gate, Newtown.

22. Deputy J. Donnellan: I will propose -
- That a speed limit be erected at Abbeyknockmoy, Tuam.
  - That Galway Co. Council widen the road opposite the football pitch at Headford, Co. Galway.
  - That Galway Co. Council buy land adjoining Corrandulla graveyard as this graveyard needs to be extended.
23. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
- That the design of the proposed sewerage scheme at Oranmore, Co. Galway be finalised as soon as possible.
  - That a report be given on the proposal to provide improved landing facilities at the Clarenbridge oyster fishery.
  - That provision be made in the 1978 estimates for the deepening of the stream at the rear of Peeler's Roe, Clifden.
24. Senator M. Killilea: I will propose -
- That the booster pump be installed to augment the water supply to the northern part of Tuam, Ballygaddy Rd. etc. areas, and that it, as promised previously, be installed immediately.
  - That the wall on Gerard Walsh's land at Beaghmore, Belclare, Tuam be repaired immediately as it was knocked by vehicles on the public road by it. It is also very dangerous to children and traffic.
25. Councillor G. Bartley: I will propose -
- That wall be repaired on the old graveyard at Ballinafad, Recess, that kerb be laid on road through new graveyard and a wicket gate be provided at entrance to same, that road from main road be widened, blacktopped and turn-table be made larger.
  - That the Gleninaga Road, Connemara, Co. Galway be adopted by Galway Co. Council as a public road.
  - That Galway Co. Council request the Department for Posts & Telegraphs to provide a public telephone kiosk at Deire Bho Riada, Recess.
26. An Comhairleoir M. O Flatharta:
- Ce'n data tratuil gur feidir fograí poiblí do'n Udaras Pleanála a foilsíu sa bpaipéar seachtuail "Amarach".
  - Ce mead galun uisce sa lo a bheas dha usaid i gcoir deanamh an leic-oigre ag ceibh Rosabhil.
  - Molaim an trucaill bruscair a theigheann go dtí na h-oileáin a usaid le bruscair a bailiú ag an Druim, Tra Bhain, agus Tír an Fiaidh.
27. Councillor P. McCormack: I will ask -
- That the refuse collection lorry would collect refuse from the houses on the Cappagh and Ballamoneen roads, Barna.
  - That the County Council would assist in the provision of a bridge across the Clare river to land at Pollinone, Cummer (where there is now a footbridge).
  - That the five bad turns on the road from Castlegar to Ballindoolley be eased by the County Council. This road is used by the Mervue Renmore traffic going to the Co. Council dump.
28. Councillor F. Glynn: I will propose -
- That only land valuations of land adjacent to or served by a road be noted for calculating L.I.S. contributions.
29. Councillor T. Byrne: I will propose -
- That provision be made in forthcoming estimates for the provision of a new cemetery at Maree, Oranmore.
  - That a pedestrian crossing be provided on the south side of the centre road junction at Oranmore preferably near the entrance to the Convent grounds.
  - That this Council supports the demands of fishermen in the Clarenbridge sea area for the improvement of local quays and the securing of rights to the world famous oyster beds.

30. Senator J. M. Mannion: I will propose -
- That the bend at the Hotel of the Isles, Lettermullen be removed.
  - That Cornamona Water Supply be extended to cater for Dooras, Cornamona.
31. Councillor P. Ruane: I will propose -
- That the public lights listed in the estimates for 1977 be erected as soon as possible in Turloughmore (3 lights), Lackagh Church (1 light) Annaghdown Church (2 lights) and Corner Chapel, Headford (1 light).
  - That £6,000 of public funds be granted towards the new community centre at Claregalway.
  - I propose that money be made available in the 1978 estimates towards the widening of the road from Christy O'Meara's shop to Carnmore cross.
32. Councillor H. Melvin: I will propose -
- That the banks of clay be removed on both sides of the road from the Community Hall to the village of Ballindereen.
  - That steps be taken to prevent the flooding of the road and O'Malley's house at Oranmorebeg, Oranmore.
33. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -
- That when next roadside fencing is required in the Loughrea area, that the present concrete post and rail fence be removed from around The Green Public Park, Loughrea, and same be replaced by concrete bollards, spaced so as not to allow vehicles to be driven onto the grass.
  - To put an end to the unfair situation whereby there are still many householders, who, while they must pay house rates every year, are still without a public road, I propose that a N.O.M. figure of £5,000 per Councillor be included in the 1978 estimates. Having regard that L.I.S. Grants can take several years and land-owners are expected to pay under L.I.S. for link roads, even though in many cases hundreds who live outside the area use the link roads but are asked to pay nothing.
  - That Galway Co. Council finally decide to build a public toilet at (i) The Square, Portumna, (ii) over the river beside the public park, Bridge Street, Athenry (iii) The Square, Gort (iv) over the river, Bride St., Loughrea (v) The Long Point, Loughrea, and that the plans for same be drawn up without delay, and that should any of the towns mentioned be willing to contribute 20% of the cost, that the Council would raise the balance and build such toilet without delay.
34. An Comhairleoir M. O'Morain: I will propose that -
- That Galway Co. Council do all that is in their power to correct the industrial backwardness of Rosmuc and Carna by (a) fix the roads (b) supply water (c) make lands available for sites for advance factories.
  - That a full development plan and advance projection of requirements of the Ros a Mhíl area be prepared.
  - That the Council get a report re signposting in the county and tuairisg ar leith ar staid na Gaeltachta.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES.

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree inclusive of costs
Salthill Hotel, Salthill.	Damage to hotel by bomb explosion.	Borough of Galway	£200,000	£82,629.87
Oceanic Services Ltd., Cross Street, Galway.	Damage to mooring ropes and fender ropes.	E.D. Inishmore.	£187.80	£199.00

PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR ASSISTANCE, 1977

<u>APPLICANT BODY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
(1) Annaghdown Community Council	£1,000
(2) Barna Co-op Ltd.	£750
(3) Kilconly Community Council	£750
(4) Killrerin Community Council	£750
(5) Killimor Community Council	£750
(6) Kiltulla Sports Centre	£500
(7) Milltown Development Association	£500
(8) Nonivea Development Association	£1,250
(9) Oughterard Community Centre Ltd.	£2,500
(10) Temperance Hall Committee, Loughrea	£2,500
(11) St. Grellan's Community Council	£500 (maximum)
(12) Unallocated	£555
	£12,305

SCHEMES DEFERRED

<u>APPLICANT BODY</u>	<u>REASON</u>
(1) Athenry Development Centre	To be considered in 1978.
(2) Claran Ower Community Centre	To be considered in 1978.
(3) Cloughanower Social Club	To be considered in 1978.
(4) Convent of Mercy, Woodford	Private development.
(5) Eyrecourt Community Council	To be considered in 1978.
(6) Kinvara Community Council	To be considered in 1978.
(7) Kiltormer Community Council	To be considered in 1978.
(8) Boula Hall Committee	To be considered in 1978.
(9) Rory O'Connor Park	To be considered in 1978.

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March 1977



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The provision of guaranteed kiosks was discussed at a meeting of the Council in September last and has been the subject of correspondence with the Department. The question of the imposition of special financial conditions in the case of installations requiring abnormally long linework was raised at the meeting. At present the guarantee figure applied in the case of guaranteed kiosks generally is about £300 and this is the figure which the Department will apply in the vast majority of requests for guaranteed kiosks, including cases where quite substantial linework costs would be involved. However, there may be individual cases where abnormally heavy linework costs would be involved and the Department would consider each such case on its merits to determine if a higher guarantee figure would need to be sought.

The Department will be glad to consider any further request from the Council for the provision of guaranteed kiosks in the Galway area.

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*S. Keating*

Secretary  
Galway Co. Council  
County Buildings  
Galway

of £300 per kiosk per annum. The amount of guarantee now required being a minimum

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
GALWAY.

19th April, 1977.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

Re: Guaranteed Public Telephones

On the invitation of the Council, Mr. S. Beausang and Mr. J. O'Connor of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs attended a meeting of the Council on the 27th September, 1976 to explain the policy of that Department concerning telephones in rural areas. The following is an extract from the statement made by Mr. Beausang at that meeting:

"Generally, the cost of a kiosk in a rural area is approximately £800 including the line work but in some areas the cost may be considerably more 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 approximately £4,500 and in such a case, the guarantee needed would be for a greater sum. It is 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."

At that meeting, Mr. Beausang informed members that he could not then give an estimate of the amount of guarantee which would be required where the cost of provision of a kiosk would be approximately £4,000 to £4,500 but he agreed to give some indication of the amount later. Copy of his letter dated March, 1977 is now enclosed.

Proposals have been made for provision of guaranteed telephone kiosks at the following 19 locations:

Doonreaghan, Cashel	Peterswell	Nogra (Kinvara)
Annaghdown, Corrandulla	Loughgeorge	Maree (Oranmore)
Loughwell, Moycullen	Gleniommurrian	Brackloon, (Dunmore)
Bullaun, Loughrea	Kilbeacanty	Collinamuck
Derryvoreeds, Recess	Shanaglish	Shanafestín (Connemara)
Caherteamore	Tierneevan	
Gurtymadden	Moyglass	

When this matter was under discussion by the Council, members mentioned that there were areas other than those specifically referred to at Council meetings where similar facilities are required. Assuming that it was decided that, say 50 such kiosks are required, this would involve the Council in guaranteeing a minimum revenue of £15,000 per annum - the amount of guarantee now required being a minimum of £300 per kiosk per annum.

The Council has not decided if it should operate the scheme suggested by the Department of Posts & Telegraphs and no provision has been made for it in the current year's estimates. If it is decided to implement the scheme, it is recommended that not more than one kiosk be provided in each electoral area and that no others be provided until at least 12 months has elapsed by which time the experience gained would be useful in deciding whether to extend the scheme to other areas.

Mise, le meas,

S. Keating.

COUNTY MANAGER.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
GALWAY.

18th April, 1977.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

Re: Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme

A very comprehensive and detailed Preliminary Report has been drawn up by the Council's consulting engineers, Messrs. P. J. Tobin & Co. in consultation with the County Engineer and his staff. This scheme will cater for the future requirements of Loughrea town and will also accommodate a piped supply to a very large rural area. The Scheme has been sub-divided so that it can be constructed in phases. The areas sub-divided are referred to as zones. These are as follows:

- Zone No. 1: Loughrea town - north as far as Attymon and south as far as Castledaly including the Kilchreest area.
- Zone No. 2: Caters for the Kilnadeema area.
- Zone No. 3: The western area including Craughwell.
- Zone No. 4: The eastern area to within approximately 3 miles of Killimor.
- Zone No. 5: The south-eastern area including Duniry.
- Zone No. 6: The northern area including Kiltulla.

Estimated Demand

It is estimated that the water requirements for the above zones will be as follows:

Loughrea town	-	900,000 gallons per day
Rural areas including agricultural demand	-	1,800,000 gallons per day
Total	-	2,700,000 gallons per day

The proposed source of supply is Loughrea lake. The water source is also a very valuable amenity and fishing lake. It is imperative that no detrimental effects will result from the proposed extraction. It will therefore be necessary for the Council to have discussions with the various interested bodies to waylay any fears which they may have in relation to the extraction. It is, of course, necessary for the Council to make a Water Rights Order in respect of their proposal.

Phases

As mentioned, the scheme will be constructed in phases and it is envisaged that the distribution system proposed for the rural area will be undertaken by means of group schemes. Phase 1 of the scheme will involve the construction of the following sections which will cater for the ultimate scheme:

- (a) impounding dam
- (b) intake works
- (c) pumping station
- (d) rising main

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- (e) main balancing tank
- (f) treatment works and main storage reservoir at Mountpleasant
- (g) provision of reservoir at Masonbrook to cater for Zone 2.

The estimated cost of Phase 1 as detailed above is now estimated at £750,000.

Phase 2.

This will involve the construction of four service reservoirs to cater for Zones 3 - 6 respectively and the provision of the necessary pipelines thereto. The estimated cost of Phase 2 is approximately £900,000. As mentioned, it is anticipated that the distribution system will be undertaken by means of the group scheme movement which at present is being strongly organised in the area.

Planning Procedures

The normal procedure to be undertaken in respect of the provision of such schemes:- Initially the Preliminary Report is submitted to the Department of Local Government for its approval. When approval is obtained the Council would then proceed to make a Water Rights Order in respect of the abstraction and would give due notice of its proposal and make available all details in respect of the Order. When the above matters have been cleared, the Council would prepare the necessary contract documents and on approval the schemes would then be prepared for advertising for tender. It should be noted that the necessary capital in respect of the construction would at this stage have been cleared by the Department of Local Government.

In relation to the time-scale involved in the above procedure, it is difficult to give any accurate assessment because of the fact that a Water Rights Order has to be made in this instance. This could involve objections which would result in an enquiry, or alternatively, negotiations may be concluded without having to go through the above motions. In any event, it is difficult, as stated, to make any accurate assessment of the time-scale involved in this instance.

In relation to the group scheme development, as referred to, it is anticipated that the distribution system will be undertaken by the group scheme movement and every effort will be made to encourage group scheme developments which tie in with the regional proposal as prepared by the Council's consulting engineer. As is normal with the group designs, they are first submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval after which Council's observations on the design are then requested. To date, the group scheme designed has not yet been submitted to the Council and in assessing any submission, it would be necessary to take into account that the question of the source has not yet been resolved. The Council would not be in a position to approve of this scheme until such time as the necessary Water Rights Order has been cleared.

It has been noted that recent reports indicate that construction work on this scheme is likely to start in the current summer but I must point out that whereas it is gratifying to note that the design of the group scheme has reached an advanced stage, nevertheless, the Council's approval can not be forthcoming until such time as the steps referred to above have been cleared and these basically are as follows:

- (a) the Preliminary Report must be approved by the Department of Local Government.
- (b) the necessary Water Rights Order must be obtained
- (c) the necessary finance for the construction of the 1st phase of the scheme must be forthcoming before a supply can be made available to the group system.

*J. Stewart*  
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Asst. Co. Manager.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25th APRIL, 1977.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Mussey.

Also Present:

Members

- As recorded in Attendance Book.  
Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne  
Deputies J. Callanan, T. Coogan, J. Donnellan,  
Councillors F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin,  
F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce  
M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. P. Kitt,  
Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion  
Councillor H. Melvin, Deputy R. Molloy,  
Councillors N. Moran, 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; T. O'Neill and D. Barrett, Senior  
Staff Officers; C. Lynch, County Development  
Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer;  
J. Eirne, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer;  
and E. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1450 - Death of His Eminence William Cardinal Conway.

The Chairman stated that before formally opening the business of the Meeting, he wished to propose that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Most Rev. Dr. Lenny, Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh, on the death of the late Cardinal Conway. He expressed regret at his untimely death and paid tribute to his work for peace and for the Church in Ireland. He also proposed that the Council adjourn for a time as a mark of respect.

Senator Mannion seconded the proposals and other Members of the Council joined in the expression of sympathy and in the tributes paid to the late Cardinal by the Chairman.

The County Manager also expressed sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff of the Council.

The meeting then adjourned for a time.

When the meeting resumed the Council, on the proposition of the Chairman, expressed sympathy with Miss Geraldine Bowens, County Buildings on the death of her brother, and with Mr. B. Kennedy, County Buildings on the death of his father.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:-

Martin and Mrs. Flaherty, Ardnagrove, Kinvara;  
Mr. Paddy Kenny, Mountbellow, Ballinasloe;  
Mr. John O'Toole, Lisoughter Recess;  
Mrs. Molly Sheerin, Currane, Oranmore;

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas O'Malley, Doire Iorrais, Rosmuc;  
Muintir Uí Cheannabhain, An Corrain, An Aird Mhoir, Cill Chiarain.

1451 - RESIGNATION OF MR. M. J. DUNNE, DEPUTY COUNTY ENGINEER:

The Chairman extended congratulations to Mr. M. J. Dunne, on his appointment as County Engineer for County Kildare, and he expressed his regret at Mr. Dunne's departure from Galway. He paid tribute to Mr. Dunne's courtesy at all times, to his professional competence, and he expressed appreciation of all the work he had done for County Galway since his appointment to the staff of the Council in 1958.

The other Members of the Council present also paid tribute to Mr. Dunne's efficiency and courtesy and expressed their good wishes to him on his promotion to the post of County Engineer in

County Kildare.

The County Manager also joined in the tributes paid by Members to Mr. Dunne and expressed his good wishes to him and to his family on his promotion.

Mr. Dunne expressed his thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for the tributes paid to him and he also thanked the County Manager and Staff of the Council for their co-operation with him since his appointment to the Staff of the Council.

1452 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955:

It was proposed by Councillor Welby and seconded by Senator Mannion "that in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the County Manager be directed to grant outline permission to Tim Molloy for erection of house at Durrymoyle, Oughterard - Planning Reference No. 24206".

The County Manager stated that the application had been received only recently and was not yet processed. He stated also that it was not properly presented but that he hopes there would not be much difficulty about granting permission when the necessary requirements are complied with.

As there was no amendment the Chairman declared the proposal carried.

1453 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy Donnellan, the Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd March, 1977 (Nos. 1392 - 1449 inclusive) were approved and were then signed by the Chairman.

1454 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as set out in the schedule to No. 3 on the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

Regarding the Decree in relation to the Salthill Hotel Ltd., the County Manager stated that the cost of this Decree would be borne by the State.

1455 - DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL:

The County Manager stated that this meeting is to be held not more than 14 days before or after the anniversary of the first annual meeting, i.e. 2nd July.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting for 1977 would be held on Monday, 27th June, which is the date of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting.

1456 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

The County Manager informed the Council that the second annual conference of the County Councils' General Council will be held at the Ballymascannon Hotel, Dundalk, from 2nd - 5th June, 1977, and that resolutions for the conference should be sent to the Secretary of the County Councils' General Council not later than 2nd May.

1457 - AMENITY GRANTS:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the allocation of Amenity Grants as set out in the report circulated to each Member of the Council.

Councillor Kilgannon asked that the grant of £1,250 allocated to Monivva be increased to £2,000, and that further consideration be given for further grants later when submissions are made by the group.

Councillor Fahey expressed appreciation for the grant of £500 for Kiltulla Sports Centre but he asked that the clause in the report

suggesting that no grant be paid for 1978 be omitted. He stated that an extension to the Community Hall proposed will cost £3,500. He asked that the Council consider an application for a further grant in 1978.

Deputy Callanan supported Councillor Fahy's proposal and expressed appreciation for the grant of £500 proposed for St. Gallan's Community Council, Ballinasloe.

Deputy Kitt also supported Councillor Fahy's proposal regarding Kiltulla, and also Councillor Kilgannon's proposal regarding Monivea.

Councillor Flaherty asked that consideration be given to payment of a grant for a football pitch at Inverin in 1978.

Councillor Burke also asked that Kiltulla be considered for a further grant in 1978, and with regard to the scheme at the Convent School in Woodford he asked that this be further examined as the facilities are used by the public at large. He also asked if a grant could be made available for the G.A.A. pitch in Loughrea.

Councillor Glynn congratulated the County Development Officer on the report he presented to the Members and he expressed regret that additional money had not been provided in the current year for amenity grants. He stated that the Minister should be asked for an allocation of money from State funds for amenities. Councillor Glynn also referred to the clause recommending that no grant be made in 1978 for Kiltulla, and to a similar clause in relation to Milltown and he asked that these should be deleted and that further proposals from both areas should be examined. Councillor Kelly and other Members also congratulated the County Development Officer on the report presented.

Councillor Galvin expressed his appreciation of the allocation for St. Gallan's Community Council and paid tribute to the work being done by the local promoters of the project who raised a total of £6,000.

Councillor Byrne stated that good work is being done under the Amenity Grants Scheme and that he would favour providing a sum equal to 5p. in the £ for amenity grants for 1978.

Councillor Haverly asked if it would be possible to give any increase in the grant allocated for Killimor and he also asked if the Council could ensure that facilities provided with the aid of grants are made available to the public in general.

Councillor Morgan stated that much larger sum should have been allocated to Loughrea which is entitled to a much greater amount having regard to the sums allotted for various amenities to Ballinasloe and Tuam.

Councillor Kelly asked that a grant be made available this year to the King Rory O'Connor Museum in Tuam.

Councillor O'Morain asked if it was intended giving further assistance to the Clonbur Community Hall project, the committee for which was organising a drive for funds in the near future.

Replying to the discussion, the County Manager stated that there was an indication of an increase in the demand for amenities and he considered the grants scheme to be a useful one. He stated that progress to date would indicate a need for better provision in 1978 under this heading. He undertook to consider applications for assistance from Kiltulla and Monivea for next year's scheme. Regarding availability of the facilities to the public, he stated that a condition of the grant is that the scheme must be made available to the public at large but he pointed out that a problem arises where an organisation providing only for one code of entertainment applies for a grant since this does not comply with the general requirements that the amenities must be available to the public at large. He stated that where the Council makes a large contribution towards a project, the Council would seek a formal agreement to ensure that the management arrangements are

satisfactory and that control will not fall into the hands of individuals.

Regarding the Clonbur Community Centre, he stated that there are particular problems in this case and that he was asking the Council to re-vote an unexpended balance of £11,713 which was unexpended in last year's estimates so that it can be used for the current year. Part of this would be required for the Clonbur project.

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Byrne, and resolved:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council hereby votes an additional sum of £11,713 for amenity grants in the current financial year"

#### 1453 - GUARANTEED PUBLIC TELEPHONES:

The County Manager referred to his report dated 19th April, 1977, which was circulated to each Member of the Council and he suggested that if the Council wished to go ahead as an experiment with this scheme he would suggest that one such telephone would be installed in each Electoral Area and that the Council wait for a period of 12 months before installing any further telephones under the scheme in order to ascertain what the costs involved are likely to be.

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan and seconded by Senator Mannion that the Council hereby approve the provision of 1 telephone in each Electoral Area under the Guaranteed Scheme suggested by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Councillor Fahy stated that one in each Electoral Area is no good as so many more are necessary. He considered that the Council should not participate in the scheme but should demand that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs provide the necessary service. He accordingly proposed that no telephone be provided under the scheme.

Councillor Haverly seconded Councillor Fahy's proposal and stated that to provide telephones under the scheme would be taking over the work which the Department of Posts and Telegraphs should be carrying out. He considered that selection of any one location for 'phones would only cause friction.

The County Manager in reply to queries stated that he was never in favour of adopting the system but that because of the fact that motions were being continually submitted by Members he had suggested that if the Council wished to go ahead with the scheme he had suggested that the Council might provide one in each Electoral Area as an experiment.

Councillor Burke stated that many problems would arise from the selection of sites and he considered that it is the responsibility of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to provide a service.

Councillor Kilgannon supported the proposal that one 'phone be provided in each Electoral Area as there is an urgent need for facilities to call doctors or other necessary services in isolated areas.

Councillor Glynn stated that the money would be better spent in improving the major exchanges which are very unsatisfactory.

Deputy Donnellan stated that people in the Brackloon area were prepared to pay something towards the cost of a telephone in that location.

A vote taken on Deputy Donnellan's proposal resulted as follows:-



For - Councillors Burke, Byrne, Deputy Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Senator Mannion, Councillors Ruane, Ryan (10).

Against - Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors Fahey, Flaherty, Glynn, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Deputy Kitt, Councillor Melvin, Deputy Molloy, Councillors Morgan, O Morain, Raftery, Welby (15).

The Chairman declared the resolution defeated and it was agreed that the amendment proposed by Councillor Fahey be carried by the same voting.

1459 - PUBLICATION OF LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The County Manager stated that it is a matter for the County Council to decide in accordance with the provisions of Article 24 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 1977 the manner in which the Council will comply with the provisions of that Article with regard to the publication of lists of planning applications. He suggested that the Council should make adequate arrangements to comply with the requirements of this Article but that they should not lose sight of the fact that postage is now running at an average of £325 per week for the Council excluding postage for motor tax purposes. He stated that lists of applications which had been erected in the main hall in the County Buildings had disappeared and he suggested compliance with the terms of the Article by sending a copy of the weekly list every second week to each Member of the Council, by putting a copy on display in the Planning Office and also on the Notice Board in the Hall by displaying a copy at each Assistant County Engineer's Office in the County and by supplying a copy to any body or person applying with stamped addressed envelopes, every second week for the duration of the period for which envelopes are supplied and in addition that a copy of the list for the previous week be made available to callers at the Planning Office.

Councillor Morgan stated that some of the addresses given in public notices are inadequate and he suggested the name of a town or other address should be stated in notices.

The County Manager stated he would enquire to ascertain if it is possible to insist on having this done.

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

"That in accordance with the provisions of Article 24 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 1977, Galway County Council hereby decide that the following procedure shall be adopted in connection with publication of lists of planning applications received:

1. The list will be published by putting a copy on display in the Planning Office at the County Buildings, Galway.
2. A copy of the list will be displayed on the Notice Board in the Hall of the County Buildings, Galway.
3. A copy of the weekly list will be circulated every second week to Members of the Council.
4. A copy will be supplied to any body, group or person, supplying a stamped addressed envelope, every second week for the duration of the period for which envelopes are furnished.
5. A copy will be displayed in each Assistant County Engineer's Office in the County.
6. A copy of the list for the previous week will be available to callers at the Planning Office."

1460 - RELIEF OF DOMESTIC RATES:

The County Manager stated that the Council is at present in the process of making the necessary arrangements for giving credit for 25% of the domestic rate assessed in the current financial year in accordance with the provisions of Circular Fin. 5/77 dated 5th April, 1977 from the Department of Local Government.

On the proposition of Deputy Donnellan seconded by Senator Mannion the Council approved proceeding with the necessary arrangements in accordance with the procedure set out in the Circular letter.

Replying to Councillor McCormack, the County Manager stated that the Council will make a refund of any overpayment which may be made by any ratepayer in respect of the domestic rate in the current financial year.

Replying to Councillor Burke, the County Manager stated that he understood that a new scheme for waiver of rates would be issued by the Department of Local Government very soon but that the number of people benefiting from this scheme is increasing each year.

In reply to Deputy Donnellan, the County Manager stated that he would inform the Council later of the total amount saved to ratepayers by the decision to reduce domestic rates by 25% in the current year.

1461 - LOUGHREA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The County Manager referred to the report dated 18th April, 1977, prepared by Mr. J. Stewart, Assistant County Manager, in connection with this scheme which he stated is self-explanatory. He pointed out that a number of enquiries have been received by the Council in relation to the Scheme and that he had decided to issue a statement giving detailed information to any people interested.

Councillor Fahey said he welcomed the report as it cleared the air regarding the planning and construction of the scheme. He felt that it was important for people in the area to know exactly where they stand in relation to the scheme as certain information which had been circulating about the scheme in the area was inaccurate.

Councillor Byrne stated that much unfair criticism had been levelled against the promoter of a group scheme in the area who had done a considerable amount of work in organising the group scheme and in preparation for the supply of water to the group scheme for a large number of householders.

Councillor Morgan stated that it is within the power of the County Council to vary the order in which the various stages of the scheme would be carried out so that people who could benefit by the group schemes could have a supply at an earlier date than what is suggested in the report of the Assistant County Manager. He considered that the first area to which water should be supplied should be the Kilnadeema area.

The County Manager explained that the reference to "phases" in the report is not the same as the reference to "zones" and Mr. Stewart gave further details in connection with the procedure which has to be followed for obtaining the approval of the Department to the Preliminary Report, the making of a necessary Proposal to acquire the water-rights and the order in which other procedures have to be followed before any work on the scheme can commence.

Councillor Morgan asked how long it is likely to take before these procedures would be completed.

The County Manager stated that it is impossible to state this as the Council must in the first instance await approval to the Preliminary Report from the Department and then deal with the question of water-rights which he stated could take a considerable length of time if there were objections to the proposal. If there are objections, he stated that it could be a matter for the Minister to resolve and that the Council could not, therefore,

even when a supply will be available.

1462 - LOAN OF £24,000 - GRANTS FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES IN RURAL DISTRICTS:

It was proposed by Senator Hanson, seconded by Deputy Cookan, and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £24,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works or from such other source as may be approved by the Minister, the loan to be repaid over such period as may be approved by the Minister with interest at the usual rate."

1463 - SEMINAR FOR ELECTED MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

The County Manager directed the attention of Members to a notice which was handed around to them to the effect that the Institute of Public Administration has organized a seminar for members of Local Authorities at the Great Southern Hotel, Galway, for Wednesday, 4th May, 1977, to consider the "Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976." He asked if Members would indicate if possible whether they wished to attend the seminar.

1464 - TRAFFIC MARKERS - STANNORRI. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MELVIN:

The County Secretary stated that re-surfacing with granite chippings will be carried out in the current year. That a proposal had been made by the Speed Limits Committee for extending the speed limit outwards from the village and that consultations would take place with the Garda Authorities regarding signs.

Deputy Melvin stated that it was two years since the Speed Limits Committee met and that the matter should be finalised without delay.

1465 - PIPING OF ROADSIDE DRAIN AT MULLAGH NATIONAL SCHOOL. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BURKE:

Councillor Burke stated that children step off buses on the bank of a river beside the Mullagh National School and that the open drain is a source of danger to them. He stated that if the Council were to supply the pipes locals might complete the work. Deputy Callanan and Councillor Galvin supported Councillor Burke.

The County Secretary stated that the matter would be drafted.

1466 - PATH ON PORTUGALWATER ROAD:

Councillor Burke stated that the pathway at this location cannot be used by pedestrians due to its uneven surface and due to the fact that there is no public lighting. He stated that even a layer of sand would improve it until a better footpath could be constructed. It was agreed that the matter would be further investigated.

1467 - ROADS AND CULVERTS FARM MODERNISATION SCHEME. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BURKE:

The County Secretary stated that realistic estimates of cost were prepared in these cases and the actual cost, plus 10% for overheads, is charged against the scheme where the works in question have facilitated land drainage and are in no way the responsibility of the County Council.

Councillor Burke stated that because estimates were not sought in advance the cost of the work being carried out by the County Council is not included in the cost of the scheme. He stated that the Council should bear some responsibility for the cost since culverts constructed years ago are not adequate to meet present requirements.

1468 - GROUP SCHEMES AT CASTLEBAR, LISSYVANN AND BEREGANN, FRAMES. MOTION BY DEPUTY FITZ:

The County Secretary stated that the Castlebar, Lissyvann Schemes will now be served from the Mhascrann Stage 2 of the scheme which was sanctioned recently and that the scheme is at present being examined.

Regarding the Crossann, Heavon Schemes he stated that the drawings were returned to the Department of Local Government with a request that longitudinal sections be submitted.

1469 - CASTLEBAR, MOUNTBELLIN GROUP WATER SCHEME. MOTION BY DEPUTY FITZ:

Deputy Fitz stated that the Mountbelloy Supply should be extended to serve this group. He stated that if there is a water storage problem the Council could acquire the tank from the Vocational Education Authorities. The Chairman supported Deputy Fitz's proposal.

1470 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - STANISLAW SCHOOL AND TOORINAGH CHURCH. MOTION BY DEPUTY FITZ AND COUNCILLOR BATTERY:

The County Secretary stated that these lights will be provided in the current year.

1471 - PARKING FOR TRAVELLING TRADERS AT AUGHRIM. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The County Secretary stated that prosecutions under the Order prohibiting caravans on this road would not be very effective but he stated that the Council would be prepared to consider an arrangement whereby a local committee would be given a licence to clean up the place, to plant flowers or shrubs on the margins and generally keep the place in order. Councillor Kilgannon stated that people should not be subjected to the insanitary conditions in this area and he recommended that the road be developed so that such parking would be prevented. Deputy Callanan stated if the Council gave the land on the roadside to adjoining owners they would ensure that no parking takes place there.

The County Manager stated that giving away land in this fashion would not solve the problem as similar circumstances could arise anywhere in the County. He considered that the laws were inadequate to enable this problem to be dealt with effectively and enforced by the Garda. Some Members also suggested that the margins should be either built up or softened so that it would not be possible for caravans to park on them.

On the proposition of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Glynn, it was agreed that a resolution be sent to the General Council of County Councils and to the Minister for Local Government requesting that legislation be introduced to enable the Garda to control the parking of temporary dwellings and trading caravans on roadsides.

1472 - BONDS NEAR CLOONSHEENAVILL. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The County Secretary stated that improvement of these bonds was not provided for in the estimate but that work on improvement of the surface is being carried out to repair failures due to bog foundations. He also stated that road markers will be erected as a safety measure.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that this was the scene of several accidents. He was supported by Deputy Callanan.

1473 - GUARANTEED TELEPHONE STICK AT COLLINARUCK. MOTIONS BY COUNCILLORS MELVIN AND DONNELLAN:

It was noted that this matter had been dealt with under Item 7 on the agenda.

1474 - PUBLIC LIGHTING ON THREE HOUSING ESTATES IN TUAM. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KELLY:

The County Secretary stated that the Council would not become involved in the provision of public lighting for the three estates until such time as the estates were being taken over completely by the Council for future maintenance.

Councillor Kelly stated that he understood that these estates may not be completed for a few years and that it is unfair to the residents to leave them without lighting services in the meantime and that the lack of lighting could be a cause of accidents. He stated that the Council had taken over lighting at the Fairgreen although the roads had not been taken over.

Deputy Fitz supported Councillor Kelly.

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1462 - LOAN OF £24,000 - TRAFFIC FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES IN TULLAGH TOWN:

It was proposed by Senator Manning, seconded by Deputy Coogan, and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £24,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works or from such other source as may be approved by the Minister, the loan to be repaid over such period as may be approved by the Minister with interest at the usual rate".

1463 - SEMINAR FOR ELECTED MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

The County Manager directed the attention of Members to a notice which was handed around to them to the effect that the Institute of Public Administration has organised a seminar for members of Local Authorities at the Great Southern Hotel, Galway, for Wednesday, 4th May, 1977 to consider the "Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976. He asked if Members would indicate if possible whether they wished to attend the seminar.

1464 - TRAFFIC HAZARDS - GRANMORRIS: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MELVIN:

The County Secretary stated that re-surfacing with granite chippings will be carried out in the current year, that a proposal had been made by the Speed Limits Committee for extending the speed limit outwards from the village and that consultations would take place with the Garda Authorities regarding signs.

Deputy Molloy stated that it was two years since the Speed Limits Committee met and that the matter should be finalised without delay.

1465 - PIPING OF ROADSIDE DRAIN AT MULLAGH NATIONAL SCHOOL: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BURKE:

Councillor Burke stated that children step off buses on the bank of a river beside the Mullagh National School and that the open drain is a source of danger to them. He stated that if the Council were to supply the water locals might complete the work. Deputy Callanan and Councillor Davis supported Councillor Burke.

The County Secretary stated that the matter would be examined.

1466 - PATH ON PORTINNA/WOODFORD ROAD:

Councillor Burke stated that the pathway at this location cannot be used by pedestrians due to its uneven surface and due to the fact that there is no public lighting. He stated that even a layer of sand would improve it until a better footpath could be constructed. It was agreed that the matter would be further investigated.

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1468 - GROUP SCHEMES AT CASTLEBAR, LISVINGAN AND CRICHAUN, TOWNS: MOTION BY DEPUTY MITT:

The County Secretary stated that the Castlebar, Lisvongan Scheme will now be served from the Ashcroft Stand 2 of the scheme which was sanctioned recently and that the scheme is at present being reviewed.

Regarding the Crichaun, Leaven Scheme he stated that the drawings were returned to the Department of Local Government with a request that longitudinal sections be submitted.

1469 - CASTLEBAR, MOUNTBELLOW GROUP WATER SCHEME: MOTION BY DEPUTY MITT:

Deputy Mitt stated that the Mountbellow Supply should be extended to serve this group. He stated that if there is a water storage problem the Council could acquire the tank from the Vocational Education Authorities. The Chairman supported Deputy Mitt's proposal.

1470 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - HILL TOLAN SCHOOL AND TUCKERBRIE CHURCH: MOTION BY DEPUTY MITT AND COUNCILLOR PATTERY:

The County Secretary stated that these lights will be provided in the current year.

1471 - PARKING OF TRAVELLING TRADERS AT ARDHIN: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The County Secretary stated that prosecutions under the Order prohibiting caravans on this road would not be very effective but he stated that the Council would be prepared to consider an arrangement whereby a local committee would be given a licence to clean up the place, to plant flowers or shrubs on the margins and generally keep the place in order. Councillor Kilgannon stated that people should not be subjected to the insanitary conditions in this area and he recommended that the road be developed so that such parking would be prevented. Deputy Callanan stated if the Council gave the land on the roadside to adjoining owners they would ensure that no parking take place there.

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On the proposition of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Glynn, it was agreed that a resolution be sent to the General Council of County Councils and to the Minister for Local Government requesting that legislation be introduced to enable the Garda to control the parking of temporary dwellings and trading caravans on roadsides.

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The County Secretary stated that improvement of these bonds was not provided for in the estimate but that work on improvement of the surface is being carried out to repair failures due to box foundations. He also stated that road markers will be erected as a safety measure.

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It was noted that this matter had been dealt with under Item 7 on the agenda.

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The County Secretary stated that the Council would not become involved in the provision of public lighting for the three estates until such time as the estates were being taken over completely by the Council for future maintenance.

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Deputy Mitt supported Councillor Kelly.

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1462 - LOAN OF £84,000 - GRANTS FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES IN PRIVATE HOUSES:

It was proposed by Senator Mannion, seconded by Deputy Coogan, and resolved:-

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Councillor Burke stated that children step off buses on the bank of a river beside the Mullagh National School and that the open drain is a source of danger to them. He stated that if the Council were to supply the piping locals might complete the work. Deputy Callanan and Councillor Galvin supported Councillor Burke.

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On the proposition of Councillor Killy, seconded by Councillor Glynn, it was agreed that a resolution be sent to the General Council of County Councils and to the Minister for Local Government requesting that legislation be introduced to enable the Gardaí to control the parking of temporary dwellings and trading caravans on roadsides.

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Deputy Kitt supported Councillor Kelly.

- 1475 - BOOSTER PUMP FOR BEL-AIR DRIVE, TUAM: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KELLY:  
The County Secretary <sup>stated</sup> that it is hoped to have this pump installed in June.
- 1476 - EXTENSION OF SEWER TO KILGANNON'S GATE, NEWTOWN, MOUNTBELLEW: MOTION BY DEPUTY T. HUSSEY:  
The County Secretary stated that further enquiries will be necessary in this case but that the indications are that a gravitation extension is not possible to serve Newtown.
- 1477 - SPEED LIMIT - ABBEYKNOCKMOY: MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:  
The County Secretary stated that the Speed Limits Committee had agreed that a speed limit is not necessary in Abbeyknockmoy and that the village did not comply with the guidelines set out in the Department's recommendations.  
Deputy Donnellan asked that the matter be re-examined.
- 1478 - WIDENING OF A ROAD OPPOSITE THE FOOTBALL PITCH AT HEADFORD: MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:  
The County Secretary stated that if parking space for the pitch is required the policy is the same as that for parking at churches i.e. if the football club carries out the widening, including the excavation, filling and fencing and dedicates the area to public use, the Council will undertake the final surfacing and subsequent maintenance.
- 1479 - EXTENSION TO CURRANDULLA GRAVEYARD: MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:  
The County Secretary stated that this proposal is being examined by the Chief Medical Officer. Councillor McCormack seconded this proposal.
- 1480 - ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME: MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:  
Mr. Stewart, Assistant County Manager, stated that in view of up-to-date technical knowledge it was necessary to examine the plans in relation to the quality of the effluent and that this examination is being carried out at present.
- 1481 - LANDING FACILITIES - CLARINBRIDGE OYSTER FISHERY: MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:  
The County Secretary stated that landings of oysters take place at a number of points on the shore between Ballinacourty Pier and Keave village, and that the question to be resolved is which one is the most appropriate for improvement. It is understood that some fishermen favour Keave - others Ballinacourty. Subject to a decision on this matter the project will be one for the Office of Public Works to carry out as the Council does not normally provide such facilities but would maintain them on completion by the Office of Public Works.  
Deputy Molloy stated that he understood that the Department of Fisheries would not be prepared to promote improvement of any harbours except those identified as fishery harbours in the survey of harbours carried out some years ago.  
The County Manager stated that if necessary he would be prepared to submit proposals to the Department of Finance if the Fishery Department is not prepared to carry out the works. The County Manager also stated that the Council should identify one pier for development as it would be difficult to get money for even one.  
Deputy Molloy and Councillor Byrne stated that they would be prepared to approach the fishermen to ask them to decide on which would be the most appropriate pier for development.  
It was agreed that Councillor Byrne's request that his motion No. 29(c) be taken in conjunction with this matter. He stated that there is a great need for facilities for fishermen in this area and he asked the support of the Council for the fishermen's claims. This was agreed.

- 1482 - DEEPENING OF STREAM AT REAR OF PEELER'S ROW, CLIFDEN: MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:  
The County Secretary stated that the maintenance or improvement of this stream is the responsibility of the riparian owners.  
Deputy Molloy stated that adjoining houses have been flooded by the stream from time to time and he appealed to the Council to try to help those householders who cannot afford to take action against the adjoining landowners.  
Councillor Bartley supporting the motion stated that the Council previously cleaned this stream when it got flooded.  
It was agreed that the matter would be again investigated by the County Council but it was mentioned that the work previously carried out was in the vicinity of the bridge.
- 1483 - MOTIONS BY SENATOR KILLILEA:  
In the absence of Senator Killilea the motions standing in his name were adjourned to the next meeting.
- 1484 - BALLINAFAD GRAVEYARD: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:  
The County Secretary stated that the wall of the old graveyard will be repaired in the near future and that kerbs will be laid on the road through the new graveyard and also that the wicket gate will be provided. He stated also that no provision is made in the current year's estimates for the widening and blacktopping of the access road from the main, and that this work is not considered necessary bearing in mind the occasional use of this road. He stated also that the turntable measuring 25 lin. yds. by 30 lin. yds. is considered adequate.  
Councillor Bartley stated that the width of the road was inadequate and that blacktopping was needed. He was supported by Deputy Molloy.
- 1485 - GLENINA ROAD, CONNEMARA: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:  
The County Secretary stated that a recommendation that this road be adopted as a public road will be included in the next list to be brought before the Council.
- 1486 - TELEPHONE KIOSK FOR DEIRE BHO RIADA: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:  
It was agreed that Councillor Bartley's motion would be forwarded to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs with a request that this telephone be provided. His proposal was seconded by Deputy Molloy.
- 1487 - FOGRAI PLEANALA SA NUACHTAN "AMARACH": MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:  
The County Secretary stated that it is agreed that the Council would accept notices from those who intend to apply for Planning Permission which will be published in this newspaper in respect of those areas in the Gaeltacht where the paper has reasonable circulation and that as soon as this area is defined, planning notices in Amarach will be accepted in respect of that area.
- 1488 - UISCE I GCOIR LEIC-OIGHRE I ROIBH, ROSABHIL: MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:  
The County Secretary stated that the Council does not know the exact requirements for the ice-plant in Rosaveal but that an enquiry is being addressed to Bord Iascaigh Mhara in connection with this matter. It is considered, however, that an adequate water supply will be available for this and other purposes on the pier.  
Deputy Molloy stated that he understood that the report brought before the Council recently by the County Manager had been circulated to members of the Fishing Co-Operative.  
Councillor O Morain then proposed his motion (No. 34(b)). He recommended that the Council should make a detailed examination in 1977 of the Rosaveal area and prepare an advance projection of how the area should be developed. He recommended that an independent consultant should be appointed to prepare a plan for the area now.

Councillor Flaherty stated that Comharcumann Cois Fharráige have land opposite the fish factory which the Council might acquire.

The County Manager stated that Gaeltarra Bircann are preparing a plan for the area and he suggested the Council might await a copy of this.

1489 - BAILIU BRUSCAIR AG DRUIM, TRABAIN AGUS TIR AN FHEAIDH: MOLADH ON OLF. O FLATHARTA:

The County Secretary stated that the refuse collection service is at present working to full capacity and no further extension could be carried out.

1490 - REFUSE COLLECTION FOR CAPPAGH AND BALLYMONDEN ROADS, BARNÁ: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that the refuse collection service is already extended to the limit in this area and no further extension could be carried out.

Councillor McCormack stated that people from Cappagh area have to leave their refuse at the head of the road and that it becomes scattered around the road in this area. He considered that the refuse collection truck could go up the Cappagh Road to collect the refuse and so avoid having it scattered at the junction of the Cappagh/Knocknacarra/Barná Road. It was agreed that the matter would be re-investigated. Senator Mannion seconded Councillor McCormack's proposal.

1491 - BRIDGE ACROSS CLARE RIVER AT POLLINORE, CUMMER: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that the road approaching this bridge is not a County Road and it was built by the Land Commission about twenty years ago and is used by five or six farmers. He stated that the Council could not give any assistance towards the cost of a bridge except by Local Improvement Scheme.

1492 - CASTLEGAR/BALLINDOOLBY ROAD: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that the re-alignment of this road will be considered in the 1978 Estimates.

1493 - LAND VALUATIONS - LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEMES: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

The County Secretary stated that the valuation of the whole of a beneficiary's holding (land only) should be taken into account and not only the valuation of the part of the holding directly served. An exception is made where the landholder has two widely separated holdings, each worked as a separate unit, and in that case only the valuation of the holding actually served is taken. Councillor Glynn stated that he understood that that interpretation was less rigidly observed in other counties.

The County Manager stated that from enquiries made, Galway County Council appears to be following the practice adopted in other counties.

Councillor Glynn proposed and Councillor Haverly seconded that a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Local Government that only valuation of lands adjacent to or served by a road be taken into account for calculating the L.I.S. contributions.

1494 - NEW CEMETERY FOR MADEE: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

The County Secretary stated that this proposal is being examined.

1495 - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE CONVENT GROUNDS AT ORANMORE: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

The County Secretary stated that an estimate of the volumes of vehicular and pedestrian traffic is being made in this case to determine whether a pedestrian crossing would be warranted. Councillor Byrne stated that there is very heavy traffic at this point which is a danger to children crossing to schools. Councillor McCormack seconded his proposal.

1496 - REMOVAL OF BEND AT THE HOTEL OF THE ISLES, LETTERMULLEN: MOTION BY SENATOR MANNION:

The County Secretary stated that this bend will be removed during the

summer as part of a county road reconstruction grant scheme.

1497 - EXTENSION OF CORNAMONA WATER SUPPLY TO DOORAS: MOTION BY SENATOR MANNION:

The County Secretary stated that the Cornamona Water Supply is inadequate to cater for an extension to Dooras and that it is considered that a group scheme for the Dooras peninsula with an independent supply from the lake would be more feasible.

1498 - PUBLIC LIGHTS AT TURLOUGHMORE, LACKAGH AND ANNAGHDOWN AND HEADFORD: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The County Secretary stated that lights will be provided in 1977 at Turloughmore, Lackagh and Headford, but that no provision for a light at Annaghdown Church had been made in the public lighting programme.

1499 - NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE AT CLAREGALWAY: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The County Secretary stated that an application for a grant for this centre has not, so far, been received but if an application is submitted it can be considered for a grant in 1978.

1500 - WIDENING OF ROAD FROM O'MEARA'S SHOP TO CARNMORE CROSS: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The County Secretary stated that this will be considered for the 1978 Estimates.

1501 - REMOVAL OF BANKS OF CLAY AT BALLINDERREEN: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MELVIN:

The County Secretary stated that the existing road is adequate for the traffic it is carrying, but that the request may relate to problems arising from parking on the roadside during matches, dances, etc. He stated that it is unnecessary for cars to park on this road as there is a carpark which is little used, available near the community hall.

1502 - FLOODING AT ORANMORE BEG: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MELVIN:

The County Secretary stated that this house is located at a hollow in the road making drainage difficult, and the possible construction of a soakpit will be examined.

1503 - FENCING AT THE GREEN PUBLIC PARK, LOUGHREA: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The County Secretary stated that a report on this matter will be available for the next meeting.

1504 - ALLOCATION OF NOTICE OF MOTION SUM OF £5,000 PER ANNUM PER COUNCILLOR: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

Councillor Morgan stated that the sum allocated under the Notice of Motion Scheme per Councillor is inadequate and he proposed that it be increased to £5,000. Councillor McCormack seconded this proposal.

After a further discussion, it was agreed that this matter be deferred to the next Estimates Meeting.

1505 - ERECTION OF PUBLIC TOILETS: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The County Manager stated that a general review of the need for public toilets in various towns might be advisable in view of the availability of toilet facilities at hotels and other premises.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had already a long waiting list of towns and villages for public toilets and that the main problem is availability of monies to construct them.

1506 - INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ROSMUCK AND CARNA AREAS: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O MORAIN:

The County Manager stated that the Council will do everything in its power to promote the industrial development of those areas and that it was considered that the greatest incentive to industrial development in any area was the availability of an adequate water supply. He gave particulars of the position with regard to the public water supply proposed for the Rosmuck area and that a scheme has already been completed in the Carna/Killieran Area. With regard to industrial

development in this area, he stated that this was the principal responsibility of Gaeltarra Eireann, and that the Council had acquired a site for factories at Rusheenamagh, Carna.

1507 - SIGNPOSTING: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O MORAIN:

Councillor O Morain stated that signposting is a most important tourist facility, not alone in the Gaeltacht areas but throughout the entire county. He asked who is responsible for providing road signs.

The County Manager stated that the Council is responsible for road signs and he also stated that arrangements have been made for the provision of new road signs in the Gaeltacht areas in the current financial year.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED  
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*Submitted, Approved and  
Confirmed*

*Tom Murray  
Chairman*

*23/5/77  
Date*

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

16u Bealtaine, 1977.

CHUIG 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 23u la Bealtaine, 1977, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL,  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-
  - (a) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to John Costello for the erection of a dwelling house at Pollkeen - Planning Reference No. 24136."
 

John M. Mannion; Padraic McCormack; Brendan Holland.
  - (b) "That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that the County Manager be directed to grant permission for dwelling house to Augustine Barry, Tooreen, Moyard, Connemara - Planning Reference No. 24541."
 

Gerald Bartley; Robert Molloy; Thomas Welby.
2. Minutes - Meeting of 25th April, 1977.
3. Minutes - Gaeltacht Committee.
4. Application received from John Hynes for Outline Planning Permission for erection of house at Carrowmoneash - such development being a material contravention of the County Development Plan.
5. Malicious Injury Decrees.
6. Approval to dates of Headford Fairs 1978.
7. (a) Rates Waiver Scheme 1977.  
(b) Circular from Department and Report re State Grant for Rates Waiver, herewith.
8. Raising of Loan of £25,000 for Extension of Water Main to Oranmore - Stage 1 to Merlin Park.
9. Raising of Loan of £2,000 for Special Contribution towards Cahercrin/Templemartin Group Water Scheme.
10. Fix date to consider:- (a) Oranmore Development Plan and (b) County Development Plan.
11. Application for Rates Remission for Factory of Messrs. Stocai Teoranta at Carraroe under Gaeltacht Industries (Amendment) Act, 1971.
12. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

13. DEPUTY R. MOLLOY: I will propose -
- That electricity supply be installed immediately by Galway County Council in the Council house being provided for (name supplied).
  - To ask the County Manager to state whether the Minister for Local Government has power to deduct monies from Housing Subsidy to offset monies not recouped by the application of the "clawback" by Galway County Council.
  - That Galway County Council arrange for the connection of Electricity Supply to a demountable dwelling allocated to (name supplied) and pay the capital contribution of £396 required by the D.S.B.
14. COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY: I will propose -
- That piped water supply may be made available for householders at Dawros, Letterfrack, Co. Galway.
  - That the Council construct safety fence round a dangerous crevice in the ground on the beach of the Dunclochan Road, Aillebrack, Connemara.
  - That the Council will include in the 1978 Roads Estimate the money to remove the dangerous bend starting at the Old Mill Road to the new Community School, Clifden.
15. DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN: I will propose -
- That Galway County Council provide a turntable and parking space at Cragg Graveyard, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.
16. COUNCILLOR J. MOLLOY: I will propose -
- That this Council ease a dangerous corner opposite Moylan's house, Castlelambert.
  - That this Council repair the Castlegar and Ballygurane Roads following completion of water schemes.
  - That this Council extend the refuse collection to take in the areas of Doughiska and Roscam.
17. AN COMHAIRLEOIR O MORAIN:
- Go dtóige an Comhairle Conndae Bothar an Mhuilleán ag Cill Chiarain agus Bothar Conndae a dheanamh dhe.
  - Go ndeanamh an Comhairle Conndae casaoid ghear le Aire na Gaeltachta ar an udar seo leanas: (a) Deontas Tighthe na Gaeltachta tharla nach bhfuil aon chosúlacht a tháille idir na deontais agus na costais; (b) An eas ceanna a bheith i gceist leis an cead saothru ata i gceist; (c) An laghdú i sceim leasu talun.
  - Go gcuirtear airgead ar fail i 1978 ar mhaithe leis an mbothar o Tigh Chaithain siar chuig Ceann na gCuugach agus an coirneal a fheabhsu.
18. DEPUTY M. P. KITT: I will propose -
- That the refuse collection be extended to cater for the people in Gurteen, Ballinasloe.
  - That provision be made in the 1978 Estimates to ease a bend at Castlofrench N.S. on the Ballygar Road.
19. DEPUTY T. HUSSEY: I will propose -
- That the Council ease bend at Curraghmore N.S., Kilkerrin, to enable School Bus to pass.

20. COUNCILLOR M. RYAN & DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN: We will propose -
- That the Council give some information as regards the progress of Brierfield South Group Water Scheme.
21. COUNCILLOR M. RYAN: I will propose -
- That the Council give some information as regards the purchase by the Council of Parkmore, Tuam.
  - That the Council make a small supplementary grant available to Abbert, Abbeyknockmoy Group Water Scheme.
22. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK: I will propose -
- That the following road junctions on the main Galway/Clifden Road be improved and yield signs be erected: (1) The Billamore Road junction; (2) The Magheramore Road junction; (3) The Magherabeg Road junction; (4) The Bournarean Road junction.
  - That the County Council sink a pump in the Monard/Conteeney area of Turloughmore to serve the 20 householders there who wish to form a group water scheme.
  - That Galway County Council take steps to provide a fire station for Oughterard.
23. COUNCILLOR N. MORGAN: I will propose -
- That Galway County Council approach Athenry Creamery with a view to securing a water supply from its source to supplement Athenry Town Supply thereby eliminating the present situation by which Athenry Town Supply is turned off for several hours each day during the summer months.
  - That a new sewerage treatment works be provided for Athenry Town and that steps be taken immediately to put a stop to the polluting of the river downstream from the present sewerage treatment works.
  - That improvements be carried out to the road from the entrance to Mount Pleasant Estate to the New Cemetery opposite Peter Forde's, Baunoge, and at the junction of Leitrim Village road with the Duniry road.
24. COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON: I will propose -
- That the junction of the Lower Ballagh-Sunhill Road (Menlough) near Mullery's house, be developed to give reasonable sight distance as it is extremely dangerous in its present condition.
  - That Galway County Council waive the house requirement on roads proposed for adoption as public roads.
  - That Galway County Council publish a booklet entitled "A Guide to the Services of Galway County Council", including up to date information on all schemes and services provided by the Council.
25. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE: I will propose -
- That the road leading to the gate at Christy Martyn's house in Craughwell, Laurencetown, be taken over by Galway County Council - this road was repaired under L.I.S. about 4 years ago.
  - That the turn at Willie Poland's house, Kelly's-Grove, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe, be developed this year so as to give a clearer view to traffic emerging from Kelly's-Grove.
26. SENATOR J. M. MANNION: I will propose -
- That Galway County Council take over and maintain one of the two roads leading to the Dooneen Cottages, Clifden.
  - That the Westport Road footpath be extended towards St. Ann's Welfare House.



27. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE: I will propose -
- (a) That Galway County Council take over and maintain the road from Willie Burke's house at Tubbernaven to Carnaun Co. Road (Athenry Area).
  - (b) That the bend on the Carnmore/Lakeview Road opposite Ballinacreg Road be widened as there is no view for traffic (Athenry Engineers Area).
28. AN COMHAIRLEOIR M. O FLAHERTY:
- (a) Soillse poible a chuir i n-aiteacha riachtanach i Rosabhil (m/s) Seiceal, teach osta, casad an mhonarchan.
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29. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY: I will propose -
- (a) That the County Council take immediate steps to fit ladders to Spiddal Pier to enable fishermen and others to climb onto the pier.
  - (b) That the County Council lower the wall and erect wire fence to give a better view of Headford Road at Cloonboo Cross.
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  - (b) That at least three additional lights be provided in Moycullen.
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Elstar Bank Ltd., Eyre Sq., Galway	Damage to cash dispenser.	Borough of Galway	£74.37	£80.90
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P. J. Wall (Dublin) Ltd., Rosemount Works, Griffith Ave., Dublin.	Damage caused to a site office, the toilet therein and a bulldozer machine	Borough of Galway	£223.52	£230.80
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A TIONOLADH IN OIFIGI GHAELTARRA EIREANN AR AN 14<sup>th</sup> MARTA, 1977.

Cathaoirleach: M. O Morsin.

Baill eile i

lathair: S. O Domhnallain, E. Mylotte, P. O Caomhanaigh, S. O Tuairisg,  
P. S. O Fatharta.

Oifigigh i

lathair: S MacMathuna, Príomh Innealtóir Cunta Contae.  
C. O Dubhghaill, Runai.

1. MIONTUAIRISCI:

Glacadh le miontuairisí na gcrúinní a tionoladh ar an 5/ 3/ '76 agus ar an 12/ 3/ '76 agus shinigh an Cathaoirleach iad.

2. MOLTAI ON T-UASAL O CONCHUBHAIR:

Toisc nach raibh an t-Uasal O Conchubhair i lathair, cuireadh na moltaí uaidh ar ath-lo.

3. BOTHAR THOIN LE GAOI, CORR NA MONA:

Dubhairt an t-Uasal O Caomhanaigh go raibh oifigí an Chomar-Chumainn ar an mbothar so, go raibh an bothar ro-chumhang agus go raibh droch-chaoi air. Dubhairt an t-Uasal MacMathuna go ndeanfadh se an moladh a scrúdu.

4. BOTHAR AN CHNUIC, BAILE DUBH LOCH:

Dubhairt an t-Uasal O Caomhanaigh go raibh droichead beag ar an mbothar seo agus nach feidir le tarracoir a ghabhail thart.

Gheall an t-Uasal MacMathuna go ndeanfadh se fiosru, feachaint ceard is feidir a dheanadh.

5. BOTHAR EADANN AGUS BOTHAR POLL NA CARRAIGE A CHEANGAILT:

Dubhairt an t-Uasal MacMathuna nach raibh son airgead ar faghail i gcoir na h-oibre seo ach amháin b'fheidir, fe'n sceim Feabsuchain Aitiuil.

6. BOTHAR O CHRIOCH DUBHACHTA AGUS E A CHREANAIL:

Dubhairt an t-Uasal MacMathuna go ndeanfadh se an moladh seo a scrúdu.

7. COMHARTAI LUAIS AG CORR NA MONA:

Dubhairt an Runai go mbeidh moltaí faoi seo fe bhraghaid an Chomhairle Chontae ar ball.

8. SCEIM UISCE CORR NA MONA:

Ag tabhairt freagra ar mholadh o'n t-Uasal O Tuairisg, dubhairt an t-Uasal MacMathuna go gcuirfear fogra suas ag Doirin na Locha ach go mbeadh costas mhor ag baint le leanúint leis na piopaí amach sa loch.

9. BALLAI A DHEISIU AG CORR NA MONA:

Dubhairt an t-Uasal Mac Mathuna go ndeanfar fiosru, feachaint an feidir na ballaí a dheisiu.

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10. CASAN AGUS SUIOCHAIN AR BHRUACH NA H-AIBHNE AG CORR NA MONA:

Dubhairt an t-Uasal MacMathuna gur easbadh airgid an fhadhb sa chas seo ach go mbfheidir go mbeadh airgead ar faghail chuige o Bhord Failte.

11. SLEAMHNAID (SLIPWAY) IN AICE DUBH LOCHA:

Dubhairt an t-Uasal O Tuairisg go gcuirfeadh se eolas faoi chupla ait a bheadh oiriúnach i gcoir sleamhnan.

12. COSTAISÍ TAISTIL:

Dubhairt an Runai go gcuirfeadh se fuirmeacha eilimh ar faghail do bhail an Choiste i gcoir costaisí taistil.

13. CEAD CRUINNIU ETLE - AR AN 2<sup>u</sup> LA BHEALTÁINE, 1977:

Cuireadh deire leis an gcrúinní leis sin.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)  
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HEADFORD FAIRS - 1978

MONTH	DATE	FAIRS
January	Monday, 16th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
February	Tuesday, 14th	"
March	Tuesday, 14th	"
April	Friday, 14th	"
May	Monday, 15th	"
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November	Wednesday, 8th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

TO EACH MEMBER OF COUNTY COUNCIL

16th May, 1977

A Chara,

Re: Scheme for Waiver of Rates 1977  
Local Government (Rates) Act, 1970 Section 2  
Local Government (Rates) (Waiver) Regulations 1970

The above statute and regulations give the County Council Authority, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government to formally adopt a scheme for waiver of rates or to amend an existing scheme.

I attach herewith draft of Scheme for Waiver of Rates, 1977 together with copy of Circular Fin. 8/77 of 27th April, 1977 in connection with State grant for Rates Waiver Schemes. The draft scheme contains all the standard provisions required in the appendix to the Department's circular.

The main provisions in regard to the operation of the State grant are as follows:-

1. The grant will apply only in support of a scheme which has been formally adopted by the Local Authority and approved by the Minister.
2. In the case of this Council, the grant will be the amount spent this year on rates waiver, over and above the sum provided for this purpose in the Estimates of Expenditure for 1977 but subject to a maximum of 75% of the amount budgeted for. A sum of £28,000 was provided for waiver of rates in the Estimates for 1977 and therefore any expenditure in addition to this sum up to a maximum of £21,000 may be recouped from central funds in respect of a formally adopted scheme which has Ministerial approval. In order to avail of the maximum grant, therefore, the Council would have to waive rates up to a total of £49,000 for 1977.

Application forms for waiver of current rates are being issued since the early part of this year. The total number of application forms issued to date is 835 and of these 480 have been returned by rated occupiers and are being investigated.

The following are some details of the operation of the rates waiver scheme for 1976:-

Number of applications received	1,072
Number granted full waiver	723 (67%)
Number granted partial waiver	108 (10%)
Number refused	241 (23%)
Total amount of rates waived (including the rates element in Local Authority House rents)	£29,301.28

M. DOYLE.

Tunai.

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5. An estimated sum of £28,000 was provided in Programme Group 7 (Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare) of the 1977 Estimates of Expenses for the implementation of this scheme and is leviable on the County Health District. Excess expenditure up to a maximum of 75% of this amount will be recouped from Department of Local Government in accordance with the terms of Circular Fin. 8/77 of 27th April, 1977.
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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Fin. 8/77

27 Aibreán, 1977.

State grant for Rates Waiver Schemes

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the Government's undertaking, indicated in the Budget Statement of the Minister for Finance, to provide £2 million from the Exchequer in 1977 for the relief of rates in deserving cases in addition to the relief of 25% of domestic rates dealt with in circular letter Fin. 6/77 of 5 Aibreán, 1977.

The purpose of this circular is to notify local authorities of the arrangements which will govern the operation of the State Grant of £2 million.

2. Two general principles will guide the operation of the grant:

(a) the grant will be applied only in support of rates waiver schemes formally adopted by local authorities under section 2 of the Local Government (Rates) Act, 1970 and approved by the Minister, and

(b) all moneys disbursed will have to be by way of genuine supplement or addition to what would have been the expenditure of local authorities on rates waivers in 1977 but for the Government's initiative (except in the limited number of cases of local authorities who have not heretofore had rates waiver schemes).

The more detailed application of these principles is described in the paragraphs which follow.

3. In relation to 2(a) above, the Minister is aware that a small number of local authorities have not adopted formal rates waiver schemes for 1977. While the introduction of the State grant will not alter the legal position whereby adoption of such schemes by local authorities is discretionary, the Minister is nonetheless confident that local authorities who have not already done so will now be encouraged to adopt rates waiver schemes and thereby to make available to necessitous persons the benefit of the new State grant. The financial arrangements which will apply to schemes specially adopted on foot of this advice are indicated at paragraph 9(d) below. In relation to the adoption, amendment and administration of rates waiver this circular should be read in conjunction with Circular Letter G.5/69 of 29 Aibreán, 1969.

4. Under the Local Government (Rates) (Waiver) Regulations, 1970, the making or amending of a rates waiver scheme requires the consent of the Minister for Local Government. In practice, this power has always been exercised with respect for the reasonable, although sometimes differing needs of individual local authorities. The result is that local rates waiver schemes now in force vary somewhat in the conditions of eligibility which they prescribe and in the amount of assistance which they permit.

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5. The Minister is mindful of the benefits in terms of flexibility, etc. which a locally operated rates waiver scheme can offer and it is not his intention to seek a change in the legal position whereby on the question of individual qualification for a rates waiver, the decision of a local authority is final. He considers it appropriate, however to indicate the standard conditions which should be common to all schemes in order to qualify for a contribution from the Exchequer. These requirements are set out in the Appendix to this circular. Schemes currently before the Minister for approval will be considered on the basis of the Appendix. In relation to schemes already in force for 1977, the Minister requests the local authorities concerned to examine them against the requirements set out in Appendix and where necessary to take steps to amend them to bring them into conformity with these requirements.

6. Where a scheme is amended the need to give widespread publicity to the terms of the scheme, as amended, will be apparent. Even where amendment is found to be unnecessary, the State Grant will enable local authorities to be so very much more generous than they have been up to now in granting full or partial waivers that fresh publicity will be essential in these cases also to bring the improved situation to the notice of deserving persons who may already have been refused rates relief or who may have been deterred from applying for it by reason of the experiences of others who failed to qualify when less money was available to local authorities for this purpose. All local authorities are, therefore, requested to take steps through public advertisement and through the normal official channels to bring the improved arrangements to the notice of ratepayers.

7. An important benefit of the system of rates waivers is that deserving ratepayers can be given relief at a relatively early stage in the year. It is appreciated that the procedures necessary for the adoption and approval of schemes or of amendments to schemes may take some time. There is no reason, however, for the invitation and preliminary examination of applications for relief to be deferred until these procedures have been completed. Accordingly, local authorities should give public notice of the changed situation at the earliest possible date and without waiting for the formal procedures to be completed. When, however, a scheme or an amended scheme is brought fully into operation in accordance with the requirements of this circular further notice, by way of public advertisement etc., should be given of the exact provisions of the scheme.

8. It should be clearly understood that just as it applies to persons who are themselves directly liable to pay rates the scheme of relief will apply also in appropriate cases to the rates element forming part of the inclusive rents payable by both local authority tenants and non-local authority tenants who come within the scope of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act 1928, as well as to the rates payable by tenant-purchasers. Particular attention is drawn to the need for action towards ensuring that the full benefit of any rates waiver is made known and passed on to non-local authority tenants who qualify for relief.

9. The following financial arrangements will apply initially in respect of the new grant:

(a) in the case of local authorities who have formally adopted a rates waiver scheme for 1977 and in whose Estimates of Expenditure as submitted to the Department a specific identifiable provision for this purpose has been made, Exchequer recoupment will be paid on expenditure by local authorities in excess of this provision up to a limit of 75% of the provision.

(b) a modified arrangement will apply in the case of local authorities who adopted waiver schemes for the first time in 1976. Here Exchequer recoupment will be made either on the basis of (a) above or on expenditure in excess of actual outturn expenditure in 1976, subject to a limit of 75% of the latter amount. It will be for the local authorities concerned to decide themselves on which basis to seek recoupment and they should inform the Department of their decision as soon as possible.

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(d) in all other cases, and in particular in the case of local authorities who have not yet adopted a rates waiver scheme for 1977 but who following the advice at paragraph 3 above now proceed to do, recoupment arrangements will be notified to local authorities individually.

10. It should be noted that because of effect of the 25% relief of domestic rates the standard State Grant of an addition of up to a maximum of 75% of a local authority's own gross Estimates provision for rates waivers will permit of a doubling of the effectiveness of the rates waiver scheme generally.

11. Detailed arrangements in regard to the submission of claims by local authorities for recoupment by the Exchequer of the cost of additional rates waiver expenditure within the limits indicated above will be notified separately. Where a local authority have reason to believe that they will not be seeking recoupment up to the amount permissible to them, they should let the Department know.

12. The Minister is concerned that the substantial supplement which the Exchequer is now committing in support of rates waiver schemes should have the most beneficial impact possible, and in particular that it should allow assistance to be extended now to all cases of genuine need. To this end, he is anxious to secure the involvement of elected members of local authorities whose detailed local knowledge should enable them to contribute usefully to the continuing assessment of rates waiver schemes. All elected members should accordingly be informed of the terms of this circular. The Minister would also like each local authority to consider whether it may be appropriate in their circumstances to set up a special committee of elected members to review the effectiveness of their rates waiver scheme and to suggest such amendments to it as may be indicated when the scheme falls to be renewed. In putting this suggestion, the Minister has in mind the terms of section 2(5) of the Local Government (Rates) Act, 1970 which assigns to elected members the function of making a waiver scheme. His suggestion is without prejudice to the role of the Manager under section 2(6) of the same Act.

13. Telephone enquiries regarding this circular letter should be made to 01-742961 extensions 503 and 547.

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J. A. KEEGAN.

To each rating authority.

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APPENDIX

Standard provisions for inclusion in schemes for waiver of rates

N.B. As indicated at paragraph 5 of the circular letter, rates waiver schemes will normally be required to conform substantially with the provisions listed below. This, however, will not take from the discretion of local authorities to regulate their scheme as they see fit in respect of matters not dealt with hereunder.

1. Applications shall be considered from rated occupiers in the following categories:
  - (a) Recipients of non-contributory Old Age Pension,
  - (b) Recipients of non-contributory Widow's Pension,
  - (c) Recipients of Blind Person's Pension,
  - (d) Persons outside of (a), (b) and (c) whose net income entitles them to parity of consideration with the above or who are affected by other special hardship, whether of a temporary or a continuing nature.
2. As well as belonging to one of the above categories, applicants should
  - (i) be normally living alone or with a spouse and/or dependants, or
  - (ii) be the only or the principal income earner in the dwelling.
3. Schemes shall provide specifically, in relation to the occupiers of small dwellings (including local authority dwellings) coming within the scope of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, for the relief of that portion of the rent payable in lieu of rates.
4. Schemes shall provide for the possibility of waiving all as well as part of the liability for rates, following due consideration of an applicant's case by the local authority. To avoid complaints which might follow on marginally different levels of rates waiver, it is suggested that local authorities should operate a graduated system of waivers beginning at 25% and progressing through 50% and 75% to 100%.
5. Schemes shall specify a closing date for receipt of applications. However, this should not preclude consideration, in exceptional circumstances, of applications received after that date.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23rd MAY, 1977.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

Also Present:

Members - As recorded in Attendance Book -

Councillor T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, J. Donnellan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, P. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, 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; P. Kearns and J. Stewart, Assistant County Managers; K. Hays, Acting County Engineer; M. Tierney, Acting Deputy County Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; J. Beirne Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer; D. Barrett & P. J. McGovern, Senior Staff Officers and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

Also in Attendance - Miss K. Ward, Higher Executive Officer, Planning Appeals Section and Miss E. Phelan, Executive Officer, Group Water Schemes Section of the Department of Local Government who are on a training visit to Galway County Council.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1508 - WELCOME TO OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, extended a welcome to Miss Ward and Miss Phelan to the Council Meeting.

1509 - SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the wife and family of the late Mr. Jim Dolan, Station Officer, Galway Fire Brigade and he paid tribute to the work which Mr. Dolan had done in the Fire Service for so many years. Deputy Molloy seconded this proposal and the County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff of the Council joined in the expression of sympathy.

On the proposition of Councillor Welby, seconded by Deputy Molloy, the Council also extended its sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. Michael Lydon, former Mayor of Galway.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:-

Mr. Joe Burke, Clonberne, Ballinasloe;  
Tomas MacDonnadh (Tomas) Uasal, An Bothar Bui, An Ceathru Rua;  
Mr. Jim Walsh, Cregg, Oughterard;  
Mrs. Tom Fahy, Cortoon, Ardgaineen, Claregalway;  
Mrs. Frances Murray, River Street, Ballinasloe;  
Mr. Michael Nash, Roxboro, Kilchreest;  
The McDermott Family, Lissavruggy, Newbridge, Ballinasloe;  
Mrs. M. Hogan, Hollycross, Ballygar.

1510 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24136.

It was proposed by Councillor McCormack and seconded by Councillor Byrne that:-

"In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to John Costello for the erection of a dwelling house at Pollkeen - Planning Reference No. 24136."

The County Manager stated that a request for further information in this case was sent to Mr. Costello on 13th May, 1977, that a reply was received from his sister who was not in a position to supply the information which was sought by the Council, as it was considered that only the applicant was in a position to give the information in question. He stated that the proposed development would be on a national primary route and that to grant this permission would be in conflict with the Development Plan unless the applicant could establish a personal need for the house in question. It was for this reason that the request for further information was sent to him as it is not clear at present that he has a personal need for the new dwelling house proposed. The applicant is not in fact residing in the country at present.

Councillor McCormack stated the applicant is living in Australia, that his sister replied to the enquiry because of this and that the applicant wishes to come home to build a house and retire in Pollkeen. He considered that it would be an asset to the area to have a new house erected on this site as an old building which is derelict at the moment would be demolished. He stated that this is a genuine case where there is a need for the dwelling.

The County Manager stated that the application can remain open for as long as the applicant wishes to leave it open as no decision will be made on it until the applicant replies to the request for further information. The County Manager also stated that if this is a genuine application where the man needs a house for himself there will be no problem, and he suggested that the matter might be left over until the applicant himself replies. This was agreed.

1511 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24541.

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, and seconded by Councillor Welby that:-

"In accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the County Manager be directed to grant permission for a dwelling house to Augustine Barry, Tooreen, Moyard, Connemara - Planning Reference No. 24541."

The County Manager stated that this is the applicant's third application for permission on this holding. The first application was at a higher point on the landscape and was refused on scenic grounds but was not appealed, but the applicant was told that the house would be more acceptably located at a much lower level near his father's and brothers' houses. He submitted a second application at a lower point than the first but still unacceptably obtrusive on the landscape. This was also refused but not appealed. The application now before the Council is similar to the second application lodged by the applicant and would be located at an unacceptably high elevation on the landscape in a high amenity area and it would do serious visual damage to the landscape. He stated that the Council is willing to accommodate the applicant and it was felt that he should keep the house at a somewhat lower level, and he felt that it would be possible to accommodate him at such lower level.

Councillor Welby asked if an officer from the Planning Department would go to meet the applicant and the County Manager stated that this would be arranged.

This procedure was agreed by the Council.

1512 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor O Morain, seconded by Councillor Melvin, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th April, 1977 (Nos. 1450 - 1507 inclusive) were approved and were then signed by the Chairman.

1513 - MINUTES OF GAELTACHT COMMITTEE MEETING:

On the proposition of Councillor O Morain and seconded by Senator Killilea, the Minutes of Gaeltacht Committee Meeting held on 14th March, 1977, were noted.

1514 - APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION FOR HOUSE AT CARROWMONEASH - PLANNING REFERENCE NO. 24051.

The County Manager stated that it was considered that to grant permission for this development as proposed would be a material contravention of the County Development Plan and accordingly, the new procedure for such material contraventions as set out in the 1976 Act was followed in this case. The required notice was published in the paper and no observations or objections were received within the prescribed period. He stated that the major objection to giving permission at present is that it is possible that the house would interfere with the proposed re-alignment of the Galway/Oranmore Road, but that definite information on this matter is expected to be available within a period of three months when the report of the Consultants presently engaged on this matter is available. He stated that it is quite possible that the Council at the end of this period might be in a position to grant permission on the site proposed, but that in the meantime it is considered that this man has other land on which the house could be built and which would not interfere with any likely proposals for the new road.

Deputy Molloy stated that the house would not be on the route of any possible new road and that it is likely to be on a road which would in future be derelict.

The County Manager stated that the consultants are working on this matter and that a number of options are open to them, one of which might be that the road could follow a route which would be affected by this permission if it were granted.

Councillor Ruane stated that the site is on the coast side of the road and that it could not interfere with the proposed new road.

The County Manager stated that the applicant should enter into consultations with the Council with regard to selecting an alternative site on his land.

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy and seconded by Councillor Ruane:-

"That Galway County Council hereby require that a decision be made to grant outline planning permission to Mr. John Hynes, for the construction of a dwelling house at Carrowmoneash, Oranmore - Planning Reference No. 24041".

The County Manager stressed that the options for the road routes would be resolved within the next few months and he strongly advised the Council again not to pass the resolution. He stated again that if the proposed development would not affect the roads proposals it would be sympathetically considered and that in the meantime the possibility of an alternative site would be explored with the applicant. He stated that the Council might involve itself in an expensive acquisition of the site and possibly a house if it were found later that a house on this site would interfere with proposals for the road.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution passed.

1515 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Injury Decrees as set out in the Schedule to Item No. 5 on the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

1516 - HEADFORD FAIRS 1978:

On the proposition of Deputy Molloy, seconded by Senator Killilea, the Council approved the dates for fairs in Headford for 1978 as set out in the list circulated to each Member of the Council.

1517 - RATES WAIVER SCHEME 1977:

The County Manager gave an outline of the proposed scheme as circulated to each Member of the Council and he requested the approval of the Council to it. He also gave particulars of the State Grant for Rates Waiver Schemes as set out in Circular Fin.8/77 of 7th April, 1977, from the Department of Local Government and in the report of the County Secretary dated 16th May, 1977, copies of which were circulated to each Member of the Council.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the Scheme for Waiver of Rates for certain categories of persons for the year ending 31st December, 1977, as circulated to each Member of the Council".

Senator Killilea asked if decisions on applications of waiver of rates could be made more quickly.

Deputy Molloy stated that people having sent applications for waiver of rates continued to receive demands for payment, including six day notices, and he asked that where applications are made the rate collector should be informed that no further demand should be made until the application is decided.

Councillor O Morain recommended that where a person obtains relief under the scheme for one year, he should not be put to the same trouble in the following year in making a new claim.

The County Manager stated that the suggestions made would be examined but that persons who wished to avail of the scheme would still have to make application.

1518 - LOAN OF £25,000 - EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN TO ORANMORE:

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy and seconded by Councillor Byrne:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £25,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of financing Stage 1 - to Merlin Park - of the extension of the watermain to Oranmore, the loan to be repaid by instalments over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

Deputy Molloy stated that while welcoming the allocation of £25,000 for this purpose he expressed criticism that the Minister had not made the full amount available in the current year as promised to carry out the extension to Oranmore.

Councillor Fahey proposed that the Council should forget about the loan of £25,000 and go back to the Minister for a loan of £190,000, being the estimated cost of the extension to Oranmore.

Councillor Melvin seconded Councillor Fahey's proposal.

Senator Killilea asked how this money was allocated to Oranmore and said that when money became available it was to be allocated as a first priority to Tuam.

After a further discussion it was agreed that the Council would approve the raising of the loan but that a letter should be written to the Minister pointing out that approximately only 12% of the cost of the extension to Oranmore had been allocated and requesting that the balance be made available without delay.

The Chairman then declared the resolution proposed by Deputy Molloy and seconded by Councillor Byrne passed.

1519 - LOAN OF £2,000 - CAHERCRIN/TEMPLEMARTIN GROUP WATER SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £2,000 from such source as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government, the loan to be repaid over such period as may be approved by the Minister with interest at the usual rate".

1520 - DATE OF PLANNING MEETINGS:

Councillor O Morain stated that the Council would need to give particular attention to the County Development Plan in view of the tendency recently of foreigners buying considerable amounts of property on the western part of the county. He stated that this trend is likely to intensify in the near future.

Deputy Molloy stated that he also was aware that foreigners were trying to buy land in the county and while he considered that it was more a matter for the Land Commission the Council should see what could be done in the Development Plan to make better provision for local people.

Councillor O Morain stated that it was important that the Council should make people aware of the speculation which was going on.

It was agreed that the meeting to consider the County Development Plan and the Oranmore Development Plan would be held on Tuesday, 5th July, 1977.

1521 - REMISSION OF RATES UNDER GAELTACHT INDUSTRIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1971 - MESSRS. STOCAL TEORANTA:

The County Manager stated that an application had been received from Messrs. Stocai Teoranta, Carraroe, for rates remission under the provisions of Section 5 of the Gaeltacht Industries (Amendment) Act, 1971, in respect of the factory provided by them at Carraroe.

It was proposed by Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Deputy Molloy and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the remission of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the rates leviable in respect of a factory erected by Messrs. Stocai Teoranta, Carraroe, Co. Galway, this remission to have effect in respect of the local financial year following that on which the erection was completed and in respect of each of the next nine local financial years subject also to the provisions of Section 5(3) of the Act - the appropriate certificate having been issued by Gaeltarra Eircann in respect of this factory".

1522 - REVISION OF SALES TERMS FOR CERTAIN LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES:

The County Manager informed members that Circular dated 17th May, 1977, had been received from the Department of Local Government, enclosing copy of a Press Release from the Department of Local Government in connection with revision of the sale terms for certain Local Authority houses.

He stated, however, that the variation does not effect any of the terms of the sales schemes adopted by Galway County Council.

1523 - FIRE ON FORESTRY DEPARTMENT LANDS AT CLUIISH, OUGHTERARD:

Councillor Welby stated that approximately 7,500 acres of trees, the property of the Forestry Department, were destroyed in a fire in the Cluish Valley during the past weekend and that this might not have occurred if the patrols previously employed on Forestry lands had not been withdrawn as part of an economy drive. He proposed that the Council request the Forestry Department to re-employ people to patrol the forestry lands, especially during Sundays and holidays. He complimented the Fire Brigade, the Army and the local people who assisted in bringing the fire under control.

Seconding the proposal, Councillor Sean Donnellan stated that unemployed people should be taken on for patrolling Forestry lands.

Councillor O Morain asked that Radio na Gaeltachta should broadcast a request each evening to adults and children to avoid lighting furze and gorse in the vicinity of forests and that some of the proprietors of the newspapers circulating in the area might also be asked to draw attention to the dangers of forest fires.

Councillor Flaherty seconded this proposal.

The County Manager informed the members of the contents of reports on the fire which he had received from the Chief Fire Officer, giving particulars of the time they had received the call and the times on which the brigade and the Army responded.

1524 - ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - HOUSE FOR PATRICK KEANE, LETTERMASS, SPIDDAL - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:

The County Secretary stated that the contribution required by the E.S.B. for bringing the supply approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile to this site would be £3,100, but that this might be reduced later if a neighbour who may be eligible for participation in the subsidised E.S.B. scheme accepted a supply on the terms which would be offered. He stated that information on this aspect of the matter would be available from the E.S.B. within a few months.

Deputy Molloy proposed that the Council pay the necessary contribution and he complained that the County Council had not in fact applied to the Minister for approval to pay the E.S.B. contribution. He stated that the Council's attitude in this matter means that the applicant who has been approved for housing has been left without a house, and he stated that the Council should now go ahead and build a house even without electricity.

The County Manager stated that the Council is prepared to seek a site in an area where an electricity supply will be available at a reasonable cost.

1525 - THE POWER OF MINISTER TO DEDUCT MONEY FROM HOUSING SUBSIDY - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:

Replying to Deputy Molloy's motion, the County Manager referred the Deputy to the three circulars issued by the Department of Local Government setting out the Minister's decision in relation to the consequences or failure by the Council to apply the "clawback" in the case of sales of Local Authority houses. He stated that the Minister had not quoted his legal authority for making this deduction. He also stated that even if the Council were to get legal opinion to the effect that the Minister is not entitled to do so, he would not advocate taking any further steps with regard to taking legal action against the Minister. Deputy Molloy proposed and Councillor O Morain seconded that the Council get legal opinion with regard to the right of the Minister to make the deduction in question.

Councillor McCormack proposed the direct negative to this and he was seconded by Councillor Kilgannon.

Deputy Molloy again proposed that the Council get legal opinion and was seconded by Deputy Callanan.

Stating that the motion before the Council did not refer to the question of getting legal opinion, the Chairman ruled the motions out of order since they were not similar to the resolution on the Agenda.

1526 - ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - DEMOUNTABLE DWELLING FOR JOHN FLAHERTY, BAUNTRAGH BALLINAHOWN - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:

The County Secretary stated that the contribution of £396 required in this case had been approved by the Minister and was being paid to the E.S.B.

Deputy Molloy stated that the application for the Minister's sanction was not raised until he had first raised the matter in the Dail and he asked in future where the contribution required by the E.S.B. is over the amount authorised by the Minister, an application should be made forthwith to the Minister for approval.

1527 - PIPED WATER SUPPLY FOR DAWROS, LETTERFRACK - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

In reply to this motion which was moved by Deputy Molloy in the absence of Councillor Bartley, the County Secretary stated that the Letterfrack Scheme is not capable of supplying the needs of Dawros and that a regional supply is proposed for Tully and Tullycross area which is designed to cater for the Dawros area.

1528 - DANGEROUS CREVICE AT AILLEBRACK:

In reply to this motion which was moved by Deputy Molloy in the absence of Councillor Bartley, the County Secretary stated that this proposal is being examined.

1529 - DANGEROUS BEND NEAR COMMUNITY SCHOOL, CLIFDEN:

In reply to Councillor Bartley's motion which was moved by Deputy Molloy, the County Secretary stated that this proposal will be considered in conjunction with the Estimates for 1978.

1530 - TURNTABLE AND PARKING SPACE AT CREGG GRAVEYARD, CURRANDULLA - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that the existing layby on the opposite side of the road from the graveyard would be surfaced, as also would the area in front of the public pump nearby. Additional parking will also be provided by removing some of the clay banks in the immediate vicinity. This work will be put in hands as soon as possible.

1531 - DANGEROUS CORNER AT CASTLELAMBERT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MOLLOY:

The County Secretary stated that the cost of this work is £500 and no provision has been made for it in the current year's Estimates.

1532 - REPAIR OF CASTLEGAR AND BALLYGURRANE ROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MOLLOY:

The County Secretary stated that repairs to these roads will be carried out in the near future.

1533 - REFUSE COLLECTION FOR DOUGHISKA AND ROSCAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MOLLOY:

The County Secretary stated that it is not possible to service the houses on this road with the existing vehicles as their time is fully taken up on existing collections.

1534 - BOTHAR AN MEUILINN AG CILL CHIARAIN - MOLADH ON CLR. O MORAIN:

The County Secretary stated that some difficulty had been experienced in identifying this road and that the Assistant County Engineer in Clifden will call on Councillor O Morain in connection with it in the near future.

1535 - DEONTASAI GAELTACHTA - MOLADH ON CLR. O MORAIN:

Councillor O Morain proposed that the Ministers for Local Government and the Gaeltacht be asked to give substantial increases for Housing Grants. He also complained that a person who had recently applied for a grant for the purchase of a fishing boat had been refused a grant because his earnings were too high.

Councillor O Morain also complained that instructors in eight regions in the Connemara Gaeltacht were allowed to give Fertiliser Grants for twenty plots in each region, but that following amalgamation of districts and reduction in the number of instructors they were now confined to only twenty plots for each of the enlarged regions. He asked that the original grants be restored.

1536 - BOTHAR CHUIG CEANN NA SCUNGACH - MOLADH ON CLR. O MORAIN:

The County Secretary stated that this proposal would be considered in conjunction with the Estimates for 1978.

1537 - REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR GURTEEN, BALLINASLOE - MOTION BY DEPUTY KITT:

The County Secretary stated that this proposal would involve an extra 6½ miles travelling for collection of only six bins and that it is not recommended.

1538 - EASING OF BEND AT CASTLEFRENCH NATIONAL SCHOOL - MOTION BY DEPUTY KITT:

The County Secretary stated that this work would involve an improvement scheme and will be considered with the 1978 Estimates.

1539 - EASING OF BEND AT CURRAGHMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL, KILKERRIN - MOTION BY DEPUTY HUSSEY:

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The County Secretary stated it is proposed to carry out this work next October.

1540 - BRIERFIELD SOUTH GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR RYAN AND DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that the Medical Officer's report on the source and the yield test have been sent to the Department of Local Government, but that approval to the scheme has not yet been received from the Department.

1541 - PURCHASE OF LANDS AT PARKMORE, TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

The County Manager stated that agreement to purchase 36 acres on this estate had been reached.

Councillor Kelly asked that consideration be given to the construction of a link road from the Dublin Road to Bishop Street through those lands.

1542 - ABBERT, ABBEYKNOCKMOY GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

The County Secretary stated that a special contribution of £1,630 had been paid by the County Council in this case.

Councillor Ryan stated that he was not aware that this grant had been given, but he asked if any further assistance could be given as he understood that the group were in financial difficulties.

The County Manager stated that an additional grant could not be given on this basis.

Councillor Joyce asked if the Laurencetown/Tyrecourt Group Scheme could also get further assistance as he understood that they also were in some financial difficulties.

1543 - IMPROVEMENT OF JUNCTIONS ON GALWAY/CLIFDEN ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MCCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of each of these improvements is £5,000 and that the works are not considered to be essential.

Councillors McCormack and Welby stated that all that is necessary in this case is that the view be improved at the junctions.

Councillor Welby stated that he had previously got estimates for less than this amount when previous estimates were being considered.

1544 - PUMP FOR MONARD-CANTEENEY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MCCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that it is not the policy of the Council to provide pumps for group schemes, but that a Councillor might nominate a pump for this area if he considered it was necessary.

Councillor McCormack then stated that he was nominating this area as one of the pumps which he was entitled to nominate.

1545 - FIRE STATION FOR OUGHTERARD

The County Manager stated that a report is being prepared on the Fire Services for consideration by the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee and subsequently by the County Council. He stated that the provision of a fire station for Oughterard would be considered in the context of this report. Councillor McCormack stressed the need for a fire station in Oughterard because of the delay that arises in getting a fire brigade from Galway or other areas in the event of fires and having regard especially to the large area of forestry in the Oughterard area.

Councillor Welby stated that a fire brigade as such is not much use to fight fires because of the long distances for which hoses have to be laid, but that he still wished to see a fire station provided in Oughterard. In relation to the forestry area, Councillor Welby stated what is needed is patrols to prevent or detect early outbreaks of fire.

1546 - ATHENRY WATER SUPPLY SUPPLEMENTARY SOURCE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The County Secretary stated that the water supply source for Athenry

Creamery appears to be adequate for their own immediate and future needs but that whatever additional supply might be taken from it would not make any impact in the town of Athenry. He stated also that it is proposed to provide an augmented supply for Athenry from the Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme, which is at present under examination. In the short-term a waste water survey had recently been carried out and the supply had been improved somewhat as a result.

Replying to further queries by Councillor Morgan, Mr. Hays, Acting County Engineer stated that he had discussed the question of the source with the Creamery Manager and had been informed that the existing source was considered to be adequate only for their present and estimated future needs.

1547 - TREATMENT WORKS - ATHENRY TOWN SEWERAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The County Secretary stated that a revised Preliminary Report for a new sewage treatment works has been submitted to the Department of Local Government.

1548 - IMPROVEMENT ON BENDS, ETC. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of improvement of the road from the entrance to Mountpleasant Estate to the new Cemetery is £10,000 and that funds have not been provided for this, that the roadside front walls on the housing sites at Baunoge will be recessed by site owners to provide the required parking space in accordance with the conditions in the planning permission and that the estimated cost for the improvement of the junction of Leitrim Village Road & Duniry Road is £1,000, but that in all of those cases it is considered that busier roads should be given priority.

Councillor Morgan asked that improvement of the entrance to the Mountpleasant Estate and improvement of the Junction of Leitrim Village Road & Duniry Road should be considered in conjunction with the Estimates for 1978.

1549 - IMPROVEMENT OF LOWER BALLAGH/SUNHILL ROAD, MENLO - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

In reply to this motion which was moved by Councillor Ryan in the absence of Councillor Kilgannon, the County Secretary stated that the design to improve the junction is being investigated and if the necessary land is available the estimate for same will be considered in the 1978 Estimates.

1550 - ADOPTION OF ROADS AS PUBLIC ROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

In reply to this motion which was moved by Councillor Ryan in the absence of Councillor Kilgannon, the County Secretary stated that the conditions for adoption of roads as public roads has been considered on at least three occasions by the County Council and that following long consideration of the matter the standards which are being applied for the last few years were adopted. The conditions agreed by the Council provided that a road be considered for adoption other than one connecting two public roads should always serve at least one inhabited house and two landowners, one of whom may be an inhabitant of the house.

Councillor McCormack stated that he had submitted proposals for N.O.M. Roads in December, 1976, and that since he did not receive estimates since then he could not nominate roads to utilise his N.O.M. allocation.

1551 - PUBLICATION OF "A GUIDE TO THE SERVICES OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL" - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

In the absence of Councillor Kilgannon, it was agreed that this proposal be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

1552 - TAKING OVER OF L.I.S. ROAD AT CRAUGHWELL, LAURENCE TOWN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that L.I.S. Road No. 565/68 which was carried out in 1970/71 for a distance of 1,584 yards was not adopted

as a public road as gates obstructed the right-of-way. Subject to removal of one gate, a length of 1,496 yards would be suitable for adoption at an estimated cost of £900. If the second gate were removed the remainder of the road would be suitable for adoption at an estimated cost of £950.

He stated that both sections of the road needs surface dressing and that the necessary funds would have to be provided out of N.O.M. money.

1553 - BEND AT KELLYSGROVE, CLONTUSKERT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of this work is £2,500 and that no provision had been made in the current year's estimates, but that it can be considered in conjunction with the Estimates for 1978.

Councillor Joyce asked that this work be done out of the allocation of £6,000 for the Ballinasloe Area for similar type works in the current year. He stated that he understood that a sum of £6,000 had been allocated to each Engineer's Area during the year, but that when he called to the office in Ballinasloe he was informed that this work would not be done out of this allocation. He asked that he be informed of the work which would be done in the Ballinasloe Area out of the allocation for that area.

1554 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD TO DOONEEN COTTAGES, CLIFDEN - MOTION BY SENATOR MANNION:

The County Secretary stated that this road had been nominated for repair and adoption by another councillor out of 1977 N.O.M. funds.

1555 - EXTENSION OF FOOTPATH TO ST. ANNE'S WELFARE HOUSE, CLIFDEN - MOTION BY SENATOR MANNION:

The County Secretary reported that the road there is at present too narrow to allow for the construction of a footpath and re-alignment would be necessary before the footpath could be provided. He stated that this is a national secondary road and re-alignment will depend on a national secondary grant being forthcoming.

1556 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT TUBBERNAVEEN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The County Secretary stated that this proposal is being examined and a report will be available for the June meeting.

1557 - IMPROVEMENT OF BEND ON CARNMORE/LAKEVIEW ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The County Secretary stated that a report on this matter will be available for the June meeting.

1558 - SOILSE POIBLI - ROSABHIL - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:

The County Secretary stated that the provision of lights at Rossaveal is not on the 3 year programme but that the proposal is being examined.

1559 - BAILIU BRUSCAIR - LEITIRCOILE GO ROSS - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:

The County Secretary stated that the refuse collection service is already working to full capacity and that no further extension is possible.

1560 - STAID AN BHOTHAIR AG CASHLA AGUS ROSABHIL - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:

The County Secretary stated that pipe-laying is now substantially complete on the Clynagh to Costello Lodge section of the scheme, that house connections are now in progress in this section and it is hoped to have the road permanently restored by mid-June. He stated that because of the nature of the work which involved laying large diameter watermain through solid granite on a narrow road it was impossible to avoid inconvenience to road users, but that every effort had been made to minimise this inconvenience.

D R A F T

POSTAL VOTERS LIST - 1977/'78.

MEMBERS OF THE DEFENCE FORCES      The address of a voter in this part is to be taken as  
c/o Officer in charge, Personnel Section, Dept. of Defence, Parkgate, Dublin 8.  
CONSTITUENCY OF CLARE-SOUTH GALWAY (Part of)

No. and Polling District Letter	Army No.	Name, Rank and Unit of Service
<u>LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA OF BALLINASLOE (Remainder in Constituency of North-East Galway)</u>		
A 1 (X)	835825	Clarke, Patrick M.      Pte., 28 Infantry Bn.
A 2 (V)	815517	Farrell, Brendan I.      Pte., C.T. Depot W/Comd..
A 3 (F)	834343	Gilligan, Patrick J.,      Appt., Baldonnell Tech. Squad..
A 4 (V)	825359	Golding, Francis B.      Pte., 4 Hospital Coy. A.M.C..
A 5 (V)	820073	Harte, Patrick      Cpl. 16 Inf. Bn.
A 6 (B)	827112	Larkin, John      Pte., 28 Infantry Bn..
A 7 (P)	829967	O'Pristeard, Padraig C.      S.S., 1 Cn. Cois.
A 8 (G)	827982	O'Rourke, Francis      Pte., 28 Infantry Bn..
A 9 (V)	831641	O'Shea, Noel W.      Pte., 6 Infantry Bn..
A 10 (G)	820116	Ryan, Patrick Gerald      Sgt., Command Training Depot..
A 11 (E)	830034	Raftery, Michael E.      Cpl., No. 2 Grn. Coy. M.P.C.,
A 12 (C)	829786	Williams, Stephen Gerard      Pte., No. 4 Hospital Coy. A.M.C..
<u>URBAN DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE</u>		
A 13 (D)	821979	Burgoyne, Michael B.      Pte., 6th Infantry Batt.
A 14 (D)	827168	Burke, William Christopher      Pte., 28th Infantry Batt..
A 15 (D)	832988	Byrnes, Patrick Anthony      Pte., 6th Infantry Batt..

CONSTITUENCY OF CLARE-SOUTH GALWAY (Continued)

No. and Polling District Letter	Army No.	Name, Rank and Unit of Service
<u>URBAN DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE (Continued)</u>		
A 35 (D)	816140	Smyth, John Cpl., 16th Infantry Batt..
A 36 (D)	835322	Ward, Eugenius J. Pte., 6 Inf. Batt..
<u>LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA OF LOUGHREA (Remainder in constituencies of North-East Galway &amp; West Galway)</u>		
A 37 (BE)	825100	Buckley, Kennedy Patrick Pte., 4th Field Engr. Coy..
A 38 (AC)	0/8250	Curley, John J., Capt., 4 Grn. S. & T., Coy.,
A 39 (AM)	830186	Felle, Charles Pte., 1 Cn. Cois.
A 40 (BY)	835329	Foley, Martin P. Pte., 6 Infantry Batt..
A 41 (AF)	0/8595	Gillespie, William 2 Lt., 1st Field Signals.
A 42 (BY)	835330	Harte, John F. Pte., 6 Infantry Bn..
A 43 (BY)	833187	Harte, Michael G. Pte., 6 Infantry Bn..
A 44 (AF)	827757	Kelly, Dermot Gnr. 5 Field Arty. Regt..
A 45 (AP)	831330	Kilbride, Paul Pte., 28 Infantry Bn..
A 46 (CA)	831737	Lynskey, Michael Martin O/S., Naval Base.
A 47 (BE)	819847	Muldoon, Charles G., A/Man, A.F.T.S. Flying Wing
A 48 (AA)	RNS/595	McDonagh, Mary Emily Sr., Gen. Mil. Hospital.
A 49 (AZ)	825646	O'Conghaile, Pdraig G. S.S., 1 Cn. Cois.
A 50 (AN)	0/8089	O'Cochlann, Mairtin M. Capt. 1 Cn. Cois.
A 51 (AE)	832768	O'Donnell, Michael Gerard O/S. Naval Base.
A 52 (AD)	94829	O'Flanagan, Thomas C. Cpl., 4 Hosp. Coy. A.M.C..

Deputy Molloy asked if the present uneven surface and bends on the road could be improved in connection with the restoration work which will be carried out.

The County Secretary stated that the road restoration is being financed out of money allocated for the water supply scheme and that it is unlikely that much could be done with the general improvement of the road in connection with the restoration.

The County Manager stated that Deputy Molloy's recommendation would be examined.

1561 - LADDERS FOR SPIDDAL PIER - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that this work will be completed before the end of July, 1977.

Deputy Molloy asked if the work could be done earlier than this as it is important that it be done immediately due to the fact that drift net fishing is now commencing.

1562 - IMPROVEMENT OF VIEW AT CLONBOO CROSS ON HEADFORD ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that a report on this proposal will be available for the June meeting.

1563 - IMPROVEMENT OF CUTTENDY/LISHKENORAN ROAD, ANNAGEDOWN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that a report on this matter will be available for the June meeting.

1564 - ROAD AND FOOTPATHS IN MOYCULLEN VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAN DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that a report on this matter will be available for the June meeting.

1565 - PUBLIC LIGHTS FOR MOYCULLEN VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAN DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that an order for the installation of one light near the doctor's residence in Moycullen had been issued to the E.S.B. but that no other provision had been made in the public lighting programme for lights in Moycullen.

Councillor Donnellan stating that the village is growing, asked that a proposal to provide extra lights be further examined.

1566 - BUILDING OF PIER AT BIRCHALL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAN DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that this type of work is now being carried out in association with Bord Fáilte which contributes towards the cost of such works.

Councillor Donnellan asked that the matter get early consideration as this is the centre for a very important annual angling competition.

Councillor Welby asked that similar facilities also be provided at Burnthouse, Roscahill.

The Meeting then terminated.

Submitted Approved and Confirmed

*Tom Chesser*  
Chairman

Date 22/5/78

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Bothar Mor,  
GAILLIMH.

20 Meitheamh, 1977.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú bliantúil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 27u Meitheamh, 1977, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathona.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL,  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Election of Chairman for year 1977/'78.
2. Election of Vice Chairman for year 1977/'78.
3. Appointment of representatives on:-
  - (a) County Councils' General Council (3)
  - (b) Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. (1)
  - (c) Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group (6).
4. Appointment of Committees:-
  - (a) County Libraries Committee
  - (b) National Monuments Advisory Committee
  - (c) Education (Grants) Committee.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
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A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-

- (a) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to John Charlton, for the erection of a dwelling house at Frenchfort - Planning Reference No. 24735."  
Robert Molloy; John Molloy; Hugh Melvin.
- (b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to John Charlton for the erectbn of a dwelling house at Doon, near Clifden, Co. Galway - Planning Reference No. 24735."  
G. Bartley; M. O Morain; R. Molloy.
- (c) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Morgan O'Donnell for erection of a dwelling house at Furrymelia West - Planning Reference No. 24524."  
Robert Molloy; John Molloy; Thomas Welby.
- (d) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned direct the County Manager to grant permission to Martin Carr for the retention of two advertising signs at Stradbally - Planning Reference No. 24666."  
Robert Molloy; Hugh Melvin; Frank Fahey.
- (e) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Patrick O'Malley (Festus), for the reconstruction and extension of house and erection of septic tank at Doochulla - Planning Reference No. 24674."  
Robert Molloy; Michael O Flatharta; Micheal O Morain.

- (f) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Mr. Gerard Mahony for the erection of a dwelling house at Caherwalter - Planning Reference No. 24448."  
John Callanan; Edward Haverly; James Joyce.
- (g) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to John Barrett for the erection of a dwelling house at Roscahill - Planning Reference No. 24795".  
Thomas Welby; Micheal O Morain; Robert Molloy.
2. Applications for Planning Permission, where the development proposed would be a material contravention of the County Development Plan:-
- (a) Application received from Mr. Patrick Leonard, Two-Mile-Ditch, Galway, for erection of dwelling house at Castlegar - No. 24467.
- (b) Application received from Mr. John Curley, Tooreena, Renvyle, for erection of a dwelling house at Tooreena, Renvyle - No. 24353.
3. Minutes.
4. Malicious Injury Decrees - list herewith.
5. Overdraft - to 30th September, 1977.
6. Annual Conference of County Councils' General Council - 30th June to 2nd July.
7. Sheep Dipping Order 1965 (Amendment) Order 1977 - specifying that sheep dipping period shall be from 15th September to 31st of the following January. /the
8. Report of Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting - 24th June, 1977.
9. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads - List herewith.
10. Raising of Loan of £83,300 for the following:-
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| (a) Purchase of Fire Appliance                | - | £30,000. |
| (b) Purchase of Radio Communication Equipment | - | 3,300.   |
| (c) Erection of Fire Station at Portumna      | - | 40,000.  |
| (d) Extension of Tuam Fire Station            | - | 10,000.  |
11. Proposed Convention of Local Authorities.
12. Sale of Houses under Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, to the following:
- Thomas Kelly, Drum, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe;  
Brendan Farrell, Kylemore, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe;  
James Brien, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe;  
Joseph Bohan, Carramore, Caherlistrane;  
Joseph Raftery, Barnaderg North, Tuam;  
Michael Lee (Cunnane), Carrownakib, Ower, Headford;  
Patrick Glynn, Derrybrien, Loughrea;  
Joseph & Bridie Corless, Kinvara;  
Margaret Donohue, Caherglassaun, Gort;  
Bridget O'Rourke, Glebe, Clonfert, Ballinasloe;  
James Colohan, Glebe, Clonfert, Ballinasloe;  
David O'Toole, Carrowmanagh, Oughterard.
13. (a) Higher Education Grants Scheme 1977 - Draft herewith.  
(b) Minutes of Meeting of Committee held on 2nd June, 1977.

14. Selection of Dates for Meetings of:-
  - (a) Housing Committee;
  - (b) Fire Brigades Advisory Committee;
  - (c) Speed Limits Committees.
  - (d) County Council - to consider Revision of County Development Plan and Orammore Plan. (Previously arranged for 5th July, 1977).
15. Reports on matters adjourned from previous meetings:-
  - (a) Roadside Fencing at the Green Public Park, Loughrea - Minute No. 1503.
  - (b) Taking over of Road at Tubbernaven - Minute No. 1556.
  - (c) Bend on Carnmore-Lakeview Road - Minute No. 1557.
  - (d) Improvement of view at Cloonboo Cross on Headford Road - Minute No. 1562.
  - (e) Improvement of Cutteenty-Lisheenoran Road, Annaghdown - Minute No. 1563.
  - (f) Improvement of Roads and Footpaths in Moycullen - Minute No. 1564.
16. Social Welfare (Supplementary Allowances) Act, 1975.
17. Local Government (Roads and Motorways) Act, 1974 (Declaration of National Roads) Order, 1977.
18. Business submitted by County Manager.

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MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

19. DEPUTY R. MOLLOY - I will propose:
  - (a) That a full report be given on the reason for the delay in carrying out necessary repairs to Cottage 52, Cullaghbeg, Maam, Connemara, Co. Galway.
  - (b) That the following information be given in regard to lands purchased by Galway County Council in the village of Moycullen.
    - (i) The year of purchase;
    - (ii) The area of the site purchased;
    - (iii) Proposals for development of the sites.
  - (c) That provision be made in the 1978 Road Estimates for the widening of Baile na h-Abhainn Bridge and improving the approach roads.
20. DEPUTY J. CALLANAN - I will propose:

That the County Engineer be asked to ease turn and improve sighting at junction on Clontuskert Road at Aughrim. At this dangerous junction, one road leads to Clontuskert and another to Hill of Aughrim.
21. DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN - I will propose:

That Mr. Eddie Morrissey, The Green Door, Portumna, be appointed a member of the Portumna Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.
22. DEPUTY J. CALLANAN, COUNCILLORS M. S. O MORAIN, J. MOLLOY, F. FAHEY, M. O FLATHARTA, SEAN DONNELLAN - We will propose:

That the Council seek legal advice as to whether the Minister for Local Government has power to deduct monies from Housing Subsidy to offset monies not recouped by the application of the "Clawback" by Galway County Council.
23. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:

That car parking facilities be made available at the following: Annaghdown Church, also Lackagh Cemetery, and also at Cummer Cemetery. The car park at Annaghdown Church could also serve the Annaghdown Cemetery if extended towards Cemetery.
24. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:
  - (a) That the County Council cease to bring refuse from Clifden and dump it at Oughterard.
  - (b) That the County Council improve the water supply in Oughterard and Moycullen as each area has a water shortage at present.
  - (c) That the County Council improve and replace the timber on Annaghdown Pier and also provide litter bins on pier.
25. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:
  - (a) That the dangerous turn on the road near Gabriel Rohan's house at Moher, Ballinasloe, be relieved and properly cambered.
  - (b) That the turn near John Joe Horan's house in Redmount, Eyrecourt, be so developed as to eliminate the danger it contains for road users.
  - (c) That the reasons for the seemingly ridiculously long delay in bringing the County Council's proposals for speed limits before the Council be explained.
26. COUNCILLOR N. MORGAN - I will propose:
  - (a) That the level of the road approaching Loughrea Golf Club entrance be lowered and the bend eased so as to ensure reasonable safety to the hundreds of cars using the Club each week.
  - (b) That the entrance by the south gable of Michael Moloney's Council house, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, be increased to eleven feet, so as to allow the refuse collection truck and fuel delivery trucks to these Council houses whose only entrance is through the hall and kitchen.
  - (c) That the families who have had their headstones damaged in Craughwell Graveyard as a result of a fire be granted replacement headstones of at least equal value, and that the end of the old church be made safe.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27th JUNE, 1977.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members - As recorded in Attendance Book.

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor M. Kelly.  
Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. J. Lynch, County Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; M. Tierney, S. McMahon & H. Finnegan, Chief Assistant County Engineers; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; B. Callagy & B. Cahill, Chief Assistants (Planning); J. Beirne, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer; Miss G. O'Grady, Senior Staff Officer, Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer, Messrs. P. J. McGovern & T. O'Neill, Senior Staff Officers, D. Commins, Assistant Staff Officer and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1567 - WELCOME TO MR. PATRICK J. LYNCH, COUNTY ENGINEER:

The Chairman on behalf of the Council extended a sincere welcome to Mr. Patrick J. Lynch recently appointed County Engineer for County Galway. He expressed the hope that Mr. Lynch would have a long happy and successful career with Galway County Council. Other Members of the Council joined in the expression of welcome to Mr. Lynch.

The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff of the Council, joined in the welcome extended by the Chairman and Members to Mr. Lynch.

Mr. Lynch thanked the Chairman, Members and County Manager for the welcome extended to him and expressed the hope that he could work in close harmony with the Council for the benefit of the people of Galway.

1568 - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 1977/'78:

The Chairman asked for nominations for the Office of Chairman for the year 1977/'78.

Deputy Killilea proposed and Councillor J. Molloy seconded that Deputy T. Hussey be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 1977/'78.

As there was no other proposal the Chairman declared himself elected and he thanked the Members for electing him unanimously.

1569 - ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 1977/'78:

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Councillor Melvin that Councillor Sean Donnellan be elected vice-chairman of the Council for 1977/'78.

It was proposed by Senator Higgins and seconded by Councillor McCormack that Councillor B. Holland be elected vice-chairman of the Council for the year 1977/'78.

A vote taken after 4.00 p.m. resulted as follows:-

NAME & ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT OF DECREE (Inc. cost)
MARY J. LAHFF, LISADOLLY, PETERSWELL	DAMAGE TO WINDOW & CASH REGISTER	E.D. KILLTHOMAS	£ 430	£ 417.20
PATRICK FORDE, CORRANTILLA, ANNAGHDOWN	DAMAGE TO COMBINE HARVESTER	E.D. KILLOWER	180	132.96
PATR. D'ARCY, CURRANMULLA	DAMAGE TO CAR	BORO. OF GALWAY	41.63	82.15

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

For Councillor Donnellan: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, Fahey, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Councillors Kitt, Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy Molloy, Councillors O Morain, Raftery and Welby (15).

For Councillor Holland: Councillors Burke, Byrne, Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Galvin, Glynn, Senator Higgins, Councillors Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Morgan, Ruane, Ryan (14).

The Chairman declared Councillor Sean Donnellan elected vice-chairman of the Council for 1977/'78.

1570 - ELECTION OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

First Vacancy - It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Councillor Melvin that Councillor E. Haverty be elected a representative of the County Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1977/'78.

As there was no other proposal for this vacancy the Chairman declared Councillor Haverty elected.

Second Vacancy - It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Councillor Melvin that Deputy M. Killilea be appointed a representative of the County Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1977/'78.

As there was no other proposal for this vacancy the Chairman declared Deputy Killilea elected.

Third Vacancy - It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Councillor Melvin that Councillor J. Molloy be elected a representative of the County Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1977/'78.

It was proposed by Councillor McCormack and seconded by Councillor Byrne that Councillor M. Ryan be appointed a representative of the Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1977/'78.

A vote taken on the latter two proposals after 4.00 p.m. resulted as follows:-

For Councillor Molloy: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, Fahey, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Councillors Kitt, Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors O Morain, Raftery, Ruane and Welby (16).

For Councillor Ryan: Councillors Burke, Byrne, Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Galvin, Glynn, Senator Higgins, Councillors Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Morgan and Ryan (13).

The Chairman declared Councillor J. Molloy elected a representative of the County Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1977/'78.

1571 - ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ON WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LTD. FOR 1977/'78:

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Senator Higgins that Councillor M. O'Morain be appointed a representative of the Council on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. for 1977/'78.

As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Councillor O Morain appointed.

1572 - APPOINTMENT OF SIX REPRESENTATIVES ON THE GALWAY/MAYO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP:

It was agreed that the Chairman is an ex-officio representative of the Council on this Group.

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Councillor J. Molloy that all six outgoing members of this Group for 1976/'77, including the Chairman, be elected representatives of the Council on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group for 1977/'78.

Councillor McCormack proposed and Deputy Mannion seconded that Councillor Burke be appointed a representative on this committee.

Councillor Burke withdrew his nomination as a representative of the Council on the committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Holland and seconded by Councillor Ryan that Senator M. D. Higgins be appointed a representative of the Council on the committee for 1977/'78.

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Burke that Councillor P. McCormack be appointed a representative of the Council on this committee for 1977/'78.

It was agreed that proposals be taken individually for those vacancies and that a vote be taken after 4.00 p.m.

When the matter was resumed after 4.00 p.m., proposals were made as follows for the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth vacancies.

Second Vacancy - It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Deputy Molloy that Councillor H. Melvin be appointed a representative of the Council on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group for 1977/'78.

As there was no other proposal for this vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Melvin appointed.

Third Vacancy - It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Councillor J. Molloy that Councillor M. O'Morain be appointed a representative of the Council on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group for 1977/'78.

As there was no other proposal for this vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor O Morain appointed.

Fourth Vacancy - It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Councillor Kitt that Councillor P. Raftery be appointed a representative of the Council on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group for 1977/'78.

It was proposed by Councillor Holland and seconded by Councillor Ryan that Senator M. D. Higgins be appointed a representative of the Council on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group for 1977/'78.

A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:-

For Councillor Raftery: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, Fahey, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Councillors Kitt, Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors O Morain, Raftery and Welby (15).

For Senator Higgins: Councillors Burke, Byrne, Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Galvin, Glynn, Senator Higgins, Councillors Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Morgan, Ruane and Ryan (14).

The Chairman declared Councillor Raftery appointed a representative of the Council on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group for 1977/'78.

Fifth Vacancy - It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Councillor Joyce that Councillor F. Fahey be appointed a representative of the Council on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group for 1977/'78.

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Burke

that Councillor P. McCormack be appointed a representative of the Council on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group for 1977/'78.

A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:-

For Councillor Fahey: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, Fahey, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Councillors Kitt, Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy E. Molloy, Councillors Morgan, O Morain, Raftery, Welby (16).

For Councillor McCormack: Councillors Burke, Byrne, Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Galvin, Glynn, Senator Higgins, Councillors Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Ruane, Ryan (13).

The Chairman declared Councillor Fahey appointed a representative of the Council on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group for 1977/'78.

Sixth Vacancy - It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Councillor O Morain that Councillor T. Welby be appointed a representative of the Council on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group for 1977/'78.

As there was no other proposal for this vacancy the Chairman declared Councillor Welby appointed a representative of the Council on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group for 1977/'78.

1573 - APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE FOR 1977/'78:

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Deputy Mannion and resolved that all outgoing members of the County Libraries Committee for 1976/'77 be appointed to the Committee for 1977/'78.

1574 - APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS COMMITTEE FOR 1977/'78:

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Welby and resolved that all outgoing full members and honorary members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee for 1976/'77 be appointed in the same categories to the committee for 1977/'78.

1575 - APPOINTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION (GRANTS) COMMITTEE FOR 1977/'78:

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor O Morain and resolved that the following persons be appointed to the Higher Education (Grants) Committee for 1977/'78:-

- Michael O'Flaherty, Keeraunmore, Carraroe;
- Francis Fahey, Kilbeacanty, Gort;
- John Molloy, Coolough, Castlegar;
- Ulick Burke, Eagle Hill, Abbey, Loughrea;
- Michael J. Kilgannon, Monaveen, Woodlawn;
- Miko Kelly, Church View, Tuam;
- Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough;
- Colie Hermon, Kilonan, Aran;
- Roy Colgan, Park Avenue, Dalysfort Road, Salthill;
- Frank Foley, Bridge Street, Clifden;
- President, St. Joseph's College, Garbally, Ballinasloe;
- President, St. Jarlath's College, Tuam;
- President, St. Mary's College, Galway;
- The Rector, St. Ignatius' College, Galway;
- Rev. Bro. Superior, St. Joseph's College, Galway;
- Rev. Mother, St. Raphael's Loughrea;
- Headmaster, Secondary School, Ballygar;
- Rev. Bro. Superior, Christian Brothers, Tuam;
- Headmaster, Community School, Clifden;
- Rev. President, Diocesan College, Gort;
- Mr. M. Hogan, N.T., Caltra;
- Mr. Tom Fitzgerald, Caltra;
- Headmaster, Community School, Carna;
- Mr. Frank Mullins, Woodford;
- Rev. Mother, Presentation Convent, Tuam;

Rev. Mother, Convent of Mercy, Tuam;  
Headmistress, Salerno Secondary School, Salthill, Galway;  
Sr. Trigid, Secondary School, Athenry;  
Superior, Incarnate Word College, Dunmore;  
Mr. S. O'Grady, Headmaster, Vocational School, Loughrea;  
Mr. E. Haverty, Co. C., Lisaniska, Killimor.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

*Submitted, approved, and confirmed.*

*Alex Spillan*  
Chairman

*25/7/77*  
Date

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27th JUNE, 1977.

IN THE CHAIR: (a) Deputy T. Hussey;  
(b) Councillor Sean Donnellan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members - As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors P. Fahey, P. T. Galvin, P. Glynn, E. Haverly, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Killilea, Councillor M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

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

Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. J. Lynch, County Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; M. Tierney, S. McMahon & H. Finnegan, Chief Assistant County Engineers; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; B. Callagy & B. Cahill, Chief Assistants (Planning); J. Beirne, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer; Miss G. O'Grady, Senior Staff Officer; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. P. J. McGovern & T. O'Neill, Senior Staff Officers; D. Commins, Assistant Staff Officer and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

1576 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24735 - APPLICANT: JOHN CHARLTON:

The County Manager stated that a decision to grant approval in this case was made on 15th June, 1977.

1577 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24524 - APPLICANT: MORGAN O'DONNELL:

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy and seconded by Councillor J. Molloy that in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Morgan O'Donnell for the erection of a dwelling house at Porramoyle West - Planning Reference No. 24524.

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

Permission was granted to Morgan O'Donnell for a house on the Western portion of this site on the grounds of a claimed family housing need and an enurement condition was imposed (Ref. No. 15467). Subsequently, Mr. O'Donnell re-submitted the site without claiming a special need and was refused Permission - Ref. No. 23462.

The present application is for a larger site but the eastern portion (about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of site area) is included in lands for which the Minister granted Outline Permission for three houses (Ref. No. 5588). Those three houses have been built and a grant of permission in the present case would interfere with Permission No. 5588 and possibly render it invalid.

The site itself is on an unpaved boroen close to Barna Water Supply treatment works and a house would probably not interfere significantly with the view to the Bay from the public road.

The following applications related to the O'Donnell family lands:-

- 5298 - Outline Permission for 1 house refused by Minister.
- 9240 - Permission for chalet refused.
- 11010 - Permission granted for chalet.
- 11785 - Outline Permission refused by Minister for one house.
- 20550 - Outline permission granted by Minister for one house.
- 23276 - On Further Information (Approval to 20550).

Refusal is now recommended for the following reasons:-

The proposed development having no public road frontage and situated on an unpaved boroen would constitute disorderly development of backlands and would be contrary to the requirements of the County Development Plan for the area which stipulates a maximum density of one house to one acre with a road frontage of 100 feet. A previous permission granted on this site was in respect of a declared family housing need.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

1578 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24666 - APPLICANT: MARTIN CARR:

The County Manager informed the Council that a decision to grant permission in this case was made on 23rd June, 1977 - the permission to expire after twelve months from the date of issue unless otherwise approved by the Planning Authority.

1579 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24674 - APPLICANT: PATRICK O'MALLEY (FESTUS):

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

Permission for reconstruction and extension of this "house", which is in fact a ruin, was refused by us on 15th February, 1977, and an appeal against this decision has lately been withdrawn. The County Medical Officer considered the site to be unsuitable for the construction of a septic tank thereon and on examining the site I found that it would not be possible to situate a septic tank there in compliance with the County Council's standard requirements (i.e. 50 feet from the house and 300 feet from the High Water Mark). It would thus contravene 2.14 of the County Development Plan.

We pointed out in the previous application that a new house could be located on the north side of the road. The same still holds true.

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy and seconded by Councillor O Morain that:-

In accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council hereby direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Patrick O'Malley (Festus) for the reconstruction and extension of house and erection of septic tank at Doohulla - Planning Reference No. 24674.

Councillor Glynn objected to the use of resolutions under Section 4 of the 1955 Act to the extent that they are now being used, stating that it was an abuse to the powers of Councillors and that the Council should accept the recommendations of the Planning Staff.

As there was no amendment to the proposal, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1580 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24448 - APPLICANT: GERARD MAHONEY:

The County Manager informed the Council that a decision to grant permission in this case was made on 24th June, 1977.

1581 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24795 - APPLICANT: JOHN BARRETT:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

This site, or variations thereof, has been submitted for planning permission on four previous occasions and on each occasion has been refused by the Planning Authority. Two of the decisions were appealed to the Minister and both were refused on appeal. In the latest appeal the reason for refusal was that "the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because due to the proximity of the proposed access to the site to the school car park on the opposite side of the road, and due to the gradient of any access driveway that might be provided, the development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard on the adjoining National Secondary Road" (Ref. No. 20907, Appeal No. 7/5/34009).

I am of the opinion that the construction of houses along National Primary and Secondary Routes would contravene 2.13 (1) (c) of the County Development Plan to restrict and limit structures and accesses along arterial and main trunk roads, unless the proposals are directly related to family or agricultural housing needs in the area. No such claim was made in this case.

Refusal is recommended as:-

The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area as it would result in a frontage development on a prominent site along a National Secondary Road in a rural area and would conflict with the policy of the Planning Authority as set out in the County Development Plan which aims to restrict development along such roads in the interests of road safety and preservation of visual amenity.

It was proposed by Councillor Welby and seconded by Councillor Bartley that:-

"In accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council hereby direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to John Barrett, for the erection of a dwelling house at Roscahill - Planning Reference No. 24795."

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

When Councillor Glynn enquired if the Doctrine of Res Judicata was being applied in relation to applications where previous decisions were made, the County Manager stated that there were different opinions regarding this Doctrine and that he did not have regard to it in dealing with applications.

Deputy Callanan stated that he frequently finds that there is not sufficient time to submit resolutions under Section 4. The County Manager replied that the difficulty is that the Council is receiving an increasing number of applications for planning permission and must deal with them within a period of two months, whereas there is no limit on the time within which the Planning Appeals Board or previously the Minister had to deal with appeals.

1582 - APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - MR. PATRICK LEONARD, TWO-MILE-DITCH, GALWAY - PLANNING REFERENCE NO. 24467:

The County Manager stated that on receipt of a Resolution under Section 4 of the 1955 Act, he had decided that to grant permission in this case would materially contravene Section 2.13 Table 3 (4) (d) of the County Development Plan which provided that a density of not greater than one house to one acre with a road frontage of not less than 75 feet is allowed along arterial and main trunk roads except where a special family housing need is claimed. No such claim had been made in this case. The site has only a frontage of 45 feet.

The required notice where a material contravention is involved was published in a daily paper in accordance with the provisions of the 1976 Planning & Development Act and no objections or observations were received within the prescribed period. It is considered that the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because the site is located on a National Primary Road at a road curve where site distances are sub-standard and where the maximum speed limit applies, and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free-flow of traffic on the road. He stated that an application for permission for a site which includes the present site was refused by the Council on 30th September, 1976, and was also refused on appeal by the Minister for Local Government on 24th January, 1977.

It was proposed by Councillor McCormack and seconded by Deputy Mannion:- "That Galway County Council hereby require that the County Manager make a decision to grant planning permission to Mr. Patrick Leonard, Two-Mile-Ditch, Galway, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Castlegar - Planning Reference No. 24467".

Deputy Molloy stated that he was objecting to the granting of planning permission in this case until certain information regarding previous decisions on applications in the area will be brought before the County Council.

Deputy Killilea proposed that the Council defer a decision on this application until the information referred to by Deputy Molloy is available. This proposal was seconded by Deputy Molloy. After further discussion, Deputy Molloy stated that he was not against the application if the Manager would report on the planning application to which he was referring and which was granted on appeal. The County Manager stated that there would be no difficulty at any time in giving Members of the Council whatever information is available on any particular applications on which they might require information.

The Chairman then declared the resolution carried.

1583 - APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION RECEIVED FROM MR. JOHN CURLEY, TOOREENA, KESHVILLE - PLANNING REFERENCE NO. 24353:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

"When Notice under Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, was received in this case, it was decided that to grant the permission would materially contravene the County Development Plan at Section 2.13 (1) (a) which states that it is the policy of the Planning Authority to limit and restrict structures and uses which would conflict with the preservation of amenity and the conservation of scenic landscape. The usual procedure for such material contravention under the 1976 Act was complied with - the required notice was published in a daily paper and no objections or observations were received within the prescribed period. The applicant in this case was requested to substantiate his claim that there was a special housing need and to submit a map of all the land owned by him.

The applicant and his father had called to the office and explained that the applicants' parents wished to build a new house adjacent to the existing house on the holding. This would not be a new farmhouse in the sense accepted in the special categories of housing needs. The applicant's father, who lives in the village about 1/2 mile away, gave this holding to the applicant three years ago when he acquired permission for a house and got married. It would not be justified under the Development Plan to inflict further visual damage to this high grade, comparatively unspoilt landscape when no evidence of family housing need has been substantiated. I do not accept that the house is to meet a family need and it seems to be that the intention maybe to offer the site for sale".

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy and seconded by Councillor Bartley that Galway County Council hereby require the County Manager to decide

to grant planning permission to Mr. John Curley, Tooreena, Renvyle, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Tooreena, Renvyle - Planning Reference No. 24353.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

1584 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor O Morain, seconded by Councillor Welby, the Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd May, 1977, (Nos. 1508 - 1566 inclusive) were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

1585 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Injury Decrees set out in the schedule to the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

1586 - OVERDRAFT:

The County Manager informed the Council that it was estimated that the Council's requirements in respect of overdraft for the half year ending on 30th September, 1977, would be £1,000,000. He stated that the present interest rate on overdraft is 9½% as from 6th May last and that the sum of £67,000 in respect of interest is included in the current year's estimates.

It was proposed by Councillor Coogan, seconded by Councillor Morgan 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 on 30th Sept., 1977".

1587 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

The County Manager informed the Council that due to the General Election the annual conference had to be postponed and would now be held in Dundalk from 30th June - 2nd July, inclusive.

1588 - SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1965 (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 1977:

The County Manager informed the Council that this Order recently made by the Minister for Agriculture, specified that the period for the Autumn sheep dipping would be from 15th September to 31st January following in lieu of the period from 1st October to 31st January following.

Deputy Killilea stated that some sheep owners had been asked to bring their sheep for dipping on a particular day but that the inspector was not there and in some of those cases certificates had not yet issued. He asked if an inspector could handle four or five baths each day in order to expedite dipping.

Councillor Ryan stated that the inspectors in some cases had given wrong classification of sheep in the certificates and he asked that these should be corrected.

Replying to Councillor Burke who referred to the fact that purchasers of sheep sometimes have no certificate to get, the County Manager stated that the sheep owner should keep a note of the certificate No. but that the Council's responsibility in the matter is to dip the sheep and to show the No. and classification of the sheep dipped on the certificate which is issued. He did not know what the Department's requirements are regarding sales, but all the Council could do is to give a copy of the certificate which was issued.

Deputy Callanan stated that something should be done about the issue of certificates when sheep are being sold. He stated that Galway did a good job on sheep dipping in the past season, but that the Department in introducing rams from outside to the County had been responsible for bringing sheep scab into a number of areas.

The County Manager stated that an enquiry in connection with the issue of certificates in connection with sales of sheep would be made from the Department of Agriculture.

Councillor Glynn stated that a good job had been done on the sheep dipping in Galway during the past season but that the same could not be said for some adjoining counties. He asked that the Department ensure that other counties also do the work efficiently.

The report of the Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting of 24th June, 1977, which was circulated to Members was noted.

1589 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

The County Manager referred to the list of roads circulated to Members of the Council and stated that an objection had been received in relation to the road from the junction with C.R. 437 at Knockree to the gate at Patrick Mitchell's house, Knockree, and he asked that pending clarification of this matter the Council should defer declaring this road a public road.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby declare the roads on the list submitted to the Council with the schedule to Item No. 9 on the Agenda - excluding the road from the junction with C.R. 437 at Knockree to the gate of Patrick Mitchell's house at Knockree - to be public roads".

Mr. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineer, replying to Deputy Molloy, stated that the reason for the delay in carrying out repair work on the Kylemore Bridge Road was that a request had been received from local fishermen to defer the work because of interference with fish.

Replying to Councillor McCormack, the County Manager stated that it is expected that the next list will be issued in August or September.

Councillor Kitt stated that there is sometimes a long delay between the dates on which notices are published and he asked that if shorter lists of roads could be published at more frequent intervals.

Replying to Councillor Morgan, the County Manager stated that the Council tries to do all work on Notice of Motion Roads within the estimate, but that the Council is confined to the amount provided in the Notice of Motion fund.

1590 - LOAN OF £83,300 FOR FIRE BRIGADE EQUIPMENT AND FIRE STATIONS:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the raising of a loan of £83,300:

- (a) Purchase of Fire Appliance;
- (b) Purchase of Radio Communication Equipment;
- (c) Erection of Fire Station at Portumna;
- (d) Extension of Tuam Fire Station.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £83,300 from such source as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government for the purpose of financing the purchase of a fire appliance, radio communications equipment, erection of a fire station at Portumna and extension of Tuam Fire Station, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister".

1591 - PROPOSED CONVENTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

The County Manager stated that this proposal had originally come from the General Council of County Councils, and that it envisaged combining the efforts of the General Council of County Councils, Municipal Authorities Association and the City and County Managers' Association, in one organisation which would have as its objects the protection and promotion of the interests of Local Government, development of the system, provision of a forum for Local Authorities and to provide services for Local Authorities, and he asked if the Council would agree in principle to the proposal. He stated that at an annual convention, an executive would be elected to transact the business in between annual conventions.



Deputy Killilea proposed that the Council agree in principle to the proposed convention and stated that he had been asked by the General Council of County Councils to seek the approval of Galway County Council to it. He stated that the idea went back to the bank strike when the need for some such organisation of the three major bodies involved in Local Government became apparent. He then gave an outline of the aims and objects of the convention and stated that each organisation would have fifteen representatives on an executive committee and that the finance for the convention would come from the Local Authorities. He stated that decisions will be effective only if all three organisations agree to proposals.

Councillor Morgan seconded Deputy Killilea's proposal which was adopted unanimously by the Council.

1592 - SALE OF HOUSES UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the houses let to them to the following tenants in accordance with the terms of notices dated 14th June, 1977, under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, copy of which has been given to each Member of the Council:-

- Thomas Kelly, Drum, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe;
- Bronan Farrell, Kylesmore, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe;
- James Brion, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe;
- Joseph Bohan, Carramore, Caherlistrane;
- Joseph Raftery, Barnadorg North, Tuam;
- Michael Lee (Cunnane), Carrownakib, Owen, Headford;
- Patrick Glynn, Derrybrion, Loughrea;
- Joseph & Bridie Corless, Kinvara;
- Margaret Donohue, Caherglassaun, Gort;
- Bridget O'Rourke, Glebe, Clonfert, Ballinasloe;
- James Colohan, Glebe, Clonfert, Ballinasloe;
- David O'Toole, Carrowmanagh, Oughterard.

Councillor Morgan stated that some purchasers who wish to pay off the balance on their houses are questioned by the Council as to their reason for doing so and he stated that such purchasers should not be asked for reasons. The County Manager stated that he will enquire into the matter.

Councillor Joyce asked for an explanation of the great difference between the prices of two houses in his area where the cost of a house which was inferior to the other was, in fact, greater than that of the other house.

The County Manager stated that if Councillor Joyce will give details the matter will be examined and a reply will be sent to him.

Councillor Joyce stated that he feels that applicants, when enquiring about the purchase of their houses, are not told the exact price and that they find it difficult to calculate because there is a reduction in the price of a certain percentage for each year in which they occupied them and he considered that the purchase price should be specified more clearly.

1593 - HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME 1977:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the Higher Education Grants Scheme 1977 in accordance with the draft circulated to each Member of the Council, and as approved by the Education Grants Committee at its meeting on 2nd June, 1977.

The minutes of meeting of the Committee held on 2nd June, 1977, were noted.

1594 - DATES OF MEETINGS:

The following dates for the following meetings were fixed:-

- (a) Speed Limits Committees - Monday, 4th July, 1977.
- (b) Joint Committee on Itinerancy - Friday, 8th July, 1977 at 2.30 p.m.
- (c) Housing Committee - Friday, 8th July, 1977, at 3.30 p.m.
- (d) Planning - Special Meeting of the Council - Monday, 11th July, 1977
- (e) Fire Brigades Advisory Committee - Thursday, 14th July, 1977.

Councillor Milgamon proposed and Councillor McCormack seconded that the Press be admitted to the Housing Meeting.

The Chairman stated that the arrangement has been that the press is not admitted to meetings of the Housing Committee and that if this procedure is to be changed, a Notice of Motion should be submitted for a meeting of the Council to change the procedure.

The Chairman stated that the matter will be on the Agenda for the next meeting for consideration.

1595 - REPORTS ON MATTERS ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The County Manager submitted the following reports on matters adjourned from previous meetings:-

- (a) Roadside Fencing at the Green Public Park, Loughrea - Minute No. 1509.

The existing concrete post and rail fencing at the above location was erected only a few years ago and is in good condition. No funds are available for the proposed work and the cost could not be justified.

- (b) Taking over of Road at Tubbernaheen - Minute No. 1556

As a gate is maintained at the start of the road to Mr. W. Burke's house, Tubbernaheen townland, from County Roads 375/173 in Carnaun townland, it is not suitable for taking over and maintaining by the County Council. An L.I.S. would be more appropriate in this case.

- (c) Bond on Carrmore-Lakeview Road - Minute No. 1557.

This is opposite a branch road junction. It is a very blind bend and it is proposed to widen the road there and ease the bend. Arrangements to have the land acquired are being made and it is likely that work will start in about two months time. Estimated cost is £250.

- (d) Improvement of view at Gloonboo Cross on Headford Road - Minute No. 1562

This will be considered at the preparation of the Estimates for 1979.

- (e) Improvement of Cutteenty-Lishoenoran Road, Annaghdown - Minute No. 1563.

The bushes on this road will be cut during the next few weeks. Provision for re-surfacing the road will be considered in conjunction with preparation of Estimates for 1979.

(f) Improvement of Roads and Footpaths in Moycullen - Minute No. 1564.

There is no provision in the current year's roads estimates for this work but it will be considered in the preparation of estimates for 1978.

Councillor Donnellan stated that the road is particularly dangerous especially for children.

1596 - SOCIAL WELFARE (SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCES) ACT, 1975:

The County Manager stated that the purpose of placing this item on the Agenda was to inform members that this act is being brought into operation as from the 1st July, 1977.

1597 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ROADS AND MOTORWAYS) ACT, 1974 (DECLARATION OF NATIONAL ROADS) ORDER, 1977:

The County Manager stated that this order specifies the roads throughout the country which are national primary and national secondary roads. He stated that it is merely formalising the position regarding these roads which in fact were treated as national primary and secondary roads for some years for the purpose of grants. In reply to Deputy Molloy he stated that the full cost of improvement and maintenance of these roads would be borne by the Minister for Local Government. He also stated that there would be no change in relation to the urban roads as it has been up to now. He also informed Deputy Molloy that it is merely consolidating the present position and that no change is made in the roads in the Oranmore area.

Councillor Glynn stated that there is a necessity to improve the sign-posting. He referred to a problem regarding sign-posting on the new by-pass road in Tuam where there is some ambiguity regarding the sign indicating the road to Sligo.

Mr. P. Lynch, County Engineer, stated that since the early 1970's roads have been classified as set out in the new order, and this classification was used for the purpose of grants and expenditure on up-keep and maintenance of national primary and secondary roads, 100% of the cost which was borne by the Minister. In the meantime, he stated that the Motorways Bill was introduced and he confirmed that there is nothing in the new regulations specifying new roads, and all it does is to describe national primary and secondary roads route by route. It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Deputy Mannion that the Minister for Local Government be asked to declare the Galway/Carraroe road to be a national secondary road.

On the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon, it was also agreed that the Minister be asked to declare the Ballinasloe/Athenry road to be a national secondary road.

1598 - TUAM WATER SUPPLY AUGMENTATION SCHEME:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-  
"Contract documents for the provision of an augmentation scheme using Tubberanny as its source were submitted to the Department and approved by them by letter dated 9th December, 1975. It was proposed to pump 500,000 gallons of water per day to the existing Tuam reservoir at Fearmore in order to improve the town supply. Since the date of approval, however, a situation has now arisen which would involve the alteration of this scheme in order to provide water for an industrial complex which has purchased a 22 acre site at Blackacre on the Milltown Road, Tuam. This industry in question is Messrs. Travenol Laboratories Ltd., manufacturers of health service appliances and they have stated that their ultimate requirements will be 500,000 gallons of water per day and in discussion with them, they

have indicated that they anticipate that the construction of the industry will commence at the end of 1977, it will be operational by 1978 and that they would require the full complement of 500,000 gallons of water by 1982. The officials of the industry also indicated that they anticipate that they would be employing approximately 400 persons ultimately when they are fully operational.

"In order to provide sufficient water to meet this industrialists requirements, it is necessary to alter the scheme proposed and submitted to the Department and to pump now directly to the Blackacre site and to utilise any surplus water for the improvement of the town supply, it being noted that this scheme could be provided within the course of the next six to nine months and that there would be an immediate improvement to the town supply. Details and documents of this scheme have been examined by the Council's consulting engineer and it will be possible for him to prepare the necessary contract documents within a very short period of time so that the scheme could commence. It is estimated that the cost of the scheme is £142,000 as against the original scheme submitted to the Department which was estimated to cost £154,000.

"In relation to the ultimate demand for water in Tuam, it is quite evident that the above scheme is only a very short time expedient and it is now necessary to examine in detail the possibility of making available a very substantial amount of water both for the development of industry and residential development at Tuam and for a large hinterland area presently unserved. It would appear that Lough Corrib is the obvious source for such a supply and it is proposed to in fact commission the Council's consulting engineer to examine the possibility of providing such a scheme and to prepare a preliminary report. On the above, it is noted that it will be necessary to have this scheme operational early in 1982 and accordingly arrangements are being made to brief the consulting engineer along the lines suggested."

Councillor Glynn stated that the Council should now be examining the feasibility of taking a trunk line from the Corrib through the County to service most of the County as the wells and sources for group schemes are altogether inadequate. Deputy Donnellan supported Councillor Glynn's proposal.

The Chairman welcomed the establishment of Travenol and the resulting 400 jobs which it will provide in Tuam. He hoped that the change in the plans necessitated by the increased demand for water would not unduly delay the supply for people who need it. Councillor McCormack also supported the proposal that trunk lines be taken from the Corrib.

Councillor Volby stated that Lough Corrib, in view of its importance as a source of water supplies, should be protected from pollution.

1599 - TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES TO THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LIMITED:

The County Secretary requested the approval of the Council to payment of travelling expenses and subsistence allowances to the Council's representative on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Limited at the rates applicable to members of the Council who attend Council Meetings.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve payment of travelling expenses and subsistence allowances to its representative on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Limited in respect of his attendance at meetings, conferences, etc., of that organisation, at the rates set out in paragraph 3(b) of Circular Letter 321/74 dated 3rd December, 1974, as amended by Circular 68/75 dated 14th September, 1976, those allowances to be payable in respect of meetings attended since 30th June, 1974, at the appropriate rates.

COUNCILLOR SEAN DONNELLAN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR

1600 - REPAIRS TO COTTAGE NO. 52, CULLAGHBER, MAAM - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:

The County Secretary stated that it was intended carrying out repair work to this cottage in conjunction with other jobs in the locality as it would be more economical to do it this way because of its distance from Galway, hence the delay. It is now expected, however, that pre-sale repairs to the cottage will be completed by the 1st July, 1977. He also informed the Council that the nett price of the cottage to the tenant is £483.

1601 - PURCHASE OF LAND IN MOYCULLEN - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:

Deputy Molloy agreed that this matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

1602 - WIDENING OF BAILE NA I-ABHANN BRIDGE - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:

Deputy Molloy agreed that this motion be adjourned to the next meeting.

1603 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT CLOHTUSKERT ROAD AT AUGHERIM - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLAHAN:

The County Secretary stated that to improve the sight distance at this bend of the road would require the acquisition of approximately 6 perches of land; the removal of a sod fence, erection of new fence, excavation in clay to road level and reshaping the carriageway at an estimated cost of £900. No provision was made for this work in the 1977 estimates but the work will be considered at the preparation of estimates for 1978.

1604 - APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP OF PORTUMNA OLD AGE PENSIONS. SUB-COMMITTEE - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that this matter appeared in error on the Agenda and will be brought before the next meeting of the Council when it sits as the Old Age Pensions Committee for the County.

1605 - POWER OF MINISTER TO DEDUCT MONEY FROM HOUSING SUBSIDY - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLAHAN AND OTHERS

This motion was not proposed - Deputy Molloy stating that there is now no necessity to take any action on the motion.

1606 - CAR-PARKING FACILITIES AT CHURCH AND CEMETERIES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The County Secretary stated that it is not Council policy to provide car-parks at Churches, but the Council would surface such car-parks provided that the land involved is dedicated to the public, that all necessary walls and fencing have been erected and that excavation and filling have been completed to the car-parking area.

Councillor Ruane stated that parking in the vicinity of the burial grounds should be provided by removing the grass margins.

The County Engineer stated that he would examine the position in relation to the need for parking spaces at Lackagh and Annaghdown Cemeteries.

1607 - DUMPING OF REFUSE FROM CLIFDEN AT OUGHTERARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

Councillor Welby stated that he and the people of Oughterard objected very strongly to the recent action of the Council in transporting domestic refuse from Clifden to the Oughterard dump following closure of the Clifden dump. He stated that the Oughterard dump is only 400 yards from the Corrib, adjacent to water courses, that it is unsightly, is rat infested, that refuse is piled high on the dump and that there are 300 objectors in the Oughterard area to the proposal. He stated that while he agreed with the closing of the dump in Clifden, he wished to point out that there is plenty of waste ground around Clifden which should be suitable for a dump. He asked that a dumping ground be provided on an alternative site for Oughterard and that the existing Oughterard dump be closed altogether.

This proposal was seconded by Deputy Molloy who stated that the people had been pressing for years to close the Oughterard dump and got an assurance that it would be closed but this has not yet happened. He asked for a guarantee that dumping on a compound near Clifden would be stopped and also that the transport of refuse from Clifden to the Oughterard dump would be stopped.

Councillor Bartley also supported the resolution proposed by Councillor Welby.

The County Manager stated that everybody, members and officials, wished to see the Clifden dump closed, but the difficulty was to find an alternative source as objections were raised to every site which was suggested. It was, therefore, decided as a temporary short term measure only to dump the refuse in Oughterard. He stated that if the Council directs him to close either Clifden or Oughterard dumps or both, this will be done, but in that event the Council would have to cease refuse collections in those areas. Every effort will be made to see if an alternative can be found to dumping in Oughterard and also that no dumping will be carried out in the compound outside Clifden. He stated also that he would know in a few days if dumping of refuse from Clifden in Oughterard can be terminated.

Councillor McCormack stated that people object in principle to having refuse from Clifden dumped in Oughterard.

1608 - IMPROVEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY IN OUGHTERARD AND MOYCULLEN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that improvements to the pumping capacity at Oughterard will be completed within the next two weeks. Moycullen Water Supply is now extended to beyond its optimum capacity and any shortage in the village in the future will have to be catered for by restricting the supply to Ballyquinke and Leegaun Group Schemes. These Schemes will in the future be restricted to the amounts of water originally specified for them i.e., 2,500 gallons per day for Leegaun and 2,250 gallons per day for Ballyquinke.

Councillor Welby stated that in Oughterard the problem is that there is not adequate storage and the demand exceeds the supply.

The County Engineer stated that the proposal for the Regional scheme are in the Department of Local Government and the present scheme is only an interim one to give some improvement in this scheme in the meantime.

Councillor McCormack supported Councillor Welby's proposal.

Councillor Sean Donnellan stated that there are constant complaints about a water shortage in Moycullen and he asked that the County Engineer would investigate the matter with a view to having it improved.

1609 - IMPROVEMENTS TO ARRIVEDOWN PIER AND PROVISION OF LITTER BINS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that the maintenance and improvement of the piers on Lough Corrib are the responsibility of the Corrib Navigation Trust to which Body Councillor Welby's proposal will be forwarded. He stated also that litter bins will be provided on the pier.

1610 - DANGEROUS TURN AT HOWER, BALLINASLOE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that to improve the road at this location would require the acquisition of approximately 22 perches of land for road widening; removal of 110 lin. yds. approximately of stone wall fence, erection of low fence, and reconstruction of the carriageway at an estimate cost of 22,200. No provision has been made for this work in the 1977 estimates, but it will be considered at the preparation of estimates for 1978.

The County Secretary also informed Councillor Joyce that information will be conveyed to him soon regarding the works carried out under a special road works allocation for the Ballinasloe District last year.

1611 - DANGEROUS TURN IDEAL JOHN JOE MORAN'S HOUSE AND BISHOPSTOWN EYEBOURNE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that there is a 90' bend at this point at Lisdoon. The land owner has agreed to vacillate the land necessary for improving the bend and it is hoped that the work can be carried out in 1978.

1612 - DELAY IN SPEED LIMIT PROPOSALS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that proposals received after the last Speed Limits Committees Meetings had to be examined and agreement or then sought between the Council's Engineers and the Garda Authorities, but that proposals were now ready to bring before the Speed Limits Committee Meetings on 4th July.

1613 - LOWERING THE LEVEL OF A ROAD APPROACHING LOUGHINA GOLD CLUB ENTRANCE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The County Secretary stated that this work is not provided for in the Estimates for 1977. The Golf Club could, however, improve their entrance and provide improved sight distances or they might consider a new entrance at a better location pending improvement of the Main Road sometime in the future.

Councillor Morgan stated the entrance provided by the Golf Club is not a problem, but that the problem is the level of the road, and he asked that the matter be re-investigated.

1614 - WIDENING OF ENTRANCE TO MICHAEL MOLONEY'S COUNCIL HOUSE AT POLLROBBUCK, LOUGHINA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The County Secretary stated that where re-entrances have already been provided as in the case of house tenanted by Michael Moloney, the width is 8'0" and that widening can only be carried out by

the removal of boundary walls and fences and in some cases fuel sheds. This work is not recommended. In the case of all new proposals he stated that the Architect has been instructed to make all rear access roads eleven feet wide.

Councillor Morgan stated that in this case there is no shed in the way, only a wire fence has to be removed and the owner concerned will raise no objection to having the work done. He asked that the matter be re-investigated accordingly.

1615 - DAMAGE TO HEADSTONES IN CRAUGHWELL GRAVEYARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The County Secretary stated that this matter is the subject of a claim and that it would not in the present circumstances be appropriate to discuss it.

Councillor Morgan asked that the Council make the end of the old church safe.

1616 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:-

- Mrs. Linnane, Ballinastague, Gort, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Edward Royston, Buala, Portumna, Co. Galway.
- Mrs. Monica Martyn, Killaflin, Gort, Co. Galway.
- Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Slovin, Castlegar, Co. Galway.
- The McDonagh Family, Wellpark, Galway.

The Meeting then terminated.

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Submitted, Approved and Confirmed

Sean Spence  
Chairman

25/7/77

date.

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMHE.

18u Iuil, 1977.

CHUIG 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 25u la Iuil, 1977, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-
  - (a) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Martin Davy O Coisdealbha for the erection of a house at Aille - Planning Ref. No. 24857".  
Robert Molloy; Sean Donnellan; Micheal O Morain.
  - (b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned will propose that the Council direct the County Manager to grant outline planning permission to Mrs. C. O Donnacada for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Gortnagroagh - Planning Reference No. 24679".  
John M. Mannion; John Donnellan; P. McCormack; Thomas Melby.
  - (c) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned will propose that the Council direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Mrs. Mary Bohan for the erection of sunhouse at Clooniff - Planning Ref. No. 24815."  
John M. Mannion; John Donnellan; P. McCormack; Sean Donnellan.
  - (d) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that Galway County Council direct the County Manager to refuse planning permission to Richard Byrne for new road at Oregboy - Planning Ref. No. 24796."  
M. O Morain; John Molloy; Sean Donnellan.
  - (e) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Larry Walshe for retention of garage at Ballard - Planning Ref. No. 24998."  
Robert Molloy; M. O Morain; G. Bartley.
  - (f) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Paddy Connolly for the erection of a farm machinery repair garage and septic tank at Carrowmadara - Planning Ref. No. 24604."  
Robert Molloy; Hugh Melvin; Frank Fahey.

2. Applications for Planning Permission where the development proposed would be a material contravention of the County Development Plan:-
    - (a) Application received from Joseph Donoghue, Slaughtly Coose, Woodford, for erection of dwellinghouse in the Towland of Coos North - No. 24509.
    - (b) Application received from Michael Donoghue, Slaughtly Coose, Woodford, for erection of dwellinghouse in the Towland of Coos North - No. 24511.
  3. Minutes -
    - (a) Annual Meeting;
    - (b) June Monthly Meeting;
    - (c) Housing Committee Meeting;
    - (d) Itinerant Committee Meeting;
    - (e) Planning Meeting;
    - (f) Speed Limit Committee Meetings.
  4. Malicious Injury Decrees.
  5. Approval for excess expenditure -
    - (a) Marriage Differential;
    - (b) Pensions;
    - (c) Library Service.
  6. Raising of Loan of 247,540 for Phase 1 - Stage 1 of the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Supply Scheme.
  7. Amenity Grants - Bord Failte.
  8. Revision of Speed Limits - Report herewith.
  9. Sanitary Services Programme Report.
- MEMBERS' NOTICES OF NOTICE:
10. DEPUTY R. MOLLOY -
    - (a) That the following information be given in regard to lands purchased by Galway County Council in the village of Moycullen:-
      - (i) The year of purchase;
      - (ii) The area of the site purchased;
      - (iii) Proposals for development of the site.
    - (b) That provision be made in the 1978 road estimates for the widening of Baile na h-Abhann Bridge and improving the approach road.
    - (c) That provision be made in the 1978 Roads Estimate for the completion of footpath at Na Minna, Inverin, Co. Galway to Crumlin Bridge.
  11. COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN -
    - (a) That the Blindwell Road completed under a L.I.S. Grant, from J. Lynskey's house at County Road north of Foxhall to John Burke's house be declared a public road.
    - (b) That the County Council approve the proposed new traffic suggestions for the town of Tuam forthwith.
    - (c) That the new car park at Abbeytrinity Road be completed immediately and that the accesses to High Street and Shop Street be made usable.
  12. COUNCILLOR N. MORGAN -
    - (a) That a sum be put into the 1978 Estimates which would give to Loughrea at least half the sum to be allocated to Ballinasloe Swimming Pool. If Ballinasloe gets £22,000, then Loughrea with a population half that of Ballinasloe, is entitled to and must get £11,000 to provide swimming facilities at the bathing place, Cuscarrick, Loughrea. It should be noted that swimming in Loughrea is enjoyed by great numbers of people from outside Loughrea, including people from Ballinasloe.

- (b) That concrete footpaths be provided to Kearns' Cottage, Tullahill, and on the south side of Cross Street, Loughrea.
- (c) That the dangerous bends from the Council public pump at Patrick Fahy's, Knockauncoura to Michael Kenny's gate, Cloonoo, Loughrea, be removed.
13. CLLR. O FLATHARTA -  
 (a) Molaim an trucaill bruscair a chuir siar co-fada le Leitir Mullain.  
 (b) Ce'n staid a bhfuil uisce Gleannach-Muirinn aige anois.
14. COUNCILLOR KITP -  
 (a) That bend at P. Mannion's, Caislean Dara, be eased to allow school bus and farm machinery to turn.
15. COUNCILLOR JOYCE -  
 (a) That the County Council clean up the old part of the graveyard in Ballinakill, Glynsk, and especially a way into the old church in the graveyard which houses the famous Effigy of a Burke Knight.  
 (b) That the L.I.S. on the Carta Road in Clonfert be commenced immediately, and especially that part of it which involves drainage before water levels start to rise in the River Shannon and its tributaries.  
 (c) That the County Council construct a proper roadway from the Ballinasloe-Portumna Road to Clontuskert Abbey and graveyard.
16. DEPUTY M. KILLILEA -  
 (a) That the £34 necessary to lay a short main and headworks for the County Council Scheme (water) at Ballroebuck, Currandulla, be made available immediately so as to enable proper connections to the few houses awaiting supply in this small area.  
 (b) That immediate arrangements be made to take over the new Housing Schemes in Tuam, so as that lights, etc., be installed for the winter.
17. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK:  
 (a) That provision be made in the 1978 Estimates for the removal of two bad turns on the Canteeny/Monard Road at John Delaney's and at the road into Monard, Turloughmore.  
 (b) That Yield Right of Way sign be erected at the head of the Clydagh Road where it joins the main Moycullen/Galway Road.  
 (c) That the road recently repaired under L.I.S. at Carrowbrown/Poolkeen, Castlegar, be taken over by the County Council and declared a public road. This road links two public roads and also serves a graveyard.
18. COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON -  
 (a) That Galway County Council publish a booklet entitled "A Guide to the Services of Galway County Council", including up to date information on all schemes and services provided by the Council.

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M A L 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 Claim	Amount of Decree inclusive of Costs
Patrick J. Mahony, Ballymariscal, Ardrahan.	Damage to trailer tyres and tubes & 150 bales of hay.	E.D. Killogilloen	£225	£149.45.
Michael Tully, Kinvara.	Damage to stone wall and boundary fences on 5/3/1977.	E.D. Killeenavara	£25	£31.65.
Michael Tully, Kinvara.	Damage to stone wall and fences. 3/5/1976.	Do.	£45	£31.65.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 6th JULY, 1977.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

Also Present:

Members: - As recorded in the Attendance Book -

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, Deputies J. Callanan, J. Donnellan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahy, M. Flaherty, P.T. Galvin, D. Haverly, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. Kilgannon, Deputy Killilea, Councillors M. Kitt, P. McCormack, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors M. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, Co. Manager; J. Stewart, Assistant Co. Manager, P. Lynch, Co. Engineer, K. Hayes, Acting Deputy Co. Engineer, Miss Julia Forde, Staff Officer, Catherine Hett, Staff Officer and Ambrose O'Gorman, Senior Staff Officer.

An apology was received from Deputy Molloy who could not attend.

The opening prayer was recited.

No 1617 CONGRATULATIONS TO DEPUTY HUSSEY, MOLLOY, MAIRE GEOGHEGAN-QUINN AND TO THE NEWLY ELECTED DAIL DEPUTIES:

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Sean Donnellan, congratulated the Chairman Deputy Hussey, on his appointment as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture. He also congratulated Deputy Molloy on his appointment as Minister for Defence and Maire Geoghegan-Quinn as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry and Commerce. Councillor Donnellan also congratulated the newly-elected and re-elected Dail Deputies, Deputies Killilea, Callanan, Mannion and Donnellan. The Co. Manager on behalf of the staff and on his own behalf congratulated Deputies Hussey, Molloy and Maire Geoghegan-Quinn. He also extended his congratulations to the newly-elected and re-elected Dail Deputies. The Chairman, Deputy Hussey, thanked all the members for their kind remarks and best wishes. He said he was particularly happy to be allocated the port-folio of Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture as he represented an agricultural area. He also thanked the members on behalf of Deputy Molloy and Maire Geoghegan-Quinn.

LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME:

Mr. Stewart referred to the Council's Housing Construction Programme, and stated that:-

"With the present capital allocation, 255 houses will be under course of construction in the County and these are made up as follows:

- 100 - Demountables
- 60 - Rurals
- 95 - Scheme houses

It is anticipated that on the basis of the capital allocation made to the Council to date, that approximately 200 houses will be completed within the current year. It is noted that the Department in notifying the Council of additional allocation being made to it in Circular Letter dated 22/3/1977, referred to the fact that the position in relation to finance will be reviewed after the 30th June

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and that further allocations may be made. Last year, you will recall that the additional allocations were made to the Council at the end of September and in anticipation of further monies being made available to Galway Co. Council in the current year, a number of schemes were advertised to ensure that we would be able to make full use of any additional allocations which might be granted. These schemes are as follows:-

CLIFDEN	- 11
GLDWYRDDY	- 8
LAURINCHETOWN	- 6
MCINTYRE	- 6
ROUNDTONE	- 8

Tenders have been received in respect of the latter four but unfortunately, I must inform the Council that no tender was received in respect of Clifden scheme and accordingly, it will be necessary to re-advertise this scheme at the appropriate time. If sufficient money is made available to enable us to embark upon the above schemes, it would in fact mean that a start on an additional 37 scheme of houses would be made. Other schemes which are at the contract stage and which could be advertised subject to sufficient capital allocation being made available are:

ATHEBRY  
OLD PEOPLES HOMES, TUAM.  
20/30 RURALS.

I would advise the Council that in establishing the needs of the Council in relation to housing over the next five years, it would appear that 300 houses per annum will be required. You will also note that in the current year, 100 demountables are being provided and while these are a necessary expedient, it is hoped that this number can be significantly reduced over the next number of years.

Lands are being acquired at the larger growth centres, namely, Tuam, Loughrea and Gort and additional lands are being acquired at other centres which are mentioned on the last page of the progress report. To date, agreement has been reached on the acquisition of 26 acres of land at Tuam and it is hoped that agreement can be reached in relation to lands at Gort. In relation to Loughrea, (17 acres), however, due to legal difficulties, it will be necessary to acquire by Compulsory Purchase Order and the maps are being prepared for this purpose.

You will note that the total allocation to the Council in the year 1976 in respect of its housing programme was £1,241,000 and in the current year to date, the Council's allocation is £1,190,000. As mentioned, the situation is being reviewed after 30th June, and it is hoped that a considerable additional allocation will be awarded to the Council in the very near future".

Deputy Killilea said that with the increase in the income limits for house loans and bigger loans and the £1,000 grant, more people would be building their own houses and the Council should provide more private sites. Councillor Joyce also referred to the need to provide more private sites. Mr. Stewart, said that the Council had private sites in a number of towns and villages throughout the County. Deputy Callanan and Councillor Haverly asked the reasons as to why private sites were not being taken up. Deputy Callanan stated that the applicants liked to design their own houses.

Mr. Stewart stated that Athenry was the only place where the Council designed the houses and in general the Council did not restrict applicants in the design of their houses.

In reply to Deputy Mannion, the Assistant Manager stated that a Tender had been received for Roundstone. In relation to Clifden, no tender was received, and the Council would have to re-advertise.

Replying to a question from Councillor McCormack, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that the scheme at Headford was now under construction.

Councillor Welby asked about the position of the Oughterard scheme and if the Council had further plans to erect more houses. He stated that the nuns had land bought but that this land was not sufficient for their needs and the Council could buy back the land. The Assistant Co. Manager stated that the scheme in Oughterard was ready to start and the position regarding the purchase of the land would be examined.

In reply to Councillor Kelly, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that the commencement of the old peoples homes at Tuam depended on capital monies being made available.

Councillor O'Morain asked about the progress on individual sites by Compulsory Purchase Order. He stated that one family was living in terrible conditions in a caravan. He said that a total of ten sites were being held up in the parish of Carna because title was not in order. Mr. Stewart, in his reply, stated that it was hoped to advertise Compulsory Purchase Orders in about six cases very soon and that a second caravan would be delivered to the family mentioned by Councillor O'Morain, whose house had been burnt down recently. Replying to Councillor Melvin, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that the scheme in Clarinbridge was due for completion at the end of the month and that more land was available. The erection of further houses at Clarinbridge would, however, depend on the need and the capital money being made available.

Councillor Sean Donnellan referred to the need to maintain and paint demountables.

The question of servicing demountables was referred to by a number of councillors. Councillor Haverty said that demountables were generally provided for people over sixty years of age and these are the people who most need services.

Deputy Callanan and Councillor Joyce stated that traditional houses rather than demountables should be provided for people who had land. There would be no danger that these houses would be left unoccupied. Mr. Stewart again stated that the Council hoped to provide about 100 demountables this year. This was a necessary expedient. He hoped, however, that there would be a reduction over the next few years in the number of demountables. Cost of providing services was a major factor, connections were made to water and sewerage where the services were available.

In reply to Councillor Haverty, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that the Council had no success yet in getting land in Killimor. However, the Council would try again.

In reply to Deputy Killilea and Councillor Raftery, the Assistant Co. Manager agreed that further houses were required in Ballygar. The land was available and further houses depended on capital monies being made available.

Councillor Kilgannon referred to the need to develop villages. The Council should acquire land in the villages and provide sites and also houses for those who could not build themselves. He considered

that the Council should allow the provision of communal septic tanks. The Co. Engineer agreed to examine the position regarding communal septic tanks in the County.

Councillor Morgan proposed that a list of applicants for houses be discussed with the Councillors in the area before houses were allocated. He also stated that the tenant of a demountable in Woodford be given a new house when houses are erected in Woodford. The demountable should then be removed.

Replying to Councillor Morgan, the Assistant Co. Manager said that he foresaw a big number of problems if applications were to be discussed with the members. He thought that it would not be in the interest of the members to have this system operated.

Councillor Ulick Burke asked about the provision of old peoples homes in Portunna. There was a great need for such homes. The Council should provide houses in Tynagh as the workers in Tynagh lived in either Loughrea or Portunna. He stated that land was still available in Tynagh. He asked that a demountable be provided for a homeless man on a Council site at Knockmoyle and he also asked about the situation in relation to the site at Woodford.

The Assistant Co. Manager stated that the old peoples homes would be considered for the next phase in Portunna. The site at Tynagh would be pursued and in relation to Woodford, there had been difficulty with title.

#### CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING - NEW WORKS

The Assistant Manager referred to Circular Letter from the Department, dated 22/3/1977, in connection with Capital Allocation for Local Authority Housing - new works. The allocation to date was £1,190,000. He pointed out that the department, in this letter, had stated that the position would be reviewed in detail by the department after 30th June, 1977.

Councillor Morgan asked if this new allocation was an increase on last years. The Assistant Co. Manager said that the allocation for 1976 was £1,241,000 and the allocation so far this year was £1,190,000 and he was hopeful that this £1,190,000 would be increased.

#### RENTS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES

The Assistant Co. Manager read the Department's letter, dated 23th June, 1977, in connection with the rent of Local Authority Houses:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to paragraph 1 of this Department's circular letter E.23/76 of 3rd September, 1976, concerning the national differential rent scheme, which indicated that the scheme would be reviewed annually. Pending the outcome of the 1977 review of the scheme, which has already commenced, rents should continue to be assessed on the existing basis. The issue of requests for certificates of income from existing tenants and the general re-assessment of rents should be deferred pending a further communication from the Department."

Councillor Morgan asked for some details on the present system of Differential Rent.

The Assistant Co. Manager stated that he would send a copy of the Differential Rent Scheme to Councillor Morgan.

The Meeting then terminated.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, JULY 8th, 1977.

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ATTENDANCE:

Galway County Council: Councillor M. Kelly, Acting Chairman, Deputy Killilea, Councillors Melvin and Joyce.

Ballinasloe U.D.C.: Councillor P. J. Galvin.

Galway Corporation: An apology was received from Alderman M. Byrne.

Officials: Messrs. J. Stewart, Assistant County Manager, P. Lynch, County Engineer, K. Hays, Acting Deputy County Engineer, A. O'Gorman, Acting Administrative Officer, Sr. Brigid, Miss M. McCracken, Social Workers, Miss M. Nolan, Staff Officer.  
Apology was received from Dr. P. Power, Chief Medical Officer.

1618 It was proposed by Councillor Galvin and seconded by Councillor Joyce that Councillor M. Kelly should act as Chairman in the absence of Deputy Molloy. Councillor Kelly welcomed all to the meeting. Mr. Stewart, referring to the Itinerant Settlement Report, which was circulated at the meeting, pointed out that no positive progress could be made in the settlement of Itinerants unless there is full backing from the Council to proposals recommended. He said the Council was negotiating the purchase of land at Merlin Park for the provision of a serviced halt. If the Itinerants were on a developed site, the Council would be in a position to take action against the Traders who also camp there. Councillor Galvin enquired what the Council proposed to do with the area vacated by the Itinerants. Mr. Stewart said immediate legal action would be taken by the Council to remove the traders and the area would be landscaped. Councillor Melvin, commenting on the present unsightly state of the area, welcomed Mr. Stewart's statement. Councillor Kelly said that the price for this land should not be too high, as it would not be land for development.

Deputy Killilea said that C.I.E. have an enormous amount of ground beside the railway lines and suggested that the Council should try to purchase some of it and house Itinerant families in different locations. He also pointed out that there was resistance to Itinerants in country sites, because they stored scrap iron, etc., and it attracted rats to the area. He felt the Council should embody a clause in the letting of houses requiring the tenant to keep the area around the house in good, clean condition. Mr. Stewart agreed that rules would be drawn up and put before the meeting. He also asked Deputy Killilea to give the names of the houses concerned and the Council would contact the tenants with a view to having the sites cleaned. Replying to Deputy Killilea's query regarding a site outside Tuam which was offered for sale by an Itinerant, Mr. Stewart said it had been inspected and was not suitable for housing. It might be possible to put some caravans on the site, he also said that the asking price had been very high. Councillor Kelly queried the access to the site, as there was no public road. The County Engineer agreed to examine the situation. It was agreed that another house would be built at Gallagh, provided a suitable family could be housed there. Deputy Killilea said there were many families who required accommodation. He proposed that the Council should provide caravans and proper services quickly for them. Mr. Stewart said that he could not guarantee services. Councillor Kelly asked if the Council could do anything where there was a problem of overcrowding due to large families. Mr. Stewart agreeing that this was a general problem, said the Department has indicated that money would be made available to extend this type of house.

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Referring to Creggaun Ballinasloe Mr. Stewart said a site for a temporary halt was now available. He stressed the dangers of traffic to the families camped there and also the unsightly condition of the encampment. He urged the Committee to agree to this temporary arrangement. Councillor Galvin said there would probably be local objection to it, but in view of the appalling condition of the area at present, he would agree to the temporary halt. He questioned the number of families residing there. Miss McCracken said there were 3 or 4 families camped there permanently and Mr. Stewart said the halt would accommodate 4 or 5 families. Councillor Joyce said a local committee had been set up and there were very strong objections to this halting place. He felt that if the Council could get sites in other areas in the vicinity of Ballinasloe, it would demonstrate to the local residents that the halting site would only be a short-term arrangement. He suggested that it might be possible to acquire some land in Glann. Mr. Stewart informed the Committee that the Council had experienced difficulty in obtaining sites in the Ballinasloe area. The search for sites is continuing as the provision of a halt is not being considered as a long term arrangement. The Councillors expressed their willingness to help in this work. Councillor Kelly proposed that there should be a member of each Itinerant Settlement Committee on the Joint Committee. Mr. Stewart stated the allocation of tenancies would be discussed with the Social Workers and the Joint Committee.

Councillor Melvin asked that Michael Furey and his wife, of Loughrea, be given a Tigeen at Gort Bride. He was informed that the Mr. Furey had been offered a Tigeen but he had not considered it suitable. Mr. Stewart assured Councillor Melvin that Mr. Furey's case was being considered sympathetically by the Council.

Mr. Stewart reported that it is hoped to build two houses in Athenry in the near future. Sites have been acquired at Kilconnell and Castleblakeney and it is hoped that further sites may be acquired from the Irish Land Commission at Moyne Park and the Roller Estate. Councillor Joyce said that the division of the Roller Estate was proceeding very slowly. Mr. Stewart agreed to request the Land Commission to give a site to the Council as soon as possible. A site is being acquired at Esker School, Banagher, from the Bishop of Clonfert. There are legal difficulties in relation to the title and if these cannot be resolved, the Council will approach the Bishop with a view to obtaining another site. Councillor Joyce asked that top priority for housing be given to a Joyce family at Clonfert; this family has been asking him, over a period of time, to make representations for them and he feels that they are depending on him to obtain a house for them.

As a result of approaches made by the Council to the Archbishop of Tuam, a site was examined. Mr. Stewart was informed later that the site was not available. Councillor Kelly proposed that the Archbishop should be approached with a view to obtaining an alternative site. It was agreed that there should be an overall plan for Tuam and that an Itinerant family should be housed in each area.

It was proposed by Councillor Galvin and seconded by Councillor Melvin that the Assistant County Manager's report of the 7/7/77, should be circulated together with the Minutes of the meeting to all the Councillors.

*Submitted approved Sean Spunleam  
and confirmed 25/7/77*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE CO. BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 11th JULY, 1977.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT: Members: Councillors C. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, P. T. Galvin, E. Haverty, B. Holland, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Killilea, Councillors P. McCormack, Dup. J. Mannion, Cllrs. H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby.

Officials: Mr. S. Keating, Co. Manager, Mr. P. Lynch, Co. Engineer. Mr. K. Hayes, Acting Deputy Co. Engineer. Mr. R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant. Mr. W. Cahill, Acting C.A.C.E. (Planning). Mr. J. Beirne, Acting C.A.C.E.. Miss G. Meldon, Planning Assistant. Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer. Mr. J. O'Kelly, Administrative Officer. Messrs. T. Fleming and A. Comer, Draughtsmen. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The opening prayer was recited.

1619 - DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ORANMORE:

The Co. Manager said that the original Draft Plan for Oranmore had been published in accordance with the requirements of the 1963 Planning Act. Objections were received to it and these were considered by the Council at a meeting on the 13th October, 1976 (documents marked 'A' issued to Members refer). At that meeting, the Council made certain amendments to the Draft Plan including a material alteration in relation to road bye-pass proposals. All these amendments were incorporated in an amended Draft Plan dated 14/1/1977. The amended Plan was published in accordance with the requirements of the 1976 Planning Act. Representations from nine parties were received in relation to the amended Draft Plan. Copies of the representations and the Planning Officers' observations thereon, together with a summary of the representations and observations were circulated to the Members (documents marked 'B' refer). The Co. Manager said that if any further material alteration was made, the Plan would have to be re-published.

The Chairman suggested that each representation be considered separately and this was agreed.

Representations from An Taisce - Galway Association:

It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Melvin and agreed that there was no need to make any change in the amended Plan as a result of these representations.

Representations on behalf of Presentation Convent, Oranmore:

It was noted that these representations were withdrawn.

Representations by Matthew J. Carroll:

Objections to route of proposed highway: At the request of Deputy Molloy, Mr. Lee indicated on a map which was on display, the land reserved for examination for a road relief system. He also indicated the approximate position of Mr. Carroll's house and said that in reserving the land, account was taken of existing houses in order to try and achieve an even balance between them. Deputy Molloy asked if he could make a recommendation that the proposed road be kept as far as possible from Mr. Carroll's house. The Co. Manager said that if the Council wished, the Plan could be let stand and the recommendation of Deputy Molloy incorporated in the Minutes. This was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. O'Morain, seconded by Deputy Killilea and it was agreed that no change be made in the Draft Plan as a result of this representation.

Lack of adequate open space: It was unanimously agreed that the observations of the Planning Officer be approved and that no change be made in the Draft Plan as a result of this representation.

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Interference with well known as Tobar na Cailligh: Councillor Ruane asked if it would be possible to avoid interfering with the well and in reply, Mr. Lee stated that at this stage, it would be impossible to say whether the road proposal, if implemented, would make the well unusable. It was agreed to make no change in the Draft Plan as a result of this representation.

Representations from the Arts Council:

It was proposed by Cllr. O'Morain, seconded by Deputy Killilea and agreed that no change be made in the Draft Plan as a result of these representations.

Representations from the Department of Industry & Commerce:

As these representations refer to Recke Forge Ltd., they were considered in conjunction with the representations lodged by Recke Forge Ltd..

Representations by Recke Forge Ltd.:

The Chairman said that the objection lodged by the Company seemed to contradict a submission made by the Company when applying for planning permission for the industry. The Co. Manager drew attention to the Consultants' report on the problem of noise in regard to the rezoned land. Cllr. O'Morain said that the question of noise was one of the problems of modern living and he proposed that no change be made in the Draft Plan as a result of these representations. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Melvin and agreed.

Representations by Oranmore/Maree Community Council:

Objection to proposal to by pass Oranmore: Cllr. Byrne said that he would like to hear the Co. Engineer's views on the new by pass proposals as set out in the amended Plan. The Co. Engineer said that in the original Draft Plan, the by pass ran north of the village. The present proposal was more to the south as set out in the amended Draft Plan. The merits and demerits of the two alternatives were quite clear. A survey carried out by An Foras Forbertha for the Department of Local Government in 1974 indicated that a road of dual-carriageway standards was required. The road proposals as set out in the amended Plan were not adequate for projected traffic needs and would not be able to cater for a road to dual-carriageway standards whereas the proposals in the original Plan would. It was proposed by Cllr. Melvin, seconded by Cllr. Welby and agreed that no change be made in the amended Plan as a result of these representations. It was further agreed that a similar decision be recorded in respect of the remaining submissions from the Oranmore/Maree Community Council, namely;

Objection to proposal to have approximately 30% of the population cut off from core of the village.

Interference with well near the bridge.

Submission made on 20th July, 1976 repeated - No.s. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, and 8.

Cllr. Byrne asked to have it recorded that he was not in agreement with the by-pass proposals as set out in the amended Plan.

Representations made by Mr. James Furey:

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Cllr. Ruane and agreed unanimously to accept the Planning Officer's recommendation that the "communal" zoning should be altered back to the permitted residential use, and that this would satisfy Mr. Furey's objections.

Representations by Mr. Bernard O'Connor:

Objection to zoning of his land "Commercial" including "Warehousing": It was agreed that Deputy Molloy's notice of motion No. 1 (b) on the Agenda be considered in conjunction with the representations made by Mr. O'Connor. Deputy Molloy stated that if the use zone - commercial type 2 - included residential he would withdraw his notice of motion. The Co. Engineer stated that commercial use type 2 did not include residential but that there would be no objection to altering the particular use zone in question from commercial type 2 to commercial type 1 which included residential. It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Cllr. Ruane and agreed that the use zone - commercial type 2 - shown on the land use map at the south of the Dublin/Galway/Limerick junction be changed to commercial use type 1. It was considered that this would satisfy the objections of Mr. O'Connor.

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This concluded consideration of all the representations in respect of the Development Plan for Orammore. The following motion was then proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Cllr. Ruane and resolved:

"That Galway County Council, having proposed a draft of a proposed variation of the County Development Plan in relation to the village of Orammore, having sent copies of the prescribed documents to the prescribed authorities, having published the required notices, having considered the objections and representations made to the Draft Plan and having in all other respects complied with the provisions of the Local Government Planning & Development Acts 1963 and 1976 hereby resolve that a variation of the County Development Plan be and is hereby made in accordance with the published amended Draft Variation dated 14th January, 1977 as amended at this meeting and that the official Seal of the Council be affixed to the said variation and to the maps forming part thereof."

In reply to Deputy Molloy, the Co. Manager stated that as none of the amendments made at the meeting constituted a material alteration, it would not be necessary to republish the Draft Plan.

1620 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The Co. Manager referred to Circular Letter dated the 5th July, 1977 addressed to each Member of the Council which summarised the position to date in relation to the review of the Co. Development Plan and listed a number of proposals which were not finalised. It was agreed to go through each item as set out in the summary document.

Preservation and Conservation of Amenities and Scenic Landscape (Paragraph 2.01) and Control of Development in Scenic and Amenity Areas (Paragraphs 8.01 to 8.05).

After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Melvin, seconded by Cllr. J. Molloy and agreed that the proposals set out in the Draft written statement be approved.

Undesirable Ribbon Development (Paragraph 2.08) and Protection of the Function, Safety and Traffic Capacity of Roadways (Paragraph 2.09).

The Co. Manager said that this matter was discussed by the Council at a previous meeting but was deferred pending the issue of a Circular Letter from the Dept. of Local Government dated 15/1/1977 regarding roadside development. The letter, which was circulated with the Agenda, dealt with the control of new means of access to National Primary and National Secondary roads. The Co. Manager read Paragraph 6 of the letter:-

"The Minister has carefully considered the recommendations made in the Report, which have been based on the findings as summarised in Paragraph 5 above, and requests that, as a general policy the location of new means of access to the National Primary roads or residential, commercial, industrial or other development dependent on such means of access should not, in future, be permitted except in areas where a speed limit of 30 - 40 m.p.h. applies, or in the case of infilling, in the existing built-up areas. Members of the farming community wishing to build houses for their own occupation on their land may sometimes have to be treated exceptionally but it is in the interest of the safety of these persons and their families that permission should not be granted for provision of access to a National Primary road if any other alternative is possible. The Minister is most anxious that the persons involved should be fully informed of the policy of the planning authority in regard to National Primary roads and of the arguments for restricting access to such roads. He requests that the planning authority should discuss the problems with the applicant at the planning application stage and should assist as far as possible in finding an alternative location for the proposed building. In relation to petrol filling stations, the main conclusions of the report are that there appears to be an ample number of stations for the present demand and that on the basis of the existing gaps between filling stations there should be no necessity for an additional filling station on a National Primary route where the distance between stations on the same side of the road is less than 12 miles. Where the distance is greater, the need for facilities may outweigh the objection to creation of new means of access but the standards set out in the report should in general be incorporated in the terms of any permission granted."

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Senator Killilea said that at the time the 1971 Circular was issued, there was some order in the matter of planning decisions but during the last few years, the terms of the Circular was abused wholesale. It was difficult for the Council to try and implement the recommendations in the Circular at this stage. Cllr. Holland enquired as to how the restrictions mentioned in the Circular Letter would affect areas immediately outside city and town boundaries where development would be needed to cater for the overspill from these areas. The Co. Manager replied that the Circular attempted to control development outside the speed limit areas. If houses are built along National roads, the effectiveness of these roads is reduced. On the question of development outside town boundaries, such development could be allowed provided it was properly and orderly planned and this had already occurred in places like Knocknacarra and Ballybane/Ballybrit where special planning studies were undertaken.

Deputy Callanan said that he disagreed completely with the recommendations in the Circular Letter. In his opinion, traffic emerging from small County roads was more dangerous than cars emerging from individual houses along National roads provided with hard shoulders. An Bord Pleanála had recently contravened the Circular by giving planning permission for petrol pumps which had previously been refused by the County Council. Cllrs. Haverty, McCormack and Morgan agreed with Deputy Callanan that traffic emerging from by-roads was more dangerous. Cllr. Ryan said that as regards the petrol pumps mentioned by Deputy Callanan, he felt that if a businessman was anxious to provide a service for an area, he should be given every assistance and the number of similar businesses in the area should not matter.

Deputy Molloy referred to the fact that the Circular was dated 1971 and that other circulars have probably issued in the meantime. Looking back, it appears that the Circular may have been too restrictive but its merits still applied. A large volume of planning permissions had been granted since 1971 contrary to the policies set out in the Circular. If the restrictions were put into the Co. Plan, the Council would still have a way out in particular cases in view of the new procedure in the 1976 Planning Act where a development would materially contravene the Development Plan.

The Co. Engineer said that the reasons for the controls set out in the Circular were still valid. It was in the interests of roadusers that controls on National Primary and Secondary roads be applied as vigorously and fairly as possible. It was the duty of road authorities to protect the safety and effectiveness of these roads. Every new house created a new access. He recommended that the policy of control be continued. There was a clause in the Draft Plan (6.01 (k)) which said that in particular cases of housing need, where extreme individual hardship for rural dwellers would result, the Planning Authority would be prepared to consider substantiated applications for such need on the merits of the applications. After further discussion it was agreed that a decision on the restrictions that would apply to particular roadways be deferred to the next Planning meeting. Cllr. Morgan asked that the feasibility of constructing a roadway on the southern side of Orammore across the bay to Galway city be examined. Cllr. Kilgannon suggested that an over-pass at Orammore over the Orammore/Cleregalway road be examined.

South Coast Development Control Area (Table 8, Page 37).

The Co. Manager said that the Galway Area Committee had considered these proposals and approved of them subject to the addition of a further category of person who would be permitted to erect a house on by-roads, i.e. a person employed in the area. Deputy Molloy said that persons employed in the area had made planning applications since the committee made this recommendation but their applications had been refused. The Co. Manager said that as yet, the Plan is only in draft form and has to be published and adopted. A clause will be included in the Draft Plan catering for persons employed in the area and if this is adopted, the category of person mentioned by Deputy Molloy would be covered.

Recommendations of Committees - Summary.

- (a) Galway Area Committee: All the five recommendations of the Galway Area Committee were agreed.
- (b) Connemara Area Committee: The decisions of the Connemara Area Committee in relation to the amenity provisions in the Connemara area and the Clifden Town Plan were noted and agreed.
- (c) Joint Committee - Galway and Connemara Areas: It was agreed that the amenity

provisions for these areas would be included in the Draft Plan for publication.

- (d) Tuam Area Committee (including Town Commissioners): Deputy Killilea recommended that the Tuam town Plan be let stand subject to:
  - (a) the County Engineer to have a look at the land on the left and right hand sides of the Galway Road with a view to including it in the Plan
  - (b) that the re-routing of the proposed by-pass be changed from that set out in the Draft to an entry point on the Galway road at the Jet filling station across Clonthus Road to exit at the same point on the Athenry Road or a point adjacent.

Cllr. Kelly agreed with Deputy Killilea saying that some lands zoned in Tuam will not become available in the near future. He also said that consideration must be given to a relief road through the lands at Parkmore to the Dunmore Road. Cllr. Ryan said that something urgent would need to be done in the way of a by-pass from the Dunmore Road to Galway Road emerging at Ballygaddy. This would not be expensive and would give immediate relief to the town's traffic.

- (e) Loughrea Area Committee (including Town Commissioners):
  - (i) Loughrea Town Plan: The recommendations of the Committee in relation to the re-zoning of two additional areas as residential and the abandonment of public roads were noted and agreed. In relation to the provision of pedestrian access road from residential areas to lake shore areas, Cllr. Morgan asked that provision for such access be provided from the Athenry Road to the Gort Road to the lake. The recommendation in regard to the employment of consultants to advise on the preservation and development of amenities was noted and agreed. Replying to Cllr. Morgan, Mr. Lee stated that houses would not be allowed between the lake and the road where they would interfere with amenity. He also informed Cllr. Morgan that any proposals for a fish farm would have to be examined from the point of view of public health and amenity controls.
  - (ii) Athenry Draft Plan: The Draft Plan for Athenry was approved.
  - (iii) Gort Draft Plan: The Draft Plan for Gort was approved.
  - (f) Ballinasloe Area Committee: The recommendations of the Committee in relation to density provisions were noted and agreed. Cllr. Joyce, referring to Aughrim village, said that a meeting of the residents will take place shortly to consider a programme for the development of the village and he would like that Aughrim be given special consideration.

Deputy Molloy referred to the Draft Plan for Moycullen village and said that he was satisfied to let the Plan be published and any objections received could then be considered by the Council. Cllr. Sean Donnellan agreed with Deputy Molloy on this matter.

1621 - OBJECTION TO PROPOSED NEW ROAD ALONG HARBOUR SIDE OF SPIDDAL VILLAGE:

It was explained to Deputy Molloy that the draft zoning and objectives map for Spiddal does not contain any proposal to by-pass the village by way of the harbour. The Plan does contain a proposal to examine diversion of traffic away from the east strand adjacent to the village by means of a length of new roadway.

It was agreed that a meeting to consider a final draft of the Co. Development Plan would be held on Friday, 5th August, commencing at 3.00 p.m.. The Co. Manager said that one item to be considered at that meeting would be the area of special development control.

The meeting then terminated.

*Submitted, Approved and confirmed*  
*Sean Donnellan*  
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MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF SPEED LIMITS COMMITTEES HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 4th JULY, 1977.

BALLINASLOE AREA:

PRESENT: Councillors M. Kitt, J. Joyce, P. J. Galvin and S. Tully.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. H. Finnegan, Chief Assistant County Engineer;  
Mr. F. Dawson, Assistant Staff Officer.

1. It was agreed that a speed limit was not necessary for Monivea.
2. Agreement was not reached regarding the introduction of a speed limit for Caltra, but it was decided to let matters stand and re examine the position during the 1978 revision. In the meantime, the Gardai be asked to explain why they would not recommend a speed limit.
3. Councillor Kitt proposed that the question of introducing a speed limit to Castleblakeney be investigated. This was agreed, and the matter is to be dealt with in the 1978 revision. It was also agreed to investigate the situation on the Portumna Road, Ballinasloe, and to erect 30 m.p.h. repeater signs at Ardnuire, Ballinasloe.

Councillor Tully proposed that the County Engineer investigate the necessity of a pedestrian crossing at Creagh, Ballinasloe.

GALWAY AREA:

PRESENT: Councillors T. Welby and M. Walsh.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. C. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineer;  
Mr. J. O'Kelly, Administrative Officer;  
Mr. T. O'Neill, Senior Staff Officer.

Recommendations for speed limits were agreed.

Councillor Welby asked that, for the next speed limits meeting, the following be considered:

1. The extension of the 30 mile speed limit on the Oughterard side of Moycullen.
2. The extension of the 30 mile speed limit signs on the Galway side of Moycullen to the Galway side of Lydons Filling Station.
3. Oughterard: The extension of the speed limit sign on the Glann Road/Camp Street Junction to the Glann side of Scarafeen House.

He also asked that the Council consider putting yield right of way signs at the junction at Frank Kelly's House, Moycullen, and at junctions in Oughterard for Magherabeg, Cregg, and Ballinamore.

He also asked that the question of the exit at Merlin Park be investigated, and that perhaps traffic lights could be installed there.

CONNEMARA AREA:

PRESENT: Deputy J. Mannion; Councillors M. O'Morain, M. O'Flahartha, and M. Walsh.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. S. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineer;  
Mr. J. O'Kelly, Administrative Officer;  
Mr. T. O'Neill, Senior Staff Officer.

The proposals for the revision of the speed limits as listed were approved on the proposal of Deputy J. Mannion, and seconded by Councillor O'Morain. Deputy J. Mannion asked the Council to consider for the next speed limits meeting the question of speed limits at Cleggan, and the provision of road markings at the bridge between Kylemore Abbey and Letterfrack.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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

7th July, 1977.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE ITINERANT SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE/

Re: Itinerant Settlement Report.

With reference to the previous meeting, it was indicated that the census taken in October indicates that there are approximately 85 families on the roadside in Galway in need of rehousing. While it is appreciated that there will always be a number who will not wish to be rehoused, nevertheless, the programme of re-settlement is a major one. The Department of Local Government make available substantial grants for the purpose of resettlement and these are as follows:-

1. Provision of halting place - 100% grant.
2. Serviced sites with housing accommodation or chalet accommodation - 100% grant.
3. Renovated houses - 100% grant.
4. Caravans on serviced sites - 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % grant.
5. Caravans - 50% grant.

Since the last meeting in December, it is true to say that the progress on the settlement of itinerants has indeed been extremely slow and any such progress can only be achieved if there is a full commitment from the Council towards the housing of itinerants generally throughout the County at large. It goes without saying that some decisions in relation to settlement in specific areas will meet with opposition and indeed it has been noted that pressure groups in some areas have in fact impeded progress in the acquisition of sites for the purpose of settling itinerant families. Undoubtedly, some of the decisions which have to be taken in relation to some sites and the erection of houses may be difficult but at the same time no positive progress in relation to the settlement of the travelling people can be accomplished unless there is full backing from the Council to proposals recommended. I therefore appeal to the Council to commit itself to a positive programme of resettlement so that the situation can be resolved, if possible over a short period of years.

Proposed Policy.

It will continue to be the Council's policy to allocate houses to itinerants in new housing schemes. This matter was discussed at length at the previous meeting which involved the full membership of the Council and it had been generally reiterated that this policy should not be changed. Every care will be taken to ensure that families who are allocated houses are suitable tenants for such houses and indeed, in a number of cases, this will involve the transfer of some families from tigeens to conventional houses. Assessment of families suitable for re-housing will be undertaken with the co-operation of the local itinerant settlement committees and the Council's social workers. Proposals in respect of the provision of either sites or houses in specific areas are as follows:-

1. Merlin Park:

As the Council are all too well aware, this is one of the most unsightly areas at present in the whole of the county and is indeed, I am quite sure, an embarrassment to the Council because of its present state of untidiness and unhealthy appearance. Negotiations for the acquisition of a substantial tract

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of land from the Department of Fisheries has been going on for some time and the Department did indicate its willingness to transfer some 34 acres of land to the Council and it was hoped that part of this land would be utilised for the provision of a properly serviced halt the cost of which would be fully borne by the Department of Local Government. I might point out that there have been objections to the proposals to provide a halt at this particular location, but in view of the existing state of the area and the nuisance presently created to both the local residents and landowners as a result of the unsightly camping, it is true to say that a properly developed halting place screened from the roadway and properly maintained can only improve the conditions of both the existing residents and of the travelling people out of all expectation. It is open to conclude the acquisition of the site in the near future and I would appeal to the Council to give its backing to the proposal to provide a proper halting place in this location for families who over the last number of years have continued to camp in this area. Proposals in relation to the halting place will be formulated at the appropriate time and will be put before the Committee for its further consideration.

2. Tuam Area:

As mentioned in the previous report, there are approximately 30 families in need of housing in the vicinity of Tuam and it is proposed to house half this number in or around the town and the remainder will be relocated in rural areas where they are likely to be accepted. In this respect I might point out that a number of sites have been investigated in Tuam with a view to their acquisition for the purpose of erecting houses in groups of twos or threes which could be considered more acceptable to local residents. I might point out, however, that there have been difficulties in relation to the acquisition of sites and indeed, in two areas where it appeared likely that we were to obtain some ground, pressure from local people has unfortunately interfered with the acquisition and accordingly, positive proposals in relation to three or four sites can not at this stage be put forward. However, the question of the acquisition of sites which will be dispersed throughout the town will be pursued and again, Council backing to this proposal is essential if any headway is to be made in this regard.

In relation to isolated sites in the rural area, the Council in fact are acquiring  $\frac{2}{3}$  of an acre in the Coolpark area from the Irish Land Commission for the purpose of erecting two houses. A further house is being acquired in Ballintrasna from the Irish Land Commission and a house known as Reilly's House in Cloonthue Road is presently being repaired. In relation to this latter house, there are a number of objections to the housing of an itinerant family in this location, but again, if we are to be serious in relation to the resettlement of itinerants, it is essential that this house be allocated to a family who presently reside adjacent to the said house. Further sites are being examined, one such site being at Cow Park on the Togher Road and a tender is also being accepted for the erection of a house at Ballyvane, Headford.

3. Creggaun, Ballinasloe:

As mentioned at the last Council meeting, the negotiations for a short-term lease of a parcel of land were being pursued with the Western Health Board and this site in fact is now available to the Council for the purpose of providing a temporary halt. At present, three families reside adjacent to this site and they live on a relatively narrow road and are in constant danger from passing traffic. It is noted that there is no house within a  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile of the said encampment and these families have been living there for some considerable time. It does not seem unreasonable that the Council should at this stage provide some temporary halt to ensure that the families are in fact removed from the dangers of passing traffic and also it will enable us to clear up what is an unsightly encampment at the present time. In order to proceed with the provision of this hard stand, Council backing is again essential.

4. Loughrea:

Considerable improvement work has been carried out to the tigeens at Loughrea and this was considered necessary because of the fact that a number of families had vacated them due to dampness etc.. I am pleased to say that the tigeens have now been re-occupied and in one or two instances where the previous occup-

iers did not return, these have been allocated to other families. The situation generally in Loughrea is reasonable and this situation is due in no small measure to the excellent work being done by the local Itinerant Settlement Committee.

5. Ballinasloe:

Efforts to obtain a site for the construction of a number of houses at Ballinasloe have so far been fruitless and this is an area which certainly requires attention but sites examined to date have not proved suitable for the purpose. The search for suitable sites is continuing.

6. Other Areas:

In a number of other areas, individual sites or sites for the erection of two houses are being acquired and these are as follows:-

Athenry: A site for the erection of two houses has been acquired from the Agricultural college and tenders have been accepted and it is expected that these houses will commence in the very near future.

A site has been acquired in the Kilconnell area and one house is to be erected on the site.

Further sites are being pursued, namely, at Moyné Park and Roller Estate from the Irish Land Commission and the Land Commission have indicated that they will bear the Council in mind when they are subdividing the lands in question.

A site has also been acquired at Castleblakeney and a house is to be erected for the Cawley family on this site.

A site was examined at Esker School, Banagher and agreement had been reached with the Bishop of Clonfert for the transfer to the Council of this site. However, there are difficulties in relation to the title of the said land but it is hoped that these will be resolved and the site in question would be capable of accommodating two houses.

The Council over the last number of months have in fact provided caravans for families who have been in dire need and attention to those families has been highlighted by the Itinerant Settlement Committees or the Council's social workers. I would like to pay a very special tribute to the voluntary committees who work extremely hard, particularly in the towns of Tuam and Loughrea, towards the aim of having itinerant families integrated into communities and without their help and co-operation, little headway could be achieved. It also goes without saying that the Council's two social workers, Sr. Brigid and Miss McCracken are doing excellent work and I would like to express my personal appreciation of their magnificent effort and I trust that they will have the continued support of the local itinerant settlement committees in the execution of their duties.

Finally, I would again appeal to the Council to give its full commitment towards the resettlement of itinerants as this problem will take a number of years to resolve and indeed, as mentioned at the last committee meeting, one of the difficulties appears to be that the eldest members of settled families are now getting married and tend to in fact take to the roads again. However, with the Council's committed policy on the settlement of itinerants, I am sure that considerable progress can be achieved over the next year.

*J. Stewart*  
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Asst. Co. Manager.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
GALWAY.

19th July, 1977.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

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Re: Item No. 9 - Sanitary Services Programme

Attached herewith is an updated progress report on the Council's Sanitary Services Programme. It should be noted that the schemes are not listed in a priority order. In the current year, the Council's Capital Allocation for major works on water and sewerage schemes is £250,000. This money is being expended on the following schemes:

1. Rossaveal - Estimated cost £263,000 (partly financed from 1976 allocation).
2. Oughterard Regional Water Supply Scheme - Phase 1 - £40,000.
3. Ahascragh - Stage 1 - £12,000.
4. Inishboffin - Extension to West End - £10,000.

Schemes 1 to 4 are presently being carried out by means of direct labour under the direction and supervision of the County Engineer and his staff.

The Council has been notified by the Department that the following schemes are approved and tenders can be invited:

1. Tuam Augmentation - Estimated cost £152,000.
2. Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme - Estimated cost £667,000.
3. Extension to Oranmore (part of) - Estimated cost £25,000.
4. Dunmore/Glenamaddy - Phase 1 - £48,000.

In relation to the Tuam Augmentation Scheme, revised documents are presently being prepared. Notification was received from the Department that it was in order to advertise the Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme and this has been recently advertised. The short extension to Oranmore has also been advertised in the last few weeks. In relation to No. 4, i.e. Phase 1 of the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Scheme, this is to be undertaken in the near future by means of direct labour and will facilitate the Boyounagh/Ballyedmond Group Scheme which will service approximately 243 houses.

It is necessary to point out to the Council that whereas notification has been received in respect of those latter four schemes that tenders can now be invited, it should be noted that contracts for commencement of the schemes can not be awarded until such time as finances have been made available by the Department. It should also be noted that a number of other schemes are presently at a stage where tenders can be invited and accordingly, a significantly increased Capital Allocation for our Sanitary Services Programme will be required in 1978 if significant inroads are to be made by this Council in implementing its sanitary programme.

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Asst. Co. Manager.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25th JULY, 1977.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Sean Donnellan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members - As recorded in the Attendance Book:-

Councillors G. Dantley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy  
J. Callanan, Councillor P. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan,  
Councillors F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta, P. T. Galvin,  
F. Glynn, B. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins,  
Councillors B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, Deputy  
M. Killilea, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy  
J. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy  
R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, P. Ruane, M. Ryan  
and T. Welby.

Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. J. Lynch,  
County Engineer; J. Stewart, Assistant County Manager;  
K. Hays, Acting Deputy County Engineer; S. McMahon &  
H. Finnegan, Chief Assistant County Engineers;  
B. Callagy, Chief Assistant County Engineer;  
W. Cahill, L. Kavanagh & J. Beirne, Acting Chief  
Assistant County Engineers; T. O'Neill, Senior  
Staff Officer; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs.  
P. Dawson, Assistant Staff Officer & T. Kavanagh,  
Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1622 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24857 - APPLICANT  
MARTIN DAVY O COISDEALBHA:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

This site or part thereof has been refused on four previous occasions by the Planning Authority and on one of these occasions the refusal was upheld by the Minister. His reason for refusal was that the "site is in an area of high amenity between a heavily trafficked tourist route and the sea, and the proposed development would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area". The validity of that reason has not changed. The application is not for a member of the family. Five other applications were made by Micheal O Coisdealbha who would seem to be the present applicant's father. Two of these applications were granted; one of these was stated to be for his son Mairtin Davy and was later sold. Along this same bye-road, five other applications were refused by the Planning Authority on amenity grounds, two of the five being later granted by the Minister since 1974. Refusal is recommended as stated on planning form, namely:-

"The site proposed to be developed is situated between an important tourist road and the sea and would therefore injure the visual amenity of the area".

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy and seconded by Councillor Flaherty that in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Martin Davy O Coisdealbha for the erection of a house at Aille - Planning Reference No. 24857. Proposing the motion, Deputy Molloy stated that the Planning Committee in reviewing the plan recently for this area realised that it was an area of amenity but felt that a balance had to be struck between the need for the preservation of amenities and the demand for housing. The committee agreed that an exception should be made in the case of applicants who are natives of the area and are working there. Senator Higgins supported the motion. As there was no amendment, the chairman declared the motion carried.

1623 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24679 -  
APPLICANT MRS. C. O DONNICADEHA:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

Further information was requested from the applicant on 23th June, 1977, but no reply was received to date. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because its vehicular entrance would be on a National Secondary Route and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the major road. The proposed development would contravene the provisions of the County Development Plan for this area which requires a maximum density of one house to one acre with a minimum frontage of 100 feet. The application is alongside a National Secondary Traffic route where the maximum speed limit applies, is not stated to be in any of the special categories of housing need, and is therefore subject to 2.18, Table 3, No. 4 which stipulates an area of 1 acre and a road frontage of 100 ft. The site in question has no road frontage and the granting of permission would contravene the above section of the Plan. The permission was not claimed to be for a member of the family.

It was proposed by Deputy Mannion and seconded by Councillor Coogan that in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant outline planning permission to Mrs. C. O Donnicaדה for the erection of a dwelling house at Gortnagroagh - Planning Reference No. 24679. In proposing the motion, Deputy Mannion said the application was for a second member of the family. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

1624 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24815 - APPLICANT  
MRS. MARY BOHAN:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

Refusal of this application is recommended for the following reason. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would contribute to the serious erosion of the visual amenity and recreational potential of this area of high scenic value on the shores of Ballyquirke Lake.

This site has been the subject of three previous applications all of which have been refused by the Planning Authority on amenity grounds and two of which have been refused by the Minister, the third one being at present on appeal. The lands are situated on the eastern shores of Ballyquirke Lake in a highly scenic area which is visible from the National Secondary Route Galway/Clifden. There has been considerable pressure for speculative housing development in the area often under the guise of local housing need and serious visual damage has been done on the unspoilt shoreline in some instances. This ought to be resisted if preservation of visual amenity is thought to be a serious objective of this Planning Authority. The site is not for a member of the family. The Bohan Family have received a number of planning permissions adjacent to this site and on the remainder of the family lands about 1 mile away.

Ref. No. 9127 - Approval for house - Thomas Bohan.

13616 - Retention of above house due to change from bungalow to split level design and the devastation of natural vegetation on the site - a scar which is still evident.

10002 - Permission granted to Larry Bohan.

20734 - Outline Permission granted to Tim Bohan.

Those latter two permissions are on the east side of the bye-road, away from the lakeside, and while some visual damage will result, their siting is preferable to that which is proposed in the present application. A further point to note is that the Planning Appeals Board have recently upheld our policy (and the Minister's policy) along this lakeshore. They refused permission to Mr. Tom Fergus on the Bohan's holding - Ref. No. 17187.

Deputy Mannion proposed and Councillor McCormack seconded that in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Mrs. Mary Bohan for the erection of a dwelling house at Clooniff - Planning Ref. No. 24815. In proposing the motion, Deputy Mannion said that he disagreed with the report of the County Manager and said that the house would not be seen from the main road. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

1625 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24796 - APPLICANT RICHARD BYRNE:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

The application is for an access road from a lay-bye on the public road to a quarry which is about 400 ft. in from the road. Permission has previously been granted for the quarry and the lay-bye. I have legal advice to the effect that the construction of the roadway appears to be exempted development but in case of any doubt about this I have referred the matter to the Planning Appeals Board for a decision. If the members feel that the development is not exempted development, the Appeals Board will be informed accordingly. The latest date before which a decision must be made on the planning application is 30th September, 1977, and it is hoped that the Appeals Board would have decided on the issue before that date. There is already permission for the quarry development and in the normal course of events my recommendation would be to grant permission for the roadway. The matter is further complicated by the fact that an application has been made to the High Court for a declaration that the permission granted for the quarry development is invalid.

The County Manager advised the Council that the best course to follow would be to await the decision of the Planning Appeals Board. Councillor Coogan said that he agreed with the recommendation of the County Manager that the matter be deferred. Deputy Molloy said that while it was correct to say that permission had been granted for the quarry development, the nearby residents were unaware of the application and when it did come to their notice it was too late to appeal. The residents strongly objected to the development as the quarrying activities that would be taking place would seriously affect the amenities which they enjoyed. Development had already commenced and dust from the quarry was already causing a problem. Deputy Molloy asked if objections had been received to the current application, and if so, from whom. The County Manager read out the names of people who had signed a letter of objection. The Chairman recommended that in view of the fact that High Court proceedings had been commenced on the matter, the Council should await the decision of the Planning Appeals Board and not discuss the matter any further. This was agreed on the understanding that the motion would appear on the Agenda for the August Meeting.

1626 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24998 - APPLICANT LARRY WALSH:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

Refusal of the application is recommended on the grounds that the site is located on a minor road which is inadequate

in width and whose junction with the nearby main road is substandard, and the additional traffic movements resulting from the use of the garage would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard. The site is on the minor county road which runs northwestwards from the side of Barna Church to a stop end. The road widths and surface qualities are very substandard and are not fit to cater for further housing development in their present state, let alone commercial development such as this with its concomitant nuisance value and hazard due to increased traffic generation. Mr. Walsh suffered fire damage to an agricultural building which he was previously using without planning permission for motor car repairs. He lodged an application for a haybarn subsequently, and on inspection of the site it was found that the structure was already erected and fitted out as a garage. He applied for retention and was refused by the County Council and by the Appeals Board for the following reason:-

"The site is located on a minor road which is inadequate in width and whose junction with the nearby main road is substandard, and the additional traffic movements resulting from the use of the garage would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard".

To grant this application is to ignore the residential amenity of householders along this rural road and the public safety of road users. The matter may be further complicated and the hazard intensified if permission is granted on appeal for the New National School proposed to be erected at the junction of this road with the main road. This is at present before the Appeals Board.

I would point out that the Minister, in granting Mr. Walsh permission for his house on this site stipulated that approximately 7½ acres of land including this present site be sterilized from further housing development "to control the density of new development in the area". That decision was a good one planning wise. I recommend refusal of present application for the reason given by the Appeals Board and stated above.

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy and seconded by Councillor Bartley that in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Larry Walsh for retention of garage at Ballard - Planning Reference No. 24998. In proposing the motion Deputy Molloy stated that he did not accept the validity of the objections set out in the report of the County Manager. The applicant was an industrious man trying to operate a small business to support his family. Many permissions had been granted in the area and the traffic generated by the business carried out by the applicant would be very small and would cause no problem.

The County Manager said that in passing the motion, the Council was lending support to an applicant who carried out unauthorised development and applied for permission subsequently. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

1627 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24604 - APPLICANT PADDY CONNOLLY:

The County Manager said that it was proposed to grant permission for the development applied for in this application.

1628 - APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WHERE THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED WOULD MATERIALLY CONTRAVENE THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

- (a) Application from Joseph Donoghue for the erection of a dwelling house in the townland of Coos North - Planning No. 24509.
- (b) Application from Michael Donoghue for the erection of a dwelling house in the townland of Coos North - Planning No. 24511.



The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council in relation to the two applications:-

When notice under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, was received in relation to these two applications it was decided that to grant permission would materially contravene Sections 21(a) and 2.21 (a) of the County Development Plan as the proposed development would be contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority to provide for the preservation and the conservation of amenities and scenic landscape in the county, and the sites are in areas of high amenity and scenic importance as depicted in Map No. 1 of the County Development Plan. Refusal of the applications is recommended for the following reasons:-

1. Three previous Ministerial refusals on the same lands for the same reasons - one for 8 houses, two for single houses. This application is for two of the original 8 houses.
2. Permission already granted for one house on adjoining site.
3. There is no hardship involved.
4. The houses would be visually intrusive and would seriously injure the visual amenity of the Lough Derg Shoreline.
5. Such inappropriate development would lead to the destruction of the tourism value of the Shannon Waterway, which makes a significant contribution to the National and local economy (hire of boats, farmhouse holidays, extra business in small rural villages, etc.).
6. The sites are on flat land on the shore of Lough Derg. Tree and hedgerow screening are actually located in the middle of the site and they will be demolished because houses are to be located on them.

Deputy Callanan said that he did not agree that the houses would interfere with the view of the Shannon. The objections to the previous applications may have had some validity but the applicant now proposes to locate the houses on low land on an isolated site which is not near any public road. Councillor Burke said that he had inspected the site which was different from the sites which were the subject of the previous applications. He stated that it was not possible to see the Shannon from the site and that the applicant had a son working in Scariff and there was, therefore, a need for the houses. Councillor Haverty said that permissions had been granted to foreigners along the Shannon which interfered with the visual amenity. The houses were for two sons and the sites were located so as to do the least damage.

It was proposed by Deputy Callanan and seconded by Councillor Burke that Galway County Council hereby require that the County Manager make a decision to grant planning permission to Joseph Donoghue for the erection of a dwelling house in the townland of Coos North - Planning Reference No. 24509 and to Michael Donoghue for the erection of a dwelling house in the townland of Coos North - Planning Reference No. 24511. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

Councillor Holland said as he had not seen any of the sites, the subject of the Section 4 motions, he had not partaken in any of the decisions made. He asked if there was any need for a Planning Act and Technical Staff if their recommendations were ignored. Councillor Kelly supported Councillor Holland's view. Councillor Glynn said it was a waste of money employing staff in the Planning Department in view of decisions being made by the Council on planning applications by way of Section 4 Resolutions. He stated that if houses were allowed to be scattered all over the county without any planning control, no country could afford all the services that would eventually be demanded in respect of those houses. The only solution was to make land available in all towns and villages at reasonable prices. Deputy Killilea said that the provisions of the County Development Plan had been very much abused over the last

1629 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Fahy, the Minutes of the following meetings (Nos. 1567 - 1621 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman:-

1. Annual Meeting held on 27th June, 1977;
2. Monthly Meeting held on 27th June, 1977;
3. Itinerant Committee Meeting held on 8th July, 1977;
4. Planning Meeting held on 11th July, 1977.

Arising out of the Housing Committee Minutes, Councillor Morgan stated that he asked at that meeting that where tenant purchasers make application to redeem the annuity on their houses, they should not be asked for their reasons for doing so.

Arising out of the Minutes of the June Monthly Meeting, Councillor Welby asked when the Council proposed to stop dumping Clifden refuse in the Oughterard Dump. The County Manager replied that it had already stopped.

There was a short discussion arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Committee on Itinerancy, particularly in relation to proposals for a temporary halting place at Creggaun, Bailinasloe and it was stated that there were local objections to it.

1630 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Injury Decrees as set out in the schedule to the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

1631 - EXCESS-EXPENDITURE 1977:

The County Manager stated that a Circular EL. 15/77 from the Department of Local Government provided for the reduction by 50% of the remaining marriage differential in the case of Clerical Officers and to implement this in the current year would cost £3,000. It was proposed by Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Deputy Killilea and resolved "That Galway County Council hereby approve excess expenditure in the current financial year amounting to £3,000 to provide for the reduction of the marriage differential in the case of Clerical Officers, in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955".

The County Manager stated that a further Circular letter had been received from the Department of Local Government No. 13/77 dealing with pension increases under the Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme and to implement this in the current financial year would cost £1,000. It was proposed by Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Deputy Killilea and resolved "That Galway County Council hereby approve excess expenditure in the current financial year in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, amounting to £1,000 for the purpose of increasing pensions under the Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme.

The County Manager stated that notification of a grant of £6,666.25 had been received for the purpose of providing books for schools' libraries in 1977. He stated that this had not been provided for in the Libraries Estimate as it was not known if the grant would be forthcoming. He requested the Council's approval to the expenditure. It was proposed by Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Deputy Killilea and resolved "That Galway County Council hereby approve excess expenditure in the current financial year in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, amounting to £6,666.25, for the purpose of providing books in Primary Schools in the current financial year".

1632 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £47,500 - DUNMORE/GLENAMADDY REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The County Manager stated that approval had been received from the Department of Local Government for Phase 1 of the Dunmore/Glenamaddy

Regional Water Supply Scheme, which consisted of headworks at Gortnagarrow Spring and was estimated to cost £47,540. These works would facilitate the Boyounagh/Ballyodmond Group Water Supply Scheme. He requested the Council's approval to the raising of a loan for the scheme.

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Glynn and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £47,540 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister, for Phase 1/Stage 1 of the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid by instalments over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister".

1633 - AMENITY GRANTS - BORD FAILTE:

The County Manager stated that he had expected to have a report on this matter but the information was not available as yet, and he asked that it be deferred.

1634 - REVISION OF SPEED LIMITS:

The Minutes of the Speed Limit Committee Meetings for the Galway, Ballinasloe, Connemara and Tuam Areas held on 4th and 22nd July, were noted. The Council approved of the recommendations of the Committee for these four areas and it was agreed to forward the recommendations to the Department of Local Government.

The Council was informed that the Speed Limit Committee for the Loughrea Area had yet to hold a meeting and it was agreed to call a meeting for that area at 2.30 p.m. on 5th August, 1977. It was also agreed that Councillor Morgan would be a member of this Committee.

1635 - SANITARY SERVICES PROGRAMME REPORT:

Mr. Stewart, Assistant County Manager, referred to his report dated 19th July, 1977, which had been circulated to the Members. He mentioned the four schemes presently being carried out under the current year's Capital Allocation. He also mentioned that Departmental approval had been received for the following schemes and that tenders could be invited, and that revised documents were being prepared for the Tuam Augmentation Scheme:-

1. Tuam Augmentation Scheme;
2. Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme;
3. Water Extension to Oranmore (Part);
4. Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Supply Scheme.

Mr. Stewart stressed that while notification had been received to the invitation of tenders for these schemes, contracts for the commencement of the schemes could not be awarded until such time as finances were made available by the Department. He also stated that a number of other schemes were presently at a stage where tenders could be invited and, therefore, a significantly increased capital allocation for the Council's Sanitary Services Programme will be required in 1978 if any significant progress is to be made.

Deputy Callanan and Councillor Fahey asked what was the position as regards improving the Athenry Water Supply Scheme. Councillor Fahey also requested that the Department be asked for the finance to complete the water supply extension to Oranmore and he suggested that the Council should send a deputation to the Department with a view to getting a substantial increase in the Council's capital allocation for sanitary services works for 1978. Councillor Fahey also asked about the making of the Water Supply Order for the Gort Water Supply Scheme. Replying, Mr. Stewart stated that the improvement of the Athenry Water Supply Scheme would come within the Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme, for which a Preliminary Report had been prepared and was under examination. It was hoped to carry out a waste water survey in Athenry in the near future and on the results of this would depend whether or not there would be adequate water to allow some group schemes go ahead. As regards the Gort Scheme, the

Council had employed Professor Nash because of a problem which had arisen in connection with this scheme, but it was hoped that the proposal would be ready to be brought before the Council at the September Meeting.

Deputy Killilea, referring to the suggestion that the Council should send a deputation to the Department, stated that the Council would need to agree the priority of schemes before going to the Department and he would be insisting that Tuam got high priority. Councillor Ruane stated that the Brier Hill Reservoir should also get priority.

Replying to Councillor Kelly, Mr. Stewart stated that tenders had been received for the Tuam Booster Pump and the only delay would be that arising from delivery of the pump. Councillor Joyce referred to the proposed Laurencetown Sewerage Scheme and stated that no progress seemed to be made with it. Replying, Mr. Stewart stated that a Preliminary Report was being prepared and he had suggested previously that if sufficient capital monies were not forthcoming for the Council's Sanitary Services Programme, the Council would consider doing the Laurencetown Scheme as a Small Scheme and phasing it over a period. Replying to Councillor Burke, Mr. Stewart stated that preliminary work on a sewerage scheme for Tynagh would be undertaken this year.

Mr. Stewart referred to the Ballyconneely Regional Water Supply Scheme which was under way at the moment, and stated that a difficulty had arisen in relation to a right-of-way and said that if it was not resolved it would be necessary to divert money allocated for that scheme to some other scheme. Deputy Molloy asked that every effort be made to have this problem resolved. He felt that if the Council was reasonable with the owners of the commonage that agreement could be reached. In reply to Councillor Morgan, Mr. Stewart stated that no approval had yet come from the Department in respect of the Portumna and Loughrea Regional Water Supply Schemes, and the Preliminary Report for the Loughrea Sewerage Scheme was still awaited. He also informed Councillor Morgan that tenders had been received for the Booster Pump for Gort which would improve the present water supply position. Councillor Morgan asked that the question of getting a water supply from the Creamery in Athenry be taken up again with the Creamery Manager.

Councillor Welby asked that provision be made in the 1978 Estimates to connect the Roscahill Group Water Supply Scheme with the Oughterard Water Supply. He said that there would only be about 1/2 mile of main involved. He said that he was dissatisfied with the delay in replacing pumping equipment in the Oughterard Scheme and asked for a report on the matter for the next meeting.

1636 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

Local Improvements Scheme Allocation:-

The County Manager informed the Council that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government dated 20th July, 1977, indicating that the Council's allocation for Local Improvement Schemes for the current financial year was being increased by £42,500 to a total of £127,500.

Road Fund Grants 1977:-

The County Manager informed the Council that notification had been received from the Department of Local Government of supplementary grants for special road improvement works as follows:-

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| 1. Special Improvement Works - Labane N.S. Continuation            | £30,000. |
| 2. Surfacing & Strengthening National Roads - Schemes to be agreed | £50,000. |
| 3. Special Works & Other Bridges - Moyne Bridge                    | £20,000. |
| Ballinahown Bridge   | £15,000. |

1637 - SYMPATHY:

Cllr. Coogan proposed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the victims of the car crash which occurred on the Headford Road on Friday, 22nd July, 1977. Councillor McCormack seconded it.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:-

Mr. Matthew Daly, Ballinamona, Craughwell;

Mrs. Nevin, Loughenroe, Ballyglass, Ballyshrule, Ballinasloe;

Colm Uasal O Confaola, Leitir Mullain,

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

1638 - PURCHASE OF LAND IN MOYCULLEN - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the land in question which measured 27 acres 0 rood 31 perches was purchased by the Council in 1969. As the road alignment requirements at Moycullen had now been determined, the Council would be able to develop portion of the lands between the existing road and the proposed new road. Approval had been received from the Department for the appointment of an architect to prepare a layout and an architect had in fact been appointed. Local Authority houses as well as private sites will be provided. Deputy Molloy and Councillor Welby asked that the development of the site be expedited.

1639 - WIDENING OF BALLINAHOWN BRIDGE - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:

It was noted that notification had just been received from the Department of Local Government of the allocation of a special grant of £15,000 for a new bridge at Ballinahown during the current year.

1640 - FOOTPATH AT NA MINNA, INVERIN - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:

The Acting Secretary stated that provision will be made for this work in the 1978 Estimates.

1641 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

The Chairman asked that written replies be sent to Councillor Glynn in respect of the three motions appearing under his name on the Agenda.

1642 - SWIMMING FACILITIES AT LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the situation in Ballinasloe and Loughrea as regards swimming facilities and their cost are not comparable. Ballinasloe has a heated indoor swimming pool and it is well established throughout the country that most of such pools incur heavy losses annually. Loughrea has good outdoor swimming facilities which the Council has spent money on over the years and hope to develop further in the future. Councillor Morgan said that he did not agree with so much money being provided for Ballinasloe Pool and so little for Loughrea. He said that Loughrea should get at least half the Ballinasloe allocation. The County Manager stated that the two situations were completely different and for the purposes of advancing Loughrea it was better not to relate it to Ballinasloe or any place else.

1643 - FOOTPATHS AT TULLAHILL AND CROSS STREET, LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this matter was being investigated and a report would be submitted for the next meeting.

1644 - DANGEROUS BENDS BETWEEN PATRICK FAY'S AT KNOCKAUNCOURA AND MICHAEL KENNY'S AT CLOONOO - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this proposal was being examined and a report will be available for the next meeting.

1645 - BAILIU BRUSCAIR LEITIR MULLAIN - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:

The Acting Secretary stated that the refuse collection service is at present over extended and working to maximum capacity. No further extensions can be permitted. Councillor Flaherty said that he was not happy with the reply but the County Manager explained that the refuse collection system could not be extended during the current financial year, but the system could be reviewed during the preparation of the Estimates for 1978.

1646 - CORAS REICINNACH UISCE CASLA - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:

The Acting Secretary stated that a further meeting with the Fishery Company was arranged to take place within a few days at which it was hoped to resolve outstanding matters relating to the Company's objection to the Water Supplies Order.

1647 - EASING OF BEND AT CAISLEAN DARA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KITT:

In the absence of Councillor Kitt, this motion was not moved.

1648 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

Councillor Joyce asked that he be given written replies to the three motions appearing under his name on the Agenda.

1649 - COUNCIL PUMP AT BALLROEBUCK, CORRANDULLA - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

In the absence of Deputy Killilea, this motion was not moved.

1650 - TAKING OVER OF HOUSING ESTATES IN TUAM - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

In the absence of Deputy Killilea, this motion was not moved.

1651 - REMOVAL OF BAD TURNS ON CONTEENY/MONARD ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MCCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that a sum of £1,000 will be included in the 1978 Estimates for the improvement of visibility at these two bends.

1652 - YIELD RIGHT OF WAY SIGN ON CLYDAGH ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MCCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that this sign will be provided in the near future.

1653 - ROAD AT CARROWBROWN/POOLKEEN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MCCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that this road was repaired by the Council under a Local Improvements Scheme. It is not blacktopped and the estimated cost of bringing it up to standard for taking over as a public road is £2,000. There is no provision in the current year's estimates for this work. Councillor McCormack said that this road was being used very much by the public, particularly by traffic coming out of the burial ground. He stated that if it was not taken over it would deteriorate very quickly. Mr. Finnegan, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that there may be a difficulty in taking over the road because of the fact that there was no dwelling on it, but when Councillor McCormack stated that it was in effect connecting two public roads, the County Manager said that it would be re-examined from this aspect.

1654 - "GUIDE TO SERVICES OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL" - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

In the absence of Councillor Kilgannon, this motion was not moved.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved  
and confirmed

Signed

Tom Hussey

Chairman - 22/8/77

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 5th AUGUST, 1977,  
AT 3.00 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members - As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillor U. Burke, Deputies J. Callanan & J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly & M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Killilea, Councillors M. P. Kitt & P. McCormack, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan & T. Welby.

Officials - Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; B. Callagy, W. Cahill & L. Kavanagh, Chief Assistants (Planning); Miss J. Meldon, Planning Assistant; S. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineer; T. Fleming, Draughtsman & T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1655 - Before the Meeting a copy of report dated 4th August, 1977, was distributed to each member which set out the remaining items to be attended to in connection with the Review of the County Development Plan. The Council decided to deal with the remaining items as they appeared in the report.

TUAM TOWN PLAN:

Deputy Killilea stated that he was not anxious to hold up the publication of the Plan and that he had discussed his proposals with the Officials and that he was satisfied to let the Plan stand.

PLANNING CONTROLS FOR ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT:

The County Engineer stated that at the last Planning Meeting, the Council had a long discussion on the question of development along National Roads, during which the importance of preserving the function and efficiency of these roads was fully outlined. The Council was presently operating the policy set out in the 1971 Circular and he strongly urged that it be continued. It had been stated at the last meeting that access points on to roads which had hard shoulders should not present any difficulty but he wanted to make it clear that this was not the purpose for which hard shoulders were provided. They are provided to improve the capacity of the road and for use by pedestrians, cyclists, slow moving vehicles and the repair of broken-down vehicles, etc. There was a hardship clause in the Plan which stated that in particular cases of housing need, where extreme individual hardship for rural dwellers would result, the Planning Authority would be prepared to consider substantiated applications for such need on the merits of the applications.

In reply to Councillor Morgan about the legal position, Mr. Kearns stated that the policy announced in the Circular was not law and it was a matter for the Council to decide whether or not to incorporate that policy into the Plan. Mr. Kearns also referred to some sections of the report which stated that development along National Primary Routes interfere with the function of such routes and have a severely adverse effect on traffic safety and on traffic flow, and that much of the heavy national investment in the national primary routes has been dissipated by the effects of roadside development. He also referred to the surveys carried out in the United States, Germany and in Oregon, all of which showed that there was a direct link between the number of accidents and access points, and accidents were found to

increase when access points increased.

Deputy Killilea agreed that it would be highly dangerous if access points were allowed to be created every few hundred yards along national primary routes, but he felt that there were certain areas along these routes which he called grey areas where development could be allowed. The places he had in mind were areas where some type of services existed including a shop, public house, etc. Councillor McCormack stated that in his opinion there was no greater danger involved in the case of twenty cars coming out individually on to a national road with hard shoulders, than twenty cars coming on to a national primary road from a county road. Councillor Haverty said that he was against incorporating the policy set out in the 1971 Circular in the Draft Plan. Councillors Morgan and Ryan stated that people coming out of the exits from their own property were generally more careful than when going on to a main road from a bye-road. Deputy Callanan said that he did not accept that more accidents could result from an increase in the number of access points on to national roads from private houses and that he was opposed to the policy in the 1971 Circular. Councillor O Morain suggested that if the Capital used for the development of national primary roads was diverted for a number of years to national secondary roads to improve the standard of these roads, that it would help to spread the traffic load more evenly.

Replying to Councillor O Morain, the County Engineer explained that the Circular covered both national primary and national secondary roads, and that when national primary roads are being designed they are designed to carry specific traffic volumes. As regards the comparison made by Councillor McCormack, he stated that statistics and surveys had proven this to be incorrect. Development allowed along national primary routes automatically induces pedestrian and other traffic, increasing the hazard of pedestrians and the number of accidents. In reply to Councillor Welby regarding the Galway/Clifden Road, Mr. Lee stated that this road came under Class 1 control as far as Oughterard and Class 2 control from Oughterard to Clifden (Tables No. 3 & 4). Councillor Glynn stated that he was in favour of imposing restrictions on national primary and secondary roads. He said that these roads are provided for a particular function at much expense and development cannot be allowed to take place which would interfere with the function of the road. He asked that adequate land be made available in towns and villages for housing sites and asked the County Engineer to consider funnel shaped junctions when designing junctions along national primary roads as these appeared to be much safer. Councillor Joyce agreed that national roads were intended for fast moving traffic and the presence of houses, children, animals, etc., along these roads was bound to effect the safety of the roads.

Councillor Fahey proposed that the policy as set out in the existing plan be continued in the Draft Plan, including the hardship clause mentioned by the County Engineer. This was seconded by Deputy Killilea. Deputy Callanan proposed a direct negative which was seconded by Councillor Morgan. Councillor Melvin stated that his experience was that any farmers along these roads who applied for permission and substantiated the need always got it. A vote was taken on Councillor Fahey's motion which resulted as follows:-

For - Councillors Fahey, Galvin, Glynn, Deputy Hussey, Councillors Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Melvin, Molloy, O Morain & Ruane (12).

Against - Councillor Burke, Deputy Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, Haverty, McCormack, Morgan & Welby (7).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

TELEPHONE DISPUTE:

Councillor Glynn proposed the suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the breakdown in telecommunications resulting from the dispute between the Department of Posts and Telegraphs and the Irish Post Offices Engineering Union. He proposed that the Minister be asked to

intervene in the dispute. Councillor Glynn also asked the Chairman to approach the Minister on the matter. The Chairman said that he was not in favour of discussing the matter at the meeting and hoped that those involved would see reason and come to an agreement. Councillor Morgan seconded Councillor Glynn's proposal and eventually the motion was agreed with no further discussion.

AREA OF SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROL:

Mr. Kearns read the report on this item which had been circulated and Mr. Lee outlined the area of special development control on a map. The County Engineer stated that if the area of special development control was eliminated from the Plan it would mean that there would be no restrictions around Galway City which area was under severe pressure, and he asked the Council if they would reconsider their decision to have no control. To have restrictions would be in the interests of the Planning Authority from the point of view of services and would be in the interests of the developer by seeking to preserve the rural characteristics which the developer had opted for originally. He stated that to have no policy was not good enough for this sensitive area and six other options were now being put forward for consideration. Deputy Callanan proposing that there be no area of special development control said that the Council had already decided on this issue. He stated that a farmer who would have to fence his land when selling a site would charge more for it. Councillor Glynn stated that he was in favour of option No. 3 which would encourage people to build in certain areas and if this was coupled with option No. 4 it would be a good solution. He was all in favour of encouraging people to build in hamlets and villages as this was more beneficial to the area and to the people as they could get together as a community and avail of grants, etc., to develop the area. The Council would also have to provide the necessary services. He felt that farmers did not want to sell land but they were forced into doing so, and this was all the more reason why the Council should ensure that serviced sites are available in all towns and villages. Councillor O Morain stated that the Council would need more time to consider the options and suggested it be deferred. Councillor Morgan proposed option No. 5 stating that if a person decided on a particular area in order to enjoy a certain environment, it would be unfair if another person could build a few yards away. He also asked if additional hamlets could be identified and Mr. Lee replied that there would be no objection to this. Councillor Welby said that while the idea of hamlets might be good, few of them had services and if there is to be an area of special control there must be some alternative. Deputy Killilea seconded Deputy Callanan's proposal not to have any area of special development control, saying that people deciding to build houses for themselves should get every assistance. Councillor McCormack referring to option No. 5 which required a minimum of 500 ft. frontage per site, stated that some farmers who had a small road frontage would not be anxious to sell sites or only at a very high price and this would make it more difficult for a person buying a site.

The County Engineer stated that in the final analysis it was a question as to whether development should be allowed to take place in an organised or unorganised fashion. Organised development could be achieved by encouraging development into hamlets and villages in which cases septic tanks would suffice until such time as public sewage facilities were provided. Outside of those centres, development could be controlled by density requirements and as an alternative to the 2 acre 500 ft. frontage requirement a restriction limiting the number of houses per mile could be used. The Chairman stated that having listened to the arguments put forward by those for and against some form of control, there seemed to be room for compromise. If no control is applied it may be to the disadvantage of all.

As an amendment to Deputy Callanan's proposal, Councillor Glynn proposed that options 3 and 4 be incorporated in some way with option No. 1. This was seconded by Councillor McCormack. A vote was taken on Councillor Glynn's amendment which resulted as follows:-

- For - Councillor Glynn, Deputy Hussey, Councillors Joyce, Kelly, McCormack, Morgan & Ryan (7);
- Against - Councillor Burke, Deputy Callanan, Councillor S. Donnellan, Deputy Killilea, Councillors Melvin, J. Molloy, O Morain & Welby (3);

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and declared the original motion carried by the same voting.

CONNEMARA NATIONAL PARK:

Mr. Kearns explained the decision at National level to establish a National Park in Connemara and stated that it would be an opportune time for the Council to include some control principles in the Draft Plan in the interests of the National Park. Councillor O Morain welcomed the idea to establish the National Park in Connemara but hoped it would not be imposed on the people of the area. He suggested that it should be visited by the Council and should be developed in accordance with the wishes of the varied interests involved including the County Council, and all parties kept fully informed.

Duirt an Comhairleoir Sean O Domhnallan gur i nGaeilge ar cheart ainm na Páirce Naisiunta a bheith agus go raibh se deacar aon chaint a dheanamh faoin bpaire mar nach raibh dothan eolais ar fail faoi.

The Chairman suggested that the proposal should be discussed between the Officials and the Members of the Planning Committee for the Connemara Area. Councillor Joyce said that it was difficult to make a decision on the matter until the area is adequately defined and if all the Members visited the area it would help them to get a much better understanding of it.

Explaining the proposal further, the County Engineer stated that the Office of Public Works had acquired approximately 1,500 acres of land in the Kylemore/Letterfrack area. The idea of national parks was to set aside large tracks of land with a view to preserving them in their natural state for as long as possible. Some preliminary talks had taken place with the Office of Public Works. Galway County Council was the Planning Authority for the area and in reviewing the Plan he considered that the Council should avail of the opportunity to include some broad control measures in the Plan in the interests of the Park. After further discussion, it was agreed to include the control principles recommended by the Planning Officer in the Draft Plan.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED  
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SUBMITTED, APPROVED AND CONFIRMED:-

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRMAN.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

26/9/77

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
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(Galway County Council)  
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Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

16u Lunasa, 1977.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarratar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 22u la Lunasa, 1977, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Resolution under Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-  
"In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that Galway County Council direct the County Manager to refuse planning permission to Richard Byrne for new road at Cregboy - Planning Reference No. 24796."  
M. O Morain; John Molloy; Sean Donnellan.
2. Applications for planning permission where the development proposed would be a material contravention of the County Development Plan:-
  - (a) Application received from Martin Flaherty, Moneymore West, Oranmore, for housing development at Moneymore West - Planning No. 24849.
  - (b) Application received from Joe Walsh, Gurteen, Renvyle, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Gorteenaglogh - Planning No. 24949.
  - (c) Application received from Jackie Ward, Market Street, Clifden, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Clifden Demesne - Planning No. 24954.
  - (d) Application received from Padraic Connolly, Ballybrit, Galway, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Marshallspark - Planning No. 25005.
  - (e) Application received from Richard Burke, Hazelwood, Ballybrit, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Marshallspark - Planning No. 25016.
  - (f) Application received from Pat Fleming, Garage, Glenanail, Castlegar, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Marshallspark - Planning No. 25011.
3. Minutes.
4. Malicious Injury Decrees.
5. Overdraft for period ending 31st December, 1977.

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6. Raising of Loan of £2 million for Local Authority Housing.
  7. Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31st December, 1976.
  8. Creation of three Offices of Clerk Typist.
  9. Circular letter from Department of Local Government dated 28th July, 1977, regarding House Purchase Loans, copy *attached. to follow.*
  10. Circular letter from Department of Local Government dated 3rd August, 1977, regarding Grants for Environmental Works, copy attached.
  11. Revision of Speed Limits (Minutes of Loughrea Committee Meeting attached).
  12. To fix dates for Estimates Meetings.
  13. Reports on matters adjourned from previous meetings:-
    - (a) Provision of footpaths at Tullahill & Cross St., Loughrea - Minute No. 1643.
    - (b) Dangerous Bends between Knockauncoura & Cloonoo - Minute No. 1644.
  14. Business submitted by County Manager.
- MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:
15. COUNCILLOR M. P. KITT - I will propose:  
That bend at P. Mannion's, Caislean Dara, be eased to allow school bus and farm machinery to turn.
  16. DEPUTY M. KILLILEA - I will propose:
    - (a) That the £84 necessary to lay a short main and headworks for the County Council Scheme (Water) at Ballroebuck, Currandulla, be made available immediately so as to enable proper connections to the few houses awaiting supply in this small area.
    - (b) That immediate arrangements be made to take over the new Housing Schemes in Tuam, so as that lights, etc., be installed for the winter.
  17. COUNCILLOR KILGANNON - I will propose:  
That Galway County Council publish a booklet entitled "A Guide to the Services of Galway County Council", including up to date information on all schemes and services provided by the Council.
  18. DEPUTY MOLLOY - I will propose:
    - (a) That the Council take over and declare public those portions of road remaining untarred at East End and West End, Inishboffin, Co. Galway.
    - (b) That provision be made in the 1978 Estimates for the construction of a footpath on the north side of the road at the Promenade, Spiddal, Co. Galway.
    - (c) That provision be made in the 1978 Road Estimates for the removal of bad bends on the road leading from Bunowen to Doonloughane, Ballyconneely, Co. Galway.
  19. DEPUTY CALLANAN - I will propose:
    - (a) That money be put in 1978 Road Estimates for the purpose of easing very bad turns on the road from Ward's Shop, Ballymacward to Kilconnell Creamery. There are some very bad turns on this road and there are very long milk tankers travelling on this road every day.
  20. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:
    - (a) that the Council remove the clay banks at the roadside at Lackagh Graveyard, Turloughmore, to give parking place for cars on funeral days as this graveyard is on the main Galway/Mountbellew Road.

(b) That the Council treat as a priority the carrying out of improvements on the Galway/Headford Road, particularly the removing of the bend at Ballindoooley, the scene of the recent tragic accident.

21. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

(a) That the Council take steps to restore the water supply to the two group water schemes in Moycullen.

(b) That the Council hire the square in Headford by the Bank for car parking.

(c) That the Council make provision in the 1978 Estimates for the erection of public toilets in Oughterard.

22. COUNCILLORS RUANE & GLYNN - We will propose:

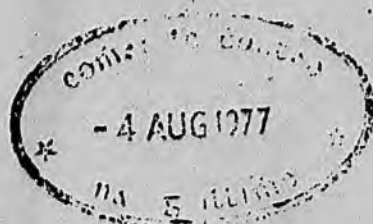
That the remains of Frank Stagg be returned to his mother for burial in Ballina as his request was to be buried with Michael Gaughan in Ballina Cemetery.

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NAME & ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	MALICIOUS	DAMAGE	DECREES	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM £	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCL. COSTS £
Brendan Geraghty, Mount Armstrong Estate, Donadea, Co. Kildare.	Damage to walls & gates				D.E.D. of Skehanagh	200	38.75
Brendan Geraghty, Mount Armstrong Estate, Donadea, Co. Kildare	Damage to walls & gates				D.E.D. of Skehanagh	500	38.75
Patrick V. Murphy, Ballinduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway	Damage to walls, gate pier and gate				D.E.D. of Skehanagh	200	54.65
Patrick Mahony, Ballinduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway	Damage to a wall				D.E.D. of Skehanagh	50	30.50
Patrick V. Murphy, Ballinduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway	Damage to a barrier & gate pier.				D.E.D. of Skehanagh	100	38.75
Patrick V. Murphy, Ballinduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway	Damage to gates				D.E.D. of Skehanagh	10	30.50
Patrick Mahony, Ballinduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway	Damage to wall				D.E.D. of Skehanagh	50	30.50
Western Motors Ltd., Tuam Road, Galway	Damage to Plate Glass Window and Fiat 124 Sports Coupe Motor Car 21/5/1976.				Boro of Galway	600	332.68
O'Connor T.V. Ltd., 2/3, Shop Street, Galway	Damage to Plate Glass Window				Boro of Galway	37.08	65.03



TELEPHONE 42961



Circular ENV 13/77

3rd August, 1977.

Grants for Environmental Works

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that in implementation of one of the measures announced in the Government's recent statement of job creation, he is introducing a scheme of grants to local authorities for works for improvement and protection of the environment. A major purpose of the scheme is to provide employment and grants will accordingly be on the basis of 100% recoupment of labour costs (wages, including stamps) and 50% of other expenditure e.g. equipment, materials and land. A provisional allocation of £29,000 has been made for works in the County (Borough) of Galway

Works should be selected which will have a high employment content and which will be of environmental benefit to the community. Unemployed persons should be employed on the scheme as far as practicable. The local office of the Department of Social Welfare (Employment Exchange) might be asked to supply a list of suitable persons. A high proportion of expenditure on land acquisition or on use of machinery would not be acceptable.

Works qualifying for grant would include the following:

- parks and open spaces,
- playing fields and playgrounds,
- facilities in connection with boating or fishing,
- riverside and other scenic walks, mountain paths, etc.,
- planting of trees, shrubs, etc.,
- opening up of views and prospects,
- clearance of derelict sites acquired by local authorities,
- carparks in areas of scenic attraction, special tourist interest or recreational utility.

In order to get the scheme operating quickly, the emphasis initially may have to be on works such as clean-up, clearance and improvement operations,

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planting, screening, grassing and levelling but efforts should be made to select works of permanent amenity value or utility.

Approval of the Department for the works selected need not be sought but where it is considered necessary to undertake a project with a relatively high non-labour cost, the Department should be informed of the circumstances. A list of the works proposed in order to absorb the amount of the provisional allocation should be submitted as soon as possible on Form A attached. Any later alteration in the proposals should be brought to notice. The works should be completed in time to ensure that the grants can be paid before the end of the current year. Application for interim or final payment of grants should be made on Form B by the local authority undertaking the works.

Allocations for counties allow a measure of flexibility in selecting locations for works but the Manager should bear in mind the numbers on the Live Register (see below). Where it would be appropriate to apply part of the provisional allocation in an urban area and suitable works are available, arrangements should be made with the Borough or Urban District Council to undertake the works.

Mise, le meas,

B. Campbell

B. CAMPBELL.

To each City and County Manager.

PERSONS ON THE LIVE REGISTER AT 25 March, 1977

AREA		MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
<u>CO. GALWAY</u>	Total	5,558	479	6,037
Galway Borough		706	195	901
Ballinasloe U.D.		82	32	114
Loughrea Town		24	3	27
Tuam Town		174	22	196
<u>CO. GALWAY RURAL</u>		4,572	227	4,799
Ballinasloe	Local Office	500	13	513
Ballinrobe	" "	126	4	130
Birr	" "	25	5	30
Castlerea	" "	120	2	122
Claremorris	" "	3	-	3
Clifden	" "	526	55	581
Galway	" "	1,472	56	1,528
Gort	" "	169	11	180
Loughrea	" "	367	23	390
Oughterard	" "	219	17	236
Roscommon	" "	6	-	6
Tuam	" "	1,039	41	1,080
Tulla	" "	-	-	-
Westport	" "	-	-	-



Circular ENV. 13/77

Form A

Environmental Works Scheme

Brief description and location of works being undertaken.	Local authority undertaking work	Estimated Cost of Work			Grant Allocation £
		Total £	Wages & Stamps £	Other £	

Provisional Allocation £ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ County Engineer

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Total £ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ County Manager

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Council

Environmental Works Scheme

Form B

Brief description and location of work.	Original Estimate £	Expenditure incurred			Grant Payment	
		Total £	Wages & Stamps £	Other £	Already paid £	Now sought £

Totals

I hereby certify that the works listed above have been carried out in accordance with the conditions laid down in circular letter 13/77 of 3 August, 1977 and that the particulars of expenditure set out in respect of each work are correct.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ City/County Engineer      Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Borough/Town Engineer

I hereby apply for payment of £ \_\_\_\_\_ in respect of these works.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Co. Secretary/Town Clerk      Date \_\_\_\_\_

MINUTES OF LOUGHREA SPEED LIMIT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON 5th AUGUST, 1977

PRESENT : Mr. Sean Kelly, T.C.,  
Councillors - E. Haverty; H. Melvin; N. Morgan; U. Burke

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. T. O'Neill, S.S.O.  
Mr. F. Monaghan, C.A.C.E.,  
Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting Co. Secretary  
Mr. F. Dawson, A.S.O.

WOODFORD RD., PORTUMNA Clr. Haverty disagreed with the County Engineer and Gardai recommendation of no change here as there was a constant danger of deer running across the road. He proposed that the question of extending the speed limit in this area should be investigated by the Dept. of Local Government.

This proposal was seconded by Clr. Morgan.

LOUGHREA ROAD, KILLIMOR Clr. Haverty disagreed with the recommendation of the County Engineer and Gardai that no change be made. He said that in his opinion the traffic generated by the Creamery and Graveyard warranted the speed limit.

Mr. Monaghan stated that according to the guidelines laid down by the Minister, speed limits should not be used as solutions for an occasional hazard such as a factory or a school since the restriction will be unnecessary most of the time and may not be respected when most needed.

It was agreed to reconsider Killimor in 1978.

DUBLIN ROAD, CRAUGHWELL: Clr. Melvin proposed that the question of extending the speed limit on the Dublin Road, Craughwell be investigated in the 1978 revision. This was seconded by Clr. Morgan.

GURTEENEY: There is no speed limit in Gurteeney. Clr. Haverty in disagreeing with the recommendations of the Co. Engineer and Gardai that no change be made, proposed that the matter be referred to the Dept. of Local Government. This was seconded by Clr. Morgan.

ENNIS ROAD, GORT: As recommended by the Co. Engineer and Gardai, it was agreed that the 40 m.p.h. zone on the Ennis Rd., be extended by 210 yds. on the proposal of Clr. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Clr. Morgan then proposed that Galway County Council contact the British Road Authorities with a view to getting data on how they operate the ramp system.

This was seconded by Comm. Kelly.

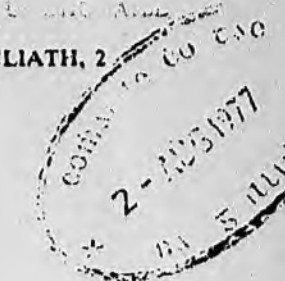
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
O'CONNELL BRIDGE HOUSE  
DUBLIN, 2

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TELEPHONE 787199



Circular Letter H. 28 /77

28th July, 1977

House-purchase and construction loans under section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966.

A Chara

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that the Government have decided to amend the conditions subject to which house-purchase and house construction loans may be made by housing authorities under section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966.

The income limit is increased from £2,350 to £3,500 per annum. For the purpose of determining eligibility, the income of the applicant for the income tax year preceding the date of the loan application should not have exceeded £3,500. In the case of farmers, the rateable valuation limit remains at £60.

The maximum loan limit is increased from £4,500 to £7,000. The new maximum loan and income limits will apply to persons entering into contracts after 26th May, 1977. In the case of applicants building their houses, the limits will apply where the foundations were poured after that date. The arrangements for the introduction of these limits are similar to those applicable to the £1,000 new house grants which were recently announced.

In view of the difficulty of estimating accurately the likely trend of expenditure of local authorities arising from the new limits, no additional specific capital allocation is being made in respect of the second half of 1977. Local authorities should notify this Department of monthly expenditure immediately after the end of each month after which requests for claims from the Local Loans Fund will be dealt with. Strict adherence to the requirements regarding receipts from internal capital resources (Paragraph 4 of Circular H.6/77 of 22nd February, 1977) is required and requests for draws should be based on the nett expenditure after transfer of any such receipts.

As regards loans for previously-occupied houses such loans should continue to be made available only to borrowers who can satisfy the local authority that they are unable to obtain loans from commercial agencies and whose circumstances otherwise would necessitate their being rehoused by the local authority.

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The Housing Authorities (Loans for Acquisition or Construction of Houses) Regulations will be amended and copies will be forwarded in the near future. Any telephone enquiries relating to this circular letter may be made to (01) 787199, extension 157.

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*J. M. Rizzi*

To each housing authority

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22nd AUGUST, 1977.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members - As recorded in the Attendance Book:-

Councillors U. Burke & T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta, P. T. Galvin, P. McGloinn, E. Haverty & B. Holland, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce & M. Kelly, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy John M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin & J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan & T. Welby.

Officials - Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; J. Stewart, Assistant County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; K. Hays, Acting Deputy County Engineer; H. Finnegan, Chief Assistant County Engineer; B. Cahill & L. Kavanagh, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineers (Planning); M. Moroney, County Accountant; T. O'Neill & P. J. McGovern, Senior Staff Officers, Miss J. Meldon, Planning Assistant; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer, Mr. F. Dawson, Assistant Staff Officer & T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1656 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24796: APPLICANT RICHARD BYRNE:

The Deputy County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

This Section 4 Motion was considered by the Council at its July Meeting, but it was decided to defer it to the August Meeting because of the fact that a reference had been lodged with An Bord Pleanala to determine whether or not the development in question was Exempted Development.

The application is for an access road from a lay-bye on the public road to a quarry which is about 400 feet in from the road. Permission has been previously granted for the quarry and the lay-bye.

A decision has been made by the Appeals Board on the Exempted Development question and the Board decided that the development is not Exempted Development.

The permission granted for the quarry development included permission for an access road and lay-bye, but apparently the applicant is not being allowed use the access road by the owner, and the present application is for an alternative access road from the quarry on to the lay-bye. I see no reason why permission should be refused and I recommend that permission be granted. If the Council pass the Section 4 Motion directing that permission be refused, the Council will be obliged to give a valid reason for the refusal. It must be remembered that the application is for an access road only and any reason for refusal would have to be related to the road.

Deputy Molloy stated that the quarry development for which the access road was required was close to private houses. When application for planning permission for the quarry development was made, the residents were not aware of it and when it came to their notice it was too late to appeal. The residents strongly objected to the development as the quarrying activities that would be taking place would seriously affect the amenities which they enjoyed. The Council in granting planning permission for the quarry development was not aware of the residents' objections. The development could also affect dairy farmers in the area. Councillor Byrne stated that it

would be extraordinary for the Council to refuse permission for the access road, having already granted permission for the quarry development and he felt that the Council had no alternative but to grant permission. Councillor Burke said it would be wrong if refusal of permission for an access road could prevent development for which permission had already been granted.

In order to explain the position in more detail to the Members, Mr. Cahill showed on a map the location of the quarry and access road. He said that the quarry had been used in the past by the County Council and when the developer was prevented from using the access road for which he had planning permission, he provided an alternative temporary access road in order to bring in a batching plant and the present application was in effect permission for the retention of the alternative access road. In reply to Councillor McCormack, the Deputy County Manager stated that if the Council refused the application the applicant would still have a right of appeal against the Council's decision. After further discussion, Deputy Molloy asked if Council Officials would visit the objectors and discuss the problem with them to see if a way could be found to minimise the effect of any nuisance that might arise from the development, and he proposed that the Council defer taking a decision on the motion. Councillor Byrne stated that as a decision has already been made in relation to the quarry development, it cannot be changed. Councillor Glynn seconded Deputy Molloy's proposal and it was agreed to defer the motion to the next meeting. Councillor Welby stated that an application for planning permission for quarry development at Menlo (No. 23468) was refused by the Council and he asked that details of the application be given at the next meeting.

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WHERE THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED WOULD BE A MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

- 1657 - (a) Application received from Martin Flaherty, Moneymore West, Oranmore for Outline Permission for housing development at Moneymore West - Planning No. 24849.

The Deputy County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

When the Section 4 Motion was received in respect of this application, it was decided that to grant permission would materially contravene Sections 2.6, 2.13 and 2.14 of the County Development Plan. The application is for a housing estate of sixteen houses on to a county roadway adjacent to a National Primary route between Oranmore and Clarinbridge where no water or sewerage services exist. It is proposed to drain each house by means of a septic tank and the water supply is stated to be a bored well and pump. No site is indicated for the well and no information is given as to whether a water supply is available. It would be impossible to site a well on the site proposed in view of the spread and concentration of septic tanks which would discharge effluent over the entire area.

There is permission for 12 houses immediately adjoining the site, all with septic tanks, and in fact the present site was submitted with one of these applications with an indication that the land would be frozen.

Notice of the proposal to decide to grant permission was published as required in the daily paper and an objection was received from An Taisce which stated that they objected to the development on the grounds that the site was rather distant from the existing centre at Oranmore and that the full public services were not available. They also objected to the concentration of septic tanks proposed on the grounds that they would cause nuisance and pollution.

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:-

- 1. The proposed development could not be permitted in the absence of water and main drainage. The proposed concentration of septic tanks located over the entire

site would make it impossible to site a bored well which would not be contaminated by septic tank effluent, and would be contrary to Section 2.14 of the County Development Plan.

- 2. The proposed development is situated in a rural area outside any designated town, village or development centre where services exist or where it is proposed to provide services at some future date.

Deputy Molloy stated that treatment plants for the treatment of sewage had been successfully used for developments of this nature and could also be used in this case. He said it was also normal practice for the developer to have to satisfy the Planning Authority about the availability of water. He proposed that permission be granted and that conditions be incorporated relating to the supply of water and sewage disposal. Councillor McCormack stated that he did not favour the use of Section 4 Resolutions for planning applications involving the erection of 16 houses. It was a very serious situation and if permission was granted it could increase the value of the land to a figure in the region of £80,000. Applications for individual houses had been refused and in this case the Council should accept the Planning Officer's recommendation. The Chairman stated that as in the Cregboy case, the application was rather complicated and all the Members could not be familiar with all the circumstances. Deputy Callanan stated that he did not agree that effluent from 28 septic tanks could be a health hazard where there was low density. On the question of increasing the value of the land he said that if the purchasers of the sites agree a price with the landowner before applying for permission, that if permission is granted then any benefit arising therefrom would go to the purchaser and he saw nothing wrong with this. Councillor Glynn stating that he was against the motion said that people who would be buying these sites would not be aware of all the difficulties that could arise later on in relation to services and a possible health hazard. Councillor Morgan was informed that connecting the development to the proposed public sewage scheme for Oranmore would not be feasible.

The County Engineer said that the application before the Council was for 16 houses with 16 septic tanks, and while one house per acre did not seem excessive, there was already permission for 12 houses surrounding the site making a total of 28 septic tanks which was a very high concentration of septic tanks. Treatment plants are usually provided as a temporary measure pending the provision of public sewage systems. Treatment plants have to be maintained and if these plants were scattered throughout the county and their maintenance fell on the County Council, it would be impossible to cope with them. This area was rural in character and the Council's policy was to encourage developments of this nature into centres. The Chairman suggested that the Officials of the Planning Office discuss the problems arising from the application with the applicant and Deputy Molloy agreed with this. However, the Deputy County Manager pointed out that the latest date for the making of a decision on the application was 2nd September and that it would not be proper to seek further information on the application at this stage in order to extend the date. After further discussion, Councillor Morgan proposed that the application be refused. This was seconded by Councillor Byrne, and agreed.

- 1658 - (b) Application received from Joe Walsh, Gurteen, Renvyle for Outline Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Gurteenaglouh - Planning Ref. No. 24949.

The Deputy County Manager submitted the following report to the Council

On receipt of this Section 4 Motion it was decided that to grant permission would materially contravene Section 2.13(1)(a) of the County Development Plan which provides for the preservation of amenity and the conservation of scenic landscape.

The site is in the foreground of one of the most outstanding sea-scape views in the country, and is located just north of Tully