

Village. The site was the subject of a previous planning application by Mr. F. B. Heaslip, Auctioneer, and was refused on scenic amenity grounds. An appeal lodged by the applicant was subsequently withdrawn.

The site is not for a member of the family and in fact the applicant, Mr. Walsh, has been approved for a new house to be erected by the County Council. When the site was being selected for the Council house, the site, the subject of the Section 4 Motion was offered to the Council, but the Council's Planning Department would not approve of the erection of a house thereon. An alternative site was obtained on the holding about 300 yards to the east and it will cost approximately £620 to bring electricity to the site, whereas there would have been no electricity charge on the other site.

Refusal of permission is recommended for the reason that the proposed development would seriously impair the high scenic amenity value of this area of outstanding natural beauty because it would be visually intrusive in one of the finest seascape views in Connemara, and together with existing development and continual trends towards scattered housing development in the area it would erode the open character of the landscape.

Deputy Molloy stated that he was not satisfied that the proposed house would interfere with the amenity of the area and asked for more definite information on this aspect. After Mr. L. Kavanagh had explained how the proposed development would seriously affect the high scenic amenity value of this beautiful area, Councillor Morgan proposed that the application be refused. This was seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed.

- 1659 - (c) Application received from Jackie Ward, Market Street, Clifden for permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Clifden Demesne Planning Ref. No. 24954.

The Deputy County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

When the Section 4 Motion in respect of this application was received, it was decided that to grant permission would materially contravene Section 2.13(1)(a) of the County Development Plan relating to the preservation of amenity and the conservation of scenic landscapes.

The site is in the Clifden Demesne, along the old approach road to Clifden Castle. The grounds are undeveloped to date and this particular tract of land, including the site, is of reasonable agricultural quality and is in the foreground of the view towards the mouth of Clifden Bay and the Skye Road.

This, and a neighbouring application, which has been refused, are the first pressures for development on the Demesne and if granted will set the pace for further ill-sited, unplanned housing, and continual down-grading of the scenic landscape.

Notice of the proposal to decide to grant permission was published as required in a daily newspaper, and three objections were lodged within the statutory period and two further objections were received a day late.

Refusal is recommended for the following reason:-

The proposed development would be located in a conspicuous position on an undeveloped tract of landscape and would constitute a discordant element in the foreground of scenic views from the public road towards the Skye Road and the mouth of Clifden Bay and would, therefore, injure the visual amenity of the area.

The Deputy County Manager then read out the objections lodged. When the first two objections had been read out, Councillor Morgan proposed that the application be refused. This was seconded by Councillor Byrne and agreed.

- 1660 - (d) Application received from Padraig Connolly, Ballybrit, Galway, for Outline Permission for the erection of a dwelling house at Marshalls Park - Planning Reference No. 25005.
(e) Application received from Richard Burke, Hazelwood, Ballybrit, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Marshalls Park - Planning Reference No. 25016.
(f) Application received from Pat Fleming, Garage, Glenanail, Castlegar, for Outline Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Marshalls Park - Planning Reference No. 25011.

The Deputy County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

The same report covers Items 2(d), 2(e) & 2(f) on the Agenda. When Section 4 Motions were received in respect of these three sites, it was decided that to grant permission would be a material contravention of Sections 2.13 and 2.14 of the County Development Plan.

The three sites were the subject of an application on 27th April, 1977, by one of the present applicants but the application was withdrawn before a decision was made. The owner of the sites, Mr. Patrick Heavey, made an application for one of the sites in 1974, which was refused. The three applicants and the landowner all reside elsewhere.

The sites in question are just above the high water mark between the road and the sea overlooking Rinville Bay. The septic tanks are sited just above the shingle line adjacent to the sea, and any effluent would have to be discharged directly on to the shingle beach above the high water line.

Notice of the proposal to grant permission was published in a daily paper in the required manner. Prior to the publication of the notice, an objection was lodged by Mr. Brian Quinn, Middle Third, Oranmore, on the following grounds:-

- 1. That the development was on the sea side of the road opposite his house which would impair his view.
2. That the septic tanks would have to be located less than the requirements laid down by Galway County Council, i.e. within 300 feet of the high water mark which he claimed was undesirable from the shell fishing point of view.

Refusal is now recommended for the following reasons:-

- 1. The site of the proposed development is situated just above the high water mark between the road and the sea overlooking Rinville Bay, and the septic tanks servicing the houses would be sited just above the shingle line adjacent to the sea which would allow an effluent discharge directly on to the shingle beach at the high water line. This system of sewage treatment would not be in compliance with the public health requirements of the Local Authority and would be contrary to the County Development Plan, Section 2.14.
2. The proposed development would conflict with the preservation of the amenity of those enjoying Rinville Bay and would conflict with the scenic landscape by its visual intrusion at the skyline as viewed from the Bay.

Deputy Molloy stated that there was already a house in the course of erection in the vicinity of the sites and he asked how was planning permission granted for it. The Deputy County Manager stated that he had no information on the house in question but he would check up on it. Councillor Morgan proposed that the three applications be refused. This was seconded by the Chairman and agreed.

1661 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Minutes of Meetings held on 25th July, 1977, and 5th August, 1977 (Nos. 1622 - 1655 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1662 - 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.

1663 - OVERDRAFT:

The Deputy County Manager informed the Council that it was estimated that the Council's requirements in respect of overdraft for the quarter ending 31st December, 1977, would be £1 million. He stated that the present interest rate was 9½%.

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Holland and resolved:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, overdraft accommodation not exceeding £1 million be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account for the quarter ending 31st December, 1977"

1664 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £2 MILLION FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING:

The Deputy County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the raising of a loan of £2 million for Local Authority Housing construction. He stated that part of the £2 million will be required during the current year and the balance was intended to cover next year's housing programme.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £2 million from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of financing part of the Council's housing construction programme for 1977, the balance for subsequent years' programmes, the loan to be repaid by annuity over a period of 35 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of the issue of the loan to the Council".

1665 - ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December, 1976:

The Abstract of Accounts for the financial year ended 31st December, 1976, which was made available to Members at the meeting for inspection, was noted.

1666 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1976:

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

"That excess expenditure in excess of that provided in the Estimates or already approved by the Council be now authorised as follows in respect of the year ended 31st December, 1976".

Housing and Building Programme:

1.2 Assistance to Persons housing themselves .. ..	£4,261	
1.3 Assistance to Persons improving houses .. ..	4,165	
1.8 Administration and Miscellaneous .. ..	2,457	£10,883.

Road Transportation and Safety:

2.8 Administration and Miscellaneous .. ..	£39,606	£39,606.
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Development Incentives and Controls:

4.1 Land Use Planning .. ..	£2,434	
4.2 Industrial Development .. ..	191	
4.3 Other Development and Promotion .. ..	13,234	
4.8 Administration and Miscellaneous .. ..	1,928	£17,787.

Environmental Protection:

5.2 Burial Grounds .. ..	£9,236	
5.3 Safety of Structures and Places .. ..	2,882	£12,118.

Recreation and Amenity:

6.2 Libraries .. ..	£1,279	
6.3 Parks, Open Spaces, etc. .. ..	£19,560	£20,839.

Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare:

7.3 Health and Welfare .. ..	£8,301	£8,301.
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Miscellaneous Services:

8.4 Elections .. ..	£2,560	
8.5 Justice and Consumer Protection .. ..	12,238	
8.8 Administration and Miscellaneous .. ..	954	£15,752.

TOTAL: .. .. £125,286.  
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It was noted that there were savings in the same year amounting to £616,559.

1667 - CREATION OF THREE OFFICES OF CLERK/TYPIST:

The Deputy County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the creation of three additional posts of clerk/typist for the following sections:-

- (a) County Engineer's Department;
- (b) Fire Station;
- (c) Sanitary Services.

He stated that temporary typists had been employed for some time in the County Engineer's Department and the Sanitary Services Section. The cost of the additional posts for the current financial year would amount to approximately £2,200. It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Melvin and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of three additional offices of clerk/typist, the qualifications and particulars of office to be as prescribed by the Minister for Local Government for those offices".

1668 - RAISING OF INCOME LIMITS AND AMOUNTS OF HOUSE PURCHASE LOANS:

Circular Letter dated 28th July, 1977, from the Department of Local Government increasing the income limit for house purchase loans to £3,500 per annum and the maximum amount of loan to £7,000, which had been circulated to the Members, was noted. Councillor Burke drew attention to the fact that the valuation limit in respect of farmers remained at £60 and stated that this was unfair and that it did not compare favourably with the income limit. He asked that the Minister be requested to increase the valuation limit also and this was agreed.

1669 - CIRCULAR RE. GRANTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS:

Circular Letter dated 3rd August, 1977, from the Department of Local Government which had been circulated to the Members regarding a provisional allocation of a grant of £29,000 for environmental works in Co. Galway, was noted. The Deputy County Manager stated that having regard to the final paragraph of the letter that the grant would be divided as follows:-

Galway Borough .. ..	£3,600
Ballinasloe U.D.C. .. ..	400
Galway County Council .. ..	25,000.

He stated that the County Engineer was preparing a list of works to expend the grant and the Members would be informed of the proposed works. Councillor Burke stated that the amount allocated was very small and that the Minister should be asked to quadruple it. Councillor Morgan asked if the Members could submit proposals and

stated that the Council should get credit for whatever dole money was saved through the operation of the scheme. The County Engineer stated that the grant would be expended as evenly as possible throughout the county and on the assumption that the grant would be continued next year, proposals from the Members would be welcome.

1670 - REVISION OF SPEED LIMITS:

The Deputy County Manager stated that meetings of the Speed Limit Committees for the five electoral areas had now been held and all proposals intended for consideration during the current review had been dealt with by them. Agreement had been reached on all proposals with the exception of the following three:-

1. Extension of 30 m.p.h. speed limit on Dublin Road, Tuam, to the Highway Garage;
2. Extension of Speed Limit on Woodford Road, Portumna;
3. Introduction of 40 m.p.h. speed limit in Gurteeney.

In these three cases, the Gardai and the County Engineer recommended no change but the committees proposed that the proposals be forwarded to the Minister. In a few other cases there had been disagreement but the committees agreed to defer the proposals to the next revision. Councillor Kelly proposed that the recommendations of the committees in these three cases be referred to the Minister and this was seconded by Councillor Haverty. Councillor Joyce then stated that there was a proposal for a 30 m.p.h. speed limit for the village of Caltra but as agreement was not reached with the Gardai and County Engineer it had been decided to defer it to the next revision. In view of the fact that the three other proposals were being forwarded to the Minister he proposed that Caltra be forwarded as well and this was agreed to.

1671 - DATES FOR ESTIMATES MEETINGS:

The Deputy County Manager stated that a letter had just been received from the Department of Local Government dated 17th August, 1977, requesting the deferral of dates for Estimates Meetings pending the making of the necessary arrangements required to implement the proposed relief of rates in 1978 on dwellinghouses, etc. He said that it might be advisable to arrange dates for the meetings and the meetings need not be held on those dates if the Department has not finalised the arrangements for the proposed rates relief. It was agreed that the Roads Estimates Meeting would be held on Friday, 23rd September, and that the Estimates Meeting proper would be held on Friday, 28th October.

1672 - REPORTS ON MATTERS ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Deputy County Manager submitted the following reports on matters adjourned from the previous meeting:-

- (a)
- Minute No. 1643 - "(i) Provision of footpaths to Kearns' Cottage, Tullahill": There is no provision for this work in the current year's estimates. It can be put forward for consideration with the 1978 Estimates. The work is estimated to cost £3,500.
- (ii) "Provision of footpath in the south side of Cross Street, Loughrea": There is no provision for this work in the current year's Estimates. It can be put forward for consideration in the 1978 Estimates. The work is estimated to cost £3,500.

Both works are of a desirable nature. Councillor Morgan asked that the proposals be included in the 1978 Estimates and this was agreed.

- (b) Dangerous Bends between Knockauncoura and Cloonoo - Minute No. 1644 - There is no provision for this work in the current year's estimates. The work is desirable but not of a priority need. The estimated cost is £7,500. It can be included for consideration in the 1978 Estimates. Councillor Morgan asked that provision be included in the 1978 Estimates for this work and this was agreed.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

1673 - EASING OF BEND AT CAISLEAN DARRA - MOTION BY SENATOR M. P. KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that minor improvements will be carried out on this bend during the current financial year.

1674 - COUNCIL PUMP AT BALROEBUCK, CURRANDULLA - MOTION BY DEPUTY M. KILLILEA:

This motion was moved by Councillor Welby. The Acting Secretary stated that no connections could be taken from this pump until a yield test is carried out. If the yield test proves successful, the proper procedure for those interested in getting connections would be to form a group scheme.

In reply to Councillor Welby as to when the yield test might be carried out, the County Engineer replied stating that it was hoped to carry out the test in about two months time. Replying to Councillor Haverty about the delay in carrying out tests, the County Engineer stated that the testing of sources is a slow process and there were five Council crews testing at the moment, and in addition private contractors are hired occasionally to clear the backlog.

1675 - TAKING OVER OF HOUSING ESTATES IN TUAM - MOTION BY DEPUTY M. KILLILEA:

In the absence of Deputy Killilea, this motion was not moved.

1676 - "GUIDE TO SERVICES OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL" - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

In the absence of Councillor Kilgannon, this motion was not moved.

1677 - TAKING OVER OF ROADS AT EAST END AND WEST END, INISHBOFFIN - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:

The Acting Secretary stated that this proposal was being investigated and a report would be available for the next meeting.

1678 - FOOTPATH ON NORTH SIDE OF ROAD AT PROMENADE, SPIDDAL - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:

The Acting Secretary stated that this work would be considered when preparing the 1978 Estimates.

1679 - REMOVAL OF BENDS ON ROAD FROM BUNOWEN TO DOONLOUGHANE, BALLYCONNELLY - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the works involved in this proposal is £20,000, and that it will be considered in the 1978 Estimates.

1680 - EASING OF BENDS ON ROAD FROM WARD'S SHOP, BALLYMACWARD TO KILCONNELL CREAMERY - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLANAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that an estimate of the cost of this work was being prepared and would be available for the next meeting. Deputy Callanan stated that there are some very bad turns on this road which is being used by large milk tankers daily and the improvement of the road needs urgent consideration.

1681 - PARKING SPACE AT LACKAGH GRAVEYARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that this matter was the subject of a Notice of Motion by Councillor Ruane at the June Meeting of the Council. Councillor Ruane was informed by letter on 9th August, 1977, that both sides of the road at Lackagh Burial Ground would be widened and work on this will commence shortly.

1682 - IMPROVEMENT OF GALWAY/HEADFORD ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that stretches of this main road T.60 had been constructed recently, i.e. Cuilleen, Rafee, etc., and work is presently in progress at Balrickard (at the entrance to Headford) and at Kilroe. A portion of this road is in the Galway Corporation Area. The bridge at Moyne is scheduled for replacement this year.

1683 - WATER SUPPLY AT MOYCULLEN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the demand on the Moycullen Scheme during the peak season exceeds the public capacity. The group schemes connected to the system have not been isolated from the mains, though severe rationing is necessary to both the village and group scheme supplies. Rationing will be relaxed as soon as circumstances permit. Councillor Welby stated that the Council had guaranteed water to the group schemes and although the group schemes had only used 75% of their quota, they were cut off. He also said that the Council had connected a private house to the group scheme with a 2" main. Replying to Councillor Welby, Mr. Stewart stated that if an offer made in February, 1977, to the Ballyquirke Group Scheme that Galway County Council would take over the scheme, and to which no reply had been received, was availed of, Galway County Council could examine the system with a view to affecting an improvement. He stated that pumps were being provided to improve the Moycullen Supply. Councillor Welby stated that if the group handed over the scheme, they could not rely on the Council for a continuation of supply.

1684 - CARPARKING AT THE SQUARE IN HEADFORD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

Councillor Welby explained that the word "hire" in his notice of motion on the Agenda should have read "line". The Acting Secretary stated that the question of lining the Square in Headford for car-parking would be examined, and he did not see any difficulty about having the work done.

1685 - PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT OUGHTERARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that Oughterard was No. 4 on the present priority list for public toilets. The acquisition of the site is not yet completed. Apart from this, finance has not been made available for public conveniences within the Capital Allocation for Sanitary Services Schemes.

1686 - REMAINS OF FRANK STAGG - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS RUANE & GLYNN:

Councillor Ruane proposed that the remains of Frank Stagg be returned to his mother for burial in Ballina Cemetery and asked that this request be forwarded to the Minister for Justice. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Glynn and agreed unanimously.

1687 - RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of Sympathy were adopted with the following:-

- Mr. Joe Fahy, Leamcon, Loughrea;
- Mrs. Carmel Hession, Dunkellin Street, Loughrea;
- Mrs. Mai Campbell, Creagh, Ballinasloe.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED

SIGNED: John Murray  
CHAIRMAN

DATE: 26/9/77

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Bothar Mor,  
GAILLIMH.

19th September, 1977.

TO/

EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL:

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of a Committee of the entire Council at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 23rd September, 1977, at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Provisional Road Works Scheme 1978 - copy herewith.
2. Proposals received from Councillors during the year - list herewith.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.  
19u Mean Fomhair, 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 26u 1a Mean Fomhair, 1977, ag tosnú 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 and 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 outline permission to Mr. Mark Lydon, "Avalon", Ballinacurra, Limerick, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Bealnalappa, Oughterard, Planning Ref. No. 25327".  
Sean Donnellan; Thomas Welby; G. Bartley.
  - (b) "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 Ref. No. 24796".  
M. O Morain; John Molloy; Sean Donnellan.
2. Minutes.
3. Amenity Works - Report herewith.
4. Environmental Grants.
5. Local Fire Services Review - Report already circulated.
6. Sale of Land at Cullairebaun, Athenry - Notice dated 8th Sept., 1977.
7. Sale of Houses to the following tenants - Notices dated 13th Sept., 1977:  
Mr. Frank Lindsay, Glennaghloghaun, Monivea.  
Mr. John Ward & Mrs. Maura Ward, Cappatagle, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. Nora King, Culliaghbeg, Maam.  
Mr. Michael Flanagan, Roevehagh, Kilcolgan.  
Mr. Thomas Rattigan, Corlacken, Creggs.  
Mr. Daniel Moloney, Garrynagry, Roscahill.
8. Creation of Post of Senior Staff Officer.
9. Letter dated 18th August, 1977, from C.I.E. re. withdrawal of Rail Service for Sundays, and wagon load traffic from Tuam and Athenry Stations.

- 10. Lettermullen Group Water Scheme (Sceim na n-Oilean) - Special Contribution.
- 11. Institute of Public Administration - Course for Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Local Authorities.
- 12. Carparking at Square in Headford - Minute No. 1684 of 22nd August, 1977.
- 13. Easing of bends on road from Ward's Shop, Ballymacward, to Kilconnell Creamery - Minute No. 1680 of 22nd August, 1977.
- 14. Taking over of roads at East End and West End, Inishboffin - Minute No. 1677 of 22nd August, 1977.
- 15. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

- 16. DEPUTY M. KILLILEA - I will propose:  
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 N. MORGAN - I will propose that Galway County Council:
  - (a) Provide water drinking fountains at Long Point and The Green and Childrens' Playground, Loughrea.
  - (b) Reduce the width of footpaths on the north side of Dunkellin St. and Barrack St. (opposite the Cathedral), Loughrea.
  - (c) Erect a Black Spot Sign and paint large SLOW signs on the road on the west side of the junction of Mount Carmel Crescent with Athenry Rd., Loughrea - the scene of four serious accidents and two fatalities. That ramps be considered as a means of slowing traffic at this point.
- 18. DEPUTY R. MOLLAY - I will propose:
  - (a) That Galway County Council take over the maintenance of Beech Park Estate, Oranmore, Co. Galway.
  - (b) That Galway County Council take immediate steps to solve the problem of chronic water shortage in the Knocknacarra-Clybaun Area.
  - (c) That Galway County Council make provision in the 1978 Road Estimates for the removal of bad bends on the road leading to Carrabrowne Village, Headford Road, Galway.
- 19. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:
  - (a) That the new reservoir at Ballybane be erected as soon as possible.
  - (b) That the corners at Cahertymore Cross be widened to give a view to motorists.
  - (c) That the following roads be tarred as soon as possible:-
    - (1) Road into Mattie Fahey's house, Monard, Turloughmore.
    - (2) Road into Sonny Costello's house, Cregmore, Turloughmore.
    - (3) Road into Paddy Nolan's house, Cahernashelleeny, Claregalway.
- 20. COUNCILLOR M. KELLY - I will propose:
  - (a) That the County Manager give the Council a report on the condition of the water supply in Tuam urban area in relation to a number of cases of people being hospitalised with kidney stone complaints.
  - (b) That a survey of all water sewers in Tuam be made with a view to enlarging them as a result of flooding during recent heavy rain in the town.
  - (c) That money be allocated in the Estimates for the continuation of footpaths on the War Road, Tuam.
- 21. DEPUTY J. CALLANAN - I will propose:
  - (a) That steps be taken to control and supervise County Council Dump at Athenry, as at present it is a health hazard to people living in the

- vicinity of the dump.
- (b) That the Council ease bend outside Malachy Noone's house at Corranena, Kilconnell. This bend is on Kilconnell/Cappataggle road and is <sup>very</sup> dangerous. A number of accidents have occurred there recently.
- 22. SENATOR M. P. KITT, DEPUTY J. CALLANAN & COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - We will propose:  
That Galway County Council acquire a small parcel of land from the Devine Estate, Caltra, for housing.
- 23. SENATOR M. P. KITT - I will propose:
  - (a) That Galway County Council develop the green in Menlough Village.
  - (b) That Galway County Council finalise an application from a person (name supplied) concerning a piece of ground near his house which is owned by the Council.
- 24. CLR. O MORAIN:
  - (a) Ba mhaith liom fhailamach ce'n staid ag a bhfuil sceim uisce Rosmuc.
  - (b) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go nglacfi leis go bhfuil staid eigeandala le boithri na Gaeltachta.
  - (c) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go gceapfai oifigeach dli le cuidiu leis an bpobal ata ag lorg cabhair an Chonndae a dteideal talman a chuir in ord.
- 25. CLR. O FLATHARTA:
  - (a) Ce'n staid a bhfuil uisce gleannach-Muireann ag dul ar aghaidh faoi lathair.
  - (b) An feidir feabhas a chuir ar coras uisce idir Tir an Fhiaidh agus Leitir-Moir, le nios mo cumhacht a bheith ag na tigte sa Maimin.
  - (c) Ce'n socru ata deanta le Beachla Breathnach de thorad damaiste da thigin ag Rosabhill.
- 26. COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will ask:
  - (a) Is the County Council responsible for repairing the boundary wall for Mr. Reid at Ballinafad and out of what funds does such maintenance be made available.
  - (b) Why so much attention and so much money was paid out for an entrance to Capt. Elves' house, when no such attention was given and not so much money was spent on the entrances to the houses of local people living in Ballinafad or the tarring of the car park outside Ballinafad Church.
- 27. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will ask:
  - (a) If the County Council is keeping in touch with the Garda Commissioner and Local Government regarding parking bye-laws for Oughterard.
  - (b) That the Council erect more street lights on both ends of Spiddal Village, also in front of the C Plast Factory in Spiddal.
  - (c) If the County Council is satisfied that the outfall from the Oughterard and Moycullen Sewage Treatment Works is not causing pollution to Lough Corrib.
- 28. COUNCILLOR T. BYRNE - I will propose:
  - (a) That the forthcoming estimates include the provision of a sewerage system for the villages of Clarenbridge and Craughwell.
  - (b) What progress is being made towards providing a pedestrian crossing at Oranmore.
  - (c) That this Council calls for an investigation into ways and means of reducing the windscreen shattering by loose chips after road surfacing operations.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY

20th September, 1977

TO : EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara:

I give you hereunder copy of a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, which will be considered at the meeting of the County Council to be held on Monday, 26th September, 1977.

Mise, le meas,

S. Keating  
COUNTY MANAGER

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"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 outline permission to Mr. Mark Lydon, "Avalon" Ballinacurra, Limerick, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Bealnalappa, Oughterard, Planning Ref. No. 25327."

Signed: - SEAN DONNELLAN; THOMAS WELBY; G. BARTLEY

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
GALWAY.

8th September, 1977.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

RE: Proposed sale of land at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway.

A Chara:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1964, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, I have been requested by the Assistant County Manager to give you notice that it is proposed selling the plot of land, particulars of which are given hereunder:

LAND

Site for House at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway - area as given hereunder -

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Annie J. Duffy, Villanova, Upper Salthill, Galway.

<u>PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:</u>	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Area of Plot</u>
George Gorman, 31 Glenina Heights, Mervue, Galway.	33	17.12 pers

Consideration in respect of disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
33	£1,650

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

The site will be sold in fee simple.

The County Council will retain wayleaves in respect of Watermains and Sewers.

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

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T. Kavanagh.  
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

13th. September, 1977.

Ref. No. 63/10/803

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. John J. Mullins, Glennagloghaun, Monivea, Co. Galway.

Location:- Glennagloghaun, Monivea, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. Frank Lindsay of: Glennagloghaun, Monivea, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1509 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

13th. September, 1977

Ref. No. 63/1/69

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 1907.

Location:- Cappatagle, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. John Ward and Mrs. Maura Ward of: Cappatagle, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £335 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

13th. September, 1977.

Ref. No. 63/8/232

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. Thomas Joyce, Culliaghbeg, Maam, Co. Galway.

Location:- Culliaghbeg, Maam, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mrs. Nora King of: Culliaghbeg, Maam, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £482 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

13th. September, 1977.

Ref. No. 63/5/617

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. Annie Niland, Roevehagh, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.

Location:- Roevehagh, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. Michael Flanagan of: Roevehagh, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1934 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

13th. September, 1977.

Ref. No. 63/4/214

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. John Roan, Corlacken, Creggs, Co. Galway.

Location:- Corlacken, Creggs, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. Thomas Rattigan of: Corlacken, Creggs, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1693 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

13th. September, 1977

Ref. No. 63/8/1409

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. Robert Ryan, Garrynagry, Roscahill, Co. Galway.

Location:- Garrynagry, Roscahill, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. Daniel Moloney of: Garrynagry, Roscahill, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4895 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHICH WAS HELD IN COMMITTEE ON 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1977, AT THE COUNTY  
BUILDINGS, GALWAY, TO CONSIDER THE ROADS ESTIMATE.

IN THE CHAIR: - Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members

- Councillors G. Bartley; U. Burke; T. Byrne;  
Deputy J. Callanan; Councillors S. Donnellan;  
F. Fahey; M. O Flatharta; P. T. Galvin;  
E. Haverty; Deputy T. Hussey; Councillor  
J. Joyce; Deputy M. Killilea; Senator M. P. Kitt;  
Councillors H. Melvin; J. Molloy; M. Morgan;  
M. O Morain; P. Raftery & P. Ruane.

Officials

- Mr. S. Keating, County Manager; Mr. P. Lynch,  
County Engineer; Mr. K. Hays, Acting Deputy  
County Engineer; Messrs. S. McMahon,  
H. Finnegan & F. Monahan, Chief Assistant County  
Engineers; Mr. J. Beirne, Acting C.A.C.E.;  
Messrs. P. J. McGovern & T. O'Neill, Senior  
Staff Officers; Mrs. P. Monahan, Staff Officer  
and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1688 - ROADS ESTIMATE FOR 1978:

The County Manager read a Circular Letter dated 17th August, 1977, from the Department of the Environment regarding the deferral of dates for the holding of Estimates Meetings. He said that the Council had decided to have a preliminary Roads Estimates Meeting as was the practice in previous years. The Roads Estimates for 1978, which had been circulated, were prepared as if there was no change in the financial arrangements and they showed a substantial increase of 80p. in the £ over the 1977 estimate. It was Mr. Lynch's first roads estimates and they were prepared on the basis of the needs of the county as he saw them and were as conservative as could be. Proposals received from Councillors were set out in the yellow list circulated and the total value of these proposals amounted to £650,000. The value of such proposals included in the preliminary estimates amounted to £97,000. No information had yet been received from the Department regarding the financial arrangements for 1978 and when it becomes available it may be necessary to re-examine the roadworks scheme. The removal of rates from dwelling-houses and certain other buildings would mean the loss of approximately half the Council's rate revenue and this would have a big effect on the Council's main source of income. The Council would now have a much narrower taxation base as a result of which it would be unable to make up any shortfall in government grants as it had done in recent years.

The County Engineer referring to his estimates report of 5th Sept., 1977, which was circulated, gave a detailed account of the make-up of the estimate. Referring to the yellow lists of Councillors' proposals, he stated that fifteen of these were being done during 1977, sixty of them had been included in the 1978 estimates, leaving a balance of approximately 80 which would be reconsidered next year together with other proposals received in the meantime. He stated that additional provision had been made in the amounts allocated to the upkeep of the national roads and other main roads to make good the damage that has been caused to the surfaces of these roads as a result of the last three very dry summer periods. An increase of £12,400 has been provided for Members' Notice of Motion Roads for which a total of £58,900 is provided. The County Engineer stated that some Members had money going back to 1975 which had yet to be assigned to works and he appealed to Members to submit their proposals before 31st January each year. He recommended that

a minimum of £500 should be assigned to any particular job as it would be wasteful to move in to do a job where the expenditure would be under £500 unless in the case where it would cost less than £500 to complete the job. He also asked for the Members' co-operation in reducing the number of proposals for which estimates were required as these had to be estimated as accurately as possible and the Area Engineers had a very large programme of work to cope with.

When the County Engineer had concluded his remarks, the Chairman complimented him on his very detailed report as did all the other Members.

Councillor Morgan, referring to Notice of Motion Roads, stated that some of his proposals which were advertised last January were not done yet and he asked that where such roads were advertised in January that the work be done not later than 31st May. Referring to the yellow lists, he pointed out that No. 116 which was a link road serving 14 houses, was not included in the Estimates while a stop-end road of far less importance was. As regards No. 132 on the yellow lists, he asked that at least a small portion of this road be included in the Estimates, so much as would take in the Council Pump at Knockauncoura. Councillor Morgan also stated that he was not satisfied with the £1,900 Notice of Motion money per Councillor. He also said that where major roadworks were in progress which resulted in the closing of a road that everything possible should be done to complete the job as quickly as possible including the operating of a sixteen hour workshift and working on Saturdays and Sundays if necessary.

Councillor Haverty asked what was the position in regard to the £7,000 per Engineer's Area which was provided for in the 1977 Roads Estimates. He disagreed with the selection of jobs from the yellow lists stating that he had only put in three proposals where footpaths were very urgently required and none of them were recommended. He stated that Killimor was omitted from the villages listed for improvement and the street there was particularly dangerous in frosty weather. He agreed with the County Engineer regarding a minimum expenditure of £500 per job. Councillor Galvin stated that he was disappointed that his proposal No. 36 was not included. He said that the bend in question was a death trap and asked that it be included. Councillor O Morain said that he was dissatisfied with the allocation of funds for the Clifden and Oughterard Areas and that his proposal for No. 138 relating to the easing of a bend at Glengowla was not included in the Estimates. Deputy Callanan stated that he agreed with Councillor Galvin regarding the dangerous bend on the Ballinasloe/Kilconnell Road at the Deerpark Junction (No. 36). He did not agree with the recommendation of a minimum of £500 expenditure per job and suggested £300. As regards Councillors not using up their Notice of Motion money, he suggested that such monies should be re-allocated to other Councillors. He was disappointed that his proposal No. 26 regarding the easing of bad turns on the road from Ward's Shop, Ballymaoward to Kilconnell Creamery was not recommended. He said that this had become a very dangerous road. Councillor Ruane referred to the £60,000 provided in the Estimates for the improvement of the Claregalway/Oranmore National Secondary Route and asked if the County Engineer intended starting this work from the Claregalway end. He stated that the Galway/Monivea Road had been neglected for years with no improvement works being carried out except the removal of some grass margins. He asked if anything was being done about the road at Roscam/Merlin Park where at least five fatal accidents had occurred. Councillor Joyce referred to a proposal which he had submitted for the provision of a new footpath from the new Housing Estate in Eyrecourt to the corner at Ward's house. He stated that this work was to have been done in 1976. Councillor Bartley stated that his proposal No. 1 on the list relating to the removal of bends on the Clifden/Ballyconnely Road was urgent and he was disappointed that it was not included in the Estimates. Regarding the removal of bend at Kylemore Abbey National School, he asked if the estimate included the cost of land compensation and asked that the sign at this

location be moved as it was a cause of distraction for drivers. Senator Kitt stated that he had submitted proposals for footpaths in Menlough Village and these had not been included in the Estimate. Councillor Burke stated that two years ago he had joined with Councillor Haverty to have the old Broad Road into Woodford improved and although provision was made for it in the Estimates, no work had been done yet. He agreed with a minimum expenditure of £500 per job provided that a job could be done if it cost less. He also referred to the entrance to Cappataggle Cross where there were two houses which he said was very dangerous for people crossing because of the difference in road level. Councillor Fahey referred to the closure of the Cort/Loughrea Road and complained that the closure and the detour were causing great inconvenience. Councillor Byrne stated that in view of the enormous cost of the total value of the works set out on the yellow lists that the lists would take several years to complete and he asked if the £97,000 included in the Estimates could be increased.

The County Engineer then replied to the Members' questions. Replying to Councillor Morgan he stated that the staff would co-operate as far as possible with Councillors in relation to Notice of Motion Roads and that the work would be done as early as possible but he could not give any guarantee as to what time the work would be done as the Roadworks Scheme was a twelve month programme. As regards the suggestion of working a sixteen hour shift, the County Engineer stated that this could only be considered in an emergency situation and would be difficult to plan and cost and operate. As regards the road closure on the Loughrea/Gort Road problems had arisen which had not been anticipated and an extra machine has been employed with a view to completing the job as quickly as possible and reopening the road. In relation to the removal of bends at Knockauncoura, he stated that it may be possible to start some of this work out of maintenance monies.

Replying to Councillor Haverty about the £7,000 per area allocation for 1977, the County Engineer stated that when notification of this year's road grants were received it was agreed to spend the £7,000 per area on County Road improvements as specified in the Roadworks Scheme.

Councillor Haverty stated that the money was not being spent in consultation with the Councillors for each area as was agreed. After further discussion it was agreed to check up on the Minutes of the Meetings at which the decisions were made and that the matter would be brought up at the next meeting of the Council.

In reply to Councillor Haverty about improvements in Killimor Village, the County Engineer stated that with the amount of money available it was decided to select one village in each area and that Killimor would be considered next year. Regarding the selection of works from the Councillors' lists of proposals, the County Engineer stated that the works included in the Estimates were selected in order of priority.

Replying to Councillor O Morain about the Oughterard and Clifden Areas, the County Engineer stated that there was already a high percentage of roads blacktopped in the Oughterard and Clifden areas, hence the small provision for this in the 1978 Estimates.

In reply to Deputy Callanan about the road from Ballymacward to Kilconnell Creamery, the County Engineer stated that this road would be re-examined to see if it could be given a higher priority. Replying to Councillor Ruane, the County Engineer stated that the improvements to the Oranmore/Claregalway Road would be started at the Claregalway end. There was provision in the Estimates for provision of footpath and easing of bends between Mervue and Ballybrit Racecourse. As regards the road at Merlin Park/Roscam, the County Engineer stated that this road was giving some concern. It was constructed as one leg of a dual-carriageway and as soon as the transportation study which is due out shortly becomes available, the

matter will be fully examined. In reply to Councillor Joyce about the provision of a new footpath from the new Housing Scheme in Eyrecourt to Ward's house, the County Engineer stated that he would check up on this to see what the exact position was. Regarding the removal of a bend at Kylemore Abbey National School, the County Engineer informed Councillor Bartley that the estimated cost of this work should have read £50,000 and not £5,000, as stated on the yellow list. Replying to Senator Kitt about the provision of funds in each Engineer's Area similar to the £7,000 provided in 1977, the County Engineer stated that an increased sum of £97,000 for the whole county was provided for Councillors' proposals and the schemes on which it was proposed to spend the money were specified in the Estimates. As regards provision for footpaths in Menlough Village, the County Engineer stated that this was considered to be of low priority. The County Engineer stated that he would check up on the position about the old bend road into Woodford referred to by Councillor Burke and inform him of the position and he would also examine the road at Woodford referred to by Councillor Fahey where a drain needed to be piped.

The County Engineer informed Councillor Galvin that he would discuss with the Assistant County Engineer the improvement of the corner on the Ballinasloe/Kilconnell Road at Deerpark to see if anything could be done to improve the sight distance.

Councillor Morgan then proposed that a minimum of £3,000 Notice of Motion money per Councillor be provided. There was no seconder. Councillor Morgan then proposed that a minimum of £13,500 per Councillor be provided for improvement works similar to the £6,000 per Councillor provided in the 1976 Estimates. This was seconded by Councillor Haverty.

The Chairman said that as the meeting was a Committee Meeting the proposal was accepted as a recommendation only.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED

SIGNED: Seán Spunthan  
CHAIRMAN.

DATE: 24/10/77

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY,  
26th SEPTEMBER, 1977.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

PRESENT:

Members

- Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne,  
Deputy J. Callanan, Deputy J. Donnellan,  
Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta,  
P. T. Galvin, P. Mac Gloinn, E. Haverty,  
B. Holland, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillors  
J. Joyce, M. Kelly, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator  
M. P. Kitt, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors  
H. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O Morain,  
P. Raftery, P. Ruane & T. Welby.

Officials

- Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Stewart,  
Assistant County Manager; P. Lynch, County  
Engineer; K. Hays, Acting Deputy County Engineer;  
Messrs. S. McMahon, H. Finnegan, Chief Assistant  
County Engineers (Roads); Messrs. R. Lee,  
B. Callagy, L. Kavanagh, W. Cahill, Chief  
Assistant County Engineers (Planning);  
Mr. J. Beirne, C.A.C.E. (Sanitary Services);  
Messrs. D. Barrett, P. J. McGovern, T. O'Neill,  
Senior Staff Officers; Miss C. Burke, Staff  
Officer and T. Kavanagh, Acting Co. Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1689 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Deputy Callanan, the Council extended its sincere sympathy to Mr. Kavanagh, Acting Secretary, on the death of his mother. The County Manager joined in the expression of sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:-

Padhraic O Coisdealbha, O.S., Bothar Bui, An Ceathru Rua;  
Neil Bean Ui Fatharta, Baile an tSleibhe, Rosabhil, Baile na h-Athann;  
Gerard Kirwan, C/o Paul Dooley, Dunlo Street, Ballinasloe;  
Michael Staunton, Loughcurra, Kinvara.

1690 - CONGRATULATIONS:

The Chairman extended congratulations to Mr. Stewart who will be shortly leaving Galway to take up an appointment as County Engineer in Sligo, and to Ambrose O'Gorman who was leaving to take up an appointment as Administrative Officer in Tullamore. He paid tribute to both of them saying that they were totally dedicated officers and he wished them every success. All the Members praised the work that both officers had done for the county, and for the courtesy and kindness they had shown to them and to the public.

The County Manager speaking of Mr. Stewart said that he had nothing but the height of praise for the quality of his work and output and he wished him every happiness in Sligo. Referring to Ambrose O'Gorman, he said that he was a first-class Housing Officer. He would be a big loss to the Council and he wished him every success. As Mr. O'Gorman was unable to be at the meeting, the County Manager thanked the Members on his behalf for their kind remarks. Mr. Stewart thanked the Members for the co-operation he had received from them since he came to Galway. He thanked the County Manager for the advice and assistance he had given him and he also thanked the County Engineer and all the staff for their help.

1691 - GET WELL MESSAGE TO MR. M. J. DUNNE:

On the proposition of Councillor Welby, the Council wished Mr. Dunne, former Deputy County Engineer, a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

1692 - TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:-

Deputy Callanan proposed a vote of congratulations to the Ballinasloe Tidy Towns Committee on their success in this year's Tidy Towns Competition. Councillor Galvin thanked Deputy Callanan and said that the Committee had won three prizes and he wished to congratulate all concerned and to thank the Assistant County Engineer for his co-operation.

1693 - COUNTY FOOTBALL FINAL:-

On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by the Chairman, the Council extended congratulations to the Corofin Football Club on winning the County Senior Football Final.

1694 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 25327 - MR. MARK LYDON:-

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

An application submitted previously by the applicant for the same site was refused by the Planning Authority. He did not appeal the decision. The site is on a National Secondary Route (Galway/Oughterard) where it is the Council's policy to refuse development other than that which is in the essential housing need category. The applicant lives in Limerick and wishes to retire and live in his native area but I would not regard this as a second family housing need as we normally interpret it since the landowner is the applicant's sister-in-law. The Council has already indicated to Mr. Lydon that consideration would be given to a house along either of the two minor roads bordering the landholding, but the landowner is not agreeable to giving a site in these locations. The present site area exceeds 1 acre.

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:-

The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a heavily trafficked National Secondary Route in a rural area 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 major route.

Proposing the motion, Councillor S. Donnellan stated that the applicant was a retired Garda, he was from the locality and wished to retire in the area. The motion was seconded by Councillor Welby. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

1695 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24796 - APPLICANT: SEAN BYRNE:-

The County Manager stated that this application had come before the Council at the last two meetings. He said that he was limited in what he could say on the subject as there was a Court Case pending and that he would only say what was necessary to enable the Councillors to understand the position. The application was for an access road into a quarry. The use of the quarry itself was not subject to planning permission but planning permission had been granted for the erection of plant in the quarry. The access road which the developer intended using is not available to him and the application before the Council is for an alternative access road. The County Manager stated that he saw no good reason for refusing planning permission for this road. At the last meeting, the Council asked that members of the Planning Staff meet the objectors to try and solve the problem amicably. Council staff had met the objectors and tried to achieve harmony between both parties but so far had

not succeeded. He believed that the taking of certain measures and the operation of certain work practices could resolve the objections to everybody's satisfaction. He strongly recommended that the Council not pass the Section 4 Resolution. In reply to a question from Councillor Molloy, the County Manager stated that the quarry and the access road were two separate matters and the application before the Council related to the access road only and a decision had to be made on it before 30th September. Councillor Holland proposed that the Manager's recommendation be accepted and said that if permission was refused it would mean a loss of employment. Councillor Burke seconded Councillor Holland's proposal. Councillor Bartley stated that some of the residents who were attending the meeting were affected by dust from the quarry and their property was devalued and he asked if the Manager was aware that the access road was at a dangerous bend. The County Manager replied that there was no dangerous bend or road hazard involved. Deputy Callanan stated that he was only interested from an agricultural point of view and was worried that dust from the quarry would get into the wool of sheep on adjoining lands. Councillor Morgan supported Councillor Holland, saying that permission should be granted in all cases unless there were very grave reasons for refusing. Deputy Killilea stated that permission could be refused because of the residential property adjacent to the quarry which property would be devalued. Councillor Ruane said that he appreciated the fears of the residents living near the quarry but felt that the development would not result in any nuisance. He said that the Council had given the developer permission to install plant which he did, and a very serious situation would arise if permission was now refused for the access road. Councillor Byrne said that he had visited the quarry and the access road and understood the concern of the people living in the area. He said it would be very difficult to refuse permission at this stage and hoped that some mutual form of agreement would be reached between both sides. Councillor O Morain suggested that the Members should visit the location of the quarry and also ask both parties to come together to work out a solution. Councillor Glynn stated that he was not in favour of Section 4 Motions for planning applications. He said that the Council was employing qualified staff in the Planning Department and they should be competent enough to deal with applications. He never supported Section 4 Motions and was not going to on this occasion, and suggested that the Section 4 Motion be withdrawn. Councillor J. Molloy then proposed the Section 4 Motion as it appeared on the Agenda and this was seconded by Councillor O Morain. The County Manager reminded the Members that where it was proposed to refuse permission it was necessary to state a valid planning reason for such refusal, and he was not aware of any. The Chairman asked that the Section 4 Motion be withdrawn in view of the difficulty the Members found themselves in and because of all the very serious implications involved which all the Members might not be aware of. Deputies Callanan and Mannion agreed with the Chairman. The Chairman then stated that as there was no valid planning reason for refusal proposed that he had no alternative but to refuse to accept the motion. He stated that any party aggrieved by the decision that would be made on the application would have the right of appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

1696 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Galvin, the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 5th August, 1977, and the monthly Meeting held on 22nd August, 1977 (Nos. 1655 - 1687 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1697 - AMENITY WORKS:

The County Manager referred to his report which was circulated to the Members and which set out the Amenity Schemes selected for 1977 which were being financed jointly by Bord Failte and Galway County Council. The Bord Failte contribution was £37,000 and the Council had provided a sum of £19,000 in the current year's Estimates to

supplement the Bord Failte contribution. Councillor O Morain proposed that the list of schemes as set out in the report be adopted and this was seconded by Deputy Mannion. Councillor Burke stated that he was not satisfied with the list of proposals as East Galway had been omitted completely from the allocation. The County Manager stated that Bord Failte's programme of expenditure on similar schemes in East Galway for 1977 amounted to £33,900. These works were in the Portumna Area, some of which were being done in conjunction with the Office of Public Works. He said that the Council would be happy to co-operate with Bord Failte in any schemes proposed for East Galway. Councillor Burke said that expenditure by the Office of Public Works was a separate issue and that Bord Failte monies should be diverted from larger schemes to smaller areas like Woodford Bay, Eyrecourt and Medick where there was a great need for development. Deputy Killilea said that he understood that money had been provided last year for Rinnaknock and Luimnagh and no work had commenced yet, but he was informed that these areas were not included in last year's allocation but Luimnagh was included in the list before the Council. Councillor O Morain said that as the Council's representative on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation he would do all he could to direct as much funds as possible into County Galway and suggested that Councillors should make representations to Ireland West to get work done in their own areas. As regards the Amenity Scheme at Rosmuck, he asked if the car park could be put underground so as not to interfere with the amenity. Deputy Killilea then proposed that Rinnaknock, Keekill and the Ferry be included in the list of schemes for this year and this was seconded by the Chairman. The County Manager stated that the list of schemes would have to be re-examined to see if any extra schemes could be fitted in. He informed Councillor S. Donnellan that the need for improvements at Birchall would be brought to the notice of Bord Failte.

1698 - ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS:

The County Manager referred to the list of proposals circulated for availing of the grant for environmental works. He said that the main purpose of the scheme was to provide employment and there was 100% recoupment of expenditure on labour costs and 50% of other expenditure. This resulted in the Council having to provide £6,150 towards the scheme for which an access vote would be required. Councillor Kelly said that he was pleased with the proposal for lakeside development at Lough Hackett as it was frequented by very many people. Deputy Killilea and Councillor Glynn asked if the County Engineer was satisfied that there would be no objections to developments at Lough Hackett. In reply, the County Engineer stated that the proposed development consisted of the provision of two small piers, one on an island and one on the mainland and the landowner in question agreed with the proposal. He said that every effort had been made to allocate the grant uniformly throughout the county and that it was necessary to prepare a list of schemes quickly. As some of the work only qualified for 50% grant it was necessary to provide extra money from rates. Councillor Morgan referring to the provision of a path at Loughrea Lake suggested that the Council finish the path around the green on the Gort Road opposite John B. Callanan's house, and use the balance of the £2,300 on the lakeside path. Councillor Joyce asked that the proposal to clean up the town walls in Athenry be discussed with the National Monuments Advisory Committee. Councillor S. Donnellan asked that consideration be given for an amenity scheme between Dovepark and Collinamuck for access to Ross Lake. Councillors O Flatharta and O Morain complained that there was no scheme included for South Connemara and the Gaeltacht. It was then proposed by Deputy Mannion and seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:-

"That the list of environmental works as circulated be approved and that Galway County Council hereby approve excess expenditure in the current financial year amounting to £6,150 in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to cover additional expenditure over and above the amount provided by the Department for grants for environmental works 1977".

1699 - LOCAL FIRE SERVICES REVIEW:

It was agreed to defer consideration of this Review to a further meeting.

1700 - SALE OF HOUSING SITE AT CULLAIREBAUN, ATHENRY:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a housing site at Cullairebaun, Athenry, to Mr. George Gorman, 31 Glenina Heights, Mervue, Galway, on terms set out in Notice dated 8th September, 1977, under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, copy of which had been sent to each Member of the Council".

1701 - SALE OF HOUSES UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the houses let to the following tenants in accordance with the terms of Notices dated 13th September, 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:

Mr. Frank Lindsay, Glennaghloghaun, Monivea.

Mr. John Ward & Mrs. Maura Ward, Cappatogole, Ballinasloe.

Mrs. Nora King, Cullaghbeg, Maam.

Mr. Michael Flanagan, Roevehagh, Kilcolgan.

Mr. Thomas Rattigan, Corlucken, Creggs.

Mr. Daniel Moloney, Garrynagry, Roscahill."

1702 - CREATION OF POST OF SENIOR STAFF OFFICER:

The County Manager informed the Members that the need for the additional post arose from the fact that Mr. Smyth, Director, Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group, was successful in the competition for one of the posts of Senior Staff Officer with Galway County Council. He is still on secondment to the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group and while he remains so, the post cannot be filled on a permanent basis. It would be more satisfactory if an additional post was created and filled permanently and if Mr. Smyth did take up the post with Galway County Council the additional post for which the Council's approval is now sought would be suppressed.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of an additional post of Senior Staff Officer".

1703 - WITHDRAWAL OF RAIL SERVICES FROM TUAM AND ATHENRY STATIONS:

The County Manager referred to a letter dated 18th August, 1977, from C.I.E. regarding the withdrawal of rail services for sundries and wagon load traffics (except cement and fertiliser) from Tuam and Athenry Stations as from 1st November, 1977. He stated that the Members were aware of the effect this would have and said that a deputation had been sought with the Minister by Tuam Town Commissioners and he felt that the Council should be represented on the deputation. Councillor Kelly said that the latest withdrawal by C.I.E. was the thin end of the wedge as far as Tuam was concerned, and he asked for the Council's full support to call on the Minister to grant a stay of execution of two years on any proposal which would downgrade the Tuam Station. He also asked for the Council's support on the setting up of a working party including the Tuam Town Commissioners, Tuam Chamber of Commerce, County Development Tuam and C.I.E. to examine the present situation as regards rail

services and to report back within six months. The Chairman stated that the Minister was prepared to meet a deputation and that he himself would represent the Council on it. Deputy Callanan stated that an enquiry should be held into the attitude of C.I.E. towards the west of Ireland.

1704 - SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION - LETTERMULLEN GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME (SCEIM NA n-OILEAN):

The County Manager stated that he was seeking the Council's approval in principle to the payment of a special contribution of £42,000 towards Lettermullen Group Water Scheme (Sceim na n-Oilean) to cover the estimated cost of headworks including treatment. He stated that the scheme would serve 256 houses and the special contribution was recommended by the Department and would rank for the usual loan and subsidy. It was proposed by Councillor O'Flatharta, seconded by Deputy Mannion and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council approve in principle of the payment of a special contribution of £42,000 towards Lettermullen Group Water Supply Scheme".

1705 - I.P.A. COURSE FOR CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

The County Manager stated that the course was being held at the Offices of the Institute of Public Administration in Dublin from 18th - 20th October, 1977. The Council agreed that either the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman attend the course.

1706 - CARPARKING AT SQUARE IN HEADFORD - MINUTE NO. 1684 OF 22nd AUG., '77:

The County Manager informed Councillor Welby that it was hoped to mark out portion of the Square at Headford before the end of the present financial year.

1707 - EASING OF BENDS ON ROAD FROM WARD'S SHOP, BALLINACWARD TO KILCONNELL CREAMERY - MINUTE NO. 1680 OF 22nd AUGUST, 1977:

The County Manager informed Deputy Callanan that there were four locations on this road which would require road corners to be removed to improve sight distance. The estimated total cost of these improvements was approximately £6,000. Provision has not been made in the 1978 Road Estimates for this work but the improvements requested will be considered when the next programme of improvements of bends on County Roads is being prepared.

Deputy Killilea stated that the road at Castlefrench N.S. was also very bad and asked if it could be considered.

1708 - TAKING OVER OF ROADS AT EAST END AND WEST END, INISHBOFFIN - MINUTE NO. 1677 OF 22nd AUGUST, 1977:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the meeting:-

East End - This is not a County Road and before being adopted as such it would necessitate the spending of approximately £12,000 for the construction of a sea wall to prevent erosion of the road. A further £1,000 would be required to bring the road up to standard for adoption. Special finance would have to be provided for this work.

West End - The estimated cost of bringing this short section of road up to standard for adoption is £1,000. Again special finance would have to be provided for this work.

The possibility of getting special grants under the Coast Protection Act, 1963, for the execution of these works is being investigated. A report on the outcome of these investigations will be presented to the Council in due course.

1709 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY MANAGER:

At this stage the County Manager referred to the discussion which took place at the Roads Estimates Meeting on 23rd September when the question of the expenditure of £7,000 per Engineering Area on

Councillors' Road Proposals was discussed. He stated that when the Road Grant Allocation for 1977 was received from the Department, each Councillor was notified of same by letter dated 23rd February, 1977, and included in the letter was a recommendation from the County Engineer regarding the re-allocation of monies, provided for Councillors' Road Proposals, to County Road Improvement Works which had been listed in the Roadworks Scheme in order that the said scheme could be implemented as far as possible. The County Manager stated that the matter was brought before the Council at their meeting on 28th February and approved. Councillor Haverty stated that he could not recall the Council agreeing to any change regarding the £7,000 allocation per area and after further discussion it was agreed that the Acting Secretary would supply Councillor Haverty with copies of the relevant documentation and that he could raise the matter again if necessary.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

1710 - TAKING OVER OF NEW HOUSING ESTATES IN TUAM - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLUEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that one of the estates (Parkview) is ready for taking over and this will be considered on receipt of an application from the developer. As regards the Abbey Trinity Scheme, some items still remained to be attended to by the developer who has been given a period within which to rectify these. Regarding the third estate (Bel-Air Drive), there are a number of items such as the road, footpaths and lighting which have to be brought up to standard and the developer is being given a period within which to do this.

1711 - DRINKING FOUNTAINS AT LONG POINT, THE GREEN AND CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that drinking outlets would be provided at these locations.

1712 - FOOTPATHS AT NORTH SIDE OF DUNKELLIN STREET AND BARRACK STREET, LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that Dunkellin Street was on a National Primary route and parking there should not be encouraged. The estimated cost of the proposal was £2,000 and was not recommended. As regards Barrack Street, he stated that the present carriageway width was 37 ft. and was adequate. The provision of a car park will be considered separately but the present proposal was not recommended. Councillor Morgan stated that cars were parking up on the footpath and he asked that his proposal be re-examined.

1713 - DIRECTION OF SIGNS AT JUNCTION OF MOUNT CARMEL CRESCENT WITH ATHENRY ROAD, LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this location, on a National Primary Route, is inside 30 m.p.h. speed limit and the approach is at present signposted with a Road Narrows Sign No. 122, a Bend Ahead Sign No. 101 together with a chevron sign. It is proposed to place reflectorised markers, and further signposting will be discussed with the Garda Authorities including a "Slow" sign painted on the road and a chevron on the wall.

1714 - MOTIONS BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:

In the absence of Deputy Molloy, his motions Nos. 18(a) and 18(c) on the Agenda were not moved, but Councillor S. Donnellan did move motion No. 18(b) relating to the water shortage in the Knocknacarra/Clybaun Area. The Acting Secretary stated that the Council has proposals for improvements to this water supply and subject to the availability of finance these works will be carried out early in 1978.

The meeting then terminated and the remaining items on the Agenda were adjourned to the next meeting.

**SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED!**

SIGNED: Seán Donnellan (CHAIRMAN).

DATE: 24/10/77

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.  
18u Deire Fomhair, 1977.

CEUIG 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 24u la Deire Fomhair, 1977, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Applications for Planning Permission where the development proposed would be a material contravention of the County Development Plan:-
  - (a) Application received from Seamus Walsh, St. Anne's, Lenaboy, Salthill, Galway, for permission for dwellinghouse at Allaphreaghau - Planning No. 25251.
  - (b) Application received from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tiernan, 23 Lower Canal Road, Galway, for permission for dwellinghouse at Ballindooley - Planning No. 25433.
  - (c) Application received from Mr. John Cahill, Coole, Gort, for outline permission for five dwellinghouses at Coole Demesne - Planning No. 25448.
  - (d) Application received from Mr. T. Kelehan, 37 Newcastle Road, Galway, for outline permission for 31 houses at Gortatlewa, Bushypark, Galway - Planning No. 25560.
2. MINUTES.
3. Malicious Damage Decreases - List herewith.
4. Proposal under Water Supplies Act, 1942 for Gort Water Supply Improvement Scheme.
5. Raising of the following loans:-
  - (a) £6,400 for purchase of caravans for Itinerants.
  - (b) £42,000 for Special Contribution towards Lettermullen (Sceim na n-Oilean) Group Water Scheme.
6. Application for remission of rates on industrial premises - Monamara Teo., Spiddal.
7. Circular dated 15th September, 1977, from Department of the Environment re. Housing Grants - copy herewith.
8. Local Fire Services Review.
9. Staffing proposals in connection with Local Government Water Pollution Act, 1977.
10. Estimates 1978.
11. Business submitted by the County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

12. DEPUTY R. MOLLOY - I will propose:
- (a) That Galway County Council take over the maintenance of Beech Park Estate, Oranmore, Co. Galway.
  - (b) That Galway County Council make provision in the 1978 Road Estimates for the removal of bad bends on the road leading to Carrabrowne Village, Headford Road, Galway.
  - (c) That provision be made in the 1978 Estimates for the construction of a sea wall at North Beach Road, Inishboffin, to protect the road from further erosion.
13. COUNCILLOR M. KELLY - I will propose:
- (a) That the County Manager give the Council a report on the condition of the water supply in Tuam urban area in relation to a number of cases of people being hospitalised with kidney stone complaints.
  - (b) That a survey of all water sewers in Tuam be made with a view to enlarging them as a result of flooding during recent heavy rain in the town.
  - (c) That money be allocated in the Estimates for the continuation of footpaths on the Weir Road, Tuam.
14. DEPUTY J. CALLANAN - I will propose:
- (a) That steps be taken to control and supervise County Council Dump at Athenry, as at present it is a health hazard to people living in the vicinity of the dump.
  - (b) That the Council ease bend outside Malachy Noone's house at Corraneena, Kilconnell. This bend is on Kilconnell/Cappataggle road and is very dangerous. A number of accidents have occurred there recently.
15. SENATOR M. P. KITT, DEPUTY J. CALLANAN & COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - We will propose:
- That Galway County Council acquire a small parcel of land from the Devine Estate, Caltra, for housing.
16. SENATOR M. P. KITT - I will propose:
- That Galway County Council develop the green in Menlough Village.
17. CLR. O MORAIN:
- (a) Ba mhaith liom fhail amach ce'n staid ag a bhfuil sceim uisce Rosmuc.
  - (b) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go nglacfi leis go bhfuil staid eigeandala le boithri na Gaeltachta.
  - (c) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go gceapfai oifigeach dli le cuidiu leis an bpobal ata ag lorg cabhair an Chonndae a dteideal talmhan a chuir in ord.
18. CLR. O FLATHARTA:
- (a) Ce'n staid a bhfuil uisce Gleannach-Muireann ag dul ar aghaidh faoi lathair.

- (b) An feidir feabhas a chuir ar coras uisce idir Tir an Fhaidh agus Leitir-Moir, le nios mo cuimhacht a bheith ag na tighthe sa Maimin.
  - (c) Ce'n socru ata deanta le Beachla Breathnach de thorad damaiste da thigin ag Rosabhil.
19. COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will ask:
- (a) Is the County Council responsible for repairing the boundary wall for Mr. Reid at Ballinafad and out of what funds does such maintenance be made available.
  - (b) Why so much attention and so much money was paid out for an entrance to Capt. Elwes' House, when no such attention was given and not so much money was spent on the entrances to the houses of local people living in Ballinafad or the tarring of the car park outside Ballinafad Church.
  - (c) That the Galway County Council replace old waterpipes on the Clifden Main Water Supply and remedy the filter system.
20. COUNCILLOR T. BYRNE - I will propose:
- (a) That the forthcoming estimates include the provision of a sewerage system for the villages of Clarenbridge and Craughwell.
  - (b) What progress is being made towards providing a pedestrian crossing at Oranmore.
  - (c) That this Council calls for an investigation into ways and means of reducing the windscreen shattering by loose chips after road surfacing operations.
21. COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:
- (a) That work commence as a matter of urgency to improve the water supply to Ballyhugh and Galway Road, Gort.
  - (b) That improvements be carried out on the Gort/Tubber Road leading to Gort Golf Club.
22. COUNCILLOR E. HAVERTY - I will propose:
- (a) That the Council provide a better view on the Ballinalug County Road No. 440, also to ease the turn on the County Road opposite the Garda Barracks at Tynagh and to provide a view on the Lisaniska County Road approaching the County Road No. 440 opposite Shiel's house.
23. DEPUTY T. HUSSEY - I will propose:
- That this Council provides a sum of money equivalent to the amount provided by Roscommon County Council to enable the Councils to carry out a joint work scheme on the Islands River between Williamstown and Ballinlough.
24. COUNCILLOR P. MCCORMACK - I will propose:
- (a) That the County Council take over and declare public the road at Carrabrown/Pollkeen, Castlegar, which was recently repaired under Local Improvements Scheme.
  - (b) That the County Council widen the road into Lisheenavalla Village, Claregalway.
  - (c) That the junction on the Athenry/Turloughmore Road at Higgins' Cross be improved to give better visibility.
25. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:
- (a) That the bank of day and bushes opposite Mick Marnier's house in Stream, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe, be removed and replaced with a wire fence and the road widened because twice this year lorries have crashed into each other at this difficult turn.
  - (b) That the present position of the Clontuskert Group Water Scheme and the New Inn Group Water Scheme be outlined and the steps which must be taken now at this stage.

26. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

- (a) That the County Council provide car parking space also some seating beside Spiddal Pier (Old) and that provisions be made for same in 1978 Estimates.
- (b) That the County Council ease the bad bend at junction of Sheanagurran and Moycullen/Spiddal Road.
- (c) That the County Council cut back the tree tranches which are crossing over the Spiddal/Moycullen Road beside Sheanagurran Cross Road, opposite Maherty's land. These branches are so low that they are a hindrance to passing lorries and tractor trailers.

27. COUNCILLOR N. MORGAN - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council acquire from C.I.E. that part of the railway line and grounds from the Railway Crossing at Cosmona to Railway Road, off Bride Street, Loughrea, length 1,030 yards, and provide thereon a relief road to serve traffic from north Galway.
- (b) That the public road which runs through the centre of the Green public park, Loughrea, be closed to traffic and that in future traffic joining the Gort Road would do so by turning northwards for 100 yards, so as to eliminate the danger to children and others using said park, and divert traffic from the present V junction connection with Gort Rd.
- (c) That traffic lights be provided in Oranmore at the junction where the Dublin/Galway Road joins the Galway/Limerick Road, so as to eliminate the unfair system which denies all rights to traffic on the Dublin to Galway route.

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MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCLUSIVE OF COSTS
O'Flaherty Motors Ltd. Rose Dymuna Loughmane, Killmeen, Loughrea.	Damage to Cars.	Borough of Galway	£512.	£480.01.
Michael Carter.	Damage to Silage Pit	D.E.D. Killmeen.	£54.	£63.23.
Stephen Molloy.	Damage to Lorry.	Borough of Galway.	£743.56.	£619.99.
	Damage to Car.	Borough of Galway.	£63.79.	£97.35.

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I am directed by the Minister for the Environment to say that following the introduction of the £1,000 new house grant scheme, the existing schemes of Department new house grants terminated with effect from 6th July, 1977. Applications for such grants received on or before that date will be processed provided the dwelling for which such a grant is allocated is completed before 1st January, 1979.

Local authorities may continue to accept applications for supplementary grants where the applicant had applied in time for a Department grant under the old schemes. Supplementary grant approval or payment should not however be issued unless the local authority has been notified by the Department of payment of the State grant. The recipient of the new £1,000 grant from the Department will not be eligible for a supplementary grant.

Under the Housing (Gaeltacht) Acts, administered by Roinn na Gaeltachta, the amount of a grant payable by the State has been increased by 25% to £1,000 with a corresponding increase on Gaeltacht islands to £1,500 for houses commenced after 26th May, 1977.

A person who is entitled to a new house grant under the Housing (Gaeltacht) Acts and who complies with the Housing Act, 1970 (Supplementary Grants) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 will continue to be eligible for a supplementary grant from the local authority not exceeding the amount of the State grant. Local authorities may pay to eligible persons supplementary grants of up to £1,000 (or £1,500 in the case of Gaeltacht islands) on receipt of notification from Roinn na Gaeltachta that the State grant has been paid.

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Under the low rise mortgage scheme a person allocated a new local authority house may purchase rather than rent that dwelling at a price equal to the all-in-cost of the house less any grants for which he qualifies. A person deciding to purchase would, subject to satisfying the Department that he had not already purchased or built a dwelling either individually or jointly with his spouse, be eligible for the £1,000 new house State grant where the transfer order was executed after the 26th May, 1977. In such cases it would be a matter for the local authority to arrange with eligible purchasers so that the State grant, payable direct to the applicant, can be taken into account for the purpose of arriving at the nett cost. Such arrangement might be by way of a Power of Attorney granted by the purchaser.

Application forms and explanatory leaflets regarding the £1,000 new house grants are available on request from this Department - Housing Grants Section, Floor 5, O'Connell Bridge House, Dublin 2 ('phone (01) 787199).

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T. O'Muirighthe.

To each housing authority

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24th OCTOBER, 1977.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor S. Donnellan.

PRESENT:

Members - Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke & T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors F. Coogan, F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta, P. T. Galvin, E. Haverty & B. Holland, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce & M. Kelly, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan & T. Welby.

Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; F. Monahan, H. Finnegan, M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineers; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; J. Beirne, W. Cahill & L. Kavanagh, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineers; Captain P. B. Sugrue, Chief Fire Officer; Miss J. Meldon, Planning Assistant; Messrs. D. Barrett, P. J. McGovern & T. O'Neill, Senior Staff Officers, Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer & T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1715 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

Mhol an Comhairleoir O Morain run co-bhroin ar bhas an Uasal Thomais Ui Chleirigh, iar-bhall de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe. Dúirt se gur oibrigh Tomas O Cleirigh go dian ar son na ndaoine a raibh se ina ionadai acu agus mhol se go scorfadh an cruinniu mar chomhartha omois.

Councillor Welby seconded the proposal and paid tribute to the work of Tom Clarke as did the Chairman and Members. The County Manager joined in the expression of sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff.

The meeting then adjourned for fifteen minutes.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:-  
Joseph Gardiner & Family, Annaghdown, Corrandulla.  
Mrs. Joseph Hynes, Kilkerrin P.O., Connemara.

Patrick O'Brien & Family, Ballyfoyle, Castlegar.

Dr. Lucie Little & Family, Collinamuck.

Mrs. Paddy Monaghan, Lissacarha, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe.

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WHERE THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED WOULD BE A MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

- 1716 - (a) Application received from Seamus Walsh, "St. Anne's", Lenaboy, Salthill, Galway, for permission for dwellinghouse at Aillepreaghaun - Planning No. 25251. The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council.

This applicant was originally granted outline permission for one house on this site - Planning Ref. No. 18391. He then applied for permission for two houses on the site but the Council granted permission for one house only and he appealed the Council's decision to the Minister. The Minister upheld the Council's decision and permitted one house only.

The density requirements for the area as outlined in the County Development Plan are one house to one acre with 100 ft. road frontage. The area of the site is less than 1½ acres and the frontage is less than 100 ft. and consequently a permission for a second house on this site would contravene 2.18 Table 3 (2)(d) of the County Development Plan.

It would also constitute disorderly development in that one house would be looking onto the rear curtilage of another house in this highly scenic area above Furbo.

It should also be pointed out that the applicant's father received Planning Permission for a house nearby - Ref. No. 18228.

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would constitute an excessive density of housing development in this scenic rural area and would contravene the density requirements for the area which are one house to one acre with a road frontage of 100 ft.
2. The proposed development would constitute disorderly development in a rural area because the proposed house would be situated to the rear of a permitted house and would overlook its rear curtilage.
3. The proposed development would contravene a previous decision of An Bord Pleanála granting permission for one house only on this site - Planning Reference No. PL. 7/5/38105.

Councillor Welby proposed that permission be granted but after some discussion and on being satisfied that the permission already granted to the applicant for one house on the site would stand, Councillor Welby withdrew his proposal.

- 1717 - (b) Application received from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tiernan, 23 Lower Canal Road, Galway, for permission for a dwellinghouse at Ballindooley - Planning No. 25433. The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council.

This site has been refused on previous occasions, once by the Minister - Ref. No. 21050 and once by An Bord Pleanála - No. 23767. The reason for refusal was that:-

The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because the site is located close to a dangerous bend on a heavily trafficked main road and the traffic movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road.

The proposal would also contravene 2.18 Table 3(4)(d) of the County Development Plan which requires a minimum of 100 ft. road frontage for housing development along this route. The road frontage of the site is approx. 80 ft.

I recommend refusal as set out by An Bord Pleanála and for the foregoing reasons.

Councillor J. Molloy proposed that permission be granted and this was seconded by Councillor Welby. The County Engineer stated that the proposed house would be located at a very bad bend and until the bend was improved any development would present a serious traffic hazard.

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

- 1718 - (c) Application received from Mr. John Cahill, Coole, Gort, for Outline Permission for five dwellinghouses at Coole Demesne - Planning No. 25448. The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council.

The proposed development is for five houses along the entrance road to Coole Forest Park. The development would contravene Sections 2(1)(a) and 2.9 of the County Development Plan which provide for the preservation and conservation of amenities and scenic landscape and ensuring that new development and land uses does not conflict with the character, use or beneficial development of the area.

Coole Park is of great local and National importance as an area of recreational amenity and of cultural importance through its association with Yeats and Lady Gregory.

There are only a few such amenity areas in the Gort Region

with this highly specialised tourism potential, e.g. Thoor Ballylee, Kilmacduagh, Dunguire Castle, etc., so it is very important to protect this area.

The proposed development will seriously devalue the huge investment of public funds in the area because it will irreparably ruin its essential character by introducing suburban type ribbon development beside a natural amenity area.

The proposers of the motion will disagree but all established, informed and authoritative opinion is against them. No such type of opinions support them except the philosophy of the private developer.

Four houses have already been permitted on appeal on virtually the same sites while eight houses on an intervening site have been refused on appeal.

Councillor Fahey, proposing that permission be granted, stated that he did not think the five houses would interfere with the amenity of Coole Park but he would not be in favour of permission being granted for any further houses. He stated that the applicant was prepared to widen the road where the houses would be located. Councillor Melvin seconded Councillor Fahey's proposal. Councillor Morgan stated that he was against any development that would take from the amenity of Coole Park and proposed that permission be refused. Seconding Councillor Morgan's proposal, Councillor Byrne said that if permission was granted for the five houses, there could be applications submitted for a further fifty houses along the same road within a short time which would have a very serious effect on Coole Park which provided tremendous amenities. The County Engineer stated that he had inspected the site on two occasions and strongly recommended that permission be refused. He said that the road into the Park where the houses are proposed is as much part of the amenity as the Park itself. The five houses, together with the four already granted, would result in a suburban type development. He felt that the houses already built there were obtrusive. A vote was taken on Councillor Fahey's proposal which resulted as follows:-

For - Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors F. Coogan, S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta, H. Melvin, J. Molloy, M. O Morain, P. Ruane & T. Welby (11).

Against - Councillors U. Burke, T. Byrne, P. Galvin, M. Kelly, Deputy J. Mannion & Councillor Morgan. (6).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

1719 - (d) Application received from Mr. T. Kelehan, 37 Newcastle Road, Galway, for Outline Permission for 31 houses at Gortatlewa, Bushy Park, Galway, - Planning No. 25560. The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council.

This is an exactly similar application to No. 22272 which was refused by the Planning Authority on 11th August, 1976, and by An Bord Pleanala on 5th May, 1977.

The Sites, which are comprised of two parts, each of which would have direct access onto the National Secondary Road, overlooking Lower Lough Corrib and the River on the Oughterard approach to Galway. The area already suffers from considerable urban overspill and most bye-roads have been considerably developed along their frontage in a random manner, resulting in the destruction of the rural character of the area, a proliferation of septic tanks, excessive traffic on narrow roads, piecemeal extension of public services and some diminution of visual amenity.

One of the factors which have contained the situation is the maximum housing density as required heretofore by the County Development Plan, i.e. 1 acre per house and 100 ft. road frontage. Indeed in some cases which were granted on appeal areas of up to 5 acres were required to be sterilized in the interests of an

acceptable housing density.

This present proposal would upend all the previous attitudes regarding the proper planning and development of this area and would serve as a precedent for any other landowner nearby who wants to indulge in the speculative development of his lands. It would seriously injure the visual amenity of the Corrib hinterland and this very important Tourist Route which is in fact the gateway to Connemara. The density of housing and septic tank drainage would be excessive and would contravene 2.18 Table 3(2)(d) of the County Development Plan.

Seven objections from third parties have been received.

All of the points raised by the many objectors have been taken into consideration in the previous application when those same objectors opposed the development.

There is no public water supply in the area. There is a group water supply scheme but it is not designed to cater for this development.

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:-

1. The site is located on a National Secondary Road at a point where the maximum speed limit applies and where sight distances are restricted. The traffic movements to which the development would give rise would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road and would thereby endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard.
2. The site is located in an area of amenity value overlooking Lough Corrib and the development would be seriously injurious to the visual amenities of the area.
3. The proposed development would result in an excessive density of housing development in a rural area where there are no sewerage services or community facilities, and would be contrary to 2.18 Table 3(2)(d) of the County Development Plan.
4. The proposed development would contravene a previous decision of An Bord Pleanala, refusing Outline Permission for housing development in respect of these lands - Planning Ref. No. PL 7/5/36196.

The County Medical Officer's report on the application does not recommend that Outline Permission be granted for the proposal to build 31 houses with individual septic tanks because of: (a) Inadequate land area for land filtration of septic tank effluent and waste water, (b) gradient and drainage of site to River Corrib (water supply source for the city), (c) danger of contamination of adjoining private wells. On the question of providing a sewage treatment works on each of the two sites in lieu of septic tanks, the problem of disposing on site of the treated effluent, which will be considerable coming from 21 and 10 houses respectively, will still remain. In addition, the waste water coming from the houses will have to be disposed of.

Councillor Welby proposed that permission be granted stating that the applicant was prepared to provide a sewage treatment plant and a private water supply. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Coogan. Councillor McCormack proposed that permission be refused and this was seconded by Councillor Morgan. Councillor O Morain suggested that permission be granted and that the questions of water and sewage be dealt with at approval stage. The County Manager stated that the application before the Council was for 31 houses with 31 septic tanks with no information as regards a water supply. Any proposal to provide a treatment plant and private water supply would have to be examined in great detail and should be the subject of a new application.

The County Engineer stated that the two extra junctions in conjunction with the existing one would create a traffic hazard. The density proposed was much higher than the existing densities and, therefore, the development would be out of character. There

was no evidence of the availability of water. As regards a sewage treatment plant, these works were not always satisfactory and were expensive to maintain and the Council's policy was to refuse them unless they were intended as a temporary measure pending the provision of a public scheme. Councillor Joyce stated that the objections to the development were very strong and the Council should be slow to go against the advice of the officials. He suggested that the motion to grant permission be withdrawn and that the applicant should resubmit the application with full details of water and sewerage proposals. The Chairman favoured the withdrawal of the motion and after further discussion, Councillor Welby agreed to withdraw his proposal. This meant that the decision to be made on the application rested with the County Manager and he stated that he proposed to refuse the application.

1720 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor O Morain, the Minutes of meetings held on 23rd September and 26th September, 1977 (Nos. 1688 - 1714 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1721 - 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.

1722 - PROPOSAL UNDER THE WATER SUPPLIES ACT, 1942 FOR GORT WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME:

After the County Manager explained details of the proposal, it was proposed by Councillor Fahey, seconded by Councillor Byrne and resolved:

"That Galway County Council as Sanitary Authority for the County Health District of Galway being desirous to take a supply of water from a lake known as Lough Cutra situated in the townlands of Ballyturin, Killafeen, Pollagh, Lough Cutra Demesne, Carrowgarriff and Beagh in the District Electoral Divisions of Ardamullivan and Kilbeacanty, in the said County Health District of Galway, for the purpose of improving and extending the Gort Water Supply Scheme to serve the areas described in the schedule hereunder, under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1964, under a scheme to be called and known as the "Gort Regional Water Supply Scheme", hereby make this Proposal under and by virtue of Section 2 of the Water Supplies Act, 1942, for so taking such a supply of water from the said source known as Lough Cutra, sufficient for the requirements of the said region. The said supply is to be taken from the said lake at a point on its northern shore in the townland of Ballyturin close to the Beagh River outlet. This abstraction point is shown on Drawing No. 101 made for the purpose of this order by Messrs. H. G. L. O'Connor & Company, Consulting Engineers, Waterside, Galway.

Only part of the water in the said lake is to be taken. It is proposed to abstract the water at a maximum rate of 6,000 cubic metres per day (2,190,000 cubic metres per annum) when the scheme is fully developed ultimately.

The estimated lowest summer level of the lake is 35.13 metres O.D. The water will be taken from the lake through a concrete channel constructed on the lake bed and connected to a sump on the lake shore. The channel invert level shall be 33.00 metres O.D. The water shall be pumped from the sump at a maximum rate of 6,000 cubic metres per day. The catchment area discharging rain water to Lough Cutra measures 10,900 hectares (27,000 acres). The runoff from this area causes a variation in lake water levels of over 1 metre (3'3"). The lake itself has an area of 390 hectares (964 acres) and has a storage capacity of 3,900 cubic metres per millimetre depth (22,000,000 gallons per inch depth). It is estimated that the taking of 6,000 cubic metres of water per day from the lake would have the effect of lowering the level of the lake by 1.49 millimetres (one seventeenth part of one inch) in every

period of 24 hours assuming that there is neither rainfall nor inflow to the lake during the aforesaid periods. It is proposed, as an ancillary operation, to raise the existing water level by constructing a weir across the Beagh River at a point close to where it emerges from Lough Cutra. The sill level of the weir shall be 35.74 metres. It is also proposed to instal a sluice on the weir which will be used to maintain acceptable flows downstream during drought periods. The estimated winter level of water in the lake is 36.13 O.D.

SCHEDULE

Region	to be served	
DISTRICT	ELECTORAL	DIVISION
Ardrahan	Beagh	Doorus
Ballycahalan	Gort	Killeenavara
Castletaylor	Kilbeacanty	Killiny
Skehanagh	Kiltartan	Drumacoo
Ardamullivan		

Councillor Fahey asked that the further planning of the scheme be expedited.

1723 - RAISING OF A LOAN OF £6,400 FOR THE PURCHASE OF CARAVANS FOR ITINERANTS:

The County Manager informed the Council that in June, 1976, the Department had approved the purchase of 8 caravans for itinerant families and a loan of £6,400 was now required to defray the cost of same. 50% subsidy on loan charges would be paid by the Department. It was proposed by Councillor Coogan, seconded by Councillor Kelly 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 the cost of the purchase of 8 caravans, the loan to be repaid by instalments over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved by the Minister".

1724 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £42,000 FOR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS LETTERMULLEN GROUP WATER SCHEME:

The County Manager stated that at the last meeting, the Council had approved in principle the payment of a special contribution of £42,000 towards Lettermullen Group Water Scheme, which was the estimated cost of headworks including treatment. He requested the Council's formal approval to the raising of a loan for this purpose and recommended that because of the substantial contribution the Council was making that it should be a condition of the payment of the special contribution that the scheme would be handed over to the Council on satisfactory completion.

It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Councillor O Flatharta and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £42,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister for the purpose of making a special contribution towards Lettermullen (Sceim na n-Oilean) Group Water Scheme - the loan to be repaid by instalments over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved by the Minister".

The Council agreed that it be a condition of the payment of the special contribution, that the scheme be handed over to the Council on satisfactory completion.

1725 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES ON INDUSTRIAL PREMISES - MONMARA TEO., SPIDDAL:

The County Manager stated that an application for remission of rates had been received from Monmara Teo., Spiddal, in respect of an industrial premises provided by Gaeltarra Eireann. The factory was valued at £580. It was completed in 1974 but did not become liable for rates until the year commencing 1st January, 1976. Remission if granted would have effect in respect of the local financial year next following that in which the erection was completed and in each of the next nine local financial years. The remission period, therefore, would be the financial years from 1975 to 1984 inclusive. As the factory was not rated in 1975, the remission will only be granted for a nine year period, 1976 - 1984 inclusive. The remission amounts to two-thirds of the rates leviable and for the years 1976 and 1977 the remission would be £3,527.99, and £3,807.12 respectively. It was proposed by Councillor Coogan, seconded by Councillor O Flatharta and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the remission of two-thirds of the rates leviable in respect of a factory erected by Gaeltarra Eireann at Spiddal and occupied by Monmara Teo., the remission to have effect in respect of the local financial years from 1975 to 1984 inclusive subject also to the provisions of Section 5 (3) of the Act - the appropriate certificate having been issued by Gaeltarra Eireann in respect of this factory".

1726 - HOUSING GRANTS:

The County Manager referred to Circular dated 15th September, 1977, from the Department of the Environment regarding Housing Grants which was circulated with the Agenda. He stated that recipients of the new £1,000 grant will not qualify for supplementary grants from the Local Authority. As stated in the Circular, Gaeltacht Grants had been increased for houses commenced after 26th May, 1977, from £800 to £1,000 and in the case of Gaeltacht Islands from £1,200 to £1,500. Recipients of Gaeltacht Grants will qualify for supplementary grants not exceeding the amount of the State Grant provided the applicants comply with income or valuation limits. It was proposed to increase the Gaeltacht Supplementary Grants to match the State Grant. Councillor Kelly stated that the payment of supplementary grants in Gaeltacht areas only was discriminating against non-Gaeltacht areas. Councillor O Morain stated that the fact that an applicant was living in the Gaeltacht did not necessarily mean that he qualified for a Gaeltacht Grant. Deputy Mannion proposed that it be left to the discretion of Local Authorities whether or not to pay a supplementary grant of £1,000 to match the new £1,000 State Grant and that the Minister's approval be sought to this proposal. This was seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed. The payment of the increased supplementary Gaeltacht grants was approved. Some Members asked questions about the eligibility of applicants for the new £1,000 grant and whether an applicant replacing an unfit house would qualify for the grant, and it was agreed to write to the Department for information on this.

1727 - LOCAL FIRE SERVICES REVIEW:

It was agreed to defer consideration of this review to a further meeting.

1728 - STAFFING PROPOSALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WATER POLLUTION) ACT, 1977:

The County Manager stated that the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977, became law on 15th March, 1977, and placed extensive new responsibilities on local authorities for the control of water pollution and the licensing of trade and sewage effluent. He said it was proposed to operate the licensing system from the Planning Office. Having assessed the staff needs for the implementation of the Act, the County Manager stated that the staff requirements were one Chief Assistant County Engineer; two Assistant County Engineers and one Clerk/Typist and if any further clerical staff was required he would come back to the Council on it. It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of one additional post of Chief Assistant County Engineer, two additional posts of Assistant County Engineer and one post of Clerk/Typist for the implementation of the functions arising under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977".

1729 - ESTIMATES 1978:

The County Manager stated that the latest time for the holding of Estimates Meetings was 31st October, but as the Council were aware the Minister had requested Local Authorities to defer consideration of estimates proposals for 1978 because of proposed relief from rates in 1978 of domestic and certain other buildings. To date, no information had been received from the Department and it could be as late as Budget time before decisions are conveyed to local authorities.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

1730 - HOUSING CAPITAL ALLOCATION 1977:

The County Manager informed the meeting that notification had been received from the Department of the Environment per letter dated 7th October, 1977, of an increase in the capital allocation for local authority housing construction from £1,190,000 to £1,391,000, the revised allocation to be funded as follows:-

(a) Local Loans Fund Allocation .....	£1,096,000
(b) Overdraft (normal working margin) .....	110,000
(c) Additional (specially authorised) overdraft over and above (b) .....	185,000
	<u>TOTAL: .....</u>
	£1,391,000.

The County Manager stated that the revised allocation would enable the schemes at Glenamaddy (8 houses); Mountbellew (6 houses); Laurencetown (6 houses); to commence together with a number of rural houses as sites are cleared by our solicitor, together with approximately 20 demountable dwellings. He stated that tenders had been advertised for Clifden, Roundstone, Athenry and Tuam Old People's Homes, and if suitable tenders are received these could be commenced. Councillor Haverty enquired if there was any difficulty in getting contractors to commence building as soon as the legal transfer of sites was finalised and he was informed that this would be checked to see if there was any delay.

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Haverty and resolved:-

"That in accordance with letter dated 7th October, 1977, from the Department of the Environment, Galway County Council approve of the borrowing of special overdraft, not exceeding £185,000, on the Council's Revenue Account for the period from 7th October, 1977 to 1st February, 1978".

1731 - DATE FOR HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING:

It was agreed that the next Housing Committee Meeting would be held on Monday, 14th November, 1977.

1732 - DECEMBER MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS:

The County Manager informed the Council that notification had been received that any matters which the Council wished to have placed on the Agenda for the December Meeting of the General Council of County Councils would have to be submitted on or before Wednesday, 30th November, 1977.

1733 - SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

Councillor Byrne suggested that a special meeting be called to deal solely with Councillors' Notices of Motion which were on the Agenda for some time. It was agreed that a special meeting be called for 14th November, at 3.00 p.m., before the Housing Committee Meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED.

SIGNED: To Uunney (CHAIRMAN).

DATE: 28/11/77.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

7u Samhain, 1977.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of the Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 14th November, 1977, commencing at 3.00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

A G E N D A

To consider Members' Notices of Motion adjourned at meeting held on 24th October, 1977.

1. DEPUTY R. MOLLOY - I will propose:
  - (a) That Galway County Council take over the maintenance of Beech Park Estate, Oranmore, Co. Galway.
  - (b) That Galway County Council make provision in the 1978 Road Estimates for the removal of bad bends on the road leading to Carrabrowne Village, Headford Road, Galway.
2. COUNCILLOR M. KELLY - I will propose:
 

That money be allocated in the Estimates for the continuation of footpaths on the Weir Road, Tuam.
3. DEPUTY J. CALLANAN - I will propose:
  - (a) That steps be taken to control and supervise County Council Dump at Athenry, as at present it is a health hazard to people living in the vicinity of the dump.
  - (b) That the Council ease bend outside Malachy Noone's house at Corraneena, Kilconnell. This bend is on Kilconnell/Cappataggle Road and is very dangerous. A number of accidents have occurred there recently.
4. SENATOR M. P. KITT, DEPUTY J. CALLANAN & COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - We will propose:
 

That Galway County Council acquire a small parcel of land from the Devine Estate, Caltra, for housing.
5. SENATOR M. P. KITT - I will propose:
 

That Galway County Council develop the green in Menlough Village.
6. CLR. O MORAIN:
  - (a) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go ngiaofa leis go bhfuil staid eigeandala le boithri na Gaeltachta.
  - (b) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go gceapfaí oifigeach dlí le cuidiú leis an bpobal ata ag lorg cabhair an Chonndae a dteideal talmhan a chuir in ord.
7. CLR. O FLATHARTA:
  - (a) Ce'n staid a bhfuil uisce Gleannach-Muireann ag dul ar aghaidh faoi lathair.
  - (b) An feidir feabhas a chuir ar coras uisce idir Tír an Fhiaidh agus Leitir-Moir, le níos mo cumhacht a bheith ag na tighthe sa Maimin.

(c) Ce'n socru ata deanta le Beachla Breathnach de thorad damaiste  
da thigín ag Rosabhíll.  
(d) Ce'n socru ata deanta le Beachla Breathnach de thorad damaiste  
da thigín ag Rosabhíll.

8. COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will ask:

- (a) Is the County Council responsible for repairing the boundary wall for Mr. Reid at Ballinafad and out of what funds does such maintenance be made available.
- (b) Why so much attention and so much money was paid out for an entrance to Capt. Elwes' house, when no such attention was given and not so much money was spent on the entrances to the houses of local people living in Ballinafad or the tarring of the car park outside Ballinafad Church.
- (c) That the Galway County Council replace old waterpipes on the Clifden Main Water Supply and remedy the filter system.

9. COUNCILLOR T. BYRNE - I will propose:

- (a) That the forthcoming estimates include the provision of a sewerage system for the villages of Clarenbridge and Craughwell.
- (b) What progress is being made towards providing a pedestrian crossing at Oranmore.
- (c) That this Council calls for an investigation into ways and means of reducing the windscreen shattering by loose chips after road surfacing operations.

10. COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:

- (a) That work commence as a matter of urgency to improve the water supply to Ballyhugh and Galway Road, Gort.
- (b) That improvements be carried out on the Gort/Tubber Road leading to Gort Golf Club.

11. COUNCILLOR E. HAVERTY - I will propose:

That the Council provide a better view on the Ballinalug County Road No. 440, also to ease the turn on the County Road opposite the Garda Barracks at Tynagh and to provide a view on the Lisniska County Road approaching the County Road No. 440 opposite Shiel's house.

12. DEPUTY T. HUSSEY - I will propose:

That this Council provides a sum of money equivalent to the amount provided by Roscommon County Council to enable the Councils to carry out a joint work scheme on the Islands River between Williamstown and Ballinlough.

13. COUNCILLOR P. MCCORMACK - I will propose:

- (a) That the County Council take over and declare public the road at Carrabrown/Pollkeen, Castlegar, which was recently repaired under Local Improvements Scheme.
- (b) That the County Council widen the road into Lisheenavalla Village, Claregalway.
- (c) That the junction on the Athenry/Turloughmore Road at Higgins' Cross be improved to give better visibility.

14. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:

- (a) That the bank of clay and bushes opposite Mick Marner's house in Stream, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe, be removed and replaced with a wire fence and the road widened because twice this year lorries have crashed into each other at this difficult turn.
- (b) That the present position of the Clontuskert Group Water Scheme and the New Inn Group Water Scheme be outlined and the steps which must be taken now at this stage.

15. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

- (a) That the County Council provide car parking space, also some seating beside Spiddal Pier (Old) and that provisions be made for same in 1978 Estimates.
- (b) That the County Council ease the bad bend at junction of Sheanagurran and Moycullen/Spiddal Road.
- (c) That the County Council cut back the tree branches which are crossing over the Spiddal/Moycullen Road beside Sheanagurran Cross Road, opposite Flaherty's land. These branches are so low that they are a hindrance to passing lorries and tractor trailers.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

8th November, 1977.

CHUIG GACH BALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE/

Housing

A Chara:

You are requested to attend a meeting of a Committee of the full Council at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 14th November, commencing at the conclusion of the Special Meeting.

Mise, le meas.

T. KAVANAGH

A/County Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. Local Authority Housing Construction Programme - copy of Programme attached -
2. List of rural applicants approved since last Housing Committee meeting, herewith -
3. Revised capital allocation for Local Authority housing, copy enclosed -

MEMBER'S NOTICES OF MOTION.

Councillor M. O'Morain: I will propose -

- (1) That Galway Co. Council form a work force recruited locally to build and maintain Council houses.
- (2) That the housing department employ a social worker in order to get an in-depth view of the housing requirements of the County.

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7th. October, 1977.

Capital allocation for Local Authority Housing  
Construction programme, 1977.

A Chara:

I am directed by the Minister for the Environment to state that, following a detailed review of the 1977 capital allocations for the local authority housing construction programme, the allocation to Galway County Council has been increased to £1,391,000 (including nil for estimated expenditure on schemes being carried out by the National Building Agency for the Council).

The revised total amount of authorised outlay in 1977 (including approved incoming and outgoing debit balances) should be funded as follows:-

(a) Local Loans Fund allocation:	£1,096,000
(b) Overdraft (normal working margin):	110,000
(c) Additional (specially authorised) overdraft	185,000

Total: £1,391,000

This Department should be informed immediately (a) if there is any likelihood that the whole of the revised allocation will not be spent in 1977 or (b) if any difficulty is experienced in arranging the special overdraft.

As in previous years, interest payments for the amount of special overdraft specified at (c) above, may be charged against the capital cost of the appropriate scheme for loan and subsidy purposes. Subsidy will be payable in respect of actual interest payments which have been necessarily incurred by the Council on foot of the specified amount of special overdraft accommodation between the date of this letter and 1st. February, 1978, by which date local authorities should have paid off these overdrafts by means of loans from the Local Loans Fund.

Mise, le meas,

T. Foxe.

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RURAL APPLICANTS APPROVED FOR HOUSING SINCE 8/7/77

65/1/2982 William Blyghe, Kilmore, Williamstown.  
66/1/779 Martin Burke, Cloonagh, Lavally, Tuam.  
66/1/798 John Coen, Cappanaughton, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe.  
66/1/787 James Cahill, Tavanagh, Cummer.  
65/1/3171 Brendan Curley, Lismakeigue, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe.  
65/1/3277 Patrick Coyne, Toureena, Renvyle  
65/1/3314 Patrick Comer, Cloonahara, Williamstown.  
65/1/3017 John Dirrane, Oatquarter, Kilronan, Aran.  
65/1/3090 Michael Deeley, Loughcurra, Kinvara.  
66/1/784 Thomas Donnellan, Ballinasmul, Tynagh, Loughrea.  
65/1/3232 Francis Duane, Sraheen, Kiltulla, Athenry.  
66/1/790 Bernard Fahy, Feigh East, Tuam.  
65/1/3289 Mary Finnerty, Eskerboy, Kiltormer.  
S30/257 Peter Fitzgerald, Cappard, Peterswell.  
65/1/3370 Joseph Folan, Spiddal West, Spiddal.  
66/1/791 Oliver Geraghty, Carnacregg, Moylough.  
66/1/792 Catherine Glynn, Mullaghgloss, Renvyle.  
S30/236 Bernard Gibbons, Lisaniska, Killimor.  
S30/384 Michael Griffin, Whitepark, Ballymacward.  
65/1/3434 James Gleeson, Ballyboy, Tuam.  
65/1/3118 William Hannon, Claddaghduff.  
66/1/776 Michael Heaney, Attirourty, Letterfrack.  
65/1/3233 Michael Heanue, Cloonlooan, Renvyle.  
65/1/3272 Nora Healy, Cloonsheen, Cloghans Hill, Tuam.  
65/1/3269 Patrick Heanue, Lettermore, Letterfrack.  
65/1/3290 Thomas Hogan, Ballinalug, Ballycrissane.  
66/1/789 Thomas Hibbitts, Greenville, Caltra.  
65/1/2739 Mrs. Hough, Gort Road, Loughrea.  
65/1/1865 John Higgins, Castlehackett, Belclare.  
65/1/2914 Joseph Kiely, Burnthouse, Roscahill.  
65/1/3111 William King, Lettermorenacolla, Camus.  
65/1/3215 William Kennedy, Cave, Caherlistrane.  
65/1/3265 Thomas Keaveney, Ardaslough, Glenamaddy.  
66/1/800 John Kavanagh, Ballybane, Ballyglunin.

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65/1/3099 Thomas Lawless, Whitepark, Ballymacward.  
 65/1/3164 John Lydon, Glenlusk, Maam.  
 65/1/3310 Martin Loughlin, Parkgarve, Ballyglunin.  
 66/1/804 Edward Lyons, Moneen, Williamstown.  
 66/1/793 Agnes Murphy, Home Farm, Moycullen.  
 65/1/3062 James Molloy, Ashford, Cong.  
 65/1/3129 Michael Moorhead, Ballyroe, Williamstown.  
 66/1/780 James Murphy, Sunhill, Derreen, Tuam.  
 65/1/3228 Festus Mortimer, Ardnagreevagh, Renvyle.  
 65/1/3255 John Miskell, Barna, Glenamaddy.  
 66/1/801 Michael McDonagh (Dick), Ard West, Carna.  
 65/1/3151 Patrick McLoughlin, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.  
 65/1/3416 Maggie McDonagh, Bealadangan.  
 65/1/3235 Francis McLoughlin, Omev Island, Claddaghduff.  
 65/1/3246 Patrick Naughton, Carrowreagh, Milltown.  
 65/1/3181 Patrick O'Dea, Rusheen, Tuam.  
 65/1/3252 Sean O'Leaínde, Rossaveel.  
 66/1/795 James O'Neill, Clooncun, Clonberne, Ballinasloe.  
 65/1/2341 Patrick O'Brien, Loughconneera, Kilkerrin, Carna.  
 67/10/33 Ann Quigley, Beagh, Kilconly, Tuam.  
 65/1/3113 Laurence Reilly, Carrowderry, Williamstown.  
 65/1/3179 Patrick Ruane, Clough, Gurteen.  
 65/1/3311 Patrick Smith, Newcastle, Toomard.  
 65/1/3094 Tony Shiels, Barratoor, Kylebrack.  
 65/1/3082 Peter Vahy, Athry, Recess.  
 S30/818 Joseph Walsh, Annacalla, Laurencetown.  
 65/1/3127 John Ward, Beech Hill, Woodlawn.  
 65/1/3183 Michael Walsh, Lissavalley, Barnaderg.  
 65/1/3244 John Walsh, Boleycourheen, Kilnadeema.  
 65/1/3353 John F. Walsh, Claddaghduff, Clifden.  
 65/1/3032 Patrick Hackett, Loughatorick, Moyglass, Loughrea.  
 65/1/3169 Patrick Donnellan, Ballyvahan, Kiltormer.  
 65/1/3201 Michael Mullins, Ballaghalode, Lavally, Tuam.  
 S30/73 John Tobin, Kilbeg, Williamstown.  
 65/1/3148 Patrick Curley, Lisdeligna, Killimor.

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65/1/3125 Patrick Greene, Mace, Carna.  
 65/1/3279 Margaret McDermott, Kiltybannon, Williamstown.  
 S30/372 Mary Joyce, Maumeen, Lettermore.  
 67/8/10 Peter Coyne, Breenaun, Maam.  
 67/8/36 Patrick Conneely (Joe), Glentrasna, Tiernee  
 65/1/3192 William O'Connor, Drumbulcaun, Brownsgrrove, Tuam.  
 65/1/1554 John Killilea, Mullagh, Kilrickle.  
 S5/1321 Bartley Curran, Keeraun, Ballinahown.  
 65/1/3163 Patrick Kemple, Imanemore, Barnaderg.  
 65/1/3285 Thomas Casserley, Mira, Turloughmore.  
 65/1/3237 Michael Fahy, Ardnasodan, Ballynapark.  
 S30/919 Jane Nee, Renvyle.  
 65/1/3280 Patrick Mannion, Rafarm, Loughrea.  
 65/1/3276 James Flaherty, Killeenaran, Kilcolgan.  
 66/1/717 John Raftery, Corlacken, Creggs.  
 67/2/34 Mary A. Joyce, Glencorbett, Kylemore.  
 65/1/3348 Michael Gibbons, Cloonkeenagran, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe.  
 S30/678 Coleman McDonagh, Toureen, Carraroe.  
 S30/68 Margaret Comer, Knockauns, Cloonminda.  
 S5/789 Annie Shaughnessy, Lurga, Gort.  
 65/1/3078 Michael Creaven, Killower, Belclare.  
 S30/610 Edward Connell, Carrigan, Craughwell.  
 65/1/3072 Dudley Conroy, Cellar, Rosmuck.



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HOUSING PROGRAMME AS AT 31/10/1977

Location	No. of Houses	Land Being Acquired	Land Acquired	Architect Appointed	Layout Approved	Preparation At Tender Stage	In Progress	Completed	Observations
Oughterard	8								
"	62								
Portumna	6								Advertised
"	30								
" PTE Sites	6								Re-Advertised.
Rosmuck	1 Acre								
Roundstone	8								
Tuam	22								
"	36 Acres								
" O.P.H.	12								
Woodford	2½ Acres								
Rural Cottages	46								
"	60								
"	15								
Demountables	87								
"	5								
"	18								

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

HOUSING PROGRAMME AS AT 31/10/1977

Location	No. of Houses	Land Being Acquired	Land Acquired	Architect Appointed	Layout Approved	Preparation of Tender Documents	At Tender Stage	In Progress	Completed
Total									
Houses	774				429 Houses	24 Houses	104 Houses	154 Houses	63 Houses
Demountables	110						18 Dem.	5 Dem.	87 Demountables
Private Sites	110						29 Sites		81 Sites
Acres	65	7 Acres	36 Acres	22 Acres					

SITES BEING SOUTH:

Carraroe, Dunmore, Gort, Loughrea, Rossaveal, Spiddal,  
Barna, Carna, Lettermore, Kilkerrin, Costello, Castleblakeney,  
Caltra, Kilconnell.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY  
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY,  
14th NOVEMBER, 1977, AT 3.00 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: - Deputy T. Hussey.

PRESENT:

Members

- Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta, P. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillor J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery & T. Welby.

Officials

- Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; K. Hays, Acting Deputy County Engineer; F. Monahan, S. McMahon, M. Tierney, H. Finnegan, Chief Assistant County Engineers; S. O'Neill & J. Beirne, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineers; T. O'Neill, Senior Staff Officer & T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1734 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the wife and family of the late Johnny McMahon, reporter with the Connacht Tribune. He stated that he was one of the most popular journalists in the West of Ireland and reported regularly on County Council Meetings and was attached to many civic organisations in the City. Councillor Sean Donnellan seconded the vote of sympathy and other Councillors joined in the expression of sympathy. The County Manager joined in the expression of sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff of the Council. A Resolution of sympathy was also adopted with the following:

Mr. James Barrett, T.C., Cross Street, Loughrea.

1735 - CONTINUATION OF FOOTPATHS ON THE WEIR ROAD, TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KELLY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the works mentioned by Councillor Kelly are all of a desirable nature but to achieve re-alignment by the Weir Road/Galway Road Junction and construction of a footpath from Feeney's house to Killaloonty Junction, it will be necessary to purchase two thatched houses and yards and land frontages. The distance involved is 1,000 lin. yards approximately and to lay a concrete footpath and kerb and provide compensatory walling would cost £16,500 alone, excluding cost of re-alignment. The work was costly and must await successful land acquisition proposals. Councillor Kelly stated that this was a very busy road and footpaths were badly needed and he did not understand how the acquisition of property would be involved. The County Engineer stated that the reply to the motion was based on a comprehensive scheme of road re-alignment and construction of footpaths, and if there was any undue delay in acquiring the necessary land the Council would consider the provision of footpaths alone.

1736 - BEECH PARK ESTATE, ORANMORE - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:

The Acting Secretary stated that if the open space was adequately levelled, seeded and left in a position satisfactory to the County Engineer, then a recommendation to take over the roads and footpaths would be made. In reply to Deputy Molloy who stated that the open space had already been levelled and seeded, the County Engineer said

that while most of the open space had been levelled, some remained still to be done and until this was done the Council would not be satisfied. Open spaces should be in such condition on taking over that the Council would not have to do any work on them other than the cutting of the grass by machine.

1737 - REMOVAL OF BAD BENDS ON ROAD LEADING TO CARRABROWNE VILLAGE - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the work involved in the removal of these bends was £15,000. The proposed re-alignment is considered of low priority and in view of the amount of money involved it was not included in the 1978 Estimates. Deputy Molloy said that he appreciated that there were a number of bends involved but that some were more urgent than others and asked that a start be made on the more acute ones. The County Engineer stated that this would be considered.

1738 - STAD NA BOITHRE I CONAMARA - MOLADH ON CLR. O MORAIN:

The Acting Secretary <sup>stated</sup> that it was agreed that the roads of Connemara had seriously deteriorated as a result of the dry summers of the past few years, but that special monies have been provided in the 1978 Estimates for the repair and re-shaping of these roads. In reply to Councillor O Morain as to whether any other funds could be made available such as E.E.C. grants for the repair of these roads, the County Manager stated that he was not aware of any such funds.

1739 - OIFIGEACH DLI CHUN CUIDIU LEIS AN BPOBAL A DTEIDEAL TALUN A CHUIR IN ORD - MOLADH ON CLR. O MORAIN:

Councillor O Morain stated that one of the big problems which was holding up the erection of houses for needy applicants in the Connemara Area was the question of defective title. He said that while the Council was prepared to build houses for these people, work was often held up for a considerable time because the applicants had no title and he felt that legal assistance should be provided to help them get their title in order. The County Manager informed the Council that the Council's wholetime Solicitor would be taking up duty on 1st December next. Regarding the transfer of sites, he stated that it was up to the vendor to submit details of title to the Council's Solicitor and if the vendors had not got proper title there was nothing the Council could do to help. The Chairman suggested that the matter be brought up again when the new solicitor takes up duty.

1740 - CORAS REIGIUNACH UISCE CASLA - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:

The Acting Secretary stated that a meeting between representatives of the Costello & Fermoye Fisheries Co. and Officials of Galway County Council was held on 28th July, 1977, to resolve some outstanding matters relating to the Company's objection to the Water Supplies Order made by the Council. A basis for agreement was reached at that meeting and further discussions took place and the Company is now preparing a final draft agreement which is expected in about a week or so. Councillor O Flatharta who was supported by Deputy Molloy, stated that he had been told on several occasions that agreement was about to be reached but the matter was still unresolved. The County Manager stated that he felt from recent discussions and correspondence with the Company that agreement would be reached shortly, and that the next step after the Proposal comes into effect would be the preparation of contract documents.

1741 - CORAS UISCE IDIR TIR AN FHIAIDH AGUS LEITIR-MOIR - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:

The Acting Secretary stated that work on improvements to the Tierro Lettermore Scheme is in progress and will be substantially complete before Christmas.

1742 - DAMAGE TO CARAVAN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O FLATHARTA:

Councillor O Flatharta was informed that during blasting operations at Rossaveal, a stone went through the roof of a mobile home owned by Mr. Walsh. Some slight damage was caused to the roof and some furnishings. The Council has carried out some temporary repairs to the caravan and the matter has been referred to the Council's Insurers who will be dealing with the solicitor acting for Mr. Walsh in connection with the claim which he has lodged for damages.

1743 - SEWAGE SCHEME FOR CLARINBRIDGE AND CRAUGHWELL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

The Acting Secretary stated that a sewage scheme for Craughwell has been included in a list of Village Schemes for the Estimates Meeting. Difficulties in relation to the discharge of sewage effluent from Clarinbridge near the oyster beds have not as yet been resolved. Until a decision is made on this, planning of the Clarinbridge Scheme cannot be advanced further. Councillor Byrne who was supported by Councillor Fahey, stated that both villages had good development potential and need sewerage schemes badly and he hoped that the problem in relation to Clarinbridge would be resolved quickly.

1744 - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ORANMORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

In reply to Councillor Byrne, the Acting Secretary stated that it was recommended that the question of a pedestrian crossing should be deferred until the by-pass proposals for Oranmore are finalised. Councillor Byrne stated that a pedestrian crossing was urgently needed in Oranmore because of the danger to schoolchildren and the Council could not afford to wait until the road proposals are finalised. He asked that the provision of a pedestrian crossing be re-investigated. Deputy Molloy supported Councillor Byrne stating that the position was very dangerous in Oranmore and asked when would the report from the consultants on the Transportation Study be available. The County Manager replied that the report was due in December and he had intended advising the Council to this effect at the November Meeting with a suggestion that the report would be presented by the consultants to a joint meeting of the Corporation and the County Council in December or January. He stated that he would have the question of a pedestrian crossing re-examined.

1745 - BROKEN WINDSCREENS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

In reply to Councillor Byrne, the Acting Secretary stated that windscreens are shattered by vehicles travelling in excess of the recommended speed of 20 m.p.h. Additional measures to those in use at present, such as the provision of barriers to keep vehicles within the 20 m.p.h. range are being considered. Councillor Byrne stated that the number of windscreens broken was enormous and that there should be some way of removing loose chippings after tarring and there was an obligation on the Council to do this. The County Engineer explaining the cause of loose chippings stated that all of the chips adhere to the binder and loose are swept off by a mechanical brush but inevitably other chips become loose and when drivers do not adhere to the warning signs the damage is caused. In addition to the measures already mentioned to alleviate the problem, the use of suction sweepers was being considered, but in the final analysis good driver behaviour was the only answer.

1746 - IMPROVEMENT OF GORT WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that an order had been placed for the installation of a booster pump at Gort and that it would be installed before the end of December or possibly earlier. This would improve the water pressure in all of Gort town. The preliminary report for the Gort Regional Water Supply has been approved and a Water Supply Proposal has been made and published.

1747 - IMPROVEMENTS TO GORT/TUBBER ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that there was provision in the 1977 Estimates for the improvement of bends on this road at an estimated cost of £7,000.

1748 - DRAINAGE OF THE ISLANDS RIVER - MOTION BY DEPUTY HUSSEY:

The Chairman stated that the flooding of the Islands River was causing serious problems for farmers in the area and he understood that Roscommon County Council was providing money in next year's Estimates to carry out a drainage scheme and he felt that Galway County Council should co-operate with a similar scheme. He proposed that the County Engineers of Galway and Roscommon should meet to see if a solution could be arrived at. The County Manager stated that a request had been received from Roscommon County Council to join with them in carrying out drainage works on the River. He stated that such a scheme required a detailed investigation and the cost and implications which could effect the entire catchment area were far greater for Galway County Council. He was aware of one local authority which undertook drainage works of this nature and the riparian owners whose lands benefited from the drainage, subsequently succeeded in claiming substantial compensation from the local authority for disturbance, etc., during the carrying out of the works. He stated that the County Engineer would meet the Roscommon County Engineer to examine the matter in detail and a report would be submitted later.

1749 - ROAD AT CARRABROWN/POLLKEEN, CASTLEGAR - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that the road referred to in the motion qualified for adoption as a public road as it connected two public roads. In order to bring it up to standard it would require an expenditure of £1,625 of which £1,425 is for surface dressing. Councillor McCormack stated that this road was repaired under a Local Improvements Scheme and was extensively used by the public and unless it was taken over immediately it would seriously deteriorate. He said he had raised the matter at a previous meeting and he was proposing that the road be declared public in its present state. The County Manager stated that if the road was declared public it would have to await its turn before surface dressing could be carried out on it. Councillor Galvin seconded Councillor McCormack's proposal and it was declared carried by the Chairman.

1750 - WIDENING OF ROAD TO LISHEENAVALLA VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that attempts had been made in the past to widen this County Road No. 175 but it was found impossible to reach agreement with some landowners. There was no change in this position. In reply to Councillor McCormack as to what action could be taken, the County Engineer stated that the Council was prepared to widen the road if the necessary land could be acquired by agreement. Councillor McCormack asked to be supplied with the names of the landowners involved.

1751 - IMPROVEMENT OF JUNCTION AT HIGGINS' CROSS ON ATHENRY/TURLOUGHMORE ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that the junction in question was the junction between the Athenry/Turloughmore Road and the main National Secondary Road from Loughgeorge through to Mountbellew/Roscommon/Longford. It would be very desirable to have this junction improved by moving back the fences and so extending the view of the road users there. The estimated cost of the work is £800, but no provision has been made for it. The County Engineer stated that the work would be carried out under the 1978 Roadworks Scheme.

1752 - PROVISION OF CARPARKING AT SPIDDAL PIER (OLD) - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

In reply to Councillor Welby's motion, the Acting Secretary stated that it was considered inadvisable to provide carparking as this would generate extra traffic on this very narrow public road and thereby create a traffic hazard. Seating will be provided there in 1978. Councillor Welby stated that he did not agree that carparking should not be provided and he asked that the matter be re-considered. He was supported by Deputy Molloy.

1753 - EASING OF BEND AT JUNCTION OF SHEANAGURRAN AND MOYCULLEN/SPIDDAL ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that no provision had been made in the 1977 or 1978 Estimates for the easing of this bend, the estimated cost of which was £2,000. Councillor Welby stated that this was a very sharp and dangerous bend and he proposed that money be made available for its improvement.

1754 - OVERHANGING TREES ON SPIDDAL/MOYCULLEN ROAD AT SHEANAGURRAN CROSS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

Replying to Councillor Welby's motion, the Acting Secretary stated that these trees are leaning over the public road and are considered dangerous and require to be cut down. This is the responsibility of the landowner on whose property the trees are growing and a notice to have them cut down will be served on him. Councillor Welby asked that the trees be dealt with urgently as they were a danger to passing traffic.

1755 - COUNTY COUNCIL DUMP AT ATHENRY - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLANAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this dump was constantly attended by way of extinguishing of fires and smouldering refuse and earth covering is filled in over dumped material at frequent intervals. As the dumping ground is practically filled up, the Council is making enquiries in regard to the acquisition of an alternative site. Deputy Callanan stated that he had received several complaints from people living in the vicinity of the dump and that it was a health hazard to the people living there. The County Engineer informed Deputy Callanan that the Council would do everything it could to ease any nuisance arising from the dump.

1756 - BEND AT MALACHY NOONE'S HOUSE, CORANEENA, KILCONNELL - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLANAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the road in question was County Road No. 524 Cappatagle/Kilconnell in Corraneena and Ballinderry Townlands. In order to ease the double bends on this section of road to improve sight distance, an estimated expenditure of £3,250 would be involved. The work is not provided for in the 1977 or 1978 Estimates. Deputy Callanan stated that he was mainly concerned with the bend outside Mr. Noone's house which was very dangerous and he asked if this could be improved. The County Engineer said that the bend would be examined to see if the visibility could be improved.

1757 - DEVINE ESTATE, CALTRA - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS KITT, CALLANAN AND JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the land in question is now the property of the Irish Land Commission who have been requested to make a suitable area available to the County Council for housing purposes.

1758 - GREEN AT MENLOUGH VILLAGE - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

In reply to Senator Kitt's motion, the Acting Secretary stated that the development of the Green in Monlough would be desirable but it cannot be carried out in 1978. The ownership of the Green is claimed by different people and this issue would have to be resolved before any work could be carried out. Senator Kitt stated that to

his knowledge the Green was owned by two people and he asked that the Council approach the owners with a view to planting of shrubs, etc., on the Green. He said he would supply the names of the owners to the County Engineer in order that an approach could be made to them.

1759 - REPAIR OF BOUNDARY WALL AT BALLINAFAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the wall in question being a wall retaining the road structure is the responsibility of the County Council and was repaired by the County Council out of normal maintenance funds which is normal practice. Councillor Bartley said that he did not see how the Council was responsible for the maintenance of this particular boundary wall when it was not liable for the maintenance of other walls. The County Engineer stated that the wall in this case was supporting the structure of the road and consequently the Council was liable for the maintenance of the wall and repairs had been carried out to it in order to protect the road. After further discussion as to the Council's liability for the maintenance of boundary walls, Councillor Bartley asked that a further report be submitted on this particular case.

1760 - ENTRANCE TO THE LATE CAPT. ELWES' HOUSE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The Acting Secretary informed Councillor Bartley that normal accommodation works were carried out to the entrance in question strictly in accordance with the legal agreement entered into by the Council and the late owner. The amount of compensation paid was £61.00 for 2 roads and 32 sq. porches of ground. The houses of the local people at Athry front on to a lay-bye which was the old road, and access to this lay-bye from the new road is considered satisfactory. The tarring of Ballinafad Church car park will be carried out when the surface dressing plant is in the locality.

1761 - CLIFDEN WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that provision was being made in the 1978 Estimates for the replacement of the old water pipes on the Clifden Water Supply Scheme and remedying the filter system.

1762 - IMPROVEMENT OF BALLINALUG COUNTY ROAD, EASING OF BEND OPPOSITE TYNAGH GARDA BARRACKS, IMPROVEMENT OF SIGHT DISTANCE ON THE LISANISKA COUNTY ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of providing better sight distance on the Ballinalug County Road was £350 and that the work was desirable and would be considered under minor improvements from available upkeep funds in 1978. He stated that the estimated cost of easing the turn on the County Road opposite the Garda Barracks at Tynagh was £600 and that this work was also desirable and will be considered under minor improvements from available upkeep funds in 1978. As regards the Lisaniska County Road, the Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of improving sight distance was £700. This bend was not of high priority and there was no provision for it in the 1978 Estimates.

1763 - REMOVAL OF BANK OF CLAY, ETC., AT MARNER'S HOUSE IN STREAM, CLONTUSKERT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the cost of this work was estimated at £1,000. The work was desirable and will be included under maintenance of main roads in 1978.

1764 - CLONTUSKERT AND NEW INN GROUP WATER SCHEMES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

Replying to Councillor Joyce about the Clontuskert Group Water Supply Scheme, the Acting Secretary stated that a request to have six sources tested was received from the Department in July, 1975. The sources are located at:-

1. Jack Kelly's, Glennaun;
2. Kilnahown;
3. Kellysgrove;
4. Bernie McLoughlin's, Coolbeg;
5. Frank Curley's, Ballagh;
6. Callaghan's Lough.

From discussions between the Department Inspector and the Group Scheme Engineer, it was agreed that the first three sources could be omitted from testing as they were obviously inadequate and a visual inspection during the dry summer in 1976 showed this to be correct.

Gauge readings on source No. 4 showed it to be inadequate but at the request of the Department Inspector a shallow well test was carried out in September, 1977, but it had to be abandoned due to interference with the pump. The Department has been asked to request their local inspector to take this matter up with the Group Trustees and discuss it with the Council's Engineer.

Gauge readings on source No. 5 showed it to be inadequate but again a shallow well test was carried out on this source in September, 1977, giving a yield of 700 gallons per hour. The result has been forwarded to the Department but it is understood that the Group's requirements are in the region of 1,700 gallons per hour and, therefore, the source would be inadequate. If used, the County Medical Officer has recommended that it be protected and chlorinated.

Every effort was made to test source No. 6 but the Group made no effort to protect this well and it was constantly polluted and unable to get a fair test. The Department has been informed accordingly.

Of the six sources, therefore, three are inadequate, a test on the fourth source had to be abandoned because of interference with the pump, the result of a test on the fifth source has been forwarded to the Department, and the sixth source could not be properly tested because it was constantly polluted. The Acting Secretary stated that the Council was waiting to hear from the Department before any further testing would be done.

Regarding the New Inn Group Water Scheme, the Acting Secretary stated that a request to have two sources tested for quality and quantity was received from the Department in September, 1976. The sources were:-

1. Well on Frank Murray's, Lishane, Woodlawn;
2. Well adjoining the County Council gravel pit on Keane's land opposite the house of Mr. Seamus Burke, Corobane, New Inn.

Results of a quality test on source No. 1 were received on October 3rd, 1977, and are unsatisfactory. The Chief Medical Officer recommends that the well be pumped out and repeat tests carried out during the process. A quantity test on this source had to be abandoned due to interference with the pump. The Department has been informed.

Source No. 2 - This source has a yield of 1,300 g.p.h., but the Chief Medical Officer's report now to hand states that the source has to be protected and re-tested before he can make a recommendation due to contamination from surface water. The Department has been informed accordingly.

1765 - PUBLIC LIGHTING:

Senator Kitt and Deputy Callanan complained that provision had been made in the 1977 Estimates for new lighting in the Ballinasloe and Portumna Areas and no lights had been provided yet. The County Engineer stated that orders had been issued several months ago for

all the new public lighting provided for in the Estimates and he would be checking with the Area Engineers to see where lights have not been provided. He then intends to take the matter up with the Area Manager of the E.S.B. as it was causing the Council some concern.

1766 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

Seminar on "Local Government in Ireland":

The County Manager informed the Council that he had received a notification from the Limerick Federation of Muintir na Tire regarding a Seminar on "Local Government in Ireland" which was being organised in conjunction with the National Institute for Higher Education in Limerick on 13th and 14th December next. He stated that some of the lecturers were Mr. T. J. Barrington, I.P.A., Rev. R. Brady, Derek Birrell of the New University of Ulster and Mr. Tom Fitzpatrick, and the Council might like to nominate some Members to attend the Seminar. It was agreed that Councillors T. Welby, Sean Donnellan, T. Byrne and P. Galvin would be nominated to attend.

1767 - 1978 ESTIMATES:

The County Manager informed the Council that a Circular Letter had been received from the Department regarding the preparation of Estimates for 1978 and stating that the Minister would not be in a position to notify Rating Authorities of the latest date for preparation of Estimates until the relevant budgetary decisions are taken by the Government. In the meantime, the letter suggested that Rating Authorities could begin to consider the priorities which will apply to their works and other programmes in 1978. The County Manager stated that the Council could have an informal Estimates Meeting if the Members so wished and any decisions taken would be dependent on sufficient funds becoming available from the Department in lieu of domestic and certain other rates.

It was agreed to hold a Meeting on Monday, 12th December, 1977, to consider priorities and work programmes for 1978.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

SIGNED: Tom Murray (CHAIRMAN)

DATE: 28/12/77

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Óifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

21u Samhain, 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, 28u Samhain, 1977, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

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 & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Bartley Kelehan for the erection of dwellinghouse at Ballagh, Bushy Park - Planning Reference No. 25955."  
Thomas Welby; John Molloy; Micheal O Morain.
  - (b) "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 Outline Permission to Mrs. Agnes Joyce, for the erection of six semi-detached chalets at Tullyvoheen - Planning Reference No. 25703."  
Gerald Bartley; Thomas Welby; John M. Mannion.
  - (c) "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 Outline Permission to Thomas King, for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Barratrough - Planning Reference No. 26091."  
John M. Mannion; Gerald Bartley; Padraic McCormack.
  - (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 grant Outline Permission to Martin Butler, Oughterard, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Curraunmore - Planning Reference No. 25783."  
Thomas Welby; Gerald Bartley; Micheal O Morain.
2. Application for planning permission where the development proposed would be a material contravention of the County Development Plan:-
  - (a) Application received from Peter Carey, The Square, Clifden, for permission for erection of dwellinghouse at Fakeeragh, Clifden.

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3. Minutes.
  4. Malicious Damage Decrees (list herewith).
  5. Overdraft for quarter ending 31st March, 1978.
  6. Resolution under Section 7 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967.
  7. Sale of Housing sites at Cullairbaun, Athenry - notice dated 17th November, 1977:-
    - (a) Mr. John Casley, "Langrenus", Taylor's Hill, Galway;
    - (b) Mrs. Margaret Mary Lyons, Tiaquin, Colemanstown.
  8. Rosaveal Harbour.
  9. Transportation Study - Oranmore/Galway.
  10. To fix dates for:-
    - (a) Estimates Meeting;
    - (b) December Meeting.
  11. Fire Service Review.
  12. Business submitted by County Manager.
- MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:
13. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:  
That this Council calls on the Department of the Environment to have the Ballinasloe/Portumna Road declared a National Secondary Road.
  14. DEPUTY M. KILLILEA - I will propose:
    - (a) That portion of the Devine Estate, Caltra, Ballinasloe, now in Land Commission hands be purchased by the County Council for a Housing Programme at Caltra.
    - (b) That the Council take steps to widen and alleviate the bad bends on the road from Headford to Claran.
    - (c) That extra lights and blacktopping of the roadway be done this year on Ballinamona Park Road, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.
  15. DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN - I will propose:
    - (a) That public lights be erected at Kiltulla, Athenry.
    - (b) That Galway County Council provide a car park at Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
    - (c) That Galway County Council erect a sign at Ballaghoreha, Kiltvna, Dunmore - a "No Dumping" sign.
  16. COUNCILLORS F. GLYNN & P. RUANE - We will propose:  
That we the Members of Galway County Council request the authorities in Dublin to protest to the responsible authorities in London about the conditions in which Republican prisoners are held in H Block of Long Kesh and women in Armagh Jail and also at the continued maltreatment and abuse of men being held for questioning by the British Army in Castlereagh and other police barracks.
  17. COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN - I will propose:
    - (a) That an additional 2 lights be provided in the Village of Kilkerrin.
    - (b) That this County Council recommend to the Government that National Manpower establish a Branch Office in Tuam.
  18. SENATOR M. KITT - I will propose:
    - (a) That the road leading to M. J. Dolan's, Caherlissakill, Monivea, be blacktopped, and that a road sign be erected on same.

- (b) That the road leading to Monivea Castle be blacktopped.  
(c) That the road leading to Patrick Fox's, Glennaslath, Monivea, be blacktopped.
19. COUNCILLOR M. RYAN - I will propose:  
(a) That the Council complete the work in Moylough Graveyard which was started a year ago.  
(b) That the footpath in Moylough be extended from the Primary School to accommodate six houses nearby, and that provision be included in the 1978 Estimates.  
(c) That the Council do something about a dangerous bend at the Keaveney/Kenny Cross, Ballymoe Road, Glenamaddy.
20. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:  
(a) That this Council widen the junction on the Oughterard side of the Porridghtown Road at Roscahill in order to improve the view and make it safer for motorists turning towards Oughterard from this road.  
(b) That this Council provide a refuse collection service for Collinamuck, Knockferry & Tullycoyne, as those areas are tourist areas and refuse bins are placed at Collinamuck and Knockferry Piers.  
(c) That this Council take over and maintain the road at Cloonmore repaired under L.I.S. (Rep. P. Keady) from County Road to Lough Corrib.
21. MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:  
(a) Ce'n staid a bhfuil roillig nua na Ceathru Rua faoi lathair?  
(b) An bhfuil run ag an gComhairle Conndae coras searachais agus leithris a chuir ar cheibh nua Rosabhill?  
(c) Molaim go n-íosnacadh an obair laithreach ar Droicead na Tullai.
22. DEPUTY J. MANNION - I will propose:  
(a) That the refuse service be extended to cover the Cloughbrack Area.  
(b) That the Leenane refuse service be extended as far as Thompson's Craft Shop.  
(c) That 2 extra public lights be erected in the vicinity of the Barracks and Hotel in Leenane.
23. COUNCILLOR J. MOLLOY - I will propose:  
(a) That Galway County Council ease a dangerous bend at Annaghdown Graveyard.  
(b) That this Council ease a dangerous bend on the Cutheering Road near John Kavanagh's house, Cutheering, Annaghdown.  
(c) That this Council repair the road to Parkmore Village, Castlegar, following the completion of the Water Scheme.
24. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:  
(a) That the road into Ardskey More, Ballyglunin, off the Bullaun/Corofin in by Dan Nestor's house past Stephen Brody's and out at Michael Farragher's, be taken over by the County Council and declared public. This road was repaired under L.I.S. about 2 years ago.  
(b) That the public lighting sanctioned earlier this year at the Turloughmore Dispensary and the Lackagh Church be erected without further delay.  
(c) I will ask are the 3 bad bends on the Cappagh Road, Barna, being removed as was sanctioned by the Council, or are only the grass margins being removed as appears?
25. COUNCILLOR N. MORGAN - I will propose:  
(a) That Galway County Council remove the dangerous bend which is directly outside Mullagh Church, Kilrickle, Loughrea. Very Rev. Fr. Keane, P.P., has indicated that he will give the necessary land free of charge.

- (b) That the Council remove the hump from the road just a few yards north of the entrance to the late Timothy Conway's dwelling at Cahertinna, Loughrea.  
(c) That the very dangerous S bends at Mrs. Bridie Leahy's house, Cahertrim, Kilnadeema, Loughrea, be eased or removed.
26. DEPUTY R. MOLLOY & COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - We will propose:  
That work be carried out to improve the condition of the Claregalway/Oranmore Road at Melville's house and the Airfield Gate.
27. COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:  
(a) That the Weir Road, Clarinbridge, be widened by removing the clay banks as the volume of traffic on this road has increased due to its tourist attractions. I also ask that bollards be erected along the Pier on this road.  
(b) That subject to Department Regulations, this Council grant an increase to loan applicants who have already been granted £4,500 where they can prove that they are in a position to repay a higher loan.
28. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:  
(a) That part of the Mirah/Coolarne (Burma Road) Road be raised so as to avoid flooding which blocked all roads around Coolarne.  
(b) That the County Engineer take note of the bad flooding hollows on roads and have these raised.
29. MOLADH ON CLR. O MORAIN:  
(a) Go gcuirfeair clai ar an ionad tionnsglach ata ar laimh ag an gComhairle Chonndae in Ruisin na Manach, Carna, agus go roinntear i ngabhaltais tionnsglach e.  
(b) Go ndéasaítear an bothar ag an Scoil Beag in gCarna.  
(c) Ce'n staid a bhfuil an sceim uisce ar an bFhairche?
30. COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will propose:  
(a) That a sluice valve be fitted at Brandy River, Bunowen, Ballyconneely.  
(b) That a light be put on Ailebrack Pier, Ballyconneely, plus a navigation light on same pier and fixing tyres for boats.  
(c) That the proposed group water scheme for Ailebrack be extended to the junction at Main Road turning to Golf Course and fit a pump at that point.

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(Galway County Council)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
GALWAY.

17th November, 1977.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

RE: Proposed sale of land at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway.

A Chára:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1964, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, I have been requested by the Assistant County Manager to give you notice that it is proposed selling the plots of land, particulars of which are given hereunder:-

LAND

Sites for Houses at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway - area as given hereunder -

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Annie J. Duffy, Villanova, Upper Salthill, Galway.

PERSONS TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:

	Site No.	Area of Plot
Mr. John Casley, "Langrenus", Taylor's Hill, Galway -	39	12 pers. (approx)
Mrs. Margaret Mary Lyons, Tiaquin, Colemanstown	40	12 pers. (approx)

Consideration in respect of disposal:

Site No.	Price
39	£1,500
40	£1,500

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

The sites will be sold in fee simple.

The County Council will retain wayleaves in respect of Watermains and Sewers.

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

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH Runai Seal.

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

IN THE CHAIR: - Deputy T. Hussey.

PRESENT:

Members - Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors F. Coogan, S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, M. D. Higgins, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy John 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. Lynch, County Engineer; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; H. Finnegan, S. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineers; L. Kavanagh, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer; P. J. McGovern & D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; C. Burke, Staff Officer; T. Kavanagh, Acting Co. Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1768 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to Mrs. Josephine Quinn, County Rate Collector, on the tragic death of her son in a car accident. The proposal was seconded by Deputy Killilea who also proposed a vote of sympathy to the wife and family of the late Joe Clarke, Tuam, which was seconded by Councillor Kelly. A vote of sympathy was also proposed by Councillor Ruane to Mr. Martin Commins in the Accounts Section, on the death of his Uncle. The County Manager joined in the expressions of sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff. Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:-

Mrs. Nora Keane, Maghros, Carna.

The Gardiner Family, Annaghdown, Currandulla.

Mrs. M. Gilmore, Moylough, Ballinasloe.

Mr. Gus McNamara, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe.

1769 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 25955 - APPLICANT BARTLEY KELEHAN:

The sponsors of this motion stated that they were withdrawing the motion.

1770 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 25703 - APPLICANT MRS. AGNES JOYCE:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

The site is located immediately east of Clifden Showgrounds and stretches between the public road and the Owenglin River opposite the Boys' National School. The situation is a very pleasant one as the area has been preserved free from building development apart from stables which were necessary for the showgrounds and an unauthorised mobile home which is on the site already and which has been refused by the Planning Authority and by An Bord Pleanala.

An application for six chalets has already been sought in respect of this site and was refused by the Planning Authority and the Board, the Board's reason for refusal being:-

"The proposed development would be seriously injurious to the visual amenities of the area because the site is located adjacent to the Owenglin River adjoining an area zoned as open space in the Clifden Town Development Plan and is visible to the public from many points within Clifden including one of the main streets of the townland because the curtilage of the site is inadequate to enable the site be effectively screened in such a manner as to maintain the visual amenity of the area and the generally open character of the river bank". This decision was issued on 12th August, 1977.

While the Board was not correct in stating that the area was zoned as open space in the town plan - it is zoned agricultural - the preservation of the open aspect of the area and the visual qualities of the river and its banks is a very desirable objective because of its strong contribution to the character of the town and in particular to the prospects from the Showgrounds which has an international reputation as the setting for the Connemara Pony Show. The controlled and tasteful development of the riverside area is an objective of the new Clifden town draft development plan and building development in this location, particularly substandard dwelling accommodation such as this would prejudice such an objective from the outset.

The situation has already been compromised by the granting on appeal by the Minister of a caravan park on 5th January, 1970, on the adjacent site to the east.

Refusal is recommended for the reason given by the Board with "agricultural" substituted for "open space".

Councillor Bartley proposed that Planning Permission be granted stating that the area in question was rarely used and that there was a great need for this type of development in Clifden. Deputy Mannion seconded Councillor Bartley's proposal stating that the site in question was an ideal location for the proposed development. In reply to a query raised by Councillor Coogan, the County Manager stated that an appeal could be lodged with An Bord Pleanala irrespective whether or not permission was granted as a result of a Section 4 Resolution. The Chairman referring to the fact that the application was for six chalets and that it had been refused previously by the County Council and An Bord Pleanala, appealed to the Members to exercise restraint in the use of Section 4 Motions for this type of application. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

1771 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26091 - APPLICANT THOMAS KING:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

The site is located on the National Secondary route (Clifden/Westport) about 2 miles outside Clifden. The route is unre-aligned along this section and in fact the site frontage forms a long road curve with substandard sight distances. The major part of the site is extremely elevated but there is a sudden fall in contour levels southwards towards the public road.

A previous application for outline permission was lodged on 2nd June, 1977, and was refused by the Planning Authority on 8th July, 1977 - Planning Ref. No. 24867, there was no appeal against the decision. The same site is now submitted but the house locations are at a lower level on the landscape and the visual damage would be lessened. The proposal, however, would contribute to ribbonisation along a national traffic route and would deminish its service level as a transportation, tourist and commercial route and would be contrary to the Planning Authority's declared policy of preserving such major routes free from non-essential development. There is no stated housing need in this case. Refusal is recommended for the following reason:-

The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a National Secondary traffic route in a rural

area where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route.

Deputy Mannion proposed that permission be granted and disagreed with the County Manager's report that the sites were fronting on to a curved section of road and stated that the houses were located at a lower level than originally proposed. Councillor Bartley seconded Deputy Mannion's proposal. The County Engineer stated that there was no family need in this case and that the Council had a decided policy not to allow development of this kind along national routes. He also stated that the sites were on a curved section of road and the entrances would be very obscure and unsighted to traffic.

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

1772 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 25783 - APPLICANT MARTIN BUTLER:

The County Manager stated that further information had been requested in relation to this application and that it would not be proper to deal with it in the absence of the information. He stated that the site was the subject of a previous application which was refused by the Planning Authority and by An Bord Pleanala, the Bord's reason for refusal being:-

"The site forms part of an unspoilt area of great natural beauty overlooking Lough Corrib and the Hill of Doon, and the erection of a house thereon by reason of obtrusiveness would be seriously injurious to the visual amenities of the area and would diminish its recreational potential."

The County Manager stated that the matter could be put on the Agenda for the next meeting. Councillor Welby proposed that permission be granted, stating that the site was in a very remote area and that it would be unreasonable to refuse it. Councillor O Morain stated that local people should be allowed to build irrespective of amenity considerations and seconded Councillor Welby's proposal. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

1773 - APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WHERE THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED WOULD BE A MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM PETER CAREY, THE SQUARE, CLIFDEN, FOR PERMISSION FOR ERECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSE AT FAKERAGH, CLIFDEN - PLANNING NO. 25704:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

An exactly similar application has already been refused by the Planning Authority and by the Minister on appeal - Planning Ref. No. 21958, because:

"The proposed development, obtrusively located on a prominent site above Clifden Bay, would be injurious to the scenic amenities of the area by conflicting with its wild open character and by intruding into the views of the area as a discordant and excessively dominating element."

The site located as it is in an area of high amenity and scenic importance as illustrated in Map No. 1 of the County Development Plan is subject to the provisions of Section 2.21 Table 3A(vi). While the site is just less than 1 acre, the road frontage is only 20 ft, whereas the requirement is a minimum of 60 feet road frontage, plus the proviso that the house does not interfere with a view to the mountain, lake or sea. As both the Planning Authority and the Minister consider that the proposal would seriously injure scenic amenity and the fact that the road frontage requirement is not complied with, I would regard the proposal as contravening 2.21(a) Table 3A(vi) of the County Development Plan.

Refusal is recommended as above.

Deputy Mannion proposed that permission be granted and stated that the house was required for a local housing need. Councillor Bartley seconded the proposal. The County Manager stated that the applicant stated in his application form that the house was not required to meet a second family need. Deputy Molloy and Councillors O Morain and Welby supported the motion. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

1774 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Minutes of Meetings held on 24th October, 1977 & 14th November, 1977, (Nos. 1715 - 1767 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1775 - 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.

1776 - OVERDRAFT:

The County Manager informed the Council that it was estimated that the Council's requirements in respect of overdraft for the quarter ending 31st March, 1978, would be £1,000,000. It was proposed by Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor O Morain and resolved:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment overdraft accommodation not exceeding £1,000,000 be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account for the quarter ending 31st March, 1978".

1777 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND (RELIEF) ACT, 1967:

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

"That subject to the consent of the Minister for the Environment the Galway County Council hereby determine that allowances granted under the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Acts, 1939 to 1974, in respect of land which is subject to assessment for rates by the Council shall not be subject to a condition that the said rates are payable not later than 31st December, 1977."

1778 - SALE OF HOUSING SITES AT CULLAIREBAUN, ATHENRY:

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Deputy Killilea, and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of housing sites at Cullairebaun, Athenry, to:

Mr. John Casley, "Langrenus", Taylor's Hill, Galway,

Mrs. Margaret Mary Lyons, Tiaquin, Colemanstown,

on the terms set out in Notice dated 17th November, 1977, under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, copy of which had been sent to each Member of the Council".

1779 - ROSSAVEAL HARBOUR:

The County Manager stated that the Council had been following up decisions made by the Committee dealing with Rossaveal Harbour and that Government Departments wanted the County Council, in addition to taking over responsibility for the maintenance of the pier itself, to take over liability for any matter arising out of the sea approaches to the pier which would include dredging or claims for damage to boats. If the Council agreed to this it could, because of the new financial arrangements find itself financing such expenditure out of funds required for other works of a higher priority. There was also the point that the Council's jurisdiction extended to the

foreshore only. Deputy Killilea proposed that the Department be asked to agree to the addition of a clause in the proposed lease so as to limit the Council's liability in respect of the pier by excluding responsibility for the sea approaches including dredging. This was seconded by Councillor Coogan and agreed.

1780 - TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

The County Manager stated that the report on the Transportation Study was expected in mid-December and he suggested that the report be presented to a joint meeting of the County Council and Corporation around mid-January, 1978, and this was agreed. Councillor Fahey asked if a copy of the report could be made available to each Member before its presentation by the Consultant and the County Manager stated that he would ascertain if this could be done. The County Manager informed Deputy Molloy that a meeting was being arranged between the Harbour Board and the Consultant and that the study would have a bearing on the bad bend at the Docks mentioned by Deputy Molloy.

1781 - DATE FOR ESTIMATES MEETING:

The County Manager informed the Council that a letter dated 22nd November, 1977, regarding the 1978 Estimates had been received from the Department of the Environment which meant that the Council was now free to hold its statutory Estimates Meeting. The dates fixed by the Minister for the holding of the Estimates Meetings were from 23rd November, 1977, to 31st December, 1977. The Council had already decided to hold a meeting on 12th December, 1977, to consider priorities, etc., for 1978, and he suggested that the Council now have its formal Estimates Meeting on that date. This was agreed.

1782 - DATE FOR DECEMBER MEETING OF THE COUNCIL:

It was agreed that the December Meeting of the Council would be held on Monday, 19th December.

1783 - FIRE SERVICE REVIEW:

The report entitled "Local Fire Service Review" which was circulated to the Members some time ago was considered by the Council. Deputy Callanan stated that the fire service was a most essential service and it was important that each Station would have adequate fire fighting equipment and that there should be no delay in implementing the report. Deputy Killilea expressed the view that the equipment in the Athenry Station was inadequate. Councillor Galvin stated that a lot of work had gone into the report and that it would be fairly costly to implement and would have to be implemented over a period. He was concerned that in the larger towns older houses were often converted into flats and some of these were certain fire hazards and for that reason the appointment of two fire prevention officers as recommended in the report was important. He agreed with Deputy Callanan regarding the provision of cutting equipment for dealing with car accident cases. Councillor Kelly was informed that the water tender in Tuam was expected to be replaced shortly. Councillor Morgan stated that the Loughrea Unit of the Fire Service was an excellent unit but that there was an urgent need for the supply of suitable equipment to the Loughrea Unit for dealing with accident cases. He referred to two types of equipment, e.g. compressed air saws and hydraulic rescue equipment and he asked that these be supplied to Loughrea immediately. Councillor Fahey suggested that this equipment be supplied to the four towns on the National Primary Routes, i.e. Ballinasloe, Loughrea, Tuam and Gort. The County Engineer stated that there were three main areas where the fire service needed improvement. These were (a) accommodation; (b) improved equipment in terms of appliances - he stated that no appliance would be transferred from one station to another unless it was fully serviceable; (c) personal equipment and cutting gear. There was already some of this equipment based in Galway and he was

in favour of supplying it to other busy stations. Councillor Ryan referred to Mountbellew where a new fire station was in the course of erection and asked that it too be supplied with adequate equipment for dealing with accident cases. He was supported by Senator Kitt. Councillor Haverty stated that he was not satisfied that the Portumna Unit was getting adequate attention and he referred to the proposal to purchase a new water tender for Ballinasloe and transfer the existing tender there to Portumna. The County Manager stated that there was a recommendation in the report for the provision of a new fire station in Portumna and that when the existing landrover in Portumna is being replaced, it will be replaced with a fully serviceable vehicle. The County Manager informed Councillor McCormack that there was also a recommendation in the report for a new fire station for Oughterard. Deputy Molloy asked if there were any proposals for Inishmore and he was informed by the County Manager that on page 37 of the report there was a figure of £60,000 mentioned for the provision of storage of fire fighting equipment in special locations such as the Islands and some small towns remote from fire brigades. Councillor Burke asked if there was any proposal for the purchase of a fire ambulance as he had experienced a case where a person was killed in a road accident and the corpse would not be taken by the Health Board Ambulance. The County Manager stated that this was not a function of the Fire Service and to establish it would be very costly at a time when there was a great need for funds to build up the existing fire service which is the Council's real function. Councillor Burke asked that the matter be taken up with the Health Board.

The Council approved of the report, together with the recommendation regarding the provision of equipment for dealing with accident cases.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

1784 - SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL ALLOCATION:

The County Manager informed the Council that the Sanitary Services Capital Allocation for 1977 had been increased by £71,000 from £250,000 to £321,000, and that the additional allocation would be used to finance the following schemes:-

1. Ahascragh Water Supply	-	£21,100.
2. Dunmore/Glenamaddy Water Supply	-	42,720.
3. Galway City Water Supply - Extension to Oranmore Stage 1	-	7,180.
<b>TOTAL:</b>	-	<b>£71,000.</b>

1785 - HOUSING LOANS:

With the permission of the Chairman, Deputy Killilea referred to the question of assessing the income of applicants for the increased housing loans. He stated that in some cases the Council had asked self-employed applicants to submit certificates from the Revenue Commissioners and that this practice should cease. He felt that a Statutory Declaration was adequate. The County Manager stated that the Council would have to reserve the right to look for whatever information it considers necessary in processing applications.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

1786 - CLASSIFICATION OF BALLINASLOE/PORTUMNA ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

Councillor Joyce proposed that the Minister be asked to declare the

Ballinasloe/Portumna Road a National Secondary Road. He said that it was a very important road carrying a heavy volume of traffic and was designated as a major road in the Development Plan. The proposal was seconded by Deputy Callanan and supported by Councillor Galvin and it was agreed to forward the request to the Minister. Councillor Joyce also asked that the Ballinasloe Bye-Pass Road be expedited.

1787 - DEVINE ESTATE, CALTRA - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that the land in question was now the property of the Irish Land Commission who had been requested to make a suitable area available to the County Council for housing purposes.

1788 - WIDENING OF HEADFORD/CLARAN ROAD - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that this work was not provided for in the County Road Reconstruction Proposals for 1978. Deputy Killilea said that this was a very busy road, particularly during the Summer season and there have been numerous accidents on it. He asked that it be included in the 1978 Proposals and was supported by the Chairman and Councillor McCormack.

1789 - EXTRA LIGHTS AND BLACKTOPPING OF BALLINAMONA PARK ROAD, BALLYGADDY ROAD, TUAM - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that the spacing of lights on this minor road and the general condition of the surface was considered satisfactory. Deputy Killilea stated that there were old people living on this road and that the surface was very bad. He asked that the matter be re-examined with a view to providing two extra lights and an even road surface. He was supported by Councillor Kelly.

1790 - PROVISION OF LIGHTS AT KILTULLA, ATHENRY - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

In the absence of Deputy Donnellan, Councillor Burke moved this motion. The Acting Secretary stated that orders have been placed for the erection of two lights for Kiltulla this winter.

It was agreed to give a written reply to Deputy Donnellan in relation to his other two motions.

1791 - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS F. GLYNN & P. RUANE:

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Ruane and agreed:-

"That we the Members of Galway County Council request the Authorities in Dublin to protest to the responsible Authorities in London about the conditions in which Republican prisoners are held in H Block of Long Kesh and women in Armagh Jail, and also at the continued maltreatment and abuse of men being held for questioning by the British Army in Castlereagh and other Police Barracks".

1792 - ADDITIONAL LIGHTS AT KILKERRIN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

The Acting Secretary stated that an order had been placed for two additional lights in the Village of Kilkerrin.

1793 - ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL MANPOWER OFFICE IN TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

The Acting Secretary stated that Tuam was serviced by a Placement Officer based in Galway and that a request to establish a national Manpower Branch Office in Tuam had already been made to the Department but the Minister did not consider that the amount of work there warranted the setting up of a branch office. Councillor Glynn stated that Tuam was a very important industrial centre and that it was time a branch office was established in Tuam and he proposed that a recommendation be forwarded to the Government. Councillor Kelly seconded the proposal and it was agreed to forward the recommendation.

1794 - ROAD LEADING TO M. J. DOLAN'S, CAHERLISSAKILL, MONIVEA - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that this road is now blacktopped and the necessity for a sign has been considered and the sign will be erected.

1795 - ROAD LEADING TO MONIVEA CASTLE - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that this road is now blacktopped.

1796 - ROAD LEADING TO PATRICK FOX'S, GLENNASLATH, MONIVEA - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that this road is now blacktopped.

1797 - COMPLETION OF WORK IN MOYLOUGH GRAVEYARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that due to pressure of other work it was not possible to complete this job but that it would be re-started soon after Christmas. Councillor Ryan complained that it was over a year since the wall and gates were removed and cattle were wandering around the grave spaces. He saw no reason for leaving the graveyard without protection and he asked that work be commenced immediately.

1798 - EXTENSION OF FOOTPATH IN MOYLOUGH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this was a National Secondary Road and in order to lay a footpath here, the carriageway would have to be first re-aligned. The estimated cost of this (including laying of 6' wide footpath in concrete) is £15,000. There is no provision for this work in the 1978 Estimates. Councillor Ryan stated that there was a fatal accident at this location and that the footpath badly needed to be extended. He said that the six houses were within a short distance and he asked that the extension of the footpath be re-examined as distinct from the road re-alignment. The County Engineer stated that the matter would be re-examined.

1799 - DANGEROUS BEND AT KEAVNEY/KENNY CROSS, GLENAMADDY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that although this work was desirable there was no provision for it in the 1978 Estimates.

1800 - WIDENING OF JUNCTION ON PORRIDGETOWN ROAD AT ROSCAHILL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of this work was £1,500 but that there was no provision for it in the 1977 or 1978 Estimates. Councillor Welby stated that the widening of this junction was necessary and as the Council already own the land it should not cost more than £500. Councillor McCormack supported Councillor Welby's proposal.

1801 - REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR COLLINAMUCK, KNOCKFERRY AND TULLYCOYNE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the refuse collection service is already overtaxed. No further extension can be considered until an additional refuse collection vehicle is purchased and the collection routes re-arranged. Councillor Welby stated that there were public piers at these locations and they were in a tourist area and that the litter bins had not been emptied there since the Summer. He stated that there should be a regular collection service for the area. The County Engineer stated that special arrangements were made to collect refuse in the tourist areas during the tourist season but this could not be used as a basis for extending the service.

1802 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT CLOONMORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that he had not got a report on this motion but would have it for the next meeting.

1803 - ROILLIG NUA NA CEATHRU RUA - MOLADH ON CLR. M. O FLATHARTA:

The Acting Secretary stated that a site measuring 1.675 acres had been purchased by the Council for a new burial ground for Carraroe and the Council had just been notified that it was in order to enter on the land. The development of the burial ground will be put on the list of burial grounds to be considered for development in 1978.

1804 - CORAS SEARACHAIS AGUS LEITHRIS ROSABHIL - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:

The Acting Secretary stated that the provision of a toilet on the pier is included in the Council's proposals. No sewerage scheme is proposed other than what is necessary to cater for the toilet.

1805 - OBAIR AR DROICHEAD NA TULLAI - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:

The Acting Secretary stated that the detailed design, drawings and estimates for this work have been submitted to the Department of the Environment for approval. When approval is received the work will be put in hands without delay.

1806 - EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION TO CLOUGHBRACK AREA - MOTION BY DEPUTY MANNION:

The Acting Secretary stated that the refuse collection service is already overtaxed and that no further extensions are feasible at present. Deputy Mannion stated that if the route of the vehicle was changed to go around by Cloughbrack, there would be very little mileage involved, and that the vehicle seems to be capable of taking additional refuse. The County Engineer explained the fact that if a refuse collection vehicle was empty passing a particular place, this did not mean that it had spare capacity but he agreed to re-examine the matter.

1807 - EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE AT LEENANE - MOTION BY DEPUTY MANNION:

The Acting Secretary stated that the refuse collection service was already overtaxed as explained in reply to the previous motion and no further extensions were feasible at present.

1808 - ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHTING AT LEENANE - MOTION BY DEPUTY MANNION:

The Acting Secretary stated that official orders for these lights had already been issued to the E.S.B. and that it was expected that the lights would be erected before the end of 1977.

1809 - EASING OF BEND AT ANNAGHDOWN GRAVEYARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MOLLOY:

The Acting Secretary stated that no provision was made for this work in the 1977 or 1978 Estimates. The estimated cost was £1,400, and it was considered to be of low priority.

1810 - EASING OF BEND AT CUTHEERING, ANNAGHDOWN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MOLLOY:

The Acting Secretary stated that there was no provision in the 1977 or 1978 Estimates for this work. The estimated cost of the work was £1,500 and it was considered to be of low priority.

1811 - REPAIR OF ROAD TO PARKMORE VILLAGE, CASTLEGAR - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MOLLOY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the necessary repairs to the road will be put in hands in the very near future.

1812 - ROAD INTO ARDSKEYMORE - DECLARING PUBLIC - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MCCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that this road will be considered in the next list of roads for adoption. Councillor Ruane stated that he had made representations about the taking over of this road several months ago.

1813 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT TURLOUGHMORE DISPENSARY AND LACKAGH CHURCH -  
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that orders have been placed with the E.S.B. to erect 3 lights in Turloughmore and 2 lights in Lackagh, and that it was intended to discuss with the E.S.B. the progress on these and other lights for which orders have been issued. Councillor McCormack said that there was an undue delay in the provision of public lighting and he asked that the matter be looked into.

1814 - REMOVAL OF BENDS ON CAPPAGH ROAD, BARNA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR  
McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that the 3 bends would be improved as proposed. Councillor McCormack asked if the bends would be improved as distinct from the road margins and the County Engineer replied that they would.

1815 - DANGEROUS BEND OUTSIDE MULLAGH CHURCH, KILRICKLE - MOTION BY  
COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the cost of improvements to the slight bend at Mullagh Church was £1,050. The improvement was not considered of high priority and was not provided for in the 1978 Estimates. In reply to Councillor Morgan, the County Engineer stated that this improvement would be included in the List of Councillors' Proposals for consideration in 1979 Estimates. Councillor Morgan asked that arrangements for the acquisition of the necessary land be put in hands now. Councillor Burke and Deputy Callanan agreed that the removal of the bend was necessary.

1816 - IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD AT CAHERTINNA, LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR  
MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the road in question was Main Road No. 400. The estimated cost of the work was £1,000. There was no provision for the work in the 1978 Estimates and it was not considered to be of high priority.

1817 - REMOVAL OF BENDS AT LEAHY'S HOUSE, CAHERTRIM, KILNADEEMA - MOTION BY  
COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the road in question was County Road No. 402. The estimated cost of the improvement work was £5,000. The work was not provided for in the 1978 Estimates but some improvement will be considered from available funds in 1978 and the completion of the work will be considered for the 1979 Estimates.

1818 - IMPROVEMENT OF CLAREGALWAY/ORANMORE ROAD - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY &  
COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that this is a National Secondary Route and proposals to improve and re-align the carriageway are held up by two landowners. Councillor Fahey asked how these improvement works would effect the proposed new road up to the level crossing. The County Engineer replied that the new road may be a long-term proposition but that the approaches need immediate improvement and any expenditure incurred would be well worthwhile.

1819 - WIDENING OF WEIR ROAD, CLARINBRIDGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that this work is done piecemeal every year. Some improvements were carried out in the past year and the removing of some clay bank and provision of more bollards will continue in 1978. Councillor Fahey said that he was not aware of any work having been done on the road this year.

1820 - INCREASED HOUSING LOANS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that applications for increased housing loans would be considered if the Council is satisfied that the applicants come within the limits, and of their ability to repay the loan. Councillor Fahey stated that the Council was taking a very

strict interpretation of the regulations. He was aware of some genuine cases where increased loans have been refused which resulted in applicants having to get a second loan elsewhere. He said that applicants who had qualified for the £4,500 loan should be considered eligible for the increased loan and applicants who do not pay income tax should not be asked to submit a letter to this effect from the Revenue Commissioners.

Mr. Doyle stated that since the income limit was increased there had been a number of applications from people who were earning less than £2,350 per annum before the limit was increased and are now able to show that they are earning considerably more in order to qualify for the higher loan. They either got substantial wage increases or the income declared was wrong. The Circular from the Department of the Environment required that 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. He said that the Council was not trying to force people to declare their earnings to the Revenue Commissioners, but rather trying to find out the truth about their incomes so as to ensure that the correct decision would be made. The Officials cannot be restricted in their enquiries in verifying applicants' earnings.

1821 - FLOODING ON THE MIRAH/COOLARNE ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that all flood spots were surveyed during the recent period of heavy rain and listed. Where raising the road level is the solution the problem is not too difficult, but in the Coolarne Area the problem is more complicated and a survey of the natural catchment area will have to be undertaken. Councillor Ruane stated that during the recent period of heavy rain, many roads in the Coolarne Area were very badly flooding which caused a great deal of hardship. He asked that the area be surveyed as soon as possible and was supported by Councillor McCormack.

1822 - FLOODING DURING RECENT PERIOD OF HEAVY RAIN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR  
RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that during the recent floods the Area Roads Staff surveyed the locations and extent of the flooding as it occurred, so that measures to minimise their effect in the future could be implemented including the measures proposed in the motion.

1823 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR O MORAIN:

It was agreed to send written replies to Councillor O Morain.

1824 - SLUICE VALVE ON BRANDY RIVER - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the position of this Local Improvements Scheme application was as follows:-

The original estimate for this scheme prepared in 1971, was £315. The local contribution of £32 was paid by the applicants and work was authorised in September, 1974.

It was then discovered that the work would be far more costly than envisaged because the cost of a sluice valve was not included in the estimate, and the work did not proceed at the time. The scheme was re-estimated in November, 1976, at a cost of £2,475, towards which the Council was willing to allocate a grant of £2,227, subject to the payment of a further local contribution of £216.

At the Council Meeting on 22nd November, 1976, it was decided that a request be forwarded to the Department to have the additional contribution waived. The Department agreed and stated that if the final cost of the scheme exceeded £2,475, the appropriate local contribution in respect of the excess amount should be obtained as required by the general conditions of the scheme.

Work on the scheme was authorised in May, 1977, but when quotations were sought the cost of the tidal flap valve was £2,000. This increased the cost of the scheme to £4,162 requiring a further local contribution of £168. On 24th August, 1977, a letter was forwarded to the Representative requesting payment of the additional contribution and given the above details but no reply has been received.

Councillor Bartley stated that the beneficiaries involved were not prepared to pay any further local contribution. Deputy Mannion suggested that the Department be asked to pay the additional local contribution required. Councillor McCormack asked if the contribution of £168 now required was a total contribution or if each of the beneficiaries had to pay it. The Acting Secretary explained that the contribution of £168 was a joint contribution to be paid by the beneficiaries between them. He stated that the present estimated cost of the scheme was £4,162 and the only contribution paid so far by the beneficiaries was a sum of £32. The Department had already agreed to waive a sum of £216 but in doing so stated that if there was any further increase in the cost that the increased contribution would have to be paid by the beneficiaries. The Council asked that the matter be left over to the next meeting.

1825 - LIGHTING, ETC., ON AILLEBRACK PIER - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

Councillor Bartley stated that the word "tyres" in the motion should have read "ties". The Acting Secretary stated that the Council is responsible for the maintenance of piers only. Any improvements are a matter for the Department of Lands and Fisheries. The provision of navigation lights is a matter for the Commissioners of Irish Lights and the Department of Lands and Fisheries. The requests made in the motion will be passed on to the relevant Department.

1826 - AILLEBRACK GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the design for this scheme had not yet been submitted to the Council and that it was up to the Group to include this extension in the scheme.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

SIGNED: T. Mannion (CHAIRMAN).

DATE: 19/12/77

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
GALWAY.

1st December, 1977.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 12th December, 1977, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
ACTING CO. SECRETARY.

A G E N D A

1. Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1978 - Copy herewith.
2. Making and Sealing of Demands on Urban Authorities.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,  
Bothar Mor,  
GAILLIMH.

12u Nollaig, 1977.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 19u la Nollaig, 1977, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
ACTING CO. SECRETARY.

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 & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Michael Grealish, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Kiltullagh, Oranmore - Planning Ref. No. 25589." Padraic McCormack; John Molloy; Patrick Ruane.
  - (b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Martin Curran for erection of dwelling-house - Planning Ref. No. 26161 - Townland Aubwee, Moycullen." Thomas Welby; Sean Donnellan; John Molloy.
  - (c) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Liam Keogh for the erection of a dwelling-house at Ballyconneely - Planning Ref. No. 26298." Gerald Bartley; Robert Molloy; John M. Mannion.
2. Minutes - (a) Housing Meeting held on 14th November, 1977;  
(b) Ordinary Meeting held on 28th November, 1977.
3. Malicious Injury Decrees - list herewith.
4. Seeds and Fertilisers Loan Scheme 1978.
5. Application for remission of rates - Bontex Ltd.
6. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads - list herewith.

7. Sale of houses to the following tenants - Notices dated 7th Dec., 1977:-
  - (a) Patrick Hannon, Pollroebuck, Loughrea;
  - (b) Michael Kennedy, Carrownamona, Ardrahan;
  - (c) Patrick O'Connell, Carrowmanagh, Oughterard;
  - (d) Michael Dervan, Rathmore, Killimor;
  - (e) Joseph Prendergast, Carrowmanagh, Oughterard;
  - (f) John J. Healy, Carrowmanagh, Oughterard.
8. River Suck Joint Drainage Committee - Auditor's report for three financial years ended 31st December, 1976.
9. Road at Cloonmore - Minute No. 1802.
10. Maintenance Craftsmen - Rates of Pay.
11. Scheme for payment of rates by instalments for 1978.
12. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

13. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose that this Council take over and maintain the following roads:
  - (a) Road at Gortmore repaired under Local Improvements Scheme - Rep. John Hynes.
  - (b) From Joe Lydon's house at Ower East to County Road in Ower West, Roscahill.
  - (c) From County Road and Pier Road to Bobby Curran's gate, Oughterard.
14. COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will propose:

That the Road to Dunlochan Beach be widened and blacktopped and the road to Pollrevagh be blacktopped.
15. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:
  - (a) That the Cloughanover Cemetery, Headford, be extended as the present cemetery is overcrowded.
  - (b) That the wall at the corner at Claregalway New Cemetery be lowered so as to give a better view to traffic.
  - (c) That this Council review the position regarding an order prohibiting beet being placed along roadsides of public roads.
16. COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:
  - (a) That the £5 maximum grant payable by the County Council for the installation of electricity to a County Council house be raised to a realistic figure.
  - (b) That this Council assist local development associations who would be prepared to organise finance and voluntary labour to build public toilets on our priority list by providing plans, specifications and a Clerk of Works.
  - (c) That regulations be changed so that roads repaired under Local Improvements Scheme leading to lands only can be made public provided they are 11' wide.
17. DEPUTY M. KILLILEA - I will propose:
  - (a) That Galway County Council take Mr. Fahy's portion of land to relieve parking congestion at Doonane Graveyard, Colemanstown, Ballinasloe.
  - (b) That the sewerage scheme for Ballymoe, Co. Galway, be installed as soon as possible.

(c) That an amount of money be made available to drainage and cleaning of the Island River, Ballymoe, Co. Galway, as grants for minor schemes are held up pending this completion.

18. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:

- (a) That the Loughakip Lake be tested and examined as a possible source for a water scheme for Moycullen and the surrounding areas.
- (b) That steps be taken to remove chips from the grass margins of the Clooniff Road, Moycullen, which was tarred last August.
- (c) That this Council recommends that the new guidelines on methods of assessing farmers' eligibilities for medical card services be defined.

19. COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN - I will propose:

- (a) That the County Council extend its refuse collection service to Upper Forge, Woodford, a distance of about 200 yards.
- (b) That this County Council take immediate steps to provide the long talked about graveyards for (a) Milltown (Kilclooney) and (b) Addergoole.

20. COUNCILLOR P. GALVIN - I will propose:

That the Council improve corner on the Ballinasloe/Kilconnell Road at Deerpark Junction (Ballinasloe Urban) so as to give reasonable sight distance - 1976 estimate £6,000.

21. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:

- (a) That the County Council indicate clearly what its intention is concerning the request from the Department of the Environment and the Laurencetown/Eyrecourt Group Water Scheme, that the Group be allowed to link up with the Eyrecourt Town Scheme.
- (b) That all the clay, sand, branches, etc., which are clogging the eyes of the Annasassanagh Bridge at Rooghan, Laurencetown, be removed by the Council as the blockage is causing considerable flooding of lands in the area.
- (c) That the dangerous turn on the Clonfert/Banagher Road near the junction of the road leading to Dan Burke's house in Killaltanagh be eased as it has been the scene of several accidents.

22. SENATOR M. KITT - I will propose:

- (a) That improvements on Ahascragh Group Water Scheme be carried out to facilitate the group water schemes in the area.
- (b) That a piece of land at Waterloo, Menlough, where a by-pass road has been made and a number of bends have been eased by Galway County Council, be examined for housing sites.
- (c) That improvements be carried out on the Mountbellew Water Supply to give a supply to the Castlegar Group Water Scheme, Mountbellew.

23. CLR. O FLATHARTA:

Molaim solas a chuir ar ceibh an tsruthain ins an gCeathru Rua.

24. COUNCILLOR N. MORGAN - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council provide public street lighting at Earlsparck Housing Estate, Loughrea.
- (b) That Galway County Council repair the National Primary roadside wall opposite Garrybreeda Public Park, The Hill, Loughrea, so that persons walking on the footpath may not fall down into the field 20 feet below.
- (c) That Galway County Council acquire from C.I.E. that part of the railway line and grounds from the Railway Crossing at Cosmona to Railway Road, off Bride Street, Loughrea, length 1,030 yards, and provide thereon a relief road to serve traffic from north Galway.

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County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

7th. December, 1977

Ref. No. 63/6/903

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

Location:- Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Patrick Hannon of: Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £3076 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

(c) That an amount of money be made available to drainage and cleaning of the Island River, Ballymoe, Co. Galway, as grants for minor schemes are held up pending this completion.

18. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:

- (a) That the Loughkip Lake be tested and examined as a possible source for a water scheme for Moycullen and the surrounding areas.
- (b) That steps be taken to remove chips from the grass margins of the Clooniff Road, Moycullen, which was tarred last August.
- (c) That this Council recommends that the new guidelines on methods of assessing farmers' eligibilities for medical card services be defined.

19. COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN - I will propose:

- (a) That the County Council extend its refuse collection service to Upper Forge, Woodford, a distance of about 200 yards.
- (b) That this County Council take immediate steps to provide the long talked about graveyards for (a) Milltown (Kilclooney) and (b) Addergeole.

20. COUNCILLOR P. GALVIN - I will propose:

That the Council improve corner on the Ballinasloe/Kilconnell Road at Deerpark Junction (Ballinasloe Urban) so as to give reasonable sight distance - 1976 estimate £6,000.

21. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:

- (a) That the County Council indicate clearly what its intention is concerning the request from the Department of the Environment and the Laurencetown/Eyrecourt Group Water Scheme, that the Group be allowed to link up with the Eyrecourt Town Scheme.
- (b) That all the clay, sand, branches, etc., which are clogging the eyes of the Annasassanagh Bridge at Rooghan, Laurencetown, be removed by the Council as the blockage is causing considerable flooding of lands in the area.
- (c) That the dangerous turn on the Clonfert/Banagher Road near the junction of the road leading to Dan Burke's house in Killaltanagh be eased as it has been the scene of several accidents.

22. SENATOR M. KITT - I will propose:

- (a) That improvements on Ahascragh Group Water Scheme be carried out to facilitate the group water schemes in the area.
- (b) That a piece of land at Waterloo, Menlough, where a by-pass road has been made and a number of bends have been eased by Galway County Council, be examined for housing sites.
- (c) That improvements be carried out on the Mountbellew Water Supply to give a supply to the Castlegar Group Water Scheme, Mountbellew.

23. CLR. O FLATHARTA:

Molaim solas a chuir ar ceibh an tsruthain ins an gCeathru Rua.

24. COUNCILLOR N. MORGAN - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council provide public street lighting at Earlsparck Housing Estate, Loughrea.
- (b) That Galway County Council repair the National Primary roadside wall opposite Garrybreeda Public Park, The Hill, Loughrea, so that persons walking on the footpath may not fall down into the field 20 feet below.
- (c) That Galway County Council acquire from C.I.E. that part of the railway line and grounds from the Railway Crossing at Cosmona to Railway Road, off Bride Street, Loughrea, length 1,030 yards, and provide thereon a relief road to serve traffic from north Galway.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Ref. No. 63/5/601

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

7th. December, 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:-

Brendan Geraghty, Ballinduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

Location:- Carrownamona, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. Michael Kennedy of: Carrownamona, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £599 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

(c) That an amount of money be made available to drainage and cleaning of the Island River, Ballymoe, Co. Galway, as grants for minor schemes are held up pending this completion.

18. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:

- (a) That the Loughkip Lake be tested and examined as a possible source for a water scheme for Moycullen and the surrounding areas.
- (b) That steps be taken to remove chips from the grass margins of the Clooniff Road, Moycullen, which was tarred last August.
- (c) That this Council recommends that the new guidelines on methods of assessing farmers' eligibilities for medical card services be defined.

19. COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN - I will propose:

- (a) That the County Council extend its refuse collection service to Upper Forge, Woodford, a distance of about 200 yards.
- (b) That this County Council take immediate steps to provide the long talked about graveyards for (a) Milltown (Kilclooney) and (b) Addergoole.

20. COUNCILLOR P. GALVIN - I will propose:

That the Council improve corner on the Ballinasloe/Kilconnell Road at Deerpark Junction (Ballinasloe Urban) so as to give reasonable sight distance - 1976 estimate £6,000.

21. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:

- (a) That the County Council indicate clearly what its intention is concerning the request from the Department of the Environment and the Laurecetown/Eyrecourt Group Water Scheme, that the Group be allowed to link up with the Eyrecourt Town Scheme.
- (b) That all the clay, sand, branches, etc., which are clogging the eyes of the Annasassanagh Bridge at Rooghan, Laurecetown, be removed by the Council as the blockage is causing considerable flooding of lands in the area.
- (c) That the dangerous turn on the Clonfert/Banagher Road near the junction of the road leading to Dan Burke's house in Killaltanagh be eased as it has been the scene of several accidents.

22. SENATOR M. KITT - I will propose:

- (a) That improvements on Ahascragh Group Water Scheme be carried out to facilitate the group water schemes in the area.
- (b) That a piece of land at Waterloo, Menlough, where a by-pass road has been made and a number of bends have been eased by Galway County Council, be examined for housing sites.
- (c) That improvements be carried out on the Mountbellew Water Supply to give a supply to the Castlegar Group Water Scheme, Mountbellew.

23. CLR. O FLATHARTA:

Molaim solas a chuir ar céibh an tsruthain ins an gCeathru Rua.

24. COUNCILLOR N. MORGAN - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council provide public street lighting at Earlsparke Housing Estate, Loughrea.
- (b) That Galway County Council repair the National Primary roadside wall opposite Garrybreeda Public Park, The Hill, Loughrea, so that persons walking on the footpath may not fall down into the field 20 feet below.
- (c) That Galway County Council acquire from C.I.E. that part of the railway line and grounds from the Railway Crossing at Cosmona to Railway Road, off Bride Street, Loughrea, length 1,030 yards, and provide thereon a relief road to serve traffic from north Galway.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

7th. December, 1977

Ref. No. 63/8/408

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:- John Bolger, Carrowmanagh, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

Location:- Carrowmanagh, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Patrick O'Connell of: Carrowmanagh, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1331 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

(c) That an amount of money be made available to drainage and cleaning of the Island River, Ballymoe, Co. Galway, as grants for minor schemes are held up pending this completion.

18. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:

- (a) That the Loughakip Lake be tested and examined as a possible source for a water scheme for Moycullen and the surrounding areas.
- (b) That steps be taken to remove chips from the grass margins of the Clooniff Road, Moycullen, which was tarred last August.
- (c) That this Council recommends that the new guidelines on methods of assessing farmers' eligibilities for medical card services be defined.

19. COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN - I will propose:

- (a) That the County Council extend its refuse collection service to Upper Forge, Woodford, a distance of about 200 yards.
- (b) That this County Council take immediate steps to provide the long talked about graveyards for (a) Milltown (Kilclooney) and (b) Addergoole.

20. COUNCILLOR P. GALVIN - I will propose:

That the Council improve corner on the Ballinasloe/Kilconnell Road at Deerpark Junction (Ballinasloe Urban) so as to give reasonable sight distance - 1976 estimate £6,000.

21. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:

- (a) That the County Council indicate clearly what its intention is concerning the request from the Department of the Environment and the Laurencetown/Eyrecourt Group Water Scheme, that the Group be allowed to link up with the Eyrecourt Town Scheme.
- (b) That all the clay, sand, branches, etc., which are clogging the eyes of the Annasassanagh Bridge at Roaghan, Laurencetown, be removed by the Council as the blockage is causing considerable flooding of lands in the area.
- (c) That the dangerous turn on the Clonfert/Banagher Road near the junction of the road leading to Dan Burke's house in Killaltanagh be eased as it has been the scene of several accidents.

22. SENATOR M. KITT - I will propose:

- (a) That improvements on Ahascragh Group Water Scheme be carried out to facilitate the group water schemes in the area.
- (b) That a piece of land at Waterloo, Menlough, where a by-pass road has been made and a number of bends have been eased by Galway County Council, be examined for housing sites.
- (c) That improvements be carried out on the Mountbellew Water Supply to give a supply to the Castlegar Group Water Scheme, Mountbellew.

23. CLR. O FLATHARTA:

Molaim solas a chuir ar ceibh an tsruthain ins an gCeathru Rua.

24. COUNCILLOR N. MORGAN - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council provide public street lighting at Earlsparke Housing Estate, Loughrea.
- (b) That Galway County Council repair the National Primary roadside wall opposite Garrybreeda Public Park, The Hill, Loughrea, so that persons walking on the footpath may not fall down into the field 20 feet below.
- (c) That Galway County Council acquire from C.I.E. that part of the railway line and grounds from the Railway Crossing at Cosmona to Railway Road, off Bride Street, Loughrea, length 1,030 yards, and provide thereon a relief road to serve traffic from north Galway.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

7th. December, 1977

Ref. No. 63/9/264

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. Thomas Cunniffe, Rathmore, Killimor, Co. Galway.

Location:- Rathmore, Killimor, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-  
Mr. Michael Dervan of: Rathmore, Killimor, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1704 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

(c) That an amount of money be made available to drainage and cleaning of the Island River, Ballymoe, Co. Galway, as grants for minor schemes are held up pending this completion.

18. **COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK** - I will propose:

- (a) That the Loughakip Lake be tested and examined as a possible source for a water scheme for Moycullen and the surrounding areas.
- (b) That steps be taken to remove chips from the grass margins of the Clooniff Road, Moycullen, which was tarred last August.
- (c) That this Council recommends that the new guidelines on methods of assessing farmers' eligibilities for medical card services be defined.

19. **COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN** - I will propose:

- (a) That the County Council extend its refuse collection service to Upper Forge, Woodford, a distance of about 200 yards.
- (b) That this County Council take immediate steps to provide the long talked about graveyards for (a) Milltown (Kilclooney) and (b) Addergoole.

20. **COUNCILLOR P. GALVIN** - I will propose:

That the Council improve corner on the Ballinasloe/Kilconnell Road at Deerpark Junction (Ballinasloe Urban) so as to give reasonable sight distance - 1976 estimate £6,000.

21. **COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE** - I will propose:

- (a) That the County Council indicate clearly what its intention is concerning the request from the Department of the Environment and the Laurencetown/Eyrecourt Group Water Scheme, that the Group be allowed to link up with the Eyrecourt Town Scheme.
- (b) That all the clay, sand, branches, etc., which are clogging the eyes of the Annasassanagh Bridge at Rooghan, Laurencetown, be removed by the Council as the blockage is causing considerable flooding of lands in the area.
- (c) That the dangerous turn on the Clonfert/Banagher Road near the junction of the road leading to Dan Burke's house in Killaltanagh be eased as it has been the scene of several accidents.

22. **SENATOR M. KITT** - I will propose:

- (a) That improvements on Ahascragh Group Water Scheme be carried out to facilitate the group water schemes in the area.
- (b) That a piece of land at Waterloo, Menlough, where a by-pass road has been made and a number of bends have been eased by Galway County Council, be examined for housing sites.
- (c) That improvements be carried out on the Mountbellew Water Supply to give a supply to the Castlegar Group Water Scheme, Mountbellew.

23. **CLR. O FLATHARTA:**

Molaim solas a chuir ar ceibh an tsruthain ins an gCeathru Rua.

24. **COUNCILLOR N. MORGAN** - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council provide public street lighting at Earlsparck Housing Estate, Loughrea.
- (b) That Galway County Council repair the National Primary roadside wall opposite Garrybreeda Public Park, The Hill, Loughrea, so that persons walking on the footpath may not fall down into the field 20 feet below.
- (c) That Galway County Council acquire from C.I.E. that part of the railway line and grounds from the Railway Crossing at Cosmona to Railway Road, off Bride Street, Loughrea, length 1,030 yards, and provide thereon a relief road to serve traffic from north Galway.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Ref. No. 63/8/420

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

7th. December, 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:- John Bolger, Carrowmanagh, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

Location:- Carrowmanagh, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. Joseph Prendergast of: Carrowmanagh, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1714 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, 1976 (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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

(c) That an amount of money be made available to drainage and cleaning of the Island River, Ballymoe, Co. Galway, as grants for minor schemes are held up pending this completion.

18. **COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK** - I will propose:
- (a) That the Loughakip Lake be tested and examined as a possible source for a water scheme for Moycullen and the surrounding areas.
  - (b) That steps be taken to remove chips from the grass margins of the Clooniff Road, Moycullen, which was tarred last August.
  - (c) That this Council recommends that the new guidelines on methods of assessing farmers' eligibilities for medical card services be defined.
19. **COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN** - I will propose:
- (a) That the County Council extend its refuse collection service to Upper Forge, Woodford, a distance of about 200 yards.
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20. **COUNCILLOR P. GALVIN** - I will propose:
- That the Council improve corner on the Ballinasloe/Kilconnell Road at Deerpark Junction (Ballinasloe Urban) so as to give reasonable sight distance - 1976 estimate £6,000.
21. **COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE** - I will propose:
- (a) That the County Council indicate clearly what its intention is concerning the request from the Department of the Environment and the Laurencetown/Eyrecourt Group Water Scheme, that the Group be allowed to link up with the Eyrecourt Town Scheme.
  - (b) That all the clay, sand, branches, etc., which are clogging the eyes of the Annasassanagh Bridge at Rooghan, Laurencetown, be removed by the Council as the blockage is causing considerable flooding of lands in the area.
  - (c) That the dangerous turn on the Clonfert/Banagher Road near the junction of the road leading to Dan Burke's house in Killaltanagh be eased as it has been the scene of several accidents.
22. **SENATOR M. KITT** - I will propose:
- (a) That improvements on Ahascragh Group Water Scheme be carried out to facilitate the group water schemes in the area.
  - (b) That a piece of land at Waterloo, Menlough, where a by-pass road has been made and a number of bends have been eased by Galway County Council, be examined for housing sites.
  - (c) That improvements be carried out on the Mountbellew Water Supply to give a supply to the Castlegar Group Water Scheme, Mountbellew.
23. **CLR. O FLATHARTA:**
- Molaim solas a chuir ar ceibh an tsruthain ins an gCeathru Rua.
24. **COUNCILLOR N. MORGAN** - I will propose:
- (a) That Galway County Council provide public street lighting at Earlsparck Housing Estate, Loughrea.
  - (b) That Galway County Council repair the National Primary roadside wall opposite Garrybreeda Public Park, The Hill, Loughrea, so that persons walking on the footpath may not fall down into the field 20 feet below.
  - (c) That Galway County Council acquire from C.I.E. that part of the railway line and grounds from the Railway Crossing at Cosmona to Railway Road, off Bride Street, Loughrea, length 1,030 yards, and provide thereon a relief road to serve traffic from north Galway.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/8/422

7th. December, 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:- John Bolger, Carrowmanagh, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

Location:- Carrowmanagh, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

John J. Healy of: Carrowmanagh, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1331 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

SCHEME FOR THE SUPPLY OF SEEDS AND/OR FERTILISERS ON LOAN TERMS

The following shall be the Regulations and Conditions in pursuance of which facilities may be granted for the purchase of Seeds and/or Fertilisers during the period ending on the 31st day of July, 1978, by the Galway County Council:

- The facilities offered shall be for the purchase of the following only: Seed Potatoes, Seed Oats, Seed Wheat, Seed Barley, Fertilisers.
- Applications must be on the prescribed form obtainable from the Secretary of the Council. The last date for the receipt of the applications will be the 3rd May, 1978.
- Applications will be accepted only from rated occupiers or cultivators resident in the County of Galway and must, before being submitted to the County Council, be recommended by a responsible person, e.g. the Parish Priest, Curate, or Secretary of Branch of Macra na Feirme of the Parish in which the applicant resides, who will only recommend applicants who in their opinion are unable to obtain seeds or fertilisers without the aid of facilities granted under this Scheme.
- Recommended applications, when received by the Council, will be considered by the County Manager. The statements made by the applicants will be verified, and in appropriate cases, authority will be issued to the merchant or supplier named by the applicant to issue the goods required. Applicants will be notified of the issue of such authorities.
- The total value of the goods supplied to any individual applicant under this Scheme shall not exceed the sum of £100.
- The amount advanced on behalf of any applicant together with a sum of 5p. in the £ to cover interest charges and administrative costs must be repaid by the applicant to the Council on or before the 31st day of December, 1978, after which date the Council may take legal proceedings for the recovery of the sum due, or include the amount due in the rates payable by the applicant for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1979. Any sum so collectable will be payable in full with the arrears, if any, and the first moiety of the County Rate.
- Before purchasing any seed oats, wheat or barley, in pursuance of any authority given by the Galway County Council the purchaser must satisfy himself that seeds supplied under the Scheme have been tested for purity and germination, and should obtain a certificate to that effect from the vendor of the seed.
- After receipt of the merchant's account on the form which will be supplied to the merchant or supplier for that purpose, payment of the value of the goods will be made by the Council direct to the merchant.
- Applicants must see that prices in excess of Government Control are not charged.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)  
DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Galway County Council will at a meeting which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on or after Monday, 12th December, 1977 commencing at 3.30 p.m. consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads:

Area	From	To	Metres
Portumna	C.R. 576 Oultort	Gate leading to W. Walsh's house, Oultort	283
Loughrea	C.R. 543 Carrowcrin	E. Shiel's house, Carrowcrin	126
Loughrea	C.R. 543 Tomany Beg	J. Broderick's Gate, Tomany Beg	160
Gort	C.R. 321 Doors	towards Shaughnessys	210
Athenry	Jnc. with C.R. 431 Clough, Gurteen	towards Stephen Kelly's house, Clough	220
Athenry	Jnc. with C.R. 439 Derrymanagh	Spur to Higgins' Gate	96
Athenry	End of C.R. branch of 433 Shanballyeeshal	Cunniffes house, Shanballyeeshal	75
Ballinasloe	Jnc. C.R. 601 Newcastle	towards Coughlan's house	200
Loughrea	N.6 Cartronsheela	Gate near residence of Tarpey's and J. Skehills, Cartronsheela	250
Ballinasloe	Jnc. C.R. 601 in townland of Moat	Broderick's field gate	727
Ballinasloe	Jnc. at Main Rd. 430 Moher	J. Moran's house, Moher	217
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SCHEME FOR THE SUPPLY OF SEEDS AND/OR FERTILISERS ON LOAN TERMS

The following shall be the Regulations and Conditions in pursuance of which facilities may be granted for the purchase of Seeds and/or Fertilisers during the period ending on the 31st day of July, 1978, by the Galway County Council:

1. The facilities offered shall be for the purchase of the following only: Seed Potatoes, Seed Oats, Seed Wheat, Seed Barley, Fertilisers.
2. Applications must be on the prescribed form obtainable from the Secretary of the Council. The last date for the receipt of the applications will be the 3rd May, 1978.
3. Applications will be accepted only from rated occupiers or cultivators resident in the County of Galway and must, before being submitted to the County Council, be recommended by a responsible person, e.g. the Parish Priest, Curate, or Secretary of Branch of Macra na Feirme of the Parish in which the applicant resides, who will only recommend applicants who in their opinion are unable to obtain seeds or fertilisers without the aid of facilities granted under this Scheme.
4. Recommended applications, when received by the Council, will be considered by the County Manager. The statements made by the applicants will be verified, and in appropriate cases, authority will be issued to the merchant or supplier named by the applicant to issue the goods required. Applicants will be notified of the issue of such authorities.
5. The total value of the goods supplied to any individual applicant under this Scheme shall not exceed the sum of £100.
6. The amount advanced on behalf of any applicant together with a sum of 5p. in the £ to cover interest charges and administrative costs must be repaid by the applicant to the Council on or before the 31st day of December, 1978, after which date the Council may take legal proceedings for the recovery of the sum due, or include the amount due in the rates payable by the applicant for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1979. Any sum so collectable will be payable in full with the arrears, if any, and the first moiety of the County Rate.
7. Before purchasing any seed oats, wheat or barley, in pursuance of any authority given by the Galway County Council the purchaser must satisfy himself that seeds supplied under the Scheme have been tested for purity and germination, and should obtain a certificate to that effect from the vendor of the seed.
8. After receipt of the merchant's account on the form which will be supplied to the merchant or supplier for that purpose, payment of the value of the goods will be made by the Council direct to the merchant.
9. Applicants must see that prices in excess of Government Control are not charged.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Galway County Council will at a meeting which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on or after Monday, 12th December, 1977 commencing at 3.30 p.m. consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads:

Area	From	To	Metres
Portumna	C.R. 576 Oultort	Gate leading to W. Walsh's house, Oultort	283
Loughrea	C.R. 543 Carrowcrin	E. Shiel's house, Carrowcrin	126
Loughrea	C.R. 543 Tomany Beg	J. Broderick's Gate, Tomany Beg	160
Gort	C.R. 321 Doorus	towards Shaughnessys	210
Athenry	Jnc. with C.R. 431 Clough, Gurteen	towards Stephen Kelly's house, Clough	220
Athenry	Jnc. with C.R. 439 Derrynanagh	Spur to Higgins' Gate	96
Athenry	End of C.R. branch of 433 Shanballyeeshal	Cunniffes house, Shanballyeeshal	75
Ballinasloe	Jnc. C.R. 601 Newcastle	towards Coughlan's house	200
Loughrea	N.6 Cartronsheela	Gate near residence of Tarpey's and J. Skehills, Cartronsheela	250
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 14th. NOVEMBER, 1977.

IN THE CHAIR:- Deputy T. Hussey.

PRESENT:

Members:-

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. O'Flatharta, P. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillor J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery & T. Welby.

Officials:-

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; K. Hayes, Acting Deputy County Engineer; M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineer (Housing); J. O'Neill, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer (Housing); Miss C. Hett, Acting Senior Staff Officer; Miss J. Forde, Staff Officer; J. O'Kelly, Administrative Officer.

1827 LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME:

The Acting Assistant County Manager gave an analysis and an up-to-date report on the progress of provision of houses in the various schemes and on rural houses throughout the County.

REVISED CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING:

The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that the capital allocation for local authority housing for the current year was increased by £201,000 from £1,190,000 to £1,391,000 in October, 1977. Of this sum, £1,096,000 is being made available from the local loans fund - the balance of £295,000 is to be provided by way of overdraft. Prior to notification of the increase, the following schemes were advertised for tender: Glenamaddy - 8 houses. Mountbellew - 6 houses. Laurencetown - 6 houses.

The additional allocation meant that work could commence on those schemes as well as on a number of rural houses and approximately 20 demountable dwellings. Work has already commenced on the Laurencetown scheme and the contractor for Glenamaddy and Mountbellew schemes is negotiating bonds with an insurance company. Subject to getting bonds, work can commence on both schemes immediately.

In addition, tenders recently received for the following schemes are being examined: Clifden - 20 houses. Roundstone - 8 houses. Athenry - 34 houses. Tuam Old People's Homes - 12 houses.

Work could also commence on those schemes if suitable tenders are received and if bonds are available. He also stated that it was expected that the full allocation would be expended.

DIRECT LABOUR WORK FORCE TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN COUNCIL HOUSES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'MORAIN.

Councillor O'Morain proposing this motion said that small Contractors would not build houses for the Council as tax would be deducted at source if they did not hold an exemption certificate. Very few Contractors had exemption certificates. In view of this the Council should consider forming a direct labour work force to build and maintain Council houses or alternatively supply the materials and make a contract for the labour.

EMPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORKER - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'MORAIN.

Councillor O'Morain proposing this motion said he felt the employment of an additional Social Worker would make possible an in-depth housing survey to be carried out instead of the system presently in operation.

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DEPUTY CALLANAN complimented the staff of the Housing Department for the great work they are doing. He considered it to be the most heavily worked Department of the County Council. He hoped the Council will maintain the present output of Local Authority houses. He recommended that the Council should build 5-roomed houses in future as anything less is inadequate. He said the problem of small Contractors having to pay sub-contractors tax militates against progress in erecting rural houses.

COUNCILLOR WELBY enquired how tenants for 8 new houses incourse of erection in Oughterard would be selected. He recommended that the erection of further houses be considered and that some thought be given to the provision of old peoples houses. He suggested that land owned by the Sisters of be examined to see if it was suitable for housing.

Deputy Killilea endorsed Deputy Callanan's remarks regarding the staff of the Housing Department. He agreed that the question of rural houses posed a problem but would not support the system suggested by Councillor O'Moran. He suggested the County Manager might do something to have the system of small Contractors having to pay tax changed. Rural cottages should be built in groups, rather than in isolation, preferably in locations where services can be provided. He agreed that houses with less than 5 rooms should not be provided in future. He enquired about the position regarding the development of private sites in Tuam. Suitable sites at Kilconly should be acquired and houses built there. He asked at what stage of development the site in Corofin now stands.

Councillor Fahy stated that progress with the erection of houses in towns and villages was better by comparison with rural houses. He felt that encouragement should be given, by means of the low rise mortgage scheme & grants, to applicants to build their own houses on sites provided by the Council. He felt that the price per square foot being paid to small contractors for rural houses was too low. The Council was doing a good job in supplying demountables but in some cases old people didn't want to go into them because of prejudices against them. Some demountables had to be taken away and re-erected in other locations despite the fact that housing conditions where they were originally located were deplorable. Where demountables are required urgently greater speed in providing them would be welcomed. Consideration should be given to the question of paying essential repairs grants to Voluntary Organisations which organise locally the repair of houses.

COUNCILLOR MCCORMACK agreed that consideration should be given to working out some acceptable alternative scheme to the present system of erecting rural houses. He enquired if length of time on the housing list was a factor in selecting tenants.

COUNCILLOR BURKE agreed with the compliments paid by Deputy Callanan to the staff of the Housing Department. He complained that despite repeated requests no land was being sought in Tynagh for the provision of houses. Applicants in this area with rural backgrounds were being forced to go into houses in Loughrea and Portumna. He recommended that the Council consider paying a higher E.S.B. contribution in deserving cases. He suggested that greater emphasis be placed on provision of rural houses instead of providing accommodation in towns. He recommended that some old peoples homes be provided in Portumna. As there were no complaints regarding "Fabricast" demountables they should be purchased in the future.

COUNCILLOR HAVERTY recommended that applicants who can provide sites for Council houses should not be given demountables but should have conventional houses erected for them. He wondered if the Council could do anything to force people in very bad housing

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to occupy demountables provided for them. He asked if the Council was making serious efforts to acquire housing sites in Killimor. He enquired if the Council could increase its contributions towards essential repairs.

DEPUTY MANNION said he would also like to see the Council increasing its essential repairs grants. He did not agree with Councillor O'Morain's suggestion of the Council providing materials and making a contract for the supply of labour for erection of rural dwellings. He would prefer instead to see a direct labour force organised for essential repairs and maintenance of houses. He deplored the delay in completing one particular rural house. He agreed the Council should pay increased E.S.B. contributions in needy cases. He enquired about tenders for the erection of houses at Roundstone and Clifden.

COUNCILLOR MORGAN said he did not see why vested tenants should be required to state why they wished to redeem their annuities. He felt this practice would not stand up in a court of law. He recommended that the site of the former town dump in Loughrea and owned by the Town Commissioners be examined to see if it would be suitable for erection of Council houses and for serviced sites. Provision of further houses at Pollroebuck should be considered. Public lighting requirements at Pollroebuck estate should be examined. He enquired if O'Connor's land at Pollroebuck was being acquired by agreement or by compulsory purchase order. A small plot of ground adjacent to Donnellon Drive which is owned by the Council should be utilised or sold as a certain individual had taken possession of it. Damage to a fence between Mr. Ryan's land and a rear access road to the housing estate at Portumna should be made good. He congratulated Mr. Keating, County Manager, and Mr. Kearns, Assistant County Manager, on their handling of the Itinerants housing problem in Galway City recently. He hoped they would continue to do not what is popular but what is right.

COUNCILLOR JOYCE enquired if a couple living in deplorable housing conditions could be provided with a demountable dwelling. He recommended that another very deserving case be re-examined.

COUNCILLOR BYRNE enquired if individuals, in poor housing conditions who would not require an entire house, could be catered for by sub-dividing some of the houses to be erected in Kinvara. He felt applicants who were unsuccessful for houses should be so informed and that their names were being placed on the Council's housing list.

COUNCILLOR GLYNN felt that provision of serviced sites in towns and villages would reduce substantially requests for planning permission to build second family dwellings which would later generate demands for the provision of services. The use of cheap sitka spruce timber in Local Authority houses should be prohibited. He enquired about efforts to acquire land for housing in Milltown.

COUNTY MANAGER replied to points raised by members as follows:-

Sub-Contractors tax was now part of the Income Tax code and if anything was to be done it would have to come from the members themselves as he already had been unsuccessful in having the system changed.

The Council will never solve its housing problem by changing emphasis from building in villages to single rural houses as one house can be as troublesome as a scheme of houses.

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The lowest rate per square foot paid to Contractors for erection of rural houses was £10. If we make a public issue of the present system of negotiated price, all rural houses would have to go to tender resulting in additional delays.

There is a legal procedure, in cases of danger, for compelling people living in dangerous buildings to abandon them.

There is no limit, other than the general availability of finance, to the amount which the Council may pay by way of assistance towards essential repairs.

Tenders for the erection of houses at Roundstone and Clifden were under examination.

ACTING ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER replied to points raised by members as follows:-

Provision of 4 bedroom houses (20 in current year) was being made where the circumstances demanded it.

Building of rural houses on materials and labour contract basis had been tried some years ago but resulted in a steep increase in building. In view of the serious difficulties involved we may have to consider system built houses particularly for the Connemara area.

Length of time on the waiting list did not confer any entitlement to special consideration under the scheme of priorities adopted by the Council.

Where circumstances warranted it the Council could consider an additional E.S.B. contribution and seek the Minister's sanction thereto.

Provision of some old peoples houses in Portumna would be considered.

Consideration would be given to the carrying out of essential repairs by a direct labour gang.

The Council was obliged to ask tenants intending to purchase their annuities to state why they wished to do so. The purpose is to avoid having tenants who redeem their annuities selling their houses and coming back on the Council's housing list.

It was agreed to look into complaints regarding public lighting at Pollroebuck Estate, Loughrea.

Negotiations for the acquisition of O'Connor's land at Pollroebuck were proceeding. If negotiations failed a compulsory purchase order could be made.

The strip of Council land in Loughrea of which possession had been taken by a certain person had been earmarked as an entrance to Donnellan Drive. Steps would be taken to preserve the Council's rights.

The question of damage to fence belonging to a Mr. Ryan at Portumna housing estate would be examined.

The question of sub-dividing some of the new houses in Kinvara to accommodate single people in very bad housing conditions would be looked at in the light of the need involved.

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Three of the four sites at Milltown mentioned as suitable for housing development will be looked at. The fourth site was found to be unsuitable.

STRUCTURAL GUARANTEE SCHEME FOR PRIVATE HOUSES:

The Acting Assistant County Manager read Circular letter Ref. H 41/77 dated 3rd. November, '77 received from Department of the Environment regarding the proposed guarantee scheme for private houses to be introduced next year.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

SIGNED: Tom Hussey (CHAIRMAN)

DATE: 19/12/77

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 12th DECEMBER, 1977.

IN THE CHAIR: - Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT: -

Members - Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors F. Coogan, S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta, P. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, M. D. Higgins, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Councillor M. Kelly, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane & T. Welby.

Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Manager; Messrs. M. Tierney, S. McMahon, K. Hays, F. Monahan, H. Finnegan, Chief Assistant County Engineers; J. Beirne, Acting C.A.C.E.; M. Moroney, County Accountant; P. J. McGovern, S.S.O.; M. Commins, S.O.; Mrs. P. Monahan, S.O.; Miss M. Concannon, Assistant Staff Officer & T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1828 - WELCOME TO MR. J. CROTTY, DEPUTY COUNTY ENGINEER:

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Crotty who had taken up duty as Deputy County Engineer with the Council and looked forward to working in co-operation with him. Deputy Killilea and other Members joined in the expression of welcome to Mr. Crotty. Mr. Crotty thanked the Chairman and Members for their kind remarks.

1829 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1978:

The County Manager referred to his statement dated 1st December, 1977, to each Member of the Council which accompanied the book of Estimates and stated that he would like to make a few comments by way of explanation as to how the Estimates were compiled. He stated that the Estimates as presented allowed for an increase of 11% in the rate in the £ over the rate in the £ for 1977. In calculating the rate for 1978 account was taken of an increase in the valuation in the region of £14,500 with the result that the yield from the two factors, i.e. 11% increase on the rate in the £ and an increased rating base due to new and increased valuations meant an increase in funds of approximately 14 1/2%. A feature of the Council's activities was that many services were expanding rapidly. The Council had held a meeting to preview the 1978 Roads Estimates and while these Estimates had been revised to take account of the 11% maximum increase allowed, they were as yet only tentative proposals and would remain so until such time as the Road Grants are notified in January or early February. In preparing the Roads Programme, account was taken of increased road mileage, increased usage, demands from Councillors for the removal and improvement of bends, for taking over of roads, and the effects which the long dry spells had on some roads.

Referring to the Water and Sewerage Programme, the County Manager stated that while Galway County Council may have been slow in embarking on regional schemes, it now had a substantial water and sewerage programme to be financed from Capital Funds which in turn meant increased maintenance. There were also demands for the provision of new dumps and for extensions to the refuse collection service.

The County Manager stated that page 7 of his report showed how the available funds had been allocated between the various programmes. It was necessary to provide for an increase in excess of 11% in some services with a corresponding reduction in other services. Regarding



stated that the Council's policy of providing small water and sewerage schemes out of Revenue was a good one and should be continued. He was in favour of paying the agricultural demand in full and would have no objection to reducing the Council's contribution towards Bord Failte amenity schemes. Deputy Mannion agreed with the restoration of the notice of motion money and meeting the agricultural demand in full. He noted that the Library Estimate had been reduced by a sum of £7,400 and asked if the Library Service had got the full 11% increase. Councillor Kelly stated that provision should be made for notice of motion roads as there was a large number of roads yet to be done. He was disappointed that the Council did not propose purchasing a further refuse collection vehicle as the service needed to be expanded and asked if consideration had been given to any cheaper form of collection. Councillor O Morain asked if it had yet been decided what schemes would be provided out of the £100,000 provision for small water and sewerage schemes. He also asked if the remission of rates on industrial premises would still be available. He disagreed with the idea of reducing the Council's contribution towards the Bord Failte amenity schemes. Councillor Joyce stated that the notice of motion money and the reduction in the agricultural demand should be restored. If it was decided to make the promoters of group schemes liable for some of the road restoration he recommended that the organisers of new schemes be advised of this immediately. He stated that water consumers in towns should be charged more for water as they were paying a lot less in comparison with the costs which consumers have to meet in rural areas. Councillor S. Donnellan agreed that the notice of motion money should be restored and stated that the Department should be asked to meet the cost of all malicious injuries from central funds. The Chairman stated that it was very important that the agricultural demand be met in full as any reduction in it meant a loss of grant of a similar amount from the Department. He also favoured the restoration of the notice of motion money.

The County Manager replying to some of the queries raised by the Members suggested that in relation to notice of motion money, that the Estimate as presented be allowed to stand and that when the Road Grants are notified the Council could then decide how the available funds would be allocated. As the re-distribution of funds would be within the Roads Programme, there would be no need to vary the Estimate. Regarding the demand from the Committee of Agriculture, the County Manager stated that it was clear what the Members wishes were in this respect. Since the Estimates had been prepared, Officials from the Committee of Agriculture had also explained to the County Manager the effect the reduction in the demand would have. In order to adjust the Estimates for the purposes of meeting the demand in full and having regard to the suggestions made by the Members, the County Manager stated that he would prefer to reduce the sum provided for small water and sewerage schemes to a figure not less than £75,000 rather than reduce the Council's contribution towards the Bord Failte amenity schemes. These schemes were funded by the County Council and Bord Failte on a £ for £ basis and they also served the local interest as well as the tourist interest. This would meet £25,000 of the deficit and the balance of £2,669 could be taken from the sum provided for overdraft interest. It was difficult to estimate how much to provide for overdraft interest as the overdraft rate fluctuated from time to time but the amended figure should be sufficient.

In connection with group water schemes, the County Manager stated that the provision of £82,700 for road restoration was a significant sum and although it only represented 50% of the estimated cost of road restoration in 1978, it was an increase on the sum provided under this heading in 1977 Estimates. In most counties the promoters of schemes have to bear the full cost of road restoration. This Council contributed generously towards group schemes by way of grants, special contributions, road restoration, etc., and if greater care was taken in road openings and back-filling, the cost of road restoration could be reduced.

On the question of amenity grants, the County Manager stated that there was a continuing demand for grants and this was a good scheme and it was necessary that the projects involved would serve a public purpose.

Regarding the provision for wage increases in 1978, he stated that nobody knows what the outcome of the negotiations for a new National Wages Agreement will be and that the figure of 5% was used as this was the figure mentioned publicly. Referring to the problem about the Housing Subsidy, the County Manager stated that not many local authorities were in the same position as Galway County Council because the change in the manner of calculating the Housing Subsidy was notified very shortly after this Council had completed its Estimates. He stated that the Council would consider the question of fixing realistic prices for grave spaces and on the question of maintenance of burial grounds he stated that if the graves were kept in good condition by the owners it would help the Council to maintain a higher standard. Replying to Councillor Burke's query about the water and sewerage schemes financed out of revenue, the County Manager stated that the schemes started in 1977 out of this fund were water schemes at Ballyconneely, Williamstown and Ballygar, and Newbridge Sewerage Scheme. He stated that the preliminary report for Killimor Sewerage Scheme had been sent to the Department for approval and some queries raised by the Department were being examined. The estimated cost of the scheme was £120,000 which meant that it was too large to finance from rates but it would be looked at to see how its position could be improved. The reduction of £7,400 in the Library Estimate was small and the Library Estimate itself was well in excess of the 11% ceiling. As regards an alternative cheaper method of refuse collection, the County Manager stated that there was no real alternative to the covered-in vehicle and if the job is not done properly complaints will be made. In some cases the demand for the service was coming from areas where the need was not great. On the question of remission of rates on industrial premises, the County Manager stated that this would remain in operation. As regards malicious injuries he stated that this was one area where the rate increase could exceed 11% according to the circular from the Department. He also stated that no proposals had yet been put forward regarding rate collectors arising from the abolition of domestic rates.

The County Engineer then replied to some of the queries and referring to his recommendation that the notice of motion money be omitted for 1978 he stated that his reason for this was so that that money could be transferred to county road maintenance where there was a shortfall of £135,000. Notice of motion roads added extra mileage to the road schedule and the Council should not take on additional responsibilities until better progress is made with the existing roads which the Council had been taking over at the rate of about 40 miles per year. Referring to the dangerous corner mentioned by Councillor Galvin, he stated that this was being examined and he hoped that some improvement could be done in 1978. The County Engineer stated that the dumping of beet on road-sides was often done in a dangerous manner and was often a traffic hazard especially at night. Where there was no alternative he felt that some arrangement could be made whereby it could be properly unloaded and left in a safe position. He stated that the road proposal which Councillor Burke said was outstanding since 1976 would be looked into.

Councillor Morgan then proposed that £58,900 be allocated for notice of motion roads and this was seconded by Councillor McCormack.

Deputy Killilea proposed that the demand from the Committee of Agriculture be met in full and that in order to do this the provision for small water and sewerage schemes in villages be reduced by £25,000 and the provision for overdraft be reduced by £2,669 and that subject to these amendments the Estimate as presented be adopted. This was seconded by Deputy Callanan.

Some discussion followed regarding the notice of motion roads and it was finally agreed that when the Roadworks Scheme for 1978 was being prepared after notification of the Road Grants that the same provision would be made in it for notice of motion roads as was in the 1977 Estimates, i.e. £54,250. The County Manager explained that this would not necessitate an amendment of Programme 2 (Road Transportation & Safety) of the Estimates before the Council as the adjustment arose within that programme.

The Chairman then declared Deputy Killilea's proposal carried. It was noted that the adoption of the Estimates as amended resulted in the rates to be levied for the year 1978 as follows:-

(a) TABLE B 1.

<u>Programme Group</u>	<u>Amount to be levied</u>	<u>Rate in the £.</u>
Housing and Building	£589,986	1.0196
Road Transportation and Safety	£2,606,887	4.5052
Water Supply and Sewerage	£1,039,698	1.7968
Development Incentives and Controls	£125,805	0.2174
Environmental Protection	£510,046	0.8815
Recreation and Amenity	£300,148	0.5187
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	£810,181	1.4002
Miscellaneous Services	£262,871	0.4543
All Programme Groups Total .. . . .	£6,245,622	10.7937

(b) TABLE C.

<u>Separate Charges</u>	<u>Amount to be levied</u>	<u>Rate in the £.</u>
River Corrib Navigation	£6,416	0.0106
Galway Harbour	£2,645	0.0044
Vocational Education	£60,200	0.0992
<u>Criminal Injury Decrees</u>		
D.E.D. Oranmore	£431.79	0.1000
D.E.D. Spiddal	£51.21	0.0137
D.E.D. Inishmore	£199.00	0.0901
D.E.D. Liscananaun	£132.96	0.0528
D.E.D. Killeenavarra	£56.05	0.0658
do.	£19.75	
do.	£31.65	
do.	£31.65	
D.E.D. Castletaylor	£31.98	0.0206
D.E.D. Skehanagh	£30.50	0.1027
do.	£30.50	
do.	£38.75	
do.	£38.75	
do.	£54.65	
do.	£38.75	
do.	£30.50	
D.E.D. Kilthomas	£204.68	0.2000
D.E.D. Beagh	£41.00	0.0096
D.E.D. Killogilleen	£149.45	0.1635
do.	£70.20	
do.	£125.50	
do.	£35.90	
do.	£35.90	
do.	£22.05	
do.	£30.90	
do.	£30.90	
do.	£30.90	
do.	£35.65	
D.E.D. Oughterard	£388.18	0.0515
D.E.D. Gorumna	£204.25	0.1105.

and charges for Criminal Injuries leviable on the Borough District of Galway as set out in Nos. 2511 - 2543 in Separate Charges Register and in Table C of the Estimates.

(c) TABLE D - TOWN CHARGES:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Amount to be raised</u>	<u>Rate in the £</u>
Loughrea	£642.	0.0574
Tuam	£1,450.	0.1000

1830 - ADOPTION OF ESTIMATE AND DETERMINATION OF RATES IN THE £.:

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Deputy Callanan and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby adopt for the financial year ending 31st December, 1978, the Estimate of Expenses as amended and set out in Tables A, B.1, C and D, and hereby determine in accordance with the said Estimates the rates set out in Column 11 of Table B.1, Column 11 of Table C, and Column 7 of Table D to be the rates in the £ to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in Column 1 of Table B.1 and in Tables C and D".

The prescribed certificate was then signed by the Chairman and the County Secretary.

1831 - DEMANDS ON URBAN AUTHORITIES:

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Deputy Callanan and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on Galway Borough Council and on Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the year ending 31st December, 1978".

The demands were then sealed and signed.

The Chairman and Members thanked the County Manager and Staff for the manner in which the Estimates were presented to the Members and the County Manager thanked the County Accountant and all the Staff for their help in preparing the Estimates.

1832 - Councillor Byrne proposed that a case be made to the Department of the Environment for a special grant to offset the 50% of the cost of road restoration to be met by promoters of group water schemes. This was seconded by Deputy Killilea and agreed.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

SIGNED: Tom O'Connell (CHAIRMAN).

DATE: 23/1/78

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 19th DECEMBER, 1977.

IN THE CHAIR: - Deputy J. Callanan.

PRESENT:

Members

- Councillors G. Bartley, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta, P. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, M. D. Higgins, B. Holland, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials

- Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; Messrs. H. Finnegan, M. Tierney, S. McMahon, F. Monahan, Chief Assistant County Engineer; Messrs. W. Cahill, L. Kavanagh, J. Beirne, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineers; Miss G. O'Grady & Messrs. T. O'Neill, P. J. McGovern, D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer & T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1833 - WELCOME TO MR. T. O'DONOGHUE, LAW AGENT:

Deputy J. Callanan introduced Mr. T. O'Donoghue, Solicitor, to the Members of the Council and congratulated him on his appointment as the Council's first wholetime permanent law agent. Deputy Killilea and other Members joined in the welcome to Mr. O'Donoghue. The County Manager also welcomed Mr. O'Donoghue on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff.

Mr. O'Donoghue thanked everybody for their kind remarks.

Deputy T. Hussey then took the chair.

1834 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 25589 - APPLICANT MICHAEL GREALISH:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

The application was similar to an application which came before the Council some time ago. The developer, Mr. Michael Grealish, obtained permission to construct two houses only on a site consisting of 1.2 acres from the Minister for Local Government on 11th December, 1973, (Ref. No. 14621). A condition of this permission was: "Two houses only shall be constructed on the entire site." Mr. Grealish constructed both these houses and sold them to their present occupiers.

Mr. Grealish now wants permission to construct a further house on part of these lands plus a further 25 ft. at the building line to the west. When the matter came before the Council on 25th October, 1976, the motion was withdrawn on the understanding that Mr. Grealish would submit a site that was not part of the original dual permission. This submission was made and is now found to contain only 25 feet of new lands to the west.

The grant of permission would be contrary to the conditions of the Minister's permission (Ref. No. 14621) and under which two houses have now been built and occupied by Mr. McGann and Mr. Joyce; both are objecting on the grounds that a further permission would invalidate the permissions for their houses and have given notice they will protect their titles by legal action if necessary.

Refusal of permission is recommended for the same reason as given by the Planning Authority; the Minister for Local Government;

and An Bord Pleanala on a number of previous applications on this site. The last was given by An Bord Pleanala in August, 1977, as follows:-

"The site, or the bulk of it, forms part of an area of about 1.2 acres with a road frontage of about 300 feet for which permission for the erection of two houses only was granted on appeal on 11th December, 1973, (Planning Ref. No. 14621). The erection of a further house on the site the subject of the present appeal would result in an excessive density of development in this area of Special Development Control where the provisions of the County Development Plan require that a site be not less than half an acre in area with a road frontage of not less than 75 feet. These provisions are considered reasonable".

Councillor McCormack stated that having been approached by the land-owner he examined the site and found that there was 118 ft. frontage available between the existing houses and that it would be good planning to have another house built there. He proposed that permission be granted. The County Manager stated that the site the subject of the application consisted of part of the site on which permission was granted on appeal for not more than 2 houses, plus an extra 25 ft. of frontage. Councillor Holland stated that in relation to Section 4s generally, the Members did not have enough information about the applications and asked if information or maps could be supplied to the Members in advance. Deputy Killilea felt that if there was a condition restricting the number of houses on a particular site that this condition should not be contravened. As there was no seconder for the motion, the Chairman did not allow any further discussion on it and the motion was not put. The County Manager said he would examine the possibility of giving reports to the Members in advance.

1835 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26161 - APPLICANT MARTIN CURRAN:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

The site immediately adjoins the National Secondary Road between Galway and Moycullen and is located on a sharp bend opposite a double junction where the maximum speed limit applies. This section of the roadway has not been re-aligned hence visibility is restricted in both directions. Development on this site is, therefore, likely to constitute a traffic hazard on three accounts:-

- (1) It is located on a heavily trafficked National Secondary Route.
- (2) It is located opposite a double junction.
- (3) It is located on a sharp bend where visibility is limited.

The application is for Outline Permission for a single dwelling-house. No special need for the proposed house is claimed.

A number of previous applications for a dwellinghouse on this and overlapping adjacent sites have been made to the Planning Authority. In November, 1967, Outline Permission for one house was granted on a larger site (Ref. No. 3603). The house itself was to be sited east of the site now under consideration - the siting originally proposed was turned down on the grounds of traffic hazard by the Design Engineer, and a revised layout was submitted - but the remainder of the site which includes the eastern half of the present site was to be sterilised. Approval was sought and granted in 1968 and that house has now been built (Ref. No. 3888).

Application for permission for one house on the eastern half of the present site was refused in October, 1969 (Ref. No. 6674) and again in August, 1970 (Ref. No. 8243). This second application was appealed and refused by the Minister for Local Government in April, 1971, for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development located on a sharp bend on a heavily trafficked National Secondary Route where visibility is limited would result in a traffic hazard and interference with road users.
2. The proposed development would result in an intensification of undesirable ribbon development in a rural area contrary to the proper planning and development of the area and the policy of the Planning Authority as set out in the County Development Plan which aims to gather such development into existing centres. This policy is considered reasonable."

A further application for two dwellinghouses on a larger site almost co-incidental with the present one was refused in November, 1972, (Ref. No. 12526) for the same reasons, as was an application for three dwellinghouses which was refused in January, 1976.

The reasons given for refusing these earlier applications are considered still valid in the present case, and refusal is, therefore, recommended on the following grounds:-

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies at a road bend with restricted sight distances and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road.
2. The proposed development would contravene the conditions of a covenant drawn up between the landowner and Galway County Council, sterilising the western portion of this site from further housing development.

Councillor Welby proposed that permission be granted stating that the applicant was living in a rented house and that there was a genuine need. The motion was seconded by Councillor J. Molloy. The County Engineer stated that the site was located on a dangerous bend along a National Secondary Road. He showed a map to the Members of the proposed location of the house and where the road needed to be re-aligned. The site was on the crown of a curved section of road and would constitute a traffic hazard. He stated that no hardship or housing need had been claimed by the applicant and that the Council should consider the matter very seriously before making a decision. When Councillor Welby stated that there was an existing access to the site for agricultural purposes, the County Engineer replied that there was no comparison between the traffic that would be generated from agricultural use and from residential use. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

1836 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955: PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26298 - APPLICANT LIAM KEOGH:

The County Manager stated that the Council had written to the applicant in this case for further information in relation to the application and that it would be advisable to wait until the information is received before deciding on the application. He said that it could be left over to the January Meeting of the Council and this was agreed.

1837 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Glynn, the Minutes of the Housing Meeting held on 14th November, 1977, and the Ordinary Meeting held on 28th November, 1977 (Nos. 1768 - 1827 inclusive), were approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the word "costs" being inserted after the word building in line 18 of page 4 of the Housing Minutes which word was omitted in error.

1838 - 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.

1839 - SEEDS AND FERTILISERS LOAN SCHEME 1978:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to continue this scheme on the same terms as applied in the year 1977 except that the amount of the loan had been increased from £40 to £100. Councillor Higgins stated that he was not satisfied with Clause 3 of the scheme as the category of persons by whom applicants had to be recommended for loans was too restrictive and he asked if the category of such persons could be broadened. The County Manager replied that there would be no objection to this and it was then proposed by Deputy Callanan, seconded by Deputy Donnellan and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the scheme for the supply of seeds and fertilisers on loan terms for 1978 as circulated, subject to the amendment recommended by Councillor Higgins".

1840 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES - BONTEX LTD.:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the grant of the appropriate remission of rates in respect of the premises at Tuam occupied by Bontex Ltd.

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

"That Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts, 1969 - 1975, hereby remit  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the rates leviable by the Council in respect of the industrial premises at Tuam occupied by Bontex Ltd., the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1977 - 1985 inclusive (the premises was not rated in 1976) - the appropriate certificate under Section 3 of the Industrial Development Act 1972 having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority,

1841 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Deputy Killilea and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby declare the roads on the schedule attached to Item No. 6 on the Agenda to be public roads, the necessary procedure in relation to publication of notice of intention to do so having been complied with."

1842 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the houses let to the following tenants in accordance with the terms of Notices dated 7th December, 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:

1. Patrick Hannon, Pollroebuck, Loughrea.
2. Michael Kennedy, Carrownamona, Ardrahan.
3. Patrick O'Connell, Carrowmanagh, Oughterard.
4. Michael Dervan, Rathmore, Killimor.
5. Joseph Prendergast, Carrowmanagh, Oughterard.
6. John J. Healy, Carrowmanagh, Oughterard."

1843 - RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE - AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE THREE FINANCIAL YEARS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1976:

The Auditor's Report on the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee for the three financial years ended 31st December, 1976, was submitted and noted.

1844 - ROAD AT CLOONMORE - MINUTE NO. 1802:

This related to a motion in the name of Councillor Welby on which there was no report available for the November Meeting. The County Manager stated that the estimated cost of bringing this road up to standard for adoption was £2,000 and that this included £1,500 for surface dressing.

Councillor Welby stated that when this road was repaired under a Local Improvements Scheme application, it would have costed very little extra to have it surface dressed and that applicants should be advised to have roads surface dressed with a view to their subsequent taking over. He also stated that Bord Failte intended doing some works on the pier at the end of this road. Councillor McCormack stated that this road was used very much in the summer and noted that the cost of bringing it up to standard without surface dressing was £500. He said that if the road would be taken over without surface dressing he would be agreeable to allocating £250 of his Notice of Motion money towards the road if Councillor Welby would do likewise. Councillor Welby agreed to allocate £250 of his Notice of Motion money towards the road. The Chairman stated that when the road was taken over that it would have to await its turn before it would be blacktopped.

1845 - MAINTENANCE CRAFTSMEN - REVISED RATES OF PAY:

The County Manager stated that a productivity agreement had been negotiated at national level in respect of Craftsmen and Craftsmens' Mates employed by certain local authorities and health boards and had been approved by the Employer Labour Conference and the Minister for the Environment. Based on the National Agreement, a local agreement would now be formalised in respect of these employees employed by Galway County Council and resulting from the Agreement the Council's approval to revised rates of pay as from 1st July, 1977, was requested. The estimated cost for the current financial year was £9,500 and provision had been made in the 1978 Estimates to cover the cost of the proposals for 1978. It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Coogan and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of revised rates of pay for Craftsmen and Craftsmens' Mates and that excess expenditure be approved in the current financial year amounting to £9,500 in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955".

1846 - SCHEME FOR PAYMENT OF RATES BY INSTALMENTS FOR 1978:

The County Manager stated that in 1978 it was proposed to operate a scheme for the payment of rates by instalments similar to the scheme in operation in previous years. The closing date for receipt of applications would be 31st January, 1978 and under the scheme rates would be payable in ten monthly instalments within the first fifteen days of each of the ten consecutive months commencing on 1st February, 1978. It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Deputy Killilea and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the scheme for payment of rates by instalments for the financial year 1978 as outlined by the County Manager".

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

1847 - TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

The County Manager stated that it was proposed that the report on the Transportation Study would be presented to the Members of Galway County Council and Galway Corporation on Monday, 23rd January, 1978. Subject to the Corporation being satisfied as regards the date, the presentation would take place in the Great Southern Hotel at 5.00 p.m.

The Council approved of this arrangement.

1848 - HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS:

The County Manager advised the Council that notification had been received from the Department of Education that the Minister had revised the rates of Higher Education Grants with effect from the beginning of the Academic Year 1977/78 to now and existing grantholders. Details of the revised rates were circulated to the Members and approved.

1849 - TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

Circular Letter G.8/77 of 15 Nollaig, 1977, from the Department of the Environment in connection with Travelling and Subsistence Allowances for Members of Local Authorities was circulated to the Members. It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Ryan and resolved that:-

"(a) Galway County Council hereby approve the payment of travelling expenses at the rate of 22p. in respect of each mile travelled from and to his official residence, to and from the place of meeting, to Members of Galway County Council and to Members of any committee, sub-committee, board or joint-committee or joint-board (other than a vocational education committee or committee of agriculture) of, or appointed by the Council where the official residence of the Member is five miles or more by any route from the place of the meeting - this rate to apply to attendances at meetings on or after 1st September, 1977.

(b) An inclusive travelling and subsistence allowance not exceeding £5.65 be paid to any Member who attends a meeting of the authority or of a committee at a place less than five miles by any route from his official residence and who is obliged by reason of such attendance to remain away from his home for a continuous period of not less than three hours - this allowance to apply to meetings held on or after 1st September, 1977.

(c) The Council also approve the payment of the other travelling and subsistence allowances set out in the enclosure to the Circular letter G.8/77 dated 15 Nollaig, 1977, and also vote the necessary expenditure in accordance with Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to implement all the above allowances for the current financial year."

1850 - GRANTS AND LOANS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES:

Circular Letter dated 16th December, 1977, from the Department of the Environment regarding grants and loans for improvement of houses together with the County Manager's explanatory memorandum on the subject dated 19th December, 1977, was submitted to the Council and noted.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

1851 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT GORTMORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of bringing this road up to standard for adoption was £1,500, which included £1,100 for surface dressing.

1852 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT OWER EAST/OWER WEST - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that a report on this motion would be available for the next meeting.

1853 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD FROM COUNTY ROAD AND PIER ROAD TO BOBBY CURRAN'S GATE, OUGHTERARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that this road qualifies for adoption and the estimated cost of bringing it up to standard for adoption was £350. This money will have to be made available from Councillors' Notice of Motion Funds.

1854 - ROAD TO DUNLOUGHAN BEACH AND POLLREVAGH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that there was no provision in the 1977 or 1978 Estimates for the widening of the road to Dunloughan Beach. The work was considered of low priority. The Pollrevagh Road is not a County Road and, therefore, cannot be repaired by the Council.

1855 - EXTENSION TO CLOUGHANOVER CEMETERY, HEADFORD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the extension of Cloughanover Burial Ground was desirable and enquiries regarding the availability of land for an extension will be made shortly.

1856 - LOWERING OF WALL AT CLAREGALWAY NEW CEMETERY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that a report would be available on this motion for the next meeting.

1857 - PLACING OF BEET ON ROADSIDES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary read the following report on the matter:-

"This year the volume of beet deposited on hardshoulders and verges was considerably high and the roadsides became depots for unloading storage and loading activities. Interruptions to the free flow of traffic became frequent and the unlit and unsigned beet deposits became a traffic hazard at night. There is damage occurring to the carriageways and verges and the Gardai were written to to take action where the incident spots were particularly dangerous. It is appreciated, however, that beet must be moved from the land to the factory, and this Council will not raise serious objection to suitable sections of the roadside being used for the purpose of temporary storage and loading, provided that the proper precautions are taken in depositing, signing, lighting and loading the beet. The local Area Engineers Office should be contacted so that suitable locations can be agreed on which the beet may be placed."

Councillor Ruane stated that he was satisfied with the report.

1858 - PARKING AT DOONANE GRAVEYARD - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that arrangements to provide carparking space at Doonane Burial Ground are being initiated.

1859 - BALLYMOE SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was expected that the Preliminary Report for Ballymoe Sewerage Scheme would be completed early in 1978. Stage 1 will be considered when deciding the programme of small schemes for 1978.

1860 - DRAINAGE OF ISLAND RIVER - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that this matter was discussed at a previous meeting and a joint meeting between the County Engineers of Roscommon and Galway has been arranged to investigate the problems and implications of a drainage scheme on this river.

The County Engineer stated that when the matter was fully investigated he would report back to the Council.

1861 - USE OF LOUGHAKIP LAKE AS A SOURCE FOR MOYCULLEN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that Moycullen will be served by the Galway City Western Environs Water Supply Scheme which is at present at contract document stage. A sum of £15,000 is provided in the 1978 Estimates for the improvement of the existing Moycullen System pending the implementation of the major scheme. It would not be advisable to expend monies on developing a further source at this stage. Councillor McCormack stated that the Moycullen Scheme needed improvement urgently which had been promised for a long time. In his opinion Loughakip Lake would be a natural reservoir to supply the Moycullen area and he felt that it should be investigated as a possible source. He also stated that there were a number of group schemes waiting for water.

1862 - REMOVAL OF CHIPS FROM MARGINS OF CLOONIFF ROAD, MOYCULLEN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that a report would be available on this motion for the next meeting. Councillor McCormack stated that this road was surface dressed during the summer but that a motor rally took place subsequently and scattered a large amount of chips on the road

margins. He asked for a written reply to the motion.

1863 - ELIGIBILITY OF FARMERS FOR MEDICAL CARDS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

Councillor McCormack stated that he was asking for the support of the Council in requesting that the new guidelines on methods of assessing farmers' eligibility for medical card services be defined. The Chairman stated that this was a matter for the Council's representatives on the local Health Committee and was not a function of the Galway County Council as such. Councillor McCormack stated that he wanted the request to be forwarded to the Health Committee and after Councillor Morgan seconded Councillor McCormack's proposal it was agreed to do this.

1864 - REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR UPPER FORGE, WOODFORD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

The Acting Secretary stated that there was already one collection from a point in this area and arrangements are being made to collect from a second point. Councillor Glynn stated that his proposal involved only a very minor extension of the service and he felt that it should be possible to provide the extension without much difficulty. The County Engineer agreed to re-examine the matter.

1865 - PROVISION OF BURIAL GROUNDS AT KILCLOONEY AND ADDERGOOLE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

Milltown (Kilclooney) Burial Ground:

The Acting Secretary stated that there had been protracted negotiations without success for the acquisition of an area of 1 acre, 1 rood, for an extension to Kilclooney Burial Ground. A further offer was now being made to the owner.

Addergoole Burial Ground:

The Acting Secretary stated that it has not been possible to acquire the lands necessary for an extension to this burial ground by agreement. It is now intended to acquire the plot by compulsory purchase order.

Councillor Glynn stated that extensions to these two burial grounds were required as a matter of urgency and he had been given the same replies over the years when he had enquired about the proposed extensions. He asked that the matter be not delayed any longer.

1866 - IMPROVEMENT OF CORNER ON THE BALLINASLOE/KILCONNELL ROAD AT DEERPARK JUNCTION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GALVIN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this corner is on a main road and there was no provision for its improvement in the 1977 Estimates. The estimated cost of improvement was £6,500. The improvement was desirable and will be undertaken from Main Road Funds in 1978.

1867 - LAURENCETOWN/EYRECOURT GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that under present arrangements, there was no spare capacity in the Eyrecourt Water Supply Scheme and, therefore, a link-up could not be provided. However, it may be possible to develop the Eyrecourt Town source so that part of the group scheme could possibly be connected in. The first step in this direction would be to test the yield of the source and this cannot be done until the late summer of 1978.

1868 - CLEARING OF ANNASASSANAGH BRIDGE AT ROOGHAN, LAURENCETOWN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that there was no evidence that the flooding of land in this area is caused by a restriction of flow at the bridge. Flooding occurs both upstream and downstream of the bridge and there was no obvious drop in water level across the bridge. The river channel leads to one eye only and this eye is not clogged. There is another clear eye of similar size, but there is no channel either to or from this eye. Councillor Joyce stated that he did not agree with the reply and was satisfied that the flooding was occurring because the

eyes of the bridge were blocked. The County Engineer stated that while there was flooding upstream and downstream of the bridge on the date of inspection, the bridge was not the cause of it. He said the matter would be kept under observation.

1869 - DANGEROUS TURN ON CLONFERT/BANAGHER ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that there were a number of bends along this road and a minimum of expenditure of £2,500 would be needed to start some improvements. There was no provision for this work in the 1978 Estimates but it would be considered at the preparation of the Estimates for 1979. The road signs on this road will be examined with a view to improvement if considered desirable.

1870 - IMPROVEMENTS TO AHASCRAGH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that work on Stage 2 of the Ahascragh Water Supply Scheme will commence early in 1978 subject to the availability of finance. The work when completed will facilitate the group scheme subject to the standard conditions.

1871 - LAND AT WATERLOO, MENLOUGH - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that the area referred to in the motion was a strip of waste ground between a realigned section of road and the old roadway and including same. The area is irregular in shape and contains a fairly large deposit of spoil which was dumped there after road realignment works about 12 years ago. A survey will be carried out to determine the suitability of the area as regards size, general contours and development costs and in regard to the use proposed. Senator Kitt stated that it was very difficult to get land for housing in this area and asked if a report would be brought back to the Council when the survey was carried out. The County Engineer stated that a report would be submitted when the survey was carried out.

1872 - IMPROVEMENTS TO MOUNTBELLEW WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that a sum of £10,000 was included in the 1978 Estimates for improvement to Mountbellew Water Supply Scheme. When the improvements are completed consideration will be given to a supply to the Castlegar Group Scheme. Senator Kitt proposed that a supply be given to the group and was supported by the Chairman.

1873 - SOLAS AR CEIBH AN SRUTHAIN - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:

The Acting Secretary stated that this location was not included in the 3 year programme of new public lighting. Clr. O Flatharta stated that this pier was being used by many fishing boats and he suggested that the Council enquire from the E.S.B. as to the cost of the provision of a light and that an approach be made to Roinn na Gaeltachta. The County Manager stated that the proposal would be referred to the Department of Fisheries.

1874 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT EARLSPARK, LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that there was no housing estate at Earlsparck, but that a number of private houses had been built along this County Road outside the town boundary. The area can be put on the list which will be taken in order of priority for public lighting having regard to the funds being made available for public lighting. Councillor Morgan proposed that this location be added to the list for public lighting and was seconded by the Chairman.

1875 - REPAIRS TO WALL OPPOSITE GARRYBREEDA PARK, LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that as the landowner had not carried out repairs to this wall which was on a National Primary Route, the Council proposes to do some repairs in order to prevent any deterioration in the retaining wall under and so maintain the stability of the road.

1876 - UNUSED RAILWAY LINE AT LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that steps to abandon this railway line will not be considered by C.I.E. until ten years have elapsed after closure of the line. Should the line be abandoned by C.I.E., then the County Council would consider the acquisition of a section to provide an approach road from the north as the present approach is severely constricted at the Loughrea end. C.I.E. has been told of the Council's interest in the matter. Councillor Morgan asked that the County Council start negotiations with C.I.E. in order to relieve them of whatever obligations they had in keeping the line available. The County Manager stated that the Council had been in touch with C.I.E. and it seemed that nothing could be done under present legislation but that the matter would be looked into further.

Councillor Morgan referred to a proposed hotel for Loughrea and stated that a store owned by the County Council was in the way. He asked that it be made available to the proprietor at a nominal figure. He was asked to submit details.

1877 - DUNKELLIN DRAINAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Fahey was allowed to substitute the following motion for his motion at 16(a) on the Agenda:-

"That Galway County Council recommend to the Ministers for Agriculture and the Environment, that the Dunkellin Drainage Scheme be carried out with funds recently allocated by the E.E.C. for drainage schemes in the West of Ireland".

In proposing the motion, Councillor Fahey stated that the drainage of the Dunkellin River would relieve thousands of acres of land which are presently flooded. He asked for the Council's full support to try and get the scheme under way. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Haverty and supported by Deputy Callanan who stated that this drainage scheme should get top priority.

1878 - ERECTION OF PUBLIC TOILETS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

Councillor Fahey stated that his reason in putting forward the motion was because of the very slow progress being made in regard to the erection of public toilets throughout the county. He was of the opinion that if local development organisations got assistance from the County Council that they might undertake some of the schemes. The County Manager stated that the County Council would be prepared to consider giving assistance to such proposals by way of plans, specifications, etc., and each application would be considered on its merits.

1879 - DECLARATION OF ROADS AS PUBLIC ROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the requirements in relation to the occupancy of lands at present in use in determining the eligibility of a road to be taken over as a public road were -

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

It is not recommended that the Council depart from these requirements. Councillor Fahey asked under what Act were these requirements drawn up and if they could be changed. The County Manager explained that under the Local Government Act, 1953, a road could be declared public provided there was a public right-of-way over it and that the Road Authority was satisfied that it was of general public utility. Some years ago the Council had laid down criteria defining general public utility. Councillor Fahey stated that he was prepared to defer his motion for the present but that he would raise the matter in the future because roads which are improved under L.I.S. applications and are not eligible for taking over get back into disrepair very quickly. Deputy

Callanan and Councillor Haverty stated that they agreed in principle with Councillor Fahey's proposal but that roads leading into houses should get priority.

1880 - CONGRATULATIONS TO CHAIRMAN:

The County Manager and the Members congratulated Deputy Hussey on his appointment as Minister of State. Deputy Hussey thanked the County Manager and the Members for their kind remarks and wished everybody a Happy Christmas.

1881 - RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:-

- Mr. Brian Fahy, Cregboy, Claregalway.
- Mr. Roddy Heaney, Moylough, Ballinasloe.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED

SIGNED: To Honey (CHAIRMAN).

DATE: 23/1/78

GALWAY COUNTY OLD-AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
GALWAY.

16th January, 1978.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the County Old-Age Pensions Committee which will be held in the County Buildings, Galway, at 3.15 p.m., on Monday, 23rd January, 1978.

Mise, le meas,

E. KING,  
SECRETARY.

A G E N D A

1. Renewal of appointment of Mr. E. King, as Clerk of the County Old-Age Pensions Committee for a further period of 6 months from 1st October, 1977.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

16u Eanair, 1978.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarratar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 23u Eanair, 1978, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

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 the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Mr. Martin Leonard at Ballycuike West, Moycullen, Co. Galway, for business premises - Planning Ref. No. 26452."  
Sean Donnellan; Thomas Welby; John Molloy.
  - (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 permission to Gerry Gannon for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Rusheen, Barna.- Planning Reference No. 26270."  
Padraic McCormack; John M. Mannion; Sean Donnellan.
  - (c) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Liam Keogh for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ballyconneely - Planning Reference No. 26298."  
G. Bartley; R. Molloy; John M. Mannion.
  - (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 grant Outline Permission to Rev. Fr. P. Tully, P.P., for the erection of a school and ancillary accommodation at Barna - Planning Ref. No. 26330."  
R. Molloy; J. Molloy; T. Welby.
2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Injuries Decrees - list herewith.

4. Lease of Lands at Ballygar to Butte Knit of Ireland Ltd. - Notice dated 11th January, 1978.
5. Review of County Development Plan.
6. Raising of Loan of £1,200,000 for Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme (memo. herewith).
7. Circular from Federation of Corrib Angling Clubs proposing Galway as headquarters for proposed Inland Fishery Authority.
8. Revision of Salaries - Draughtsman/Civil Engineering Technician.
9. Transportation Study - report circulated.
10. Taking over of Road at Ower East/Ower West - Minute No. 1852.
11. Lowering of Wall at Claregalway New Cemetery - Minute No. 1856.
12. Circular from Department of the Environment regarding Rents of Local Authority Houses.- Copy to be circulated.
13. Circular from the Department of the Environment regarding Tenant Purchase Schemes - Copy to be circulated.
14. Grants for Adaptation of Dwellings for occupants suffering from physical handicap or severe mental illness.
15. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

16. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:
  - (a) That Galway County Council take over and maintain the road from County Road opposite Declan Larkin's house on Pier Road, Oughterard, to County Council Dump.
  - (b) That this Council take steps to stop the coast erosion behind Folans house east of Spiddal Village.
  - (c) That this Council introduce parking bye-laws for Oughterard before the start of the 1978 Tourist Season. I asked through Notice of Motion during 1976 that the Secretary get in touch with the Department of the Environment - what was the result?
17. COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:
  - (a) That the £5 maximum grant payable by the County Council for the installation of electricity to a County Council house be raised to a realistic figure.
  - (b) That Galway County Council take responsibility for the up-keep of the pier at Newtownlynch, Doorus, Kinvara.
18. COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN - I will propose:  
That this County Council pass a set of Bye-Laws for the administration of car parks in Tuam Town.
19. COUNCILLORS F. GLYNN & M. KELLY - We will propose:  
That this Council request the Government to up-grade the Tuam-Horseleap-Cross Road to National Secondary status.
20. DEPUTY M. KILLILEA - I will propose:  
That when a road is completed with a Local Improvements Scheme or when a new road is just completed by the Land Commission or other public body that it be immediately declared public.

21. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:
- (a) That a public light be erected outside the Claran Church and School at Claran, Headford. One light would serve both church and school.
  - (b) That steps be taken to improve the junction of the Carreens Road at Kearney's Cross, Claran, Ower, Headford.
  - (c) That steps be taken to ease the problem of the water flowing from the road into the houses at Ballybane on the Monivea Road, particularly Pat Dowling's house, "Rockdale", Ballybane.
22. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:
- (a) That this Council do something to relieve the position of road flooding on the Carnmore/Cashla County Road, and also at Kiltulla/Cregboy.
  - (b) That the 2 narrow points at Cummer Cemetery be widened to allow cars to pass.
23. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:
- (a) That documents pertaining to the Annual Estimates, Housing, Roads and Sanitary Programmes, etc., which are prepared for discussion at meetings of the Council be not released to the Press until the days of such meetings.
  - (b) That because demand for the six houses being built by the Council in Laurencetown seems to be quite strong, the Council should make immediate preparation for the erection of another group of houses on the site.
  - (c) That the Council proceed with the boring of a well for a public pump at Kill and Stream, Clontuskert.
24. MOLADH ON CLR. M. O FLATHARTA:
- (a) Molaim an casadh ag teach Seain O Donnou idir Ceathru Rua agus Srufan a fheabhsu chun e bheith sabhailte do thracht an bhothair.
  - (b) Molaim an piosa bothair idir teach Bridie Nic Donnacada, Cladhnach, agus Micheal Mac Donnacada, Cladhnach, a leathnu chun an tracht bothair bheith i ndon tiomailt go sabhailte.
  - (c) Ce'n staid a bhfuil Coras Reigiunach isce Gleannach-Muireann anois aige?
25. COUNCILLOR N. MORGAN - I will propose:
- (a) That Galway County Council later this year after the spawning season put the Council's machine back on the job of cleaning the river from a point approximately 100 yards south of the White Mills, Loughrea, southwards to the bridge beside the entrance to the Railway Station. (Note machine stopped at the point mentioned at the request of Loughrea Anglers' Association, because the work was being carried out during the trout spawning season).
  - (b) That Galway County Council cover over the river at Railway Road, off Bride Street, Loughrea, so as to provide car parking for West Bride Street shoppers, where no parking is allowed, even though it is absolutely necessary to the life of said section.
  - (c) That Galway County Council move back the wall on the north side of Mount Carmel Crescent at its junction with the N.P. Atherny Road, Loughrea. I believe that the Carmelite Sisters, St. Joseph's Monastery, Loughrea, are agreeable to allow Galway County Council to have the necessary land for said purpose.

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Brendan  
c/o 34  
Mark Hill,  
William  
Michael

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
GALWAY.  
11th January, 1978.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, notice is hereby given to you of a proposal to lease a plot of land including a dwellinghouse and factory at Ballygar, particulars of which are given hereunder.

PARTICULARS OF LAND:

Plot of land (including Factory and Dwellinghouse) measuring approximately 2 roods, 30 perches, situated in the Townland of Ballygar and Electoral Division of Killieroran.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Land acquired from Mr. Michael Silke, Ballygar.

PERSON TO WHOM LAND INCLUDING FACTORY AND DWELLINGHOUSE IS TO BE LEASED:

Butte Knit of Ireland Ltd., 4 - 5, Trinity Street, Dublin.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF LEASE:

The lease is for a period of 19 years at a yearly rent of £4,577 (plus Rates) payable quarterly, the rent to be reviewable at the end of the fourth year, ninth year and fourteenth year.

OTHER COVENANTS OR CONDITIONS:

There shall be no sub-letting, and if the factory located on the land ever ceases to be used as a factory the entire plot of land shall automatically revert back to Galway County Council.

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

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

17th January, 1978.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/  
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Re: Loan - Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme.

Subject to approval to Contract Documents and provision of the necessary finance, work could soon commence on a number of Sanitary Services Schemes and it is hoped that finance will be made available in 1978 for Schemes which would include the following:-

- (1) Tuam Water Supply Improvement Scheme.
- (2) Brierhill Reservoir.
- (3) Extension to Oranmore - Stage 2.
- (4) Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme.
- (5) Dunmore/Glenamaddy Water Supply Scheme - Stage 1.
- (6) Rosmuck Regional Water Supply Scheme - Stage 1.

In anticipation of funds being made available for all the Schemes, tenders were invited for the Spiddal Scheme. The total estimated cost of those Schemes is £2.854 m. of which the Spiddal Scheme will cost £1.2 m. The application for Loan Sanction for the Spiddal Scheme should not be interpreted as a committal to start work, immediately on receipt, but the total situation will be reviewed, in the light of the total allocation for 1978 and in the light of the need for the most urgent schemes. It will be appreciated that the County Council could not commit all this year's allocation to this Scheme.

There is particular urgency attaching to Schemes numbered (1) (2) and (3) above.

Tuam Water Supply Improvement Scheme.

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This scheme is urgent because of the imminent possibility of a major industry, which requires a large water supply, being established in Tuam in the very near future.

Brierhill Reservoir.

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The Industrial Development Authority have acquired 120 acres of land for development in the Eastern Environs of Galway City and Galway Corporation hold 20 acres of housing land in this area. The construction of the Brierhill Reservoir is necessary to service this land and is vital to social and economic development in Galway.

Extension to Oranmore - Stage 2.

Stage 1 of the extension to Oranmore, which will service the Galway Crystal Factory and provide the take-off point for the Roscam Group Scheme, is now in progress. Stage 2 of the scheme should go ahead as a matter of urgency, as the existing water supply in Oranmore is inadequate and because of this, development has been curtailed.

S. Keating.  
County Manager.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY OLD-AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, ON MONDAY, 23rd JANUARY, 1978.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:-

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahy, M. O Flatharta, P. T. Galvin, P. Mac Gloinn, E. Haverty, M. D. Higgins, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillor J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan & T. Welby.

EMPLOYMENT OF CLERK TO OLD-AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE:

It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Deputy Mannion and resolved:-

"That Edward King, Clerk to the County Galway Old-Age Pensions Committee, be re-appointed for a further period of six months from 1st October, 1977."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23rd JANUARY, 1978.

IN THE CHAIR: - Deputy T. Hussey.

PRESENT:

Members: - Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta, P. T. Galvin, P. Mac Gloinn, E. Haverly, M. D. Higgins, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillor J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan & T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; F. Menahan, M. Tierney, B. Calligy, Chief Assistant County Engineers; L. Kavanagh & W. A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineers; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; J. Meldon, Planning Assistant; M. Moroney, County Accountant; T. O'Neill & P. J. McGovern, Senior Staff Officers; C. Burke, Staff Officer & T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1882 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the wife and family of the late Mr. Harry Finnegan, Chief Assistant County Engineer with the Council. He referred to all the dedicated work which the late Mr. Finnegan had done for the county and his kind approachable manner. The proposal was seconded by Deputy Mannion and other Members joined in the vote of sympathy. The County Manager joined in the expression of sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff and also paid tribute to the dedicated work of the late Mr. Finnegan.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:-

Mrs. Mary Hughes, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe;  
Mrs. Cooke & Family, Cill Chiarain, Co. na Gaillimhe;  
Mr. Liam Mulryan, Kiltulla, Oranmore;  
Mrs. Mary Hynes & Family, Brendan Street, Portumna.

1883 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26452 - APPLICANT MARTIN LEONARD:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council which had already been circulated to each Member:-

The site is at the crossroads in Moycullen Village, at the south/east corner where the road to Knockferry joins the Galway/Oughterard Road at a steep gradient. A composite application was lodged in respect of the site in January, 1977 - Reference No. 23658 - seeking Outline Permission for two dwellinghouses at the rear of the site, the conversion of the upper floor of the existing house to flats and the conversion of the ground floor to a shop of 400 sq. ft. floor area. The Planning Authority granted the two dwellinghouses and the flats but refused the shop on the grounds of traffic hazard. The applicant appealed but the decision of the Planning Authority was upheld by An Bord Pleanala.

The proposal now submitted is for approx. 1,000 sq. ft. of shopping area on the ground floor, which is more than double

the area of what has already been refused. While a development such as this might normally be expected to be permitted in a village street where there are business premises currently operating, this particular location is not suited to further business outlets because of the traffic problems which exist at present and which would be intensified if this were to be granted. It is a normal occurrence to have cars or trucks or even buses parked on both sides of the street while drivers visit the five shops or pubs north of the street. Only one of the premises has off-road parking and even if the others were similarly equipped, normal experience suggests that the majority of drivers will not avail of such parking provision and will even double park while making a quick purchase. As a result of this the street capacity of Moycullen is severely reduced quite frequently and on occasions conditions can be actually hazardous. To aggravate the situation further would be inexcusable.

The provision of off-road parking on this site was already pleaded on appeal but it was felt that the steep gradient of the Knockferry Road was difficult to negotiate for drivers and in certain conditions such as frost or low, intense sunsets, there is a high risk involved in emerging at the junction.

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. A shop located at this point as proposed would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because it would generate increased traffic movements in the vicinity of a busy road junction where a county road joins a national secondary road at a steep gradient and would thereby interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic through the village.

2. The proposed development would contravene a previous decision of An Bord Pleanala, refusing Outline Permission for a shop on this site - Planning Reference No. PL. 7/5/38342.

Councillor S. Donnellan proposing that permission be granted, stated that he did not feel the traffic generated by the development would in any way aggravate the traffic problem at this junction. The motion was seconded by Councillor Welby who stated that the proposed development was within the village and would not cause any traffic hazard. The County Manager reminded the Council that a similar application had been refused by the Council and An Bord Pleanala previously.

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

1884 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26270 - APPLICANT GERRY GANNON:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council which had already been circulated to the Members:-

This site has been submitted on two previous occasions and refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal on each occasion - No. 19026 was for two houses; No. 23146 was for one house. A family need was pleaded on each occasion and the Planning Authority accepted that such a need existed but could be accommodated on other lands north of the main road in the possession of the Gannon Family. The applicant insisted that this particular site was the only one his Mother would give him.

The site is on the seaside of the Knocknacarra/Barna Road opposite its junction with the road to Cappagh. The area is one of very high scenic value and recreational potential and is of major national interest in relation to its flora and fauna and its botanical growths. Lough Rusheen itself, which the site adjoins, is a bird sanctuary. All of this area will be of added importance when the extensive housing development takes place north of the main road, and the County Council, in considering the proposed draft plan, took cognisance of this and agreed that the area should be the subject of special study to determine its proper development as a recreational adjunct to the city and western environs.

Planning control has been so rigorously applied that in the past 10 years only two permissions have been granted on the sea side of the road between Knocknacarra Cross and Barna. Both were granted on appeal and one of them was for the retention of an unauthorised chalet. The other one has not been availed of, so in fact no new house other than the chalet has been built along this two mile stretch for 10 years.

If the Council accepts that a housing need exists in this case, and the applicant would seem to be living in a caravan with his wife and baby daughter, it should realise that the needed house could be located north of the main road in Cappagh or Shanballyduff. Two of the applicant's brothers have got planning permission in Shanballyduff, and a sister was granted permission in Cappagh. The permission now sought could be accommodated adjacent to any of those dwellinghouses. This was explained to him on a previous occasion when he visited the Planning Office.

The applicant in replying to the request for further information did not show the remainder of the family holding, other than the present site, nor did he fill in the questionnaire correctly. Apart from not alluding to the other family permissions there was no mention either of an application on family lands for 6 houses by a Mr. James Horan which was refused by the Planning Authority - Reference No. 25737.

It is apparent then that the Planning Authority is being asked to forego its duty under the Planning Acts to preserve amenity in order to grant a permission which can adequately be catered for elsewhere. It is highly undesirable to allow the future development of this superb recreational area without serious consultation with experts as to its proper future use.

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The site is located between the road and the sea in an area of high amenity and recreational potential and the proposed development would seriously injure the amenities of the area and seriously prejudice the development of the area for recreational purposes.

2. The proposed development would contravene previous decisions by the Minister and by An Bord Pleanála refusing Outline Permission for housing development on this site - Planning Reference Nos. PL 7/5/31082 and PL 7/5/38133.

Deputy Mannion proposed that permission be granted and stated that the applicant's family would not give him an alternative site. The motion was seconded by Councillor McCormack who stated that the applicant was living in a caravan and was badly in need of a house. He was prepared to build his own house and wanted to live where he was born and reared and had no alternative site. The entrance was on to a side road. Councillor Morgan stated that it was obvious that this development should be refused as it would interfere with the enjoyment and recreational potential of future generations. He stated that the Council's responsibility was towards the whole community and not to individuals and that it was the Council's duty to preserve the amenity areas for the whole community. He proposed that permission be refused. Councillor Holland stated that many applications in this area had been refused on amenity grounds. It was an area of great amenity adjoining a bird sanctuary and had to be preserved. He seconded Councillor Morgan's proposal. The County Engineer stated that it would be a very serious departure from the Council's policy to grant the permission in the proposed location. The report circulated sets out the need for preserving this area of very high quality and indicates the possibility of an alternative site. He strongly recommended that the previous decisions of the County Council and An Bord Pleanála be upheld. The Chairman suggested that a decision on the motion be deferred in order to explore the possibility of an alternative site. After some further discussion it was agreed that the motion would be deferred to the February Meeting and that in the meantime discussions would take place with the applicant

on the question of an alternative site on the family holding.

1885 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26298 - APPLICANT LIAM KEOGH:

The proposers of this motion asked that it be deferred to the February Meeting and this was agreed.

1886 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26330 - APPLICANT REV. FR. P. TULLY, P.P.:

The proposers of this motion stated that they were withdrawing the motion.

1887 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Kelly, the Minutes of the Estimates Meeting held on 12th December, 1977, Nos. 1828 - 1832 inclusive, and of the Monthly Meeting held on 19th December, 1977, Nos. 1833 - 1881 inclusive, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1888 - 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. Referring to malicious injuries in general and the number levied on Galway City, Councillor Coogan stated that it was unfair that the people of the city had to meet these claims while those responsible got away without any payment.

1889 - LEASE OF LANDS AT BALLYGAR TO BUTTE KNIT OF IRELAND LTD.:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby agree to lease the plot of land at Ballygar including the dwellinghouse and factory thereon to Butte Knit of Ireland Ltd., in accordance with the terms of the notices circulated to the Members dated 11th January, 1978, under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and under Section 75 of the Act of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963".

1890 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The County Manager referred to the County Development Plan and the Plans for the Scheduled Towns in respect of which the Council had carried out a comprehensive review over the last two years. He stated that the documents were now at the final stages of completion, but even after the plans were published a considerable period could elapse before they would be finally adopted. After the publication of the plans a minimum period of three months must be allowed during which objections or representations may be made to the Planning Authority. All such objections or representations must be considered before adopting the Plan and any ratepayer who wishes to make an oral submission must be given the opportunity to do so. If, after the objections and representations have been considered, the Council decide to make a material alteration to the published draft, it would be necessary to re-publish for a minimum period of one month and again any representations made must be considered. The County Manager stated that the reason why he brought the matter before the Council was because the existing development plan expires on 5th March, 1978, and because the new plan could not possibly be adopted before that date it was necessary to apply for an extension of the period for reviewing the plan. He stated that he had made an application to the Minister for approval to extend the period by eighteen months and hopefully the full eighteen months period would not be required.

The Council noted the position and Deputy Killilea asked that the processing of any objections or representations be dealt with as speedily as possible.

1891 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £1.2 MILLION FOR SPIDDAL REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The County Manager referred to his letter dated 17th January, 1978, which was circulated to each Member of the Council regarding the loan for the Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme and indicating that the schemes which could commence in 1978 if the necessary finance is available would include the following:-

- (a) Tuam Water Supply Improvement Scheme;
- (b) Briarhill Reservoir;
- (c) Extension to Oranmore - Stage 2;
- (d) Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme;
- (e) Dunmore/Glenamaddy Water Supply Scheme - Stage 1;
- (f) Rosmuck Regional Water Supply Scheme - Stage 1.

He stated that the total situation would be reviewed when the capital allocation for 1978 is notified. It was proposed by Councillor Coogan, seconded by Councillor S. Donnellan and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1.2 million from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of the Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid by instalments over a 25 year or other approved period, with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of the issue of the loan to the Council".

1892 - CIRCULAR FROM FEDERATION OF CORRIB ANGLING CLUBS PROPOSING GALWAY AS HEADQUARTERS FOR PROPOSED INLAND FISHERY AUTHORITY:

Councillor Higgins proposed that the Council give its full support to the case being made by the Federation of Corrib Angling Clubs to locate the headquarters of the proposed new Inland Fishery Authority in Galway. Councillor Higgins stated that Galway with its research facilities was an ideal centre and suggested that if the local authorities had suitable sites on offer for this type of project it would greatly strengthen the case. The proposal was seconded by the Chairman and agreed.

1893 - REVISION OF SALARIES - DRAUGHTSMAN/CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN:

The County Manager stated that the National Joint Council and Arbitration Board had recommended a revision of salary for Draughtsman/Civil Engineering Technicians because the salary of these grades had fallen significantly out of line with the scale payable for similar work in other employments. It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Coogan and resolved:-

"That the following revised salary scale be approved for Draughtsmen/Civil Engineering Technicians and that excess expenditure of £5,000 in accordance with Section 11 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, be approved for the current year.

- 1/6/'76: £2,753 x £117 (9) - £3,806 x £123 (1) - £3,929.
- 1/8/'76: £2,940 x £121 (9) - £4,029 x £122 - £4,151.
- 1/4/'77: £3,066 x £124 (9) - £4,282 x £125 (1) - £4,307.
- 1/11/'77: £3,195 x £127 (9) - £4,338 x £129 (1) - £4,467."

1894 - TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

The County Manager informed the Members that the venue which had been originally fixed for the presentation of the Transportation Study by the Consultants to a joint meeting of the County Council and Corporation had been changed from the Great Southern Hotel to St. Patrick's Community Hall, adjacent to St. Patrick's Church. The presentation would take place at 7 o'clock that evening.

1895 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT OWER EAST/OWER WEST - MINUTE NO. 1852:

The County Manager informed Councillor Welby that this road qualifies for adoption. The estimated cost of the works required to bring it up to standard is £860. This money will have to be made available

from Councillors' Notice of Motion Funds.

1896 - LOWERING OF WALL AT CLAREGALWAY NEW CEMETERY - MINUTE NO. 1856:

The County Manager informed Councillor Ruane that the wall in question was a substantial concrete wall and formed part of the boundary of the new cemetery. The lowering of the wall would render the cemetery liable to trespass and would not, therefore, be considered desirable. The Council have now erected "chevron" signs on the wall and widened the approaches to obviate the road hazard and it is now considered satisfactory. At the request of Councillor Ruane, the County Engineer agreed to have a further examination of the position to see if any further improvement could be made.

1897 - CIRCULARS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT REGARDING (a) RENTS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES; (b) TENANT PURCHASE SCHEMES; (c) GRANTS FOR ADAPTATION OF DWELLINGS FOR PERSONS SUFFERING FROM PHYSICAL HANDICAP OR SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS:

It was agreed that consideration of these Circular Letters would be deferred to the next Housing Meeting.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

1898 - NEW HOUSE GRANTS:

The County Manager stated that at its October Meeting, the Council had considered a letter from the Department of the Environment dated 15th September, 1977, regarding the £1,000 New House Grants. The Council had asked that the Minister's approval be sought to enable local authorities pay supplementary £1,000 New House Grants if the local authorities wished to operate such a scheme. The Council also asked for clarification as to whether a person living in an unfit house would qualify for the new grant if he wanted to build a new house for himself.

The matter was referred to the Department and the Department had replied stating that the new scheme of a single State Grant of £1,000 for provision of a new house supersedes the previous schemes of State and Supplementary Grants. There is no provision in the scheme for payment of a Supplementary Grant by the local authority. Any application from a person living in an unfit house for a new house grant will be considered on its merits.

1899 - PROGRAMME FOR TAKING OVER OF ROADS 1978:

The County Manager referred to the system in operation for Notice of Motion Roads and stated that it was necessary that any unallocated monies be spent in 1978 as it would not be possible to carry over any unexpended balances into 1979. He stated that the Council had adopted a list of roads at the December Meeting and the work associated with them was estimated to cost £22,702. A supplementary list amounting to £2,444 would be brought before the Council at its February Meeting and with the completion of both of these lists there would still be a balance of unallocated monies for the period ending 31st December, 1977, amounting to £13,800. This, added to the £54,250 provided in the 1978 Estimates, involved a considerable volume of work to be undertaken during the year. The County Engineer had prepared a programme whereby all the monies would be expended during 1978 and he asked for the Councillors' co-operation in implementing it.

The County Engineer stated that as of now the total unallocated monies which had to be expended in 1978 amounted to £68,050, and that it was imperative that a timetable be adopted in order that the work involved could be properly planned and carried out before the end of the year. The timetable which he was proposing was:-

- (a) Each Member would be notified of his unallocated monies by the 27th January, 1978.
- (b) Members to submit roads for consideration and estimates by the 28th February, 1978.
- (c) Members to be notified of eligibility and cost of roads by the 21st March, 1978.

- (d) Members to notify office of specific nominations by 24th April, 1978.
- (e) Office to arrange for checking of descriptions, lengths, public advertisement, etc., by 18th May, 1978.
- (f) List to be adopted by the Council at June Meeting, 26th June, 1978.

He asked for the Council's full co-operation in carrying out the programme.

At the request of Deputy Callanan, the County Engineer agreed to supply a list of uncompleted roads showing how much would be needed to complete them. Councillor Morgan asked that a copy of the yellow lists of roads showing full details of the proposers, costs, location, etc., of all the roads being declared public, be given to each Member. The County Engineer replied that a list of roads showing the length, description and location of the roads would be given for the respective areas. There was further discussion about the completion of roads and it was generally agreed that roads on which work was started should be completed. The County Engineer's recommended programme was agreed to.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

1900 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD ON PIER ROAD, OUGHTERARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that a report would be available on this motion for the February Meeting.

1901 - COAST EROSION BEHIND FOLAN'S HOUSE, EAST OF SPIDDAL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that a report would be available on this motion for the February Meeting.

1902 - PARKING BYE-LAWS FOR OUGHTERARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the making of parking bye-laws is a function of the Garda Commissioner. Parking bye-laws for Oughterard were recommended by the Council in August, 1975, and that recommendation was forwarded to the Chief Superintendent. After Councillor Welby had raised the matter at a Council Meeting, the Council was informed by the Garda Superintendent that he had forwarded the necessary particulars to the Commissioner on 20th March, 1976. The Acting Secretary stated that he had made a further enquiry in the past week and was informed that it was unlikely that bye-laws for Oughterard would be made in advance of the making of the proposed new County Bye-Laws. The proposal to introduce County Bye-Laws will be put before the Council at its February Meeting.

1903 - GRANTS FOR INSTALLATION OF E.S.B. IN COUNCIL HOUSES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the grant that had obtained up to now towards the cost of wiring rented County Council cottages was £5, and that no objection would be raised to increasing the grant to £20. Councillor Fahey stated that there were very few Council houses left without electricity and that a grant of £20 would still be too small having regard to the cost involved and he proposed that the grant be increased to £100. Mr. Doyle stated that the increase to £20 was a reasonable increase and that a grant of £100 could not be considered as there was no provision for it in the Estimates. The Chairman suggested that the grant of £20 be approved and the matter be raised again at the Estimates for 1979. This was agreed.

1904 - TAKING OVER OF PIER AT NEWTOWNLYNCH, DOORUS, KINVARA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the pier in question, built of masonry in 1823, appeared to be in good repair. However, it is little used and the approaches may be silted up. The area is popular during

summer. Being isolated, the pier is sometimes used for dumping. The piers at Pollagh and Tarrea are maintained by the County Council but the pier in question is not. The greatest problem would probably be the cleaning of the silt and gravel from the sea approaches which the County Council would not be responsible for in any event. Councillor Fahey stated that he had been informed that this pier was not in the charge of the Board of Works and asked if the County Council was prepared to take it over for maintenance. The County Manager stated that further enquiries would be made as regards the ownership of the pier and asked Councillor Fahey if he would supply whatever information he could on the matter.

1905 - CAR PARK BYE-LAWS FOR TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

The Acting Secretary stated that a set of draft bye-laws for car parks in Tuam were being finalised and would be circulated for the February Meeting.

1906 - UPGRADING OF TUAM/HORSELEAP/CROSS ROAD TO NATIONAL SECONDARY STATUS - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS GLYNN & KELLY:

The Acting Secretary stated that a request asking the Minister to upgrade this road would be forwarded to the Department of the Environment. Councillor Glynn stated that this matter was raised before and nothing seemed to be done about it. He said that this road carried very heavy articulated vehicles and if upgraded would qualify for higher road grants. Councillors Ryan and Kelly supported the motion saying that it was a very busy road and certain sections of it needed improvement. The County Engineer replied that it was up to the Minister to classify the road systems and the road authorities could only make recommendations and this would be done in this case.

1907 - TAKING OVER OF L.I.S. ROADS AND ROADS CONSTRUCTED BY THE LAND COMMISSION, ETC. - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that in regard to L.I.S. Roads, all these roads do not qualify for taking over - to qualify under the L.I.S. Scheme the road must serve only two land holdings, but to qualify for taking over it must serve at least one inhabited house and two land-owners, one of whom may be an inhabitant of the house. Any new roads constructed by the Land Commission or other public body will be examined to see if they are eligible. Deputy Killilea stated that when work on L.I.S. roads is completed they should be taken over before they get into disrepair. The same applied to Land Commission roads which are generally brought to a good standard but can get into disrepair before they are taken over. Deputy Donnellan and Councillor Welby agreed with Deputy Killilea. The County Engineer stated that over the last few years an average of over twenty miles of road improved under the L.I.S. Scheme was added to the road schedule. A similar mileage of roads which were also taken over during the same period included roads constructed by the Land Commission. The County Engineer stated that any road improved by a L.I.S. Scheme or constructed by the Land Commission or other public body, would be considered for taking over provided that it complies with the basic conditions of legal right-of-way, public utility and minimum width which must be complied with by any roads to be taken in charge. A standard procedure exists at present whereby the eligibility for taking in charge of a road improved under the L.I.S. Scheme is considered periodically. If the road is eligible it will be included in a list of L.I.S. Roads to be considered for adoption annually. Councillor Glynn asked the County Engineer to consider the possibility of sending to each Councillor a list of roads in his area improved under the L.I.S. Scheme but which do not qualify for taking over, and indicating the amount of Notice of Motion money necessary to qualify it for adoption in order that the Members may consider allocating funds to it.

The Chairman then stated that it was now time to terminate the meeting in order to attend the presentation of the Galway Transportation Study. He said that any Members whose motions were not dealt with could have written replies if requested.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED -

SIGNED: Tom Donnellan (CHAIRMAN)

DATE: 27/2/78

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

20u Feabhra, 1978.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarratar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 27u Feabhra, 1978; 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 will propose that the Council direct the County Manager to grant outline permission to Gerry Gannon for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Rusheen, Barna - Planning Reference No. 26270."  
Padraic McCormack; John M. Mannion; Sean Donnellan.
  - (b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant outline permission to Liam Keogh for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ballyconneely - Planning Reference No. 26298."  
G. Bartley; R. Molloy; John M. Mannion.
  - (c) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Council direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Marguerite Hughes at Gorthnagroagh - Planning Reference No. 26707."  
Thomas Welby; G. Bartley; M. O Morain.
  - (d) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Council direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Michael McDonagh at Letterfore - Planning Reference No. 25763."  
Thomas Welby; G. Bartley; M. O Morain.
2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Injury Decrees - list herewith.
4. Sale of Land at Whitestrand Road, Galway - Notice dated 15th February, 1978.

5. Sale of site at Cullairbaun, Athenry - Notice dated 15th February, 1978.
6. Raising of Loan of £6,500 in respect of Special Contribution towards Roscahill Group Water Supply Scheme.
7. Raising of Supplementary Loan of £6,125 for Inishboffin Water Supply.
8. Raising of Supplementary Loan of £110,400 for Carraroe Regional Water Supply Scheme - Extension to Rossaveal.
9. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads - list herewith.
10. Road Grants and Road Works Scheme 1978 - copy attached.
11. Local Improvement Schemes Allocation 1978.
12. Bye-Laws for Car Parks in Tuam Town - Draft attached.
13. Galway (County) Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws - letter dated 20th February, 1978, attached, together with letter from Deputy Garda Commissioner.
14. Appointment of representative on the Regional Arts Committee - letter dated 12th January, 1978, from R.D.O. attached.
15. Taking over of road at Pier Road, Oughterard - Minute No. 1900.
16. Coast Erosion behind Folan's house east of Spiddal - Minute No. 1901.
17. Application for Remission of Rates on Industrial Premises - Steiner (Galway) Ltd.
18. Rossroe Pier.
19. Business submitted by County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

20. MOLADH ON CLR. M. O FLATHARTA:
  - (a) Molaim an casadh ag teach Seain O Donnou idir Ceathru Rua agus Srufan a fheabhsu chun e bheith sabhailte do thracht an bhothair.
  - (b) Molaim an piosa bothair idir teach Bridie Nic Donnadh, Cladhnach agus Micheal Mac Donnadh, Cladhnach, a leathnu chun an tracht bothair bheith i ndon tiomailt go sabhailte.
  - (c) Ce'n staid a bhfuil Coras Reigiunach uisce Gleannach-Muireann anois aige?
21. COUNCILLOR N. MORGAN - I will propose:
  - (a) That Galway County Council later this year after the spawning season put the Council's machine back on the job of cleaning the river from a point approximately 100 yards south of the White Mills, Loughrea, southwards to the bridge beside the entrance to the Railway Station. (Note machine stopped at the point mentioned at the request of Loughrea Anglers' Association, because the work was being carried out during the trout spawning season).
  - (b) That Galway County Council cover over the river at Railway Road, off Bride Street, Loughrea, so as to provide car parking for West Bride Street shoppers, where no parking is allowed, even though it is absolutely necessary to the life of said section.
  - (c) That Galway County Council move back the wall on the north side of Mount Carmel Crescent at its junction with the N.P. Athenry Road, Loughrea. I believe that the Carmelite Sisters, St. Joseph's Monastery, Loughrea, are agreeable to allow Galway County Council

22. COUNCILLOR J. MOLLOY - I will propose:
- (a) That this Council ease a number of dangerous bends on the Castlegar to Ballindoooley Road, and have this road upgraded as the volume of traffic on this road has increased considerably over the last few years.
  - (b) That this Council remove the clay ditches on the Corofin Road in order to improve and widen the road.
  - (c) That this Council allow landowners to connect water for their stock to lands adjoining the main supply in Castlegar, Two-Mile-Ditch, Brierhill and Ballybrit areas.
23. COUNCILLOR U. BURKE - I will propose:
- (a) That Galway County Council provide turning space and parking facilities at Lisheen Cemetery, Duniry, Loughrea. Land for same has been provided free, and to provide 2 lights at Duniry Church.
  - (b) That Galway County Council request the Minister for the Environment to restore the Agricultural Grant to the Rates within this county, to the £75 valuation and upwards group, and request Galway County Committee of Agriculture to seek from the Minister for Agriculture the restoration of the subsidy on fertilisers.
  - (c) That Galway County Council restore the wall on the approach to Tynagh Village from the Lough to the village and provide a narrow sanded footpath from the village to the Church entrance.
24. SENATOR M. P. KITT - I will propose:
- (a) That Galway County Council take over the road serving Caheroyan Housing Estate, Athenry, and erect public lighting.
  - (b) That provision be made in the Fire Station Building Mountbellew, for a library.
25. COUNCILLOR M. KELLY - I will propose:
- (a) That the Council take over the road leading to houses in Airglooney Estate.
  - (b) That the Council take over the pedestrian Way in front of O'Keefe's Tce., Tuam.
26. DEPUTY J. MANNION - I will propose:
- That this Council extend the water supply from Tiernee to include Leic, Curryulka and Cruiminae which would service 21 more houses.
27. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:
- (a) That this Council make provision in the 1978 Estimates for the removal of two bends - No. 1 at junction between Ardnessalla, Birchall and Porridgetown beside John Darcy's house, No. 2 junction at Roscahill and Porridgetown Road beside Richard Fahy's house.
  - (b) That a wider gate be fitted to entrance to Glann Cemetery and make it suitable for cars and trailers to take in material when people want to erect headstones or any such work.
  - (c) I will ask what is the position regarding the proposed sewage treatment works for Barna. Has a site been acquired for same?
28. DEPUTY R. MOLLOY - I will propose:
- That County Road No. 321 to Mrs. Moloney's house be declared a public road.
29. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:
- (a) That the fence from the Poolboy-Beechlawn Cross towards the Poolboy Bog alongside James Kelly's field be repaired by the Council as it has been broken on several occasions by the activities of people camped along this road.

- (b) That the drain inside the same fence be either piped or cleaned as it is completely filled with litter from the same campers. This drain takes water from a County Council grill on the roadside.
  - (c) That a pipe be laid in Mr. James Kelly's field to take water from a gully under the wall about 20 yards on the Beechlawn side of the above cross.
30. DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN - I will propose:
- That Galway County Council repair the bridge at Killavoher, Dunmore, as a matter of urgency.
31. DEPUTY M. KILLILEA - I will propose:
- (a) That the Housing Estate (15 houses) at Caheroyan Park, Athenry, (a private scheme) be declared public immediately so as to enable the services to be installed, i.e. lights, etc.
  - (b) That the refuse collection truck make a short 1 point stop at (a) Cave, Caherlistrane - Keane's house every Thursday and (b) Burke's house, Corrowmoneen, Tuam - 1 point stop either on its way out of Tuam or on to Tuam.
32. COUNCILLORS G. BARTLEY & M. O MORAIN - We will propose:
- That street lighting in Clifden be extended on Dooneen Road to service new houses.
33. COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will propose:
- (a) That the pavement be repaired along Sea View and in front of Catholic Church in Clifden.
  - (b) That Galway County Council repair road from Public Road to graveyard in Errislannon, Clifden.
34. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:
- (a) That the County Council prepare an estimate of the cost of erecting a bridge across the Crégg River at the end of Casey's boreen, Barrana, Corrandulla. This river about 40 ft. wide, cuts off about 20 land-owners in Barrana and Lisheenanoran from this land between the Cregg River and the Corrib. As a result about 400 acres of land is lost to production. This bridge would also serve access to 500 acres of bog.
  - (b) That two bad turns on the Lisheenkyle/Coshla Road at Pat Higgins' house and at Michael Connell's house be removed.
  - (c) That a bad bend on the Athenry/Coshla Road at Christy Moylan's be removed and also the dangerous hills on this road.
35. COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:
- That the road at the Caheroyan Park Estate, Athenry, be surface dressed immediately and that street lighting be provided at this Estate.
36. COUNCILLOR M. RYAN - I will propose:
- (a) That an up-to-date report be given re. sewerage scheme for Moylough as the position has worsened due to extra new houses and it is urgently needed.
  - (b) I will ask the Council to contact the E.S.B. to discuss the inadequate power in Clonberne and Moylough area, and see what can be done to improve it.
  - (c) I will propose that the Council remove a dangerous bend outside James Silke's house, at Cloonkell, Moylough.
37. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:
- (a) That signposts be erected at Claregalway (Main Road) indicating "Children Crossing" on both sides of Church.

(b) That more areas have bin collections so as to stop dumping along County Roads.

(c) That the corners at Caheravooley Road at Anbally be widened as they are very narrow.

38. COUNCILLOR T. BYRNE - I will propose:

(a) That until money is made available for a large scheme, traffic congestion on the Cloghnaceva Road, Gort, be eased by removal of banks of clay.

(b) I will ask for an explanation why the money allocated for the provision of an alternate dump at Kinvara in 1977 Estimates has not been spent.

(c) I will propose that this Council approves of the request from Maree Group Water Scheme for an extension to their scheme.

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GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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

15th February, 1978.

TO: Each Member of Galway County Council/

A Chara,

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

LAND:

Plot of land, area - 7 pers. 2.6 sq. yards at Corkess, Whitestrand Road, Galway, Parish of St. Nicholas, Barony of Galway. The land consists of an area of 3 pers. 2 sq. Yards acquired by the Council for road improvement in 1962, the remaining area of 4 pers. 0.6 sq. yds. represents half the adjoining road.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Mr. Patrick O'Flaherty, Dominick Street, Galway.

PERSONS TO WHOM THE LAND IS TO BE DISPOSED:

O'Malley Construction Company Ltd., Galway.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL:

£442.87 - the O'Malley Construction Company Ltd. to be responsible for the costs of transfer.

OTHER COVENANTS OR CONSIDERATIONS:

The title to be given to O'Malley Construction Company Limited is that arising from Conveyance dated 19th January, 1962 between Patrick O'Flaherty and Galway County Council.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held after the expiration of ten clear days from the date of this notice.

T. Kavanagh.  
ACTING CO. SECRETARY.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
GALWAY.

15-2-78

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

Re: Proposed sale of land at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway.

A Chara:

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

LAND:

1 Site for House at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway - area as given hereunder:

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Annie J. Duffy, Villanora, Upper Salthill, Galway.

PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:

Martin John Casey, Old Church Street, Athenry

Site No.	Area of Plot
35	12 pers. approx.

Consideration in respect of disposal:

Site No.	Price
35	£1,500

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

- The site will be sold in fee simple.
- The Co. Council will retain wayleaves in respect of watermains and sewers.

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

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T. KAVANAGH Runai Seal.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

**DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Galway County Council will at a meeting which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on or after Monday, 27th February, 1978, commencing at 3.30 p.m. consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads:

Area	From	To	Metres
Milltown	Co. Road 252, Lisheenaheltia	Mtn. Finnegan's house, Lisheenaheltia	127
Milltown	Flanagan's house, Kippaunagh	towards Cummin's house, Kippaunagh	250
Athenry	End of public road branch of 432 n.y. Lickla Bridge, Lenamore	towards Monaghan's house, Lenamore	90
Oughterard	Mrs. O'Flaherty's old house, Aille	Sean O Tuairisc's house, Aille	160
Tuam	G. Joyce's house on C.R. 122, Mountross	towards M. Corbett's house, Mountross	250
Tuam	Co. Road 118, Ulrith	towards Hannon's house, Ulrith	130
Athenry	Junction with Co. Road 144, Kiltullagh	E. King's house, Kiltullagh	80
Galway	County Road 98 at Drimabeg	gateway leading to Padraig Fahety's house	95

T. KAVANAGH, Acting County Secretary  
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GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CAR PARK BYE-LAWS (TUAM TOWN) 1978

Galway County Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 101 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 (No. 24 of 1961) as amended by Section 6 of the Road Traffic Act 1968 (No. 25 of 1968) hereby make the following bye-laws as to the use of car parks provided by them in Electoral Division of Tuam Urban and listed on the attached schedule.

1. In these bye-laws "car parks" includes each of the car parks listed on attached schedule.
2. (i) No person shall use a car park for any purpose other than for the parking of a mechanically propelled vehicle or a pedal cycle.  
(ii) No person shall park a caravan or mobile home or dormobile in a car park.
3. A vehicle shall not be parked in a car park for any period exceeding 18 hours in any period of 24 hours.
4. No person shall park or cause to be parked in a car park a vehicle in such a position or in such condition or in such circumstances as to cause or to be likely to cause danger to other persons using the car park or to obstruct the entrance or egress from the car park or to obstruct the free flow of traffic within the car park.
5. No person shall overhaul or execute repairs to a vehicle while it is parked in a car park save where it is necessary to carry out repairs to the vehicle in order to enable it to be removed from the car park.
6. A vehicle while parked in a car park shall not be used for the sale of goods in or on or from the vehicle or as an office nor shall any such vehicle be offered or displayed for sale or for hire or as a prize.
7. No person shall make any unnecessary noise or create a nuisance by means of or in relation to a vehicle or any equipment fitting or instruments fitted to or carried on the vehicle or any loud speaker or radio in or on or in any way connected with the vehicle while it is parked in a car park.
8. No person shall place or leave any bottle or any broken glass, nail or other substance on or in a car park.
9. Every person using a car park shall comply with any lawful directions given by the Council, or any properly authorised officer, servant or agent thereof or by a member of the Garda Síochána in relation to the parking of a vehicle in or its removal from a car park or in relation to any of these bye-laws.
10. All vehicles parked in a car park, whether there lawfully or not, are parked at the owners or drivers risk.
11. No commercial vehicles or lorries shall be parked in the Palace carpark or the Abbey Trinity car park.
12. Where a car park has been laid out in parking bays, a vehicle shall be parked properly within each space defined by the markings.
13. Any person who contravenes these bye-laws shall be guilty of an offence under the Road Traffic Act, 1961 as amended by the Road Traffic Act, 1968.
14. These bye-laws shall be known as the Galway County Council Car Park Bye-Laws for Tuam Urban Electoral Division.

Made and adopted under the Common Seal of the Council of the County of Galway  
this            day of            1978.

Present when the Common Seal of the Council of the County of Galway was  
affixed hereto

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Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Secretary

The Minister for the Environment hereby approves of the foregoing bye-laws.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister for the Environment  
this            day of            1978.

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Minister for the Environment:

SCHEDULE OF CAR PARKS

1. Abbey Trinity Car Park
2. The Shambles Car Park
3. The Palace Car Park
4. The Courthouse Car Park

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1978.

IN THE CHAIR: - Deputy T. Hussey.

PRESENT:

Members

- Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy John M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials

- Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Crotty, Acting County Engineer; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; F. Monahan & M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineers; B. Calligy, C.A.C.E., Planning; J. Beirne, W. Cahill & L. Kavanagh, Acting Chief Assistant Co. Engineers; P. J. McGovern, T. O'Neill, D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Miss M. Nolan, Staff Officer and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1908 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. Joe Flesk, County Council Porter, who had died over the weekend. A vote of sympathy was also proposed and seconded to Mr. William Malone, A.C.E. with the Council, on the death of his father, and Deputy Mannion on the death of his uncle. The County Manager joined in the expressions of sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff. The meeting then adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:-

Mrs. P. Casserley, Coolough, Menlo, Galway;

Johnny Mac Donncadha (Paddy), An Bothar Bui, An Ceathru Rua;

Eamon O Maille & a Bhean, Doire Iorruis, Rosmuc;

Mrs. C. Hartmann, Bushypark, Galway;

Mrs. E. Mulholland, Hilltop Hotel, Salthill, Galway.

1909 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26270 - APPLICANT GERRY GANNON:

The County Manager stated that this Section 4 motion was discussed at length at the January Meeting and the Council had decided to defer the motion to the February Meeting in order that the question of an alternative site could be further examined. He referred to the following report which was submitted at the January Meeting and submitted it again to the Council:-

"This site has been submitted on two previous occasions and refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal on each occasion - No. 19026 was for two houses; No. 23146 was for one house. A family need was pleaded on each occasion and the Planning Authority accepted that such a need existed but could be accommodated on other lands north of the main road in the possession of the Gannon Family. The applicant insisted that this particular site was the only one his Mother would give him.

The site is on the sea side of the Knocknacarra/Barna Road opposite its junction with the road to Cappagh. The area is one of very high scenic value and recreational potential and is

of major national interest in relation to its flora and fauna and its botanical growths. Lough Rusheen itself, which the site adjoins, is a bird sanctuary. All of this area will be of added importance when the extensive housing development takes place north of the main road, and the County Council, in considering the proposed draft plan, took cognisance of this and agreed that the area should be the subject of special study to determine its proper development as a recreational adjunct to the city and western environs.

Planning control has been so rigorously applied that in the past 10 years only two permissions have been granted on the sea side of the road between Knocknacarra Cross and Barna. Both were granted on appeal and one of them was for the retention of an unauthorised chalet. The other one has not been availed of, so in fact no new house other than the chalet has been built along this two mile stretch for 10 years.

If the Council accepts that a housing need exists in this case, and the applicant would seem to be living in a caravan with his wife and baby daughter, it should realise that the needed house could be located north of the main road in Cappagh or Shanballyduff. Two of the applicant's brothers have got planning permission in Shanballyduff, and a sister was granted permission in Cappagh. The permission now sought could be accommodated adjacent to any of those dwellinghouses. This was explained to him on a previous occasion when he visited the Planning Office.

The applicant in replying to the request for further information did not show the remainder of the family holding, other than the present site, nor did he fill in the questionnaire correctly. Apart from not alluding to the other family permissions there was no mention either of an application on family lands for 6 houses by a Mr. James Horan which was refused by the Planning Authority - Reference No. 25737.

It is apparent then that the Planning Authority is being asked to forego its duty under the Planning Acts to preserve amenity in order to grant a permission which can adequately be catered for elsewhere. It is highly undesirable to allow the future development of this superb recreational area without serious consultation with experts as to its proper future use.

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The site is located between the road and the sea in an area of high amenity and recreational potential and the proposed development would seriously injure the amenities of the area and seriously prejudice the development of the area for recreational purposes.

2. The proposed development would contravene previous decisions by the Minister and by An Bord Pleanála refusing Outline Permission for housing development on this site - Planning Reference Nos. PL 7/5/31082 and PL 7/5/38133."

The County Manager stated that while the Council was satisfied that there was an alternative site, the applicant did not seem to be interested in any alternative. He asked the Members not to pass the Section 4 motion for the reasons set out in the report. Councillor McCormack proposing that permission be granted stated that he met the Planning Officer and discussed alternative sites. He said there were three alternatives put forward but none of these were satisfactory as the first site was up a mountain, the second site was unsuitable as the right-of-way to it was inadequate and the third site was on the applicant's brother's land and, therefore, not on the family holding. He said the housing need was genuine and the applicant was living in a caravan with his wife and family. The motion was seconded by Councillor S. Donnellan. The Chairman stated that he would have some sympathy for the applicant if there was no alternative site. He said the site was in a critical area which the Council had

succeeded in preserving and if this permission was granted it could open up the area for further development. He proposed that permission be refused and this was seconded by Councillor Morgan. When a vote was taken on the motion after 4.30 p.m., the result was as follows:-

For

Councillors Bartley, Burke, Byrne, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, Flaherty, Galvin, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, O Morain, Ryan and Welby. (13).

Against

Councillors Glynn, Holland, Deputy Hussey, Councillors Joyce, Kelly, Melvin and Morgan. (7).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

1910 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26298 - APPLICANT LIAM KEOGH:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council which had already been circulated to each Member:-

"The site is on the seaside of the Ballyconneely/Roundstone Road, about 1/2 mile from Ballyconneely Village. The seaward views along this road are of the highest order and have an international reputation because of the rich contrast of colourings in the sea itself, on the intensively seaweeded shoreline and on the hinterland with its exciting composition of sand, rock, heather, grass and lakelet. Its nickname "the brandy and soda road" is said to be derived from the bracing sea breezes and pristine environment.

Little wonder then that development pressures in the area have been intense and constant, and while some degree of visual damage has taken place on the landward side of the road we have in general been successful in preserving the very vulnerable coastline from building development. To impose a house on this headland would in itself be a serious matter as far as amenity preservation is concerned and would consequently be contrary to the Council's duty as set out in the very definition of the 1963 Planning Act - 'to make provision, in the interests of common good for the proper planning and development of areas (including the preservation and improvement of the amenities thereof)'.

The fact that on a previous occasion this Council refused a house here on visual amenity grounds and were upheld on appeal by the Minister, even though a second family claim (which is now changed to a new farm house claim) was pleaded, is sufficient evidence as to the amenity damage which would be caused.

The request for further information which was sent out to substantiate the housing need claimed has failed to show the need for a new farm house on this site which comprises a total of seven acres. Neither did the reply outline all the lands in the family ownership and consequently no alternative house location can be suggested from the information on hands.

Refusal is strongly recommended as per Ref. No. 25801, as follows:-

(1) The proposed development would seriously injure the visual amenity of the area because it would be located in an open unspoilt landscape on the sea side of an important tourist route and it would constitute an obtrusive and discordant feature in the foreground of outstanding seascape views.

(2) The proposed development would contravene a previous decision of the Minister for Local Government refusing permission for a dwellinghouse on this site - Planning Ref. No. PL. 7/5/28240.

Latest date for decision to issue is 14th March, 1978."

The County Manager stated that the site was in an area of special amenity with scenery of the highest order and urged the Council not to pass the Section 4 motion. The housing need claimed had not been substantiated. Councillor Bartley proposed that permission be granted

stating that the applicant got married recently and needs a house. The motion was seconded by Councillor McCormack. Councillor Morgan proposed that the application be refused and this was seconded by Councillor Glynn.

After further discussion during which the County Manager stated that the latest date for a decision to issue on the application was 14th March, 1978, Councillor Bartley agreed to defer the motion to the March Meeting provided the period for considering the application is extended if the applicant applies for and consents to an extension.

1911 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26707 - APPLICANT MISS MARGUERITE HUGHES:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council which had already been circulated to each Member:-

"There have been three previous applications for this site.

The first application, for permission to reconstruct dwelling and erect septic tank in the name of Thomas Welby, Main St., Oughterard, Planning Reference No. 7843, was refused by the Planning Authority as being inter alia too close to the edge of a busy National Secondary Route.

The second application, Planning Reference No. 25002, was for the re-roofing of the derelict cottage as a store. No indication was given of its immediately subsequent use as an antique shop. Permission was granted by the Planning Authority as applied for.

The third application, Planning Reference No. 26154, was for change of use to an antique shop after the unauthorised use had taken place. It was refused by the Planning Authority on the grounds of road safety and was not appealed.

The current application is a repeat of application No. 26154.

The proposed development would contravene the County Development Plan because it would contribute to a traffic hazard close to a junction on an unrealigned narrow section of a National Secondary Route immediately adjoining a recently realigned section (i.e. a very dangerous traffic situation).

Furthermore it would attract turning movements in the tourist season by tourist traffic unfamiliar with the road conditions of the area.

It is located approximately 30 feet from the edge of the road and would contravene the required building line of 70 feet from roadway edge, even though it was allowed as a dwelling on appeal, wrongly in the opinion of the Planning Authority.

The present appearance of the site and structure with a plethora of unseemingly advertising signs attached to telegraph poles indicates that the development would be also injurious to the visual amenity of the area and would detract from roadside environmental conditions.

Further information was requested on this application in order to regularise the application."

Councillor Welby stated that he understood that discussions were taking place with the applicant and he was, therefore, withdrawing the motion.

1912 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 25763 - APPLICANT MICHAEL McDONAGH:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council which had already been circulated to the Members:-

"The application is for the erection of a dwellinghouse in a very elevated position on an open moorland landscape overlooking an important tourist and national secondary route and it would be a discordant feature on a virtually undeveloped tract of landscape.

The soil, which is of peaty nature and waterlogged, and drains into a stream which is a source of water supply downstream from site, is unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent and the Chief Medical Officer recommends that the application be refused because of the probable contamination of the water supply.

Sympathetic consideration would be given to a new application on a revised site on the major part of the holding located  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile north of the present site on the minor road.

Permission has been refused three times by the Planning Authority and the Minister for Local Government on appeal on an adjoining site in a less elevated location.

The Planning Authority consider that granting this permission is totally unjustified for the reasons set out above and because of the alternative sites available to the applicant.

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development would seriously injure the visual amenity of the area because it would be located in a very elevated position on an open moorland landscape overlooking an important tourist and national secondary route and it would be a discordant feature on a virtually undeveloped tract of landscape.

2. The soil, which is of peaty nature and waterlogged, and drains into a stream which is a source of water supply downstream from site, is unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent.

The latest date for decision to issue is 2nd March, 1978."

The County Manager stated that the site was unsuitable from the point of view of interfering with visual amenity and the probable contamination of a nearby water supply, and on this ground the County Medical Officer recommended that the application be refused. The County Manager stated that sympathetic consideration would be given to a new application on a revised site and that the latest date for a decision to issue on the application was 2nd March, 1978. Councillor Welby proposed that permission be granted stating that the site was away from the public road and that the rest of the holding belonged to the applicant's brother. Councillor Bartley seconded Councillor Welby's proposal. Councillor Morgan said that this was a very serious case and the Council could not give permission if there was any possibility of polluting a water supply and he proposed that permission be refused. His proposal was seconded by Councillor Kelly. Councillor Glynn and Deputy Callanan suggested that further discussions should take place with the applicant and that the motion should be deferred to the next meeting. Councillor Welby agreed to defer the motion to the next meeting provided the time for considering the application was extended if the applicant applied for such an extension. The County Manager pointed out that an application for an extension of time would have to be made before 2nd March.

Some discussion followed regarding Section 4 motions generally and the Chairman again appealed to the Members to exercise restraint in using Section 4 motions.

1913 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor McCormack, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 23rd January, 1978, (Nos. 1882 - 1907 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1914 - 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.

1915 - SALE OF LAND AT WHITESTRAND ROAD, GALWAY:

The County Manager stated that this matter had already been approved by the Council at its meeting on 28th February, 1977, but that it was now proposed to transfer the plot of land directly to the company in order to avoid duplication of legal costs. It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land at Corkess, Whitestrand Road, Galway, to the O'Malley Construction Co. Ltd., in accordance with the terms of notice dated 15th February, 1978, which was sent to each Member of the Council in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and in accordance with Section 75 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963".

1916 - SALE OF HOUSING SITE AT CULLAIRBAUN, ATHENRY:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of housing site at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Martin John Casey, Old Church Street, Athenry, in accordance with the terms set out in Notice dated 15th February, 1978, under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, copy of which had been sent to each Member of the Council."

1917 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £6,500 FOR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS ROSSCAHILL GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The County Manager stated that a recommendation had been received from the Department of the Environment recommending the payment of a special contribution of £6,500 in respect of the cost of increased pipe sizes for the Rosscahill Group Water Supply Scheme. He requested the Council's approval to the raising of a loan for the payment of the special contribution and recommended that it be a condition of the payment of the special contribution that the scheme would be handed over to the Council on satisfactory completion. It was proposed by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Welby and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £6,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister for the purpose of making a special contribution towards Rosscahill Group Water Supply Scheme - the loan to be repaid by instalments over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved by the Minister".

1918 - RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £6,125 FOR INISHBOFFIN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The County Manager stated that the Inishboffin Water Supply Scheme had now been completed at a final cost of £66,140. There was over-expenditure of the sum of £6,124 which was due to the increase in the cost of labour and materials and the cost of an extension to eight houses at the western end of the Island. He requested the Council's approval to the raising of a supplementary loan to cover the over-expenditure. It was proposed by Councillor Bartley, seconded by Councillor O Morain and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £6,125 from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of Inishboffin Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid by instalments with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

1919 - RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £110,400 FOR CARRAROE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - EXTENSION TO ROSSAVEAL:

The County Manager stated that the up-to-date expenditure on the Carraroe Water Supply Extension to Rossaveal was £305,268, and a further

£68,124 was estimated to complete the scheme. The loan raised originally for the scheme amounted to £263,000 which meant that there would be a deficit of £110,392 and he requested the Council's approval to the raising of a loan of £110,400 to cover this. He stated that the Scheme started in August, 1976, and that the increase in the cost was due mainly to increased costs of labour and materials and rock excavation which had been underestimated. It was proposed by Councillor Maherty, seconded by Councillor O Morain and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £110,400 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of financing the Carraroe Regional Water Supply Scheme - Extension to Rossaveal, the loan to be repaid by instalments over a period to be approved by the Minister with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council".

1920 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby declare the roads on the schedule attached to Item No. 9 on the Agenda to be public roads, the necessary procedure in relation to publication of notice of intention to do so having been complied with".

1921 - ROAD GRANTS 1978:

The County Manager stated that details of the Road Grants for 1978 had now been received from the Department, particulars of which were as follows:-

<u>BLOCK GRANT</u>		£	
			447,000
<u>MAINTENANCE GRANTS</u>			
National Primary Roads			210,000
National Secondary Roads			221,000
<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS</u>			
National Primary Roads	- N 6 Mackney, Ballinasloe		150,000
	N 18 Labane		150,000
National Secondary Roads	N.59 Killeen		75,000
	N 59 Strengthening		15,000
	N 64 Claregalway/Oranmore		60,000
<u>SPECIAL GRANT</u>	Spiddal Bridge		45,000
	<u>TOTAL:</u>		<u>£1,373,000</u>

Details of the grants had been circulated to the Members, together with a copy of the Roadworks Scheme which had been revised in accordance with the grants received and the amendments made at the Estimates Meeting. Councillor Galvin said that he was glad to see that a grant had been allocated for the improvement job at Mackney, Ballinasloe, but he was disappointed to hear that no grant had been allocated for the relief road. The traffic conditions in Ballinasloe, particularly on Fridays and Saturdays were chaotic and he felt that some of the £150,000 allocated for the Mackney job should be used to make a start on the relief road. Deputy Callanan stated that the relief road should be top priority and understood that £100,000 had been provided in the Roadworks Scheme for the Mackney job and a further £100,000 for the relief road and could not understand how £150,000 had now been allocated for the Mackney scheme. Replying, the County Manager stated that when the provisional roadworks scheme was being prepared the Council did not know what grants would be forthcoming and £100,000 had been included for the relief road and a further £100,000 for the

Mackney scheme. The grant of £300,000 allocated to the Council was made up of £150,000 for a by-pass road at Labane and £150,000 for the Mackney scheme which had priority over the relief road. If there was any balance left on the Mackney job the Council would hope to be able to make a start on the relief road. Councillor Raftery asked if there was any money available for improvement works on the stretch of road at Drinaun and if not he hoped that it would be possible to carry out some repairs on it. Councillor Fahey welcomed the allocation for the Labane By-Pass stating that it was very badly needed. Councillor O Morain said that something will have to be done about the Cois Fhairraige Road and asked that representations be made to the Department of the Environment. Councillor Joyce referred to the County Road reconstruction programme and protested that hardly any roads in his area were included. Councillor Glynn was disappointed that no provision had been made for the Tuam/Milltown Road to the county boundary and for road improvement at the railway gates in Tuam. Councillor Haverty was informed that improvement works would be carried out this year on the turn opposite Tynagh Barracks and on the Ballinalug Road approaching County Road No. 440.

Councillor Morgan asked that an effort be made to improve the road at Caheronaun, and to provide footpaths at Cross Street, Loughrea. Senator Kitt asked that improvement works be carried out to the bend outside Castlefrench N.S.

On the proposition of Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor O Morain, the Roadworks Scheme as presented to the Council was approved.

1922 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEMES ALLOCATION 1978:

The County Manager referred to letter dated 24th February, 1978, and enclosure, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council. This gave details of the Local Improvements Schemes Allocation for 1978 and the County Engineer's recommendation as to how the grant should be spent. The total grant was £146,000 and the recommended distribution was based on a proposal to give £10,000 initially to each of the eleven engineering areas - total £110,000 and apportion the balance of £36,000 on a percentage basis having regard to the value of the schemes on hands in each area. Councillor O Morain proposed that the distribution of the grant as recommended be approved. This was seconded by Councillor Ruane. Some Members did not agree with the proposal but after some discussion it was finally approved.

1923 - BYE-LAWS FOR CAR PARKS IN TUAM TOWN:

The County Manager referred to the draft set of bye-laws for the control of the car parks in Tuam Town which were owned by the Council. He said that the purpose of the bye-laws was to have proper control over the car parks and to ensure that they were properly used. Councillor Kelly, welcoming the bye-laws, asked that further lands be acquired for car parks and that all car parks be adequately sign-posted. He complained that the Abbey Trinity Car Park was not yet completed.

It was then proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:-

"That the draft bye-laws as circulated entitled 'Galway County Council Car Park Bye-Laws Tuam Town 1978' be approved".

1924 - GALWAY (COUNTY) TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS:

The County Manager referred to letter dated 20th February, 1978, which was circulated to each Member of the Council, together with copy of letter dated 13th October, 1977, from the Deputy Garda Commissioner regarding the proposed introduction of new bye-laws to be called "Galway (County) Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws". He stated that the principal purpose for the introduction of County Bye-Laws was to dispense with the necessity of introducing separate bye-laws (Statutory Instruments) for each individual city, town or other built up area as has heretofore been the case, and to have in existence legal

provision for the extension of traffic and parking controls if considered necessary in the interest of traffic movement, etc., to areas like small villages, towns and other areas without having to go through a process of making individual traffic and parking bye-laws. Councillor Joyce enquired about some of the villages included in the list and asked if other villages could be considered at a later date. The Acting Secretary replied that the places listed had been put forward during consultations between Council Officials and the Garda Authorities. The inclusion of the name of a town or village did not mean that restrictions will be introduced in that town. It simply meant that there will be in existence a legal provision for the introduction of such restrictions if they are ever considered necessary. Further places could be added to the list in the future but this would involve the cumbersome procedure of amending the bye-laws, and it was in order to avoid this that the introduction of county bye-laws was being proposed. Councillor Burke stated that the parking restrictions in Portumna and Loughrea were being enforced after "business hours" and he asked that this be taken up with the Garda Authorities. He also suggested that the parking restrictions in Portumna should alternate from one side of the street to the other. Councillor Welby complained of the delay in introducing the proposed bye-laws for Oughterard. It was then proposed by Councillor Welby, seconded by Councillor O Morain and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the proposed Galway (County) Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws as set out in letter dated 20th February, 1978, from the Acting County Secretary to each Member of the Council".

1925 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE REGIONAL ARTS COMMITTEE:

The nomination of Councillor O Morain was proposed by Cllr. Flaherty and seconded by Cllr. T. Welby. The nomination of Councillor T. Byrne was proposed by Councillor McCormack and seconded by Deputy J. Donnellan. A vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

For Councillor O Morain: Deputy Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta, E. Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Senator Kitt, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, M. O Morain & T. Welby. (12).

For Councillor Byrne: Councillors U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors M. Kelly, P. McCormack, N. Morgan & M. Ryan (7). The Chairman declared Councillor O Morain as the Council's representative on the Regional Arts Committee.

1926 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT PIER ROAD, OUGHTERARD - MINUTE NO. 1900:

The County Manager informed Councillor Welby that this road is already blacktopped and in good condition and qualifies for taking over as a public road. It will be included in the next list for adoption.

1927 - COAST EROSION BEHIND FOLAN'S HOUSE, EAST OF SPIDDAL - MINUTE NO. 1901:

The County Manager informed Councillor Welby that the extent of erosion is not of great significance and occurs only at times of very high tidal conditions. From an examination it appeared that Mr. Folan had recently bulldozed large boulders into a position which should provide adequate protection. Councillor Welby asked that consideration be given to the area east of Folan's house for a public car park.

1928 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES ON INDUSTRIAL PREMISES - STEINER (GALWAY) LTD.:

The County Manager stated that an application for remission of rates had been received from Steiner (Galway) Ltd., in respect of their new premises at Carnmore. It was proposed by Councillor Joyce, seconded by Councillor Byrne and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts, 1969 - 1975, hereby remit  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the rates leviable by the Council in respect of the industrial premises at Carnmore occupied by Steiner (Galway) Ltd., the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1978 - 1987 inclusive, the appropriate

certificate under Section 3 of the Industrial Development Act, 1972, having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority".

1929 - ROSSROE PIER:

The County Manager stated that the Office of Public Works was carrying out protective works at Rossroe Pier. The estimated cost of the works was £7,000 towards which the Department of Agriculture agreed to make an exchequer grant of £5,250 (75%) and the County Council agreed to pay the balance of £1,750. The Department now stated that the estimated final cost of the work was £8,000 and the Department was prepared to increase its grant to £6,000 on condition that the Council increased its contribution to £2,000, i.e. an extra £250. The County Engineer recommended that the Council agree to the revised estimate and the Council's approval to excess expenditure of £250 was requested. On the proposition of Councillor O Morain, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was resolved:-

"That in accordance with Section 11 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, excess expenditure of £250 be authorised for the year ending 31st December, 1978, in respect of the Council's contribution towards protective works at Rossroe Pier".

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

1930 - I.F.H.P. WORLD CONGRESS IN HAMBURG - 10th-16th SEPTEMBER:

The County Manager stated that notification had been received that the World Congress of the International Federation for Housing and Planning was being held in Hamburg from 10th - 16th September, 1978. It was agreed that the question of nominating delegates be placed on the Agenda for the March Meeting of the Council.

1931 - LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT RE. "CLAWBACK":

The County Manager stated that a letter dated 20th January, 1978, had been received from the Department of the Environment regarding the Council's request that the sum of £1,192 (contribution which should have been required following the resale of a house at Carrownamanagh) should not be deducted from housing subsidy due to the Council. The letter explained that although such contributions were not required after 26th May, 1977, the deduction of this contribution of £1,192 from the housing subsidy could not be waived as the consent to the sale was given during the period from 13th May, 1976, to 25th May, 1977.

Councillor Glynn proposed that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the March Meeting and he was supported by Councillor McCormack. Councillor O Morain proposed that the matter be referred back again to the Department requesting that the amount in question not be deducted from the Council's housing subsidy. This was seconded by Councillor Morgan and agreed.

1932 - HOUSING LOANS AND SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS - INITIAL ALLOCATION FOR 1978:

The County Manager informed the Council that notification had been received from the Department of the Environment that an initial capital allocation of £630,000 was being made to the Council for the payment of house purchase and reconstruction loans and supplementary grants for the six months ending on 30th June, 1978, and that a further allocation would be made for the six months ending 31st December, 1978.

1933 - LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING - CAPITAL ALLOCATION:

The County Manager informed the Council that notification had been received from the Department of the Environment that an initial capital allocation of £1,330,000 was being made to the Council to cover the Council's ongoing commitments at 1st January, 1978, for Local Authority housing. An additional allocation was expected within the next month or so for new works to be started before 31st July, 1978.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

- 1934 - CASADH AG TEACH SEAIN O DONNCU IDIR CEATHRU RUA AGUS SRUFAN - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:  
The Acting Secretary stated that this refers to major works on the main road from Costello into Carraroe which would require a main road grant. No such finances are available in 1978.
- 1935 - BOTHAR IDIR TEACH BRIDIE NIC DONNCADHA AGUS MICHEAL MAC DONNCADHA, CLADHNACH - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:  
The Acting Secretary stated that this involved major works on the main road from Costello to Carraroe which would require a main road grant. No such finances are available in 1978.
- 1936 - SCEIM UISCE REIGIUNACH COSTELLO - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:  
The Acting Secretary stated that negotiations with the owners of the Fishery had been concluded and agreement reached except to clarify one particular measurement, and it was hoped that the agreement would be completed in a week or so.
- 1937 - CLEANING OF RIVER AT WHITE MILLS, LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:  
The Acting Secretary informed Councillor Morgan that this work will be undertaken in the current year.
- 1938 - COVERING OF RIVER AT RAILWAY ROAD, LOUGHREA, FOR A CAR PARK - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:  
The Acting Secretary stated that the culverting of the river would be expensive and would not be a priority at this time and no provision had been made for same in the Estimates for 1978.
- 1939 - MOVING BACK OF WALL ON NORTH SIDE OF MOUNT CARMEL CRESCENT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:  
The Acting Secretary stated that this work is not provided for in the Estimates for 1978 and is not of high priority from available 1978 funds. However, the improvement of sign-posting at this junction is being examined. The work will be considered at the preparation of the Estimates for 1979.
- 1940 - EASING OF BENDS ON CASTLEGAR/BALLINDOOLEY ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MOLLOY:  
The Acting Secretary stated that there was no provision made in the 1978 Roadworks Scheme for improvements on this road.
- 1941 - REMOVAL OF CLAY DITCHES ON THE COROFIN ROAD - MOTION BY CLLR. MOLLOY:  
The Acting Secretary informed Councillor Molloy that removal of the clay ditches along this road was considered to be of very low priority.
- 1942 - CONNECTIONS TO WATERMAIN IN THE CASTLEGAR/TWO-MILE-DITCH/BRIERHILL/BALLYBRIT AREAS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MOLLOY:  
The Acting Secretary stated that the Council was prepared to give metered connections for combined agricultural and domestic water supplies to applicants in these areas. There was only one application on hands at present.
- 1943 - PARKING FACILITY AT LISHEEN CEMETERY AND PUBLIC LIGHTING AT DUNIRY CHURCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BURKE:  
The Acting Secretary stated that a report on this motion would be available for the March Meeting.
- 1944 - RESTORATION OF AGRICULTURAL GRANT ON VALUATIONS OVER £75 AND RESTORATION OF SUBSIDY ON FERTILISERS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BURKE:  
Councillor Burke stated that the removal of the Agricultural Grant on valuations of £75 or more was a severe blow to some farmers in Co. Galway and he asked that a recommendation be sent to the Minister for

- the Environment to have the grant restored. He also asked that the Galway Committee of Agriculture be requested to seek the restoration of the subsidy on fertilisers from the Minister for Agriculture.
- 1945 - WALL AT APPROACH TO TYNAGH VILLAGE AND PROVISION OF FOOTPATH FROM THE VILLAGE TO THE CHURCH ENTRANCE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BURKE:  
The Acting Secretary stated that the maintenance of this wall was not a County Council responsibility. Regarding the footpath, this would involve the construction of a footpath 600 yards in length and there was no provision for it in the 1978 Estimates. It is proposed to include same for consideration at the preparation of the 1979 Estimates.
- 1946 - TAKING OVER OF SERVICES AT CAHEROYAN ESTATE, ATHENRY - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:  
The Chairman stated that motions Nos. 31(a) and 35 would be taken in conjunction with this motion. The Acting Secretary stated that the developers of this scheme entered into a covenant with Galway County Council on 18th February, 1975, to maintain the various services in the estate in a satisfactory manner pending a decision of the Council regarding their future maintenance. Street lighting has not yet been provided in the estate and the roadway which was surfaced has been allowed to deteriorate and is presently in a very poor condition. The roadway would require a considerable expenditure to bring it up to the required standard for taking over by Galway County Council but the liability for its repair and for the installation of the lighting rests with the developer.
- 1947 - PROVISION OF LIBRARY IN MOUNTBELLEW - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:  
The Acting Secretary stated that alternative proposals for a library in Mountbellew were being examined.
- 1948 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT AIRGLOONEY ESTATE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KELLY:  
The Acting Secretary stated that this road would be included in the next list of roads for adoption by the County Council.
- 1949 - TAKING OVER OF PEDESTRIAN WAY AT O'KEEFFE'S TCE., TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KELLY:  
The Acting Secretary stated that the implications of taking over pedestrian ways are being examined and a report on this particular case will be available for the March meeting of the Council.
- 1950 - EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY FROM TIERNEE TO LEIC, CURRYULKA & CRUIMINAE - MOTION BY DEPUTY MANNION:  
The Chairman asked that a written reply be sent to Deputy Mannion on this motion.
- 1951 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:  
The Chairman asked that Councillor Welby be sent written replies to his motions.
- 1952 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD NO. 321 TO MOLONEY'S HOUSE - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:  
In the absence of Deputy Molloy this motion was not moved.
- 1953 - REPAIR OF FENCE ALONG JAMES KELLY'S LANDS AT POOLBOY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:  
The Acting Secretary stated that the conditions relating to the purchase of the land were being examined to ascertain who was responsible for the maintenance of the fence and that unless it was a condition of sale, the Council would not undertake any new obligations in this connection.



- 1954 - MOTIONS NOS. 29(b) & (c) IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR JOYCE:  
The Acting Secretary stated that the land and drain, the subject of these motions were within the Ballinasloe Urban Area and would not be the responsibility of the County Council. Councillor Joyce stated that the Council had a duty to ensure that lands and fences adjacent to itinerant sites are adequately maintained, otherwise it will be very difficult to get further sites in the area. Councillor Joyce, who was supported by Deputy Callanan, asked that the matter be further examined and taken up with Ballinasloe Urban District Council if necessary.
- 1955 - REPAIR OF BRIDGE AT KILLAVOHER - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:  
In Deputy Donnellan's absence, this motion was not moved.
- 1956 - MOTIONS BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:  
Deputy Killilea's motion No. 31(a) was dealt with in the reply to motion No. 24(a).  
Motion No. 31(b) was not moved.
- 1957 - EXTENSION OF CLIFDEN STREET LIGHTING - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS BARTLEY & O MORAIN:  
The Acting Secretary stated that this location was not included in the three-year programme 1977/'79 for new public lighting. It will be put on the list of applications for new public lighting which will be considered when a further programme is being drawn up.
- 1958 - REPAIRS TO PAVEMENT ALONG SEA VIEW, ETC. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:  
The Acting Secretary stated that the required repairs would be carried out in the near future.
- 1959 - REPAIR OF ROAD LEADING TO GRAVEYARD IN ERRISLANNON, CLIFDEN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:  
The Acting Secretary informed Councillor Bartley that this was not a County Road although it serves the burial ground. Repairs, including the cleaning and deepening of a drain over a distance of  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile are required. The estimated total cost of repairs is £3,000. Finance for this proposal would have to be made available from Councillors' Notice of Motion Funds.
- 1960 - ERECTION OF BRIDGE ACROSS CREGG RIVER - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:  
The Acting Secretary stated that a report was being prepared on this matter and it was hoped to have it for the next meeting.
- 1961 - REMOVAL OF BAD TURNS ON LISHEENKYLE/COSHLA ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:  
The Acting Secretary stated that there were no funds available from this year's County Road Maintenance Allocation for the improvement of these road bends. They will be considered when next year's programme is being drawn up.
- 1962 - IMPROVEMENT OF ATHENRY/COSHLA ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:  
The Acting Secretary stated that an improvement will be carried out to one of the "blind" hills on this road later in the year. Priority is being given to this improvement but sufficient funds will not be available to realign the bend at Moylans out of this year's allocation.
- 1963 - TAKING OVER OF SERVICES AT CAHEROYAN ESTATE, ATHENRY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:  
This motion was dealt with in the reply to motion No. 24(a).

- 1964 - SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR MOYLOUGH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:  
The Acting Secretary stated that a preliminary report will be prepared for a sewerage scheme in Moylough. It will be a difficult village to sewer as suitable receiving water is not available within a reasonable distance from the village. The cost will be at least £100,000 and, therefore, would be outside the scope of the Small Village Schemes. Councillor Ryan stated that a sewerage scheme was badly needed in Moylough. About 10 new houses had been built there and further houses are being erected. He said that sewage was discharging into an open drain which caused serious problems and would be the cause of many complaints during the coming summer. The Chairman supported Councillor Ryan.
- 1965 - E.S.B. SUPPLY IN CLONBERNE/MOYLOUGH AREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:  
Councillor Ryan stated that the power supply was very bad in these areas during the winter and the E.S.B. could not meet the demand during the peak hours. He asked that the Council request the E.S.B. to have the matter investigated with a view to ensuring that sufficient electricity is available to meet the demands of the area.
- 1966 - REMOVAL OF BEND AT CLOONKELL, MOYLOUGH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:  
The Acting Secretary stated that the County Engineer's report indicated that an improvement at this bend was desirable but would have to be postponed until 1979 as there were no funds available to carry out the work during the current year.
- 1967 - ERECTION OF "CHILDREN CROSSING" SIGNS AT CLAREGALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:  
The Acting Secretary stated that the relevant signs would be erected in the near future.
- 1968 - EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:  
The Acting Secretary stated that the refuse collection service was presently overtaxed and no extension of the service could be provided at the moment. Councillor Ruane stated that the refuse collection service as it operates at the moment was unfair in that some areas got no collection. He felt that in some areas where a weekly collection was carried out at the moment, perhaps a fortnightly collection would suffice and this would enable additional areas to be collected. He asked that this be considered.
- 1969 - WIDENING OF CORNERS AT CAHERAVOOLEY ROAD, ANBALLY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:  
The Acting Secretary stated that there were no funds available from the county roads maintenance allocation to improve these corners during 1978. Consideration will be given to including them in next year's list of improvement works.
- 1970 - REMOVAL OF CLAY BANKS ON CLOGHNACEVA ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE:  
The Acting Secretary stated that the road in question was County Road No. 373 at Cloghnaceva. The estimated cost of improving the margins along the full length of road was £1,500. There was no provision in the 1978 Estimates for this work. However, a number of passing lay-byes will be considered from available maintenance funds during 1978 and the matter will be reconsidered at the preparation of the Estimates for 1979.
- 1971 - DUMPING GROUND FOR KINVARA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE:  
The Acting Secretary informed Councillor Byrne that efforts had been made to acquire an alternative site for a dump for Kinvara but so far without success.

1972 - EXTENSION OF MAREE GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

The Acting Secretary stated that no official application for an extension of this scheme had been received by the Council. However, approval for alterations in pipe sizes from those originally approved for the Maree Group Water Scheme was requested by the Department and the drawings submitted included some extra extensions which had not been in the original scheme. The Department was informed of this and further developments are awaited.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED: -

SIGNED: Tom Murray (CHAIRMAN)

DATE: 28/3/78

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.  
20u Marta, 1978.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarratar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Mairt, an 28u la Marta, 1978, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
RUNAI SEALADACH.

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 propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant outline permission to Liam Keogh for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ballyconneely - Planning Reference No. 26298."  
G. Bartley; R. Molloy; John M. Mannion.
  - (b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned, propose that the County Manager be directed to grant permission for a dwellinghouse at Knockaunnacarragh to Mr. Joseph Feehan - Planning Reference No. 26772."  
G. Bartley; Thomas Welby; M. O Morain.
  - (c) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the County Council direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Robert Newell, Kilmurry, Headford, for an abbatoir - Planning Reference No. 26963."  
Thomas Welby; Mark Killilea; Paddy Ruane.
  - (d) "Faoi choimirce Cuid a Ceathair d' Acht (Leasu) 1955 de Bhille Bainistiocht Catharach agus Conndae, molfai na Coirleoiri ainmnithe go dtuirfi cead do Mhairtin O Cathain teach a thoigeal i Maghros, Carna - Uimhir 26593."  
Micheal S. O Morain; Micheal O Flatharta; G. Bartley.
  - (e) "Faoi choimirce Cuid a Ceathair d'Acht (Leasu) 1955 de Bhille Bainistiocht Catharach agus Conndae, molfai na Coirleoiri ainmnithe go dtuirfi cead do Eamon Greenan teach a thoigeal - Uimhir 26588."  
Micheal S. O Morain; Micheal O Flatharta; Gearoid MacPharthlain.

(f) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned will propose that the County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission for the erection of two houses at Ballyquirke West to Patrick Molloy - Planning Reference No. 26800."

John M. Mannion; Sean Donnellan; Padraic McCormack.

(g) "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 permission to John Heffernan for the erection of Abbatoir at Thonabrucky - Planning Reference No. 25710."

Thomas Welby; John Molloy; John M. Mannion.

2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Injury Decrees - list herewith.
4. Overdraft Accommodation for quarter ending 30th June, 1978.
5. Sale of Houses to the following Tenants - Notices dated 14th March, '78:
  1. Tony Duane, Gortnabragh, Portumna;
  2. Tony Platt, Crowe Street, Gort;
  3. Mrs. Mary Carter, Burnthouse, Roscahill;
  4. James Molloy, Crowe Street, Gort;
  5. Andrew Coen, Corwe Street, Gort;
  6. Albert Parry, Derrybeg, Tynagh;
  7. Edward Mannion, Cartron, Ballygar;
  8. Roger Carey, Crowe Street, Gort;
  9. Florence McCarthy, Crowe Street, Gort;
  10. Sean Dooley, Lecknabegga, Peterswell;
  11. Noel Furlong, Crowe Street, Gort;
  12. Miss Sabina Keane, Ballybanagher, Cummer, Tuam;
  13. John Scully, Dublin Road, Tuam.
6. Sale of plot of land at Market Street, Clifden - Notice dated 15th March, 1978.
7. Creation of 3 offices of Library Assistant.
8. Raising of Supplementary Loan of £12,300 for Gort Library.
9. Nomination of two delegates to a Joint Conference of the Library Association of Ireland and Northern Ireland Branch of the Library Association.
10. Sanitary Services Capital Allocations 1978.
11. Raising of loan of £60,000 to finance Small Water and Sewerage Schemes Programme 1978.
12. Raising of Loan of £1 million for advancing Housing Loans under Section 39 of Housing Act, 1966.
13. Low-Rise Mortgage Scheme.
14. I.F.H.P. Congress - Hamburg 10th - 16th September, 1978.
15. Appointment of Nominee on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.
16. Environmental Improvement Scheme Allocation 1978.

17. County Councils' General Council - Annual Conference.
18. Bord Failte Tourism Plan 1978/'82.
19. Bord Failte/County Council Amenity Schemes 1978. (Proposals herewith)
20. Galway Transportation Study. (Members should bring the Summary Report to the meeting).
21. Parking facilities at Lisheen Cemetry and lighting at Duniry Church - Minute No. 1943.
22. Taking over of pedestrian way at O'Keeffes Tce., Tuam - Minute 1949.
23. Erection of bridge across Cregg river - Minute No. 1960.
24. Business submitted by the County Manager.

NOTICES OF MOTION

25. DEPUTY R. MOLLOY - I will propose:  
That County Road No. 321 to Mrs. Moloney's house be declared a public road.
26. DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN - I will propose:
  - (a) That Galway Co. Council repair the bridge at Killavoher, Dunmore as a matter of urgency.
  - (b) That the County Manager infoms us when the new houses at Athenry Road, Tuam, Co. Galway will be ready for tenancy.
27. DEPUTY M. KILLILEA - I will propose:
  - (a) That the refuse collection truck make a short 1 point stop at (a) Cave, Caherlistrane - Keane's house every Thursday and (b) Burke's house, Corrowmoneen, Tuam - 1 point stop either on its way out of Tuam or on to Tuam.
  - (b) That the crossroads at Cartymore, Athenry be widened and made safe immediately - both landowners are prepared to give the land.
  - (c) That the water scheme for Tuam town be started immediately as flooding of enormous quantity is prevalent in Lavally and Cor-ton areas.
28. COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will propose
  - (a) That water coming from the hill over Ballinafad graveyard and flooding the graveyard be diverted and that a stile be fitted to same graveyard or circular gate.
  - (b) That the Council repair a bridge on Dolan Road, Aillebrack leading to the beach.
  - (c) That the Council drain the road by Peter Diamond's house at Mannin, Ballyconneely.
29. COUNCILLORS GLYNN AND RUANE - We will propose:  
That this County Council pass a resolution requesting the Department of Post & Telegraphs to allow time on both media, radio and T.V. to all elected representatives of all political parties.
30. COUNCILLOR GLYNN - I will request:
  - (a) An up to date report on the position of a sewerage scheme for Milltown due to the fact that it is situated on the Clare river.
  - (b) I will propose that in future, all office work in connection with housing grants be administered by the County Council on an agency basis - as for example, L.I.S. road grants. Resolution if passed to be sent to Department of Local Government and General Council of County Councils.

31. COUNCILLOR S. DONNELLAN - I will propose:  
That a diversion road (350 yds.) be built near Martin Bane's house, Gortnamona, Moycullen to Drimavohaun Road thus avoiding the necessity of widening Drimavohaun bridge. This road is used extensively by tourist buses.
32. COUNCILLOR J. MOLLOY - I will propose:  
(a) That this council widen gates at level crossing at Curragreen, Oranmore.  
(b) That this Council provide a refuse collection for the Doughiska/Roscam area.  
(c) That a hard shoulder be put along the Tuam-Galway road at Two-mileditch, Castlegar.
33. DEPUTY J. MANNION - I will propose:  
(a) That Galway County Council extend the Ballyconneely Water Supply from Mannin crossroad to Eddie King's house, Derrygimlagh.  
(b) That Galway Co. Council widen the road between John O'Toole's bar, Bealadangan and the bridge.
34. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:  
(a) That road junctions at Ballagh, Bushypark and Drum be widened for a better view on to the Galway-Moycullen road and that provisions be made for same in the 1979 estimates.  
(b) That this Council take over and maintain the new road and footpaths going through the Claremount Estate, Oughterard, from Tierney's outhouse to the far side of Tommie Melia's house.  
(c) That this Council provide public lighting at Kilroe, Spiddal.
35. COUNCILLOR N. MORGAN - I will propose:  
(a) That when a road qualifies for an L.I.S. grant, that a Councillor may allocate from his N.O.M. fund all or part of the local contribution for that road or part of same road which would qualify to be declared public.  
(b) That a booster pump be installed on the water main at Athenry Road, Loughrea, the west end of which has for many years been without adequate pressure and sometimes without any water for toilets, etc..  
(c) That Galway Co. Council demand or acquire from C.I.E. the buildings, roadway, platform, etc. for sale by C.I.E. at Railway Station, Loughrea, and that Galway Co. Council retain therefrom what they require and that the remainder be sold to Loughrea Co-operative Livestock Mart who own the lands both east and west of said C.I.E. property.
36. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:  
(a) That signs be erected on both sides of road leading to Lackagh N.S. reading "Children crossing".  
(b) That the factory and airport at Carnmore be signposted reading "Factory Exit" and "Airport".

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MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Mrs. Elizabeth Maloney, St. Francis Street, Galway.	Damage to a plate glass window.	Borough of Galway.	£100	£131.35
Mr. Thomas O'Halloran, 64 Walter Macken Place, Mervue.	Damage to window.	Borough of Galway.	£ 15	£ 36.40
Nora DeHoir, Arduilaun Hotel, Taylor's Hill, Galway.	Damage to car.	Borough of Galway.	£ 45	£ 64.40
McCairns Motors (Galway) Ltd.	Damage to motor lorry.	Borough of Galway.	£ 60	£ 88.15

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/9/1004

14th. March, 1978

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:- Gortnabragh, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Tony Duane of: Gortnabragh, Portumna, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £3765 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/8/602

14th. March, 1978

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:- Bernard Carter, Burnthouse, Roscahill, Co. Galway.

Location:- Burnthouse, Roscahill, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mrs. Mary Carter of: Burnthouse, Roscahill, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2476 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/5/1302

14th. March, 1978

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:- James Kempsey, Patrick Niland, Patrick Glynn,  
Michael Jordan, James Hynes, Gerard Keane,  
Vincent O'Shaughnessy, Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

Location:- Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Tony Platt of: Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4933 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/5/1303

14th. March, 1978

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:- James Kempsey, Patrick Niland, Patrick Glynn,  
Michael Jordan, James Hynes, Gerard Keane,  
Vincent O'Shaughnessy, Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

Location:- Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

James Molloy of: Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4933 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

14th. March, 1978

Ref. No. 63/5/1307

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:- James Kempsey, Patrick Niland, Patrick Glynn, Michael Jordan, James Hynes, Gerard Keane, Vincent O'Shaughnessy, Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

Location:- Crowe Street, Gort, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Andrew Coen of: Crowe Street, Gort, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4933 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

14th. March, 1978.

Ref. No. 63/7/1402

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. Teresa Byrne, Cartron, Ballygar, Co. Galway.

Location:- Cartron, Ballygar, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Edward Mannion of: Cartron, Ballygar, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4895 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

14th. March, 1978.

Ref. No. 63/9/1201

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:- Joseph Killeen, Derrybeg, Tynagh, Co. Galway.

Location:- Derrybeg, Tynagh, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Albert Parry, Derrybeg, Tynagh, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4704 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/5/1301

14th. March, 1978

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:- James Kempsey, Patrick Niland, Patrick Glynn, Michael Jordan, James Hynes, Gerard Keane, Vincent O'Shaughnessy, Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

Location:- Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Roger Carey of: Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4933 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/5/1306

14th. March, 1978

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:- James Kempsey, Patrick Niland, Patrick Glynn, Michael Jordan, James Hynes, Gerard Keane, Vincent O'Shaughnessy, Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

Location:-  
Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-  
Florence McCarthy of: Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4933 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/5/1421

14th. March, 1978

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:- James Kempsey, Patrick Niland, Patrick Glynn, Michael Jordan, James Hynes, Gerard Keane, Vincent O'Shaughnessy, Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

Location:- Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-  
Noel Furlong of: Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £5132 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/6/1451

14th. March, 1978

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:- Michael Dooley, Lecknabegga, Peterswell, Co. Galway.

Location:- Lecknabegga, Peterswell, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Sean Dooley of: Lecknabegga, Peterswell, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4895 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/10/801

14th. March, 1978

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:- Patrick Keane, Ballybanagher, Cummer, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Location:- Ballybanagher, Cummer, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Miss Sabina Keane of: Ballybanagher, Cummer, Tuam, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2787 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

14th. March, 1978

Ref. No. 63/10/1415

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 Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

John Scully of: Dublin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.

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

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £6607 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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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

15th March, 1978.

TO: Each Member of Galway County Council/

A Chara,

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

LAND:

Plot of land, area 2.84 sq. perches at Market Street, Clifden, at the rear of the new branch library.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Messrs. Tobias Joyce, Market Street, Clifden and Padraic D. Joyce, Glenowen Hotel, Clifden.

PERSONS TO WHOM THE LAND IS TO BE DISPOSED:

Mr. L. E. Manning, 23, Wicklow Heights, Wicklow.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL:

£50.

OTHER COVENANTS OR CONSIDERATIONS:

The plot being sold is to be levelled with a hard core surface by the Council and a suitable dividing wall erected.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held after the expiration of ten clear days from the date of this Notice.

T. Kavanagh.  
ACTING CO. SECRETARY

BORD FAILTE/COUNTY COUNCIL AMENITY SCHEMES 1978

<u>ZONE</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>BORD FAILTE GRANT</u>	<u>CO. COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION</u>
Zone 31 Lough Corrib	<u>Course Angling</u> Rosslake: Develop access car park etc.	£ 1,000	£ 1,000
Zone 73 Suck River Valley	Ballinasloe Suck River: develop access car parking etc.	2,500	1,000
Zone 31 Lough Corrib	<u>Game Angling</u> Birchall: provide access car park and mooring facilities etc.	3,000	1,000
"	Portacarran: develop access car parking and mooring facilities etc.	3,000	1,000
"	Derrymoyle: develop access car parking and mooring facilities etc.	4,000	2,000
"	Kilkeel: develop access car parking and mooring facilities etc.	4,000	2,000
"	Rinneknock: develop access car parking and mooring facilities etc.	3,000	1,500
Zone 32 W. Connemara	Roundstone: develop access to lakes, etc.	4,000	2,000
Zone 32 W. Connemara	<u>Historical and Cultural</u> Rosmuc: Pearse's Cottage - develop car park and toilet blocks	2,000	4,000
Other Areas	Kilmacduagh, Gort: provide improvements in the area and access for visitors.	2,500	1,000
Zone 30 S. Connemara	<u>General Amenities</u> Connemara Coast - develop access to beaches	4,000	2,000
Zone 31 Lough Corrib	Lough Corrib - access roads, car parks, laybys, etc.	4,900	2,500
Zone 32 W. Connemara	Clifden Marina	7,500	2,500
"	Develop access to beaches car park, picnic areas, etc.	9,000	3,450
Zone 33 Lough Mask	Road to Glentraigue - Finney	2,500	1,000

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<u>ZONE</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>BORD FAILTE GRANT</u>	<u>CO. COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION</u>
	<u>National Parks</u>	£	£
Zone 32 W. Connemara	Letterfrack: develop National park access car parking, nature trails, picnic areas and landscaping	5,000	2,500
Zone 28 Aran Islands	Preparation of Village Renewal Scheme for Kilronan	1,000	1,000
	TOTALS	£62,900	£31,450

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 28th MARCH, 1978.

IN THE CHAIR: - Deputy T. Hussey.

PRESENT:

Members

- Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy 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, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor 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; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; K. Hays & S. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineers; R. Lee & B. Callagy, Chief Assistant County Engineers (Planning); W. Cahill & J. Beirne, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineers; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; Miss C. Burke & Miss M. Nolan, Staff Officers & T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1973 - VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the widow of the late Cearbhaill O Dalaigh. The proposal was seconded by Deputy Mannion and the meeting adjourned for a few minutes as a mark of respect.

1974 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26298 - APPLICANT LIAM KEOGH:

The following report which was circulated to the Members was submitted:-

"The site is on the sea side of the Ballyconneely/Roundstone road, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from Ballyconneely village. The seaward views along this road are of the highest order and have an international reputation because of the rich contrast of colourings in the sea itself, on the intensively seaweeded shoreline and on the hinterland with its exciting composition of sand, rock, heather, grass and lakelet. Its nickname "the brandy and soda road" is said to be derived from the bracing sea breezes and pristine environment.

Little wonder then that development pressures in the area have been intense and constant, and while some degree of visual damage has taken place on the landward side of the road we have in general been successful in preserving the very vulnerable coastline from building development. To impose a house on this headland would in itself be a serious matter as far as amenity preservation is concerned and would consequently be contrary to the Council's duty as set out in the very definition of the 1963 Planning Act - "to make provision, in the interests of common good for the proper planning and development of areas (including the preservation and improvement of the amenities thereof)".

The fact that on a previous occasion this Council refused a house here on visual amenity grounds and were upheld on appeal by the Minister, even though a second family claim (which is now changed to a new farmhouse claim) was pleaded, is sufficient evidence as to the amenity damage which would be caused.

The request for further information which was sent out to substantiate the housing need claimed has failed to show the need for a new farmhouse on this site which comprises a total of seven acres. Neither did the reply outline all the lands in the family ownership and consequently no alternative house

location can be suggested from the information on hands.

Refusal is strongly recommended as per Ref. No. 25801 as follows:-

(1) The proposed development would seriously injure the visual amenity of the area because it would be located in an open unspoilt landscape on the sea side of an important tourist route and it would constitute an obtrusive and discordant feature in the foreground of outstanding seascape views.

(2) The proposed development would contravene a previous decision of the Minister for Local Government refusing permission for a dwellinghouse on this site - Planning Ref. No. PL. 7/5/28240."

The Deputy County Manager read extracts from the report and stated the reasons as to why the application should be refused. Replying to Councillor Bartley as to whether the applicant had submitted any further information, the Deputy County Manager stated that no further information had been submitted to substantiate the housing need claimed and neither had any information been given which would assist the Council in suggesting an alternative site on the family lands. Councillor Bartley stated that he would be prepared to defer the motion to the April Meeting provided the time for considering the application was extended if the applicant consented to such an extension. This was agreed to.

1975 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26772 - APPLICANT JOSEPH FEEHAN:

The following report which had been circulated to the Members was submitted:-

"Refusal will be recommended in this case because:-

(1) The development would constitute disorderly development of backlands as the site has no road frontage and does not comply with the density requirements of the County Development Plan which require 100 ft. road frontage for a site.

(2) The proposed workshop would be a non-conforming use in what is now predominantly a residential (despite the conflicting objective of the Planning Authority) area. The house and workshop will be located very close to existing houses. However, one of these erected a garage in the back garden and by means of a Section 4 decision was granted permission. The motor repair business there seems now to have ceased. There is an undesirable trend for workshops in rural areas close to Galway City which can and do lead to undesirable interference with residential and visual amenity.

(3) The property abutting this road is already overbuilt. The road is as narrow as 7 feet in places and joins the heavily trafficked Galway/Barna Road at a very dangerous intersection. This commercial-cum-residential development can only exacerbate the existing traffic problem here.

(4) The area lies between the development areas of Barna and Knocknacarra. A large investment of public funds has been made in drawing up development plans for these areas in accordance with proper planning and development principles and practice. A large sum of public money has already been spent on a sewerage scheme in Knocknacarra and further expenditure is proposed to augment the water supply systems in these areas. Huge road-works schemes will also be required to meet the development needs of the area. Therefore, it is an extremely bad policy to allow sporadic unserved development outside these scheduled development areas which will prejudice the long-term public investment programme. Galway County Council's attitude is motivated on the basis of the overall public interest in its area. This sometimes necessitates restriction of private interests but this unfortunately is a necessary price which must be paid in such cases. It is wholly inconsistent and illogical for some elected representatives to pressurise the Authority to seemingly arbitrarily abandon its policy without any authoritative professional opinion to substantiate its actions."

The Deputy County Manager recommended that permission be refused on the grounds that it constituted disorderly development of backlands with no road frontage and for the other reasons set out in the report. Councillor Bartley proposed that permission be granted and this was seconded by Councillor Welby who stated that the applicant was anxious to retire to a location adjacent to Galway City. Replying to Councillor Holland, the Deputy County Manager stated that the site was outside the development area of the Knocknacarra Development Plan. Councillor Byrne stated that the Council had spent several months reviewing the County Development Plan and had agreed to adopt certain standards for housing development such as a minimum road frontage, etc., and now it was proposed that permission be given in this case where there was no road frontage at all. Councillor O Morain supported the proposal to grant permission stating that there was a human element in every application and that this aspect of the application could not be expressed on paper. Councillor Morgan proposed that permission be refused. He asked if most of the applications which were refused by the Planning Authority were coming up subsequently under Section 4 motions. He saw no purpose in continuing to employ staff in the Planning Office when their recommendations were being reversed by the Members through the use of Section 4 motions, and also because of the fact that permissions which were granted were not being followed up. The County Engineer stated that this Section 4 was a very serious one in that it proposed to grant permission for the development of backlands with no road frontage. The Council has always refused such applications in order to protect the privacy of adjacent dwellings and prevent disorderly development. There were three previous refusals on this site. He stated that the human element was taken into account in dealing with every application. Councillor Byrne seconded Councillor Morgan's proposal that the application be refused. A vote was taken on the Section 4 Motion which resulted as follows:-

**For:**  
 Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, Flaherty, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillor McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Melvin, J. Molloy, O Morain, Welby (17).

**Against:**  
 Councillors Burke, Byrne, Galvin, Glynn, Holland, Kelly, Kilgannon, Morgan, Ruane (9).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

1976 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26963 - APPLICANT ROBERT NEWELL:

Deputy Killilea stated that he had discussed this application with the Planning Officials and a satisfactory solution had been agreed and he was, therefore, withdrawing the motion.

1977 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26593 - APPLICANT MARTIN KEANE:

Councillor O Morain stated that he was withdrawing this motion as the application lodged was only an application for outline permission.

1978 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26588 - APPLICANT EDWARD GREENAN:

The following report which was circulated to the Members was submitted:

"The site is a small flat island, completely bare of hedges, walls, etc., just offshore. It has no road connection from the mainland and what appears to be the line of the proposed access road lies outside the site. Permission would probably be required from the Minister of Transport, Power & Energy to construct the road on the foreshore. The bringing of overhead electricity cables to the site will also be required and will cause injury to the scenic amenity of a house on the island.

The documents, especially the site map, submitted with the application provide the minimum of information and indicate that very little thought has been given to planning or constructional considerations.

The proposed development would be extremely insensitive, visually obtrusive and not capable of being assimilated into a highly scenic coastline amenity area.

The island appears to be part of a holding shown on the mainland where suitable alternative sites with public road frontage and electricity supply are available.

Refusal of permission is recommended with the strongest emphasis."

The Deputy County Manager recommended that permission be refused. The site was in a highly scenic area and no housing need had been claimed by the applicant. Proposing that permission be granted, Councillor O Morain stated that returning emigrants should be facilitated and he doubted if the site was in an attractive tourist area. He agreed that overhead lines could and had damaged the scenic amenity in certain areas. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Bartley. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

1979 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26800 - APPLICANT PATRICK MOLLOY:

The Deputy County Manager stated that a decision had been made granting permission in the case of the application the subject of the Section 4 motion.

1980 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 25710 - APPLICANT JOHN HEFFERNAN:

The following report which was circulated to the Members was submitted:-

"It is recommended that this decision be refused for the following reasons:-

(1) The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because adequate means of disposal of the final effluent have not been indicated by the developer and are not available in the opinion of the Planning Authority.

(2) The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because the existing narrow rural road system would not satisfactorily cope with the heavy commercial traffic generated in addition to the traffic using the long established adjacent County Council quarry.

(3) The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because the quantity of meat to be produced on the scale indicated by the size of the proposed structure would not be capable of adequate veterinary supervision, while spare capacity exists in the public abattoir operated in nearby Galway City."

The Deputy County Manager stated that to grant permission in this case would be a very serious step for the Council to take and he urged the Members not to pass the Section 4 motion for the reasons set out in the report. Councillor Welby proposed that the permission be granted. He stated that the proposed treatment of the effluent was based on the best professional advice and the road networks in the area were adequate to cater for the development. The question of veterinary supervision was not a matter for the applicant. The position in relation to the abattoir in Galway City was not satisfactory. All the offals would be processed and twenty people would be employed. The Deputy County Manager stated that there was adequate space in the Galway Abattoir for additional killings. Replying to Councillor Holland, he stated that while the proposed development was not a material contravention of the plan, it was still a serious breach of the Council's planning policy as set out in the plan. Deputy Mannion seconded Councillor Welby's proposal, stating that the applicant was creating employment

and that he had got advice regarding the effluent problem.

The County Engineer stated that the treatment plant proposed was only a large septic tank. If all the offals were to be processed as stated by Councillor Welby this would involve a considerably larger amount of effluent which made the position worse. The applicant proposed to get his water supply on the site and if the effluent was discharged to a soak-pit as was proposed this could pollute the water source. The drain on the site would be totally inadequate to take the effluent. The road system was also inadequate to cater for the traffic which would be generated by the development.

Referring to the water supply question, Councillor Welby stated that a public water supply was proposed for the area in the near future and the applicant would not be going ahead with the development for a year or two. Councillor Morgan stated that adequate means for the disposal of the effluent had not been supplied by the applicant and, therefore, the Council had no right to grant the permission. He proposed that permission be refused. Councillor Glynn seconded Councillor Morgan's proposal. A vote was taken on the Section 4 motion which resulted as follows:-

**For:** Councillors Bartley, Burke, Deputy Callanan, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, Flaherty, P. Galvin, E. Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Councillors Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillor McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Melvin, J. Molloy, O Morain, Raftery, Ruane, Ryan & Welby (23).

**Against:** Councillors Holland, Kelly & Morgan (3).  
The Chairman declared the motion carried.

1981 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Morgan, seconded by Deputy Mannion, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 27th February, 1978, (Nos. 1908 - 1972 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1982 - 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.

1983 - OVERDRAFT:

The Deputy County Manager informed the Council that it was estimated that the Council's requirements in respect of overdraft for the quarter ending 30th June, 1978, was £1,000,000. It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Deputy Killilea, and resolved:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, overdraft accommodation not exceeding £1,000,000 be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account for the quarter ending 30th June, 1978".

1984 - SALE OF HOUSES UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the houses let to the following tenants in accordance with the terms of Notices dated 14th March, 1978, under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, copies of which have been given to each Member of the Council.

Tony Duane, Gortnabragh, Portumna;  
Tony Platt, Crowe Street, Gort;  
Mrs. Mary Carter, Burnthouse, Roscahill;  
James Molloy, Crowe Street, Gort;  
Andrew Coen, Crowe Street, Gort;

Albert Parry, Derrybeg, Tynagh;  
Edward Mannion, Cartron, Ballygar;  
Roger Carey, Crowe Street, Gort;  
Florence McCarthy, Crowe Street, Gort;  
Sean Dooley, Lecknabegga, Peterswell;  
Noel Furlong, Crowe Street, Gort;  
Miss Sabina Keane, Ballybanagher, Cummer, Tuam;  
John Scully, Dublin Road, Tuam."

1985 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT MARKET STREET, CLIFDEN:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of plot of land measuring 2.84 sq. perches at Market Street, Clifden, at the rear of the new branch library to Mr. L. E. Manning, 23 Wicklow Heights, Wicklow, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 15th March, 1978, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and in accordance with Section 75 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963."

1986 - CREATION OF THREE EXTRA POSTS OF LIBRARY ASSISTANT:

The Deputy County Manager stated that it was proposed to expand the Library Service including the purchase of an additional mobile library and the replacement of the two delivery vans. An additional Library Assistant would be required for the new mobile library and another additional Library Assistant would be required for one of the delivery vans which is not accompanied by a Library Assistant at present. In order to provide a sufficient back-up service at Headquarters to cater for the expanded service, it was proposed that a further additional Library Assistant be employed at Headquarters. This Library Assistant would be the first to be recruited, the others would be recruited when the vehicles are provided. He stated the cost of the extra staff had been provided for in the current year's Estimates and he requested the Council's approval to the creation of the three additional posts. It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Deputy Mannion, and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of three additional posts of Library Assistant".

1987 - RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £12,300 FOR GORT LIBRARY:

The Deputy County Manager stated that work on the new Gort Library was well advanced. The loan originally approved for the construction of the Library was £32,700 but it was now estimated that the final cost would be £45,000. He requested the Council's approval to the raising of a supplementary loan of £12,300 to make up the deficit. It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morgan, and resolved:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a Supplementary Loan of £12,300 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the new Branch Library at Gort, the loan to be repayable over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister".

1988 - NOMINATION OF DELEGATES TO JOINT LIBRARY CONFERENCE:

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Library Committee had nominated Mrs. M. Croffy and Councillor E. Haverty as delegates to attend a joint conference of the Library Association of Ireland and Northern Ireland Branch of the Library Association being held in Newcastle, Co. Down, from 24th - 27th May, 1978, with Councillor P. Galvin as the substitute delegate.

The Council unanimously approved of the nominations of the Library Committee.

1989 - SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS 1978:

The Deputy County Manager informed the Members that notification of the 1978 Sanitary Services Capital Allocations had been received from the Department. The allocation for Small Water and Sewerage Schemes was £60,000 and the allocation for major schemes was £54,000. In regard to the major schemes allocation it was to be noted that the allocation did not include any amount towards the financing of schemes which had already been approved for commencement but for which loans had not yet been sanctioned. Each such scheme would get an additional allocation following the sanction of the loan. Since notification of the allocation, loans for Galway City Water Supply Extension to Oranmore (£25,000) and Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme (£1,200,000) had been sanctioned, and it is expected that a further Capital Allocation will be notified for these. The allocation of £54,000 will cover excess expenditure on water and sewerage schemes already undertaken by the Council.

Mr. Doyle stated that the Small Schemes Allocation of £60,000 would be expended as follows:-

(1) Knocknacarra Water Supply Improvement Scheme	-	£17,000.
(2) Extension of Water Supply to Ballindoooley	-	£16,000.
(3) Tuam Sewerage - Extension to Ballygaddy Road	-	£12,000.
(4) Overexpenditure on two Small Schemes in 1977, i.e. Extension of Sewerage at Athenry and Loughrea due to large volume of solid rock excavation at lower depths.	-	£16,000.
<b>TOTAL:</b>	-	<b>£61,000.</b>

(estimate).

Councillor O Morain asked if the improvements to the Clonbur Water Scheme were completed as he understood that the pipelines were only brought to within a mile of the village and the old pipes in the village were not replaced. Mr. Beirne, C.A.C.E., stated that the Clonbur Scheme was completed as designed. Deputy Callanan stated that most of the Small Schemes Allocation seemed to be spent around Galway City, whereas he understood it was intended for village schemes. Councillor Joyce agreed with Deputy Callanan. The County Engineer explained that there was a separate £75,000 provided in the Estimates out of revenue for village schemes. He stated that the purpose of the Small Schemes Allocation out of Capital Funds was not for doing village schemes but for the carrying out of extensions, etc., to existing schemes without having to submit any plans or documentation to the Department. Councillor Glynn suggested that the Department be asked for an increased allocation but the Deputy County Manager explained that the notification from the Department stated that additional allocations would be given following the sanction of loans for particular schemes.

1990 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £60,000 FOR SMALL SCHEMES 1978:

The Deputy County Manager stated that this loan of £60,000 was required to finance the Small Schemes Capital Allocation for 1978. It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy 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 Programme of Small Water and Sewerage Schemes for 1978, 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".

1991 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £1,000,000 FOR ADVANCING HOUSING LOANS UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966:

The Deputy County Manager requested the Council's approval for the raising of a loan of £1,000,000 for the purpose of advancing housing loans under Section 39 of the 1966 Housing Act. He said it was estimated that the £1,000,000 plus the balance remaining on the

existing loan would be sufficient to finance the Council's Housing Loan Programme up to March, 1979. It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Ruane, and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1,000,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of advancing housing loans under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966, the loan to be repaid by annuity over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council".

1992 - LOW-RISE MORTGAGE SCHEME:

The Deputy County Manager stated that when the Council considered the introduction of the Low-Rise Mortgage Scheme in March, 1977, the Council decided to adopt the scheme for a period of one year. During that period, 19 applications had been received, 1 loan had been paid in full, 4 other loans had been approved and the balance were being processed. He recommended that the scheme be continued. This was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Joyce and agreed to.

1993 - I.F.H.P. CONGRESS - HAMBURG 1978:

The Deputy County Manager stated that the normal number of delegates who attended this conference was two members and one official. Councillor Haverty stated that three members attended the conference in 1977. Councillors Morgan and McCormack proposed that no delegate attend. Councillor Glynn stated that these conferences were very beneficial to members and officials and he proposed that an official and four members attend, i.e. two members from the Fianna Fail Party, one member from the Fine Gael Party and one from the Independent Parties. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Haverty and agreed. It was agreed to select the individual members at the next meeting. Councillor McCormack dissented from the proposal.

1994 - APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE ON THE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.:

On the proposal of Councillor O Morain, seconded by Deputy Killilea, it was agreed to nominate Councillor Bartley as the Council's nominee on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

1995 - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME ALLOCATION 1978:

Circular Letter ENV. 3/78 from the Department of the Environment regarding Environmental Improvement Schemes which had been circulated to the Members was submitted. The Deputy County Manager stated that the £197,000 referred to in the Circular was for the whole county and it was proposed to apportion it approximately as follows - Galway County Council £135,400; Galway Corporation £58,000; Ballinasloe £3,600. Regarding the distribution of the grant; he stated that a provisional list of works had been drawn up for each Engineering Area, but these would be subject to review in the event of insufficient young persons becoming available for employment in those areas:

Athenry Area	£13,000.
Mountbellew Area	£15,000.
Tuam Area	£14,000.
Milltown Area	£14,000.
Oughterard Area	£5,000.
Galway Area	£10,000.
Clifden Area	£10,000.
Loughrea Area	£12,500.
Gort Area	£13,000.
Portumna Area	£13,810.
Ballinasloe Area	£13,000.

Councillor O Morain complained that only a total of £15,000 was allocated between the Oughterard and Clifden Areas. Replying to Councillor O Morain, the County Engineer stated that it was necessary to consider the Environmental Schemes Programme in conjunction with the Bord Failte/County Council Amenity Schemes Programme which was also on the Agenda (Item 19). The Chairman agreed that the proposals under Item 19 on the Agenda could be discussed in conjunction with the

Environmental Schemes Programme. The County Engineer stated that the distribution of the schemes under both headings had been made as equitably as possible. The bulk of the Bord Failte schemes were in West Galway while the bulk of the Environmental schemes were in East Galway. Councillor Morgan stated that the allocation for the Loughrea Area was too small and he felt that if insufficient young persons were not available this should not prevent the schemes from going ahead. Councillor Burke stated that Bord Failte were ignoring the amenities in the eastern part of the county and suggested that proposals involving works along the Shannon should be submitted to Bord Failte. Councillor Haverty and Deputy Callanan supported Councillor Burke stating that the same situation arose last year. Replying, the County Engineer stated that all the schemes proposed arose from proposals submitted by members and any projects which the members would like to be considered for the Bord Failte Schemes would be forwarded to Bord Failte. Councillor Glynn stated that there were many fine views in Connemara which were not explored because of the lack of access to them and he asked that the Council draw up proposals for providing access points.

On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Joyce, the proposals under the Environmental Improvement Schemes and the Bord Failte/County Council Amenity Schemes for 1978 were approved.

1996 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL - ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

The Deputy County Manager stated that notification had been received from the County Councils' General Council regarding this year's annual conference and pointed out that motions for consideration at the conference must be submitted before 3rd April, 1978.

1997 - BORD FAILTE TOURISM PLAN 1978/'82:

The Deputy County Manager stated that a copy of Bord Failte's Tourism Plan for 1978/'82 had just been received and was being examined and would be brought back to the Council at a later date.

1998 - BORD FAILTE/COUNTY COUNCIL AMENITY SCHEMES 1978:

A list of the projects to be undertaken in 1978 under this scheme had been circulated to the Members and was considered in conjunction with the Environmental Schemes (Item No. 16) and agreed.

1999 - GALWAY TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

After a short discussion it was agreed to defer this matter to the April Meeting of the Council.

2000 - PARKING FACILITIES AT LISHEEN CEMETERY AND LIGHTING AT DUNIRY CHURCH:

The Deputy County Manager informed Councillor Burke that Lisheen Cemetery was situated on a link road so that funeral traffic can go through. However, there was a wide grassed road margin adjacent to the cemetery and it would be of benefit to funeral goers if this area were shaped and surfaced. The estimated cost of this was £600 but there was no provision for same in the 1978 Estimates. Regarding the provision of lights at Duniry Church, two lights were recommended on existing poles but they can only be considered after the present public lighting programme (1977/'79) has expired. Councillor Burke stated that a turning space was badly needed and the landowner was prepared to provide enough land free of charge to provide a suitable turning space and he asked that the matter be re-examined.

2001 - TAKING OVER OF PEDESTRIAN WAY AT O'KEEFFE'S TCE., TUAM:

The Deputy County Manager stated that the County Council will take over responsibility for the maintenance of this pedestrian way.

2002 - ERECTION OF BRIDGE ACROSS CREGG RIVER:

The Deputy County Manager stated that the suggested location for the bridge was sited at the end of a non-public road approximately one mile away from the nearest public road and the cost of preparing an estimate for a bridge was not, therefore, a matter for the County

Council. The bridge would mainly be an accommodation bridge to serve lands and it would, therefore, appear to be a matter for the landowners and the Land Commission. The preparation of an estimate for the cost of a bridge would have to be the subject of a detailed study by a specialist in view of the boggy nature of the site. Councillor McCormack stated that the Land Commission had been approached and asked for an estimate of the cost of a bridge and he felt that the County Council should prepare the estimate. The Deputy County Manager stated that the County Council had no authority to prepare such an estimate.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

2003 - SEMINAR ON "PROBLEMS IN OPERATION OF DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE PARLIAMENT OF EUROPE":

A letter from University College, Galway, regarding a Seminar being held in the University from 30th March - 1st April on the "Problems in the Operation of Direct Elections to the Parliament of Europe" was noted.

2004 - STRIKE ACTION BY MEMBERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES UNION:

The Deputy County Manager informed the Members that strike notice had been served on the County Manager by the Local Government and Public Services Union arising from the lack of progress on the implementation of grading recommendations contained in a Working Party Report on the Public Library Service. Strike action would take effect from 17th April, 1978. The Deputy County Manager stated that if the matter was not resolved and that the strike goes ahead, it was proposed to ask the Chairman to call a Special Meeting of the Council in order to advise the Members of the latest position as regards the strike.

2005 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS DISPUTE:

With the permission of the Chairman, Deputy Donnellan proposed a motion calling on all interested parties involved in the telecommunications dispute to come together in order to resolve the dispute as quickly as possible. The motion was seconded by Councillor McCormack and agreed.

2006 - OFFICE ACCOMMODATION:

Deputy Killilea stated that it had been brought to his attention the exorbitant rent being charged for the rent of the office accommodation in the Hynes Building occupied by the Committee of Agriculture. He had proposed in the past that a programme be drawn up for the construction of a County Hall and he asked that the matter be put on the Agenda for the next meeting. This was agreed to.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

2007 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD NO. 321 TO MOLONEY'S HOUSE - MOTION BY DEPUTY MOLLOY:

In the absence of Deputy Molloy, this motion was not moved.

2008 - REPAIR OF BRIDGE AT KILLAVOHER - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that a structural investigation of this bridge was being carried out and a report on its condition and any repairs required would be prepared as quickly as possible.

2009 - NEW HOUSING SCHEME AT ATHENRY ROAD, TUAM - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was expected that the houses now under construction on the site of the old Childrens' Home in Tuam would be completed by mid-May, 1978, when they would be allocated.

2010 - REFUSE COLLECTION AT CAVE, CAHERLISTRANE & CARROWMONEEN, TUAM - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that no extensions of the refuse collection service can be considered at the moment. A possible re-scheduling of

the service is being examined. Deputy Killilea suggested and was supported by Councillor Ruane that a fortnightly collection would be adequate for some areas and if this was done it would allow the service to be extended to other areas and he asked that this be investigated.

2011 - WIDENING OF CROSSROADS AT CARTYMORE - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was proposed to carry out some improvements to this junction during the coming summer in order to improve sight distances which are at present deficient.

2012 - TUAM WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Tuam Water Supply Scheme was at an advanced stage and it was hoped to have a notice inviting tenders in the press in the next few weeks.

2013 - FLOODING OF BALLINAFAD GRAVEYARD & ERECTION OF STILE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was proposed to carry out the works referred to in the motion in the near future.

2014 - REPAIR OF BRIDGE ON DOLAN ROAD, AILEBRACK - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that there was no bridge on the road referred to. There was, however, a culvert (2 ft. diameter pipe) and this may be what the proposer was referring to. The only repairs considered necessary were that a pot hole needs to be filled adjacent to the culvert and this will be undertaken in the immediate future.

2015 - ROAD DRAINAGE AT PETER DIAMOND'S HOUSE, MANNIN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the cleaning of the existing road culvert will be undertaken as soon as possible. The problem is compounded by the fact that private land drains are not cleaned in the vicinity of the culvert.

2016 - POLITICAL PARTY BROADCASTS - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS GLYNN & RUANE:

It was proposed by Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Ruane, and resolved:-

"That the Department of Posts & Telegraphs be requested to allow time on both media, radio and T.V., to all elected representatives of all Political Parties".

The Chairman dissented from the resolution.

2017 - SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR MILLTOWN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

The Acting Secretary stated that Milltown is on the Council's list of Village Schemes. Preliminary investigations have been carried out for a number of small village schemes but Milltown has not got a high priority. Councillor Glynn strongly recommended that Milltown be given a higher priority. He stated that a sewerage scheme was needed urgently for Milltown in view of an infectious disease outbreak in the past and the fact that it is located on the Clare River and has no sewerage scheme.

2018 - ADMINISTRATION OF HOUSING GRANTS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

Councillor Glynn proposed that all office work in connection with all Housing Grants in County Galway be administered by Galway County Council on an agency basis for the Department. He stated that this could be a means of decentralisation and might create local employment. The motion was seconded by Councillor Ruane and it was agreed to forward it to the Department of the Environment and the General Council of County Councils.

2019 - DIVERSION ROAD AT BANE'S HOUSE, GORTNAMONA, MOYCULLEN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR DONNELLAN:

In the absence of Councillor Donnellan it was agreed to issue a written reply.

2020 - GATES AT LEVEL CROSSING AT CURRAGREEN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MOLLOY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the road at Curragreen over the railway line was not a public road and, therefore, the County Council could not carry out any work on it. Councillor Molloy asked that the matter be taken up with C.I.E.

2021 - REFUSE COLLECTION FOR DOUGHISKA/ROSCAM AREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MOLLOY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the refuse collection service was already overtaxed and no further extensions could be considered with the existing organisation and equipment. Councillor Molloy stated that there was a large number of houses in this area, including the tigeens and a refuse collection service should be provided there.

2022 - HARD SHOULDER ON TUAM/GALWAY ROAD AT TWOMILEDITCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MOLLOY:

The Acting Secretary stated that this work would have to be the subject of a National Primary Road Grant and that no such grant was available in 1978. The County Engineer stated that the works in question were desirable and the Council would continue to press for funds for it.

2023 - EXTENSION OF BALLYCONNELY WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY DEPUTY MANNION:

Councillor McCormack moved this motion on behalf of Deputy Mannion. The Acting Secretary stated that a group water scheme has been formed in the Derrygimlagh area and a supply of water can be granted to it when the Ballyconneely Water Supply Improvement Scheme, now under construction, is complete. It is expected that the Ballyconneely scheme will be completed this year.

2024 - WIDENING OF ROAD BETWEEN O'TOOLE'S BAR AND BRIDGE AT BEALADANGAN - MOTION BY DEPUTY MANNION:

The Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of this work was £10,000, but there was no provision for it in the 1978 Estimates.

2025 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Chairman asked that written replies be given to Councillor Welby on his motions.

2026 - ALLOCATION OF NOTICE OF MOTION MONIES FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEMES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was not legally possible to have Local Authority funds allocated as the local contribution to Local Improvement Schemes. The Council can only allocate funds to be expended on roads that are public roads and which have been added to the Road Schedule. The Departmental Circular on Local Improvement Schemes states that "the Council may not themselves contribute to the cost of a scheme unless the road or drain serves County Council property, e.g. County Council Cottages or Burial Grounds". Councillor Morgan felt that a contribution could be made in the case of a link road but he was informed that the Council had no power to do this.

2027 - BOOSTER PUMP AT ATHENRY ROAD, LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that a decision to instal a booster pump at Athenry Road, Loughrea, had been taken and a survey of pressures is at present in progress in order to fix the optimum location for a booster and provide information for quotations which will be sought within the next few months. Councillor Morgan complained of the delay in providing the booster pump and asked that it be provided immediately.